

Riverwalk Quilters Guild

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President's Message

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CRITICAL Position Open: We NEED YOU!

Hello Riverwalk Quilters-

Typically, in May, the guild would be voting on the new slate of officers for the upcoming 2018-19 year. We can't do that however, because we are missing one critical chairperson from the slate.

According to our bylaws: Section 10.02 The Guild shall be considered dissolved if there are an insufficient number of nominees for the Guild Board election to fill all executive offices and the membership, program, newsletter and program planning committee chair position. If other committee chairs are not filled, that function will not be available to the Guild for that year.

So, unfortunately, we must once again turn to you and ask that someone step up and fill the Program Planning (aka Contracts/Programs) position on the upcoming slate for the 2018-2020 year. As you can see, this is a critical position for us to fill, and according to our own by laws, we cannot be a guild without it filled. **If this position is not filled, the guild must officially dissolve.**

In the April newsletter, I explained this situation in my President's letter. I said "If you want to be the one to select all our guild programs and work closely with those teachers the following year, we'd love to have you consider this position. We increased the budget so that we can have the very best quilt educators come speak to our guild. This is a must-fill spot, and it's a simple one. Fill the months with speakers and workshops this year, and next year coordinate them to arrive and get set up to do their thing."

Contracts (and as Program host for the following year) is a position that requires some time and effort on the part of the volunteer. We understand that it's not a small job, but it's not a very hard one. We do not care if this position is held by one person or more than one. It has been held by an entire bee in the past. You can do it with a friend. **But the position must be filled for us to continue on.**

Sara Carroll, our current Contracts chairperson, who is transitioning to the Programs chairperson for the educators she has contracted with, is happy to help explain to you what she has done to complete the job this year. Sara has created an email template to inquire with educators to make reaching out to them easy. She's done a fantastic job this year.

Celeste Akre and Susan Akre have also done an amazing job as Programs co-chairs this year, completing their contracts with educators they contracted with the year prior. They can tell you what venues they have used to book workshops and also about our typical hotel and other arrangements an educator may need.

I know that, for almost two years, my presidency has been marked with near constant begging for volunteers to step up and take over certain positions so that we may continue to enjoy those things. I realize that many of you have served on the board in the past and feel you may have done your duty to the guild. I know that some of you have had a difficult time on previous boards or were asked to do more than you should have or did your work with no recognition for your efforts. I'm sorry that happened to you. But what I do know is that **NOW is the time for you to seriously think about whether you can serve the guild in this capacity. If you can serve, we NEED you to serve.**

Here's the official job description from the By Laws and Policies and Procedures:

By Laws: a) PROGRAM PLANNING:

1)Serves a two-year term. The first year shall be as Program Planning Chair and as the second as Program Chair.

2)Plans programs and workshops for the upcoming Guild year and submits them to the Board for consideration and review.

3)Presents program plans for the upcoming Guild year at the year-end Transition Board Meeting.

4)Provides information on upcoming programs and workshops for the Guild newsletter and website.

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6)In alternate years, the Program Planning Chair will secure the speaker for the next Quilt Show.

b) PROGRAMS:

1)Administers all programs and workshops for the current Guild year.

2)Provides information on programs for the newsletter.

3)Serves as liaison to speakers and workshop presenters.

4)Works with other committees on workshops and programs as necessary

5)Arranges for housing, meals and transportation of guest speakers as needed.

6)Publicizes and promotes workshops and Guild programs.

PP: 7.10 The Program Planning Chair is responsible for corresponding and contracting with speakers and for preparing the program and workshop schedule one year or more in advance. The Chairperson should also prepare an estimated budget for the next year's programs, as well as a list of programs, speakers, and workshops for publication in the July newsletter and for posting on the RWQG website.

7.11 The Program Planning Chair should try to provide a wide range of programs reflecting the different interests and skill levels of the Guild membership. She/He also shall attempt to offer at least one program a year by a non-traditional quilter or on a non-traditional or ethnic quilting style.

7.12 The Programs Chair may recruit RWQG members in good standing to serve as Workshop Hostesses. These hostesses should be carefully trained to serve as the official Guild representative at RWQG-sponsored workshops. They will provide or arrange transportation for the workshop presenter, assist the presenter in conducting the workshop as necessary, and coordinate any needed set-up and clean-up of speaker materials or equipment. In return, workshop hostesses do not have to pay the workshop registration fee. They are responsible for any material or kit fees that may apply.

If you can be the Contracts/Programs person for the 2018-2020 years, email me directly at Quilts@muppin.com. If we do not have a person in place by the May meeting, we will not be able to present the slate and must start proceedings to wind up the guild's affairs.

