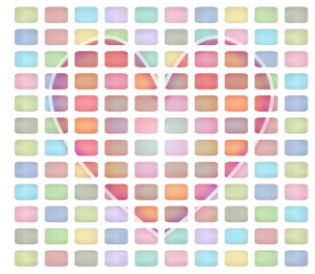


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Bev Parker)

Our February 13 meeting is our last online presentation for this year and it's another good one (see info below). I hope you'll join us!

February is also heart month. Time to think about taking care of your own heart and also spending heartfelt time thinking of others.

Next month will be a good opportunity. It's our annual Philanthropy Sew-In.

Please plan to attend this in-person event. It's a great opportunity to meet other guild members and provide quilts for those less fortunate. I love to think about how our quilting efforts might positively affect others we'll never know.

We're in the second half of our guild year, looking toward next year, which means it's time to think about volunteering for a board position (starting in July).

Serving on the board is another fun way to get to know others and to make a contribution. Please think of volunteering or saying "Yes, I'd love to" when invited to be part of the board.

FEBRUARY GUEST SPEAKER

February 13, 2024 (Online only)
Julie Silber "America's Funniest Quilts"



Julie Silber Quilts provides an exceptional range of quilt related services to museums, collectors, dealers, individuals, and quilt guilds.

We specialize in buying, selling and appraising antique quilts made between 1780 and 1950. We also offer antique quilt "exhibition packages" for museums and quilt events. Our exhibitions have enjoyed both critical and popular acclaim, nationally and internationally.

We offer formal, written appraisals for insurance, donation, or retail purposes, as well as simple verbal appraisals. Julie is a well-known, acknowledged expert in the field of appraising antique and vintage quilts.

Julie is one of the world's most respected quilt experts. She has been selling antique quilts to museums, businesses, and individuals since 1968.

Julie was the curator of the world-renowned **Esprit Quilt Collection in San Francisco** and is the co-author of the critically acclaimed books, **Hearts and Hands** and **Amish: The Art of the Quilt**. She has curated two of the most respected quilt exhibitions of modern times — those at **The Oakland Museum** and the **Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco**.

Julie Silber is a nationally known lecturer, author, consultant, and curator.

FEBRUARY GUEST SPEAKER (continued)

In addition to teaching and lecturing for quilt guilds, shows, and community groups, Julie has spoken at seminars, exhibitions and museums.



America's Funniest Quilts--Women have always expressed their whole selves in quilts: their love, losses, accomplishments, joys, and sorrows...and their humor! Enjoy some very funny 19th and 20th century quilts that will have you smiling.

Laugh and learn along with Julie.

MARCH GUEST SPEAKER

March 12, 2024 (In person meeting)
Kathryn Pellman "Word Salad, Fashionistas & Girlfriends"



Kathryn Pellman is an artist, fashionista, quilter, cook, baker, gardener and storyteller. Her whimsical series of small, playful, single frame cartoons featuring long limbed and knobby kneed Fashionistas that invoke fashion illustration.

Fashionistas mixed with some Word Salad combine fashion and quilting along with her passions and are a celebration and exploration of women and femininity, their lives, friendships and romantic relationships, real and imagined.

Angry Women and Not So Angry Women are powerful, life-size and larger and express the artist's thoughts and feelings about issues that impact all of us or reflect her love of fashion and connection to traditional quilting.

Commercial fabric is her paint; thread is her ink and the sewing machine her pen. Her quilts have a strong connection to traditional quilting including the sandwiching and stitching of three layers together.

She is a Juried Artist member of SAQA (Studio Art Quilters Association), has a Certificate in Fashion Design and has been sewing since she could thread a needle. She lectures and teaches both nationally and internationally including Festival of Quilts, Birmingham, England and Quilt Festival Houston. Kathryn is the author of *Word Salad, Fashionistas and Girlfriends* and the coauthor of *Backart -- On the Flip Side*.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS (Nancy Sturgeon)

April 9, 2024
Joyce Hughes "Thread Painting on Panels"

May 14, 2024
Philanthropy Sew-In

June 11, 2024
RQG Anniversary Party & Rummage Sale

QUILTING BEES

Bee Update

We currently have a small handful of Bee Availability Forms that have been turned in. With just a few more we should be able to start two small, new bees – one for daytime and one for evenings/weekends.

