



Riverwalk Quilters Guild

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President Mary Cieslak

As we fast approach the holiday of Thanksgiving let us keep in mind what we all are thankful for during the month of November. Thankful for our family, friends, co-workers, clergy, and the essential workers you may have encountered during these trying times we are living through now. Be thankful that we have all those people and pray that they continue to be there for us.

During these times I hope that you have made the best of your time making hand crafted quilts or other fabric items for yourself or others.

I personally had a setback in September when my cousin and I each suffered falls while attending an outdoor craft show. My cousin fractured her left humerus and I suffered a brain bleed. We are both blessed and doing fine now and I'm back to quilting again so that makes me happy.

Please join us on 11/10 for a Zoom presentation with ReNae Merrill on Free Motion Quilting Mastery in a Month where she will break down the process of learning free motion quilting skills in as little as a month.

Happy Quilting,
Mary Cieslak

Programs Ruth Hild, Leesa Jump

Glad so many, 51, were able to join Julia Graves in Oct. for her interesting presentation on choosing fabrics of different colors and how they complement each other in our quilts.

Nov. 10 – ReNae Merrill – will give a Zoom presentation on “Free Motion Quilting Mastery in one month”. *Free-Motion Mastery in a Month* breaks down the process of learning free-motion quilting into individual skills. You learn each skill separately, then put them together for quilting success.

There are 31 guided daily lessons. Each lesson contains three types of exercises: Tracing, Drawing and Quilting. Each exercise plays a different and important role in mastering free-motion quilting.

Because you're practicing the right things, the right way, in the right order, you really can learn to do free-motion quilting in as little as a month. Although many

already do free motion quilting, she has a different approach and will give us some new ideas.

On Sat. Nov. 7, Rosemary will send out the Zoom link, ReNae's lecture guide and a shape tracing sheet to print out before the meeting. Thanks Rosemary! I'm looking forward to a great lecture.

www.ReNaeMerrillquilts.com

Dec. 8, 2020 - Connie Martin – **PRE-CIVIL WAR QUILTS** **Their Secret Codes to Freedom on the** **Underground Railroad**

WWW.Precivilwarquilts.com

Connie Martin will give a historical presentation, “Pre-Civil War Quilts: Their Secret Codes to Freedom on the Underground Railroad.” This is a multimedia experience including intro. music, PowerPoint slide presentation, storytelling, and explanation of 18 beautifully hand-crafted quilt replicas, representing quilt patterns and special stitching used over 300 years ago by abolitionists and fugitive slaves to signify escape routes to the North.

It is based upon her mother's book: *Lizzie's Story: A Slave Family's Journey to Freedom.* By Dr. Clarice Boswell. (Amazon.com). She will tell the fascinating family stories of how these quilt codes were used by her ancestors. Their meanings and interpretations have been passed down to her; a 6th generation descendant of captured American slaves.

***** **2021** *****

Jan 12 – SCHOOL HOUSE –



So far, we have 3 presenters, Rosemary Sanza with small pumpkins, Yvette Thorn with quilt labels, Carol Wilhoit on techniques to photograph our quilts, and Catherine Redford TBA.

Do you have a special technique or idea you would be willing to share? Please email your suggestions to leesajump@hotmail.com

Feb 9 – Susan Cleveland – Will be showing her winning quilts using **PRAIRIE POINTS, MARVELOUS MITERS, ATTIC WINDOWS, PIPING HOT BINDING, CURVES, AND DISAPPEARING DRESDENS.**

Susan is a quilt designer/author/teacher/inventor and admirer of all things quilty! Her quilts are loosely based on traditional designs with a fair bit of unexpected surprises and details.

They showcase precision piecing, thread embellishments and bold colors. She enjoys sharing her quilts and passing along her techniques to others.

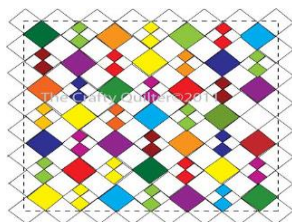
www.PiecesBeWithYou.com

March 9, 2021 - Lori Dickman - lecture & trunk show - **MY FAVORITE 3 D'S, DRESDEN, DIAMOND, & DRUNKARD'S PATH.**

www.QuiltingWithLori.com

Lori Dickman has been quilting for over 30 years and teaches numerous quilting classes. Lori will provide a Zoom lecture/presentation titled "My Favorite 3-D quilts/Trunk Show" that features over 30 of Lori's favorite 3 D's quilt designs, Diamond, Dresden, & Drunkards' Path.

These are several types, from traditional to applique to modern. In this lecture, Lori will inspire us to pick up those three versatile template tools and have fun designing and piecing literally dozens of different designs and make fabulous quilts.



