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# Riverwalk Quilters Guild

**Our contracts chair is vacant!**



We all have enjoyed the wonderful array of programs this year. Each and every speaker has enriched our appreciation of quilting and inspired us! Programs are the heart of a thriving guild.

Planning contracts must start on the '23-24 guild year, which seems distant, but it needs to be done in advance to secure great speakers.

Under our Guild by-laws, our empty contracts position for the coming year means the Guild must be dissolved; meaning quite simply, the Guild you have been a part of and enjoyed, would come to a halt. Our current Guild year will end in June, so this vacant chair must be filled.

The fun of doing contracts? You get to choose our speakers, perhaps ones you've liked or followed. They can be from distant lands, such as this year from Australia, or they can be local.

This position can be shared; team efforts are very successful. Because our Guild year includes other events such as auction, party, sew-in,



schoolhouse and those months do not require a speaker. Even better, past contract chairs are available to serve in an advisory role. You will receive much support and appreciation from the incoming board.

Please be seated in the contracts chair....we're waiting to hear from you!

Lorraine and Bev

## **Dollars & Common Sense**

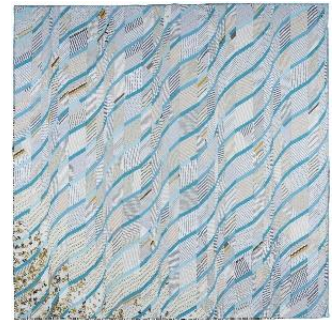
We have excellent news to report regarding the Guild's finances! Due to Carol Wilhoit's hard work and persistence, we have been granted official 501c7 status by the IRS. We qualify as a social club, and as such are exempt from federal income tax. We will still need to file a form, but it is greatly simplified. A hearty thank you and congratulations to Carol for pursuing this thoroughly. Although she is not currently treasurer, this ball started rolling during her stint as treasurer, and she followed through completely.

Thank you Carol!



**Spotlight on May 10, 2022 Live – No Zoom  
Knox Presbyterian Church, Fellowship Hall  
1105 Catalpa Lane, Naperville, IL (Parking Map on Next Page)  
6:30 P.M. Socializing/Program 7:00 P.M.**

**May 10, 2022, Sara Nishiura, Detroit and  
now Chicago Trunk Show**



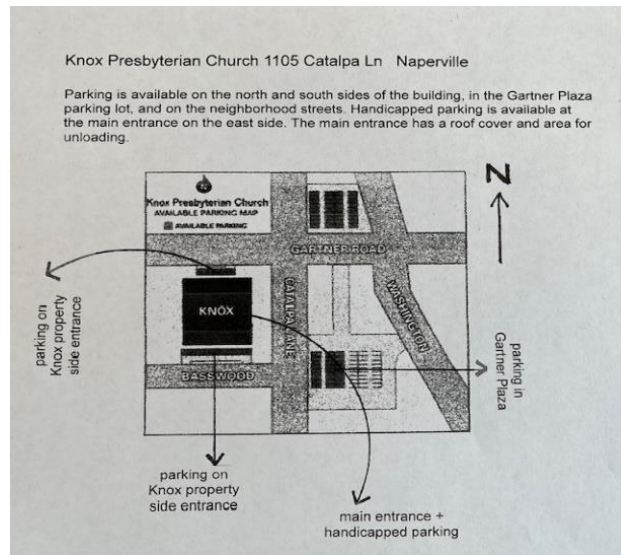
<https://www.sarahnishiura.com/>

Meeting will be live - our first since the pandemic - at Knox Presbyterian Church at 1105 Catalpa Lane, Naperville, IL. Sarah will bring quilts for us to see up-close.

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.



“Masks are not required, but Knox Presbyterian is a mask friendly environment.”



## Special Events

### Riverwalk Quilt Guild Challenge – Spring 2022: Monochromatic Quilts

Quilts or quilted items for the 2022 Riverwalk Quilters Guild challenge are due at the start of the May 10, 2022 Guild meeting. **Please bring challenge quilts in at 6:30 p.m. so we can hang them.** Members who are present at the meeting will have an opportunity to vote for their favorites, and the winners will be announced at the end of the meeting.

Refer to the February 2022 or March 2022 newsletter for detailed challenge rules.

### **MEGA show n' tell at June party**

Got show n' tell ready to go? Hold off bringing your fabulous creations until June. With much to do at our May meeting including challenge voting and awards, we'll have a huge show n' tell at our guild party.



