

# Riverwalk Quilters Guild

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## President's Message

Vicky Laws

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Welcome December!

Gosh, this calendar year is just zooming past. Blink and it will be January and our holiday party. I hope everyone had a fun and restful Thanksgiving weekend.

We are in need of a Nominating Committee of a couple of people to help us fill our Board positions for the upcoming 2016/2017 calendar year. If interested please let me know, either at our next Guild meeting or by email. See everyone next Tuesday.

### What to Bring – December 8

Name Tag

Desserts if you signed up to bring some  
Library Books



### WEBSITE NEWS

Almost done! Look for an upcoming email announcing our new Live Website. The link will remain the same.

[www.riverwalkquilters.com](http://www.riverwalkquilters.com)

**Next Board Meeting:**

**January 26 at 7:00**

**Grace United Methodist Church**

## January 12 2016

**Holiday Party & Rummage Sale**  
**Mary Walschot & Nancy Niswander**

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

Celebrate 2016, the year of the Monkey, at our Holiday Party.

If you haven't guessed it yet, the theme is Chinese New Year. Wear **red** or **orange** and bring a dish to share. If you have an Asian recipe, even better.

If your last name begins with:

A-I bring an appetizer

J-R bring a dessert

S-Z bring a main course



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Bring a wrapped gift. This will be used in a "white elephant" game. It should be something you have lying around the house and can be related to sewing/crafting or not.

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Please consider bringing a non-perishable food item for Loaves and Fishes food pantry.

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### RUMMAGE SALE

While you're getting out or putting away holiday decorations or clearing your sewing area so your house will look good for visits from holiday guests, you will no doubt run across sewing and quilting items that you no longer want. Please put them aside 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. And you will feel much better starting the New Year with a cleaned out sewing space

## January 12 2016

Holiday Party & Rummage Sale  
continued

Mary Walschot & Nancy Niswander

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

Don't forget that one quilter's trash is another's treasure!

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

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 12, contact **Nancy Sturgeon** or look for the sign-up sheet at the December meeting.

## Naper Settlement Challenge Quilts at Naperville Library Naper Blvd.

Ruth Hild

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

The Naper Settlement challenge quilts were at Naper Blvd library during Nov. They have been a wonderful traveling show and thanks to all you talented quilters for making such great, interesting quilts. They have received great reviews. They will be returned to their makers at the guild meeting on Dec. 8th. If you will be unable to attend, please contact me to make other arrangements to pick yours up by the 13th. Thanks



## Special Events

Ruth Hild and Nancy Lindberg

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

### Quilt Show News

We will be having a "Resale Corner" at the show and need your donations of quilt **Fabric**, quilt **Books** and quilt **Patterns**. Please start going through your collection of these 3 items and start bringing them to the next meeting. I will have bins available. These are the only items we will sell; anything else should be kept for the January Party rummage sale.

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### \*\*\*SNEAK PREVIEW \*\*\*

If you were unable to stop at the **Naperville Art League on Oct 18<sup>th</sup>** to see our travelling challenge quilts and meet Denise Havlan, you will get your chance next year at our November guild meeting.

Local award winning quilt artist, Denise Havlan will be coming to our guild to speak on November 8, 2016 and hold a workshop.



Several members took her workshop in October and brought their art quilts to the November meeting for show and tell.



**December 8 2015**

**Susan Infante  
Textile Arts to Sewing Couture**

Susan Infante, Fiber artist and Surface designer enjoys working with natural textiles and recycling vintage kimono silks.

She received her BA in French education with a minor in Fine Arts from the University of Illinois. She gains inspiration for her work from frequent travel to France.

Her one of a kind art wear has won awards from and been published in Threads Magazine and Simplicity Pattern Company. As a member of faculty at Fine Line Creative Arts in Saint Charles, Illinois, She presently is an instructor of surface design methods which include Thermofax screen printing, soy wax resist, and dyeing. She is the chair of Fine Line's annual Uncommon Threads program, to be held on October 18th, showcasing unique wearable art.

Awards include:

Uncommon Threads 2006, 2008,  
2014 Juror's Choice for Best body of work  
Uncommon Threads 2008, 2012, 2014  
People's Choice award

American Sewing Guild 2008 Grand Prize  
for Gold Leaf

Midwest Folk and Fiber 2012 Best of Show  
for Umbrellas like minds

Garments published in THREADS  
MAGAZINE:

March 2008 Best Special Occasion or  
Costume

June 2010 April Showers

Simplicity Pattern Company 2008 Gold Leaf



**HELP WANTED**

**Publicity Chair**

As Publicity Chair, you have the opportunity to work with all the different events, committees and Guild members who are involved with each activity—Philanthropy, Special Events and helping with the upcoming Show—there's always something going on.