April 13 – Amy Friend – Zoom presentation on **IMPROV PAPER PIECING**, using paper piecing to create unique modern quilts.

www.duringquiettime.com

Amy is a former museum curator who is now a quilt pattern designer and author. She enjoys making modern quilts and paper piecing.

She has authored three books: Intentional Piecing (all about fussy cutting and the best use of your fabric), Improv Paper Piecing (about her innovative technique combining the improv aesthetic with the paper piecing technique) and Petal + Stem (mix and match flower and stem blocks). She lives in Massachusetts with her husband and three kids, loves gardening and baking.

May 11, 2021 - Ruth Ann Berry – Lecture/ trunk show **BARGELLO, 3 D, PANELS,**

Ruth Ann Berry is the author of "Bargello Quilts in Motion", C&T Publishing 2014, "Braided Bargello", C&T Publishing 2017, Simplified 3D Quilts, self-published 2018, Stunning 3D Quilts Simplified, C&T Publishing 2020 and over 50 quilt patterns available at major distributors. She owns and operates a small-town quilt store and online business, the "Quilter's Clinic" and travels extensively to exhibit and teach at guilds and festivals.

For her Zoom Presentation/Trunk Show, she will show many quilts, in three different styles: Bargello, 3D, and Stacked Frames. She gives a brief history and explanation of the design process and demonstrates the construction techniques for each style. She has books, patterns and kits for sale. Ruth Ann's work can be viewed at www.quiltersclinic.com

June 8, 2021 - Betsy Habich – **DESIGNING AND MAKING A PIECED PICTURE QUILT WITH FREEZER PAPER.**

<http://betsyhabich.com/> www.BetsyHabichQuilts.com

Starting with a description of early quilts, Betsy explains how she began designing picture quilts to achieve more realistic images by piecing with freezer paper templates. The freezer paper template method frees you from the perfect 1/4" seam by marking and sewing on the seam. Unlike paper piecing, freezer paper templates let you use curved seams, and let you easily audition fabric.

The first part is a slide + trunk show, covering both what works and what not to do. The second part takes you from photograph to quilt top, including designing the pattern, checking it for piece-ability, making the freezer paper templates, selecting fabric, mocking-up, marking, and sewing.

Betsy Habich has been sewing since the third grade. Her quilts have been juried into national and regional shows, including International Quilt Association (IQA/Houston), American Quilters Society (AQS/Paducah), Machine Quilters Expo (MQX), and Quilters Gathering, and been awarded ribbons at regional quilt shows.

She is a self-confessed fabricaholic and cat person. She lives with her husband, cats, and fabric in Beverly Farms, MA, a coastal community north of Boston.

Video Communications Chair
Rosemary Sanza

Use of Guild Zoom Account

In an effort to support the continuation of holding meetings over the upcoming winter months, the guild has approved the use of the Guild Zoom account for use by the guild members for bees and other related social gatherings.

Following are the guidelines that have been established for a group to use the Zoom account.

1. The subject of the meeting is quilting and/or fiber arts.
2. A third of the usual attendees/members are guild members.
3. The group provides a responsible party to open meetings.
4. The group is a bee, friendship circle or interest group. That is, the group does not operate as a guild with such things as official positions, by laws, dues, board meetings, programs/speakers, etc.

If you are interested, requests should be sent to Rosemary Sanza at RQGVideoCom@GMail.com who will make the final determination and will coordinate any timing conflicts with other requests. Hope this helps to keep our guild members in touch and social with each other.

Happy quilting!
Rosemary Sanza

Wonderful Quilt Show Online

Brooklyn Quilters Guild, NY
Quilt Fence Show
"Be a Rainbow in Someone's Cloud"
<https://www.quiltbrooklyn.org>

There is also a different video of this show on Facebook. It's very good too. If you want to slow down or speed up either video, look for the little round gear-looking tool, click on it and change speed.

<https://www.facebook.com/107840272643085/posts/3464876620272750/>

Thank you, Nancy Sturgeon

Philanthropy
Terri Hayes, Judy Long

Philanthropy has experienced another amazing month of giving and receiving. We delivered 28 quilts in October, 16 to Sharing Connections in Downers Grove, 7 to Northwestern Medicine Children's Unit in Winfield, and 5 to DuPage Habitat for Humanity in Wheaton.

We have received from guild members the following: Loraine N. 8 pillowcases and 16 stockings, Judy L. 3 complete quilts, 3 pet beds to Paws in Tinley Park and 8 pillowcases, Carol W. 1 quilt top and fabric, Nancy S. 62 stockings, Terri H. 2 quilt tops and 5 pillowcases, Heidi E. received 16 completed quilts from Karen Bridges of Bloomington, IL, Yvette T. 1 pillowcase, 1 stocking, 1 complete quilt, Amy S. 20 stockings 1 complete quilt, Donna M. 6 stockings, and Darlene S. 8 stockings and Tracy H L fabric donation.

