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Riverwalk Quilters Guild



Charting a New Course

The Riverwalk ship has navigated some uncertain waters this past year, but we're glad to report there's clear sailing ahead—we're charting a new course! Here's a brief summary of what lies ahead. Make sure to read on for details on each of these.

We are returning to meeting in person! Mark your calendars for our April 12 sew-in, May 10 program, June 14 party! All aboard the good ship Riverwalk!

Our much anticipated rummage sale is returning!

We have a great line-up of speakers for the coming year! Sherry has researched, pursued, and secured an interesting group of speakers. You will continue benefitting from our fine tradition of excellent programs.

We have a great group of returning board (crew) members! As we cruise toward our new guild year which begins July 1, there are only 3 open positions.

We've scheduled our much-anticipated small quilt auction for October!

After being sequestered in our staterooms, we hope you all are looking forward to coming out on deck to meet and work with your fellow shipmates (guild members).

We will be a stronger guild by being together. In person means:

- We are not easily distracted.
- We experience clearer, more personal communication.
- We have the ability to build genuine relationships.
- We experience deeper participation and satisfaction.

From a professional: "In-person meetings provide a sense of intimacy, connection and empathy that is difficult to replicate via video," Paul Axtell, corporate trainer and author of the book "Meetings Matter."

Looking forward to seeing you all on deck!

Lorraine

A Bright Future - It's Up To You!

Our guild is headed toward a bright future, but it's up to you, our members! There are some great opportunities to make a difference in our guild. Now is your chance to step up and take one of the three positions we have open.

Special Events - What a fun position! You can make this what you want. The sky is the limit on creatively offering activities outside of our regular monthly programs. Need more specifics? Our current SE chair, Carol will be glad to speak with you.

Contracts - This is your chance to select from the wide world of quilters! Choose favorites or intriguing designers and quilters and arrange to bring them to guild either virtually or in person. Need more specifics? Our current chair Sherry or previous chair Joan will be glad to share ideas.

Membership - A chance to get to know and be a part of guild in a personal way. This position is a great mix of record keeping and friendly outreach. For more info, please ask Sue our current membership expert.

All of these positions can be done by more than one person. Sharing and collaborating with a friend is fun and productive. Questions? Contact Bev, Loraine, or any of our members named above.

Special Events

Riverwalk Quilt Guild Challenge – Spring 2022: Monochromatic Quilts

The theme for the quilt challenge is Monochromatic quilts. Pieces must 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.) Please refer to the March 2022 guild newsletter for the rules.

The May 10, 2022 meeting is scheduled to be in person, so the challenge quilts will be due at that meeting. The quilts will be displayed and winners will be selected that evening.

If you have questions, contact Carol at rqqSpecialevent@gmail.com

Carol Wilhoit
Special Events



Spotlight on April 12, 2022

Philanthropy Sew-In at Knox Presbyterian Church

All members are welcome on April 12th, 2022 for the in-person Guild meeting.

New location: Knox Presbyterian Church located at 1105 Catalpa, Naperville, IL 60540.

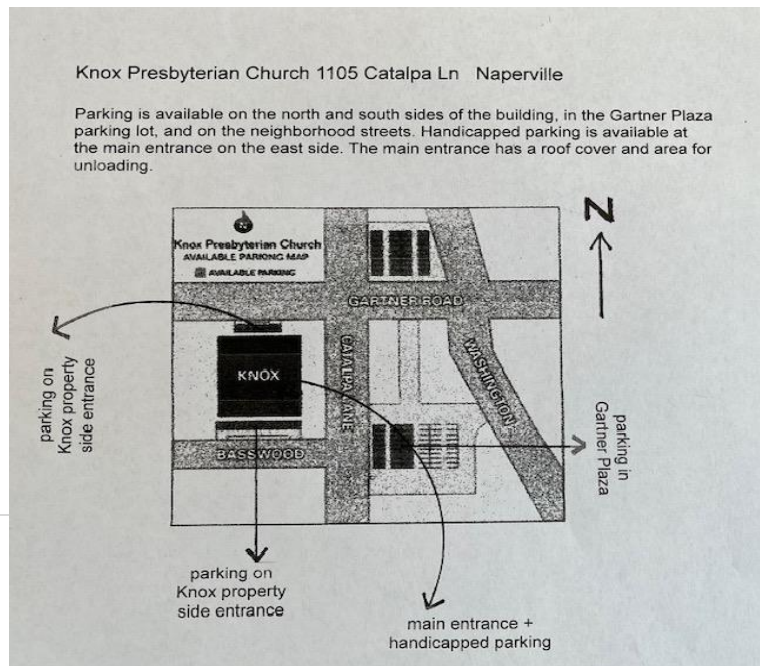
“Masks are not required, but Knox Presbyterian is a mask friendly environment.” The church has a covered entrance and carts will be available to help transport any equipment for the meeting. A parking map is included below.