One main goal is to attract new members by "putting our best foot forward". This may include producing posters, bookmarks and anything else that will get our message out. Sometimes it's small articles in the newspapers or a poster in the library.

You also get involved with Lisle Depot Days and any other event where we can show our work, talk to everyone who stops by our table and make sure they leave with a smile, and a bookmark.

Designing and printing the bookmarks and posters can be done by you, or work with someone else in the Guild. Another job is setting up Guild members who "adopt a shop" to keep the area quilt stores supplied with bookmarks.

As a committee chair you get to attend the Board meetings, which is a terrific way to get to know other members. Getting involved, in ANY capacity is a great way to help your Guild, give back to the community and discover new friends while having have lots of fun! Please consider volunteering for this important board position.

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**JOIN THE BOARD**

It's always a song and dance at our meetings...we welcome any of our DEER quilt friends.



**February 9 2016**

**Weeks Ringle  
Luminous Quilts**

Creating quilts with luminosity is a challenge to even the most experienced quiltmaker. This lecture will explore the concepts of contrast, value and color relationships.



Weeks Ringle and Bill Kerr are professional quiltmakers and co-founders of Modern Quilt Studio, a design studio in Oak Park, Illinois. Since 1999 Bill and Weeks have brought a modern twist to the great American quilting tradition with decades of quilting experience and graduate design degrees.

Modern Quilt Studio launched the first ever magazine exclusively dedicated to modern quilting, Modern Quilts Illustrated, in 2011. Their books on modern quilting and design include Transparency Quilts, Quilts Made Modern, The Modern Quilt Workshop and Quiltmaker's Color Workshop.

Their work has been featured widely in the national press including in O:The Oprah Magazine, TIME, The New York Times, Dwell, American Patchwork & Quilting and Country Living. They design multiple lines a year for Andover Fabrics and have developed bedding and textiles for Crate and Barrel.

Bill and Weeks lecture and teach design and quilting throughout the US and internationally. When not busy designing and sewing, Weeks writes about craft and creativity on her blog Craft Nectar.

**WORKSHOP: "Rediscovering Your Stash"  
February 10, 2016**

Time: 9:30 – 4 pm

Location: Thimbles, Lockport

Level: Adventurous beginning  
To advanced

Cost: \$59 including lunch for non-members  
\$69 for non-members.



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Non-members that come to the lecture will be let into the guild meeting for **FREE** if they signed up for the workshop.

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Gain color confidence and plan creative ways to use your stash in one day! Mix a big dose of color theory with an in-depth discussion of combining patterns and a pinch of working with large-scale fabrics and you'll end up with a plan for projects that you want to make from the fabrics you already have. In addition, you'll have consultations about how to freshen up your stash while learning how to use fabrics that you love but find perplexing. You'll see new possibilities for working with your stash and leave the workshop with beautiful palettes and plans for your next few projects. Bring patterns you love and fabrics you'd like to use or are unsure how to use and you'll be amazed at how you'll be able to pull it all together.

\*\*\*\*\* Supplies Needed \*\*\*\*\*

An open mind and a large assortment of cotton quilting fabric. Try to include different values and hues, small-scale prints, tone-on-tone prints, solids, stripes, batiks, large-scale fabrics and especially fabrics you love but find challenging to use. Small quantities are fine. You'll also need a sewing machine, rotary cutting equipment, extension cord, thread, seam ripper, notebook or journal, and any supplies you like to have handy when quilting. Our **Fabric Fusion** quilt, shown above, is just one example of a quilt that students have made using their stashes and what they have learned in this workshop.

# Philanthropy

Sandy Hess and Joanne Sheahan  
[philanthropy@riverwalkquilters.com](mailto:philanthropy@riverwalkquilters.com)

What a great delivery this month. Hased House received 18 beautiful quilts and 81, yes, 81 pillowcases!

How wonderful that our Guild is so generous in giving. Thank you!

At our November meeting we received the following:

Judy Long – 1 quilt

Nancy Sturgeon – returned 4 tops she quilted, ready for binding

Jon VanSlobig – 25 heart pillows

Jean Hilderbrand – 2 quilt tops

Dorothy Melquist – 1 quilt top

Nancy Lindberg – 1 coverlet

Linda – 2 quilts

All items needing finishing were snapped up and will be finished soon. Thank you!