**Better Together!**  
**June 14, 2022, Annual Party – and**  
**Rummage Sale**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Meeting will be in person at Knox**  
**Presbyterian Church located at**  
**1105 Catalpa, Naperville, IL**  
**60540.**

Our long-awaited guild party will be happening on June 14, 6:30 at Knox. Please join us for some food, games, show & tell, and rummage sale shopping. We will be collecting food to donate to Loaves and Fishes. Once again this year, this will be a members only party.

- What to bring:
- Appetizer or dessert. If this can be individually wrapped, please do so!
- Money for rummage sale
- Food for Loaves and Fishes

**Leesa Jump**  
[RQGHospitality@gmail.com](mailto:RQGHospitality@gmail.com)

## Rummage Sale Preparation

Our RQG Rummage Sale is on schedule for Tuesday, June 14. It's not too late to start going through your fabrics, notions, patterns, books and magazines to sell at the sale. No need to price patterns, books or magazines as each category has a set price.

We also welcome unfinished projects or finished projects not suitable for the fall Auction. Leftovers are donated to an area charity resale shop. Please make the effort to clean out your stash and supplies. You will not regret it.

We will sell fabric by the pound so measuring is not required. You can sort your fabric by color if you desire. We have one scale to use so far, and I am looking for a baby scale or pet scale for that night. We will load a piece or a bag of fabric on it to figure the price. If you have one available or any sale questions, contact me, Nancy Sturgeon.

All proceeds go to the RQG Treasury.

**Joan Der and Nancy Sturgeon**  
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## 2022-23 Guild Speakers and Program Schedule Coming Soon

The 2022-23 schedule is close to being finalized and we have some exciting and interesting speakers already lined up with a couple more to confirm. We hope to have something for everyone and our schedule will include a mix of virtual and in-person speakers and guild activities throughout the year.

Stay tuned for more details next month!

## Sea Glass Quilt Workshop in July is Filling Up – Sign up at May meeting. [Details Page 6](#)

If you haven't heard, Allie McCathren of Exhausted Octopus will be live and in-person at Riverwalk Quilters Guild for a lecture at our July meeting AND a workshop the following day! Allie will be teaching her popular and beautiful Sea Glass Quilt technique which is meant as an art quilt for display but the technique can be used to make a larger quilt.

Spots are limited and are filling up, so if you are interested in this workshop, please sign up at the May meeting. Payment will be required to secure your spot (checks can be mailed to Sherry Gendel).

A supply list will be sent to all participants prior to the workshop.

**Sherry Gendel**  
[RQGContracts@gmail.com](mailto:RQGContracts@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.

## Philanthropy

The in-person Guild meeting for April was a success. The evening was enjoyed by 28 Guild members. The project for the sew in was a coin quilt pattern. Philanthropy received 27 completed quilts, 22 quilt tops, 11 bound quilts, 166 burp clothes and 22 blankets. Thank you to the following members for your time and materials; Judy L., Lorraine N., Rita F., Nancy L., Donna M., Terri H., Bev P., Norma B., Linda K., Lyn K., Darlene E., Peggy G., Darlene S., Kathy H., Rochelle S., Sandy D., and Rosemary S.

The Guild distributed 39 quilts, 166 burp clothes and 22 blankets to the following organizations; Habitat 4 Humanity, Sharing Connections, Northwest Medical Center, Ronald McDonald House, Silver Cross Hospital, Children's Advocacy, Share Our Spare, and Baby Bundles. The philanthropy committee is open to suggestions of organizations that we can share our contributions with. Please contact Judy L. or Terri H. It is also helpful to have a contact person of the suggested organization.

We are looking forward to seeing members at the in-person May Guild meeting. We know that not all members will be attending, but want to be involved in contributing to local organizations. We have kits ready to sew. The kits have precut material and a pattern. Please contact Nancy Sturgeon or Terri Hayes to arrange a pickup time.

We give because we care,  
Judy Long and Terri Hayes





## Library News

Thank you all who expressed your interest in the future of the library as a membership service (for or against). We received votes through the newsletter link and in person. 15 people voted in favor and 9 voted against maintaining a RQG library.

We are continuing to assess how we will offer the library in person. Where our Guild actually meets will determine the library availability. Please contact Linda or Lynn if you have any questions.

For now, if you request books, we'll find a way to get them to you. Review the book listing and email us at [rqglibrarian@gmail.com](mailto:rqglibrarian@gmail.com). We'll pick up the book and we'll deliver it to you at the May 10th meeting.

Access to LibraryThing, the online listing of our library books from your home.

