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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Bev Parker)	PROGRAMS (Nancy Sturgeon)
<p>Don't miss it: Our Small Quilt Auction on Tuesday, October 17 at Grace United Methodist Church, 300 E. Gartner Rd., Naperville at 7:00 P.M. lower level.</p> <p>Plenty of parking and lots of beautiful quilts. You'll find what you need for holiday giving! In addition to bidding for quilts, our boutique will feature smaller items with a set price. You can't go wrong!</p> <p>We're updating our quilting bees (at last)! Whether you're a new member or not so new and you'd like to join a bee, now is the time.</p> <p>Check out the information sheet attached to this newsletter, and we'll include you among those interested in joining a bee and will send more information soon.</p> <p>Also coming soon is our updated membership picture directory. If you don't have a picture in the directory or want to update an old one, please contact Margaret Zitt (see attached board listing) and she will help you.</p>	<p>November 14—David Owen Hastings & Teresa Duryea Wong will explore and dissect 10 influential modern, masterpiece quilts.</p> <p>You'll fall in love with these quilts— and they'll explain why. Discover more about modern quilting, and how art and quilting are inextricably intertwined. They'll reveal how five key qualities combine in different ways to create spectacular results: scale, color, subject matter, technique and innovation.</p> <p>See masterpieces made between 1990 – 2015 and experience the genius behind these exquisite quilts. Plus, Teresa and David will share a flash review of a select group of winning entries from past QuiltCon conventions.</p> <p>Quiltmakers are Alabama quilter Yvonne Wells; consummate innovator Jacquie Gering; the incomparable Chawne Kimber; beloved mentor Gwen Marston; colorful Australian Brenda Gael Smith; Argentinian star Cecilia Koppmann; minimalist perfectionist Carson Converse; Japanese master artist Yoshiko Jinzenji; engaging and inventive Erick Wolfmeyer; and iconic Nancy Crow.</p> <div data-bbox="1045 646 1295 898" data-label="Image"> </div>

SMALL QUILT AUCTION (Nancy Sturgeon)	
<p>Our 2023 Small Quilt Auction is just around the corner— Tuesday, October 17 at 7 p.m.</p> <p>Location: Grace United Methodist Church 300 E. Gartner Rd., Naperville</p> <p>I will be sending out a reminder of job duties and arrival times to those who have volunteered to help the afternoon and night of the auction. Thank you for volunteering when I needed you.</p> <p>I do hope that even if you are not working as a volunteer on Auction Day that you will take time to attend this event, see what it is all about, and maybe even bid on an item.</p> <p>Remember this is an important night for our treasury. Plus, it's really fun to see all the wonderful things members have donated in the auction and boutique.</p> <p>Thank you for making them. We couldn't do it without all of you.</p> <p>One of our new members went beyond the call of duty. She joined the guild earlier in the year, but her move to the Naperville area has been delayed.</p> <p>At the beginning of this week, she emailed me to say that she had sent 2 table runners for our auction. They arrived yesterday. What a gal!</p>	<p>Auction news flash...</p> <p>In addition to the wonderful, quilted items at our auction, you will have a chance to bid on a Singer Featherweight! It is fully serviced and ready to sew!</p> <p>Who wouldn't want to go home with this sweet machine! Quilters and sewists alike love it for its great straight stitch and portability, not to mention, it's so cute! It's the perfect machine for beginners.</p> <p>This machine has been fully serviced, comes with a 1/4" foot, and that special carrying case in excellent condition.</p> <p>Don't hesitate if you already own a machine or two. The Featherweight takes up just a wee bit of space. You'll be glad to add it to your sewing studio!</p> <div data-bbox="987 1495 1354 1860" data-label="Image"> </div>

