

# Riverwalk Quilters Guild

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## President's Message

Vicky Laws

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Happy February,

I would like to give a huge thank you to Loraine Nemo, Heidi Enright and Carol Wilhoit for taking on our January Party. It was light and fun and everyone who came out had a wonderful time. Thank you also to Nancy Sturgeon and her wonderful rummage sale committee. She brought some examples of panels that she bought at the rummage sale for \$2.00 and was able to make 4 charity quilts from them. So we do offer many treasures along with great bargains.

We have some wonderful opportunities to have our Opportunity Quilt travel coming up in the next couple of months...all we need is someone to be in charge. Some of the opportunities are: Quilt Shop hops during the months of Feb. & March, Naper Settlement in March when we have our Naperville Settlement challenge quilts on display. Please let me know if you would be interested in being in charge of organizing these.

I will be happy to be in charge of collecting Opportunity raffle tickets. So at our Feb. meeting and thereafter, if you have raffle tickets & money to turn in – please feel free to give them to me.

We are starting to review what Board positions will be open for the 2015/2016 Riverwalk year. Please be willing to join us. I plan on distributing a sheet at future meetings, so you can simply sign up. (Continued) ►

### What To Bring in February

Name Tag  
Show and Tell  
Philanthropy Donations  
Snacks and Treats  
Library Books

## A Different Box of Crayons

Lynn Schmitt - February 10 Speaker  
Lecture and Trunk Show: "Beyond Cotton"

Please welcome Lynn Schmitt of "A Different Box Of Crayons." Lynn will be bringing her trunk show of quilts and designs using her eclectic mixed medium of fabrics from cottons and silks to wools and home dec. She will be challenging us with new concepts and approaches in our quilt making using her techniques and stunning use of color. Come prepared, as Lynn will be bringing her patterns and some kits, threads and specialty fabric bundles.

Workshop: "Eclectics With Wool" Will be held Saturday, April 18th (Details TBA)



## President's Message (Cont.)

Vicky Laws

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Most of the board members who are leaving have finished a 2 year stint in their positions and now it is time for them to move on. I thank them for their ideas, comments, time and willingness to serve that they have so freely given to our guild. I know we are small group but our rallying cry is that we are a mighty force. So please, give this some consideration and join me on the board.

A quick listing of job openings: Vice President, Secretary, Newsletter, Publicity, Hospitality, Contracts, Membership and Library. Plus a huge thank you for the members who are continuing in their positions for a 2nd year.

## Translating Words Into Quilts

Thomas Knauer Workshop, March 11

Every quilt tells a story, says something, but in this workshop that statement becomes literally true. You will explore different ways of using Braille as a basis for designing blocks, and then using those blocks to make quilts with hidden meaning. While the finished quilts end up looking thoroughly modern and abstract; beneath that surface will be a message. Whether it is personal or political, or a little bit of both is up to you. In this workshop you will be designing your own Braille quilt using a word or phrase of your own choosing. Please come with a word or phrase in mind that has meaning to you.

Date/Time: March 11th, 9:30am-3pm

Workshop Fee: \$50.00

Lunch: \$7.00 or bring your own

Held at Quilter's Quest in Woodridge

Supply List:

- A few words or phrases that you are considering using as the basis for the Braille aspect of the quilt.
- A range of fabrics in the palette you want to be background colors and a few for the foreground colors.
- Rotary mat, ruler, cutter, sewing machine, all the usual tools and graph paper.



"Chain of Love" Free Pattern [HERE](#)

## Member Gallery

Oriene Springstroh

Have You Been Interviewed Yet?

The Member Gallery on the Guild's website is gradually becoming populated with brief biographies of our members. Oriene Springstroh is conducting interviews and writing them as a way for members to become acquainted with each other. She is working her way through the members as she talks with them at meetings or makes cold calls by phone or email.

When you agree to be interviewed, the two of you select a date to meet at your home or somewhere else you have chosen. She will ask some questions about you and your interest in quilting and take photos of you and a couple projects you would like to have included. The visit takes about an hour. After she writes up the interview, you will have a chance to see it and make changes, if necessary, before it goes to the webmaster for posting to the Member Gallery.

It will take a while to interview everyone, but we are working toward that goal. Don't feel left out if you haven't been contacted yet. If you would like to arrange an interview sooner rather than wait to be contacted, you may email her at [orienespri@aol.com](mailto:orienespri@aol.com). And if by chance anyone is interested in doing some of the interviewing and writing, too, Oriene would welcome the help!

Check out the gallery pages for five new member interviews: [Oriene Springstroh](#), [Sandy Alfaia](#), [Carolyn Finzer](#), [Mary Cieslak](#), and [Lenore Hrejsa](#)

## Hospitality

Donna Millican and Lois Skooglund

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

Thank you to everyone for bringing delicious foods to our January party! The February sign up for treats did not fill, so if you are able to bring some snacks it would be appreciated.

Thanks!

## January Party

An “Ugly” Event!

What a great turnout we had at our January New Year’s party. Even without a guest speaker, we can enjoy getting together for good food and fellowship! It sure was fun to see the creative and interesting sweaters! Congratulations to Yvette Thorn for ugliest/most unusual. Yve lit up the place! If you missed it, just picture Elvis on velvet surrounded by Christmas lights!



We hope you met someone new in our “Swatch Buddies” game. I enjoyed meeting a newer member, and now know a little bit about her.

Congratulations to Rosemary Garrity, winner of the “What’s Your Score” game ... she was rewarded for hand sewing all those buttons on her vest! Congrats also to Linda Yokelson, who with her sharp mind, was the first to unscramble the challenging list of quilting terms.

Many thanks to all who helped with the evening: our dynamic hospitality team Lois and Donna, our energetic and organized rummage sale chair Nancy Sturgeon and helpers.

