

Riverwalk Quilters Guild

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Vicky Laws**

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**March 8, 2016 Program
Pat Sloan—Wild & Free**

Countdown to Spring has begun. Only a few more days until it is official. I am extremely excited about our meeting and workshop next week with Pat Sloan. I guess I could be considered a quilting groupie!

Have you started getting your blocks ready for our April philanthropy sew-in? We would like to break last years record of 55 rag quilts.

Again we are looking for volunteers to hold office for our next Guild year (June 2016–May 2017). Positions available are: President, Treasurer, Hospitality, Philanthropy, Library, and Special Events. I will be bringing a sign-up sheet to pass at the meeting on Tuesday. We need your help! This is a wonderful way for you to get to know others in our Guild. Board meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at Grace Church. Please do consider a position. The Guild can't continue without member volunteers. Do your part. Volunteer on Tuesday or contact me at the email address above. —Vicky

WHAT TO BRING—March 8

name tag

treats if you signed up

library books

raffle basket items

show and tell items

Pat Sloan designer, author, lecturer, and weekly radio show host truly is the "Voice of Quilting". She has a deep passion for making quilting fun for herself and everyone around her.

Sewing since she was a child and quilting for over 20 years, Pat eventually looked to her craft as a business. After quilting for a few years, she started to teach quilt making to others and then turned her skills to pattern designing. Pat found that she really enjoyed 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 lecturing. Also, Pat has had her designs published in many national magazines. She has written 31 quilt books and has designed many lines of fabric for Moda.

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 Pat started a weekly All Quilting radio/podcast where she interviews quilt celebrities, historians, designers and authors from around the world. The podcasts are available for free download at the Apple store.

Visit her web site www.patsloan.com to see all the Pat Sloan & Co. patterns.

PAT SLOAN WORKSHOP: "Mamas Garden" Wednesday, March 9, 2016

Time: 10:00—4:00

Fee: \$75 includes pattern & lunch

Contact Thimbles to sign up (815) 836-8735

Location: Thimbles, 940 State St., Lockport, IL
Learn Pat's tricks to "punch up" your appliqué quilt backgrounds. No more neutral tan or beige backgrounds. Bring on the Color and the pattern to make your quilts sing! Pat's classic and popular "Mama's Garden" is the project quilt. Then we will spend the day making the most spectacular background for your appliqué. Contact Thimbles directly to sign up.

**May 10, 2016 Program
Carolyn Mack
Parade of Quilts:Up Close & Personal**

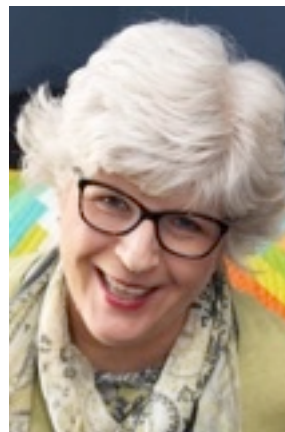


Carolyn Mack of Geneva has been quilting for 30 years, making over 200 quilts to date. She is passionate about solving complex design problems, working with friendship exchange blocks, pushing the boundaries of machine

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quilting and experimenting with new techniques. Her quilts have a contemporary look noted for their intricate quilting, innovative piecing and artistic feel. Accolades include numerous Viewer's Choice awards and prizes at local shows, quilts exhibited at AQS, Paducah and having a quilt published in Quilter's Newsletter Magazine. Carolyn enjoys sharing her passion for teaching as she presents her trunk show of almost 50 quilts.

**June 14, 2016 Program
Catherine Redford
Most Excellent Adventures in Quilting**



Catherine Redford was brought up in the northwest of England, the "middle child" with an older brother and a younger sister. She learned to knit and sew at an early age and kept her family's Barbie Dolls and Action Men well dressed. University years took her to Reading where she met her future husband, Steve. Knitting him a long

"Doctor Who" style striped scarf and making needlepoint pictures gave welcome relief to the chemistry and microbiology courses demanded for her degree in Food Science. They married two weeks after she graduated and moved to Naperville in 1995. Now 35 years later they have four grown children. In 1998, Catherine discovered quilting and took her first class at Stitches and Stuffing in Naperville. Five years later she started teaching classes at Pieceful Heart Fabrics in Lisle. Catherine is a member of our Riverwalk Quilters Guild where she has served as program chair, vice-president, co-chair of "the Gathering" committee, and also a 2 year term as president. She is a member of the Fiber Art Divas, an art group that meets at Naperville Art League and or PAQA, the professional art quilt group. In 2012 Catherine co-founded the Naperville Modern Quilters Guild to further explore the modern quilt

rag quilt guidelines continued—

To make one square of the quilt at home:

1. Begin by cutting (2) each 8” squares of cotton fabric. *Use the same fabric for the front/back.*
2. Cut (1) 7” square of batting. You may mix and match batting types—blend, poly, cotton.
3. Assemble the sandwich: 8” square on top, batting in middle, 8” square on back.
4. Keeping all sides matching, quilt the sandwich from corner to corner making a large X.
5. Square is finished—have some chocolate!