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I received a box from Janelle Black's sister with 2 beautiful quilts that she had finished for Janelle. She knew they were meant for philanthropy and sent them to me. How thoughtful.

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We do have some **new rules for rag quilts**. They must be **laundered** and **checked for open seams** before donating. We will no longer be accepting any that are not ready to deliver. This applies to **rag quilts only**.



# Philanthropy- continued

Sandy Hess and Joanne Sheahan  
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## SIZE OF QUILT GUIDELINES

Please piece your quilt no wider than 40". We would like to use a backing fabric that is one fabric width wide.

Crib - 36"x42"

Child's quilt- 40"x60"

Youth Quilt- 40"x72"

Adult lap quilt- 40"x60"

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If you want a RQG long arm volunteer to quilt your quilt and your quilt is wider than 40 inches, you can either ask for donated fabric from Philanthropy and make your own backing to fit the quilt or donate fabric from your stash, to make the backing for the quilt and a volunteer long arm quilter will quilt your quilt. If you donate a pieced top and include backing fabric, please make sure that the backing is **at least 6"** larger than the top both widthwise and lengthwise. This extra fabric is needed to attach the backing to the quilting frame and also to accommodate the quilting itself. Thanks.

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Please think about making some small stuffed animals for Hased House.

We have 10 pounds of fiberfill. Please let us know if you would like some to stuff your creations.

# Naperville Quilts! 2016

Quilt Show Registration - Yvette Thorn  
[show@riverwalkquilters.com](mailto:show@riverwalkquilters.com)

## Quilt Show Registration

The time for getting that information together of what you would like to put into the quilt show will be coming up before you know it. At the end of the newsletter you will find a copy of the application that you will need for each quilt that you would like to enter.

You can print off as many copies as needed. This form will be repeated with the coming newsletters. If you cannot print it, we will have a limited number of paper copies at the membership desk.

We are looking for your quilts that were not in the last show and/or that you have completed since our last show. We have had some great classes since our last show so don't forget to include those items. You may have also taken a class at one of the wonderful quilt shops we have in the area. Now is the perfect time to finish some of your UFO's.

The number of quilts that we can accept is limited only by the space that we will have to hang quilts. Obviously, we cannot hang several bed quilts for each of our members but we also know that not every member will submit bed sized quilts. So go ahead and submit the forms. On the form you will notice that there is a priority question. That will be used only if we run out of hanging space. We want to show as much of each of your wonderful works as we can.



# Naperville Quilts! 2016

Raffle Baskets – Amy Shuter  
[show@riverwalkquilters.com](mailto:show@riverwalkquilters.com)

Beautiful bountiful baskets full of goodies people really hope to win is our goal.

Here are some of the donations we are hoping you can help with.

**Save your selvages!** We'll fill a jar with them. Just cut a strip 1" to 2" wide from the selvage edge of the fabric. Be sure to get those pretty color dots and at least 1/2" of the printed portion of fabric.

**Gardening basket** May is a good time for gardening. So let's fill a basket with all things gardening such as tools, seed packets, kneeling pad, pretty silk flowers, etc.

**Date night basket** How about chocolates, crackers, coffee, wine, wine glasses, a DVD?

**Read and snuggle with Grandmas basket** Children's books and a quilt to go with it would make a cute basket!

You can bring your donations to the monthly meetings. More basket ideas will be coming next month. Thanks for your help in making baskets that people will really want to win.

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Greetings from the quilt show committee! We would like to thank all the guild members who have already given their time and resources to the show. We are making great progress. The venue has been secured, the chair positions have been filled, and planning is underway, but we still need everyone to help us prepare for a fantastic show.

First of all, continue to work on finishing the beautiful quilts and projects you are going to put in the show. We would love to have every member of the guild represented. Also, please sign up for volunteer slots to make the show run more smoothly. Kathy Herbach will be coordinating volunteers for the days of the show, or contact a show chair person if you would like to help before the show.

Thank you for helping us create another wonderful show!

Celeste Akre, Rosemary Garrity, and Susan Akre

**March 8 2016**

**Pat Sloan**

Pat Sloan designer, author, lecturer, and with her weekly radio show... Pat truly is the "Voice of Quilting". She has a deep passion for making quilting fun for herself and everyone around her. Pat loves to hang out with quilters on the internet as well as visit you in person. Be inspired to get more done!

