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Riverwalk Quilters Guild

President's Message

Holiday greetings!

As we enter this beautiful season, do you find yourself both reveling in it and at the same time being anxious about it? Beautiful music, traditional foods, the joy of reuniting with family, but then unfortunate public health news, the challenge of preparing meals that will fit everyone's dietary requests and limited in-person visiting. It truly is a season of mixed emotions.

What brings me peace and happiness is giving: making donations, taking time to share my abundance (yes, at times my stash!) with others. There's a warmth and contentment in fulfilling this calling that no other aspect of the holidays can match. If giving calls you, remember there still is time to sew for philanthropy this month; read on for Judy and Terri's dates and drop-off guidelines.

If you are feeling anxious and need a bit of peace, give yourself the time to join us on Zoom for Helen Godden, a wonderful speaker on the 14th. Once again, due to the godsend of technology, we are able to host a quilter from Australia. Being in the company of a very creative person and taking a little journey to her part of the world will refresh you and will elevate your appreciation of quilting.



And when you join us this month, let's make our guild meeting festive! Wear your favorite holiday sweater, hat or headgear, and enjoy a festive drink, something we just don't get to do when we meet in person.

I can't wait to see you all gathered around the screen. Savor this opportunity and enjoy peace and inspiration with your quilting sisters. Happy holidays to you all!

Loraine

Zoom Link for December 14, 2021

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85639215861?pwd=-RWt0THRzWFB2MkxtOU9KKzNEYXk4dz09>

Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting

Meeting ID: 856 3921 5861

Passcode: 369011

Philanthropy Report

Philanthropy has been busy receiving and giving this month. We distributed 31 quilts, 4 pillowcases, and 5 hand warmers. The following organizations were visited: Will County Children's Advocacy, Silver Cross Hospital, Northwest Medicine Central DuPage Hospital, DuPage Habitat 4 Humanity, and Open Doors. We welcome suggestions of organizations we can include in giving. We have currently contacted NADS, national association for downs syndrome and family services of DuPage County to see if they can contact us with a guardian ad litem.

In the spirit of giving, we have added Christmas stockings again this year. **December 16th** is the last day to drop off stockings. The intranets have a plethora of patterns and tutorials or check the email blast that was sent on November 30th that included a tutorial and pattern for a stocking. We have two organizations that will receive the stockings.

All donations have been received with thanks and appreciation. We received a thank you from a recipient of a home, and quilt, from Habitat 4 Humanity. They currently have ten homes that families will soon be gifted.

We are currently accepting hand warmers, quilts, stockings, and pillowcases. Philanthropy has kits for quilt tops and hand warmers. We thank our Guild members for their time, energy, and materials. This month we had ten members to help continue the giving.

There will be a temporary change in contact person for philanthropy. From January 4th until March 3rd, please

contact Carol Rubeck for drop-off of philanthropy donations. Contact information in the Riverwalk directory. **There will not be drop off or pick up Dec 21st thru Jan. 3rd.**

Happy Healthy Holidays to all,
Terri Hayes and Judy Long

Special Events

Complete Your UFOs!

Many of us have a lot of UFOs, while some of us have just a few. Sometimes, a little motivation can help propel us across the finish line. Send me a photo by December 13 of a UFO that you've finished. At the guild meeting, I'll show the photos of completed UFOs and draw the name of a winner for the month.

The monthly winner will receive a Cash and Carry small, zippered wallet that I've completed from my collection of UFOs. Monthly winners will be selected in January, February and March. In March, when we have our long-delayed guild holiday party, a name will be drawn from all the monthly submissions, and the winner will receive a \$50 gift card for a local quilt shop.

Send your photo to the following email address and please be sure that you don't add an s after event in the address: rggSpecialevent@gmail.com

Carol Wilhoit



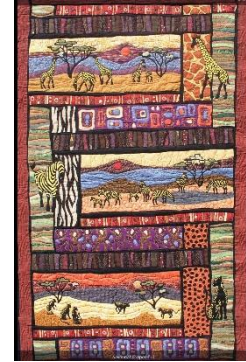
Spotlight on December 14, 2021



Helen Godden, Australia "Top 10 Art Quilt Techniques"

<https://helengodden.com>

Helen self-describes as an “extreme free motion machine quilter.” She has been a life-long artist, becoming a quilter after a couple decades. She uses her painterly talent to create whole cloth quilts and also does numerous applique quilts, for which she is award-winning. She offers an online block of the month quilt where painting rather than piecing can be featured. This month of December, she is hosting a daily Christmas quilt-along at <https://youtube/UwGe0oCbTmA>. Quilt subjects are varied including portraits and Australian themed. She can be found on Instagram and YouTube



January 11, 2022 Sujata Shah, California



"The Root Connection"

<https://therootconnection.blogspot.com/p/blog-page.html>

Sujata is a graphic designer with a calligraphy major and is originally from Mumbai, India. She seeks to capture the individuality of varied makers, using techniques of hand-turned applique and piecing. She draws inspiration more recently from the Gee’s Bend quilters and Godharis from India. However, her award-winning quilts are influenced by several cultures and are included in a recently published book. You can find her in a blog, on Instagram and YouTube.