Thanks,
Cheryl Sleboda
President

May 8
"Time Span Quilts: UFO to Heirloom" by Tim Latimer

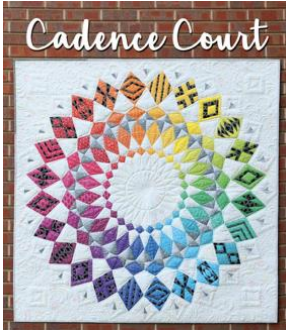
Please join us at our May guild meeting to hear "Time Span Quilts: UFO to Heirloom" by Tim Latimer and see samples of his incredible work. He will explain his process restoring and finishing various antique quilt tops. Tim is a Certified Florist and Floral Design Instructor and has a degree in Horticulture. He started quilting in 2006 and collects vintage and antique quilt tops to help preserve the art of hand quilting. He has had quilts in many AQS shows and won the Best Hand Workmanship in Grand Rapids in 2013.



June 12
Sassafras Lane

Our guild is proud to present Sassafras Lane Designs at our June guild meeting. This mother/daughter design duo have created their own style of creative quilt and bag patterns. Kristy and Shayla are based out of Seattle and have just released their first fabric line called Foundation which was inspired by Shayla's architecture background. They will be teaching two workshops for our guild. (NOTE: The workshops will be the weekend before the guild meeting.) On Saturday June 9th from 9:30-3:30, they will be teaching their new block of the month pattern Cadence Court. On Sunday June 10th from 11:00-5:00, they will be teaching their popular Hetty Hold All bag pattern.

Please join us for one or both of these workshops. Cost is \$60 which includes lunch. Contact Susan Akre for more information or to register.



Membership
Tina Orlita & Carol Rubeck
rqqmembership@gmail.com

Membership stands at 102 regular members. There were 42 members at the April philanthropy sew-in. Membership renewals begin this month for 2018-19. Annual membership dues are \$35. Please see the form at the end of the newsletter or on the web site. We need the form to update our records. Also, if you have changed your phone number, please don't forget to include that. Thanks We look forward to seeing you next year.

Tina Orlita & Carol Rubeck

Philanthropy
Lucy Blasi & Kathleen Curtis
rqqphilanthropy@gmail.com

Our Philanthropy event in April was a success. 42 members attended. 3 members were sewing quilt tops while the majority cut and bagged 31 quilt kits. Thanks everyone for your hard work. It was a fun night. The extra fabric will be available at the next meeting for members to take if they so desire. The quilt kits will be available at meetings for members to take to sew for donation quilts.

Reminder: Edwards Hospital is asking for more Heart Pillows. Any pillows you can sew for donation would be wonderful.

We received the following Member Donations in April:

Lynn Kuehn – 10 heart pillows

Sharon Goodman – 84 cut 4.5 squares

Kathleen Curtis – 1 quilt

Carol Matlak – returned 1 quilt from finishing & took 1 quilt for finishing

Nancy Niswander – 4 heart pillows, 2 pineapple blocks

Terri Hayes – 1 quilt

Lorraine Nemo & Nancy Lindberg – 1 quilt

Nancy Lindberg - return 1 quilt from finishing

Lorraine Nemo – 1 quilt

Mary Cieslak – 6 heart pillows

Michele Doiron – 5 heart pillows

Oriene Springstroh – took 2 quilts to finish

Sharon Racibozynski – (I hope that's spelled correctly.) Fabric donation, books, patterns and other goodies

Unknown person - 3 heart pillows - This was on the table in a Gentler Times bag. Very sorry we didn't get your name on our log.

A friend of Joan Dolinar – fabric blocks for piecing

As always, we are simply humbled by your donations at every meeting. Thank you so much for your donation. We appreciate all you do to support our Philanthropy.

Lucy Blasi & Kathleen Curtis

Scarves for Sharing Connection

THANK YOU!

Thank you so much to all of those who donated fleece for my philanthropy project. We made over 200 scarves that will be distributed by Sharing Connections in Downers Grove. Your generosity means the world!!

Kathy Herbach

Riverwalk Quilt Show May 10 and 11, 2019

Plans are underway for the 2019 Quilt Show which is now just 12 months away. We have a few chair positions unfilled and are looking for a few more people to help out. Those positions are.....Photographer, Raffle Baskets (we have a person to do the assembling, need a person to do acquisition activities), Raffle Quilts, Set Up and Take Down and Volunteer Organizer. Please keep the show in mind as you are quilting!

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Thanks,
Rosemary

Special Events Sue Damitz, Darlene Ebel and Nancy Ebel

rqqspecialevents@gmail.com

2018 Riverwalk Quilt Guild Challenge

Theme: Books Books Books

There are currently 15 members signed up for the 2018 Quilt Challenge. You are able to sign up to participate in the challenge through the end of the guild meeting on May 8, 2018. If you have any questions, contact Sue Damitz or Darlene Ebel.