The Guild meeting will be a sew-in hosted by the Philanthropy Committee. This annual event is an opportunity for Guild members to contribute their time and materials to complete a project to then be distributed to the community. This year’s project is a coin quilt pattern that will be made in several sizes. All kits have been cut and are ready to be sewn.

We mostly need people to bring their sewing machines and the supplies they would use to sew these kits. Please contact Terri Hayes, RQGPhilanthropy@gmail.com if you are bringing a machine. If you do not want to bring your machine, there will be opportunity to cut fabric and iron. If you are unable to attend and would like to sew a quilt top, we have kits available. Please contact Terri Hayes or Nancy Sturgeon, nlsturgeon@gmail.com to arrange a pickup time.

The Guild members have continued sharing and caring for our community. This February and March has been a very busy time for Judy L., Norma B., and Nancy S. with over 40 kits made. We also received 4 completed tops from Bev P.; 1 completed top, 2 completed quilts from Judy L. We distributed 3 quilts to Habitat for Humanity and 5 quilts to Sharing Connections. We thank the Guild members for their time, materials and suggestions. We also encourage all members to be involved in the Guild and stay informed. The newsletter, Facebook, instagram, and website are a good resource to stay in touch. Hope to see you on April 12th at our Guild Sew-In at the next, in-person, Guild meeting.

Judy Long and Terri Hayes



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 Guild Year

June 2022



Better Together!

**June 14, 2022, Annual Party -
rescheduled from March. Meeting will be in
person at Knox Presbyterian Church located at 1105
Catalpa, Naperville, IL 60540.**

Joan Der

joan.der7@gmail.com



Allie McCathren, Exhausted Octopus

"Fabric Painting: How to make color work for you" Lecture and Trunk Show

Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 7:00 pm (meeting location TBD)

Allie is an artist with a background in marine biology. She lives in Houston, TX with her husband and three sons. Her love of science and nature tends to find its way into her work, whether she intends it or not.

Allie works primarily with fabric and thread, but is also a painter, working with acrylics and watercolors. She uses fabric as if it were paint, working with color arrangement and texture to create her art quilts. She teaches classes on various techniques, including her Seaglass Quilting method.

Follow Allie on Instagram [@exhaustedoctopus](https://www.instagram.com/exhaustedoctopus)

Allie is a quilter who loves working with scraps of fabrics that may not typically be thought to work together. As someone that saves every scrap, she has learned how to look at fabric as color, as a painter looks at paint.

It can be difficult to figure out how to use scraps efficiently, especially if they don't seem to "work" together. In this lecture, Allie guides you through her process of organization and usage of scraps so that you may learn to look at fabric in a new way.

Dust off your sewing machine travel cases, ladies! It's time for a WORKSHOP!

Seaglass Quilt Workshop

Allie McCathren, Exhausted Octopus

Wednesday, July 13, 2022 | 9:00 am – 4:00 pm |

Quilter's Quest, Woodridge, IL

\$65 guild members; \$100 non-members*

(*includes membership in Riverwalk Quilters Guild for 2022-23)



In this workshop, Allie will teach you how to make a seaglass art quilt. These small quilts are made for display but the same process can be used to make a larger quilt that is used.

Seaglass Quilts are a kind of improv quilt that uses scraps to make something new and beautifully unexpected. A combination of raw edge appliqué, free motion quilting, and a method of laying out the pieces in a specific way creates dynamic movement in a soothing piece.

RQG Rummage Sale

The Rummage Sale will be held at our June 14 meeting along with our annual party. If you haven't already, now is the time to start going through your sewing and quilting supplies. We accept notions, thread, tools, rulers, fabric, patterns, books and magazines, etc. We take unfinished quilts, wall hangings that you no longer want and also antique quilts and tops, etc. Remember: One quilter's trash is another's treasure. Please group your items and price them at garage sale prices.