**How EASY!**

link: <https://www.librarything.com/catalog/RWQG>

**OR** by scanning this QR code to see our books on LibraryThing:



## Membership

### 2022-23 Membership renewals

Membership renewals starts this month for the 2022-23 year and is due by June 30, 2022.

Annual membership dues are \$35.

We have a great line-up of speakers for the coming year. Many speakers are not ready to return to in-person meetings; therefore, we will have 6 in-person meetings and 6 virtual meetings in the coming year. Each meeting costs about \$3.00. What a deal!

Please print and fill-in the attached form included in the email and either bring it to one of the next meetings or mail it to me at:

Membership, Riverwalk Quilters Guild P.O. Box 5092, Naperville, IL 60567.

I need the form to update our records. Also, if you have changed your phone number or email address, please don't forget to include that info.

Sue Damitz  
[RQGMembership@gmail.com](mailto:RQGMembership@gmail.com)

## 2022-23 Auction is on ...

Our quilt bee, the Fabric Fondlers, volunteered to head the Auction in October this year. We are still in the planning stage, so bear with us as we determine the date of the auction.

This is our annual fundraiser and we need donations. Please think of a project for some fun items to auction. For those of you who are new to the guild, the typical items that are donated are table runners, baby quilts, lap quilts, wall hangings (holiday or otherwise), placemats, tote bags, etc. Best ideas are items that you would like to own yourself. Bring your best work forward to help the guild.

Please bring your completed items with the attached auction donation form in this month's email. A legible description of the item...and maybe the pattern or inspiration is always a way to create bid interest. Please find the auction donation form on our web site. In addition, we will have them available at the next few meetings. We will let you know when we need the completed items

Thanks for your help,

Sue Damitz

## Social Media

Social Media is still scary for some either because of the technology or the perceived privacy issues. I still encourage everyone to give it a try. There is so much to see and learn!

We currently have 317 followers on Instagram and 588 followers on Facebook. If you tag your pattern or designer or fabric line when you make a post you will draw in others who are working on similar projects.

Instagram is an ongoing show and tell for our group. Our tag is @naperriverwalkquilts

My current favorite Instagram to watch is @kitchentablequilting. I am using scraps to mock up a free pattern by the account holder Erica Jackman. The free pattern is called Plaidish. If you type in #plaidish you can see all people working on or finishing this project. It is a great exercise in color value. Another pattern on her blog is the Valued Scrap Quilt. #valuedscrapquilt. She also has lots of patterns for sale. I enjoy her videos and reels. She is a busy Mom and quilter and it is interesting to see how she fits everything into her life. Message me if you have a social media person we should highlight in this space.

Please keep in touch with me about your projects and quilt happenings. I am happy to share or teach you how to share also.

Margaret Donahue, [Mdonahue1068@gmail.com](mailto:Mdonahue1068@gmail.com)

## Hospitality

### Happy Cinco de Mayo!



#### Easy Beer Margarita

1-12 oz Frozen Limeade Concentrate

1 cup white Tequila

2-12 oz Corona Light

1. Start with frozen limeade concentrate that you thaw for about an hour so it is able to be stirred and mixed with the other ingredients.
2. Mix together limeade with the tequila until they are combined.
3. Pour in the beer and gently stir. You don't want to mix it too much or it will start to foam up and cause problems.
4. Pour into glasses filled with ice and you are done. Garnish with a slice of lime if you are interested, but not required.



#### Walking Tacos

## Outside Events of Interest



Quilt studio tours are free online. There are currently 3 tours of 3 studios each. Our own Carol Wilhoit is in the third grouping.

<https://www.globalquiltconnection.com/studiotour.html>

Use the Global Quilt Connection link above to choose a studio to view. What will catch your fancy?

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Joan Der

[joan.der7@gmail.com](mailto:joan.der7@gmail.com)

A former member of the Northern Illinois Longarm Guild, Carol Paxton, died several years ago, and her husband is now moving south. There is currently an auction of her quilting things on Facebook.

Among the items that will be auctioned are an APQS Ultima II longarm, 5 singer sewing machines, lots of sewing supplies, quilts, quilt racks, display cases, office furniture, filing cabinets, etc. Pickup is at the Paxton home, 5091 Prairie Sage Ln., Naperville. To view the items listed and see details on when items can be inspected, use the link below. The inspection day is on the final day of the auction, May 18th.

[www.facebook.com/TaylorAuction](http://www.facebook.com/TaylorAuction)

Nancy Sturgeon

## 2021-2022 RQG EXECUTIVE & COMMITTEE POSITIONS

POSITION	NAME
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Photo Membership Directory & Rummage Sale	Nancy Sturgeon

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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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