

Riverwalk Quilters Guild

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President's Message

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Small Quilt Auction

October 18 – Third Tuesday

No Guest Fee

October is here and it's my favorite month. The weather turns cooler, the air conditioning and the heat are both off for a while, and it's also the month with Halloween in it. What's not to like?

As you may have seen, the board is doing some fun things to give back to our fabulous membership. Upon coming into the year, we determined we were carrying a surplus of funds. We decided to make the guild meetings more fun with the addition of more door prizes and some other goodies that we hope you will all enjoy. We have boosted a couple of budgets for certain committees, like the Philanthropy and Auction, and we plan to provide some food at the Holiday Party so people can focus on sides and treats. If you are reading this and you are a lapsed member, give joining us a second look, as we are going to have a fantastic year!

I also want to thank everyone who donates to our Small Auction, both your quilts and your time! It's an important event for us to do each year, as we get to engage with the community, show off our work in a "mini show", and get to earn funds that help us make our meetings so great. I encourage you to bring as many friends and family to the event as possible, as there's lots of fun to be had, and of course, quilts to bid on!

Cheryl

Grace United Methodist Church

Preview begins at 6:30 PM; Auction 7:00 PM

The auction is almost here and items are flowing in. Great work ladies! I can't wait to open the doors for the event and get bidding going. I hope you are inviting your friends. A template letter has been sent out, hope that is helpful. Be sure to talk about it, too!

Please make something special. Quilted items made by you within the last year. There are no size limits, but suitable items are wall hangings, lap quilts, baby quilts, totes, table toppers, etc. Think about what items are popular and strive to make something awesome.

Items can be turned in up until Saturday October 16th. (call first)

Heidi Enright 630-778-1475, 840 Mt. Vernon Ct., Naperville

Margaret Donahue 630-548-3501, 1418 Terrance Dr., Naperville

Rosemary Sanza 630-357-0863, 100 Devon Lane, Naperville

And..we will be sending out reminder emails to all those who have volunteered to work the auction about a week in advance of the event.

What to Bring October 18

- *Name Tags*
- *Treats*
- *Friends and Neighbors*

Wanted: Programs Chairperson

We have an open position on the board for the Programs Chairperson. The programs themselves are all set, and we have hostesses who will manage each program, so we just need YOU to supervise all of them through the year. We have done all of the heavy lifting, so you can just come in and manage the events with only a couple hours' worth of time each month, an occasional phone call or send a few emails. This is a low maintenance position since the year is set, and we are happy to give you lots of help. If you have never served on the board before, this is a pretty manageable position, and we'd really LOVE your help! Email Cheryl at rqqpresident@gmail.com for more details.

By-Laws Committee

The itty bitty by-laws committee" met in September and will meet again at 6:00 pm (before the board meeting) on Tuesday, October 25 at Grace Church. It takes a village to update our bylaws, and we welcome your help! If you are interested in being a part of our awesome committee, please email us at info@riverwalkquilters.com

RQG Inventory

Now that we cannot store all of our equipment at the Guild meeting location, we are finding it harder to keep track of our "inventory." If you have anything at your house that belongs to the Guild, please let our secretary, Lenore Hrejsa know.

Kathy Herbach

Rummage Sale

The August 2016 RQG Rummage Sale was successful in many ways. It inspired members to clean out their sewing rooms of fabric, notions, magazines, and patterns. It was a fun event for all who were looking for bargains. And the guild made some money (\$277.25) for its treasury. I took home all the leftover books, magazines and patterns and plan to bring them to the next few guild meetings in case you missed a treasure that you would like to have. They will be free. I will be donating left overs to the Second Chance Resale Shop 1512 N. Naper Blvd., Suite 172, Naperville, IL Phone: [630.955.9599](tel:630.955.9599) which is owned by Family Shelter Service to create an additional source of income to help Family Shelter support their mission to provide "help and hope" to victims of domestic violence in DuPage County." Family Shelter Service gives more than 2,000 children, adults and families affected by violence and abuse the tools and resources they need to heal and recover every year. This shop also provides clients and their families a place to replenish their wardrobes and households with gently used items, free of charge. I don't know if they take magazines so please notify me if you know of any group who accepts magazines. A big thank you goes to Jen Beatty who volunteered to take the left over notions, fabric, and gizmos to the Batavia area Salvation Army Store as I was not able to fit it all in my car. Thank you also **to all Guild members 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 boxes of left-over merchandise. We couldn't have done it without you!**

**November 8, 2016
Denise Havlan
"Quilting Journey"**

The Nov. 8 meeting will be moved to the upper level Activity Center because of the election using the Fellowship Hall. It is easiest to park on the upper level.