If you are completing an entire rag quilt at home, use 49 squares. 7 squares across x 7 rows up and down. Use a **½ inch seam** to join the squares and also to connect the rows. Please check your seams to make sure that the batting is securely encased in the block.

Membership
Yvette Thorn & Linda kurcz
rqgmembership@gmail.com

We are now at 109 members. Four new members joined in February. They are Darlene Ebel, Nancy Ebel, Mary Garry (returning), and Susan McArthur. Welcome! We had 60 people present for the Weeks Ringle/Bill Kerr lecture in February. These included 6 guests.

Library News
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The library is looking for suggestions of books to add to the library. We have a budget and are ready to place some orders. Any ideas?

Hospitality
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Thank you to all who generously bring treats to our meetings! Please be sure to take home any left-overs. Don't forget treats for Tuesday.

Website
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Our new website is complete and went “live” the first week of January. New gmail accounts (starting with rqq....@gmail.com) have been created for all the board and committee positions in the guild.

www.riverwalkquilters.com

If you need something added or changed on the website, such as member gallery additions, show information, pictures, etc. please email Kathleen Pallardy by clicking on the link rqqwebsite@gmail.com or go to the website and click on the contact tab and select contact web support.

Special Events
Ruth Hild & Nancy Lindberg
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**Maple Sugaring Days
at Naper Settlement
March 12 & 13**

We have been asked by Naper Settlement to exhibit quilts again this year at the Maple Sugaring Days event because we had great reviews last year displaying our Naper Settlement challenge quilts. Over 1,000 people attended last year. What a great opportunity this is to let everyone know about our Guild and our May quilt show. We will again be in the Pre-emption House Tavern near the main entrance to the Settlement off of Aurora Avenue.

We need your help on Saturday, March 12 between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. and on Sunday, March 13 from 1–4 p.m. You can either sign up at the March 8 Guild meeting or click our email link above and let us know when you can help.

Since the theme of our upcoming show is about our philanthropy projects, we hope to display donated quilts, pillowcases, pillows, etc. along

Maple Sugaring Days continued—
with informational signs. If you are currently working on a charity quilt, please try to complete it and bring it to the March 8 Guild meeting so we can display it at Naper Settlement.

Naperville Quilts! 2016

Quilt Show Registration—Yvette Thorn

rqqquiltshow@gmail.com

Quilt Show Registration

The registration form is available at the end of this newsletter or on the RQG website. Print out one copy for each quilt that you want to submit. Include a photo of that quilt. The photo does not have to be a glossy print. A paper copy is fine.

Each quilt should have its own application and photo. Include any challenge information in the write up about the quilt.

Some of you have expressed an interest in having assistance in taking photos of your quilts. Bring the quilts to the March meeting and I will take the photos.

We are looking for bed and wall quilts, purses and totes, quilted clothing, and table runners. Be sure to include finished projects from Riverwalk workshops!

This Tuesday is the final deadline for turning in your registration forms.

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Quilt Show News

rqqquiltshow@gmail.com

Publicity

Please continue talking about the show and begin inviting your friends and family members! Word of mouth is our most effective way to advertise. We have an event on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/events/518290278339734/>) that you can use to invite your friends and give them more information.

Guild Information Table

It is our hope that we will be able to recruit some new members at the show. Near the entrance, there will be an information table where visitors can ask questions or become members. We are putting together a slideshow that will run in a continuous loop to show prospective members what our guild does. If you have any pictures of guild events, please submit them to rqqquiltshow@gmail.com.

Demos

Our demo area at the show this year will be going along with our “Giving Back, Stitching Forward” theme. Bernina has just released a new Special Edition 350 with an adorable paw print design on the front. We will be raffling one of these “Best Friend” machines and half of the profit will go to the Petfinder Foundation which is a public charity that works to end the euthanasia of adoptable pets by assisting animal shelters and rescue groups.

