



Riverwalk Quilters Guild

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President
Mary Cieslak

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Another new month has arrived, and we are getting closer to seeing that white stuff on our lawns disappear with only 20 days until Spring. Hooray

I trust that you are all keeping busy by sewing and using up your stash or should I say putting your stash to good use making quilts. In any case enjoying your indoor time being productive.

Our guild will continue to hold our meetings online using the Zoom format until we can again meet in person which we all hope is real soon.

Now for my tip of the month:
FIGURING OUT HOW MUCH BINDING YOU NEED

I know this might be a simple thing for most of you, but I finally figured out a formula that works for me. Maybe it will help some of you as well.

Add the sides and top/bottom measurements together:

Example: $66'' + 66'' + 82'' + 82'' = 296''$.

Then add 20'' to that figure for corners, seams and connecting the ends.

I should have added that I measure the cut strips first. WOF so for $296'' + 20'' = 316''$, I would need to cut 7.5 strips at 2.5'' wide. Anyway, it seems like a no brainer, but I think the tip has more to do with the 20'' added. Good luck.

*LADIES, JUST REMEMBER
DURING THESE PANDEMIC TIMES
CHOCOLATE DOESN'T ASK
ANY SILLY QUESTIONS
CHOCOLATE UNDERSTANDS*



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President - RQG

Programs **Ruth Hild, Leesa Jump**

We have great news!! Joan Der has volunteered to be in charge of contracts/programs starting July 2021. Thanks in advance!

We will finish this year with the following programs:

March 9, 2021 - Lori Dickman

Lecture & trunk show - My Favorite 3 D's, Dresden, Diamond, & Drunkard's Path.
www.QuiltingWithLori.com

Lori Dickman has been quilting for over 30 years and teaches numerous quilting classes. Lori will provide a lecture/presentation titled "My Favorite 3-D

quilts/Trunk Show” that features over 30 of Lori’s favorite 3 D’s quilt designs, Diamond, Dresden, & Drunkards’ Path.

These are several types, from traditional to applique to modern. In this lecture, Lori will inspire us to pick up those three versatile template tools and have fun designing and piecing literally dozens of different designs and make fabulous quilts.

April 13 – Amy Friend

Zoom presentation on Improv Paper Piecing, using paper piecing to create unique modern quilts. www.duringquiettime.com

Amy is a former museum curator who is now a quilt pattern designer and author. She enjoys making modern quilts and paper piecing.

She has authored three books: Intentional Piecing (all about fussy cutting and the best use of your fabric), Improv Paper Piecing (about her innovative technique combining the improv aesthetic with the paper piecing technique) and Petal + Stem (mix and match flower and stem blocks).

She lives in Massachusetts with her husband and three kids, and loves gardening and baking.

May 11, 2021 - Ruth Ann Berry

Lecture/ trunk show - Bargello, 3 D, panels, with demos of each. www.quiltersclinic.com

Ruth Ann Berry is the author of "Bargello Quilts in Motion", C&T Publishing 2014, "Braided Bargello", C&T Publishing 2017, Simplified 3D Quilts, self-published 2018, Stunning 3D Quilts Simplified, C&T Publishing 2020 and over 50 quilt patterns available at major distributors.

She owns and operates a small-town quilt store and online business, the "Quilter's Clinic" and travels extensively to exhibit and teach at guilds and festivals.

For her Presentation/Trunk Show, she will show many quilts, in three different styles: Bargello, 3D, and Stacked Frames. She gives a brief history and explanation of the design process and demonstrates the construction techniques for each style. She has books, patterns and kits for sale. Ruth Ann's work can be viewed at quiltersclinic.com

June 8, 2021 - Betsy Habich –

Designing and Making a Pieced Picture Quilt with freezer paper.

Starting with a description of early quilts, Betsy explains how she began designing picture quilts to achieve more realistic images by piecing with freezer paper templates. The freezer paper template method frees you from the perfect 1/4” seam by marking and sewing on the seam. Unlike paper piecing, freezer paper templates let you use curved seams, and let you easily audition fabric.

The first part is a slide + trunk show, covering both what works and what not to do. The second part takes you from photograph to quilt top, including designing the pattern, checking it for piece-ability, making the freezer paper templates, selecting fabric, mocking-up, marking, and sewing. www.BetsyHabichQuilts.com

Betsy Habich has been sewing since the third grade. Her quilts have been juried into national and regional shows, including International Quilt Association (IQA/Houston), American Quilters Society (AQS/Paducah), Machine Quilters Expo (MQX), and Quilters Gathering, and been awarded ribbons at regional quilt shows.

She is a self-confessed fabricaholic and cat person. She lives with her husband, cats, and fabric in Beverly Farms, MA, a coastal community north of Boston.

Ruth Hild and Leesa Jump
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Philanthropy

Terri Hayes, Judy Long

February has been a month of receiving and giving. The weather has improved and we were out and about donating quilts.

Kindred Hospice of Oak Brook received 9 quilts and Sharing Connections of Downers Grove received 10 quilts.

We have contacted several organizations in Joliet and Naperville to see if there is a need for the items that the guild members donate. Monarch Springs has expressed interest in lap quilts and hand muff warmers for the memory care unit. We appreciate the suggestions, and are looking forward to including them in our rotation of giving.

Judy has been very busy making labels for the quilts we received last month and a fresh new supply of more the 13. The labels are heat pressed onto the quilt. The label includes the guild's name, year and location. This has been a great addition to the quilts. We all know the importance of a labeled quilt.

