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Riverwalk Quilters Guild



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President's Message



Greetings guild members! Are you embracing our last few days of warm autumn? Even though the chill has arrived, we still can savor nature's glorious colors; perhaps they will inspire a new quilt! I hope you enjoyed Suzi Parron's barn quilts presentation. What fun to travel the country, and not only photograph barn quilts but converse with owners and get the rich and varied back stories! Immediately after her presentation, we did "Tour de Iowa", and not only saw uncountable barn quilts, but also stumbled upon three great shops (see Shop Talk article on Page 9). If you'll be hitting the road soon, I recommend Suzi's website where you can click on any state and plan your barn quilt adventure. As I have mentioned, RQG has a great crew (board) and we now welcome an enthusiastic new board member, Bev Parker. Laura our Newsletter chair has had to resign due to family health issues. Sandy Bray has picked up the newsletter role, and Bev has agreed to take VP. Bev will be our First Mate in helping navigate our guild ship through the year. At the November

Guild meeting, we will officially vote her in. Bev has been VP previously and has already embraced her new duties. Welcome aboard Bev and thank you Sandy for this seamless transition.

As you start to pull out holiday decorations and may be in a sorting mood, please remember, in March '22, we will have our beloved New Year party and rummage sale. Start thinking now about what sewing and quilting items you are ready to purge and set them aside. We know you're working on great projects, so keep the Show n' Tell coming! RQG is your home for sharing and getting recognition for your creative quilting efforts.

Sew on & Sew Forth!
Loraine Nemo

Special Events (Carol Wilhoit)

Complete Your UFOs!

Many of us have a lot of UFOs, while some of us have just a few. Sometimes, a little motivation can help propel us across the finish line.

One of my UFOs is a box of kits that I made years ago to make little zippered wallets using the Cash and Carry pattern. Over time, I've probably made close to a hundred of them from my kits, but there are still at least twenty or thirty kits left in my box. That's one of the UFOs that I want to finish.

To help you AND me reduce the number of UFOs that we have, I will give one completed Cash and Carry at each guild meeting from November through March to a guild member randomly selected from those who send me at least one photo of a finished UFO by the day before the guild meeting. At the guild meeting, I'll show the photos of completed UFOs and draw the name of a winner for the month. In March, when we have our long-delayed guild holiday party, we will draw a name from all the submissions, and the winner will receive a \$50 gift card for a local quilt shop.

If you have a completed UFO, send me photo by Monday, November 8. A monthly prize winner will be announced at the November 9 meeting. Send your photo to the following email address and please be sure that you don't add an s after event in the address: rqqSpecialevent@gmail.com

Quilt Bees

Quilt bees are small groups of quilters who meet to share their love of quilting. Exactly what bees do varies depending upon the group. Some bees make group projects while some choose a project, and each member makes their own version. Other bees focus on friendship, sharing completed projects, and getting advice on works in progress. Currently some bees are meeting online (using the guild Zoom account), some meet outdoors and some indoors. It's up to the group to decide what they want to do, and when and where to meet.

I've received names of seven members who would like to join a bee. If anyone else is interested, please let me know by the next guild meeting on November 9, and then I will connect you with each other so that you can explore the possibility of forming a new bee.

Also, if any existing bees have room for new members, please let me know!

Carol Wilhoit
Special Events
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Library News (Lynn Hamilton & Linda Kurcz)

Greetings from the Library!

In a continuing effort to make our library useful, we are now undertaking to refresh our collection by culling some of the older, less used books, and requesting new volumes. Here's where you, our members come in.

First, we'd like to know what topics, titles or authors you'd like to see in our collection. What would you be interested in checking out? Take our survey here: [Library Survey](#)
It's simple – one question. Based on the results, we hope to come up with a wish list for new titles.

Second, it was suggested that members might be willing to sponsor/donate a book on our wish list. We are not asking for donations of older books, though you can always offer if you think you have something current and of interest. Instead, members could "adopt" a new book and purchase it. We would recognize the donation with a bookplate with the donor's name inside the book. We already have our first donation! Loraine Nemo has graciously offered to purchase and donate our last month's speaker, Suzi Parron's, book on Barn Quilts. Thank you, Loraine!

Don't forget that you can access our collection at [LibraryThing](#) and request items for pickup or delivery. Contact us at RQGLibrarian@gmail.com.

Access LibraryThing at <https://www.librarything.com/catalog/RWQG> or through our guild website <http://www.riverwalkquilters.com/>

Social Media (Margaret Donahue)

Hello RQG from your Social Media Chair.

