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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**(Bev Parker)****President's Message**

Our September program, presented by Julia McLeod, is working with "not cotton" fabrics, especially silk, including men's ties.

As a follow-up, Nancy Sturgeon is offering a workshop on making quilts from men's ties. It's a rock bottom price for a top-notch opportunity. I've done it and highly recommend it.

October 17 is our Quilt Auction (including a reprise of the Boutique, where smaller items are offered for a set price).

The proceeds of both help fund our programs for next year. Planning is underway, but it won't be a success unless everyone participates. While you're thinking about what to quilt, be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to attend the auction, especially if they appreciate quilting but don't do it themselves.

We also need help that night to make this our best-ever auction.

It takes all of us!

Keep reading for more information on both events.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Happy quilting,

GUEST SPEAKER Julia McLeod**September 12, 2023**

Julia McLeod is an international award-winning quilt maker living and working near San Francisco.

Born and raised in England, she worked as a textile designer in the woolen and worsted mills of Yorkshire and Scotland before taking a job with a luxury tailoring company on London's Savile Row.

A design position at a menswear company in New York City brought her to the US. Julia discovered quilt making on travels through the small Amish towns of Pennsylvania.

Since 2016 she has specialized in making silk quilts, sourcing her fabrics from neckties, clothing and furnishing fabrics.

She has a passion for reuse and recycling, which leads her to rescue vintage blocks and textiles. These reclaimed fabrics become the starting point for her quilt designs. <https://juliamcleodquilts.com>.

Everything but the Cotton—Let's explore the world of quilts that were made with what I call 'Not Cottons'. When quilters don't have access to a stash of quilter's cotton, what do they turn to?

This one-hour lecture, trunk show, and Q & A session shows quilts – antique and modern – made of wool, silk, polyester and more.

The trunk show of Julia's work shows what you can create with neckties, saris, kimonos, and other unusual, 'not cotton' textiles.

TIE QUILT WORKSHOP**(Nancy Sturgeon)****Thursday, September 14 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

Grace Methodist Church Room 254 (upper level)
300 East Gartner, Naperville

Please bring your own lunch and beverage.

Cost of workshop: \$10 (room rental)

Silk Tie Wall Hanging (6 blocks or more).

You can pay for the class at the meeting on Tuesday or email me nlsturgeon@gmail.com to say you will be joining the class.

At this workshop I will teach you how I work with silk ties. I will bring my large tie quilt and my neighbor's large tie quilt made in the same pattern so that you can see how different they are depending on the ties and shirts included.

I will also bring several different tie wall hangings made by me and Norma Beckemeier. I will bring the golf tie jacket I made for my mom. We will talk about a tie quilt I made for my daughter's high school soccer coach that consisted of the ties he wore each year that were inscribed with the names of the players on his team.

If you look online, you will see that there are many quilt patterns that can be made with silk ties. Silk is a lovely fabric with which to sew, and it is not as daunting as you might think. This will be a laid-back fun class hoping to inspire you with ideas about working with beautiful silk tie fabric.

You do not need to bring ties to class if you don't have any as I have about 20 shoe boxes filled with prepared ties.

I am planning to send out to all Guild members a detailed description of class supplies. Hope to see you in class.

CONTRACTS (Nancy Sturgeon)

I am looking for speakers for our next year at RQG. My time frame is July 2024-May 2025.

If you have any ideas about people, you think would give a great presentation to our guild, please let me know, and I will check out the details.

If you would like to learn a certain technique, let me know, and I will scout out teachers who specialize in this technique.

For this term, most of my speakers are presenting their program to us over Zoom. We can hire speakers from far away and save the high cost and hassle of transportation and lodging. Most speakers today charge in the \$300-\$500 range for an hour of Zoom. Most are thrilled that they don't have to travel. Most have great setups at home so we can zero in on the details of their work.

With Zoom we can watch the program either at our meeting at the church, at home or even if we are out of town.

Take time this week to look at your magazines and check out the internet.

What have you been wanting to learn? Who would you like to hear talk about quilting? Let me know what you want, and I will try to find the best speaker to fill the bill.

MEMBERSHIP (Margaret Zitt)

We currently have 85 members who have returned this year. We are going to enjoy the presentations and see some wonderful quilts.

When you check in at the membership table, please remember to get your raffle ticket and wear your name tag to be eligible for the door prizes.