Denise is an award winning studio artist and teacher from Plainfield, Illinois. Her work can be seen in galleries and national and international quilt exhibitions. Color, composition and design combine to create "one of a kind" works. Sometimes she used fabric paints to give depth and dimension to these quilts.

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.

Attention working quilters: We have a Saturday workshop just for you!

Workshop: Sat. November 5 Nester (Notice the change to the Sat. before the lecture).

Sign up at the next Guild Meeting. Or email RMHild65@gmail.com to reserve your space.

Program Host: Ruth Hild
Time 8:30 AM-3:00PM. Fee \$43 (lunch extra)
A kit fee of \$15 is required and paid directly to Denise Havlan.
Location: Naperville City Hall lunchroom, 400 E. Eagle St at Aurora Ave.



Mom nests on her brood keeping them safe and warm. With decor fabric as your background you will construct this scene, building the nest using raffia and other various materials. Fused broderie perse will be used to bring foliage into the foreground for a realistic look. Fabric paints will be added to give depth and dimension to our wall hangings.

The new location will be very convenient. We will be able to park in the lower level, roll our machines and supplies into the lower level and turn right into the lunchroom.

**Programs
December 2016 -June 2017**

December 13, 2016

Melissa Wraalstad. Executive Director of Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts
"Treasures from the Vault"

January 10, 2017

Holiday Party

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

**Hospitality
Tracy Husch-Lissak & Sandy Alfaia
rqqhospitality@gmail.com**

Thanks to everyone who brought snacks to our September meeting.

We would like to remind you that we expect more guests since it is our Small Quilt Auction this month. So please consider bringing a snack, sweet or savory, to the October 18th meeting. Finally, in effort to "Go Green" bring a favorite mug to use for coffee, tea, or water. As always, we will have cups if you forget. Thank you.

Library News
Carol Rubek & Judy Long
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We are looking for suggestions for books we might order for our library. Please send suggested book titles to:

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Thank you so much

Membership
Yvette Thorn & Linda Kurcz
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Our guild currently has 102 members. Please review your listing in the photo directory update emailed to everyone in September. If there are any updates to what is listed, please contact Linda or Yvette. We want to thank Nancy Sturgeon for taking the pictures so we can easily identify other members. See Nancy in November if you want your picture included in the next update

Member Gallery Interviews

Over the past six months, the following quilters have been added to the website Member Gallery: Jill Bryan, Luci Blasi, Donna Millican, Sabrina Marton, Nancy Niswander, and Bev Parker. If you would like to be interviewed, please contact Oriene Springstroh.

Philanthropy
Lucy Blasi & Kathleen Curtis
rqgphilanthropy@gmail.com

At the September meeting our Philanthropy Table was busy. We received an outside donation of jelly rolls, layer cakes, batting and various fabrics. Those items were on our table for our members to take for charity sewing. If you ever come across fabric in your stash that you would want to part with, please consider donating it to Philanthropy. We would like to be able to use it for backings or have it available for members to take to sew a charity item.

A member made a suggestion that the charity items need to be displayed at the meeting. We thought that was a great idea so we requested an additional table to be set up at our meetings.

We received the following items for donation:

- 3 Quilt Tops from Jean Hiderbrand
- 7 Elephants from Mary Walschot
- 3 Heart Pillows from Joan Dolinar
- 8 Pillow cases from Loraine Nemo
- 18 port pillows from a Quilters Quest Customer (Thanks Susan Akre for bring them in)
- 2 Quilts and 2 Quilt Tops from Nancy Lindberg
- 3 Heart Pillows from Lucy Maro
- 1 Quilt from Roberta Hollonbeck and Myra Harcourt
- 24 Pillow cases from Kathleen Curtis
- 1 Quilt from Kathy Herbach
- 1 Quilt from Cheryl Wanska
- 1 Quilt from Norma Beckemeier and Bev Parker

Finishing work:

- 1 Quilt form Judy Long
- 1 Quilt from Terri Hayes
- 1 Quilt from Carol Rubeck
- 2 Quilts from Sandy Bray
- 6 Quilts from Oriene Springstroh

My information is only as good as my notes. Last meeting was crazy fun at our table. If I have missed someone, please accept our apologies.

