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# Riverwalk Quilters Guild

## President's Message

Cruising on... "New Year" party

If you've been an RQG member for a while, you no doubt have great memories of our traditional New Year party, potluck dinner, and super FUNdraiser rummage sale. We hoped to hold the party in March, but the board has voted to hold off an in-person soiree. A new date has not been scheduled, but June is being considered since it is our Guild's birthday month...we'll be 28! Stay tuned for future news, as it's our intention to bring back this fun event! We are better together. There will be a program in March in place of the party.

Many thanks to Amy Shuter for all her prep and planning for this event. She rode the waves of uncertainty quite well, and we are grateful for her efforts.

Rummage sale - Have you been saving your pass-along items and wondering what to do? Here are some options:

1) Hang on (and keep stockpiling!) until our potential sale in June. 2) If you aren't able to hold donations, in the past, our Guild sent leftovers to Discoveries resale, Warrenville because they accepted all random items that other places did not. Please call to check hours and donation procedures. 3) Try a Round Robin Rummage. The Material Girls Bee did this during the pandemic: everyone prepares a bag



of their castoffs, and every week or so the bags rotate to someone new, so each bee member gets to select from others' items. It can be quite fun. The lovely runner that currently graces my foyer table was a Round Robin Rummage rescue.

Food pantry donations - It has been our tradition at the January party to collect non-perishable items for local pantries. Donations drop off after the holidays so it's a great time to help out. Here are some local pantries:

Peoples Resource Center, Wheaton  
Lisle Township Food Pantry  
Loaves & Fishes, Naperville  
Warrenville Pantry at Immanuel Presbyterian

Looking forward to warmer weather and being together!

Loraine  
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### Zoom Link for February 8, 2022

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

[Join our Cloud HD Video Meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 856 3921 5861

## Philanthropy Report

Our members have been very busy and generous with their time and materials. Flannel material was donated by a Guild member to be used on burp clothes and receiving blankets for Share Our Spare. The following members donated their time:

Nancy S. quilted 4 quilts and bound 11.  
Norma B. quilted 16 quilts.  
Bev P. Pieced 3 quilt tops and bound 5.  
Linda K. completed 3 quilts and 3 quilt tops.  
Judy L. completed 1 quilt and bound 3.

Twenty quilts were distributed in January to the Ronald McDonald House and Silver Cross Hospital. Thank-you letters were received from Ronald McDonald House and Open Door for our December donations. The letters will be read at the March meeting.

The April Guild meeting is the philanthropy sew in. The project is coin quilts. Information on the coin quilts can be found on the Guild web site. Kits are ready for our Guild members to start sewing.

We will be making the decision on whether to have the April meeting in person or on zoom. The Guild members will be asked for their input via an Evite that will be sent out after the February meeting. The Guild board and committee members have been working together to keep the meetings safe and interesting. Please respond when you receive the Evite. It is important to work together to continue the success of our Guild. We appreciate your patience and input.

Finally, the temporary change in the contact person for philanthropy will continue until March 3rd. Please contact Carol Rubeck for drop-off of philanthropy donations. Contact information in the Riverwalk Guild Directory.

Terri Hayes and Judy Long  
[RQGPhilanthropy@gmail.com](mailto:RQGPhilanthropy@gmail.com)

## 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 a photo of a UFO that you've finished to me by February 7. 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 own collection of UFOs. A monthly winner will be selected again in March. In March, 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](mailto:rggSpecialevent@gmail.com)

Carol Wilhoit  
Special Events

## [Riverwalk Quilt Guild Challenge – Spring 2022: Monochromatic Quilts](#)

It's time for a Riverwalk Quilt Guild Challenge! The theme this year is Monochromatic Quilts.

This challenge was inspired by an exhibit of quilts made in Brazil in 2016. For an idea of the wide range of quilts that can be made in one color, you can view some of those quilts online at:

<http://paulmanley.org/brasil/index.html>

Note that there are links at the bottom of the web page for "Gallery 1," "Gallery 2," and "Gallery 3." Click on each of the Gallery links to see the quilts.

