

# Riverwalk Quilters Guild

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## President's Message

Vicky Laws

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Count down as the holiday season begins!

I hope that everyone has found time in their busy schedules to include as least 10 or more minutes a day to sit down at your sewing machines.

We are a small but mighty group finally reaching 100 members. We are always on the lookout for some extra volunteer help, as previously mentioned: membership chairperson, nominating committee, raffle quilt ticket and travel coordinators, holiday party organizer, and Facebook page updater. I probably have forgotten something. Please contact me for more information if you are interested.

Our holiday party is scheduled for January 13th, and since no one has volunteered to organize it, we are going to have an Ugly Holiday Sweater party. Please wear your most festive holiday sweater, no matter the season. (could be Easter, 4th of July, Halloween, Thanksgiving or Christmas: your choice)



**Please bring a dish to share with everyone.**

**Last Names:**

**A-I: Main Course**

**J-R: Appetizers**

**S-Z: Desserts**

See you all on Dec. 9th!



## What To Bring in December

Name Tag  
Library Books  
Snacks or Treats  
Show and Tell

## Char Hopeman

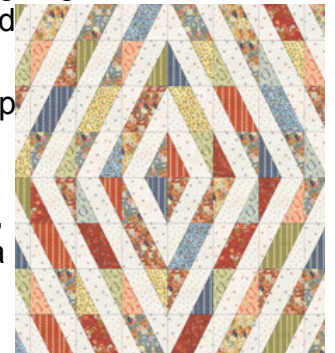
December 9 Guild Meeting

Char Hopeman is a wife and mother of two girls. She has lived in the Glen Ellyn/Wheaton area all of her life. Char's love of sewing goes back to her childhood where she was encouraged to sew by her aunt, mother, and older sisters. Being the youngest of 5 girls, she began sewing all of her own clothes at the age of 12. She later studied Fashion Design and did custom dressmaking and alterations.



She learned the "It's OK if You Sit on my Quilt" method of quilting in the 1980s and soon began teaching quilting. At the same time her fascination with reproducing antique quilts turned into pattern designing when other quilters asked if she had patterns for her quilts.

She opened a quilt shop in 2000. Later she closed her store and began longarm quilting, designing patterns for a local fabric company, and designing fabric.



In 2012, she designed the "ZIG-ZAG" ruler. By the urging of a quilting-teacher friend, she took her rulers and patterns to the wholesale market in Houston. They were a huge success and her focus became concentrated on ZIG-ZAG.



Come and enjoy a trunk show with Char as she

shares her experiences on the road to quilting, fabric design and her Zigzag Ruler! She is such a bundle of energy, you are sure to be inspired by her!

## Riverwalk Quilters Guild 2014–2015 Board & Committees

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Vicky Laws

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### Newsletter

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### Website

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### Small Quilt Auction

Sandy Alfaia

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## By-Laws and Procedures

Celeste Akre

[vicepresident@riverwalkquilters.com](mailto:vicepresident@riverwalkquilters.com)

The By-Laws Committee is beginning the process of reviewing and updating our [Guild By-Laws and Procedures](#). If any members have suggestions, please email them to Celeste to be submitted to the committee. The board will review the proposed changes and will present them to the guild in the newsletter. A vote will take place at the February meeting.

## Nominations Committee

Volunteers are still needed for the nominations committee. The primary responsibility of this role is to find people to fill the board positions for next year. If you are interested, please contact [Vicky Laws](#) for more information.

## Upcoming Programs

Sandy Doubek

[programs@riverwalkquilters.com](mailto:programs@riverwalkquilters.com)

### December 9, 2014

Char Hopeman- Trunk Show,  
Inventor of the Zig-Zag Ruler

### January 13, 2015

Holiday Party & Rummage Sale

### February 10, 2015

Lynn Schmitt- [adifferentboxofcrayons.com](http://adifferentboxofcrayons.com)

Lecture/Trunk Show: *Beyond Cotton*

**Workshop:** *Eclectics With Wool*

### March 10, 2015

Thomas Knauer, [thomasknauersews.com](http://thomasknauersews.com)

Lecture: *Modern is More Than a Style*

**Workshop:** TBA

### April 14, 2015

Philanthropy Sew-In

### May 12, 2015

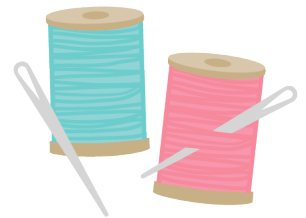
To be determined

### June 9, 2015

Sara Lawson, [sewsweetness.com](http://sewsweetness.com)

Trunk Show: Interfacing Lecture Info

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



### Next RQG Board Meeting:

January 27 at 7:00 pm

Grace Church, Fireside Room

## Upcoming Midwest and Local Events

### March 13-14

Little Cabin in the Woods Quilt Show

Tuckabachee Quilters, Ottawa, IL

### March 26-28

International Quilt Festival Chicago

Rosemont, IL

### March 27-28

Quilt Spectrum 2015

Hands All Around Guild, Bloomington, IL

## Philanthropy

Janelle Black and Sandy Hess  
philanthropy@riverwalkquilters.com

It has been, as usual, a busy time for RQG philanthropy. Eleven quilts, 10 port pillows, 5 pieced tops ready for quilting and binding, and a donation of Christmas fabric was brought to the meeting. How wonderful is that?

