

**March 11, 2023**  
**Riverwalk Quilters Newsletter**

**In-person resumes this month at Knox Presbyterian!  
Nominations are underway...elections are coming!  
Lace Challenge entry due date postponed until April!  
March 18 is National Quilting Day!**

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

## President's Message

After two months of winter hibernation we will be gathering in person and enjoying face to face communication, camaraderie, and making quilts for charity. Philanthropy sew-ins are vibrant, fun events, so plan to join us...see details that follow.

March also means you may expect a call from the dynamic Mary Cieslak, as she is seeking candidates for our new Board July '23 - June '24. We have a strong Guild due to an excellent Board, but many are "retiring", and to maintain a strong Guild, we'll need a dedicated new Board. Outgoing Board members will be glad to answer questions and serve as mentors to newcomers. Please



answer the call!

## Caring from the Heart

**Philanthropy sew-in is on March 14th, 2023 at Knox Presbyterian Church from 6:30 (doors open) until 9:00.**

A key component of our Guild is philanthropy. The quilts we make with heartfelt effort are a tangible gift of love. Any member can contribute to this wonderful outreach. You will be making a difference in someone's life. If you've not participated and would like to, please read on; our Philanthropy article provides details.

## Annual Rummage Sale

Our much anticipated rummage sale will again take place at our June party. **Guild members, please hold your donations until June.** We have made an exception and agreed to accept select items from people outside the Guild who have contacted us through our website because they have inherited sewing items they cannot use.

Thank you!

Lorraine

## Small Quilt Auction

It's only March, but our very successful fall auction will return again this year, so it's not too early to make plans. There are two key needs: an auction chairwoman or group, and quilts to be auctioned. It's an occasion for our very talented members to showcase their special talents, so please consider stepping up to chair this event or start working on your quilt donation.

Lorraine

## Philanthropy

February has been a great month for getting things done. The guild provided 14 quilts to Silver Cross Hospital and Will County Children's Advocacy in Joliet.

We are truly grateful for all your time and hard work during February. We would like to recognize the following members ;Judy L., Norma B., Darlene S., Donna M., Kathy W., Lyn H., Ganga G., Linda K., Marlene M., Sandy B., Nancy S. and Peggy G. We hope we haven't missed anyone. Let us know if we did. We could not do this without everyone's help.

We received 3 quilt tops, 18 quilts quilted, 23 bound quilts, 2 kits assembled, 7 kits sewn and 15 quilts were labeled! We handed out 9 quilts to be bound, 10 kits to be sewn and 2 to be quilted.

Finally, the philanthropy sew-in is on March 14th, 2023 at Knox Presbyterian Church from 6:30 (doors open) until 9:00. All members are invited. We have kits cut out and ready to be sewn for this year's project. We will provide irons and ironing stations as well as a cutting station for trimming up a quilt. Please bring your sewing machines, scissors, thread, clips if possible instead of pins, etc. necessary for sewing. If you are not able to sew that night, there will other tasks you can help with, ironing, trimming or just to socialize with the members of the guild. We will also have several quilts that are ready for hand binding. Please bring scissors, sewing needle and a neutral thread.

Please bring your own snacks and water. If you have any questions, please contact Terri Hayes or Judy Long (contact info in the directory). We look forward to seeing everyone Tuesday the 14th!

Terri Hayes and Judy Long  
Philanthropy Committee



### It's Trunk Show Time

At our April meeting, fabric designer and tiny paper-pieced quilt jewelry maker Julie Letvin of Me & My Stitches will be at our Guild meeting to give a presentation, share stories, and have a trunk show. There will also be an opportunity to purchase from her collection...so start saving your pennies...and dollars!

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



### 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

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## Library News

We will have the library available during our next meeting, the March 14 th sew-in. If you have books checked out, this is a good time to get those back to us. As our last in person meeting was all the way back in December, we'll send an email reminder to all who have books checked out. If you are not planning on being at the sew-in, please let us know how you would like to get things returned, or if you just need to keep them until next meeting. We're flexible! Hope to see you at the sew-in!

Lynn Hamilton & Linda Kurcz

## Greetings from Social Media

I think sometimes our members underestimate the power of sharing their projects on social media. It is so great to see "show and tell" projects in between meetings especially during our virtual months. Just this week my social media accounts reminded me of the Pride of the Prairie Quilt Show in Crest Hill this weekend. This month is Quilt Month so there are prompts given on instagram to help quilters post about themselves. Pick something new to try this month.!

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## The Sewing Machine Project

I saw an article about this group in an old Midwest Living Magazine. Sounds like our members might be interested in donating either their stuff or \$\$\$. We all have too many machines and too much sewing stuff.

[thesewingmachineproject.org](http://thesewingmachineproject.org)

Nancy Sturgeon

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

Let's have a strong finish to complete a project including 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. You might also have used your own treasure. Interestingly, our challenge is possibly "trending." A recent "best of show" incorporated old lace. Margaret Solomon Gunn created Sweet Madame Blue. A close-up of the award-winning quilt is shown. What inspiration!

### 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 11 Guild meeting.



No application process is needed; just submit project photo(s) for inclusion in an April 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 April meeting. **Photo(s) should be emailed to Yvette Thorn at [yvettethorn80@gmail.com](mailto: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/>

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