

Riverwalk Quilters Guild

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President's Message

Cheryl Sleboda

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I asked. You all answered! We have found a President, VP and Treasurer for next year! We will announce our slate soon, so stay tuned! I'm very excited to have positions filled so early in the year.

One position that's still open, and very important, is the Contracts position for next year. If you want to be the one to select all our guild programs and work closely with those teachers the following year, we'd love to have you consider this position. We increased the budget so that we can have the very best quilt educators come speak to our guild. This is a must-fill spot, and it's a simple one. Fill the months with speakers and workshops this year, and next year coordinate them to arrive and get set up to do their thing. If you're interested, please let us know.

This month we will be having a vote on providing next year's board members a waiver on their dues for their service to the board. See our article on this elsewhere in the newsletter.

Cheryl

April 10

**Philanthropy Sew In
Lucy Blasi & Kathleen Curtis**

On April 10th at the Philanthropy "Sew In" our focus will be cutting 9.5-inch and 4.5-inch squares to make kits. The kits, once assembled, will be available at future meetings for members to take and sew at home. The 9.5-inch squares will be used for quilt tops. The 4.5-inch squares will be used for hospital patient bags. Members wanting to cut that night will need to bring a rotary cutter, cutting mat and rulers. If you have 9.5 square ruler, 4.5 square ruler or straight ruler available please bring it. Members wanting to sew that night will need to bring their machine and all the tools they need to sew. We will also need members to play with fabric squares and package kits. It should be a fun night. We hope to see you join us.

Reminder: Edwards Hospital is asking for more Heart Pillows. Any pillows you can sew for donation would be wonderful.

What to Bring April 10

- Name Tags
- Favorite Mug
- Rotary cutter, mat, rulers
- Sewing machine, etc, if you want to sew

Guild Ironing Boards Are Missing

If you were loaned the Guild ironing boards, please contact Jen Beatty to make arrangements to return them. If you are concerned/embarrassed because you forgot you had them, it's okay. Contact Jen directly email, phone, text (I am unable to attend the April meeting) and we can make arrangements to return them. The other board and guild members do not need to know who had them; all we are concerned about is their return as they are property of our Guild. We have all borrowed items from others and forgot we had them. Thank You!

Jen Beatty (jbscraps3@gmail.com)

Upcoming Programs

May 8
Tim Latimer
Lecture: Time Span Quilts

June 12
Sassafras Lane
Lecture: TBD
Workshops: TBD

Time to Vote

This month, there will be a vote put to the membership to provide a one-time waiver for dues for the board members who serve in next year's board. Currently, our guild is in a "spend down" mode as we are carrying a large balance on our books and during this time we decided to spend this money on our membership. We have added many perks to being a member such as more door prizes and sew ins that are at no additional cost to members.

Despite trying to operate at a loss for the past 2 years we have actually not reduced the balance on our books as much as we expected. Next year's budget will do more of the same, and we hope to again spend the money on perks of being a member of our guild and making our meetings fun.

One of the things we suggested was to waive the dues for the board positions for the 2018-19 year to encourage people to consider joining the board. The waiver will be for this one year only. It worked, and we have nearly a full slate. The board voted 12 to 3 to allow this and it will be presented at the next meeting. It is expected to cost under \$1500 to waive these dues for a year and will be for official positions of the board only

Hospitality
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Friendly reminder... bring snacks.

Deb Obrieht

Membership
Tina Orlita & Carol Rubeck
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Membership stands at 102 members. There were 68 members and 1 guest at the March meeting. Membership renewals will begin in May for 2018-19 as we approach the end of this membership year in July. Annual membership dues are \$35.