The following ladies were the “donaters” (is that a real word)? Thank you to Nancy Lindberg, Oriene Springstroh, Monique Peeters, Janelle Black, Leesa Jump, Wary Walschot, Nancy Niswander, Carol Rubeck, Linda Yokelson, Nancy Sturgeon, Loraine Nemo, Lisa Winn (donated 5 tops to be completed – we will miss you Lisa), Joan Dolinar, Linda Kurcz, and Lois Skooglund!

Edwards Cancer Center, Edwards Care Center, and Hesed House were all on the receiving end of our gifts of love.



Thank you for your generosity. It really does help others and as an added benefit, our Guild benefits from the joy of sharing our talents with others. Think what a difference we can make if all of our members make just one quilt or pillowcase!

The Sew and Tells bee worked hard and sorted and packaged 2 tubs of donated material to be ready for rummage sale. Good stuff for all. You will probably need a big bag to take it home in!

As the holiday season is upon us, Philanthropy wishes you health, happiness and good sewing. Let's not ever forget to help others any way we can. Don't forget to wear your woolies!

Please remember to wash, iron and put in a ziplock bag, the beautiful pillowcases.

## Small Quilt Auction

Kathy Herbach, Sandy Alfaia, and  
Rosemary Sanza

Thank you to all of our members who donated quilts and to our volunteers during the auction. We had a wonderful turn out and made some money for our guild!

Here is the summary: 101 paddles given out, 39 winning bidders, 72 donations, 48 guests, \$3,767 brought in on auction items. \$1,710 was from guests. The bids were between \$10 and \$325. The raffle baskets brought in \$311.

Thank you again for your generosity of your donations and the way everyone stepped in to help the day of the event!

## Rummage Sale

Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 6:30 pm

While you're getting out or putting away holiday decorations or clearing your sewing area so you can host house guests, you will no doubt run across sewing and quilting items that you no longer want. Put them in a box or bag to bring to the guild rummage sale in January. If you start going through your things now, you should have a nice pile to donate. Don't forget that one quilter's trash is another's treasure!

Please pre-price all donations, marked clearly with a bargain price. Price in increments of 25¢. Package small items together in clear plastic bags.

Items to donate: fabric, tools, rulers, notions, patterns, books, magazines, quilt tops, blocks, UFOs, embellishments, thread...you get the idea! Just start setting aside those items now. Proceeds will go to the guild. To help on January 13, contact Nancy Sturgeon.



From Quick Country Christmas Quilts by Debbie Mumm

## Quilt Show 2016!

Celeste Akre, Rosemary Garrity, Susan Akre  
[show@riverwalkquilters.com](mailto:show@riverwalkquilters.com)

It's time to start planning the raffle quilts for our next show! Instead of making one bedsize quilt, we are going to make 4-6 smaller quilts of a variety of patterns and colors to appeal to a larger group of people.

We would love to have as many guild members participate as possible. Each group will be able to choose their own pattern and fabrics, so begin thinking about possible quilt designs that would make a beautiful wall hanging to raffle at the show. More information will be available in the next newsletter and at the January party.

## Signature Quilt

Celeste Akre and Susan Akre

The December meeting will be the last chance to sign a leaf for our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary signature quilt! If you have not yet added your signature to our collection, please find the table at our next meeting. After the meeting, we will print the names of all the remaining members on leaves so that no one will be left out.

Come see the unveiling of the quilt at the January holiday party and rummage sale!

## Website and Facebook

Sue Damitz  
[info@riverwalkquilters.com](mailto:info@riverwalkquilters.com)

If anyone has pictures that were taken at guild meetings or events that could be shared on our website or Facebook, please send them to Sue Damitz so she can update our pages.

Also, if any members are interested in learning how to update and maintain our Facebook page, please contact Sue Damitz. Facebook is a good way for us to spread the word about our guild events and the speakers we host. Keeping it current with pictures and stories will help draw in new members.

Thank you for your contributions!

## Show and Tell November Guild Meeting



## Special Events Raffle Quilt

[specialevents@riverwalkquilters.com](mailto:specialevents@riverwalkquilters.com)

A big thanks to all who entered a name idea for the guild raffle quilt. We had some great choices and in the final vote the quilt committee selected: "Stars in My Garden". What a surprise to find out it was submitted by Dorothy Larsen! Congratulations, Dorothy!



"Stars in My Garden" has been entered into the AQS Paducah 2015 show. Acceptance letters will be emailed in early March. If our quilt is accepted, it will be on display at the show and will return in late April. The raffle will take place at the Small Quilt Auction next October.

Sandy Alfaia has already graciously stepped up to design and order the raffle tickets. We still need a volunteer to organize the distribution and selling of the raffle tickets. We also need a volunteer to coordinate the travelling of the quilt to different guilds, shops, and shows in order to sell more tickets.

Both jobs are important roles that need to be filled in order to successfully raffle our beautiful quilt. These jobs can be done by a single person or by a bee or a group of friends.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Nancy Lindberg for more information.

## Special Events Quilt Challenge

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We still have a few packets left for the Naper Settlement Challenge at \$3.00. Your 20" x 20" project will be due at the March Meeting. Prizes will be awarded and all entries will hang at Naper Settlement in March.



### Wool Applique Snowman

Looking for more winter inspiration? Click [here](#) to find this free pattern and more!

## Newsletter

Susan Akre

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If anyone has pictures of guild events, show and tell, information about local quilt/craft shows or lectures, or other articles that might be interesting to guild members, please submit them to Susan Akre. Submission deadline is two weeks before each guild meeting.

### 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

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

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