Challenge rules are as follows:

1. The challenge is open to Riverwalk Quilters Guild members only.
2. Quilts or quilted items should be no larger than 400 square inches. (For example, either a 20" x 20" quilt or a 40" x 10" quilt is 400 square inches.) Pieces do not need to be square or flat.
3. Quilts should be made using only one color of fabric. Multiple shades, tones, and tints of the color may be included. The quilt should not include a second color. For purposes of this challenge, black and white are considered to be colors.
4. The piece should include at least some quilting stitches to connect the top, batting and backing layers.
5. Any techniques may be used to create the quilt, including but not limited to piecing, applique, embroidery, embellishment and quilting.
6. Tentatively, the due date for submission is May 3, 2022 (one week prior to the May 10, 2022, meeting). The due date may be moved to a later date, no later than June 14, 2022, depending upon whether the May and/or June 2022 meetings will be in person or online. The final due date will be announced in the Guild newsletter.
7. First, second and third prizes will be awarded. The method for identifying winners (viewers' choice, judging or random selection) will depend upon whether the challenge quilts are shown at an in-person or online meeting.

If you have questions, contact Carol at [rggSpecialevent@gmail.com](mailto:rggSpecialevent@gmail.com)

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## Spotlight on February 8, 2022

**Valerie Goodwin, Florida**

**"Mapping Narratives Using Fabric, Paint and Thread"**

<https://www.valeriegoodwinart.com>



Valerie teaches architectural design and is also a mixed media quilter. She is intrigued by aerial views of landscapes and cities, and her quilts are realistic and evolving to be abstract as well. Imaginary landscapes are also explored. Valerie has many art quilts in private collections. She is offering an on-demand workshop for a quilted map of a personal place, and her book is quite inspiring. You can find her and her award-winning quilts on Instagram and YouTube.

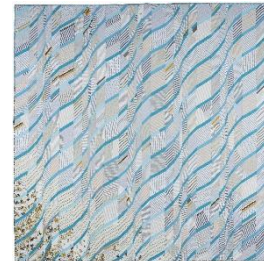


**May 10, 2022, Sara Nishiura, Detroit and now Chicago Trunk Show**



<https://www.sarahnishiura.com/>

Meeting will be Live - In Person. Sarah's formal study of art was in the area of visual arts for her undergraduate work and her emphasis in graduate school was in painting. Sarah learned to sew from her mother and learned to love geometry from her father. From her grandparents, who were great builders, painters, stitchers, weavers and gardeners, she learned that making things is one of the greatest pleasures in life. Sarah's quilts of her unique design are all pieced and then hand quilted. You can find interviews of Sarah on YouTube and many quilt pictures on Instagram.



## Programs Remaining for Guild Year February – June 2022

All speaker presentations through February 2022 will be via Zoom. A meeting invitation will be sent out to all Members the weekend before the meeting.

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

March 8, 2022, TBD. No in-person event. The annual party is moved to June 14.

April 12, 2022, Philanthropy evening sew-in. Meeting will be in person if enough members plan to attend.

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

June 14, 2022, Annual Party - rescheduled from March. Meeting will be in person.

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

Hello members!

I miss seeing your faces and your creations. Some of you I miss less because you are sending me pictures and posts.

I urge all of you to try sharing with the group and the other quilters on Facebook and Instagram.

This month I tried something new. I posted a reel. It was a video of a quilter slicing a rectangle into two long triangles to make a backing fit a larger quilt top.

I also tagged our Guild in a "Giveaway". New fabric lines or patterns are often introduced with a "giveaway" The creator pictures their product and then offers a drawing based on viewers tagging friends for a chance to win. It really is a great way to get people to share new products. I haven't won anything with the guild tag yet but when I do it will be a door prize for our meetings.

Please contact me if you have questions or need help sending photos. We can do this...and soon it will be spring, and we can start sharing outdoors again!