During the show, visitors will get the opportunity to create a Kennel Quilt. These are small comfort quilts that will be donated to animals in need. Guild members are invited to make kennel quilts on their own before the show, more instructions will be coming out in future newsletters.

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Raffle Baskets—Amy Shuter

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We need large baskets and lots of items with which to fill them.

Bee Baskets—your bee could donate a filled basket—Basket committee can package it.

30's Reproductions—members could donate a fat quarter of 30's reproduction fabric

Gardner's Delight—gardening tools, gardening apron, seeds, etc.

Date Night—snacks, chocolate, wine glasses, chick flick, coffee

Raffle Baskets continued—

Life at the Beach—flip flops, sunglasses, towel, sunscreen, books to read

Read and Snuggle with Grandma—children's books, quilt, soft toys

Selvages Jar—fabric selvages with at least 1/2 inch of fabric in addition to the selvage

Miscellaneous quilting supplies—fabric, books, rulers, needles, thread, etc are good basket fillers.

Bring your donations to our guild meetings. Thank you for your help in making our baskets irresistible to show attendees!

HIDDEN TREASURES—We will have a "Resale Corner" at the show and need your donations of **quilt Fabric, quilt Books and quilt Patterns**. Collection bins will be at the March and April meetings. These 3 are the only items we will sell! *Last donation date is April 12.*

Thank-you! Nancy Lindburg & Ruth Hild
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SHOW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The volunteer sheets for the quilt show will now be at every meeting. Please sign up for at least **two slots**. If you would like a specific job but will not be at the meeting, feel free to contact me. We can discuss what works best for you. Thank you! Kathy Herbach

Naperville Quilts! 2016
Heidi Enright
rqqquiltshow@gmail.com

OUR Quilt Show is drawing near. OUR Quilt Show will be displaying our talented RQG member quilts. OUR Quilt Show isn't juried. It's not about winning ribbons. It's about showing the community what our guild members are doing—**all of us**.

It's about encouraging that new guild member to show her first quilt. It's about showing what **we** have learned and what **we** have been working

on the past couple of years. OUR Quilt Show inspires quilters and encourages more people to join OUR guild and learn. OUR Quilt Show is the best way for us to reach out to the public and let them know that the art of quilting is going strong in Naperville.

OUR Quilt Show needs OUR quilts! We need EVERY member to submit at least one quilt. Wouldn't it be great to have 100% participation? We are all a part of what will make OUR Quilt Show a success. We are what makes RQG so great! **Enter one or more of your quilting projects NOW.**

Member Photo Directory
Nancy Sturgeon
rqqmembership@gmail.com

I will once again be taking member photos at the Guild meeting to include in our directory. If I have not yet taken your photo or if you would like a retake, please find me at the meeting. *Note that the directory is not posted to our website or anywhere on the internet. It is only available to dues paying members via an attachment to an email.*

Programs 2016—2017
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Various Quilt Bees will be program hosts each month:

July 12, 2016
Kathy Tracy of Country Lanes Quilts
"A little History of Quilting"

August 9, 2016
School House

September 13, 2016
Jane Sassaman
"Janes Textile Treasure Garden"

Workshop: Sept 14, Suns & Moons

2016–2017 programs continued—

October 18, 2016

Small Quilt Auction

November 8, 2016

Denise Havlan "Quilting Journey"

Workshop: Nov. 9 Nester

December 13, 2016

Melissa Wraalstad. Executive Director of Wisconsin Museum of Quilts & Fiber Arts "Treasures from the Vault"

January 10, 2017

Holiday Party and Rummage Sale

February 14, 2017

Valli Schiller "My Life in Quilt Years"

March 14, 2017

Maggie Weiss

"The Sacred Feminine in Fiber"

April 11, 2017

Philanthropy Sew In

May 9, 2017

Lisa Binkley "Adding Sparkle & Texture to your Quilts"

Workshop: May 10, Bead Embroidered Mini Quilts

June 13, 2017

Susan Cleveland of Pieces Be With You Lecture TBA

Workshop: June 14 TBA

Upcoming Midwest and Local Events

Hands All Around Quilt Guild April 1–2, Bloomington, IL, 200+ quilts, boutique, vendors, demos. Info: haaqq.tripod.com

Salt Creek Guild Quilt Show April 2 –3

Traditions with a Twist <http://www.saltcreekgg.org/#!/quilt-show/cag>

Flyer at the end of this newsletter.

2016 International Quilt Festival/Chicago April 7-9 at the Donald E. Stephens Center, Rosemont, IL.

Hours: 10:00AM–6:00PM each day.

