

Riverwalk Quilters Guild

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President's Message

Vicky Laws

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Happy April! Countdown begins for our Philanthropy sew-in, I am looking forward to seeing you there and to also see how many rag quilts produced for charity.

Open board positions remaining:

Vice-president

Secretary

Contracts

Public Relations

Membership-1

Nominating chair

Now is the time to step forward and volunteer.

March Meeting

Sandy Doubek

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Thank you to everyone who brought quilts for our impromptu show and tell last month. We had a great time of sharing our special quilts!

Quilting touches the lives of many, whether they are for our families, friends or even if you don't know the recipient, quilting truly is a gift of the heart! And thank you to Celeste Akre for the great idea when we were in need!

Keep up the great work, after all our quilt show is only one year away!

Member Gallery

Check out the gallery pages of two more members on our website:

[Nancy Sturgeon](#) and [Carol Wilhoit](#)

Links to all of the previous interviews are also available in case you missed them.

Quilt Show 2016

Celeste Akre, Rosemary Garrity, Susan Akre

show@riverwalkquilters.com

Exciting news! The building contract was recently signed, so the venue is officially secured for May 13-14, 2016. This means we are definitely having a quilt show a little over a year from now!

Our first organizational meeting will be held on April 21 at 7:30 pm at Rosemary Garrity's house in Naperville. Her address is in the membership directory. Please RSVP if you are planning to attend the meeting by sending an email to show@riverwalkquilters.com so we know how many people to expect. Also, if you are interested in helping, but are unable to attend the first meeting, please let us know.

At the meeting, we will begin forming committees and filling volunteer roles. People have volunteered for some of the chair positions already, but there are still many openings. Currently, we are looking for more people to volunteer for the following roles:

Advertising and Promotions

Demos/Classes

Raffle Baskets

Raffle Quilt(s)

Set Up/Take Down

A variety of other positions are available too, so come to the meeting to see which role will be best for you. To have the most successful show possible, we need enthusiastic participation from all of our guild members. Please consider what part you can do to help.

Can't wait to see you at the meeting!

What To Bring in April

Name Tag

Philanthropy Donations

Completed Rag Quilt Squares

Snacks and Treats

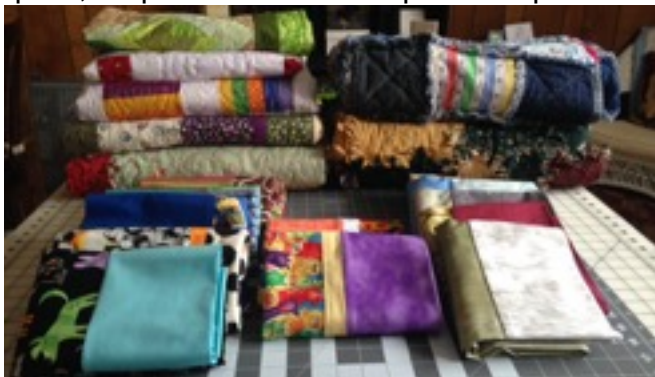
Philanthropy

Sandy Hess

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“MARCH MADNESS” COMES TO THE RIVERWALK QUILT GUILD!

While basketball takes over many televisions, the quilters of RQG found time to make, not only the squares for the April sew-in, but 7 quilts, 13 pillowcases and 7 pieced tops.



Many thanks to the following for their generous gifts to those in need: Oriene Springstroh, Judy Long, Sharon Goodman, Jean Hilderbrand, Donna Millican, Bert Seibert, Camille Padilla, Jean Lacher, Darlene Schille, Carol Wilhoit, Susan Akre, Loraine Nemo. Also, special thanks to the quilters who take the tops to complete and a big thank you to Nancy Sturgeon for writing and printing the guidelines for the small quilts.

Well, the Sew-in is almost here! Everyone who has signed up to bring items will receive a reminder from yours truly. So far, we have 10 sewing machines, 6 cutting mats, 7 rotary cutters, 9 sharp scissors, 1 ironing pad, and 5 sets of pins. We need a few more machines!



There will be instructions at each sewing station, so don't be shy about coming!

Be a part of the 2015 Rag Quilt Sew-in! We will have a very good time and create some wonderful gifts for those in need.