Programs Remaining for Guild Year January 2022-June 2022

January 11, 2022. Zoom, Sujata Shah from California
"The Root
Connection" <https://therootconnection.blogspot.com/p/blog-page.html>

February 8, 2022. Zoom, Valerie Goodwin from Florida
"Mapping Narratives using Fabric, Paint and
Thread" <https://www.valeriegoodwinart.com>

March 8, 2022, Annual Party Meeting will be in person.
More to come!

April 12, 2022, Philanthropy evening sew-in. Meeting
will be in person. More to come!

May 10, 2022 Sarah Nishiura from Chicago - our 1st in-
person speaker! "Sarah Nishiura: Trunk
Show" <https://www.sarahnishiura.com>

June 14, 2022 Schoolhouse Meeting will be in person.
More to come!

Important: Some lectures may look the same on paper,
but each presenter is unique in their approach, artistic
and teaching style, tips, tricks, and space- saving
approaches. Learn something whatever your style,
ability level and interest to apply to your own projects.
Don't miss the opportunity to learn from some
recognized talents coming to your own backyard.

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Social Media

All Members are encouraged to try a
bit of sharing through social media this
month. Maybe a grandchild, niece,
nephew or friend could give you a
private lesson for an activity during
Winter Break!

Send me your pictures....maybe wait till
12/26 if you are giving your special
projects to social media followers.

Our IG is @naperriverwalkquilts. Share
your own work or repost one of your
favorite professional quilters. I have
been taking advantage of some
tutorials that I have found on
Instagram.

It is a fun time of year to decorate and
give gifts with some of your quick
projects.

Here are a couple of my favorite sewers
to follow@jenib320
and @zoemayson. These pattern
designers have perfected various ways
to use cloth bags for storage and
wrapping.

Margaret Donahue
RQGSocialMedia@gmail.com

Hospitality, Leesa Jump

Christmas season is here! The most exciting time of the year! I'm sharing two recipes for the holidays. The first one is my mom's cheese ball recipe. Since this will be my first Christmas without her, I'm trying to remember her with the special things that she made. The cappuccino punch recipe is always a crowd pleaser. You can add your favorite coffee liqueur to make it an adult drink. Enjoy!

Cheese Ball

1 lg. pkg of Philadelphia cream cheese
2 pkgs. sharp cheese (Kraft Nippy)
2 tablespoons of Worcestershire sauce
1/4 teaspoon of garlic salt
1/8 teaspoon of white pepper
1/8 teaspoon of onion salt



Mix all ingredients together. Form into a ball. Roll in finely chopped dried beef & parsley. Serve with crackers.

Cappuccino Punch

1/2 cup sugar
1/4 cup instant coffee granules
1 cup boiling water
2 quarts milk
1 quart vanilla ice cream, softened
1 quart chocolate ice cream, softened



In a small bowl, combine the sugar and coffee; stir in boiling water until dissolved. Cover and refrigerate until chilled. Just before serving, pour coffee mixture into a 1-gallon punch bowl. Stir in milk. Add scoops of ice cream; stir until melted. Yields: about 1 gallon

Upcoming Events



"Better Together!" March 8, 2022

Let's celebrate the return to meeting in person with a party!

Plan to wear your funniest or most unique face mask. I know you all are creative!

There will be no potluck this time. Instead, there will be individually packaged snacks. And we will follow the current restaurant routine of masks off to eat, masks on to walk around.

Activities planned include:

- Rummage sale - Save your surplus to donate and bring your money to buy.
- Show and Tell - Let's see your quilts made during these crazy months in their full size in person.
- Food pantry donations

So, RQG members, be sure to save the date for good times at the "Better Together" party on March 8, 2022!

