

*January 3, 2023*  
*Riverwalk Quilters Newsletter*

**Our January and February programs will be *online only!***

You won't want to miss two fabulous speakers! So stay in your PJs and grab a hot cocoa or glass of wine and join us!

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

## President's Message

### Ann Wasserman

I hope you enjoyed our December speaker, Ann Wasserman. While we may not be able to travel the world widely, or go back in time to experience historic moments, Ann gave us a mini tour of quilting and fiber arts of select cultures.

Was there one segment or story you particularly enjoyed? If we look at other forms and styles of needlework and quilting and see them with a fresh eye, we've come away with enhanced cultural appreciation, and we've grown.

This talk was a premiere for Ann, as her focus has been quilt restoration and preservation. It's impressive that seasoned quilters have ventured into new fields, prepared new lectures, embraced technology, and now offer fresh ideas to groups like ours.

Info on Ann's upcoming virtual workshop "Preserving Our Quilt Legacy" is available at <http://www.annquilts.com>.

### Free For All

The RQG Board hopes members at December Guild enjoyed the Free For All event. It's fun to see someone's face light up as they select something that was your own castoff!

What one person donates, delights another! You ladies did a great job clearing the tables. Thanks to Linda Vanderkolk for taking leftover fabric to her church sewing group.

Perhaps in the new year you'll be cleaning and clearing your sewing/quilting areas, so hang on to those castoffs until June when our annual rummage sale will return.

Lorraine

### Looking Ahead.....

In the spring all RQG members will have the opportunity to vote on proposed changes to our Bylaws. We're in the revision process now, so if you have a good suggestion or want clarification, please contact me. All suggestions are welcome!

We're also in the process of revising our Policies and Procedures, although only the Board is required to approve them. Again, all suggestions of changes are welcome!

Bev Parker



Coming January 10, 2023

## 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.

Robin designs quilt patterns in a range that spans a “transitional” perspective- from traditional to modern. She loves designing quilts to show off the grand florals she likes to create as well as Thatched, her basics line for Moda Fabrics, adding more color and subtle texture.

Robin has enjoyed being one of the designers for Moda Blockheads and Sewcialties, as well as contributing to Martingale’s Moda All-Stars books. She loves to explore how different quilt blocks can look through her color studies.



## Start gathering your scraps!

At our February meeting, modern quilt designer, Shannon Fraser, will walk through what to do with those fabric scraps leftover from tackling a quilt pattern! Be prepared to let loose and channel your creativity through improv using the techniques shared at this virtual lecture.

### IMPROV THROUGH PATTERN PROJECT SCRAPS



## Zoom Assistants Needed

Hi everyone,  
We are looking for a few more experienced Zoom users who would be willing to moderate a meeting. I'm also willing to teach you if you are interested. We need this for a few meetings this year and also next year.

Please contact me if you would like to know more.  
Thank you!

Kathy Herbach  
[RQGVideoCom@gmail.com](mailto:RQGVideoCom@gmail.com)

## Calling All One-Color Participants!

One of the most exciting endeavors of this past Guild year was our one-color challenge. Congratulations again to all who participated. In an effort to make our Guild presence known in the community, we hope to display these quilts at a public space, most likely a library.

While we have not yet obtained official permission for the display, we'd first like to know if you would be willing to release your quilt for a public display. We're aiming to have as many participants as possible. Please email Bev or Loraine as soon as possible.

We're looking forward to hearing from you!

Loraine and Bev

## Membership

We have a total of 91 quilters in our guild. At our December meeting with Ann Wasserman, there were 31 members present and several on Zoom.

I have heard from three bees, Material Girls, Piecin' Pals, Boa Bee, 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.  
Happy New Year,

Margaret Zitt  
Membership

## Philanthropy

December 2022 has been a great month for philanthropy. The Guild provided 39 quilts, 12 pillowcases, 22 receiving blankets, 141 burp clothes, bibs, onesies and various knitted items to the following organizations; Ronald McDonald House in Winfield, Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Share Our Spare and Lifespring in Aurora. Lifespring is part of Wayside Cross Ministries. They are a Christ-centered recovery and long-term transitional living program offering safe shelter for women and children who have lost their housing.