If you are interested in joining a bee, you can complete the Bee Availability Form at the meeting check-in table or you can download the form from our website (in the Forms section of the Home tab).

Completed forms can be turned in at the membership check-in table at an in-person meeting or emailed to RQGSpecialEvent@gmail.com.

Please watch for a confirmation email that it has been well-received and reach out to Sherry Gendel directly (contact info in the membership directory) if you don't receive a confirmation.

If you are part of an existing bee that is interested in having new members join your group, please contact Sherry Gendel to share your bee meeting days and times so new bee members can be matched to your group based on their availability to meet.

PHILANTHROPY (Lisa Klingbeil & Fabric Fondlers Bee)

Philanthropy has quite a number of projects ready to donate, and a greater number of kits, projects, etc. that need to be picked up by members to piece, quilt, etc.

Anyone wanting to grab a project from me can arrange porch pickup at 80 N Stauffer Drive, Naperville, 60540, lisasews@comcast.net until we can meet again in person at the March general meeting.

I have a covered front porch that can be used for pickup and drop-off. In the meantime, we as a committee have been busy cutting strips for our May sew-in. The theme will be coin quilts.

Here is one idea for inspiration:



SOCIAL MEDIA (Margaret Donahue)

Hello from Social Media,

This morning while in my bathrobe I went to a great quilt show! Julie Silber of @juliesilberquilt, our February speaker, has an active Instagram. She is an author and collector and also has a great sense of humor!

Julie's lecture this month will be America's Funniest Quilts. I am sure we can all look back at one of our early projects and giggle at the process. It will be interesting to see what her criteria for amusing projects is!

Sherry Gendel has a challenge for all of us. She received permission to share a block of the month program from A Quilting Life. This mother daughter duo is presenting a block a month this year which will end up a completed project.

I reviewed it this morning and was excited to see that each block will be surrounded by a uniform star pattern to connect the blocks. It is not too late to get started. We have fabric don't we? Just look up the block on the A Quilting Life Blog and join the fun.

Please share what you are up to these winter months. The Zooming is fabulous...especially since our last meeting was during horrible weather but we love to see what each other are working on.

Send me a picture via email or post yourself and tag our group. If you are intimidated reach out and we will help you.