Please send me some good pictures to post. We still are not meeting in person for a while, but a picture is worth a thousand words.

The email is rggsocialmedia@gmail.com

The instagram name is @naperriverwalkquilts if you just want to tag the guild in your own posts. Also make up a tag for your Bee.

My Bee tag is #materialgirlsrgg. If you would like me to share your Bee tag in the next newsletter just let me know.

Call or email me if this process is confusing and I will walk you through it. We need to keep up with our show and tell!

Thanks,
Margaret Donahue



Spotlight on November 9, 2021

Maria Shell, "Patchwork to Artwork"

<https://mariashell.com>

<https://talesofastitcher.com>



Maria is an improvisational piecer of quilts with blocks arranged in a grid structure. Her cutting without a ruler produces original creations. Vintage and solid fabrics predominate her projects. She is offering online workshops for groups not connected to one particular guild. Her award-winning quilts have appeared all over this continent. She has a blog and is a prolific contributor to Instagram and YouTube.



Worms Hole



Everything All at Once

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85639215861?pwd=RWt0THRzWFB2MkxtOU9KKzNEYXk4dz09>

[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 856 3921 5861

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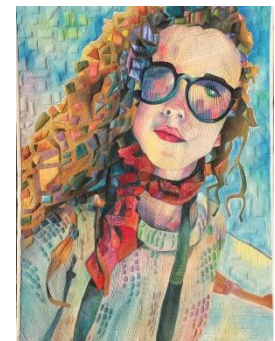
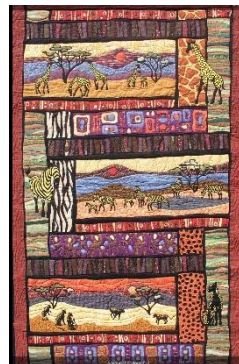
Upcoming December 14, 2021

Helen Godden, Australia "Top 10 Art Quilt Techniques"

<https://helengodden.com>



Helen self-describes as an "extreme free motion machine quilter." She has been a life-long artist, becoming a quilter after a couple decades. She uses her painterly talent to create whole cloth quilts and also does numerous applique quilts, for which she is award-winning. She offers an online block of the month quilt where painting rather than piecing is featured. Quilt subjects are varied including portraits and Australian themed. She can be found on Instagram and YouTube.



Programs remaining for guild year December 2021 – June 2022

Enjoy speakers from far and wide! All speaker presentations through February 2022 will be via Zoom. A meeting invitation will be sent out to all Members the weekend before the meeting.

December 14, 2021, Helen Godden from Australia
“Top 10 Art Quilt Techniques”
<https://helengodden.com>

January 11, 2022. Sujata Shah from California
“The Root Connection”
<https://therootconnection.blogspot.com/p/blog-page.html>

February 8, 2022. Valerie Goodwin from Florida
“Mapping Narratives using Fabric, Paint and Thread”
<https://www.valeriegoodwinart.com>

March 8, 2022, Annual Party
Meeting will be in person. More to come!

April 12, 2022, Philanthropy evening sew-in. Meeting will be in person. More to come!

May 10, 2022 Sarah Nishiura from Chicago - our 1st in-person speaker!
“Sarah Nishiura: Trunk Show”
<https://www.sarahnishiura.com>

June 14, 2022 Schoolhouse Meeting will be in person. More to come!

Important: Some lectures may look the same on paper, but each presenter is unique in their approach, artistic and teaching style, tips, tricks, and space-saving approaches. Learn something whatever your style, ability level and interest to apply to your own projects. Don't miss the opportunity to learn from some recognized talents coming to our own backyard.

Philanthropy Report

Judy Long & Terri Hayes

October has been a month the guild members had the opportunity to show their creativity and generosity. The virtual sew- in produced a plethora of quilt tops, hand warmers and completed quilts. Philanthropy is busy preparing the completed quilts for distribution and getting tops for quilting and binding. Please let us know if you can help with quilting or binding. We do have a few kits available if you are interested in completing quilt tops or hand warmers.

We will be accepting holiday stockings until December 10th. They can be dropped off at Terri's house, address in the directory. We do have some holiday material and scrap batting. Let Terri know what size you will need.