We have a sign in sheet at our table. We would like to document our donations from our members so we can recognize them in our newsletter. We feel it's important to do that because the donations are important to us. Please help us keep good records and make sure you sign in your donations and document what you gave.

Our goal going forward is to have quilt finishing kits available for members to take for finishing. These will be bagged and numbered so we can keep track of what is going out and coming in. When taking a kit for finishing please let us know so we can document it to keep track. Again, we want to recognize our members hard work. Besides, we are both new members and it gives us a chance to chat with you and learn your names.

Currently we are giving to Edward Hospital and Hesel House Aurora. A member made a suggestion about Sharing Connections. We contacted them and we will be setting up a visit in the next few weeks for a tour of their facility.

Another goal is to set up a sheet listing what Charities needs what items and the age group accepting the donation. We feel it's important that our members know where our donations are going to.

Thanks to all of you who took the time to make a birdhouse block. We received many back. They are beautiful. A quilt has been made up from the blocks. We need a few more to complete another one. Patterns will continue to be at our table.....Stop by and pick one up. It's fun to make and a great way to use your scraps.

We have many items that are ready for donation. We will be organizing a trip soon!

Thank you all for your kind donations. We appreciate all you do for Philanthropy. We give because we care!

Lucy and Kathleen

Special Events
Sue Damitz, Darlene Ebel and
Nancy Ebel
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Lisle Depot Days

We had a great turnout by members for Lisle Depot Days on both days, September 17th and 18th. Our members demonstrated hand appliqué, hand quilting, hand binding, English Paper piecing and crewel work on quilting blocks. We handed out bookmarks for the guild and the Small Quilt Auction enabling us to spread the word about our wonderful Guild.

Along with having fun, we got to know other guild members better and to share our love of quilting with attendees. We would like to thank those who joined us: Catherine Redford, Sandy Alfaia, Yvette Thorn, Joanne Sheahan, Celeste Akre, Cheryl Wanska, Susan Akre, and Rosemary Sanza. Many thanks go to Sandy for sharing her appliqué quilt for our backdrops to the booth.

Quilting Bees

We will be checking with existing Quilt Bees to see if they are excepting new members. If you recently joined the guild and checked that you were interested in a bee, I will be contacting you soon. If you are looking to join a quilting bee, contact Sue Damitz.

Quilt Challenge

Finally, we are accepting ideas for our next quilt challenge. This is your opportunity to help us determine what direction we will take.

Sue, Darlene, and Nancy

Upcoming Midwest and Local Events

The annual fiber art show is October 12-November 5, 2016 with the opening Artists Reception on Sunday, October 16, from 2-4pm. The show takes place at the Naperville Fine Art Center & Gallery, 508 N. Center St. Naperville, IL 60563. A guest 25-piece trunk show "Explorations" by the Professional Art Quilt Alliance (PAQA) and Demos by nationally acclaimed quilters and fiber artists will highlight of the Opening Reception.

Show hours: Wed. Thurs. & Fri noon-4pm and Sat. 10am-4pm and there is no admission fee. Questions- [630-369-8650](tel:630-369-8650). Join Us!

October 13 all-day workshop with Debbie Caffrey. Guest fee is \$40. Contact: Jo Chenell at Quilters Plus Guild. jcchenell@comcast.net or 708-746-558

October 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.
Registration: \$224 **Deadline October 7th**
Website: www.rickytims.com

February 2-4, 2017: Bill Kerr from Modern Quilt Studio is lecturing and teaching.

March 204, 2017: Linda M. Poole lectures and teaches on whole cloth painting and applique techniques.

May 6-8, 2016 Nancy Mahoney lectures and teaches two workshops on her paper piecing a pineapple block with a twist, in three sizes, and Granny's Squares.

Each artist has class limits. Full information is found at illinoisquilters.com.
Martha Ross-Mockaitis, IQI
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Thread: It Matters by Barbara Black (Brought to us by Nancy Sturgeon)

While making the Southern Star quilt I wrote about here and here, I used black Mettler 100% cotton 50/3 thread. For the last several years I have pieced exclusively with Superior's Masterpiece 100% cotton 50/3 or Aurifil's MAKO NE 50/2 thread. I also have a supply of inexpensive cotton thread sold on large spools.

