



Riverwalk Quilters Guild

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President's Message

First, a big round of applause goes out to our Hospitality Committee Dee McHale, Leesa Jump and all their elves that helped put together our Holiday Party in January. The table decorations were beautiful, the food was yummy that everyone brought, and our rummage sale hosted by Nancy Sturgeon and assistants was very well received. I know I bought a few things myself that hopefully I will put to good use in this new year. Thank you all for making this party a success.

Wow here we are into the leap year month of February 2020 with an extra day to add to our quilting schedule.

Why Do We Have Leap Year?

Even though the standard calendar year is 365 days, Earth takes 365 days 5 hours 48 minutes and 46 seconds to go completely around the sun. (This is called a solar year). In order to keep the calendar cycle synchronized with the seasons, one extra day is (usually) added every four years as February 29.

With that being said let's start making those Valentine quilts or just quilts made using red fabric or ones with hearts because we have that extra day in February to get things done.

For our February meeting on Tuesday, February 11th our speaker will be one of our own members Kathy Herbach who will be presenting a trunk show of her many quilts that she has made over the years. Please join us and be inspired by Kathy's beautiful quilts.

Have a great day quilting,

Mary Cieslak
President - RQG



Membership

The January holiday party and rummage sale was attended by 62 members (21 more than last year). We currently have 103 members.

Bev Parker and Carol Rubeck
Membership

Quilting Ideas

Reading Pillow

<https://youtu.be/-fFnYfirtQqg>

Free pattern for conference tote

<https://www.fleecefun.com/how-to-make-a-conference-tote-blogger-bag/>

National Quilt Circle is sponsoring a **quilt challenge with multiple quilt patterns**. Check out the options on this link

<https://www.nationalquilterscircle.com/article/pleiades-quilt-block-challenge>

Easy Fabric Basket

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?>

Pet Beds for Philanthropy

Some of us (Rita F., Heidi E., Carol R., Judy L., Rosemary S., and Lynn S.) have been making pet beds for Philanthropy. Norma Beckemeier has cut and sewn over 25 pet bed covers from Philanthropy fabric and also fabric left over from the January Rummage Sale. To stuff the beds we used our own scraps of fabric and batting and also leftover scraps and very outdated fabric from the Rummage Sale. **We are in need of your cut up scraps of fabric and batting.** To cut up the fabric/batting, place it on your cutting mat and slice it into approximately 2" strips. Then slice them again so your scraps are not much larger than 2" x 2". No precision necessary! Large lumps of fabric are not comfy for the dogs and cats who will use these beds. Batting can be either cotton, cotton blend or poly,. etc. Bring your scraps in a closed grocery bag to the philanthropy table at the next meeting.

Thank you.

Nancy Sturgeon

January Rummage Sale

The Rummage Sale was a success! Guild members had the opportunity to clean out their sewing/quilting rooms. They shopped til they dropped, and some money was garnered for the Guild treasury. A fun time was had by all. There was lots of good stuff and real bargains to be found (Ginger shears for \$10). After sorting the leftovers, I donated salable items to the Women's Shelter Service shop located on North Naper Blvd. next door to Honey Baked Ham. The shop helps battered women. I have 2 boxes of newer patterns that I will bring to the February Guild meeting so that you will have a second chance to peruse them. Remember, it's not too early to go through your things for next year's sale. We will not accept patterns that have a Stitches N Stuffing label, and we will not accept books or magazines with a copyright earlier than 2001. (You can recycle these.) Thanks for contributing to a very fun crazy evening.

**Nancy Sturgeon,
Rummage Sale Chairman**

For Sale:

Creative Grids Stripology Ruler (CGRGE1). Ruler is slotted and measures 20" by 14". Like brand new. Originally sells for \$50.00. Asking \$30.00. Please contact Judy Long at jemb@sbcglobal.net.

Gammill Quilting Machine

Gammill Optimum Plus Quilting Machine with 12' Table and Stitch Regulator
Laser Light—Double Capacity Bobbins
Separate Bobbin Winder Included
\$8,500
Contact Monica Troy
630-918-2482

By Annie Local Quilt Shop Contest

byannie.com is having a Local Quilt Shop contest (3rd year). It's super easy to vote for your favorite local quilt shop.

<https://www.byannie.com/LQS-contest>

That is the link to vote. You can enter your favorite local quilt shop in the search box, then vote for them. There is publicity for the winning shops which is always good for our local shops.

When you get to the site click on "add" and then type Quilters Quest or your favorite shop at the top. Then click on Quilters Quest Woodridge IL - complete the rest of your info and click on "Submit".

Nancy Sturgeon

Hospitality

It's time to start planning on what you will bring to the February meeting to add to our treat table. Thank you for all of the delicious food that you have brought in the past months!