Sewing since she was a child and quilting for over 20 years, Pat eventually looked to her craft as a business. After a few years quilting she started to teach quilt making to others and then turned her skills to pattern designing. She found that she really enjoys designing and seeing how other quilters made her patterns. In 2000 Pat's designs became so popular that she and her husband Gregg formed a design and publishing company called Pat Sloan & Co. In addition to designing and publishing her work, they now travel around the country teaching and showing her quilts to quilt guilds and quilt shops. Also, Pat has had her designs published in all the national magazines, she has written 31 quilt books and has designed many lines of fabric for Moda Fabrics.

When Pat took her passion to the internet she built several quilt communities, the largest is her group on Facebook with over 41,000 quilters from around the world.

Over Five years ago she started a weekly All Quilting radio/podcast. You can hear her interview quilt celebrities, historians, designers and authors from around the world, all on your computer! All the podcasts are available for download.

Visit her web site [www.patsloan.com](http://www.patsloan.com) to see all the Pat Sloan & Co. patterns.

**WORKSHOP: "Sponsored by Thimbles"**  
**March 9, 2016**

Time: Contact Thimbles (815) 836-8735

Location: Thimbles, Lockport

940 State St. Lockport IL. 60441

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Please Note that Thimbles is running this Pat Sloan workshop. Members need to contact Thimbles for workshop information.

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## Upcoming Midwest and Local Events

### National Guild Challenge

2016 National Museum Quilts for Quilting Campaign – the national quilt Museums largest and most important fund-raiser.

All quilt donations must be received by April 1 2016. Details about this contest are attached to this newsletter.

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**Prairie Shop Quilts, Batavia** is closing its doors after 9 ½ years. Everything must go! Check out the great deals at:

[www.prairieshopquilts.com](http://www.prairieshopquilts.com)

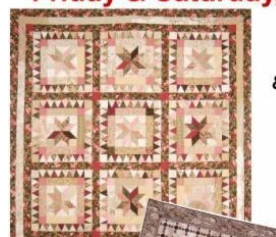
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**LINDA Z Sewing Center**

1216 East Central Road  
Arlington Heights, IL 60005  
847-394-4590

## 2-DAY QUILTING RETREAT WITH KAYE ENGLAND!

Friday & Saturday, December 4 & 5, 10a - 5p



\$299, plus fabric & supplies  
INCLUDES FREE lunches, snacks & beverages, use of our new machines, and... FUN!

Join us for this FUN  
Two-Day, Hands-On Quilt Retreat  
With the Queen of Quilt herself,  
**KAYE ENGLAND!**

# Show & Tell November Guild Meeting





# Riverwalk Quilters Guild

## 2015–2016 Board & Committees

**President**  
Vicky Laws

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**Membership**  
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**Public Relations**  
**Open Position**

**Philanthropy**  
Sandy Hess  
Joanne Sheahan

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**Hospitality**  
Donna Millican  
Jill Bryan

**Special Events**  
Nancy Lindberg  
Ruth Hild

**Newsletter**  
Sabrina Marton

**Website/Facebook**  
Kathleen Pallardy  
Kathy Herbach

**Small Quilt Auction**  
Rosemary Sanza

**Nominating Chair**  
**Open Position**

**January Party**  
Mary Walschot  
Nancy Niswander

Click blue titles to send an email

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**Newsletter:** The Riverwalk Quilters Guild newsletter is published monthly. To submit articles for inclusion, contact Sabrina Marton at [newsletter@riverwalkquilters.com](mailto: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  
 Full page ad available for single month only.

**RQG Board Meetings**  
 4th Tuesday of each month at 7pm  
 Grace Church Fireside Room

# Upcoming Programs

Tracy Husch-Lissak, Joan Der, Leesa Jump  
[programs@riverwalkquilters.com](mailto:programs@riverwalkquilters.com)

- December 8, 2015**  
 Susan Infante  
 "Textile Arts to Sewing Couture"
- January 12, 2016**  
 Holiday Party and Rummage Sale
- February 9, 2016**  
 Weeks Ringle "Luminous Quilts"  
**Workshop:** Feb 10 "Rediscovering Your Stash"
- March 8, 2016**  
 Pat Sloan  
**Workshop:** March 9 Sponsored by Thimbles
- April 12, 2016**  
 Philanthropy Sew In
- May 10, 2016**  
 Carolyn Mack – "Parade of Quilts: Up Close and Personal"
- May 13-14, 2016**  
 Naperville Quilts! 2016
- June 14, 2016**  
 Catherine Redford – "Most Excellent Adventures in Quilting"  
**Workshop:** June 16, 2016 "Get those Tops Made into Quilts"



