

Riverwalk Quilters Guild

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President's Message
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February 13
Sue Pawlowski
Lecture: No Work - All Play

With winter in full swing, and the super cold temps we have had, it's a great time to be a quilter. I love being in my sewing room, cozy and warm, when it's so frigid and nasty outside.

We hope you had a lot of fun at the holiday party in January. The rummage sale was a huge success! (Did you see how much stuff we had?) I think everyone went home with a few new treasures.

It's time again to start thinking about volunteering for the board. Most of the positions on the board are turning over. We would love to have the slate of new officers early, so if you want one of the easy jobs, NOW is the time to speak up. We'd love to have you on the board.

Cheryl



Join us at our February guild meeting to learn from Sue Pawlowski, who founded Jack Squares Studio. She has been quilting for 23 years and recently began designing her own patterns.

She also runs a successful long-arm quilting business and teaches classes at many local quilt shops. Come attend her lecture "No Work, All Play" and see a selection of her fabulous quilts!

What to Bring February 13

- Name Tags
- Food Pantry Donations
- Treats
- Favorite Mug

Upcoming Programs

March 13
Emily Parson
Lecture: 30 Years of Quiltmaking

April 10
Philanthropy Sew In

May 8
Tim Latimer
Lecture: Time Span Quilts

June 12
Sassafras Lane
Lecture: TBD
Workshops: TBD

Hospitality
Deb Obrieht
rqghospitality@gmail.com

Only one person signed up to bring treats for the February 13th meeting. Thanks Kathy H. Please consider bringing something. It will be greatly appreciated.

Deb Obrieht

Membership
Tina Orlita & Carol Rubeck
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The January annual members party was attended by 54 members. There are currently 100 members as of this newsletter.

Tina Orlita & Carol Rubeck

Library News
Lynn Slaughter & Mary Walschot
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Work on the materials inventory continues. Information is being entered onto an Excel Spread Sheet by Title, subject matter, and author. This list will be put onto a memory stick. The goal is to produce printed Lists which can be sorted by title, subject, or author. We hope to have this project completed in May.

Mary and Lynn

Philanthropy
Lucy Blasi & Kathleen Curtis
rqgphilanthropy@gmail.com

Edwards Hospital called asking for more Heart Pillows. If we could get some at the Feb 13th meeting that would be wonderful. Thank you.

We want to deplete our Philanthropy fabric stash. Many of our pieces are small and can't be used for backing. At the April Sew In our main focus will be cutting squares to make kits for quilt tops and patient bags. If you want to sew, you can. We will provide more information at the February meeting.

We received the following Member Donations:
Deb Obrieht – returned 1 Quilt (quilted and bound) and took 1 to finish

Nancy Niswander – returned 1 quilt (quilted and bound)

Sue Damitz – 1 quilt top and backing

Thanks to Sharon Robson for filling up the Philanthropy bag with fabric goodies from the January Holiday Party.

Thank you to all the members who kindly donated. We appreciate all you do for us.

Special Events
Sue Damitz, Darlene Ebel and
Nancy Ebel
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Member's Subsidize Sewing Retreat
February 17, 2018

Please join us on **Saturday, February 17, 2018** for our next guild's member subsidize sewing retreat from 8:00 to 4:30. We currently have 21 members signed up for the retreat and have room for more. You can sign up and pay at the February meeting.

We are holding the retreat in our usual meeting room at the church. Since the last two retreats worked well, we will be doing things similar this time again. The cost to attend is \$10.00 which covers a lunch box and holds a spot for you and is non-refundable if you cancel after we have placed the food order. The following drinks will be provided: bottle water, coffee, and hot tea. Please specify your Box Lunch Choice: Salad, Poultry Sandwich, Tuna Sandwich, or Beef Sandwich when signing up.

Each of you will get a 6 foot or share a 10-foot table for your sewing area. In addition, the following areas will be available for all to use: layout, cutting, ironing, and lunch area. We will be providing 4 ironing stations and 3 cutting areas with large mats. To add to the excitement of the day, there will be door prizes provided. Last retreat each participant went home with a door prize and we plan to repeat this.

This will be a day for you to sew on your own projects. Contact Sue Damitz and join us for another fun day of sewing and fellowship with other guild members.

Special Events
Sue Damitz, Darlene Ebel, and Nancy Ebel

Have a Heart Food Collection

It has been a Riverwalk tradition at our January party to bring donations for the local food pantry. Since this didn't quite get off the ground last month, we're aiming for this month. February is the perfect time to donate, as donations diminish after the holidays. And since it's February, think about bringing donations that are hearty and heart-healthy!

Need ideas? Here's a list from Loaves & Fishes:

whole grain cereal and pasta
oatmeal
no-sugar canned fruit
beans
lentils
dried fruit
coffee, tea
rice, couscous

Non-food items: toothpaste, toilet paper, detergent

Lorraine Nemo

Philanthropic Request

I am helping a group create polar fleece scarves for adults and children this April (for distribution next fall). If you have some polar fleece that you would like to donate I will gladly add it to our supply and turn it into beautiful scarves for the needy. I am working with Sharing Connection to distribute them. Thank you so much!

