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President's Message

Greetings Riverwalk members!

Our guild year runs 7/1 - 6/30, so welcome to a new guild year! As a new board takes over, please support each board member in whatever position they have. While you may not have a specific role in the guild, the support of every member will make our guild strong.

I liken our experience to a large ship on the ocean... the previous board skillfully navigated us through rough seas and storms with a steady hand at the helm. This year with a new crew, we will enter calmer waters, and after several months of what we hope will be a comfortable voyage, we plan in early '22 to come out of our cabins, meet on deck for a great in-person celebration.

This is a great year to join Riverwalk; volunteer needs are rather light. And as Margaret has pointed out,

there will be no need to scrape the ice and snow off your car at guild meetings this winter! You'll be safe and sound in your on-board cabin enjoying our offerings via Zoom.

We look forward to an exciting year. Our ship will be docking at intriguing ports of call. The programs coming up are truly outstanding and represent a wide variety of quilters some from far off lands that we would never be able to host in person.

We plan to feature each of our crew (board members) with a brief bio in coming newsletters. How fun to get to know your board and chairwomen, each of us with a unique background and quilting passions.

Your new board has a few simple requests:
- *Renew your membership* if you haven't already; with a full year of

programs, that's less than \$3 per meeting...a crazy bargain!

- *Invite others to join* including past members, occasional quilters, those out of town or those who go out of town for part of the year.

- *Read your newsletter.* This keeps you in touch with all of the guild happenings, including programs and philanthropic opportunities.

If you have questions about membership, or are not sure how to Zoom, please ask us! Your board is here to support you too and make your RQG experience enjoyable.

See you on Zoom, and until then...

Sew on & sew forth!
Loraine Nemo
President



Social Media Report - *We are sew social!*

Facebook

We are at 534 likes.

10 new followers and 4 comments.

Please talk with Margaret Donahue for assistance.

Instagram

This month we had 113 likes,

People love picture especially philanthropy projects so please share, tag and post!

Philanthropy Report

As we look back at the year, June 2020 to May 2021, we are grateful and amazed at the contributions of time and materials given to philanthropy from guild members and nonmembers. The guild donated 148 quilts, 150 holiday stockings, 16 pet beds, and 96 pillowcases. That was an increase of 54% in quilts and a 270% in pillowcases. New donations were holiday stockings and pet beds. Applause to everyone involved. Donations go to various organizations in DuPage, Will and Kane Counties. We are looking forward to increasing the organizations we donate to. Suggestions are welcome.

We start the new year with a new organization and county to add to our list. Share our Spare is located in Chicago, Cook County, where a total of 41 receiving blankets, 199 burp bibs and 25 changing pads were donated. Other donations this month were 11 quilts to Silver Cross Hospital children's unit in Joliet, 11 quilts to Will County Children's Advocacy Center in Joliet, and 2 pet beds to ADOPT in Naperville.

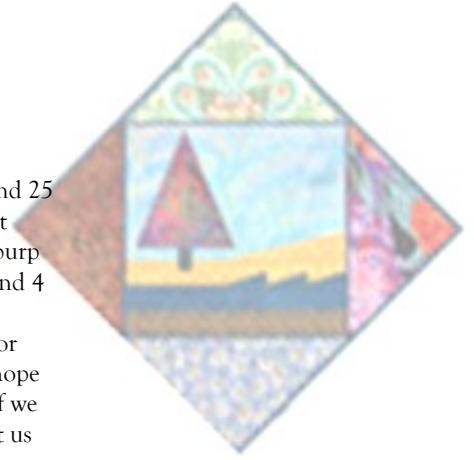
We are able to continue our donations through the efforts of guild members and nonmembers. We received 11 complete quilts from Linda Y. (look in Facebook and Instagram for a couple of

pictures), 26 receiving blankets, 50 burp bibs, and 25 changing pads from Quilt Angel, 13 blankets, 128 burp bibs from Rosemary S., and 4 quilted tops from Terri H. We thank everyone for their contributions and hope we recognize everyone. If we left anyone out, please let us know. We appreciate the time and effort of all members. Our Facebook and Instagram committee members are looking for pictures, don't be shy.

We look forward to inspiring and creating new ways of giving.

Sincerely,

Judy Long, Terri Hayes
Philanthropy Committee.



Programs - The Year's Overview

Programs for July 2021 – June 2022

Enjoy speakers from far and wide!