**Riverwalk Quilters Guild Meetings**

2nd Tuesday of each month at 7pm  
 Grace United Methodist Church  
 300 E. Gartner Road, Naperville, Illinois

**Address:** PO Box 5092 Naperville, IL 60567  
**Website:** [www.riverwalkquilters.com](http://www.riverwalkquilters.com)  
**Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/RiverwalkQuilters>

# Naperville Quilts! 2016

## Quilt Show Application Form

Please fill out all pertinent information

Leave this Box <b>Blank</b>			
Entry Number		Placement id	

**SHOWPIECE SIZE (for placement)**

As you view the quilt hanging	
Top to bottom height:	
Left to Right width	

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Town:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name of Quilt:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pattern/Source:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Quilted by:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Description:** This will be displayed by your entry at the show. It can also include stories, inspiration, etc

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If this is a bed sized quilt, is it ok to hang from the second floor balcony? **Y or N** (circle one please)

Although this is not a juried show, we are limited by hanging space mostly for bed sized quilts. Please put a priority number (ie., 1, 2, 3, etc) for your desire to have this quilt in the show. Again, we will use this only if we have run out of space. \_\_\_\_\_

*I have read and understand the stated rules. Riverwalk Quilters and Northern Illinois University, Naperville, IL are not responsible for any theft or damage that might occur. (Consult you insurance agent regarding coverage under your homeowner's policy.) Information will be furnished to you later regarding quilt preparation and quilt hanging sleeves.*

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Staple Photo Here

Please do not cover registration info at left with photo

Does not need to be a professional photo –

This is for identification purposes

Your Quilt will hang with the **sleeve** at the top



*Expanding the Vision, Advancing the Art*

Dear Quilters,

You may have received a letter or email about the 2016 National Quilt Museum Quilts for Quilting Campaign. The Quilts for Quilting Campaign is one of The National Quilt Museum's largest and most important fundraisers. Last year over 500 individuals and several dozen guilds participated. We hope that you and your guild members will participate this year and help the Museum achieve its fundraising goals.

How it works? The program is simple and everyone can participate. To get involved simply donate a full size quilt or miniature quilt to the Museum for fundraising purposes. The quilt can be a new creation or an antique and it can be any size. Most donated quilts will be a part of our three annual auctions. In a few cases they are held to be used in later events. The Museum is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization so all donations are tax deductible as allowed by law.

Over the last six years, the Quilts for Quilting Campaign has led to critical funding for the Museum. The dollars raised in this program have helped us expand several programs and expand our promotional efforts. These proceeds along with other donations have ultimately led to thousands more people experiencing the work of today's quilting community through educational programs, in-facility exhibits, travelling exhibits, and other programs.

Over the last four years a "Guild Challenge" has emerged. This is an informal contest to see which guild can send us the most quilts. In 2014, The Quilt Guild of Brandon, Florida won with 25 quilts. In 2015, the Pine Tree Needlers Quilt Guild of Wautoma, Wisconsin won with 19 quilts. The guild that sends the most quilts will be featured in a Facebook post. In addition, every guild that sends us a quilt will get a plaque.

In addition to helping the Museum, each campaign donator will receive a free gift.

**How to donate your quilt to the "Quilts for Quilting" campaign:**

1. **Send quilts to: National Quilt Museum, 215 Jefferson Street, Paducah, KY 42001**
2. **Please write "Attn: Quilts for Quilting" on the box.**
3. **Please include your name, address, and contact information so that we may send you a receipt and a gift.**

There is no limit to the number of quilts you may donate to the campaign. We welcome multiple donations. If possible, please donate by April 1, 2016.

Thank you so much for your donation. The Museum relies heavily on the generosity of the quilting community for funding and we need everyone passionate about quilting involved. 2016 is the Museum's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and we would love to ring in this wonderful milestone with the most successful auction ever!

If you have any questions about this program please contact Lori Robbins or Amanda Ball at 270-442-8856.

Sincerely,

Frank Bennett

*\*The National Quilt Museum is a 501©3 nonprofit organization. Click here to get more details about how we are funded. A full annual audit is available upon request.*

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