

Riverwalk Quilters Guild

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President's Message

Vicky Laws

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Thank you to Sandy Hess and crew on a successful Sew-in at our April guild meeting. A good time was had by all. Looking forward to our upcoming meeting.

Here is the guild board slate which is up for vote at our June meeting:

President: Vicky Laws
Vice-President: Margaret Donahue
Secretary: Lenore Hrejsa
Treasurer: Bev Parker
Programs: Tracy Husch-Lissak,
Joan Der

Contracts: 2 openings

Membership: Yvette Thorn
Linda Kurcz

Public relations: 1 or 2 openings

Philanthropy: Sandy Hess
Joanne Sheahan

Library: Terri Hayes

Carol Rubeck

Hospitality: Donna Millican

Jill Bryan

Special events: Nancy Lindbergh

Ruth Hild

Newsletter: Sabrina Marton

Website/Facebook: Sue Damitz

Kathy Herbach

Small Quilt Auction: Rosemary Sanza

Nominating chair: 1 opening

January party: Nancy Niswander

Mary Walscott

As mentioned many times before, if you are interested in volunteering for an open board position please contact me.

What To Bring in May

Name Tag, Library Books

Philanthropy Donations

Snacks and Treats

How to Use Creative Grids

Rita Fishel

May 12 Guild Meeting

Many of our members were able to meet Rita Fishel in her booth at Paducah and are excited to hear more about her at our next 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.

Philanthropy

Sandy Hess

philanthropy@riverwalkquilters.com

WHAT AN AMAZING GROUP OF WOMEN!

Hooray, our April Sew-In was a huge success! Members worked hard and 17 finished quilts are ready for the washing process. Many more were taken home to be completed. We won't know how many there are as a result of that wonderful evening until they are returned, but when they are turned in, I will gladly announce it. There are some pictures of the sew-in, thank you Catherine Redford, posted on Facebook. Worth looking at!

When all rag-quilts are turned in and ready for delivery to Heses House, I will post that glorious picture.

Along with the amazing turn out and cooperation for the sew-in, our regular philanthropy table was filled with more beautiful quilts. Among the ladies who graciously turned them in are:

Norma Beckemeier- quilt, Mary Walschot- quilt
Darlene Schille- 2 quilts, Oriene Springstroh- 5 quilts, Nancy Lindberg- 2 quilts, Judy Long- 2 quilts, Loraine Nemo- 3 pillowcases, Jean Hildebrand- 2 tops with binding and backing included, Amy Schuter- 14 Pillowcases and Jean Lasher sent in 9 rag quilts for the sew-in.

A tremendous thank you to all of our contributing members.

This picture is of some of the philanthropy table quilts listed above.



Naperville Quilts! 2016

Celeste Akre, Rosemary Garrity, Susan Akre

show@riverwalkquilters.com

Our first show committee meeting was held on April 21. If you would like to be involved with the planning of the show, please join us at our next meeting on June 2, at 7:30 at Rosemary Garrity's house. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to show@riverwalkquilters.com.

The name of the show will be Naperville Quilts! 2016 "Giving back, Stitching forward." Instead of having a featured quilter, our focus will be on the many different ways that quilters/sewists contribute to the community.

We are still looking for more volunteers, specifically for Advertising/Promotions, Raffle Baskets, Raffle Quilts, Philanthropy, and Set up and Take down. There are many different jobs available, big and small. If you are interested in helping in any of these roles, please volunteer!

Raffle Quilts!

Our goal is to make a variety of smaller quilts to raffle off at the show. One group has started their quilt, and we would like at least two more. If you are interested in organizing one of the raffle quilts, please let us know.

Member Gallery

Check out the gallery pages of two more members on our website: [Rosemary Sanza](#) and [Darlene Noerenberg Schille](#)

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

Hospitality

Donna Millican and Lois Skooglund

hospitality@riverwalkquilters.com

Thanks to all who brought many treats to our last meeting. However, we only had one person sign up to bring treats for our upcoming meeting so we are putting out this plea to any who can bring something. Thank you in advance for your help!

A Different Box of Crayons

Lynn Schmitt
April 18 Workshop

A good time was had by all who attended Lynn Schmitt's Workshop on April 18. Below you can see a few snapshots of the class.



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.

Be sure to sign up for Sara Lawson's class this month at the meeting. You will learn about working with all the interfacings and her finishing techniques as we make this fantastic bag with lots of details.