Here is what I learned from the experiment I didn't know I was doing:

1. Thread size matters--the Mettler thread is thicker than the Masterpiece or Aurifil
2. With thicker thread I needed to make my seam allowances smaller, just a bit
3. Masterpiece and Aurifil create less lint in the bobbin area
4. Masterpiece and Aurifil put much more thread on the bobbin, less refilling of bobbins
5. The accuracy of your piecing is determined by the size of your units--not the size of the seam allowance--no one sees your seam allowance. When using different thread, check each seam as you create the units--you will find out quickly if the seam allowances need to be adjusted.
6. It is possible to use different machines on the same project. I sewed at the Retreat on my Ruby Red Singer Featherweight and at home on my Bernina 630. Just check your seam allowances between machines to be sure they are the same.
7. While this top was not paper pieced, I know from prior experience that I want to use ONLY the finer thread, Masterpiece or Aurifil, when paper piecing. The added thickness of heavier thread really distorts the finished product when sewing on paper as well as two layers of fabric. And use a small stitch, 1.5 or so, when paper piecing.
8. And a big tip I did not follow this time but will in the future: when sewing primarily Black fabrics, use Navy Blue Thread. When sewing Navy Blue fabrics, use Black thread. When you have to "unsew" and we all do some time on each project, right?, it is oh, so much easier to see the navy thread on black.

Show and Tell

9. When sewing very light to very dark fabrics, use the darker thread color, or close, like navy on black, not the lighter fabric color. If you must sew using a light thread on a dark fabric, make your stitch length shorter than normal--you don't want to see the stitches in the seam allowance from the front of the quilt. This was a Judge's tip I learned when assisting a judge.

10. I'll use the inexpensive thread for basting, maybe machine quilting charity quilts, or other uses where precision is not important, like string piecing. And I will have to clean out the bobbin area at least with EVERY bobbin change, it is very linty!

All in all, like with most things, you get what you pay for. As good thread is now about \$13 a spool you don't want to waste it. Use a "thread kitty", a "starty/stoppy" or a "leader/ender" project to save thread. I wrote a bit about that here. More on that another day.

NOTE: because I use Masterpiece primarily, I buy it on large 2,500 yard cones: that's more than 4 times the 600 yard spools. Most quilt shops would be delighted to order cones for you, just ask. If you don't support your local shop, don't be surprised when it's gone--just ask any quilter who doesn't have a shop within a two- hour drive, but who used to. They are sad.

Let's Quilt!

Barbara

<http://bbquiltmaker.blogspot.com/2016/06/thread-it-matters.html?spref=fb>





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Riverwalk Quilters Guild
2016-2017 Board & Committees

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

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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)	Maria Peeples
January Holiday Party	Doreen Tout
	Mary Walschot
Rummage Sale	Nancy Sturgeon
Raffle Quilt Chair & Committee	****Open

Small Quilt Auction Donation Form—Riverwalk Quilters Guild			Quilt #
Quilt Name:			Q _ _ _
Maker(s) / Owner:			
Quilt Size			
Techniques Used: (Circle all that apply)			
Hand Pieced	Machine Pieced	Paper Pieced	Please Note: The Guild may use photos of your quilt.
Hand Appliqued	Machine/Fused Appliqued	Other: (please describe)	
Hand Quilted	Machine Quilted	_____	
The Story Behind the Quilt (The more information you can provide, the interest that will be generated)			
			Bidder #
Final Bid (\$)			

Hi All,

I am happy to invite you to the small quilt auction that is presented by my quilting guild. The guild members have been busy making all new things for this year's auction. This is a great opportunity to pick up a truly unique gift for someone special or yourself. These items would be great for Christmas giving, bridal or baby showers or "just because". Here is a link to the guild's Facebook page that has photos of the items that have been completed so far. <https://www.facebook.com/RiverwalkQuilters> Typical items include lots of seasonal items, wall hangings, lap quilts, baby quilts, totes, purses, table runners, doll quilts, etc. More will be coming over the next few weeks.

This event is so much fun, I hope you can join me. There will be a live auctioneer, door prizes, refreshments and raffle baskets. Proceeds benefit guild educational and community outreach programs.

Here's the details:

Riverwalk Quilters Guild Small Quilt Auction

WHERE: Grace United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 300 E. Gartner Road, Naperville IL 60540

WHEN: Tuesday, October 18th. Preview 6:30PM, Auction 7:00PM

Reminder: Cash or checks only.

Hope you can make it - looking forward to seeing you there!

Your Friend,

P.S. If you can't attend, but are interested in a piece, let me know the piece and the price you would be willing to bid. I can bid as your proxy.

P.P.S. More pictures from last year are here....www.riverwalkquilters.com