Thank you, guild members for your support with your time and materials. We hope we included everyone, and if we omitted anyone, we would like to know who we missed. We appreciate all you do.

Along with donations of fabric, quilt tops, binding, and quilting, guild members have been invited to give Christmas stockings and pillowcases to Open Door Organization in Sandwich. The organization provides opportunities for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to enrich their quality of life.

They have asked us to help their clients receive stockings and pillowcases for the upcoming holidays. The request was for 65 of each. Currently we have 113 stockings and 22 pillowcases. We have reached our goal for stockings and are over a third of the way with the pillowcases. THANK YOU, guild members.

The extra stockings will have a home with Sharing Connections. We have 4 drop off places for the pillowcases and stockings, Margaret Zitt, Terri Hayes, Linda Kurz, and Rachele Shaffer, all contact information is in the directory. Deadline is December 11th.

We have over 13 organizations that receive donations from the Naperville Riverwalk Quilters Guild. Many of these organizations have been brought to our attention by other members. If you know of an organization that would be interested in quilts, please let us know.

Sincerely,
Judy Long,
Terri Hayes



Special Events

Darlene Ebel

July 2020 Riverwalk Quilt Guild Challenge Stash Buster

Challenge: The 2020-2021 Stash Buster Virtual Challenge opened at our July Zoom meeting. As the title implies, we are to use our (or anyone's) stash. Attached are description and rules.

Eight members signed up for our challenge and six have sent a description and pictures of their projects. They include:

- 1) Carol Gruchala is making 2 quilts from her stash of cat fabrics using Clarissa patterns and her stash of MB cat fabrics. The first quilt pattern is 'Cat Out of the Bag,' she has not decided on pattern for the second quilt but it will be similar to bricks or squares.
- 2) Carol Matlak is using her stash by making scrappy quilts to be donated to Habitat for Humanity in Will County. Patterns include 'Waterfall at Night' – batiks, 'Colors at Night' – batiks and 'Shots of Hungry Little Caterpillar.'
- 3) Kathleen Herbach is using 'Modern Birds in the Air' blocks from her stash.
- 4) Rita Farrell is making a scrappy quilt using Pat Sloan's 'Traffic Jam' from her stash.
- 5) Sharon Hallett Thomsen is using a quilt top 'Roots & Wings' she made in 2017 and a stack of unrelated quilt blocks and coordinating sashing's for the reverse side. Sharon pieced, machine quilted, and bound a beautiful quilt.
- 6) Darlene Ebel is making three lap quilts for hospice made of 12 vintage appliqued blocks and her stash of vintage fabrics and embellishments. Darlene will piece, machine quilt and bind lap quilts.



**IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO ENTER
USE UP YOUR STASH!!**

General Information:

1. Challenge opened July 15, 2020 to RQG members. Guild bees and groups of guild members may submit project(s).
2. There is no entry fee. To enter, email debel721@att.net a picture of your project, your name(s) and brief description of your project(s)
3. Challenge closes at February 2021 meeting
4. Voting will be by members for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes and may take place virtually.
5. Cash prizes awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners

Rules:

1. Project must be sewing related and from your or another's existing stash. It can be a UFO.
2. Individuals, bees, or teams that include guild members can submit projects. You can swap fabric or embellishments with others.
3. There are no size or quantity limits. This might include a large quilt or large quantities of a single project.
4. Email debel721@att.net pictures of your project(s), include your name, project name and project description(s). Use your imagination, tell a story and have fun with this challenge. Enter "CHALLENGE" in subject line.

Please stay safe,
Darlene Ebel



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ADS

Ads must be prepaid and received by the Newsletter editor by 4th Tuesday of each month. Ads are free to guild members

Full Page	\$50.00 * Full page ad for only one month.
Half Page	\$25.00
Quarter Page	\$12.50
Eighth Page	\$ 5.00

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

Please contact Rosemary Sanza (rqqwebsite@gmail.com) 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.

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Vice President, Newsletter
Margaret Zitt

I was trying to get your attention. We need someone to be the **Contracts** chairperson for the 2020-2021 year. Find a friend and sign up for this great job! Ruth Hild has talked or emailed several speakers who are ready to sign up for next year.

We are not sure if we will be able to meet at Grace Methodist Church or if we will have Zoom meetings, but we still want to find out about interesting quilt patterns and techniques. Just give Ruth a call. She can help you with this great job.



Happy Thanksgiving!
To You And Your Family

The Riverwalk Quilters Guild usually meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00p, at Grace Methodist Church, 300 E. Gartner Road, Naperville, Illinois. The RQG board meets the 4th Tuesday at 7pm at Grace Methodist Church.

Currently, the RQG is meeting through ZOOM meetings and programs. All members are invited to these ZOOM programs.