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Riverwalk Quilters Newsletter

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Riverwalk Quilters Guild

President's Message

Ready, get set....sew!

Fabric Fondlers lead the way in preparing for the Small Quilt Auction.

Recently I came to learn that the FFBe is already working on their contribution to our Fall Quilt Auction. Congratulations to these ladies who have started early (less stressful) with a really fine plan.

Yes, our auction will happen again, and no, it's not too early to be thinking about what your donation will be. Have you acquired a new skill that you're ready to show off? Is there a smashing pattern that is eye-catching and would have broad appeal?

Remember, the auction is a way of showing off our Guild members' capabilities. It has been a long-standing tradition for us to donate items that feature our best work. Small items, thoughtfully crafted are hot sellers!

A chairperson or people are still needed! A very fine plan has been established and last year's group will be glad to mentor you through the process. Please step up to keep this critical fundraiser going!



Open House! May 9

As a way to grow our Guild and welcome newcomers, the Board has voted to make our **May 9** guild meeting an **Open House**.

The guest fee will be suspended that evening, and those in attendance who wish to join will receive a special introductory dues offer.* Guests will be able to hear our speaker, learn about special committees and activities, and enjoy show n' tell. Please invite anyone who may be interested to come and see what we are all about.

The open house is for the month of May only.

*The special dues offer is only for new members who are present and join that evening.

Go local!

Isn't it great to see the national quilt shows return? Paducah, DesMoines, Grand Rapids. Many of us in the Chicago area miss Quilt Festival which for many years had excellent displays from quilters all around the world.

Returning also are the local shows, most recently a wonderful display at Pride of the Prairie, after an unexpected 3-year delay. Local guild shows are a way for non-quilters to see up close and in detail the talent and artistry of people they may know.

The proceeds from local shows help keep guilds afloat financially, but just as important, local shows strengthen quilting and fiber arts appreciation.

A favorite show from years past was in Chicago at a very old church where many quilts were draped over the pews, and coffee, tea and delicate sweets were graciously presented. The show was a celebration of urban diversity and gentle hospitality.

Make a point to see what's happening in our area and visit one of the local shows. Enjoy the talent that surrounds us, and support those who have put much into arranging and organizing these inspiring events.

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RQG Rummage Sale

The Rummage Sale will be held at our June 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. 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. 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.

Julie Milldrum Educateread1@gmail.com



It's Time for a Live Trunk Show!

At our meeting this month, Julie Letvin of Me & My Stitches will be in-person at our Guild meeting. In her presentation and trunk show titled "NO, I Don't Want a Sewing Machine!", Julie will talk about how she started quilting and the journey that brought her to making tiny paper-pieced jewelry and now designing fabric. She will share lots of quilts and stories and will also bring some of her items to sell.

The presentation will also be live-streamed for those who need to join the Guild meeting virtually.



Art Quilt Trunk Show May

At our May meeting, local art quilt designer Marisa Márquez Cortezón will be at our Guild meeting to give a presentation and trunk show of her works. The presentation will also be live-streamed for those who need to join the guild meeting virtually.



Philanthropy

It was a fun time.

The philanthropy sew-in was the first in person gathering for Guild members of the 2023 year. Sewing machines were humming and people were enjoying catching up and getting to know new members. There was also an opportunity for a group to gather and discuss creating a Bee group. In some areas it is known as a friendship circle. The project this year was to sew quilt tops. We had 47 pre-cut kits with instructions for members to sew. We brought back 8 kits to be distributed another time. Thank you to the Guild members that attended and contributed their time to create future donations to the community.

This month we distributed 27 quilts, 1 pillowcase and 2 hand warmers. The organizations that received these items were, Habitat for Humanity, Fox Valley, Northwestern Medical Center, Winfield, Ronald McDonald House, Winfield, Sharing Connection, Downers Grove, and Monarch Landing, Naperville. We received, 19 quilt tops, 1 pillowcase, 4 completed quilts, fabric donation, 8 bound quilts, and 3 quilts. Fourteen quilts had labels put on them. We thank the following members; Judy L., Leesa J., Donna M., Amy S., Yvette T., Marlene M., Ganga G., Peggie G., Sue D., Mary C., Darlene S., Norma B., Darlene E., Tracy H., Karen P., Karen S., and Terri H. We hope we included everyone. Please let us know if we missed you. We do appreciate your time, material, and care you put into the donation.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

As mentioned in the beginning, we had over 30 kits distributed to have quilt tops be completed. We will be putting together tops, batting, and backing to form a kit to then be quilted. You do not have to own a longarm machine to finish these quilts. There are many sizes that are domestic machine friendly. They are colorful baby/kids quilts. Some are lap sizes that go to people that are wheelchair bound. The more that are completed, the more we can distribute. Please consider taking one, or two.