Here is an opportunity to give to the community of veterans. Quilts of Valor is having a virtual event. It is called "Take 5: Run, Walk, Block". More information can be obtained at this site: <https://www.govf.org/take5/>

Philanthropy distributed 11 quilts, 5 pet beds, and 1 pillowcase to the following organizations: Ronald McDonald House in Winfield, Sharing Connections in Downers Grove, and Naperville Humane Society in Naperville.

There were 25 members that contributed time and resources to philanthropy. As we approach Thanksgiving, we are thankful to be part of an organization of giving members.

Sincerely,

Judy Long & Terri Hayes

Hospitality: Leesa Jump

FRESH CRANBERRY SALSA



INGREDIENTS

- 12 ounces fresh cranberries, *rinsed and drained*
- 2 ribs celery, *finely diced*
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 jalapeño, *ribs and seeds removed, minced*
- 1/4 cup cilantro, *finely chopped*
- 1/4 cup green onions, *finely sliced*
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 3 tablespoon lime juice, *freshly squeezed*

INSTRUCTIONS

Add cranberries to your food processor and pulse until finely chopped. Do not puree you want to have small pieces of cranberry. Place the chopped cranberries in a bowl and add the sugar, stirring to combine. Add jalapenos, cilantro, green onions, salt, and lime juice. Stir to combine. Cover bowl with plastic wrap and store in the refrigerator for at least 30 minutes to let the flavors combine. Serve with tortilla chips and enjoy!



Spiced Apple Prosecco

- 2 oz. spiced rum
- 4 oz. apple cider (unfiltered recommended)
- 6 oz. Prosecco

Chill all ingredients. Combine spiced rum and apple cider in glass. Top with Prosecco.

The cranberry salsa is always a big hit as a holiday appetizer. Enjoy!

Upcoming Guild Events



"Better Together!" March 8, 2022

Let's celebrate the return to meeting in person with a party!

Activities planned include:

- Rummage sale - save your surplus to share.
- Show and Tell - Let's see your quilts made during these crazy months in their full size in person.
- Dinner if possible- details to follow closer to party date
- Food pantry donations

So, RQG members, be sure to save the date and keep looking forward to the hugs and good times, "Better Together" March 8, 2022!

If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help with the party you can contact me, Amy Shuter, at rqgholiday@gmail.com



Spring Quilt Auction



We are planning a Spring Small Quilt Auction in early April. We're considering a Saturday so that we can invite the community. Think SPRING! Please start thinking about creating a quilt to donate. When I think of spring I think Easter, Passover, Mothers' Day, Graduations, picnics, bunnies, chicks, and flowers! The ideas are endless.

Contact Rachele Sheffer at RMSheffer12@gmail.com if you have questions, ideas, or would like to be on the committee.

OUTSIDE EVENTS OF INTEREST

Shop Talk – Iowa Gems

Do you think of Iowa as flat farmland? There is some of that of course, but northeast Iowa and the area south of Des Moines are both graced with scenic rolling hills. And amid the hills I recently stumbled upon 3 great quilt shops.

- Red Roxy's in Decorah

Bernina dealer fully stocked with top quality, current lines of fabrics, full Grunge lines, and of course cow Cuddle! Beautifully displayed, helpful staff; this mother/daughter team runs an inspiring business.

- Quilter's Window in New Hampton

Pfaff dealer with fabulous fabric selection, wonderful samples, great sale section, longarm service, friendly owner, worth the stop!

- Pieceworks in Winterset

This is where the entire Fons & Porter empire began! The whole town is vintage, and while traditional fabrics were expected, not here! This store has extensive lines of contemporary fabrics never seen before, beautiful, but not odd. I could have spent hours there. Fabulous selection of threads, patriotic fabrics, Husqvarna dealer.

Take time to explore a bit of each of these charming towns and treat yourself to the best of brick-and-mortar quilt shops!

Loraine Nemo

**UMW MONEY FOR MISSIONS 2021 QUILT
"CHERRYTIME"**



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Donation is \$5.00 for 6 Tickets or
\$1.00 for One Ticket. Tickets can be
obtained by contacting Sandy Bray at
630 420 0923 or Braysnap@aol.com

Thank you for supporting the Grace United Methodist Women's
Quilt Fundraiser. Net proceeds support mission giving to local,
regional, national and international organizations.

United Methodist Women is a mission focused group of women
who have committed to support women, children and youth.
Thank you for your support!

**Drawing will take place at Mistletoe Marketplace on Saturday,
November 13, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. Grace United Methodist
Church, 300 E Gartner Rd, Naperville, IL. You do not have to be
present to win.**

2021-2022 RQG EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE POSITIONS

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