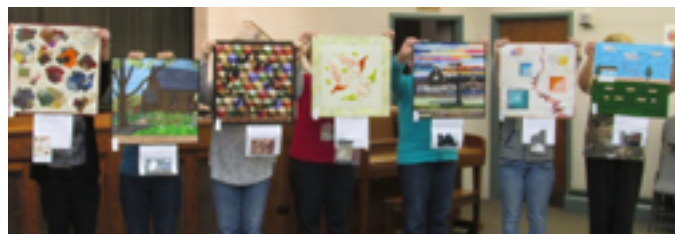
SEE YOU THERE!

Special Events

Quilt Challenge

specialevents@riverwalkquilters.com

Congratulations to the 16 members that brought in wonderful challenge quilts. They are all impressive and the unique usage of the challenge fabric is great.



The popular vote at the March meeting gave the following winners:

1st place - Sandy Alfaia

3 way tie for 2nd place - Carol Rubeck, Linda Kurcz, and Nancy Lindberg



The weekend of March 14 and 15 we exhibited them at Maple Sugaring Days at Naper Settlement. Visitors young and old enjoyed seeing all the quilts and getting to vote for their favorite. With over 1170 guests who saw our exhibit, the winning challenge quilts were:

1st - It's a Hard Winter by Sandra Alfaia

2nd - Chapel in Spring by Carol Rubeck

3rd - Going to the Chapel by Nancy Lindberg

Thanks to those who helped both days.

The quilts are now being hung on the upper level at Nichols Library.

A Different Box of Crayons

Lynn Schmitt
April 18 Workshop



We are still taking sign-ups for the workshop on April 18 with Lynn Schmitt, who spoke at our February meeting. We will have some fabric samples available of the

eclectic backgrounds for those taking the class. A sample of the class kit will be at the meeting. The kit is \$27.00 for the appliqué center. A separate finishing kit is available.

Location: Quilters Quest in Woodridge

Date/Time: April 18, 9:30-3:30

Cost: \$45.00

Optional Lunch: \$7.00

Upcoming Midwest and Local Events

January 21-April 12

Color in Motion Exhibit

Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts

April 10-11

United Church Hyde Park (UCHP) Quilt Show

1448 E. 53rd St., Chicago IL

April 18

Quilt Connection Show and Boutique

Chicago, IL, www.quiltconnection.com

April 18-19

All Around the House Quilt Show

Fischer Farm, 16W680 Grand Ave, Bensenville

April 23-25

Kalona Quilt Show and Sale

Kalona, IA

May 2-3

The Art of Collaboration Quilt Show

Sinnissippi Quilters, Rockford, IL

Where Did You Buy That Bag?

Sara Lawson
June 9 Guild Meeting & June 10 Workshop

Discover which interfacing and purse hardware you need to make detailed and structured bags. Each attendee will go home with an interfacing charm pack of products that Sara Lawson uses to make her bags. Also, see Sara's trunk show of fabulous bags!

Sara Lawson is a bag pattern designer and fabric designer from Chicago, Illinois. She has two fabric lines with Art Gallery Fabrics called 'Jungle Ave.' and 'Fantasia'. She is the author of 'Big-City Bags' and 'Windy City Bags' (the latter due out October 2015), in addition to curated collections with Aurifil threads. Her sewing pattern company is self-published under her brand, Sew Sweetness. You can find more online at www.sewsweetness.com.



March Show and Tell

There were so many wonderful quilts shown at the March meeting, it would be impossible to put them all here. Thank you to everyone for sharing your beautiful quilts!

How to Use Creative Grids

Rita Fishel
May 12 Guild Meeting

Come and learn from Rita Fishel how you can use the Creative Grid Rulers that you own or hope to own in creating your own quilts. A fellow member saw Rita demonstrate last year and recommended her to us.



Rita Fishel is a nationally known author, speaker, and teacher. She is Goddess and Queen Mother of Creations SewClever in Chillicothe, Ohio, and national Demo-Goddess, designer, and consultant for Creative Grids

USA. She is the author of two books from the American Quilter's Society: *Mystery Quilts* and *Everyday Quilts*.