Margaret Donahue  
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## Membership

Know someone that wants to join Riverwalk Quilters. As of January, they can do so for a pro-rated fee of \$20.00 January -June 2022. Have them contact Sue Damitz at [RQGMembership@gmail.com](mailto:RQGMembership@gmail.com).

## What's the buzz....



Here is a great quote recently brought to my attention: **“Limitations spur creativity”**. How has your group or bee been creative given limited opportunities to meet in person? Please share your innovations with our guild via the newsletter. Let's spur each other on to new heights of creativity

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## Bookmark it!

Thinking ahead to our upcoming Guild year during which we'll have a whole new array of wonderful programs, it would be advantageous for the Guild to have, as in the past, bookmarks (yes, paper) with our programs and pertinent Guild info. Quilt shops still get very good traffic, and these would be available at all area shops to encourage membership.

We have a need for someone with the publishing/graphics skills to design these. We can then have them professionally printed on card stock. There are bookmarks from years past to use as a template/starting point.

If you have this skill or know someone who would enjoy doing this for our guild, please contact us.

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## Library News

Winter is the ideal time to learn a new technique or improve upon the skills you have. Our LibraryThing Database lists the 350 books RQG has and is available to you on your favorite device. Go to: <http://www.librarything.com/catalog/RWQG> and click on "tags" to see the variety of titles, authors or subjects in the library. Select the titles you want.

Once you've chosen your books, email: [rqglibrarian@gmail.com](mailto:rqglibrarian@gmail.com) and request the titles. You will be notified when they are available to pick up.

Looking forward to hearing from you!!

Linda & Lynn  
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### Olympic Quilting Essays

The winter Olympics have begun. Remember last year when some of you shared your Olympic quilting moments? If you'd like a dose of inspiration from some of our members, please see the attached to read their Olympic essays.

Lorraine

## RQG Rummage Sale

Due to social distancing concerns with COVID still in our midst, the Board has decided to postpone the rummage sale which was previously scheduled for March. How can quilters practice social distancing when there is a ton of fabric, notions, books and patterns spread across a multitude of tables? No way!

We are thinking of possibly having the sale outdoors on a Saturday in May or June with a rain date the following weekend. It could be held on my driveway and in my front yard with the tables spread out along my long corner lot sidewalk. Lorraine suggested finding a parking lot where we could sell our "treasures" from our car trunk.

We need your ideas as to what you think might work. This event would be separate from a regular Guild meeting. It would be open to RQG members only. Keep going through your quilting "stuff" and setting aside items for our sale. Please think of how we might be able to salvage this event. We want all members to be able to enjoy the thrill of the chase for that perfect fabric and those bargain tools.

Nancy Sturgeon



## Hospitality

With all the frigid weather we've been having, I'm sharing a couple of comfort food recipes this month. The Cranberry Tea can be made in a crock pot. And you can use the slow cooker for the Corn Chowder also.

### Cranberry Tea

- 1 cup sugar
- 1 quart water (4 cups)
- 2 sticks cinnamon
- 12-15 whole cloves
- 5 tea bags
- 1 quart apple juice (4 cups)
- 1 pint cranberry juice cocktail (2 cups)



Boil sugar, water, cinnamon and cloves for 5 minutes. Add tea bags and steep for 5 minutes. Remove tea bags and spices. Add juice. Serve hot or cold. Makes 2 1/2 quarts OR...dump it all in the crock pot, after sugar/tea mixture is heated.

### Easy Corn Chowder

- 1 package frozen hash browns
- 1 package frozen corn
- 2 cans chicken broth
- 1 smoked sausage, sliced and diced for bites
- 2 cups of milk
- Green onion, sliced



Bring hash browns, corn and broth to boil and simmer for 8-10 minutes until hash browns are tender. Add sausage, milk and green onion and season to taste with garlic salt and pepper. Cook until heated through. OR...dump it all in crock pot and cook for several hours while you work on a quilting project!

Leesa Jump

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