

*December 2022
Riverwalk Quilters Newsletter*

December 13 Meeting is in-person and on Zoom

January and February Meetings are Zoom only!

**Plenty of freebies at our December meeting
See what treasures await at our Free for All**

Entire guild library at December guild.

What to Bring to the meeting:

- *Name Tags,*
- *Show and Tell Items*

***Make sure you read all the news...every page
has information you can use!***

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Riverwalk Quilters Guild

President's Message

At Year End...

As we close out the calendar year, it marks the halfway point in our guild year, and we're on a roll!

- We have embraced technology and mastered hybrid meetings.
- Our beloved small quilt auction made a successful return
- Our membership is growing
- We have a vibrant philanthropy program

As '22 closes, all of us are no doubt thinking ahead to changes in the New Year. There will be a major turnover on our Board in '23. How can you give and participate in RQG in '23? When nominations begin, please be open to sharing your time and talent and keep us on a roll!

Happy Holidays and may the New Year bring you health and happiness,

Lorraine



Bees-ness

If your bee has not already turned in the short info form (see attached or pick one up at guild), please do so. Our fabulous membership chair Margaret has agreed to gather bee info, as we have a number of people looking to join a hive.

If your bee is established and meeting, whether it be online or in person, please consider inviting a new person to join you, at least so they can meet people and see how your bee works. This would be a very nice offer of hospitality and a way to make new members feel a part of our group.

Lorraine

Membership

We have seven new member this year which means we have a total of 90 quilters in our guild.

I have heard from three bees, Material Girls, Piecin' Pals, and Empty Spools. I am looking to see if there any other Bees active in our guild. If you are in a bee, please send me your information.

Thank you,
Margaret Zitt
Membership



Coming December 8, 2022

Quilts Reinterpreted

At our December meeting, **local quilt historian, Ann Wasserman**, will present a lecture on how quilt making was brought to this continent by the early European settlers, and how quilt making techniques have been adopted and reinterpreted by native peoples and other cultures including the Amish, African-Americans, Hawaiians, and Seminole, Plains, and Cuna tribes of native peoples.



Coming in January

Moda Fabric Designer, Robin Pickens, Shares Her Intriguing Design Journey

At our January meeting, quilt and textile designer, Robin Pickens will share her intriguing design journey starting in the broadcast television industry and how destiny took her into quilt and fabric design. Robin will also delight you with a trunk show of her work.

Sherry Gendel

Philanthropy

It was a month of giving and being thankful. The Guild has provided 21 quilts, 250 stockings, and 126 pillowcases to the following organizations; Habitat for Humanity, Dupage County, Ronald McDonald House, Winfield, Northwestern Medical, Winfield, Children's Advocacy, Joliet, Silver Cross Hospital, Lemont, and Family Services, Dupage County.

Sharing Connections in Downers Grove experienced water damage caused by roofing issues. They are currently not accepting donations at that location. The website states reopening on December 19th. We will continue donating when it opens again.

We are happy to include a new organization that will accept our donations. Our Savior Lutheran Church, Naperville, accepts quilts and receiving blankets. They collect the items and send them out annually to World Relief. We received this information from a guild member. We welcome suggestions on how we can improve and continue sharing our donations.

December 13th will be our last hybrid meeting until March 2023. Please bring any donations you may have for philanthropy. At the meeting, we will have over 30 projects for members to take. Members can still drop off or receive kits. The contact drop off people will be Nancy Sturgeon nisturgeon@gmail.com and Norma Beckenmeir quincy_227@yahoo.com Nancy and Norma will be available December 14th thru March 8th.

Thank you members for your support and time. We would like to recognize the following members ; Kathleen P., Donna M., Judy L., Nancy S., Norma B., Terri H., Darlene S., Wanda J., Margaret Z., Linda K., Sue D., Heidi E., Linda Y., Kathy H., Jill B., Karen V., and Lisa J. We hope we haven't missed anyone. Let us know if we did. We appreciate everyone's help.

We received 16 pillowcases, 6 stockings, 15 bound quilts, fabric, 3 quilt tops, 4 quilted quilts and 7 completed quilts. We distributed 8 kits and 9 quilts to be bound.

