

# Riverwalk Quilters Guild

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## President's Message

Cheryl Sleboda  
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Hello there from the new board!

I hope you are as excited as I am for the new calendar year here at the Riverwalk Quilters Guild. The new board is raring to go with lots of cool things planned for you. 2016-2017 is going to be one of the best yet!

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Vicki Laws for her service as President these last two years! She did a fabulous job running the ship we call "quilt guild" and I know she worked very hard behind the scenes to make the guild run as smoothly as it did. Thank you so much, Vicki!

I'd also like to thank everyone who is outgoing on our board whose service we enjoyed all year long. To our incoming board, thank you all, as well, for helping us navigate the future of the guild. We would not be here without our amazing volunteers, and we don't say it often enough how much we appreciate you.

This year is all about our members. We want to know what kind of fun things we can do to make the guild nights you spend with us the best they can be. Please be sure to tell us what you would like, and we will do our best to try to make that happen. We are excited to get down to work and have another excellent year.

Cheryl Sleboda

## July 12, 2016 Program

Kathy Tracey  
"A Little History of Quilting"



## Welcome Young Sewers!



We welcome young sewing enthusiasts to our July guild meeting Round up your kids and grandkids, sewing students and neighbor children and bring them along to hear Kathy Tracy's story about how she went from doll quilt creator to avid quilter. **Kids high school and younger—no guest fee.**

**Kathleen Tracy** is a quilt pattern designer and author who sewed her first small quilt in 2000. Making quilts for her daughter's American Girl dolls sparked an interest in history and led to the publication *American Doll Quilts* in 2004. Kathleen is inspired by antique quilts in making her small scrappy quilts from simple blocks. She hopes that her books make the past come alive and give quilters a connection with quilters from long ago. Kathleen is also the author of *Prairie Children & Their Quilts*, *Remembering Adelia* and *The Civil War Sewing Circle*. A new book on small quilts will be published in December.

Kathleen lives in the Chicago area and lectures at quilt guilds in the U.S. She also conducts workshops on small antique-style quilts. She is an avid reader and loves gardening, cooking and making simple beaded jewelry. Visit her at her website: [www.countrylanequilts.com](http://www.countrylanequilts.com) and her blog <http://sentimentalquilter.blogspot.com>.

## What to Bring – July 12

- Name Tag
- **Checkbook or Cash & Membership Renewal Form**
- Treats if you signed up and snacks for our young sewers
- Library books
- Show and Tell



**August 9, 2016**  
**School House**

Be Excited! We will have 5 creative individuals who are enthusiastic about quilting and the fiber arts. Their demonstrations will expand our creativity.

Mary Cieslak	"Crocheted rugs using fabric strips"
Linda Kurz	"Beading around your binding"
Jean Lacher	"Sandwiching your quilt using a table, binder clips and PCP"
Ute Murrin	"Adding felted wool to your fabric creations"
Yvette Thorn	"Adding texture to your quilts or other fiber creations"

**September 13, 2016**

**Jane Sassaman**

**Lecture: Jane's Textile Treasure Garden"**

After a varied career in the design world, Jane began to quilt in 1980. She found that these "soft paintings" satisfied the draftsman, the craftsman and the artist in her. She is now a dedicated (some say "obsessed") quilt artist and fabric designer.

Jane's art quilts have been shown in many national and international exhibits including Quilt National 1989-2005 and Contemporary American Quilts, the first major exhibit of American art quilts in England. Her quilt "Willow" was named as One of the One Hundred Best American Quilts of the Century. Jane is also the author of *The Quilted Garden* which includes twenty years of her work and exercises for making nature-inspired quilts.

Jane's love for historic decorative arts is especially evident in the exuberant fabric she is designing for Free Spirit. Her designs are oversized and colorful and have been coined as "William Morris on anti-depressants." They are created for quilts, wearables and home decorating. Her latest book, *Patchwork Sassaman Style*, beautifully illustrates her fabric "in action."



