

Riverwalk Quilters Guild

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President's Message Cheryl Sleboda rqqpresident@gmail.com

Serving as president during September reminds me of the very first time I was president of a guild. No, it wasn't my previous term as President of this guild, but when I served as president of the Baltimore Heritage Quilters Guild in 2001. I'm sure I have told this story before, but here goes anyway. In that guild, their first meeting of the year is September's (they ran from September to August). I was heading straight to the meeting after work, and I was all dressed up. I was nervous, as I was not a very good public speaker back then.

Our company had 3 shifts at 8 am, 9 am, and 10 am. I was on the earliest one. When the second shift employees started coming in, they had just heard about a terrible event on their drive in. By the third shift at 10 am, we all knew the terrible news. It was September 11, 2001. With Baltimore being between the crash site in Pennsylvania and Washington DC, we were all understandably worried and upset for loved ones who lived nearby or worked near any of the sites of the plane crashes. It was early days of the internet, and we listened to a radio for news or learned more from calls from our customers who had better access to TV. We all tried to work through our day as best we could.

But about the middle of the day it dawned on me that I had a quilt guild meeting to run. And like I said it was early days of the internet, few members had email. So, I had to activate the good, old-fashioned, phone tree, and let everyone know that the meeting was cancelled. Yes, my first act as president was to cancel the meeting!

What struck me after that was the outpouring of patriotic and beautiful quilts that helped us grieve and heal. Our guild came together and made quilts, as many guilds did. Fifteen years later, let's hope that no quilt guild president has to cancel any future meetings, and remember in our hearts everyone affected by those terrible events.

Cheryl

September 13, 2016

Jane Sassaman

Lecture: Jane's Textile Treasure Garden"

After a varied career in the design world, Jane began to quilt in 1980. She found that these "soft paintings" satisfied the draftsman, the craftsman and the artist in her. She is now a dedicated (some say "obsessed") quilt artist and fabric designer.

Jane's art quilts have been shown in many national and international exhibits including Quilt National 1989-2005 and Contemporary American Quilts, the first major exhibit of American art quilts in England. Her quilt "Willow" was named as One of the One Hundred Best American Quilts of the Century. Jane is also the author of *The Quilted Garden* which includes twenty years of her work and exercises for making nature-inspired quilts.

Jane's love for historic decorative arts is especially evident in the exuberant fabric she is designing for Free Spirit. Her designs are oversized and colorful and have been coined as "William Morris on anti-depressants." They are created for quilts, wearables and home decorating. Her latest book, *Patchwork Sassaman Style*, beautifully illustrates her fabric "in action."



**Workshop,
September 14
Suns & Moons (at
the left).
9:00-4:00
Fee \$50 (lunch
Extra)
95th Library**

It isn't necessary to use Sassaman fabrics for the Workshop. Feel free to bring solids, simple prints, and batiks from your stash. Jane's black and white graduated dots are from many years ago, so they will be impossible to find. Jane will bring some fabric bundles to class for purchase.

What to Bring September 13

- Name Tags
- Quilted Items for Small Quilt Auction
- Library books
- Show and Tell
- Treats if you signed up

Wanted: Programs Chairperson

We have an open position on the board for the Programs Chairperson. The programs themselves are all set, and we have hostesses who will manage each program, so we just need YOU to supervise all of them through the year. We have done all of the heavy lifting, so you can just come in and manage the events with only a couple hours' worth of time each month, an occasional phone call or send a few emails. This is a low maintenance position since the year is set, and we are happy to give you lots of help. If you have never served on the board before, this is a pretty manageable position, and we'd really LOVE your help! Email Cheryl at rqqpresident@gmail.com for more details.

By-Laws Committee

The itty bitty by-laws committee" met in August and will meet again at 6:00 pm (before the board meeting) on Tuesday, September 27 at Grace Church. It takes a village to update our bylaws, and we welcome your help! If you are interested in being a part of our awesome committee, please email us at info@riverwalkquilters.com

Small Quilt Auction October 18 – Third Tuesday

Help Wanted!

The Auction is on Tuesday, October 18 – Grace United Methodist Church. Preview begins at 6:30 PM and the Auction is at 7:00 PM. Please make something special. Quilted items made by you within the last year. There are no size limits, but suitable items are wall hangings, lap quilts, baby quilts, totes, table toppers, etc. Guild name tags are popular, too! If you are making a wall hanging, please be sure to add a hanging sleeve. Items can be turned in at the September guild meeting or up until Saturday, October 15th.

Additional locations (Please call first):

- Heidi Enright 630-778-1475, 840 Mt. Vernon Ct., Naperville
- Margaret Donahue 630-548-3501, 1418 Terrance Dr., Naperville
- Rosemary Sanza 630-357-0863, 100 Devon Lane, Naperville

Invite Your Friends and Family – This is of utmost importance. Bookmarks are available to hand out to remind people of the date, time and place. At the end of the newsletter is a template of an email for you to send out to invite friends and family to the event. There will be 2 prizes this year. Prize 1 is \$40 worth of gift certificates from Gentler Times and Thimbles. Prize 2 is a "Sew Together" bag and a \$20 gift certificate at Quilters Quest. As guest are checked in non-members will be asked if a member invited them. Each non-member guest equals one chance at the prizes.

