

Riverwalk Quilters Guild

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President's Message

Cheryl Sleboda

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While the weather can't make up its mind, I sure can't wait for spring to finally arrive. Not that I'm a gardener or anything, but I'd just like some non-dreary days.

The board is getting ready for nominations for the next board already, and we are hoping that you will answer the call.

Serving on the board is very easy and we have some low commitment positions that you can grab up. President is, in my opinion, the easiest job we have! And VP and treasurer are also ready to hand over to someone who wants to help us out and also take an easier role.

I'm writing this from Atlanta where I'm teaching, and there's so much Quilt inspiration out there. See you at the next meeting!

Cheryl

What to Bring March 13

- Name Tags
- Favorite Mug
- Treats

Do You Have Our Guilds Ironing Boards?

The guilds ironing boards were recently lent out, but it is unclear who currently has them. Whoever has them please email Jen Beatty & bring them to our March meeting. Thank You!

Emily Parson Lecture: 30 Years of Quiltmaking



Join Emily as she shares her quilting journey, from Traditional Quilts, to Art Quilts, to Modern Quilting. Throughout her 30 years of quilt making, Emily has experimented with a variety of styles. Enjoy viewing many of her quilts up close and personal and listen as she tells the stories behind them. Emily's quilt "Windy" was displayed at Quilt Con 2016 and at the AQS Paducah show and she has recently begun writing her own patterns.



Upcoming Programs

April 10
Philanthropy Sew In

May 8
Tim Latimer
Lecture: Time Span Quilts

June 12
Sassafras Lane
Lecture: TBD
Workshops: TBD

Hospitality
Deb Obrieht
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Thanks to everybody who have been bringing snacks. Only 2 people signed up for March. If possible, please bring something yummy. It will be greatly appreciated.

Deb Obrieht

Membership
Tina Orlita & Carol Rubeck
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Membership is now at 102 members. We welcomed new members Victoria Samala and Lynn Hamilton at the February meeting. There were 58 members and 5 guests present in February for the Sue Pawlowski lecture and trunk show.

Tina Orlita & Carol Rubeck

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

Work on the materials inventory continues. Information is being entered onto an Excel Spread Sheet by Title, subject matter, and author. This list will be put onto a memory stick. The goal is to produce printed Lists which can be sorted by title, subject, or author. We hope to have this project completed in May.

Lynn Slaughter and Mary Walschot

Philanthropy
Lucy Blasi & Kathleen Curtis
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Our April "Sew In" main 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.

We received the following Member Donations:

Mary Walschot – 1 pineapple Block, 2 Patient Bags
Rosemary Sanza – 1 quilt
Deb Obrieht – returned 1 Quilt (quilted and bound) and took 1 to finish
Kathleen Curtis – 1 quilt, 1 Patient Bag
Darlene Schille – 1 quilt

Lois Skooglund – 1 quilt top with batting and backing
 – needs finishing
 Lynn Kuehn – 10 heart pillows
 Judy Long- 1 quilt
 Camille Padilla – 2 quilt tops
 Carol Matlak – 1 quilt
 Linda Yokelson – 4 quilts
 Leesa Jump – 1 quilt
 Margaret Zitt – 3 heart pillows, 3 port pillows, 2
 Patient Bags, 1 quilt
 Amy Shuter – 2 heart pillows
 Sue Damitz – 1 quilt top

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.

Lucy Blasi & Kathleen Curtis

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

Opportunity Quilt Questions and Answers

Many eager quilters worked on their Opportunity Quilt blocks and turned them in at the Members Subsidized Sewing Retreat on Saturday, February 17.

Here are some questions that arose:

1. Although the blocks aren't due until the April meeting, may I bring my completed block(s) back at the March meeting?
 - *Yes, there will be a table set up for this purpose.*
2. What if I made a mistake and need some more fabric to make my repair?
3.
 - *We will bring excess fabric to the March meeting in case this happens to some of you. Bring your block with you so we can determine which fabric is needed.*
4. If I use "connector corners" for some of the sewing, do I cut away the excess fabric?
 - *Yes, wherever it seems appropriate, you may trim away the excess.*

5. Which way should I press the seams?

- *Press the seams either open or all to one side, whichever way seems best to you.*

6. How do I submit the finished blocks?

- *Place each completed block in its original baggie with the leftover fabric included. 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

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

Special Events
Sue Damitz, Darlene Ebel and Nancy Ebel
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We had 26 members attend the member subsidize retreat for a fun day of sewing and fellowship with other guild members on February 17. Thanks to Debbie Obriecht for setting up the drinks for the event. Next fall, look for another Sewing Retreat.

Darlene Ebel has been gathering information on bees associated with our Riverwalk Guild. She will be near the membership table with this bee information. If you are interested in joining a bee, check out the information to find a bee that meets your needs. If you need to complete updates, please stop by to review the information on your Bee. More information on this will be given at the business meeting.

We will be announcing the next quilt challenge at the March meeting. See Lyn Kmiecik and Nancy Ebel at the challenge table to get the details and to sign up for the challenge.

Sue Damitz

Pride of Prairie Quilt Show

March 10-11, 2018!

Richland Grade School
[1919 Caton Farm Road](#)
[Crest Hill, IL 60403](#)
[Google Map for Directions](#)

Chris Moline Pop Up Sale March 17, 2018

The Leprechauns are going to be busy on March 17th! They are taking over the classroom at Quilters Quest in Woodridge, IL for a not to miss, one day opportunity!

Need some vintage fabric to restore an old quilt? Or how about adding to your collection of vintage blocks! Need some lace for that special project? Have a hankering for reproduction fabrics? How about an antique top to spark up (or start) your collection?

This unique one-day pop up Leprechaun shop will provide something special for every quilter!

In the 1990s the premier fabric designers, Paul Pilgrim and Gerald Roy, produced 5 lines of reproduction fabric. The remains of their personal, first run, high quality bolts in brilliant colors are being sold in 1 yard, 1/2 yard and fat quarter pieces. Over 700 yards of fabric will be available for sale at \$10 per yard. Some color ways are very limited!

The Northern Illinois Long Arm Guild (NILAG)

NILAG meets the first Saturday in April, June, August, October, December, and February at 9:30 a.m. at the Gary Methodist Church, [24 N. Main Street, Wheaton](#). (Use Door #5 in the rear/west side of the building—west of Main Street and next to the parking lot. *If you are late, a phone number will be posted on this door. Call for entrance into the building.*) Dues are \$25.

The purpose of NILAG is to promote long arm machine quilting throughout Northern Illinois, as well as, to provide a means of communication, collaboration and education for all those who are interested in, and practitioners of long arm, mid-arm, and machine quilting.

Members of NILAG who also belong to Riverwalk are Jen and Joanne Beatty, Norma Beckemeier, Sandy Bray, Rita Farrell, Kathy Herbach, Tracy Husch-Lissak, Linda Kurcz, and Nancy Sturgeon.

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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.

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

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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	Darlene Ebel
	Nancy Ebel
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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