**Workshop,  
September 14  
Suns & Moons  
(at the left).  
9:00-4:00  
Fee \$50 (lunch  
Extra)  
95<sup>th</sup> Library**

Sign up at the July Guild meeting or contact Kathy Herbach at [kathleen.herbach@gmail.com](mailto:kathleen.herbach@gmail.com).

It isn't necessary to use Sassaman fabrics for the Workshop. Feel free to bring solids, simple prints and batiks from your stash. Jane's black and white graduated dots are from many years ago, so they will be impossible to find. Jane will bring some fabric bundles to class for purchase, as well.

***Upcoming Programs***  
***October 2016 to June 2017***

**October 18, 2016 – Third Tuesday**  
Small Quilt Auction

Quick Reminder – The Small Quilt Auction will be October 18th (THIRD Tuesday). This is our annual fundraiser and we will need donations. Please think of a project for some fun items to auction. I am looking forward to seeing them!

For those of you who are new to the guild, the typical items that are donated are table runners, baby quilts, lap quilts, wall hangings (holiday or otherwise), placemats, tote bags, etc. Best ideas are the things that you would like to own yourself. We have a live auctioneer and fun is had by all. I will be urging you to invite friends to attend. I would love for you to contribute an item you have made in 2016.

Volunteer(s) needed for Raffle Baskets – I am looking for a volunteer who would be willing to co-ordinate and assemble 2 raffle baskets for the auction. Please contact Rosemary Sanza 630-357-0863.

Thanks

**November 8, 2016**

**Denise Havlan “Quilting Journey”**

Denise began her quilting career in 1989. Her quilts focus primarily on representational subject matter such as people, animals, landscape etc. The trunk show that will be presented with her lecture will take us through a brief but inclusive history of the work from her beginnings to the award winning quilts of today.

**Workshop: November 9 Nester**

Sign up at the July Guild Meeting.

Program Host: Ruth Hild

Time 9:00-4:00. Fee \$43 (lunch extra)

A Kit fee of \$15 is required paid directly to Denise Havlan. Location: 95<sup>th</sup> Street Library, Naperville



**December 13, 2016**

Melissa Wraalstad. Executive Director of Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts

*“Treasures from the Vault”*

**January 10, 2017**

Holiday Party and Rummage Sale

**February 14, 2017**

Valli Schiller *“My Life in Quilt Years”*

**March 14, 2017**

Maggie Weiss

*“The Sacred Feminine in Fiber”*

**April 11, 2017**

Philanthropy Sew- In

**May 9, 2017**

Lisa Binkley

*"Adding Sparkle & Texture to  
your Quilts"*

**Workshop: May 10**

Bead Embroidered Mini Quilts

**June 13, 2017**

Susan Cleveland of Pieces Be with You

Lecture TBA

**Workshop June 14 TBA**

### **Membership**

**Yvette Thorn & Linda Kurcz**

[raamembership@gmail.com](mailto:raamembership@gmail.com)

#### **Membership Renewal Time!**

Here we are again at the beginning of a new year for membership:

If you haven't already done so, please make a copy of the membership form at the end of this newsletter, fill it out and bring it to the July Meeting (with a check for \$35 made out to Riverwalk Quilters Guild). We will also have some forms at the check in table the night of the July meeting.

Membership cards are available. Please pick up a membership card at the RQG Membership Table at the July meeting if you haven't already received one!

As a RQG Member you are eligible to apply for a JoAnn VIP card and save 10% on every purchase. (Yes there are some exceptions! But I've received the discount in most cases.) Check their website or ask in the store for details.

### **Hospitality**

**Tracy Husch-Lissak and Sandy Alfaia**  
[rqghospitality@gmail.com](mailto:rqghospitality@gmail.com)

Please mark your calendar to bring treats to the July 12th meeting. We will be hosting young quilters and want to make sure they feel welcome that night.