**Dee McHale & Leesa Jump
Hospitality**

Riverwalk Meetings and Workshops

February 11, 2020: General Meeting

Kathleen Herbach

Trunk Show

Kathleen has been quilting since 1993 when her mother introduced it to her and started a foundation flip and sew block. She was hooked and started watching Simply Quilts and other shows for inspiration and techniques. She has sailed on a quilting cruise and taken two trips to Japan to study (and purchase fabric). She has taught at Pieceful Hearts, Prairie Shop Quilts and Quilters Quest. Kathleen has been a member of Riverwalk Quilters Guild 2004.

March 10, 2020: General Meeting

Bill Kerr/Weeks Ringle - Modern Quilt Studio

Our Quilting Journey and Yours

www.modernquiltstudio.com

Weeks and Bill are pioneers in the Modern Quilt Movement, both have written books and publish Modern Quilts Illustrated magazine. They discuss the importance of surrounding yourself with inspiration from a variety of sources. They help quilters learn how to harness their unique talents to broaden the quilting art form.

March 14, 2020: Workshop Bill Kerr/Weeks Ringle

Understanding Value and Piecing Curves

April 14, 2020: Philanthropy

May 12, 2020: General Meeting

Celeste and Susan Aker

Trunk Show

Details to follow

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

Programs

Riverwalk Meetings and Workshops (continued)

I'm excited to send this list of upcoming programs and unique workshops. Leesa Jump will be helping me, and starting at the March meeting, we will be taking sign-ups for some of these workshops. All workshops will be at The Bernina of Naperville Store unless otherwise listed.

Ruth Hild

July 21, 2020 (note, this is 3rd 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

Oct. 20, 2020 (note, this is 3rd Tues) Viewing at 6:30 PM

Small Quilt Auction at 7 PM

Nov. 10, 2020 General Meeting

Bobbie Butler

She will be explaining her fusible applique techniques and show many quilts she has made using them.

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

Riverwalk Meetings and Workshops (continued)

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

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

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.

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>

Ruth Hild and Leesa Jump

Contracts

Philanthropy

January Report:

Thank you guild members for donating your time and materials to philanthropy. We are still in the process of finding a home for the heart and port pillows. At this time we will not be accepting them until a home is found.

Kari Lyn and Vicki bound 1 quilt and donated 3 heart pillows. Norma completed 4 quilts and quilted 2, Judy completed 5 tops, 2 quilts and quilted and bound 1. We received 3 tops and 1 complete quilt from the rummage sale.

We are making significant progress with the pet beds for the humane society. We have approximately 10 completed and more beds to stuff. Thank you Norma for sewing the cases for the beds. Nancy for sewing them shut. Nancy, Carol R., Heidi, Rita, Rosemary, Bev and Lynn for cutting up scraps and stuffing the beds. Thank you for the scraps. Please keep them small, approximately 2.5 inch square or smaller, cotton or batting pieces welcome.

Thank you members for donating your time and materials. We hope we recognized everyone that helped with philanthropy and hope we did not forget anyone.

Judy Long and Terri Hayes

Philanthropy Committee

2019-2020 Challenge No Name Few Rules

Seventeen projects were submitted at the January meeting with 60 plus members voting for first, second and third place winners. Five members used all items included in the packet and every project was amazing. Rita Farrell won first place with her "White Elephant on the way to the Quilt Market", Carol Wilhoit won second place with "No Name Few Rules means No Limit on number of items" and Svetlana Gluskin won third place with her "Windmill". Pictures of all challenge projects are on the RQG web page under Events. Thank you to all of you who participated in the guild's 2019-20 challenge.

Member Subsidized Sew-In Retreat

The next sew-in will be **February 29, 2020** at Grace Church from 8:30 to 4:30 in Fellowship Hall. The \$10.00 registration fee includes use of fellowship hall and fireside room, door prizes, beverage, snack and choice of salad or sandwich (beef, tuna or poultry) for lunch. If you bring your own lunch please indicate on sign up sheet. As in the past, we will have a large ironing station and cutting area in fellowship hall. It is always good to bring an extension cord and power strip as outlets are limited. Members of the guild can sign up at the February meeting. I look forward to seeing you at the sew-in.

Save the Date:

The June Sew-in is tentatively scheduled for June 20, 2020 at Grace Church.

Bees:

Bee and beekeeper information is included in the guild member directory.

Darlene Ebel, Chair

Website

If you need something added or changed on the website www.riverwalkquilters.com, please email Rosemary Sanza at the rqgwebsite@gmail.com

Please contact Rosemary Sanza 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.

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

Grace United Methodist Church

300 E Gartner Road, Naperville, IL

Rosemary Sanza

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Newsletter email

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

RiverwalkQG.newsletter@gmail.com

by 4th Tuesday of the month.

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