



# Riverwalk Quilters Guild

## President's Message

Happy Spring everyone.

It has finally arrived and green leaves in my garden from the perennials that come up every year are showing their faces. Now if I can only remember what leaves go to what flower I would be happy. LOL

But obviously Spring isn't the only thing that we are experiencing these days. The Coronavirus is serious and something we never want to experience again in our lives. With that being said please stay safe, limit your contact with others, eat healthy and abide by the restrictions given to combat this virus.

This is a time where we as quilters can now focus on getting those UFO's finished, find a pattern in our stash of patterns that you have never made before and give it a try now while we are in lockdown. And use fabric from your stash to make it.

During this time, I myself have made and quilted 3 charity quilts and have 2 more to quilt so you can do this also to make someone in need of comfort happy during these trying times.

Due to COVID-19 virus and the safety of our members we have cancelled our April Philanthropy Sew-In meeting for 4/14. Please check our website [www.riverwalkquilters.com](http://www.riverwalkquilters.com) for further meeting cancellations going forward.

Be safe and keep quilting,

**Mary Cieslak**  
**President - RQG**

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## Membership

Fifty-five women attended the March meeting with Bill Kerr. Three of those were guests. Total membership remains at 103.

Dues renewal time begins in May for the 2020-21 year that begins July 1. Annual membership dues are \$35. Please plan to rejoin!

**Bev Parker and Carol Rubeck**

**Membership**

## Riverwalk Quilters Guild meetings

2nd Tuesday, 7:00 pm  
Grace United Methodist Church  
300 E Gartner Road, Naperville, IL

## RQG Board meetings

4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 7:00 pm Grace Church  
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## Riverwalk Meetings and Workshops

### **May 12, 2020: General Meeting**

Celeste and Susan Aker  
Trunk Show—Paper Piecing

### **June 9, 2020: General Meeting**

Natalie Santini - Sew Hungry Hippie  
Sew Empowered - Find your creative authenticity and go for it!

<http://www.hungryhippiesews.com>

**Karen Jordan Hickson**

**Kathy Clancy**

**Jill Bryan**

**Programs**

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Hope this finds everyone healthy & staying at home. Remember to wipe down your phone when you wash your hands.

Looking forward to when we can resume our regular meetings.

### **July 21, 2020 (note, this is 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues) – General Meeting**

Deb Strain  
Designing Fabric  
Deb is going to walk us through, step by step, how she designs a new fabric collection.

### **Aug. 11, 2020 – General Meeting**

Suzi Parron  
The Barn Quilt Trail  
Suzi's talk will take you on a journey along the quilt trail, beginning with the very first barn quilt, which stemmed from Donna Sue Groves and her wish to honor her mother's quilting art.

### **Aug. 12, 2020 - Suzi Parron workshop**

Paint your own quilt block. Supplies provided  
Workshop is at The Bernina of Naperville Store

### **Sept. 8, 2020 – General Meeting**

School House

## Riverwalk Meetings and Workshops (continued)

### **Oct. 20, 2020 (note, this is 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues) Viewing at 6:30 PM**

Small Quilt Auction at 7 PM

### **SATURDAY, Nov 14 – Bobbie Butler workshop**

At the workshop you will make a Mystery quilt. Directions and fabric choices will be provided.

### **Dec. 8, 2020 – General Meeting**

Connie Martin  
Pre-Civil War Quilts: Their Secret Code to Freedom on the Underground Railroad  
[WWW.Precivilwarquilts.com](http://WWW.Precivilwarquilts.com)

### **Jan. 12, 2021 – (note 6:30 PM start)**

Holiday Party and Rummage Sale

### **Feb. 9, 2021 – Philanthropy Sew - In**

### **March 9, 2021 – General meeting**

Lori Dickman  
My Favorite 3 D's, Dresden, Diamond, & Drunkard's Path  
[www.QuiltingWithLori.com](http://www.QuiltingWithLori.com)

### **March 10, 2021 – Lori Dickman workshop**

We will piece 4 different shaped Dresden Blocks in this 37" x 37" quilt. The 6 in blocks features machine applique.

### **April 13, 2021 – General Meeting**

Chris Moline  
"You Be the Judge", Chris takes you through the various items that appraisers and judges look for in your quilts.

### **May 11, 2021 – General Meeting**

Ruth Ann Berry  
Bargello, 3 D, panels with demos of each  
[www.quiltersclinic.com](http://www.quiltersclinic.com)

### **May 12, 2021 – Ruth Ann Berry's Bargello Workshop**

Choose any of the lap-sized Bargello projects from the website. Kits are available \$50 or fabric requirements will be provided.