A special thank you to Celeste Akre for the Anniversary cake. Enjoyed by all!

Thank you!

### **Philanthropy**

**Lucy Blasi & Kathleen Curtis**

[rqgphilanthropy@gmail.com](mailto:rqgphilanthropy@gmail.com)

Hello everyone. It has been a very successful year for Riverwalk Quilt Guild. We broke all of our giving records!!! Thank you for putting up with my nagging and begging. And a giant thank you to Joanne for being a great partner. These numbers are approximate, but very close. Get ready for July1, 2015 to July1, 2016!!!

- 255 quilts
- Over 225 heart pillows
- 100 port pillows
- Stuffed frogs, elephants, dolls and hats.

Our sew-in gave us 40 rag quilts in addition to the above.

SO, THANK YOU ALL FOR ALL YOU DID.

Sandy Hess

## **Library News**

**Carol Rubek & Judy Long**  
[rqglibrarian@gmail.com](mailto:rqglibrarian@gmail.com)

No Library news.

## **Special Events**

**Sue Damitz, Darlene Ebel and  
Nancy Ebel**  
[rqgspeialevents@gmail.com](mailto:rqgspeialevents@gmail.com)

**"Mini-Maker Day" at Naperville  
Settlement (formerly known as  
"Trade's Day")**  
**Sunday, July 24th,**  
**1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

We have the opportunity again to represent our guild, get information to the public, and recruit new members at the Mini-Maker Day at Naper Settlement on Sunday July 24th from 1:00 - 4:00 pm.

They will be showcasing trades and skills that were common in the 1800's. We hopefully will be in the Tavern as you enter, and need volunteers to do hand quilting, hand appliqué or sewing, and piecing. Who would be able to help on Sunday, July 24th between 1-4 pm?

Please email [specialevents@riverwalkquilters.com](mailto:specialevents@riverwalkquilters.com) or signup at the July meeting if you are able to help. In addition, we will be spreading news of our Small Quilt Auction. Don't forget to bring your sewing handwork that afternoon.

**Lisle Depot Days**  
**September 17th - September  
18th**  
**Noon to 5 p.m.**

RQG Quilters will be demonstrating at this annual family festival on Saturday, Sept. 17th and Sunday, Sept. 18th. It is held at the Museum at Station Park campus, 923 School St. in Lisle Noon to 5 p.m.

Handwork is preferred as this is a celebration of what life was like 100 years ago. We will be joining blacksmiths, bakers, lace makers and spinners, a petting zoo area and so much more! If you can stay the whole afternoon, a box lunch is provided. Look for a clipboard at the July and August meetings or contact Sue Damitz at [specialevents@riverwalkquilters.com](mailto:specialevents@riverwalkquilters.com) if you would like to spend a fun day working on one of your hand projects, getting to know other guild members better and spreading the word about our wonderful Guild. It is a great opportunity to share our love of quilting with others. We're looking forward to it.

Come join us!

## Upcoming Midwest and Local Events

### Expressions in Fiber July 5-30

Hours: Tuesdays 7-9; Wednesdays 4-7; Thursdays 11-2 and 7-9; Fridays 11 -3; Saturdays 11-4.

**Opening Reception July 8, 2016 7-9 pm**

**Vogt Visual Art Center 708-309-4371**

**17420 S 67<sup>th</sup> Ct. Tinley Park, IL**

Come and meet quilt artists **Denise Havlan**, Joy Nebo Lavrencik, and Roslyn DeBoer at the Opening Reception.

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**American Quilter's Society QuiltWeek in Grand Rapids, Michigan, August 10 to August 13**, DeVos Place Convention Center, 303 Monroe Ave NW, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Admission to AQS QuiltWeek includes access to all special exhibits and the Merchant Mall, with more than 150 vendor booths. Hours are 9:00 a.m.to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday through Friday, August 10-12, and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 13.