SPECIAL EVENTS	(Sherry Gendel)
<p>Fall Challenge In order to give everyone more time to sew for the Small Quilt Auction and then create something for the Fall Challenge, the challenge date is being extended to December.</p> <p>Please review the updated dates on the attached Fall Challenge Flyer and let your creativity flow while you REPURPOSE something into a new and exciting item! Please contact Sherry Gendel at RQGSpecialEvent@gmail.com with any questions or to submit your entry (see the flyer for details on entry submission.)</p> <p>Fall Challenge – UPDATED 10/1/2023 Challenge extended to December to give everyone more time after sewing for the auction! Now that fall is here if you are cleaning out and getting ready for the upcoming holiday season, before you throw everything out in the garbage or drive it to the donation center, consider REPURPOSING something from your discard pile into something new and exciting! For inspiration, you can reference some of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How to Reuse and Repurpose as a Quilter (Amy Smart, Diary of a Quilter) • 5 Ways to Use Upcycled Fabric in Your Quilt (Alderwood Studio) • Upcycled Fabric Projects & Going Green Tips for Earth Day (Missouri Star Quilt Co) • Earth Day DIY: Tote Bag From Upcycled Jeans (Brother USA) • Vintage Quilt Stockings (Quilting in the Rain) • How to Repurpose as a Quilter (Google Search with lots of links) • Repurposed Vintage Quilts (Google Search with lots of links) • Book “Sew Eco-Friendly” by Debbie Shore • Book “Conscious Crafts Quilting” by Elli Beaven • Consider making something with repurposed men’s dress shirts and ties if you attended the guild workshop in September • Follow our September speaker for ideas: @juliamcleodquilts <p>Fall Challenge Theme: Repurpose Challenge Due Date: December guild meeting, Dec. 12 (pictures due Dec. 10 – see instructions below) Challenge Overview:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. make an item using repurposed material from one or more of the following: article(s) of clothing, an old quilt that has fallen into disrepair, etc. 2. item made can be a small quilt (minimum 12"x12"; maximum 36"x45"), tote bag or zipper pouch, pincushion, rug mug or table topper, a new article of clothing other than the original item the material was taken from, or any other useful item you can think of! <p>Challenge Instructions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. take pictures of the original item(s) from which you are taking your repurposed material 2. make your item using your repurposed material and any other materials needed to complete the item (the final item must be made from at least 50% repurposed material) 3. take pictures of the new item 1. submit your pictures and the name of any patterns used or note if the item is your own design (email no later than Sunday, Dec. 10 to RQGSpecialEvent@gmail.com) 2. bring your completed item to the December guild meeting for display 3. members will vote for the top 3 entries 4. challenge winners will be announced at the December meeting and will receive a prize <p>Questions? Contact Sherry Gendel, Special Events Chair, RQGSpecialEvent@gmail.com</p>	

MEMBERSHIP	PHOTO DIRECTORY
(Margaret Zitt)	(Margaret Zitt)
<p>We have 85 members who have returned this year.</p> <p>We are going to enjoy the presentations and see some wonderful quilts during Show 'n Tell.</p> <p>When you check in at the membership table, please get your raffle ticket and wear your name tag to be eligible for the door prizes.</p>	<p>I still need a few more pictures for the directory.</p> <p>Please send me a picture or I can get your picture at Tuesday's meeting.</p>

PHILANTHROPY (Lisa Klingbeil & Fabric Fondlers Bee)	SOCIAL MEDIA (Margaret Donahue)
<p>I can't believe it is already time to start thinking about the holidays!</p> <p>We have a request from one of the groups we regularly donate to for 70 Christmas stockings, prior to Christmas of course (I would like to donate them before Thanksgiving).</p> <p>Many of the other groups we donate to also take stockings so if we have enough, we can spread the joy. We have had a good start in fulfilling the request for 70 but need your help.</p> <p>At the October and November general meetings we will collect any stockings that you can create to fulfill this need.</p> <p>We are also busy processing items for donation, as well as for the annual guild auction on October 17.</p> <p>For the immediate future we are not taking donations as we would like to get through the large amount of fabric and partial projects, we have received so far this summer. In the new year, we will publish needs and wants to replenish our stock as well as plan a sew-in before the new fiscal year.</p> <p>It was so fun to talk to a few of you at the recent Faithful Circle Quilt Show.</p> <p>Thanks so much for participating in Philanthropy!</p> <p>LISA KLINGBEIL and the Fabric Fondlers Bee</p>	<p>Hello Members,</p> <p>The pictures of auction items are trickling in. I would really love to have more. Please use the contact info below to get the pictures to me and then posted!</p> <p>I learned a helpful tip this summer from my SIL who just retired from teaching. I noticed she had taken up cross stitch and was using her phone for the pattern. The pattern image was staying open while she stitched.</p> <p>I never had that luck whether it be recipes or sewing or quilting patterns. She told me her method and I have been using it ever since. On most of our phones or tablets there is an orange icon with an open white page spread on it. The app is called books. If you save your pattern to that page and open it stays open.</p> <p>Every day I get an email from a pattern maker SewCanShe or @sewcanshe on Instagram. Each day there is a free pattern. If I like the pattern, I scroll all the way to the end of the instructions and tap on the pink bar. When the blue arrow in a box shows up, I tap, and it takes me to a choice of apps ...one of those is the orange book app. I send the pattern to the app. This is a great way to have your patterns on the go...maybe when you are shopping for supplies, stitching while waiting for an appointment, or creating while on vacation.</p> <p>Hope you use social media to help you with projects or show n' tell this month!</p> <p>Margaret M. Donahue Mdonahue1068@gmail.com @magm3501 #materialgirlsrqg—my bee hashtag Riverwalkquilters.com. Guild website @naperriverwalkquils. Guild IG--</p>