Kathy Herbach

Quilt Show 2019

Mark your calendars, clear the dates! Riverwalk's next quilt show will be Friday May 11 & Saturday May 12 at NIU Naperville. Make sure your family doesn't plan a wedding, vacation or other special event those days, as it's an all-hands-on-deck weekend! You will not want to miss it! We will be finalizing a theme and committee chairs soon, so, stay tuned, and keep working on those masterpieces. We know you all will have great quilts or quilted items to submit to our show.

Rosemary Sanza & Loraine Nemo

2019 Raffle Quilt

Opportunity Quilt Up-Date

We are ready to make the blocks for the Tula Pink-inspired quilt to be raffled at our 2018 quilt show! The Fabric Fondlers Bee will bring over 100 six-inch block patterns to the February meeting for distribution. We hope you will sign up for and take one or more blocks. They are packaged individually in zip lock bags complete with enough fabric to finish the block. It should only take about 30 minutes or less to put a block together, so it should be a stress-free fun project! We will collect the finished blocks at the April meeting. If by chance, you have problems completing your block, you may contact member Oriene Springstroh for help (see guild directory for phone number).

We look forward to working with you toward completing this exciting quilt! As mentioned before, for those of you who are professional quilters, we will be looking for someone to help us make this a cost-effective project. Please consider making a proposal bid when it is time.

Oriene Springstroh

RQG January 2018 Rummage Sale Report

The January 2018 RQG Rummage Sale was successful in many ways. It inspired members to clean out their sewing rooms of excess fabric, notions, quilting magazines, quilting patterns etc. and it was a fun event for all who were looking for bargains—of which there were quite a few. The profits benefit the Guild treasury.

In addition, our sale helps others. I am taking the leftover patterns and magazines to the Wayside Cross Sweet Charity Resale Shop, 3450 Montgomery Road, Suite 11, Aurora 630-820-0447. It is west of Rte. 59 and just north of Montgomery Road (which is 83rd Street in Naperville.)

The books are going to the AAUW (American Association of University Women) for their early summer book sale. AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. Proceeds from the book sale benefit AAUW scholarships, fellowships and other programs supporting women and girls.

A big thanks to Jen Beatty who took the rest of the "stuff" including the leftover fabric to the Salvation Army Store at 1031 E State St, Geneva.

Thank you very much to all members who donated merchandise, those who came early to help set up and organize the sale, those who helped with the actual sale, and those who helped pack up and carry out the many cartons of left-over merchandise! We couldn't have done it without you.

Quilt Kits for Sale

If you have any suggestions on how to improve our next rummage sale, please let me know. We do have one suggestion already—please do not use straight pins either to pin fabrics or items together (use a safety pin!) and please don't attach your price tags with straight pins. No one wants to paw through the merchandise and get stuck with a pin or needle!

Additionally, I will be bringing patterns and magazines left over from the January Rummage Sale to the February meeting. Magazines and patterns will be 25-cents each. I have sorted the patterns into categories including Holiday, Table Runners and Mats, Animals, Applique, Purses, and Pieced Quilts. There is a lot of good stuff left. Bring your change purse!

Thanks again for a successful sale.

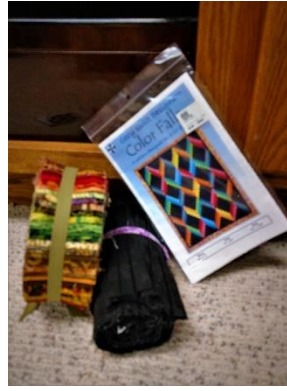
Nancy Sturgeon

Tina Orlita has many quilt kits for sale that will be at our February 13 meeting.

Here is a list of some of the kits for sale:

Cheese and Crackers \$40
Rainbow Reflections from Moda \$35
Color Falls \$35
Done Quilt kit \$30
Vista pattern with fabric for either quilt \$35
Orange Slices \$35
Blueberry Jelly \$30
Nature's window (complete kit with magazine) \$50

See photos below.



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Riverwalk Quilters Guild
2017- 2018 Board & Committees

If you need something added or changed on the website www.riverwalkquilters.com, please email Kathleen Pallardy at the rqqwebsite@gmail.com

Please contact Kathleen Pallardy 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.

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Full Page \$50.00 * Half Page \$25.00
Quarter Page \$12.50 Eighth Page \$ 5.00

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<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

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Nominating Chair (2017/2018 Board Year)	Open
January Holiday Party	Carol Gruchala
	Anita Nothdurft
	Linda Yokelson
Rummage Sale	Nancy Sturgeon
Raffle Quilt Chair & Committee	Fabric Fondlers Bee
Show Chair	Loraine Nemo and Rosemary Sanza