Door Prizes and Raffle Baskets – To add to the excitement, 10 door prizes of \$15 gift certificates will be handed out throughout the course of the night. Everyone will receive one door prize ticket upon entry. Also, there will be 3 raffle baskets with tickets available for purchase. The themes of the baskets are "Pamper Me", "Christmas" and "Neutrals, Blacks and Whites". **You must be present to win.** Thanks to the Fat Quarter Queens for donating the Christmas theme basket.

Event Volunteers Needed – Helpers are needed for the following roles:

- Quilt Hanger (Hangs quilts before opening doors at 6:30)
- Quilt Puller (Take down quilts and deliver to Reader)
- Check-Out Cashier (collect payments)

- Check Out Runner (organize items by bidder number & retrieve for the winning bidder).

Reminder emails with notes on roles will be sent to all volunteers.

Please contact Rosemary Sanza at Sanza@gmail.com to volunteer or sign up at the September Guild meeting.

With your help, this will be the best auction yet! Thanks for your help.

Rosemary Sanza

**November 8, 2016
Denise Havlan
"Quilting Journey"**

The Nov. 8 meeting will be moved to the upper level Activity Center because of the election using the Fellowship Hall. It is easiest to park on the upper level.

Denise is an award winning studio artist and teacher from Plainfield, Illinois. Her work can be seen in galleries and national and international quilt exhibitions. Color, composition and design combine to create "one of a kind" works. Sometimes she used fabric paints to give depth and dimension to these quilts.

Denise began her quilting career in 1989. Her quilts focus primarily on representational subject matter such as people, animals, landscape etc. The trunk show that will be presented with her lecture will take us through a brief but inclusive history of the work from her beginnings to the award winning quilts of today.

Attention working quilters: We have a Saturday workshop just for you!

Workshop: Sat. November 5 Nester (Notice the change to the Sat. before the lecture).

Sign up at the next Guild Meeting. Or email RMHild65@gmail.com to reserve your space.

Program Host: Ruth Hild
Time 8:30 AM-3:00PM. Fee \$43 (lunch extra)
A kit fee of \$15 is required and paid directly to Denise Havlan.
Location: Naperville City Hall lunchroom, 400 E. Eagle St at Aurora Ave.



Mom nests on her brood keeping them safe and warm. With decor fabric as your background you will construct this scene, building the nest using raffia and other various materials. Fused broderie perse will be used to bring foliage into the foreground for a realistic look. Fabric paints will be added to give depth and dimension to our wall hangings.

The new location will be very convenient. We will be able to park in the lower level, roll our machines and supplies into the lower level and turn right into the lunchroom.

**Programs
December 2016 -June 2017**

December 13, 2016

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

January 10, 2017

Holiday Party

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

Library News
Carol Rubek & Judy Long
rqglibrarian@gmail.com

We are looking for suggestions for books we might order for our library. Please send suggested book titles to:

carolrubeck@gmail.com
jemb@sbcglobal.net

Thank you so much

Hospitality
Tracy Husch-Lissak & Sandy Alfaia
rqghospitality@gmail.com

Thank you for your participation to have snacks for our school house last month. We would like to request more guild members to bring snacks for the September meeting.

Membership
Yvette Thorn & Linda Kurcz
rqgmembership@gmail.com

Thanks to all of the members who renewed for the coming year. We had three renewals and two new members in August bringing us to 96 members as of September 1.

The updated directory has been distributed. Also all email blasts will be done based on our current membership.

Philanthropy
Lucy Blasi & Kathleen Curtis
rqgphilanthropy@gmail.com

Last Meeting on the Philanthropy Table we had several quilts that needed finishing from previous member donations.

Thank you to all the members who graciously took those projects to be finished. We are looking forward to seeing them back on our table completed and ready for donation.

At our August meeting we received the following donations from Members:

- 1 Quilt from Nancy Niswander
- 2 Quilts from Terri Hayes
- 1 Quilt from Judy Long
- 2 Quilts from Linda Yokelson
- 1 Quilt from Oriene Springstroh
- 1 Quilt from Unknown. Very sorry we didn't get your name.
- 4 Quilt Tops from Camille Padilla

On Behalf of our Guild we made the following Donations:

Hesed House Aurora

13 Pillow Cases
4 Stuffed Elephants
8 Rag Quilts

Edwards Hospital Naperville

13 Quilts

We give because we care. Thank you to all who donated. We truly appreciate it.

If you would like to make a birdhouse square or two for our Guild's charity project, please stop by and pick up the free pattern. If you took a pattern at our August meeting, please bring them to the September meeting.

Special Events
Sue Damitz, Darlene Ebel and Nancy Ebel
rqqspecialevents@gmail.com

Lisle Depot Days
September 17th - September 18th
Noon to 5 p.m.