We look forward to seeing everyone and wish you a happy healthy holiday,

Terri Hayes and Judy Long

Thank You from Habitat for Humanity

Terri,

I just wanted to say thank you again to you and the Naperville Riverwalk Quilter's Guild! We were stuffing the stockings yesterday to get ready for our party this Saturday, and everyone was commenting on how adorable these stockings were. I have attached a photo of some of my Christmas elves helping to stuff the stockings. Please feel free to share!

These stockings helped us save over \$70, as I usually have to purchase stockings each year for the children of our homeowners.

These are so meaningful, thank you so much for doing this for us!



Best,
Jill

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Social Media

Hello @Naperriverwalkquilts members!
It is December and many people pull out all the creative stops for gifting and entertaining this month. Your fellow members would love to see what you are up to! Either send me your pictures in an email or tag the Guild using @naperriverwalkquilts when you make something.

Today at the RQG Board Meeting we discussed the challenges of finding Bee opportunities for members who haven't yet found a Bee. While we find sponsors for new Bees there are some opportunities to be social online.... or use online opportunities to gather others virtually or in person to work on a common project. I just googled some quilt along opportunities and the Fat Quarter Shop seemed to have some starting in 2023.

Currently @hildyebertzeder is doing a sew along #sal on FB and Instagram, It is a collection of small pieced blocks to sew and share your pictures.

Send me your pictures...If your projects are currently a secret...keep the pictures handy and flood me with them at the end of the month.

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Library News

Our Dec.13th meeting is the final in - person meeting until March 2023. You will have an opportunity to make your book selections from the entire library at the December meeting. As always, we will fill your book requests for pick up during the next 3 months. Also, please return any books you have checked out when we meet in December.

Thank you for using the library!

Linda Kurcz and Lynn Hamilton

Free For All

Hi ladies,

I think everyone knows now what the *Free For All* is. Please feel free to donate any sewing/quilting-related items that you are ready to part with. If they are valuable and you don't wish to give them away, save them for our June rummage sale, the proceeds of which benefit our guild.

If you will not be attending December Guild in person and have items to donate, please make arrangements for another board member to take them for you. Bev has accepted a number of items. I also will accept your treasures.

Items should be from board members only. If other members wish to purge, ask them to hang on until June. We hope to have enough to make it fun without having a tsunami of items.

Thank you,
Lorraine

Catherine Redford on The Quilt Show: A Watch Party on Friday, December 16

Our own Catherine Redford, past president of our Guild, book author, teacher of quilting techniques and hand embroidery, TV personality and Queen Bee to the Sew-N-Tells (!), has been very busy! Her latest exciting endeavor, an appearance on The Quilt Show called "Embroidery Stitches, Straight Line Quilting, and Dorset Buttons with Catherine Redford," just had its debut on Sunday, Dec. 4, 2022.

Come to the watch party and see the show with Catherine and other Guild members on Friday, December 16, from 5:30 PM - 8:30 PM at the BERNINA of Naperville store. There will be desserts and a pop-up shop of some of the goodies she uses in the show. A \$5 registration fee can be put toward any purchase from the pop-up shop, and more details and the link to register will soon be available on the BERNINA of Naperville store website.

--Here's the link to the show's trailer: <https://youtu.be/aKCKh2hErXs>

And here's how the show's producers described what you will see:

-On the next Quilt Show, **Catherine Redford** has a passion for teaching walking foot quilting and hand embroidery. Ever heard of organic buttonhole filler or sparkly needle weaving? Catherine will show you. Plus tips on using your walking foot beyond the ditch. And then we're diving into Dorset buttons, a traditional English craft that is four hundred years old and very intriguing. Join us for creative stitches by hand, and machine, with Catherine Redford."--

Sharon Goodman
Sew-N-Tells Bee

A Quilter's Christmas

Twas the night before Christmas, I was glued to the tree.
Wondering what Santa would bring just for me.
Could it be fat quarters, a pattern or lace?
Or a quilt kit, I said, with a smile on my face.
And that's when I heard him,
"Hi Santa," I said
"You know, good little girls should be in their beds."
"I know I should Santa, but now I've been caught.
I was just so excited to see what you brought."
"Well, let's take a look in this room where you work."
He shook his head quickly and left with a jerk.
I heard him exclaim as he put it in gear.
"You've got enough stuff, I'll see you next year!"

2021-2022 RQG EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE POSITIONS

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