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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (Bev Parker)

As we end this year, it's good to look back and see how we've done.

We increased our in-person participation as COVID eased up; enjoyed many speakers that we could not have invited otherwise, thanks to Zoom; had a successful auction with a new auctioneer; produced many quilted items for philanthropy; and even more.

Thanks to all who helped make the year successful!

If giving "calls" to you, there's still time this month to make quilts. If you need ideas, check with the philanthropy team, and perhaps pick up a kit.

We have another great presentation planned for December 12. I hope you'll be able to join us to hear Carl Hensch talk about his quilts and books.

Whether you attend in person or online, consider wearing your festive holiday finest.

See you then and Happy Holidays!
Bev Parker

DECEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

Carl Hensch - "My Life in Quilts"
December 12, 2023

Lecture Description: Journey with Carl from the beginning of his quilting career to the present. Learn about him, his company and store 3 Dog Design and how he got his start in quilting.

Carl will show many quilts that he has made, including his original designs from his books Stars 'N' Strips Forever, Amish-Inspired Quilts for Today's Home and New York Beauties and Flying Geese, as well as quilts completed for various magazines and fabric manufacturers.

See and hear how Carl's quilting aesthetic has changed through the years "making the modern traditional and the traditional modern."

About Carl: Carl started quilting in the late 1990s. He did not come from a quilting family, but there was always some sort of handwork going on around him.

His mother was a seamstress, his aunt knitted, and his sister Nancy loved to draw.

Carl learned sewing, knitting, and pattern making at an early age, probably around ten or so. The Internet was still young when Carl started quilting.

DECEMBER GUEST SPEAKER (continued)

He learned by watching TV shows such as Simply Quilts, Quilt in a Day, and Love of Quilting.

It was only after seeing guest Ricky Tims on one of those programs that Carl decided it was time to buy a sewing machine and some fabric and learn how to quilt.

In 2000, Carl moved to Denver, where he discovered his first quilt shop, block-of-the-month projects, and tons of fabric. He dabbled over the years, still watching his favorite TV shows to learn more. It was when he moved to St. Joseph, Missouri, in 2006 that Carl started to delve deeper into his passion for quilting.

"I found a lot of quilt shops in Kansas City and participated in a few sampler quilts and blocks-of-the-month." By doing these projects, one block at a time, Carl honed his skills.

Learn more about Carl at:

<http://www.3dogdesignco.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/3DogDesignCo/?ref=bookmarks>

<https://3dogdesigncompanystore.square.site/>



From our December speaker, Carl Hensch:

I am offering 20% off all my digital patterns until the end of the month for Riverwalk Quilters Guild members only.

Coupon code is RQG20 <https://3dogdesigncompanystore.square.site/>



Quilt On!

Carl Hensch
WWW.3DogDesignCo.com

JANUARY 2024 GUEST SPEAKER

1/9/2024 (Zoom Meeting)

Emily Taylor is a self-taught artist, fabric designer and quilter.
Emily Taylor <https://collagequilter.com>

She has been a creative entrepreneur in both the home decor industry and quilt industry for 20+ years. Emily has been featured on QVC and has won multiple awards for her murals.

She first became involved with the quilt industry in 2009, as a fabric designer for Riley Blake Designs. Besides creating over a dozen fabric collections, she developed the free quilt design website, PatternJam.com.

For Emily, collage quilts represent the perfect fusion of art and quilting. She is the author of Collage Quilter: Essentials for Success with Collage Quilts.

Emily has a tutorial on YouTube that will show you how to make the beautiful winter Cardinal below. Google: "Tutorial for Making the Winter Cardinal Project"



PHILANTHROPY (Lisa Klingbeil & Fabric Fondlers Bee)

We are very happy to have received and donated the following items in November/early December:

- **Sharing Connections**
43 Christmas stockings
15 small quilts
6 pillowcases
- **Habitat for Humanity DuPage**
70 Christmas stockings
8 large quilts
3 small quilts
6 pillowcase
- We will continue to gather and work on items to be donated during the winter months.
- The Philanthropy sew-in has been rescheduled from March to May 2024 due to a scheduling conflict with Programs.

Kindest regards,
Lisa Klingbeil and the Fabric Fondlers Bee

PROGRAMS (Nancy Sturgeon)

I am searching for programs for our Guild meetings for July 2024-May 2025.

If you have any ideas of either speakers or program topics that you'd like to see, please let me know in the near future.

Thank you for your ideas.

Nancy Sturgeon

PHOTO DIRECTORY (Margaret Zitt & Mary Cieslak)

Our photo directory is still missing 8 photos of members so if you will be coming to our December meeting at Knox Church on 12/12/23 please stop by the membership table and have your picture taken.

Or if you have a picture of your own that you would like us to use, please send it to either of us so we can include it in our directory.

Or if you do not wish to have your photo in our directory, please let us know.

Thank you,

Margaret Zitt
Mary Cieslak

SPECIAL EVENTS FALL CHALLENGE (Sherry Gendel)

Last Call for Fall Challenge - REPURPOSE

It's time to submit your item for the Fall Challenge – REPURPOSE!

Photos of all entries need to be emailed to RQGSpecialEvent@gmail.com no later than Monday, 12/11/2023 so a slide show of entries can be prepared. Be sure to send a picture of both the “before” item and the new, repurposed item so we can all see the amazing transformation!

Three lucky participants will go home with a PRIZE!

Please review the details 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.)

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

Eighth Page: \$ 5.00

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

LIBRARY (Sandy Doubeck & Judy Morgan)

We will be bringing the Whole library to the December meeting since you will have extra time to enjoy the books longer.

Check out a book on a new technique you want to learn or research while inside sewing on a wintery day after the holidays!

Please bring any books back that you have finished reading.

Judy and Sandy

MISC

Per Nancy Sturgeon:

Below is a link for 34 quilt tutorials that may be of interest to our members showing lots of different techniques.

We can never be too old to learn something new.

<https://www.rebeccaaedesigns.com/homesweethome/tutorials/>

QUILTING BEES (Sherry Gendel & Margaret Zitt)

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 attached to this month's newsletter.

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.

Please contact Sherry Gendel at RQGSpecialEvent@gmail.com if you have questions 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.

GET TO KNOW YOUR BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Ganga Gubbi, Treasurer:

I joined the guild last year. I was first introduced to quilts by a friend of mine in Kansas City.

I like working with points. I am fascinated by the endless possibilities of working with half square triangles.

My current project is called 'Solar Flare' that I am making for a friend for her 50th birthday.

Margaret Zitt, Membership and Photo Directory:

My prior positions include Vice-President and Newsletter. I joined the guild when I retired from teaching.

I sewed my clothes growing up but both of my grandmothers' made quilts and I was intrigued by their sewing of quilt patterns.

I watched many YouTube videos learning a variety of quilting styles and techniques. I am still watching them.

I enjoy making baby quilts, teddy bears, and panel quilts. Now I am working on 1 horse, 4 Barbie, and 2 John Deere quilts for my great nieces and nephews.

| POSITION | 2023 - 2024 EXECUTIVE BOARD CHAIRS | EMAILS |
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