To purchase tickets, and for more show information visit <http://www.quiltweek.com/locations/gr-and-rapids> or call (270) 898-7903. American Quilter's Society has arranged for discounted hotel rates available through our website. Click the lodging tab and book your room today!

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### Enter the NEW! National Modern Quilt Competition: QUILTFEST GOES MOD!

Quiltfest Oasis Palm Springs and the Pacific International Quilt Festival presents the 2016 National Juried & Judged Mid-Century Mod Quilt Competition.

OVER \$6,000 IN PRIZES

Accepted Modern Quilt Competition entries must be available for display at Quiltfest Oasis Palm Springs, October 6-8, 2016 and at the Pacific International Quilt Festival, October 13-16, 2016.

Entry fee includes jurying, judging, shipping between Quiltfest Oasis Palm Springs and the Pacific International Quilt Festival, exhibition at Quiltfest Oasis Palm Springs, exhibition at the Pacific International Quilt Festival and return shipping.

Mid-Century Mod Theme Interpretation / A Brief Statement:

Mid-Century Mod emphasizes the look and feel of mid-20th century design. Artists are asked to draw inspiration from this period, reflecting their own exposures or from the work of artists such as Joan Miro, Piet Mondrian, Victor Vasarely, Frank Stella, etc.

**Postmark & Online Deadline: Tuesday, August 30, 2016.**

For more information, go to <http://www.quiltfest.com/>

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## Upcoming Midwest and Local Events continued

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### Faithful Circle Quilters Guild

4th Wednesday; 7 p.m.; First Presbyterian Church, Downers Grove.

[www.fcquilters.com](http://www.fcquilters.com)

**August 24** Joe Cunningham My Life in Quilts

**Thursday August 25** Joe Cunningham Rock the Block Album Style Workshop All workshops \$45 members/\$55 non-members; 9-3

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### Pride of the Prairie Quilt Guild 7:00PM

Zion Lutheran Church, 11007 Book Rd, Naperville, IL. Guest Fee \$10

**August 18 – Karen Sievert.** Lecture “If These Quilts Could Talk”. She will be introducing an exciting technique for incorporating prairie points into any half- or quarter-square triangles. **Workshop on Friday, August 19** features a stunning quilt, “Color, Color All Around”. Karen’s website is [www.theniftyneedle.com](http://www.theniftyneedle.com)

**September 15 – Barbara Cline.** Lecture and trunk show entitled “Where, When, Why and How of Quilting.” **Workshop on Friday, September 16 –** Star Chain Table runner. Barbara’s website is [www.delightfulpiecing.com](http://www.delightfulpiecing.com)

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### Quilt EXPO—Madison, Wisconsin September 8–10, 2016

<http://wiquiltexpo.com> Check out the web page for more information on the show. *Want your quilt to be adored by thousands of quilting enthusiasts? Enter the Quilt Expo Quilt Contest.*

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### 20-22, 2016: Ricky Tims Super Quilt Seminar with Alex Anderson

Pheasant Run Spa & Resort, St. Charles, IL  
No sewing, no supply list, no UFO to bring home. Space is limited so sign up now.

Early Bird Registration: \$189.00

**Deadline August 2nd**

Registration: \$224

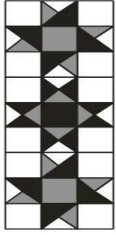
**Deadline October 7th**

Website: [www.rickytims.com](http://www.rickytims.com)

### Website

Kathleen Pallardy  
[rqqwebsite@gmail.com](mailto:rqqwebsite@gmail.com)

If you need something added or changed on the website [www.riverwalkquilters.com](http://www.riverwalkquilters.com), please email Kathleen Pallardy at the [rqqwebsite@gmail.com](mailto:rqqwebsite@gmail.com).