Thanks to Carolyn Finzer for delivering food donations, to Margaret Donahue for finding a good home for the many magazines that were left. (We couldn’t bear to put them in the dumpster!) Thanks to Sue Damitz for packing her van with all of the rummage leftovers and delivering to a resale shop.

## January Party (Cont.)

Thanks to all of you for delicious food (shepherd’s pie and coconut cake were highlights!), and for your “ugly” donations to our rummage sale.

How about that beautiful 20th anniversary guild quilt? Thanks to Celeste and Susan Akre for all of their work. The beautiful tree with leaves and birds, embroidered Riverwalk name, and excellent quilting, all came together in this lovely quilt.

Thanks to Heidi Enright and Carol Wilhoit for helping with the event. Keep in mind, the New Year’s party is a well-established guild tradition, and one of the easiest to chair. Please think about taking a turn and planning it for next year.

And don’t forget to set a box aside to again start collecting your unwanted sewing and quilting items for the 2016 rummage sale.

Happy quilting to you in ’15!

Pressing on,  
Lorraine Nemo





# By-Laws and Procedures

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Please review the proposed changes to the guild By-Laws and Procedures. There are three suggested changes which are summarized below. A final vote will take place at the February guild meeting.

Section 5.04 Vice President b) 6) "In alternate years secures the location for the Quilt Show."

It has been suggested that this phrase be removed from the Vice President's duties because securing the quilt show location is a responsibility of the quilt show chair people.

## Section 5.08 Eligibility

"No member shall hold the same Board position for more than two consecutive one-year terms."

It has been suggested that this sentence be edited to read: "No member shall hold the same **Executive** Board position (**President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer**) for more than two consecutive one-year terms."

## Section IV 4.01

"In general, this "break even point" should be equal to about **80%** the number of available workshop spaces."

There was no number in front of the percent sign, so the programs/workshop chair people suggested that it be changed to 80%.



Valentine's Day  
Mug Rug  
Free Pattern  
[HERE](#)



## Upcoming Midwest and Local Events

### January 21-April 12

Color in Motion Exhibit

Wisconsin Museum of Quilts and Fiber Arts

### 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

### April 23-25

Kalona Quilt Show and Sale

Kalona, IA

### May 2-3

The Art of Collaboration Quilt Show

Sinnissippi Quilters, Rockford, IL

**Quilt Spectrum 2015**  
*To Boldly Go Where No Quilter Has Gone Before*  
Friday, March 27, 10am - 6pm & Saturday, March 28, 10am - 4pm

Unique Boutique  
Merchants' Mall  
Quilting Demonstrations  
Lunch available

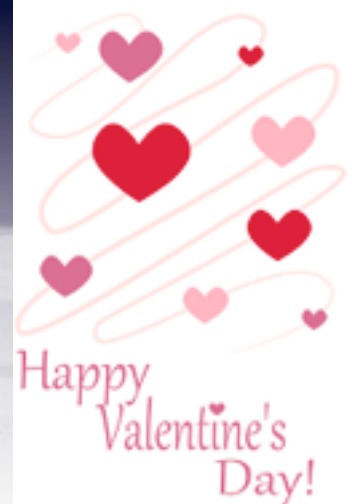
Special Exhibit:  
Universe of Mystery Quilts

Bed Turning: "Boldly going..."  
A special showing of modern quilts.

Featured Guild Artist: Rhonda Byrd

Admission  
\$6 Adults  
\$5 Seniors (60+)  
\$4 Children (4-12)  
Free Parking

Central Catholic High School  
1201 Airport Road, Bloomington, IL 61704  
Presented by Hands All Around Quilt Guild



# Riverwalk Quilters Guild

2014–2015 Board & Committees

## President

Vicky Laws

## Vice President

Celeste Akre

## Secretary

Carol Gruchala

## Treasurer

Bev Parker

## Programs/Workshops

Sandy Doubek

## Contracts

Joan Der

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## Membership

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## Public Relations

Sandy Alfaia

Nancy Sturgeon

## Philanthropy

Janelle Black

Sandy Hess

## Library

Lenore Hrejsa

Jill Seaworth

## Hospitality

Donna Millican

Lois Skooglund

## Special Events

Nancy Lindberg

Ruth Hild

## Newsletter

Susan Akre

## Website/Facebook

Sue Damitz

Kathleen Herbach

## 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

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

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**Newsletter:** The Riverwalk Quilters Guild newsletter is published monthly. To submit articles for inclusion, contact Susan Akre 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.

# Upcoming Programs

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## **February 10, 2015**

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

Lecture/Trunk Show: *Beyond Cotton*

**April 18 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**

Rita Fishel, Creative Grids

## **June 9, 2015**

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

Trunk Show: Interfacing Lecture Info

**Workshop:** Bag Class from her book:

Big City Bags

## **July 14, 2015**

TBA

## **August 11, 2015**

School House

## **September 8, 2015**

TBA

## **October 20, 2015**

Small Quilt Auction

## **November 10, 2015**

Frieda Anderson, **Workshop:** TBA

## **December 8, 2015**

TBA

## **January 12, 2016**

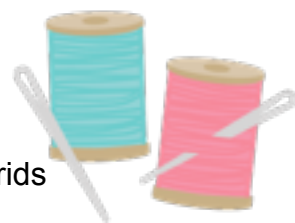
Holiday Party and Rummage Sale

## **February 9, 2016**

Weeks Ringle, **Workshop:** TBA

## **March 8, 2016**

Pat Sloan, **Workshop:** TBA



## **Next RQG Board Meeting:**

February 24 at 7:00 pm

Grace Church, Fireside Room



# Show and Tell

January Guild Meeting