A native of northeastern Ohio with a B.A. in clothing and textiles/business from the University of Akron, Rita purchased a small clothing and fabric business in 1992 and hasn't looked back. Now located in a beautiful 1800s Georgian home, Creations SewClever is a full-line quilt shop with three longarm quilting machines, a friendly staff of 16 quilters, and an amusing resident ghost. When she's not there, Rita is on the road in the Stitch Mobile, sharing her passion for all-things-quilt with guilds and groups nationwide.

For more information, visit Creations SewClever at www.creationssewclever.com.

Pride of the Prairie Workshop Openings

Pride of the Prairie Quilt Guild has available spots for a few of their upcoming workshops. Their workshop fees are \$65 each, which includes lunch. If anyone is interested, please contact Cheryl Barkoll or Sharon Zabransky.

Cheryl Barkoll

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Sharon Zabransky

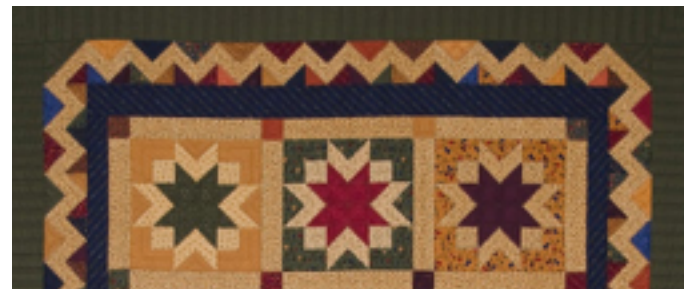
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Becky Goldsmith from Piece 'O Cake will be their guest speaker April 16 and will conduct a workshop the following day, April 17th. The name of the workshop is "Aunt Millie's Garden". Techniques for this class include cutaway appliqué, points, and curves. This class focuses on appliqué techniques.



Lynne Hagmeier from Kansas Trouble Quilters will be their guest speaker June 11th. In the workshop, you would be making her "30-Something" quilt from *Layers of Love*. Make a quilt in a day with KTQ's unique raw-edge appliqué technique. The size of this quilt is 70" x 86". A kit for this class is available for \$99. They would have to know how many kits are needed prior to Lynne leaving for IL.



Please contact Cheryl Barkoll or Sharon Zabransky for more information.

Riverwalk Quilters Guild

2014–2015 Board & Committees

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Small Quilt Auction

Rosemary Sanza

To send an email to any of these positions or committees, please click the blue titles.

Riverwalk Quilters Guild Meetings

2nd Tuesday of each month at 7pm

Grace United Methodist Church

300 E. Gartner Road, Naperville, Illinois

RQG Board Meetings

4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm

Grace Church Fireside Room

Address: PO Box 5092 Naperville, IL 60567

Website: www.riverwalkquilters.com

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/RiverwalkQuilters>

RiverwalkQuilters

Newsletter: The Riverwalk Quilters Guild newsletter is published monthly. To submit articles for inclusion, contact Susan Akre at newsletter@riverwalkquilters.com by the 4th Tuesday of the month.

Advertising: Rates are based on one month's issue. Ads must be prepaid and received by the Editor by the 4th Tuesday of each month.

Full Page \$50.00

Half Page \$25.00

Quarter Page \$12.50

Eighth Page \$5.00

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Upcoming Programs

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April 14, 2015

Philanthropy Sew-In

April 18, 2015

Workshop: Lynn Schmitt,
Eclectics with wool



May 12, 2015

Rita Fishel, Creative Grids

June 9, 2015

Sara Lawson, sewsweetness.com

Trunk Show and Interfacing Lecture

Workshop: June 10, Bag Class from
her book: Big City Bags

July 14, 2015

Tracy Mooney and Daughter
Generation Q

August 11, 2015

School House

"Promoting Confidence"

September 8, 2015

Faith Jones

"What is Modern Quilting?"

October 20, 2015

Small Quilt Auction and
Opportunity Quilt Raffle

November 10, 2015

Frieda Anderson "Fabric to Dye For"

Workshop: Nov. 11 "Flooded with Color"

December 8, 2015

TBA

January 12, 2016

Holiday Party and
Rummage Sale

February 9, 2016

Weeks Ringle, **Workshop:** TBA

March 8, 2016

Pat Sloan, **Workshop:** TBA



Next RQG Board Meeting:

April 28 at 7:00 pm

Grace Church, Fireside Room