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SPECIAL EVENTS (Sherry Gendel)	SPECIAL EVENTS (Continued) (Sherry Gendel)
<p>Mystery BOM for February</p> <p>In case you missed it last month, we are sewing along with a Mystery Block of the Month for 2024. Details were shared in the January newsletter.</p> <p>Here are this month's links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • February 2024 Block Pattern • February 2024 Block Video Tutorial <p>(and here are last month's links in case you missed them)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fabric Requirements for AQL BOM 2024 2. January 2024 Block Pattern 3. January 2024 Block Video Tutorial <p><i>As a quick reminder, one of our past speakers, Sherri McConnell of A Quilting Life, has agreed to let us run her mystery BOM as a guild special event this year, so the block patterns and settings are all from Sherri.</i></p> <p><i>She is also creating tutorial videos each month. Each participant needs to download the pattern from Sherri's website, so the links provided will take you to the blog post where you can find the pattern.</i></p> <p>If you'd like a quick overview of the BOM directly from Sherri, take a look at her blog post "A Quilting Life 2024 Block of the Month".</p> <p>I've made two of her past years' BOM quilts and they both turned out lovely! I've gathered my fabrics for this year's BOM and am planning a patriotic color palette. I can't wait to see how this year's quilt design comes together! I hope you'll join me.</p> <p>Please contact Sherry Gendel at RQGSpecialEvent@gmail.com with any questions.</p>	<p>Spring Challenge</p> <p>As we approach spring, our guild will be celebrating our 30th anniversary! What could be more fitting than for our members to create beautiful, quilted items to commemorate the occasion?</p> <p>If possible, our collection of 30th anniversary items will be displayed in a location in downtown Naperville to celebrate our guild's milestone anniversary and help build awareness for our guild.</p> <p>Please help make our display beautiful and eye-catching to the community by participating in the Spring Challenge!</p> <p>Spring Challenge Theme: Riverwalk 30 Challenge Due Date: May guild meeting, May 14, 2024 Challenge Overview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make a quilted item that represents the word "Riverwalk" and the number "30". • Your interpretation of the word and number do not need to be literal interpretations – get creative if you'd like! • Makers should be prepared to allow their item to be on display locally for a short period of time after the challenge. <p>Challenge Instructions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Make your quilted item using the guidelines above. 2. If it is not obvious when looking at your item, write a brief explanation of how you interpreted the word "Riverwalk" and the number "30". 3. Bring your completed item and the written explanation to the May guild meeting for display. 4. Members will vote for the top 3 entries at the May meeting. 5. Challenge winners will be announced at the June guild birthday party and will receive a prize. <p>Questions? Contact Sherry Gendel, Special Events Chair, RQGSpecialEvent@gmail.com</p>
<p>MISC</p>	
<p>International Quilt Museum - Potholder Fundraiser</p> <p>If you are anywhere near Lincoln, Nebraska, make sure to visit the International Quilt Museum. With striking modern architecture, and excellently appointed galleries, it's a gem in the heart of the Midwest.</p> <p>Exhibits usually feature a few select quilters/fiber artists from all over the world, or a display of historically significant quilts. And yes, this is the museum that sponsored the sunflower quilt auction to benefit Ukraine.</p> <p>The museum has a boutique and the proceeds of which support the museum's mission. One of the popular items sold are potholders which any quilter/sewist can donate. Last year their sale raised over \$6,000.</p> <p>If you're interested in participating, visit their website: internationalquiltmuseum.org and Project Potholder, where you'll find guidelines and mailing information.</p> <p>This museum is serious about preserving and promoting the art of quilting, so worth supporting. Oh what a few potholders can do! Loraine Nemo</p>	

GET TO KNOW YOUR BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Margaret Donahue, Social Media

Hello, I am Margaret Donahue and I have been in the quilt guild since I moved to Naperville from Michigan in 1998.

I love all sorts of techniques and mostly do my own piecing and take my big pieces to a longarmer for quilting.

Lately I have been making a lot of zipper bags, especially belt bags in all sorts of fabrics including upcycled materials.

I can almost always be swayed to start something new, and I am a little bit worried that I even made it through a pandemic without using up my stash.

I really love the friendships and storytelling involved in being in a guild. Show and Tell is a thrill for me each month.

I am a grandma of four and I babysit often.

Currently I am the Social Media chair and previously have been VP and worked on quilt shows and our small quilt auction.

Sherry Gendel, Special Events

I joined the guild in the summer of 2019. I have served as the chair for Contracts and Programs and now I'm helping organize Special Events for the guild.

Outside of the guild, I am a professional meeting and event planner for a large medical association, and I teach meeting and event planning classes at College of DuPage.

I like a slightly modern vibe but also love the design of traditional quilt blocks, so I tend to land somewhere in the middle of those two styles.

My current quilting goals are to try curved piecing, practice Free Motion Quilting more, and get better at English Paper Piecing so I can have a portable project.

NEWSLETTER ADS

The Riverwalk Quilters Guild newsletter is published monthly.

To submit articles for inclusion, contact our RQG Newsletter Chair by the 4th Tuesday of the month.

Guild members may place free ads for personal use only.

Please make sure the ad is directly related to our shared hobby.

If the ad is for a business, Rates are as follows:

Full Page: \$50.00

Half Page: \$25.00

Quarter Page: \$12.50

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Full page ad available for a single month only.

Make checks out to **Riverwalk Quilters Guild** and mail to the following address: Riverwalk Quilters Guild, PO Box 5092, Naperville, IL 60567

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