

Riverwalk Quilters Guild

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President's Message

Vicky Laws

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Happy August!

Special thanks to Carol Gruchala for leading the July board meeting and the August Guild meeting. I was playing hooky down at the Lake of the Ozarks vacationing with my family. I am sad to be missing the guild meeting, I will be attending a work conference.

Have you heard about the Row by Row experience? Visit their site: rowbyrowexperience.com, and click on Illinois to see all 43 participating shops. This event ends September 2nd.

Wishing you a wonderful Labor Day weekend,
Vicky

Small Quilt Auction

Kathy Herbach and Sandy Alfaia

smallquiltauction@riverwalkquilters.com

As this is the Guild's only fundraiser until our next show, please donate something wonderful, something YOU would like to own! It should be an item made by you within the past year or so; no size limit but suitable items are wall hangings, baby quilts, lap quilts, bags, purses—think about what you would want to pay for an item.

There is only so much time in the evening to sell—the more each item brings in, the better off the Guild is. Get creative and put together a great gift item.

Many of our highest bids come from non-quilters, so keep that in mind—If you have any questions about your piece, give Kathy Herbach or Sandy Alfaia a call. Very few limitations—we just want a profitable, fun auction!

Guild Wide Bee

August 12 Guild Meeting

You say what is a Guild Bee? As we approach our last leisurely month of Summer we would like to gather the troops or the "hive" for a fun filled Bee of sorts and introduce our Bee's. The evening will include: Sewing, Sharing, Show and Tell and of course Snacking! Everybody come even if you are not a member of an official Bee, you're part of this one! Maybe you will want to get one going or join in another one! Did your bee make something together? Round Robbin, Block Exchange, a special quilt for a friend? Bring these items to share. Do you challenge and inspire each other in some way? Share your ideas. Do you have a new tool or gadget? Do you have a UFO that you are stalled on and need ideas on to get back to it? Bring it! We will also have a couple sewing machines set up for some Philanthropy sewing that can be done if you want to sew some strips on for a while. Everyone who brings something to show gets a ticket! It doesn't matter if we've already seen it.

Yes, we have prizes and maybe a game or two!

If you want to sew, bring what you want to work on with the tools you need, hand or machine. We will have cords, cutting mats and a couple ironing boards set up, just like Bee! (or mine that is!) Come and have fun!

What To Bring in August

Name tag

Library Books

Show & Tell

Snacks or Treats

Philanthropy Items

Project to work on or share

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August 12, 2014

Guild-wide Bee



September 9, 2014

Aniko Feher, quiltsbyaniko.com

Trunk Show/Lecture: *From Closet Quilter to Portrait Artist*

2 Day Workshop: From Photo To Quilt

October 21, 2014

Small Quilt Auction (Preview at 6:30 pm)

November 12, 2014

Dr. Clarice Boswell

Lecture: *Production of Songs, Quilts and Stories*. Featuring her book: *Lizzie's Story: A Slave Family's Journey to Freedom*

December 9, 2014

To be determined

January 13, 2015

Holiday Party & Rummage Sale

February 10, 2015

Lynn Schmitt- adifferentboxofcrayons.com

Lecture/Trunk Show: *Beyond Cotton*

Workshop: *Eclectics With Wool*

March 10, 2015

Thomas Knauer, thomasknauersews.com

Lecture: *Modern is More Than a Style*

Workshop: TBA

April 14, 2015

Philanthropy Sew-In

May 12, 2015

To be determined

June 9, 2015

Sara Lawson,
sewsweetness.com

Trunk Show: Interfacing Lecture Info

Workshop: Bag Class from her book: *Big City Bags*



Next RQG Board Meeting

August 26 at 7:00 pm

Grace Methodist Church Fireside Room

Special Events

Ruth Hild and Nancy Lindberg
specialevents@riverwalkquilters.com

"Trades Day" at Naperville Settlement

On Sunday, July 27, a group of Riverwalk quilters participated in Trade Days at Naperville Settlement. We demonstrated English paper piecing, hand applique, piecing, lap quilting, hoop quilting and quilting on a frame. (See pictures below). A special thanks to Leesa Jump, Dorothy Larsen, Yvette Thorn, Donna Millican, Norma Wiehrdt and Joanne Sheahan who helped with the demonstrations. We also handed out information on the upcoming quilt auction and our guild.