December 13th was our last hybrid meeting until March 2023. Members can still drop off or receive kits during this time. We have many kits available. The contact drop off people will be Nancy Sturgeon [nisturgeon@gmail.com](mailto:nisturgeon@gmail.com) and Norma Beckenmeir [quincy\\_227@yahoo.com](mailto: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 ; Carol R., Karen A.(non member), Kathy H., Judy L., Karen V., Norma B., Terri H., Darlene S., Margaret Z., Mara G., Julie M., Rosemary S., Amy S., Sue D. and Loraine N. We hope we haven't missed anyone. Let us know if we did. We appreciate everyone's help.

We received 22 quilt tops many included backing from a non-member, 12 pillowcases, 18 bound quilts and fabric. We distributed 27 kits, 3 quilts to be bound and 1 quilt to be quilted.

We look forward to seeing everyone in the New Year for the philanthropy sew in. More details to follow next month.

Terri Hayes and Judy Long

## Social Media

Hello @Naperriverwalkquilts members!

It's Winter! At least it was last week but tonight when I left for my walk it was 60 degrees. In any event we are going virtual for two months. Take the plunge and embrace social media during these two months to share your work or pick up an idea or two from other textile artists.

A good place to start would be to look up our January speaker Robin Pickens. I first learned about this Moda designer by participating in the Moda Blockheads free quilt along. #qal.

Find her using @robinpickens on Instagram. On Facebook the page to follow is Robin Pickens Color and Quilt. For action film try the Robin Pickens youtube channel. Whether you prepare ahead or not I am sure you will enjoy her design journey story and trunk show in January.

Happy New Year to All!

Margaret Donahue  
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@magm3501

## Library News

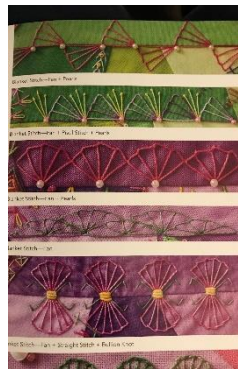
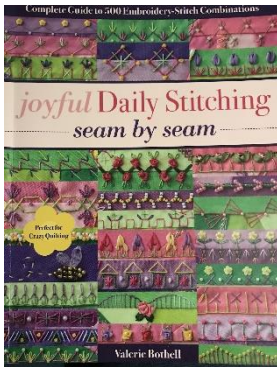
A reminder for you this winter while we aren't meeting in person- review our online Library listing from your home through Librarything at: <https://www.librarything.com/catalog/RWQG>. You can also find the links and look at book covers on our website: <http://www.riverwalkquilters.com/library.html>.

### *It is EASY!*

Contact Lynn or Linda at [rqglibrarian@gmail.com](mailto:rqglibrarian@gmail.com) and we'll pick up your book request and make arrangements for delivery.

If you want to turn in your book before the March meeting, contact us to make arrangements.

This book looks like fun for those with a new interest in embroidery! It covers the basics to advanced stitches. Linda has it on hand for easy pickup.



Thank you!  
Linda & Lynn

## Show and Tell for January and February

Since we will be on Zoom for January and February, we will be going back to our previous format for Show and Tell. Please take pictures of your quilts and email them to me. I need to receive January's picture by end of day on Monday, January 9. I will collect them into a presentation and then call on you for your turn to explain your work during the meeting.

You may email them to me at my email address in the directory.

Thanks  
Yvette Thorn  
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## RWQG Challenge with Lacy Delicacies.

### **Vintage fabric and lace challenge is due in March. We will view the items in a slide**

**show.** Now is the time to focus on projects created with the delicate lacy items donated by Darlene Schille. Many of you chose a doily or the like at the Guild meeting in July, August and November. We still have more items available to choose from at the December meeting. You may also use your own treasure. Is there a Christmas or Hanukkah decoration you could dream up?



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 March Guild meeting.

No application process is needed; just submit project photo(s) for inclusion in a March ( a revised due date) slide show - a process similar to submitting pics to last year's show-n-tell. The reveal via a slide show will be at our March meeting. Photo(s) should be emailed to Yvette Thorn at [yvettethorn80@gmail.com](mailto:yvettethorn80@gmail.com) by Monday afternoon at 5pm, March 13. Bring your challenge to the meeting in March 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/>

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