240+ booths offering everything from antique and contemporary quilts to fabrics, patterns, books, tools, notions, sewing machines, etc.

700+ quilts and pieces of textile art on display.

50+ classes taught by talented teachers beginning April 7.

Tickets available now for purchase online

\$10 Adults; \$8 Seniors & Students; Free for Children 10 and under; \$25 Full Show Pass

To sign up for classes, get tickets or for more information, visit www.quilts.com.

International Quilt Festival/Chicago

April 7–9, 2016 Donald Stephens Conv Ctr

Earn money for your guild by working the show. Help hang quilts, watch over the quilts during the show, scan tickets, help with takedown, etc. We pay \$8.25 an hour, for parking (up to \$13), free entry to the show on the day you work. If you sign up under your guild's name, the guild will receive a check for the hours worked. Terri Winsauer

worktheshow@quilts.com

45th Annual Kalona, IOWA QUILT SHOW/SALE 2016 April 28–30

Over 300 new and antique hand quilted quilts on display and for sale. Many Amish/Mennonite made. <http://www.kalonaiaowa.org/QuiltShow.htm>

Faithful Circle Quilters Guild

4th Wednesday; 7 p.m.; First Presby Church, Downers Grove. www.fcquilters.com

March 30 Jacquie Gering Modern Quilting

Friday, April 1 Jacquie Gering Precision Lines workshop \$45 members/\$55 non-members; 9-3

Saturday, April 2 Jacquie Gering Creative Quilting with Your Walking Foot Workshop

Faithful Circle programs—

\$45 members/\$55 non-members 9-3 PM

June 22 meeting Karen Kay Buckley To Border or Not to Border

Friday, June 24 Karen Kay Buckley Fiesta Mexico \$45 members/\$55 non-members 9-3; pattern fee \$25; Block 3 with Border Workshop

Saturday June 25 Karen Kay Buckley Circles Squared-Machine Applique Workshop \$45 members/\$55 non-members 9-3 PM

August 24 Joe Cunningham My Life in Quilts

Thursday August 25 Joe Cunningham Rock the Block Album Style Workshop

\$45 members/\$55 non-members; 9-3

Gender Neutral Backing Fabric needed for Philanthropy Quilts

The backings that we currently have are mainly floral or some shade of pink. If you would like to donate backing fabric that could be used for either a boy or girl quilt, please bring it to the Philanthropy table at a Guild meeting. In addition to quilting fabric, a lightweight denim works well. We prefer full widths of fabric by at least 45" long. It's less piecing time for us. rqqphilanthropy@gmail.com Nancy Sturgeon

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2015-2016
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The Riverwalk Quilters Guild newsletter is published monthly. To submit articles for inclusion, contact the editor at rqqnewsletter@gmail.com by the 4th Tuesday of the month.

Website: www.riverwalkquilters.com

Facebook:

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

Riverwalk Quilters Guild meetings—2nd Tuesday 7pm

Grace United Methodist Church

300 E. Gartner Road, Naperville, Illinois

RQG Board meetings—4th Tuesday 7pm Grace Church

**Show & Tell
February Meeting**

Thank you very much to Kathy Herbach for taking these photos!



Tracy Husch-Lissak's quilt



Mary Cieslak's bright pot holders shown by Heidi Enright and Cheryl Wanska



new member Kathleen Curtis' 1" squares bag



Sandy Alfaia's quilt



Kathleen Curtis' beaded and embellished coat



Kathy Pallardy's hunting themed quilt for her son



Kathleen Curtis' jacket



Kathleen Curtis' chili pepper quilt



Rosemary Sanza's Christmas tree wall hanging



Sabrina Marton's small wall hanging



Kathy Herbach's 2 fabric lap-sized quilt.



Joan Dolinar's braid quilt



Kathy Herbach's wall hanging



Kathy Herbach's quilt



Yvette Thorn's large quilt

**The Salt Creek Quilters Guild
2016 Quilt Show**
"Traditions with a Twist"

Saturday and Sunday
April 2 and 3, 2016
10:00 am – 5:00 pm

saltcreekqg.org

Over 300 Quilts
Certified Appraisals
Demonstrations
Lunch & Snack Bar
Baked Goods
Merchant Mall
Member Boutique
Opportunity Quilt
Silent Auction
Scissor Sharpening
Sewing Machine
Raffle
Basket Raffle

Admission: \$6.00

Returning to—
**The Community House
415 West Eighth St.
Hinsdale, IL**

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Quilt Show Application Form

Please fill out all pertinent information

Leave this Box Blank			
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

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

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:** _____