Existing Bees and Wanna-Bees

Riverwalk is in the process of updating information about the BEE groups that are connected with the guild. I have not heard back from the following Bee groups: Patchwork Partners, Piecing Pals, Empty Spools, Creative Bee, Batik Babes, Scrap Basket Friends, Sassy Scrappers and Fiber Divas. I would like to know 1) If your Bee is still active, 2) When you meet 3) Do you have room for new members and 4) What does your group do? Would you please respond before the August meeting. Thank you!

Small Quilt Auction (Continued)

Kathy Herbach and Sandy Alfaia
smallquiltauction@riverwalkquilters.com

Turn in quilts at the August & September guild meetings or up until the weekend before. Additional drop off locations: Kathy Herbach's in Wheaton, Sandy Alfaia's in Naperville.

Invite your friends and family! Non-quilters generally buy a lot! Bookmarks will be available to hand out as a reminder. Each guest of yours equals one chance for you to win a great opportunity basket.

The auction donation form is at the end of this newsletter. You can either make copies or print them from the link [here](#).

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Quilt Reader—stands up front with auctioneer; reads item description and "sells" items
Bidder Sign-In—sign in and distribute paddles
Quilt Hanger—arrive at 6pm to hang quilts
Quilt Puller—brings quilts to reader
Runner—shows quilts throughout the audience
Item Recorder—winning bid & bidder number
Check-out Cashier—collects payments
Check-out Runner—organizes items by bidder number & retrieves item for the winning bidder
Opportunity Basket Sales—sells tickets

Please contact Kathy Herbach or Sandy Alfaia for more information.



Philanthropy

Janelle Black and Sandy Hess
philanthropy@riverwalkquilters.com

We have a great start to our new year of giving! 22 baby/youth quilt starter packages were taken by our members and we hope to have many more available for everyone. There is no time limit on returning these, so NO pressure.



Items received this month include from Loraine Nemo, 4 pillowcases; from Linda Yokelson, 2 baby quilts; from Lyn Kmiecik, 1 youth quilt; from Sandy Hess, 1 baby quilt; from Jean Hilderbrand, 3 pillowcases, a twin bed size quilt top, and 2 baby quilt tops. Nancy Sturgeon took 2 baby quilt tops to finish.



We are having our generous members sign in with information on what they have brought so we can all thank them!

At the July board meeting, it was suggested that we “show and tell” the philanthropy items. Great idea, so your donated items will be up front for all to see. Feel free to clap, yell hooray, or whatever you are inspired to do.

There has been material donated and each month we will offer some of it to anyone wishing to use it. It does not have to be for philanthropy. It is free stuff ladies!

Let's remember that it is through our giving that many children find comfort with our beautiful quilts and pillowcases. The cancer pillows not only provide comfort but remind people that they are cared for by someone they don't even know. This is all so important. What a great thing for our guild to be known for.

Philanthropy Continued

Janelle Black and Sandy Hess
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On Friday, July 25, Janelle and I made rounds to meet contact people and deliver the bounty. Edwards Hospital Child Care Center is only open on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons so we will go there in August.

We spoke with a very helpful social worker at Edwards Cancer Center and gave her 7 port pillows and 7 adult patterned pillowcases. She said the heart underarm pillows are really needed also. Pattern will be available at the philanthropy table.

Wonderful visit to Hesed House in Aurora. We spoke at length with a young man regarding the needs there. We donated 7 baby quilts, 2 youth quilts and 7 child patterned pillowcases.



Regarding quilt sizes: This is great news! Hesed House wants any size from 36 inch baby quilts to 60 inch youth quilts and anything in between. They will take whatever size we bring. Also there is a need for pillowcases, both adult and children's.

Be creative, be generous, be a hero to a child!

Quilt Show Returns to RQG!

