



# Riverwalk Quilters Guild

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### **President's Message**

#### **Mary Cieslak**

I trust that all of you are keeping busy these days putting your fabric to good use making quilts, purses, table runners, placemats, wall hangings or whatever you can think of using fabric.

While channel surfing on TV the other evening I came across a program called "How it's Made". It is an interesting program showing how various everyday items are made from beginning to end.

One of the segments of the show was how fabric is made. And of course, being a quilter, this piqued my interest right away.

We as quilters buy our fabric from quilt stores or online and don't question how it is made.

If you are curious about the process just go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v0C3EnTj3A> and be amazed on the steps involved in the making of fabric.

For our September 8<sup>th</sup> general meeting via Zoom we will be featuring Deb Strain as our guest speaker who will show us how she designs new fabric collections and show quilts featuring her fabrics. Make it a point to join us to see Deb Strain's fabric collections.

Continue to stay healthy and safe going forward.

Mary Cieslak  
President - RQG

### **Programs/Workshops**

#### **Ruth Hild & Leesa Jump**

Thanks to Kathy Herbach who arranged our Aug. program and to those who showed your quilting studios and sewing areas. It was very interesting and fun to see!

We had 39 join Zoom for that program. As we will not have any in person meetings this year, all programs will be on Zoom. Rosemary Sanza will be having practice sessions (see details in her report) and hopefully more will be able to join the upcoming professional speakers' programs.

Here are more details about our Sept 8 exciting program.



#### **Moda Fabric Designer, Deb Strain**

Sept. 8 - Deb Strain - Designing Fabric

Deb is an acclaimed artist who has been one of Moda's top fabric designers for over 20 years. She has created over 100 fabric collections for MODA. Her collections are always the most popular and sell-out every season.

On Zoom, Deb is going to walk us through, step by step, how she designs a new fabric collection. Then she will show us quilts from her personal collection featuring her fabrics.

Deb also designs calendars, greeting cards, garden flags, figurines and other decorative items for the home. Attached is a photo of the little store that she brings to her talks (in normal times!) Many of these items, a few kits, garden flags, kitchen linens and notecards can be purchased at her Etsy shop [DebStrainStudio](#)





**Oct. 13 - Julia Graves** – will give a Zoom presentation on color exploration. Julie has been sewing since she was ten, loves fabric and the whole creative process! She made a quilt for each of her 35 [nieces and nephews](#). And then started Special Occasion Quilts, LLC so that she could help others create a one of a kind quilts for special occasions and for special people, incorporating various ways to let them know how much they were cared for. She especially enjoys color and incorporates information on color into as many classes as I can. A highlight of her career so far has been as [Artist in Residence](#) at Empty Spools Seminars at Asilomar CA in 2019. She will be an instructor there teaching Amazing Abstracts in 2021 and in April 2022. She is also teaching with [Live Online Quilt Classes](#). Check her [www.squilts.com](#) and see her abstract quilts and several free patterns.

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Thanks for being patient as we work this out.

Ruth Hild, and Leesa Jump  
[RQG\\_Programs@Gmail.com](mailto:RQG_Programs@Gmail.com)

**New Video Communications Chair**  
**Rosemary Sanza**

Firstly, thanks to all the members who joined in July and August as we collectively learned (and are still learning) how to operate in a Zoom world. Hope you had some fun, some camaraderie and maybe learned some things, too! To that point, all indications are that Zoom is going to be the guild MO for the foreseeable future, so I wanted to share a few tidbits to help the meetings run smoother and for the participants to have a more enjoyable experience.

ZOOM Training - Practice sessions will be conducted at 7:00PM on the Monday preceding the Tuesday Guild meeting from September through December. More meetings may be booked depending on need.

Guild Meeting and Training/Practice - Meeting invitations will continue to be sent out via the email blast to all members the weekend before the meeting.

Only members may attend the meetings. Sorry, no guests allowed at this time.

For new members joining or rejoining, membership in the guild must be confirmed as of the Friday preceding the Guild meeting with the Membership chair.

We shall endeavor to start the meetings at 7:00 PM. The meeting room will be opened at 6:45, so plan on getting in early.