VIDEO COMMUNICATIONS (Kathleen Herbach)	QUILTING BEES (Margaret Zitt & Sherry Gendel)
<p>I would like to extend a thank you to my entire moderator/projection/show and tell streaming team.</p> <p>Thanks to you we are able to stream our speakers, business meeting and show and tell out to our remote attendees.</p> <p>Thank you so much Rosemary Sanza, Sue Ann Reiner, Joan Der, Sherry Gendel, Yvette Thorn (watch this space for your name!). We all appreciate your help! Thank you.</p> <p>Kathleen Herbach</p>	<p>We have 23 members interested in joining a bee. We will have to form several bees.</p> <p>I hope we can get together and set up groups that might want to be together in a bee. The board is working on trying to set up several times when members can get together to form a bee.</p> <p>Bee Availability If you are interested in joining a bee, you can complete the Bee Availability Form at the meeting check-in table or you can use the form that is attached to this month's newsletter.</p> <p>Completed forms can be turned in at the membership check-in table at an in-person meeting or emailed to RQGSpecialEvent@gmail.com. Using the information submitted on the form, we will help get a couple new bees formed based on common availability and/or location.</p> <p>Please contact Sherry Gendel if you have questions on completing your form. 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.</p>

LIBRARY NEWS (Sandy Doubek & Judy Morgan)	FALL AUCTION & GARAGE SALE
<p>The library is doing well.</p> <p>We continue to alternate which half of the collection we bring to the meeting.</p> <p>Because of the quilt auction, there will be no library at the October meeting.</p>	<p>Fall Auction and Garage Sale</p> <p>Pride of the Prairie Quilt Guild Cordially invites you to an Auction and Garage Sale!</p> <p>DATE: Thursday, October 19th, 2023 TIME: 7:00 PM LOCATION: Zion Lutheran Church 11007 Book Road, Naperville, IL</p>
NEWSLETTER ADS	<p>The Guild guest fee will be waived for you and your friends! Get your friends together and make a night of it! We will take Cash or Check.</p> <p>Here are a some of the items we have collected: Featherweight Sewing Machine A few handmade items Brand New Kits Notions Sewing Bag Fabric - Various precuts, and sizes. Quilting tools - Rotary cutter and blades (New) Patterns Various size Rulers Too much to list and we continue to receive more items.</p> <p>Thank you for your time, Lynn Scheimann</p>
<p>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.</p> <p>Guild members may place free ads for personal use only.</p> <p>Please make sure the ad is directly related to our shared hobby.</p> <p>If the ad is for a business, Rates are as follows: Full Page: \$50.00 Half Page: \$25.00 Quarter Page: \$12.50 Eighth Page: \$5.00 Full page ad available for a single month only.</p> <p>Make checks out to Riverwalk Quilters Guild and mail to the following address: Riverwalk Quilters Guild, PO Box 5092, Naperville, IL 60567</p>	

GET TO KNOW YOUR BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS	
<p>Mara Gallagher, Vice President:</p> <p>I joined the Guild in July of 2022, just in time to take Allie McCathren's Sea Glass Quilt class.</p> <p>I am new to quilting. My interest started during the pandemic.</p> <p>I joined a biweekly Zoom call with some quilters from the Chicago Modern Quilt Guild. Watching (and admiring!) their work inspired me to seek out a guild closer to home. I am still figuring out what type of quilting interests me most.</p> <p>In the meantime, my current project is Modern Handcraft's Snowflake quilt.</p>	<p>Nancy Sturgeon, Programs/Contracts and Auction chair.</p> <p>Prior positions include newsletter editor and founding membership directory editor.</p> <p>I'm active with philanthropy by making Christmas stockings and quilting on my long arm machine.</p> <p>I joined the guild two different times, the second as a full-blown quilter.</p> <p>I make tops for Quilts Beyond Borders and pet beds/mats for an animal shelter in Michigan. I have a million UFOs and many projects that have never been started. Sound familiar?</p>

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