Instead of measuring out your fabric which can be very tedious, we will weigh it as we sell it to determine the price. If any of you has a baby scale or a pet scale or any kind of scale on which we can put a load of fabric and weigh it, please let me know. I don't think a bathroom scale will work. We can use more than one scale.

If you have any ideas about running the sale and would like to help with the sale: setup, help during the sale and cleanup, please contact me. Also please let me know of any places/organizations who would like our leftovers when the sale is finished.

Nancy Sturgeon
nlsturgeon@gmail.com

Membership

New Member!

Please welcome our newest guild member, Margie Klouda. Margie lives in Lisle and is enjoying learning about machine embroidery.

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

Social Media

This is Quilting Month and Instagram is hosting a #igquiltfest2022 .

Follow the prompts each day to share about yourself and your textile art.

See our Instagram page for ideas to participate!

Thanks.

Margaret Donahue

Library News

Greetings from the Library

Well, we had a few nice days there and it looks like some of your bees were able to meet outside and show off some lovely work. Would you like the library to visit and be available at a bee meeting? We are exploring this opportunity. Contact Lynn or Linda at RQGLibrarian@gmail.com to learn more.

At our last board meeting we again discussed the fate of the library as we move forward to a new meeting space and transition to more remote speakers and meetings.

A new storage space will have to be found. There may be only 4-6 traditional, in-person, meetings per year going forward. Maybe the library is an important asset to our members, maybe not. We are interested in your feedback.

Please take this ONE QUESTION survey: IS IT IMPORTANT TO YOU THAT RQG MAINTAIN THE LIBRARY, YES OR NO? Click here to answer:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TZZRPYY>



Our friend and fellow Guild member—

Cheryl Wanska

Many of you will remember Cheryl Wanska, a long-time RQG member and enthusiastic volunteer.

Sadly, Cheryl passed away February 3. Details of Cheryl's life can be found on everloved.com.

Those of us who knew her will remember her fondly.

Hospitality

I am so happy that warmer days are here! Welcome Spring!

Here's a light and fluffy poke cake recipe:



White cake mix
Sweetened condensed milk
Cool Whip
Coconut

Mix and bake the white cake per instructions on the box in a 9x13 pan. When cake is cool, poke several holes in the cake with a wooden spoon handle. Pour the can of sweetened condensed milk over the top of the cake. Frost with cool whip and sprinkle the top with coconut. This cake might look a little boring, but it is so moist and full of flavor!

Heavenly Lemonade



1 bottle of pink lemonade
1 bottle of brut or another dry sparkling wine
Raspberries

Fill glass 2/3 full with brut or sparkling wine. Fill the rest of glass with pink lemonade, leaving room for a few raspberries. Too much alcohol? Switch the ratio. Enjoy!

Outside Events of Interest

Quilt Shows & Special Exhibits

Quilt shows and special exhibits are returning! Check out these events.

- **AQS Quilt Week Shows**
Paducah KY April 27-30
For more info, visit americanquilter.com
- **The Quilters Hall of Fame**
Marion IN. Little Beauties: The Art of Miniature Quilts
2/22 - 5/7/22
For more info visit www.quiltershalloffame.net

"IT'S IN THE CARDS"

**DECATUR
QUILT
FEST**

APRIL 8 & 9, 2022
FROM 10 – 5 DAILY
Decatur Civic Center
1 Gary Anderson Pl.
Decatur, IL

- Quilts on Display
- Fabric Art & Craft Vendors
- Quilt Appraiser
- Demos
- Admission \$7.00

RUBY CELEBRATION

**QUILT
AUCTION**

APRIL 8, 2022
FROM 6 PM – 8 PM

- Quilt Auction – Proceeds to seller, DQG and Historical Museum
- Andy Black Auctioneer

Visit our website: decaturquiltersguild.com
This event co-sponsored by Decatur Civic Center

2021-2022 RQG EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE POSITIONS

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If the ad is for a business, Rates are as follows:

Full Page: \$50.00

Half Page: \$25.00

Quarter Page: \$12.50

Eighth Page: \$5.00

Full page ad available for single month only.

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