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

July 13, 2021 Cassandra Beaver from Ohio

“The Whole is Greater Than the Sum of its Parts”

<http://thenotsodramaticlife.com/about/>

August 10, 2021 Timna Tarr from Massachusetts

“Flying Colors”

<http://timnatarr.com>

September 14, 2021 Gloria Loughman from Australia
“The Quilted Landscape”

<https://www.glorialoughman.com>

October 12, 2021. Suzi Parron from an RV on the road.
“American Barn Quilts”

<http://barnquiltinfo.com>

November 9, 2021 Maria Shell from Alaska

“Patchwork to Artwork”

<https://mariashell.com>
<https://talesofastitcher.com>

December 14, 2021 Helen Godden from Australia

“Top 10 Art Quilt Techniques”

<https://helengodden.com>

January 11, 2022. Sujata Shah from California

“The Root Connection”

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

February 8, 2022. 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 To Be Announced

Meeting will be in person.
More to come!

June 14, 2022 To Be Announced

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 our own backyard.



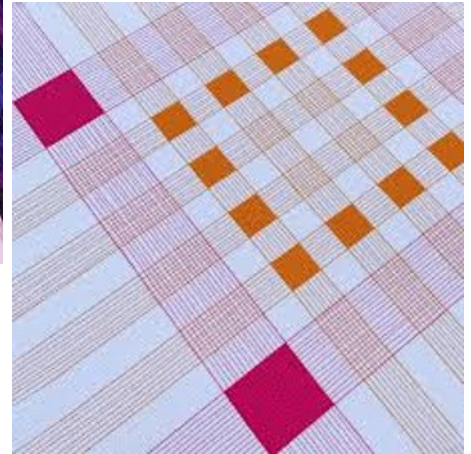
A Spotlight on July 13, 2021

Cassandra Beaver from Ohio

“The Whole is Greater Than the Sum of its Parts”

<http://thenotsodramaticlife.com/about/>

As a trained scenic and costume designer, and then a professor of these subjects, Cassandra is keen to dream up designs and now creates a quilt. Her quilts might be called “modern” or an “art quilt.” Many of the patterns she creates are foundation paper pieced. Several quilts are in the permanent collection of the National Quilt Museum. She has lived in several Midwestern states. She has a blog, newsletter and is on Instagram and YouTube.



Upcoming in August

August 10, 2021 Timna Tarr from Massachusetts

“Flying Colors”

<http://timnatarr.com>

Timna is from a long line of quilters and studied Art History in college. She began long-arming at home in 2001 and now occupies a warehouse studio. Her quilts with circles evolve when sewing many independent blocks and then arranging them on a design wall. Each quilt has a self-assigned challenge. She pieces award-winning contemporary quilts with circles, maps and farm animals. She offers individual zoom workshops, has a blog and is on Instagram and YouTube.



2021-2022 RQG EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE POSITIONS

POSITION	NAME
President	Loraine Nemo
Vice President	Sandy Bray
Secretary	Heidi Enright
Treasurer	Tracy Husch-Lissak
Contracts/Programs	Joan Der
Contracts	Needed to start July 2021 to book programs to start July 2022 and to save our guild!
Facebook & Instagram	Margaret Donahue
Holiday Party	Amy Shutter
Hospitality	Lisa Jump
Library	Linda Kurtz & Lynn Hamilton
Membership	Sue Damitz
Newsletter	Laura Weston
Philanthropy	Terri Hayes & Judy Long
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?

The Riverwalk Quilters Guild newsletter is published monthly. To submit articles for inclusion, contact the editor at :
RiverwalkQG.newsletter@gmail.com by 4th Tuesday of the month.



CRITICAL NEED for Contract Chair(s)

There remains an *urgent need* for someone to fill our contracts position. **According to our by-laws, if this position is not filled, the guild cannot continue.**

The contracts chair would be booking programs for July '22 - June '23. Please keep in mind that this job can be done completely via email from your computer in the comfort of your own home, even in your PJs!

Booking contracts can be done by two people or a team, *perhaps your bee!* There is great potential for it to be an exciting endeavor! As a group, you would brainstorm speaker possibilities and have a designated contact person who is in charge of the actual booking.

While our guild meets each of the 12 months, January is our New Year's party, one month is a philanthropy sew-in, and our small quilt auction is in the fall, so those three months would not require a booking.

Please help keep our guild going and step in to take this position. Your board is working hard to make this year an excellent one for our members, but planning for the following year is crucial. I look forward to hearing from you!

Lorraine and the RQG board