Tina Orlita & Carol Rubeck

Philanthropy
Lucy Blasi & Kathleen Curtis
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We received the following Member Donations in March:

Linda Knehn – 2 heart pillows
Linda Yokelson – 1 quilt
Jen Beatty – bag of fabric for Sew In
Camille Padilla – 2 quilt tops
Jean Hilderbrand – 1 quilt top
Carol Matlak – 1 quilt
Anita Northruft & Lydia Ferrigan – 3 pillow cases
Deb Obrieht – finishing work (quilt and bind) – returned 1 & took 1
Judy Long – 1 quilt
Terri Hayes – 3 heart pillows
Joan Dolinar – 3 heart pillows, 1 pineapple block, 12 port pillows, 2 pillow cases and 1 quilt returned from finishing work
Darlene Ebel – 1 quilt (pieced by Sue Damitz) & 2 baby quilts, finishing work: took 1 to quilt and bind
Joanne Beatty – fabric for sew in squares
Dee McHale – finishing: took 1 to quilt

As always, we are simply humbled by your donations at every meeting. Thank you so much for your donation. We appreciate all you do to support our Philanthropy.

Library News
Lynn Slaughter & Mary Walschot
rqqlibrarian@gmail.com

Thanks to all the members who searched for and found the missing library books. There were 35 of them, and I believe we rescued all but four. That's pretty good!

Mary and I have been busy all year alphabetizing and inventorying the library. Now you can go to LibraryThing.com/catalog/RWQG and search by "tag", author, subject or title. (More about Library Thing below) Please make sure:

1 - You are looking at "Your Library" and not "Lost Books" (on the top left)

2 - You are searching "Your Library" and not the Library Things website (on the top right)

LibraryThing.com makes inventorying, searching (for titles, authors and subjects), and reviewing books much easier than having a list at the meetings. The pictures of the books and some of the reviews are inputted by LibraryThing. You can search on your phone or computer by subject (hand quilting, art quilts, modern, etc.) or titles or authors and LibraryThing will present a list of what you asked for. There was so much updating to do, there is (much!) room for error, so if you find a mistake, please let me know. You can see pictures of the covers. If you click on "tags" you can see the different categories we've inputted so let me know. When you check out books, you can submit a review to me and I will add it; Also, if you think the book would be better represented by a different "tag" or have an additional subject listed, I can add that. If you think the book is worth rating, there is a rating system of 1-5 stars. It should be a very useful tool.

If you didn't know, our library policy is to lend out the books for one month (a change in policy) with another month renewal. You don't need to bring the book back; just tell me you'd like to keep it another month. You'll be notified if someone else is waiting for the book. This should help with "lost" books! We also want to help by sending reminder emails just before the meetings.

If you want to suggest a book for the library to purchase, please email me or tell me at the meetings. The guild no longer has a specific email for the library. Email me (taxidog1@sbcglobal.net) and you'll get my attention.

We have terrific books and DVDs in the library. Please investigate the LibraryThing site and let us know how you like it. And please let me know if you find an omission or mistake.

Lynn Slaughter (taxidog1@sbcglobal.net)

Riverwalk Quilt Show May 10 and 11, 2019

Our quilt show has a name!

Find Your Style, Tell Your Story.

We hope this inspires you to make a quilt in a style you love, or a quilt with a fun or interesting story behind it, as many do. We hope also that people who attend the show will be drawn in by both varied styles our guild represents, and the stories behind our quilts.

We'd like to thank all who have stepped forward so far to take chair positions. We are looking forward to working with you.

There are still have a few key spots open, so c'mon over to the ***Find Your Style, Tell Your Story*** table at guild to see how you can help plan our show...and keep quilting!

Rosemary Sanza & Loraine Nemo

2019 Opportunity Quilt

Last Call for Opportunity Quilt Blocks

This is the final call for opportunity quilt blocks that were passed out at the February guild meeting for completion. Many eager quilters worked on their blocks and turned them in at the Members Subsidized Sewing Retreat in February or at the March guild meeting. It is now time to turn the last of them in.

Please place each completed block in its original baggie with the leftover fabric included. Also, please write the block number and your name on the white label on the outside of the baggie before turning it in.