## **Riverwalk Meetings and Workshops** (continued)

### **June 8, 2021 – General Meeting**

Betsy Habich

Designing and Making a Pieced Picture Quilt with freezer paper.

Workshops are filled on a first come, first served basis. Bring your checkbook, credit/debit card to guild meetings for workshops. Sign up with payment early to ensure your participation and class availability.

If a participant is unable to attend a workshop, the student must responsibly contact the workshop coordinator for a replacement student to attend from the existing waiting list. No refunds issued unless a workshop is cancelled. No attendees at 2 months prior to class may result in workshop cancellation.

Thank you for your understanding and keep learning to quilt! Check out the website, Facebook and Instagram accounts for more information

**Web:** <http://www.riverwalkquilters.com/july-2018--june-2019.html>

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

**Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/naperriverwalkquilts>

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**Ruth Hild and Leesa Jump  
Contracts**

## **Library**

Looking for a book to borrow?

You can locate the library under the "Home" tab.

**Order** to pick up at the next meeting, or request a book to add to our collection by emailing to [rgqlibrarian@gmail.com](mailto:rgqlibrarian@gmail.com) or put a note in the comments section of the Librarything profile page.

Profile Page: <http://www.librarything.com/profile/RWQG>

Book List: <http://www.librarything.com/catalog/RWQG>

Contact: [Librarian](mailto:rgqlibrarian@gmail.com) (rgqlibrarian@gmail.com)

## **Hospitality**

Thank you for all the snacks that you have contributed to our treat table. Please consider bringing something to share at our next meeting.

**Dee McHale & Leesa Jump  
Hospitality**

## **Thank You**

Thank you to those who brought Christmas fabric to the March meeting so that I could use it to make bandannas for As Good As Gold, the northern Illinois Golden Retriever rescue group. The bandannas are given out at events (meet and greets) when people make a monetary donation to AGAG. I was able to make a lot of bandannas with the donated fabric on my serger especially now that I found out they can use different sizes of bandannas. If you have an excess of Christmas/holiday fabric or fun conversation prints, I will accept them. If you scroll a bit down the attached page, you will see wonderful pics of some of the many dogs that have been adopted through this organization. <https://www.asgoodasgold.org/golden-retrievers-for-adoption/>

**Nancy Sturgeon**

## **Philanthropy**

Thank you guild members for donating your time and materials to philanthropy. We are combining information from the February and March guild meetings. Margaret Z. bound 1 quilt, Peggy G. one quilt top, backing, and binding, Linda Y. completed 4 quilts, Judy L. completed 2 quilts, and 2 quilt tops, Terri H. bound 1 quilt and quilted 1 quilt, Nancy S. bound and quilted 3 quilts, Norma B. completed 7 quilts, and 1 quilt top, Linda K. quilted one quilt, Donna M. one quilt top, Lorraine N. completed one quilt, and Mary C. completed 6 quilts. The pet bed crew has been very busy making and stuffing bags. Thank you to: Nancy S. Norma B. Carol R. Eddie W. Carol W. Lynn S. Cindy V. Rita F. Rosemary S. Heidi E. Bev P. Judy L. Terri H. and thank you everyone for the stuffing. Remember keep the pieces small, 2.5" ish.

Our guild has had the opportunity to share our quilts,, pillowcases and dog beds to the following organizations,

12 quilts to McDonald House in Winfield, 10 quilts and pillowcases to Suzy's Place Aurora, 1 quilt to Family Shelter Wheaton, and a total of 29 pet beds went to Humane Animal Center, Naperville, ADOPT Naperville and PAWS Tinley Park.

We have contacted Sharing Connections in Wheaton and they will be receiving quilts and pillowcases the next time we are out and about. We are so glad to have the opportunity to meet so many fine people and organizations that contribute to the health and welfare of people and our furry friends. Please let us know of any organizations that philanthropy can be a part of.

We thank the guild board and committee members for their time and commitment. Let's keep the guild moving forward, please think of how you can contribute.

**Terri Hayes and Judy Long**  
**Philanthropy Committee**

## **Note from the Program Chairs**

We were disappointed that the workshop with the Modern Quilt Studio had to be canceled. Bill and Weeks wanted us to know that they are posting short videos on their Facebook page around noon daily.

<https://www.facebook.com/modernquiltstudio>

The videos will range from talking about design to how to clean your sewing machine. They hope to do what they can to keep the quilting community strong during this challenging time. If at some point in the future we can reschedule with them we will let everyone know.