PHILANTHROPY (Lisa Klingbeil & Fabric Fondler's Bee)

I was reminded recently that we (the new committee) have big shoes to fill. This is true! There is a lot of work behind the scenes in Philanthropy. We (the new committee) may do things a bit differently but that is okay! We will try to communicate with you better in the future.

One challenge we were met with out of the gate was 2 large anonymous donations that we needed to process and fold into our "stash" of fabrics. This took some time. We are bringing a small, curated number of projects to the general meetings in hopes of help from the general membership.

After going through most of the donation, we realized many of the very high-quality projects may be most suited to finishing for the October auction. We will be bringing a variety of packets for you to look at during the September meeting. Most need quilting, we hope that if you are a proficient quilter, you can consider picking up a packet and finishing it quickly for the guild auction in October.

PROGRAMS (Nancy Sturgeon)

On Tuesday, September 12, our speaker will be Julia McLeod of the San Francisco area formerly of England.

She will be talking to us about using fabrics other than cotton in our quilts such as silks, wool, polyester and more.

Julia specializes in making quilts from reclaimed silks and other rescued textiles. This is your chance to learn about fabrics that you might never have tried.

Julia has an on-demand class at Creative Spark Online Learning for just \$19.99. When I have some spare time, I plan to enroll.

PHOTO DIRECTORY (Margaret Zitt)

At Tuesday's meeting, I will have a copy of the directory at the check in table.

Please look at your information and make sure it is correct.

I still need a few more pictures for the directory.

Please let me know if I can take your picture at Tuesday's meeting.

Our committee (myself and the Fabric Fondler's Bee) will do everything we can to help get these items to auction to fund the guild for the next year. Just let us know how we can help!

One change I want you to be aware of, we will not be able to pre-cut kits. We may actually have packets with a variety of fabrics and are asking you to select your own pattern to create a quilt top. We may suggest a pattern or include one, but do not be obligated to use this. Do what you want or what the fabric speaks to you. This is not bad, it is GOOD. It inspires creativity and individuality. There are a variety of packets that will be available for pickup.

Another change is that we will not be mentioning names for Philanthropy reports. We fully expect everyone to participate and for the most part we should not be driven by recognition. Let's all pitch in and do the best we can! Thank you so much for your support.

Kindest regards,
LISA KLINGBEIL And the Fabric Fondler's Bee

VIDEO COMMUNICATIONS (Kathleen Herbach)

Hi everyone,
Two things:

We are still in need of a person to help with the video communication position.

The job requires knowledge of zoom and organization skills to coordinate other helpers. I am willing to train you on Zoom.

For show and tell we need a laptop or tablet with a rear camera that can be signed into the zoom meeting and project to the zoom audience. If you can help with that, please contact me ASAP.

As always, if you would like to be moderator during the year at one or more of our meetings, I will train you for that also. Join in the fun this year!

Please contact me at RQGVideoCom@gmail.com to discuss.
Thank you for all that you do!

QUILTING BEES (Margaret Zitt)

We have 23 members interested in joining a bee. We will have to form several bees.

I hope we can get together and set up groups that might want to meet together in a bee.

The board is working on trying to set up several times of when members can get together to form a bee.

RUMMAGE SALE (Julie Mildrum)



I have a box that I put all my things, (projects, rulers, fabrics, odds and ends) that I know I will never use in my sewing room. I do put projects in a plastic bag so that I don't sort them later. You know the adage, touch it once, well once it is in the box, I can't take it out of the box.

So here is the challenge. Rather than rush to find stuff for the rummage sale at the last minute.

Get yourself a box. Put that beautiful fabric that is not beautiful to you anymore. Put it in the box. See how many boxes you can fill up and how uncluttered that sewing room is. So, you are ready for the next rummage sale?

I was on the way back from Sisseton, South Dakota delivering backpacks to the Reservation. I stopped at Grueber Fabric Store in Waite Park, Minnesota. It was a furniture store that was converted. It is touted to be the largest quilt and yarn store in the Midwest. It has a wide selection of fabric and personable staff.

I was introduced to rouge, which I did not know about. For me it was not worth the side visit, but I am not a quilt store aficionado.

LIBRARY NEWS (Sandy Doubek & Judy Morgan)

We will have the library again this month for you to check out books.

There will not be library books at the October meeting/auction, so it's a great time to check out a book this month to get ideas for all your holiday sewing projects!

Please return your books from last month or renew them if you need to.

Sandy and Judy

SMALL QUILT AUCTION (Nancy Sturgeon)

The Riverwalk Small Quilt Auction will be held at:
Grace Methodist Church, 300 E. Gartner Rd., Naperville, IL.
using a professional auctioneer.