Lorraine Nemo
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Now that our guild has three fine people to chair our next quilt show, (2016), Riverwalk Quilters Guild is back on track in a very significant way! How exciting it is that our members get to display our quilts publicly once again, and celebrate the creativity and talent that we all put toward quilting!

We have one quilt show's worth of experience, and a lot was learned from it. While these past experiences will be valuable toward our second show, the process of planning always presents new challenges. The committee will be cruising some uncharted waters, and as they do, let's keep in mind that they have made a commitment to work hard, and will be making decisions after careful evaluation and discussion. If you have ideas or suggestions, please bring them forward in the most positive manner possible.

A quilt show is a great opportunity to build community within our guild and celebrate our oneness in quilting. The new chairpeople will need the entire guild's participation - that means each and every member. Let's all enthusiastically support Celeste, Rosemary, and Susan as they plan what is bound to be a fabulous Riverwalk show!

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

Website: www.riverwalkquilters.com

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

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Full Page \$50.00 Half Page \$25.00
Quarter Page \$12.50 Eighth Page \$5.00
Full page ad available for single month only.

Riverwalk Quilters Guild

Aniko Feher

September 9 Guild Meeting

We welcome portrait quilter Aniko Feher as our speaker/workshop teacher in September. Born in Hungary, she has always been fascinated by people and their faces and loved to draw portraits. Aniko brings her expertise and passion by bringing portraits to "fabric life" through her methods of design and teaching.

She states, "fabric portraits are truly a labor of love and not like any other quilt". Capturing the essence of a person is the goal and she wants you to know that you can achieve it. Don't be afraid to give it a try! Come see her presentation and sign up for the 2 Day Workshop, with her guidance you can bring your photo to "fabric life" as well. The results are incredible! Check out her website at: quiltsbyaniko.com (see her students' work)

2 Day Workshop: Wed/Thurs Sept 10th & 11th
"From Photo to Quilt"

Workshop location: TBA

Time: 9:30 am- 3:30pm

Cost: \$90.00 for 2 Days

Lunches for this workshop \$5.00ea day

Coffee/Tea/Water provided

Workshop Supply List: I will have samples of the supplies at the August guild meeting.

Upcoming Midwest and Local Events

July 1 - September 2, 2014

Illinois Row By Row Experience
www.rowbyrowexperience.com

August 16

Mokena Community Park District's
7th Annual Quilt Show
www.mokenapark.com

September 4-6

Quilt Expo in Madison, WI
www.wiquiltexpo.com

October 1-4

Des Moines Area Quilt Show
www.DMAQG.org

Mickey Mowry

Speaker at the July Guild Meeting

We had the wonderful opportunity to listen to Mickey Mowry at our July meeting and see so many of her intricately pieced quilts.

Mickey also showed us a sample section of the project that she hopes will become the world's most pieced quilt, which is pictured in the two photographs below.

In case you missed the meeting, here is a sample of some of the quilts she shared with us last month.



Grand Rapids Quilt Show

Ultimate Guild Challenge

Don't forget to visit our quilts at the Grand Rapids Quilt Show from August 20-23!

For more information, visit the show's website:
AQS Grand Rapids Show

Hospitality

Donna Millican and Lois Skooglund
hospitality@riverwalkquilters.com

Thank you all for bringing treats to our last meeting! For those of you who signed up for August treats, we are looking forward to enjoying those delicious refreshments.



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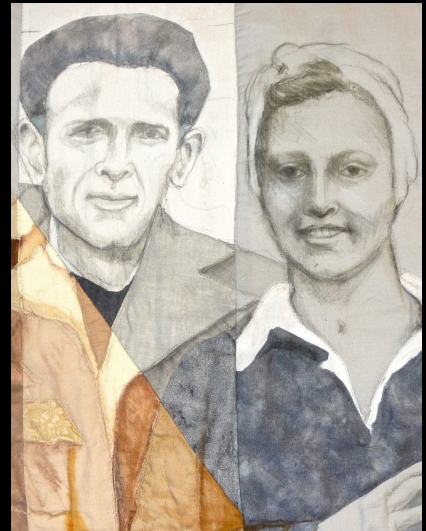
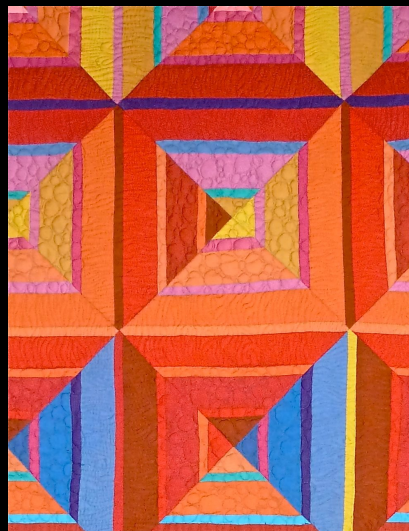
FROM CLOSET QUILTER TO PORTRAIT ARTIST