If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help with the party you can contact me, **Amy Shuter**, at rqgholiday@gmail.com

RQG Rummage Sale

We have scheduled our annual RQG (members only) rummage sale for next March 8th. Now is the time for you to start thinking about cleaning out your sewing supplies-- fabric, patterns, books, thread, notions, etc., so that when the holidays are over, you will have a plan. Please put similar items together in a plastic bag (thread, buttons, etc.) No need to price your items. In the past instead of marking items with prices, we accepted what the buyer would pay. I am trying to figure out a fair way to price them. Ideas--Instead of you measuring and marking your fabric yardage, we might sell it by the pound--as one pound of good quality fabric equals about 1 yard. Some guilds give out brown paper grocery bags and let members fill the bag with items and pay \$20/bag. We need some new ideas on how to operate this sale. Let me know if you have anything to suggest.

Meanwhile, take a bit of time each day to go through your sewing stuff. You might even find stuff you never realized you have. Be realistic/ruthless in thinking if you will ever in your "lifetime" use that fabric or notion, etc. If you will be out of town prior to the sale, please ask one of your friends to store your items and bring them to the sale.

Library News

Digital Learning opportunities

Interested in learning more about these techniques?

*Thread Painting...Curved Piecing...
Machine Quilting...Precision Piecing*

We have books with DVD's by Ann Fahl; Patsy Thompson; Marti Mitchell and Jacquie Gering in our library for you to learn and improve your skills in these areas.

There are also some Quilting Arts TV Series 200 & 300 and workshops on DVD.

Go to:
<http://www.librarything.com/catalog/RWQG> and click on "tags" and "DVD" to select the titles you want.

Choose your books and order by email:
rqglibrarian@gmail.com. You will be notified when they are available to pick up.

Your books can be returned to Linda Kurcz or Lynn Hamilton at any time to pass along to others.

If you would like to have your own PDF list of the library book titles, we will email it to you upon request.




As a reminder, you can take our 1 question **survey** here [Library survey](#) to let us know what sorts of topics you'd like to see represented in the library.

Linda & Lynn

Helpful Hints

How to Post a Photo to Instagram

To upload a photo or take a new one on Instagram: Download the Instagram App for Android and iPhone and open it:

1. At the top, tap  then scroll to **Post** at the bottom:
 - To upload a photo from your phone's library, select the photo you'd like to share.
2. Tap **Next** (iPhone) or  (Android), then add a caption or your location.
3. When you're done, tap **Share** (iPhone) or  (Android).

Once you've taken or uploaded a photo, you can add [effects or filters](#), [a caption](#) and [your location](#) before posting.

Instagram Lite app

Instagram.com from a computer

OUTSIDE EVENTS OF INTEREST

NILAG—The Northern Illinois Longarm Guild

NILAG was established in 2009 as a group of quilters who wanted to learn more about longarm quilting and to interact with others who enjoy machine quilting. Pre-Covid, we met in person; however, after meeting this last year on Zoom, we decided to keep this format as our members are now scattered over a wide area of Chicagoland. We also like how visible our speaker's visuals show up on Zoom as we are interested in how the quilting design reflects the piecing of the quilt.

We all have a love of machine quilting. Some of our members quilt for others. Some volunteer to quilt for philanthropic organizations like Quilts of Valor and Quilts Beyond Borders. Some quilt only for themselves. Some have longarm machines. Others have mid-arm or regular sewing machines. Speakers for 2022 include award-winning Christina Bono Arcenegui from Spain, award-winning Bethanne Nemish, and Sue Heinz. There are lectures and workshops available.

Riverwalk Quilt Guild members of NILAG are Sandy Bray, Rita Farrell, Kathleen Herbach, Linda Kurcz, and Nancy Sturgeon. We can answer your questions.

We meet on the first Saturday of every other month at 9:30 a.m. beginning February 3rd, 2022. Our dues are \$25 annually. To read more about our programs and to join the Guild, go to nilag.org.

2021-2022 RQG EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE POSITIONS

POSITION	NAME
President	Lorraine Nemo
Vice President	Sandy Bray
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Treasurer	Tracy Husch-Lissak
Contracts/Programs	Joan Der
Contracts	Sherry Gendel
Facebook & Instagram	Margaret Donahue
Holiday Party	Amy Shutter
Hospitality	Lisa Jump
Library	Lynn Hamilton and Linda Kurcz
Membership	Sue Damitz
Newsletter	Laura Weston
Philanthropy	Terri Hayes &
Photo Membership Directory & Rummage Sale	Nancy Sturgeon
Quilt Show	Available - TBD
Small Quilt Auction	Rachelle Sheffer
Special Events	Carol Wilhoit
Website	Rosemary Sanza
Video Communication	Kathy Herbach

Something to add?

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RiverwalkQG.newsletter@gmail.com by 4th Tuesday of the month.

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