This auction is our most important fund-raising event. We use this money to cover our expenses for room rental for our meetings, speaker fees (which just keep climbing) supplies for philanthropy, etc.

Every RQG member is asked to donate an item or two that they have recently made. We don't accept bed-sized quilts, and it doesn't have to be a quilt, but can be smaller decorative items.

You can donate wall hangings, table runners, placemats, baby quilts, smaller quilts, fabric wrapped rope baskets, etc. Fall, Halloween, and winter holiday items usually sell for a fair price.

We also need you to attend the auction and to invite your friends to the auction as non-member guests have historically been our best buyers.

Prior to the event, members hang the items in the room for best viewing.

During the auction, each piece is carried around the room so guests and members may once again check it out.

Last year in addition to the auction, we included a boutique for smaller items \$5-\$25 that can be purchased outright such as pillowcases, aprons, etc.

This is a very festive night, and everyone has an exciting time. Start planning and sewing your auction donations now.

Time flies... We will also need many of you to help on the night of the auction.

I will have a signup sheet at the August and September meetings. You can also email me to volunteer your time towards the auction. I will find a place for you. Our auction is a wonderful way to get involved with RQG.

Nancy Sturgeon, Auction Chair
Any questions, please email me at RQGauction@gmail.com.

SOCIAL MEDIA (Margaret Donahue)

Hello Members!

We really need everyone's participation to get the word out about the guild auction.

Nancy is doing a great job putting out all the information and we can help...its free and takes very little time to share the information.

Like the Guild page on Facebook. Go to the lovely picture of Kathleen Herbach's donation. Thank you to Kathy for donating the quilt and sharing the beautiful photo.

There will be a share button. Click that and share the post to your timeline. When I posted I immediately received 16 likes and 10 shares.

If you don't use Facebook, you certainly know someone who does. Ask them to like our page and share for you!

For Instagram, please post photos of your donations and tag with the auction hashtag. If you prefer to send them to me, I am happy to post on the Guild social media sites.

You can also take a picture of the nice flyer Nancy Sturgeon emailed out and post. #2023RQGAuctionOctober17

Let's make this work! We found a great chair for this event. Show appreciation by donating an item, inviting a friend, and spreading the word.

See you at the meeting!

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#materialgirlsrqg—my bee hashtag

Riverwalkquilters.com. Guild website

@naperriverwalkquilts. Guild IG--

SPECIAL EVENTS (Sherry Gendel)

Fall Challenge

Now that summer is coming to an end, you may find yourself cleaning out and getting ready for the upcoming holiday season. But before you throw everything out in the garbage or drive it to the donation center, consider REPURPOSING something from your discard pile into something new and exciting! For inspiration, you can reference some of the following:

- [How to Reuse and Repurpose as a Quilter \(Amy Smart, Diary of a Quilter\)](#)
- [5 Ways to Use Upcycled Fabric in Your Quilt \(Alderwood Studio\)](#)
- [Upcycled Fabric Projects & Going Green Tips for Earth Day \(Missouri Star Quilt Co\)](#)
- [Earth Day DIY: Tote Bag from Upcycled Jeans \(Brother USA\)](#)
- [Vintage Quilt Stockings \(Quilting in the Rain\)](#)
- [How to Repurpose as a Quilter \(Google Search with lots of links\)](#)
- [Repurposed Vintage Quilts \(Google Search with lots of links\)](#)
- [Book "Sew Eco-Friendly" by Debbie Shore](#)
- [Book "Conscious Crafts Quilting" by Elli Beaven](#)
- Consider attending the guild workshop in September to learn how to repurpose men's dress shirts and ties.

Fall Challenge Theme: Repurpose

Challenge Due Date: November guild meeting, Nov. 14 (pictures due Nov. 13 – see instructions below)

Challenge Overview:

1. make an item using repurposed material from one or more of the following: article(s) of clothing, an old quilt that has fallen into disrepair, etc.
2. item made can be a small quilt (minimum 12"x12"; maximum 36"x45"), tote bag or zipper pouch, pincushion, rug mug or table topper, a new article of clothing other than the original item the material was taken from, or any other useful item you can think of!