Looking forward to seeing you in April. If you are unable to attend and you would like to drop off or pick up a kit, please contact Terri.

Sincerely,
Judy Long and Terri Hayes

RWQG Challenge with Lacy Delicacies – Challenge Entry Date is now April 10

Let's have a strong showing for our 22-23 challenge regarding the delicate lacy items donated by Darlene Schille. Many of you (at least 20) chose a doily or the like at the Guild meeting in 2022. Our deadline has moved around a bit but this is our time to reveal.

Vintage Lacy Challenge details

1. Lacy item can be modified, embellished or may even become the embellishment. Use over 1/2 of chosen piece. Consider the possibility of unraveling, if only using a portion.
2. Some quilting is required on your project, but it isn't needed on the lacy or vintage handwork piece.
3. Size: The outside perimeter of any chosen shape is between 12" and 144". For instance, the 12" perimeter is equivalent to a 3-inch square item. The 144" perimeter is equivalent to 3-foot square item.
4. Picture is due for the April Guild meeting.

No application process is needed; just submit project photo(s) for inclusion in a April meeting slide show - a process similar to submitting pics to last year's show-n-tell. **Photo(s) should be emailed to Yvette Thorn at yvettethorn80@gmail.com by Monday afternoon at 5pm, April 10.** Bring your challenge to the meeting in April if you are attending in-person so we can see also see your item close-up and personal as well as in the slide show.

Need more Ideas for how to add the handwork item?

A. Watch on YouTube How to sew Heirlooms with

Doilies: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=6pWWcNP8YUQ>

B. Where might you add the lacy handwork? Quilt. Christmas stocking. Journal cover. Pillow. Tote bag.

C. Search on Pinterest with the words "doily on quilt."

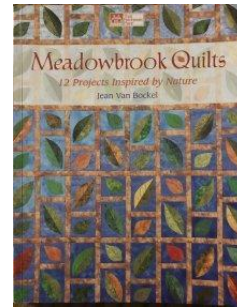
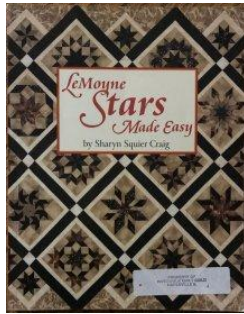
D. For a little history on lace doilies:

<https://pieceworkmagazine.com/push-pull-doily/>

Enjoy the challenge. To keep the reveal uncomplicated between both zoom and in-person members, there is no voting, just compliments.



Library News



Look for these books on the library table at next week's meeting. They may be a bit old, but the techniques are still beautiful and you'll find inspiration for quilting in each of the books.

Speaking of old, but still great...if you are going through your personal library and find a book you've really liked, but are willing to part with, consider helping us refresh the Guild library collection. It's a good way to share techniques and patterns with others in the guild.

You can review the online listing of all of our library books from your home through Librarything at: <https://www.librarything.com/catalog/RWQG>. You can also find the links and look at book covers on our website: <http://www.riverwalkquilters.com/library.html>.

If you have any questions please contact us at rqglibrarian@gmail.com.

Thank you!
Linda & Lynn

Membership

We have 95 quilters in our guild! We have 14 new members this year. This is fantastic! Remember to wear your name tag to win the raffle!!

Happy Spring,

Margaret Zitt
Membership

Outside Events

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“Celebration of Quilts”

The Salt Creek Quilters Guild will be holding a “Celebration of Quilts” on April 21st from 3-7pm and April 22nd from 9am-5pm at the Union Church, 137 S. Garfield, Hinsdale, IL. Tickets are \$6 in advance and \$7 at the door. The event will showcase over 200 quilts and include two special exhibits. The new addition of a live quilt auction will take place from 1-3pm on April 22nd. Full details of the show can be found on the guild website: saltcreekqg.org

Spring Bazaar Chicago, IL



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