General Information:

1. You must be a member of RQG to participate
2. \$5 entry fee due at May guild meeting (refundable if challenge is completed).
3. Only one entry per person
4. First available entry date is March 13, 2018
5. Finished projects due on June 12, 2018
6. Voting for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Voting will take place at the June Guild meeting by those in attendance. One vote per entry, please.
7. Prizes will be awarded at the June Guild meeting.
8. All entries may be exhibited at local venues to spread word of our quilting passions

Rules:

1. Make a quilt/wall hanging using Book theme.
2. Any style may be used: traditional, modern, contemporary, art
3. Finished perimeter can be no more than 100".
4. The quilt must be completely finished (quilts must have two layers of cloth filled with batting and be quilted or tied).
5. Attach a sleeve on the back.
6. Include a label on the back with your name and phone number
7. You may add any embellishments.
8. Fill-in the entry form and bring it with the quilt to the June Guild Meeting

Website Opportunity

I am looking for some creative minds to help continue to keep our website current and fresh. If you are interested in extending your creativity beyond fabric and over to the digital side, please let me know.

Kathleen Pallardy

What to Bring May 8th

- Name Tags
- Favorite Mug
- Treats if you Signed Up

Other Quilt Events News

The Northwest Suburban Quilters Guild is excited to have some great speakers (and teachers!) coming to our guild in the next few months.

- **Jane Sassaman** will present a lecture on her unique design style in May.
- **Annette Ornelas** will present a lecture and two classes in June, featuring her dimensional curved piecing technique.

All meetings and classes are open to non-members, and we would certainly appreciate any publicity you can give us within your own groups. Contact information for the classes is on the attached sheets.

Thank you for your support!

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Riverwalk Quilters Guild
2017- 2018 Board & Committees

If you need something added or changed on the website

www.riverwalkquilters.com, please email Kathleen Pallardy at the rqqwebsite@gmail.com

Please contact Kathleen Pallardy to post your quilting services for hire on the RQG website. Please include a brief description of your services and preferred contact information to be posted to the website.

Advertising rates are based on one month's issue. Ads must be prepaid and received by the Editor by 4th Tuesday of each month.

Full Page \$50.00 * Half Page \$25.00
 Quarter Page \$12.50 Eighth Page \$ 5.00

*Full page ad available for single month only.

The Riverwalk Quilters Guild newsletter is published monthly. To submit articles for inclusion, contact the editor at rqqnewsletter@gmail.com by 4th Tuesday of the month.

Website: www.riverwalkquilters.com

Facebook:
<http://www.facebook.com/Riverwalk>

Riverwalk Quilters Guild meetings
 - 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 pm
 Grace United Methodist Church
 300 E Gartner Road, Naperville, IL
 RQG Board meetings – 4th Tuesday, 7:00 pm
 Grace Church

President	Cheryl Sleboda
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	Celeste Akre
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	Carol Rubeck
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	Kathleen Curtis
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	Mary Walschot
Hospitality	Deb Obrieht
Special Events	Sue Damitz
	Darlene Ebel
	Nancy Ebel
Newsletter	Sandy Bray
Back-Up assistant	Nancy Sturgeon
Website	Kathleen Pallardy
Facebook	Kathleen Herbach
Small Quilt	The Material Girls Bee
Nominating Chair (2017/2018 Board Year)	Open
January Holiday Party	Carol Gruchala
	Anita Nothdurft
	Linda Yokelson
Rummage Sale	Nancy Sturgeon
Raffle Quilt Chair & Committee	Fabric Fondlers Bee
Show Chair	Loraine Nemo and Rosemary Sanza

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Amt. pd.: _____

Check #: _____

Date: _____

New/Renewal/Change of Address: _____

Member Information Form

Riverwalk Quilters Guild

July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019

Please print clearly:

Name: _____

Street: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

_____ I do not have e-mail. Please send my newsletter & membership directory by regular mail, a \$12 additional fee.

_____ I would like to receive information on joining or forming a Quilting Bee.

_____ I **do not** want photos of my likeness nor my work published in our newsletter, website, or facebook page.

What year did you join the guild? (1st year was 1994) _____

Which Quilting Bee(s) do you belong to?

I understand that I am obliged to volunteer for guild activities.

Signature _____

Membership Rates for 2017-2018:

Renewal Fee/New Member Fee: **\$35.00/year**

Fee for Newsletter & Membership Directory Sent by US Mail: **\$12.00/year**

Guest Fee: **\$10.00/meeting**

(Guests who join the Guild within 1 month of paying guest fee: **\$10.00 discount**)

Pro-Rated Membership Fee (new member after Jan. 1): **\$20.00**

*(Make checks payable to **Riverwalk Quilters Guild**. Drop off at guild meeting or mail to: Riverwalk Quilters Guild, PO Box 5092, Naperville, IL 60567)*

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