This month we have accepted many items from the following members. Margaret Z. 2 complete quilts, Terri H. 6 burp bibs and 1 quilt top, Judy L. 6 complete quilts, 13 burp bibs, and 2 receiving blankets, Mary C. 2 complete quilts, Sandy D. 12 complete quilts and material, Carol R. 1 pillowcase, Loraine N. material, and Yvette T. 6 complete quilts and 5 hand muff warmers.

As I list the donations, I can see we have more than 13 quilts this month. Thank you, guild members. Please let us know if we omitted anyone.

If your stash is getting low and you would like to make a quilt for philanthropy, we have kits, batting, and backing. Please contact Terri Hayes.

We are still collecting hand muff warmers, for Open Door and Monarch Springs. We are also collecting burp bibs and receiving blankets for Share our Spare.

Sincerely,
Terri Hayes, Judy Long
Philanthropy Committee

Special Events

Darlene Ebel

The 2020-2021 Stash buster Challenge is now closed and voting will begin March 1, 2021, voting details follow. 17 Guild members joined in the fun by submitting 37 projects and over 100 quilts, table runners, wall hangings, bags, bowls and more.

Many members have chosen to donate their items. Over and over again Riverwalk Quilters prove they love to sew and give back to the community. Many thanks to:

Nancy Sturgeon

Carol Gruchala

Margaret Reneker

Margaret Donahue

Linda Kurcz

Ronnie VanOverberghe

Sabrina Marton

Ruth Hild

Svetlana Gluskin

Sharon Hallett Thomsen

Rita Farrell

Nancy Lindberg

Kim LaCross

Kathleen Herbach

Carol Matlak

Carol Wilhoit

Darlene Ebel



Voting Rules follow. Please remember to vote for your favorite projects.

2020-21 Stash Buster Challenge – Voting

-- Voting is virtual, through the Riverwalk Guild website (riverwalkquilters.com), and under the "Challenge Voting" tab.

Voting begins 3/1/21 and ends 3/8/21.

-- Voting will be "by project". There are 37 projects. A project may have 1 item or it may be a group of items.

-- Email your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choice of project to debel721@att.net with the word VOTE in subject line. I will send a confirmation email within 24 hours. If you do not get confirmation, contact me.

-- Votes are weighted as follows: 1st choice is awarded 3 points; 2nd choice is awarded 2 points; and 3rd choice is awarded 1 point. Please consider the rules when voting for your favorite projects.

-- 3/9/21 Winners will be announced at March meeting.

Prize money: 1st place - \$50, 2nd place - \$30, and 3rd place - \$20. Prizes will be mailed to the winners.

Final results will be announced at the March meeting and will be featured in the April newsletter and the RQG website.

July 2020 Riverwalk Quilt Guild Challenge

Stash Buster - Rules

1. Project must be sewing related and from yours or another's existing stash. It can be a UFO.
2. Individuals, bees, or teams that include guild members can submit projects. You can swap fabric or embellishments with others.

3. There are no size or quantity limits. This might include a large quilt or large quantities of a single project.
4. Email debel721@att.net pictures of your project(s) at entry and completion, include your name, project name and project description(s). You can include pictures as your project(s) progressed, like a show and tell
5. Use your imagination, tell a story and have fun with this challenge

THE GUILD NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Now that there is a good possibility of getting a vaccine, and hopefully many will be vaccinated, there is hope that the end is in sight. At this time the board has decided to continue with virtual speakers until Dec. 2021.



According to current bylaws, several offices including Must be filled for the guild to continue.

President, Vice President,
Treasurer, Special Events,
Small Auction Newsletter

So, it is urgent to fill these positions, now. Otherwise, starting July 2021-2022, **THE GUILD MAY NEED TO DISBAND.**

The board members have been serving for two or three years because of the Virus. We need new people to sign up for these positions. Since we don't have in person meetings, would you please contact the board member in the chart if and when you are interested

ADS

Ads must be prepaid and received by the Newsletter editor by 4th Tuesday of each month. Ads are free to guild members
 Full Page \$50.00 * Full page ad for only one month.

Half Page \$25.00
 Quarter Page \$12.50
 Eighth Page \$ 5.00

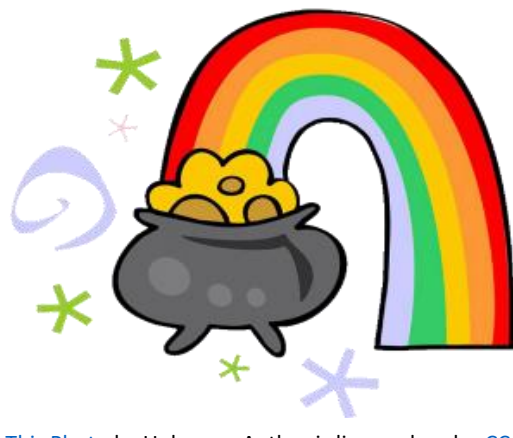
The Riverwalk Quilters Guild newsletter is published monthly. To submit articles for inclusion, contact the editor at: RiverwalkQG.newsletter@gmail.com by the 4th Tuesday of the month.

Please contact Rosemary Sanza (rggwebsite@gmail.com) 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.

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The Riverwalk Quilters Guild usually meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00p, at Grace Methodist Church, 300 E. Gartner Road, Naperville, Illinois. The RQG board meets the 4th Tuesday at 7pm at Grace Methodist Church.

Currently, the RQG is meeting through ZOOM meetings and programs. All members are invited to these ZOOM programs.



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