If you have any other questions, feel free to contact Oriene Springstroh at orienespri@aol.com. Thanks for your enthusiasm and help with this project!!

Fabric Fondlers Bee – Jill Bryan, Kathleen Curtis, Sue Damitz, Darlene Ebel, Janet Ebel, Lisa Klingbeil, Lyn Kmiecik, Kathleen Pallardy, Rosemary Sanza, and Oriene Springstroh

Special Events
Sue Damitz, Darlene Ebel and Nancy Ebel
rqspeialevents@gmail.com

2018 Riverwalk Quilt Guild Challenge

Theme: Books Books Books

1. General Information:
2. You must be a member of RQG to participate
3. \$5 entry fee refundable if challenge is completed.
4. Only one entry per person
5. First available entry date is March 13, 2018
6. Finished projects due on June 12, 2018
7. Voting for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize will take place at June Guild meeting by those in attendance. One vote per entry, please.
8. Prizes will be awarded
9. All entries may be exhibited at local venues to spread word of our quilting passions.

Rules:

1. Make a quilt/wall hanging using Book theme.
2. Any style may be used: traditional, modern, contemporary, art
3. Finished perimeter can be no more than 100" in diameter.
4. The quilt must be completely finished (quilts must have two layers of cloth filled with batting and be quilted or tied)
5. Attach a sleeve on; the back
6. Include a label on the back with your name and phone number
7. You may add any embellishments.
8. Attach the entry form

Website Opportunity

I am looking for some creative minds to help continue to keep our website current and fresh. If you are interested in extending your creativity beyond fabric and over to the digital side, please let me know.

Kathleen Pallardy

Other Quilt Events News

The Northwest Suburban Quilters Guild is excited to have some great speakers (and teachers!) coming to our guild in the next few months.

- **Lisa Binkley**, known for her exquisite beadwork, will lecture and offer a class in April.
- **Jane Sassaman** will present a lecture on her unique design style in May.
- **Annette Ornelas** will present a lecture and two classes in June, featuring her dimensional curved piecing technique.

All meetings and classes are open to non-members, and we would certainly appreciate any publicity you can give us within your own groups. Contact information for the classes is on the attached sheets.

Thank you for your support!

Ann Kelly
Publicity Chair, NSQG
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Bernina Quilting Frame for Sale

Turn your favorite sewing machine into a long arm! The Bernina Quilting Frame handles projects from crib to king size. This sturdy frame includes twist & lock rails, cloth leaders, height adjustable legs, a Gracie guide laser. Pictures available. \$800. Contact Nancy Niswander at nancyquilt27@gmail.com

On Thu, Mar 29, 2018 at 12:58 PM, Nancy Niswander <nancyquilt27@gmail.com> wrote:
Thanks

Website
Kathleen Pallardy
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Riverwalk Quilters Guild
2017- 2018 Board & Committees

If you need something added or changed on the website www.riverwalkquilters.com, please email Kathleen Pallardy at the rqqwebsite@gmail.com

Please contact Kathleen Pallardy to post your quilting services for hire on the RQG website. Please include a brief description of your services and preferred contact information to be posted to the website.

Advertising rates are based on one month's issue. Ads must be prepaid and received by the Editor by 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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Website: www.riverwalkquilters.com

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

Riverwalk Quilters Guild meetings
 - 2nd Tuesday, 7:00 pm
 Grace United Methodist Church
 300 E Gartner Road, Naperville, IL
 RQG Board meetings – 4th Tuesday, 7:00 pm
 Grace Church

President	Cheryl Sleboda
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	Nancy Ebel
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Facebook	Kathleen Herbach
Small Quilt	The Material Girls Bee
Nominating Chair (2017/2018 Board Year)	Open
January Holiday Party	Carol Gruchala
	Anita Nothdurft
	Linda Yokelson
Rummage Sale	Nancy Sturgeon
Raffle Quilt Chair & Committee	Fabric Fondlers Bee
Show Chair	Loraine Nemo and Rosemary Sanza