# Expressions in Threads

**JANOME of LeClaire**  
 Fine Quilting Fabrics & Supplies  
 JANOME Sewing Machines

## Fabriganza Returns

**Pre-Sale: Thursday, July 21, 2016 – Admission \$20**

(Profits go to SERVHAITI)

Hors d'oeuvres: 6:00, Shopping: 7:00-9:00

*Call the shop for details and reservations*

**Friday, July 22, 2016 – 8:00 am – 8:00 pm**

**Saturday, July 23, 2016 – 8:00 am – 6:00 pm**

Special Fabric Groupings - \$3-\$8/yard

Double Wides - \$10/yard

208 South Cody Road  
 LeClaire, Iowa 52753

www.expressionsinthreads.com  
 (563) 289-1447

Fabrics from Moda, Quilting Treasures, Red Rooster, Benartex, & more

LeClaire Civic Center

(Across the street from the shop)

Store Hours  
 Mon.-Fri: 10-5  
 Sat: 10-4  
 Sun: Closed

### Riverwalk Quilters Guild 2016-2017 Board & Committees

<b>President</b>	<b>Cheryl Sleboda</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Bev Parker</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Lenore Hrejsa</b>
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	<b>Various Bees</b>
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	<b>Susan Akre</b>
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	<b>Judy Long</b>
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	<b>Sandy Alfaia</b>
<b>Special Events</b>	<b>Sue Damitz</b>
	<b>Darlene Ebel</b>
	<b>Nancy Ebel</b>
<b>Newsletter</b>	<b>Sandy Bray</b>
<b>Back-Up assistant</b>	<b>Nancy Sturgeon</b>
<b>Website</b>	<b>Kathleen Pallardy</b>
<b>Facebook</b>	<b>Kathleen Herbach</b>

<b>Small Quilt Auction</b>	<b>Rosemary Sanza</b>
	<b>****Co-Chair wanted</b>
<b>Nominating Chair (2017/2018 Board Year)</b>	<b>Maria Peeples</b>
<b>January Holiday Party</b>	<b>Doreen Tout</b>
	<b>Mary Walschot</b>
<b>Rummage Sale</b>	<b>Nancy Sturgeon</b>
<b>Raffle Quilt Chair &amp; Committee</b>	<b>****Open</b>

**Advertising rates** are based on one month's issue. Ads must be prepaid and received by the Editor by 4th Tuesday of each month.

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

\*Full page ad available for single month only.

The Riverwalk Quilters Guild newsletter is published monthly. To submit articles for inclusion, contact the editor at [rggnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:rggnewsletter@gmail.com) by **4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month.**

Website: [www.riverwalkquilters.com](http://www.riverwalkquilters.com)

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/Riverwalk>

Riverwalk Quilters Guild meetings -2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday, 7 pm  
 Grace United Methodist Church

300 E Gartner Road, Naperville, IL

RQG Board meetings – 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday, 7pm Grace Church



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Amt. pd.: \_\_\_\_\_

Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

New/Renewal/Change of Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## Riverwalk Quilters Guild Member Information Form

### July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017

Please print clearly:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not have e-mail. Please send my newsletter & membership directory by regular mail, a \$12 additional fee.

\_\_\_\_\_ I would like to receive information on joining or forming a Quilting Bee.

\_\_\_\_\_ I **do not** want photos of my likeness nor my work published in our newsletter, website, or facebook page.

What year did you join the guild? (1<sup>st</sup> year was 1994) \_\_\_\_\_

Which Quilting Bee(s) do you belong to?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**I understand that I am obliged to volunteer for guild activities.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

#### Membership Rates for 2016-2017:

Renewal Fee/New Member Fee: **\$35.00/year**

Fee for Newsletter & Membership Directory Sent by US Mail: **\$12.00/year**

Guest Fee: **\$10.00/meeting**

(Guests who join the Guild within 1 month of paying guest fee: **\$10.00 discount**)

Pro-Rated Membership Fee (new member after Jan. 1): **\$20.00**

*(Make checks payable to **Riverwalk Quilters Guild**. Drop off at guild meeting or mail to: Riverwalk Quilters Guild, PO Box 5092, Naperville, IL 60567)*

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