Upon entering, you will be asked to:

- Change your displayed name to be your full first and last name,
- All participants will be placed on mute by the moderator when the meeting comes to order,
- Instructions will be given about using Chat feature for questions or to unmute yourself for questions,
- It will be important to know how to toggle between Speaker View and Gallery View. Also, it is helpful to know how to “Pin” a speaker.
- If you are unfamiliar with any of these items, please plan on attending a Practice/Training Meeting.
- If you are late, you will be admitted, but there may be a wait.
- In addition to the Moderator, there will be a Technical Assistant (TA) at each meeting. The TA for the evening will be announced in the Chat session. If you have questions, please direct them to her or call the number listed and she will do her best to help. We ask for your patience, we are learning, too.
- In general, the format of the meeting will be that the speaker will present first and the business meeting will follow. The business meeting will include announcements, show and tell, door prizes, etc.
- The speakers will not be recorded.
- For meetings 90 minutes and less, there will NOT be a scheduled break. Most meetings are expected to run for 90 minutes. The Moderator will announce if a break is planned.

Hope this helps everyone know what to expect. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in September with our first guest speaker. I would also like to extend a big thank you to Ruth Hild, Lyn Kmiecek, Kathy Herbach and Sue Damitz, who have volunteered to be moderators and Technical Assistants. They have been helpful to me at every step as we have been transitioning the guild to an online experience. As always, if you have any feedback or questions, please feel free to reach out.

Help Wanted – We are looking for a volunteer who is willing to manage Show & Tell for the guild meetings. This job entails receiving the photos from the members, consolidating them into a presentation and forward the presentation to the meeting Moderator. If you are interested, please contact Rosemary Sanza.

## **Membership**

### **Bev Parker & Carol Rubek // Sue Damitz**

Seventy-six members renewed their dues for FY21 and four joined recently, for a total of 80. If you get a chance, please welcome these new members: Kim La Cosse, Sabrina Marton, Marge Reneker, and Becky Williams.

This is our last report as membership co-chairs. Sue Damitz has generously volunteered to take over, starting in September. Welcome and good luck, Sue!

## **Philanthropy**

### **Terri Hayes & Judy Long**

We feel so fortunate to be a part of an organization with so many generous talented members. This month we gave 9 quilts to Kindred Hospice located in Oak Brook. We also donated 7 quilts to Sharing Connections located in Downers Grove. Both organizations have websites that have information regarding their organizations. Kindred Hospice reached out to the guild through our website, and Sharing Connections was suggested to us.

The following members have donated time and materials to philanthropy: 3 completed quilts, Judy L., 1 quilt top, Terri H., 5 quilts quilted, and 1 completed quilt Norma B., 1 quilt bound and 1 top and backing, Peggy G., and fabric donation, Loraine N. Thank you, members, we hope we mentioned everyone.

We have some projects that need to be completed to continue the giving of quilts. We have 2 quilts that need quilting, (batting and backing included), several quilts that need binding, and if you want to make a top, we will put together a kit. We accept material, completed quilts, tops and backing. Please contact Terri at 630 915 6599. We can arrange a safe drop off or pick up.

Terri Hayes, and Judy Long  
Philanthropy Committee.

## **Vice President, Newsletter**

### **Margaret Zitt**

I was wondering if we don't wear white after Labor Day, is that why quilters use winter white or pale grey in their winter quilts? Or do they make their Christmas quilts in July so that they can use snowy white. Just thinking. I have read all the Riverwalk newsletters. Yes, all 25 years. Wait, that is not correct. I am missing the paper copies of these issues. Any one have an old copy that I could copy and read? Ha, ha, ha.

2003 April

2010 July, September, November

2011 March, September

Just wondering?!?!?!?

**Riverwalk Quilters Guild**  
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Newsletter	Margaret Zitt

**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](mailto:RiverwalkQG.newsletter@gmail.com) by 4th Tuesday of the month.

**Riverwalk Website:** [www.riverwalkquilters.com](http://www.riverwalkquilters.com)  
**Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/Riverwalk>  
**Instagram:** <https://www.instagram.com/naperriverwalkquilts>

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

Please contact Rosemary Sanza ([rqgwebsite@gmail.com](mailto:rqgwebsite@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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