a lecture by Aniko Feher

Tuesday, September 9th 2014, 7:00 pm
Grace United Methodist Church
Fellowship Hall
300 E Gardner Rd., Naperville IL

Guest fee for non-guild members \$10.00

for workshop information contact
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**Riverwalk
Quilters Guild**
Naperville, IL

Our mission is to foster the art of quilting through fellowship, education and mutual support.

Meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 300 E. Gartner Road, Naperville

All are invited: whether you're new, experienced, modern or traditional

www.riverwalkquilters.com
or visit us on Facebook

Riverwalk Quilters Guild annual Small Quilt Auction!

Everyone is invited!

- Shop for unique, hand-made gifts for that special someone or hard-to-buy for family member.
- Enjoy the excitement of winning that special piece, with an auctioneer who makes everyone laugh!
- A complimentary dessert table with cakes, cookies, coffee and tea.
- An opportunity to meet our members and see what our Guild is all about.
- Proceeds from the auction are used exclusively to bring nationally known speakers and teachers to our area as well as fund our continuing community outreach programs.

Enjoy a fun evening out!

Tuesday, October 21, 2014

United Methodist Church, lower level
300 E. Gartner Rd. Naperville

Preview at 6:30

Bidding begins at 7:00 pm
cash or check only



Photos are some of the unique pieces from prior auctions! Go to www.riverwalkquilters.com or our **Facebook page** in the coming weeks to view this year's offerings!



Small Quilt Auction Donation Form			Quilt #
Riverwalk Quilters Guild			Q _ _ _ _
Maker(s) / Owners:			
Quilt Name:			
Quilt Size:			
Techniques Used: (Circle all that apply)			
Hand pieced	Machine pieced	Paper pieced	Please note: The Guild may use photos of your donated quilt.
Hand appliqued	Machine appliqued	Fused applique	
Hand quilted	Machine quilted	Tied	
The Story Behind the Quilt (The more information you can give, the more interest folks have in the quilt)			
			Bidder #
Final Bid (\$)			

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Office Use Only

Amt. pd.: _____

Check #: _____

Date: _____

New/Renewal/Change of Address: _____

Riverwalk Quilters Guild Member Information Form July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

Please print clearly:

Name: _____

Street: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

____ I do not have e-mail. Please send my newsletter & membership directory by regular mail, a \$12 additional fee.

____ I would like to receive information on joining or forming a Quilting Bee.

____ I **do not** want photos of my likeness nor my work published in our newsletter, website, or facebook page.

What year did you join the guild? (1st year was 1994) _____

Which Quilting Bee(s) do you belong to? _____

I understand that I am obliged to volunteer for guild activities.

Signature _____

Membership Rates for 2014-2015:

Renewal Fee/New Member Fee: **\$35.00/year**

Fee for Newsletter & Membership Directory Sent by US Mail: **\$12.00/year**

Dues Late Payment Fee (after July 1): **\$5.00**

Guest Fee: **\$10.00/meeting**

(Guests who join the Guild within 1 month of paying guest fee: **\$10.00 discount**)

Pro-Rated Membership Fee (new member after Jan. 1): **\$20.00**

*(Make checks payable to **Riverwalk Quilters Guild**. Drop off at guild meeting or mail to: Riverwalk Quilters Guild, PO Box 5092, Naperville, IL 60567)*