Challenge Instructions:

1. Take pictures of the original item(s) from which you are taking your repurposed material.
2. Make your item using your repurposed material and any other materials needed to complete the item (the final item must be made from at least 50% repurposed material)
3. Take pictures of the new item
4. Submit your pictures and the name of any patterns used or note if the item is your own design (email no later than Monday, Nov. 13 to RQGSpecialEvent@gmail.com)
5. Bring your completed item to the November guild meeting for display.
6. Members will vote for the top 3 entries.
7. Challenge winners will be announced at the November meeting and will receive a prize.

Questions? Contact Sherry Gendel, Special Events Chair, RQGSpecialEvent@gmail.com

NEWSLETTER AD PRICIN

The Riverwalk Quilters Guild newsletter is published monthly. To submit articles for inclusion, contact our RQG Newsletter Chair by the 4th Tuesday of the month.

Guild members may place free ads for personal use only.

Please make sure the ad is directly related to our shared hobby.

If the ad is for a business, Rates are as follows:

Full Page:	\$50.00
Half Page:	\$25.00
Quarter Page:	\$12.50
Eighth Page:	\$5.00

Full page ad available for a single month only.

Make checks out to **Riverwalk Quilters Guild** and mail to the following address: Riverwalk Quilters Guild, PO Box 5092, Naperville, IL 60567

QUILT SHOW

Faithful Circle Quilters Quilt Show

DATE: September 23 & 24th

LOCATION: Jefferson Junior High School
7200 Janes Avenue,
Woodridge, IL.

TIME: Saturday 9 am - 5 pm and
Sunday 10 am - 4 pm.

CRAFT & FABRIC GARAGE SALE

DATE: September 30 - October 1
LOCATION: 12443 Gunner Ct,
Homer Glen, IL (167th & Bell South)
TIME: 9:00 AM till Dusk
HOSTED BY: Kris.Court@aol.com

Fabric	Candles	Patterns
Quilt Kits	Yarn	Appliques
Books	Craft Kits	And much more
Floral	Sewing Notions	

FABRIC SALE

Upcoming PSQG Tag Sale



Saturday September 30th
10am - 2pm
University of Illinois Kane County Extension Building
535 South Randall Road,
St. Charles II

12 sellers with a variety of diverse sewing related items.
Please - Share with your members and friends!

Thank you -
Prairie Star Quilt Guild

QUILT SHOW

RAINTREE QUILTERS GUILD, INC.

Mark your calendar for another quilt show!

The 2023 15th Harvest of Quilts Quilt and Craft Show will be held at Old National Events Plaza, 715 Locust St, Evansville, IN, September 15 & 16, 2023. Over 200 quilts will be displayed by the Raintree Quilters. Scores of varied hand-made craft and quilted items are available for sale that would make great Fall decorations and Christmas gifts.

Don't miss the Raffle Baskets and the Silent Auction of very nice hand-crafted and quilted items. Raintree Quilters Guild has selected Another Chance for Animals as its featured charity this year to benefit pet adoptions. Quilt Appraisals by appointment will be available.

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GET TO KNOW YOUR BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Bev Parker, President:

I joined the guild a dozen years ago after I retired from work.

Since then, I've served as vice president, treasurer, and membership chair. I love making scrappy quilts and small projects.

My current project is a Christmas stocking for my daughter's second dog. It matches the six I made for her family a few years ago.

The next project is for the small quilt auction in October!

Kathy Herbach, Video Communications Chair:

I joined the guild twenty years ago when I retired.

My prior positions include Secretary, President, Programs Coordinator, Facebook.

I love making colorful quilts with a lot of contrast and interest.

I teach at Quilters Quest and enjoy introducing my students to new techniques.

I'm currently working on a quilt that is using up my scraps (that I have been collecting forever) at a fairly good rate!

2023 – 2024 RQG EXECUTIVE BOARD & COMMITTEE POSITIONS

POSITION	2023 - 2024 EXECUTIVE BOARD CHAIRS
President RQGPresident@gmail.com	Bev Parker
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Holiday Party RQGHoliday@gmail.com	Deb Obrecht & Peggie Getz
Library RQGLibrarian@gmail.com	Sandy Doubeck & Judy Morgan
Membership RQGMembership@gmail.com	Margaret Zitt
Newsletter RQGNewsletter@gmail.com	Mary Cieslak
Philanthropy RQGPhilanthropy@gmail.com	Lisa Klingbeil & Fabric Fondler's Bee
Photo Membership Directory	Margaret Zitt
Programs RQGPrograms@gmail.com	Nancy Sturgeon
Rummage Sale	Julie Milldrum
Small Quilt Auction	Nancy Sturgeon
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