Workshop Details:

Wednesday June 10th, 9:30am

Location: Quilter's Quest

Class: \$50.00 Optional Lunch: \$7.00



Upcoming Midwest and Local Events

June 5-6

Quilts Along the Wabash, Kokomo, IN
Kokomo Event and Conference Center

June 19-21

Kansas City Regional Quit Festival
www.kcrqf.com

Special Events

Ruth Hild and Nancy Lindberg
specialevents@riverwalkquilters.com

Naper Settlement Challenge Quilts

The challenge quilts will continue to be hung in the upper level of Nichols Library. They will be featured in a future Naperville Sun article so they will remain there until May 15th. If you have not stopped to see them, please do so because they look great. We are continuing to look for other venues to display them.

"Trades Day" at Naperville Settlement

Again we have a great opportunity to represent our guild, get information to the public, and recruit new members at the Trades Day at Naper Settlement on Sun. July 26 from 1-4pm.

They will be showcasing trades and skills that were common in the 1800's. We hopefully will be in the Tavern as you enter, and need volunteers to do hand quilting, hand appliqué or sewing, and piecing.

Who would be able to help on Sunday, July 26 between 1-4 pm? Please email specialevents@riverwalkquilters.com or sign up at the meeting if you are able to help. We should be able to sell tickets for our opportunity quilt that afternoon too.

Opportunity Quilt Tickets

Sandy Alfaia and Yvette Thorn

We are handling the opportunity quilt tickets for our members. Many packets were handed out at past meetings but we still have quite a few to pass out. We want to give you all ample opportunity to sell your tickets. Be sure to see us at the next meeting to pick up your packet.

We will also be taking stubs and money from those who have already sold theirs. If you would like to pick up some more to sell, we will have those as well.

Let's make this a very successful drive to make money for this beautiful quilt! As always the proceeds will be used to help fund our guild for the coming year.

Naperville Quilts! 2016

Heidi Enright and Loraine Nemo
show@riverwalkquilters.com

Calling All Quilts!

Do you find yourself living from day to day, perhaps thinking ahead to the weekend? Does one year from now seem like a long time? Perhaps for some, but we quilters know that a year can be a short time, especially if we are planning a quilt or working on a masterpiece.

Riverwalk's quilt show is just one year from now...are you working diligently on your creations for the show? In reality, because it takes time to sort through and process all of the applications for proposed show quilts, there is actually less than one year to complete your quilts.

A non-quilter friend who attended our last show, recently commented that what she loved about the show was the variety. We do aim to have that same variety—an array of quilts that represents the varied talent and skills of our guild members. So fire up that sewing machine, let the creative juices flow. Complete the quilts you've started; let's have a great show!

Have fun, enjoy the process, and look for future information about applications for quilt show entries. -Heidi & Loraine

Membership

Lyn Kmiecik
membership@riverwalkquilters.com

I cannot believe that another Quilt year is almost at an end. The Membership Renewal form for the next year is at the end of this newsletter. Please print it, fill it out, and bring it to the meeting on May 12. The price is the same. \$35 covers membership from 7/1/2015 to 6/30/2016. If you would like your newsletter sent by US mail, there is an extra fee of \$12 to cover printing, envelopes and postage. Checks should be made out to **Riverwalk Quilters Guild**. If you pay after July 1, 2015 you will be charged a \$5 late fee.

THANKS!

Riverwalk Quilters Guild

2014–2015 Board & Committees

President

Vicky Laws

Vice President

Celeste Akre

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Sandy Alfaia

Nancy Sturgeon

Philanthropy

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

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

Full page ad available for single month only.

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Upcoming Programs

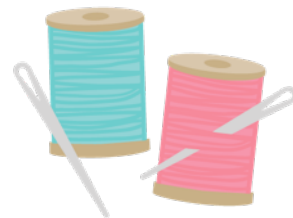
Sandy Doubek

programs@riverwalkquilters.com

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:

May 26 at 7:00 pm

Grace Church, Fireside Room

Office Use Only

Amt Paid: _____

Check # : _____

Date: _____

Riverwalk Quilters Guild Member Information Form July 1, 2015- June 30 2016

Please print clearly:

Name: _____

Street: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

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

_____ I would like to receive information 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 obligated to volunteer for guild activities.

Signature _____

Membership Rates for 2015-2016

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

Fee for Newsletter & Membership sent by US Mail: **\$12/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 January 1): **\$20.00**

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