Hope everyone is staying healthy, safe and keeping busy with projects. See you in May!

**Jill, Kathy and Karen**  
**Program Chairs**

## **Riverwalk Quilt Auction**

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Mark your Calendars for Tuesday, October 20, 2020 for the Riverwalk Quilt Auction!!! Everyone is being so supportive- THANK YOU!!!! Think about what volunteer position you would like to do for the Auction. I am in the process of organizing the Publicity Committee for the Auction now. We do need your help in a lot of areas of promoting the event. Hopefully everyone has made a plan for their auction item. Contact me to volunteer or with questions. Let's have fun!!!!

**Dee McHale**  
[dalm1950@comcast.net](mailto:dalm1950@comcast.net)

## How to Make Your Sewing More Fun

Audio books, Pandora music, Amazon music

This last week I have been sewing 3 Jelly Roll Race quilts from scraps and strips I had here in my sewing room. The first one is for a friend's new baby girl. For this top I actually had cut too many strips so, of course, I had to make another... Then I had the rest of that fabric that I wanted to get rid of so I am making a third. Found some articles on line that showed how to make different sized Jelly Roll Race quilts. They are very easy and my mind was wandering so I got out my iPhone and then found the ear phones that came with it, hooked them up and tried to find something to listen to while sewing.

Your local library has lots of **audio books (and e-books too)** that you can **borrow on line**. I have added the free Axis 360 app, the Hoopla app, the Overdrive app, etc. to my phone and tablet. There are others. Go to the homepage of your library and look for the words **download and stream**. You will also need the numbers from your library card. It's not difficult to sign up and get connected. I am currently listening to the book *The Day I Ate Whatever I Wanted: And Other Small Acts of Liberation* by Elizabeth Berg. It's pretty funny and I'm really enjoying it. Choose an uplifting book, and if possible, one that's read by the author. I am also reading e-books on my tablet and e-reader. They are light and happy stories.

I have also made my own playlists on Amazon music and Pandora. Add all the songs or artists you like. You can always delete them later. With these, I set the music to "shuffle" so that I can hear all the different artists and not go through them one album or artist at a time--from Guns N' Roses to Linda Ronstat to Grease to Joshua Bell on his violin. Makes sewing 1/4" seams much more fun!

**Nancy Sturgeon**

## Member Sew-In Retreat Date is

June 27, 2020

Please note the June 2020 Sew In Date has been changed from June 20 to June 27. To register, email [debel721@att.net](mailto:debel721@att.net), payment and lunch choices will be finalized through email as we move closer to the June 27, 2020 sew-in date. IF THIS EVENT IS CANCELLED, THE RQG EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL NOTIFY MEMBERS THROUGH AN E-MAIL BLAST.

The RQG member sew-in will be at Grace Church in Fellowship Hall from 8:30 to 4:30. The \$10.00 registration fee includes use of fellowship hall and fire-side room, door prizes, beverage, snack and lunch. In addition to individual sewing areas, there will be ironing stations and cutting areas in fellowship hall. It is always good to bring an extension cord and power strip as outlets are limited. Check out the Riverwalk Quilt Guild's website for pictures of previous sew-ins. I look forward to seeing you at the June sew-in.

**Bees:** Bee information is included in the guild member directory. Beekeepers please send me any updates.

**Darlene Ebel, Chair**

As Chuck from Millington Financial Advisors has been very helpful to our guild please consider them for any financial planning or accounting you may need..

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## Website

Do you provide quilting related services for hire or sell related products? Think long arm, workshop teacher, lecturer, trunk show, binding or something else? Did you know we have a directory on our website of guild members who do these things? Well we do! There is so much talent and service in our guild and it would be great to have it all listed in one place for everyone (including non-members) to reference. So take a moment during your sheltering and send me your information. And it's free to members.

If you need something added or changed on the website [www.riverwalkquilters.com](http://www.riverwalkquilters.com), please email Rosemary Sanza at the [rggwebsite@gmail.com](mailto:rggwebsite@gmail.com)

**Rosemary Sanza**  
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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 \*
- Half Page \$25.00
- Quarter Page \$12.50
- Eighth Page \$ 5.00

\*Full page ad available for single month only.

### **Riverwalk Website:**

[www.riverwalkquilters.com](http://www.riverwalkquilters.com)

## Newsletter email

The Riverwalk Quilters Guild newsletter is published monthly. To submit articles for inclusion, contact the editor at :

**[RiverwalkQG.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:RiverwalkQG.newsletter@gmail.com)**

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## Riverwalk Quilters Guild

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