RQG Quilters will be demonstrating at this annual family festival on Saturday, Sept. 17th and Sunday, Sept. 18th. It is held at the Museum at Station Park campus, 923 School St. in Lisle Noon to 5 p.m.

Handwork is preferred as this is a celebration of what life was like 100 years ago. We will be joining blacksmiths, bakers, lace makers and spinners, a petting zoo area and so much more! If you can stay the whole afternoon, a box lunch is provided. Contact Sue Damitz at specialevents@riverwalkquilters.com if you would like to spend a fun day working on one of your hand projects, getting to know other guild members better and spreading the word about our wonderful Guild. It is a great opportunity to share our love of quilting with others. We're looking forward to it.

Come join us!

Upcoming Midwest and Local Events

Quilt EXPO—Madison, Wisconsin
September 8–10, 2016
<http://wiquiltexpo.com> Check out the web for more information.

September 15 – Barbara Cline. Lecture and trunk show entitled "Where, When, Why and How of Quilting."

Workshop on Friday, September 16 – Star Chain Table runner. Barbara's website is www.delightfulpiecing.com page for more information on the show.

The Heritage Quilters Guild of Lockport, IL Quilt Show is the weekend of **September 17 and 18th at Liberty Jr. High at 151 Lenox St. in New Lenox, IL** (Cedar Road and Lenox Street) This is located very near to the Route 6 exit on I-355.

You can get all the information needed at our web site <http://heritagequiltersguild.com/> or you can call Quilt Show Chair Cathy Boo at cell [815 228-4377](tel:8152284377) if you need more information.

We are honored to have the special exhibit of the Pilgrim and Roy Challenge Quilts. The Pilgrim/Roy Invitational Quilt Challenge, named for Gerald E. Roy and the late Paul D. Pilgrim, is an annual quilt challenge sponsored by Hancock's of Paducah and Windham Fabrics

October 6-8, instructor Sue Bleiweiss is lecturing and teaching two workshops. She will have a trunk show at her lecture, Friday's workshop is about her techniques for an Art Quilt, and Saturday is about her dyeing process. Workshops cost 45.00 and supply kits and fabric are extra. Contact: mrossmockaitis@gmail.com – IQI Guild in Wilmette, IL.

October 13 all-day workshop with Debbie Caffrey. Guest fee is \$40. Contact: Jo Chenell at Quilters Plus Guild. jjchenell@comcast.net or 708-746-558

October 20-22, 2016: Ricky Tims Super Quilt Seminar with Alex Anderson

Pheasant Run Spa & Resort, St. Charles, IL
 No sewing, no supply list, no UFO to bring home. Space is limited so sign up now.
 Registration: \$224 **Deadline October 7th**
 Website: www.rickytims.com

February 2-4, 2017: Bill Kerr from Modern Quilt Studio is lecturing and teaching.

March 204, 2017: Linda M. Poole lectures and teaches on whole cloth painting and applique techniques.

May 6-8, 2016 Nancy Mahoney lectures and teaches two workshops on her paper piecing a pineapple block with a twist, in three sizes, and Granny's Squares.

Website
Kathleen Pallardy
 rqgwebsite@gmail.com

Riverwalk Quilters Guild
2016-2017 Board & Committees

If you need something added or changed on the website www.riverwalkquilters.com, please email Kathleen Pallardy at the rqgwebsite@gmail.com.

Advertising rates are based on one month's issue. Ads must be prepaid and received by the Editor by 4th Tuesday of each month.

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 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
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Small Quilt Auction Donation Form—Riverwalk Quilters Guild			Quilt #
Quilt Name:			Q _ _ _
Maker(s) / Owner:			
Quilt Size			
Techniques Used: (Circle all that apply)			
Hand Pieced	Machine Pieced	Paper Pieced	Please Note: The Guild may use photos of your quilt.
Hand Appliqued	Machine/Fused Appliqued	Other: (please describe)	
Hand Quilted	Machine Quilted	_____	
The Story Behind the Quilt			
(The more information you can provide, the interest that will be generated)			
			Bidder #
Final Bid (\$)			

Hi All,

I am happy to invite you to the small quilt auction that is presented by my quilting guild. The guild members have been busy making all new things for this year's auction. This is a great opportunity to pick up a truly unique gift for someone special or yourself. These items would be great for Christmas giving, bridal or baby showers or "just because". Here is a link to the guild's Facebook page that has photos of the items that have been completed so far. <https://www.facebook.com/RiverwalkQuilters> Typical items include lots of seasonal items, wall hangings, lap quilts, baby quilts, totes, purses, table runners, doll quilts, etc. More will be coming over the next few weeks.

This event is so much fun, I hope you can join me. There will be a live auctioneer, door prizes, refreshments and raffle baskets. Proceeds benefit guild educational and community outreach programs.

Here's the details:

Riverwalk Quilters Guild Small Quilt Auction

WHERE: Grace United Methodist Church, Fellowship Hall, 300 E. Gartner Road, Naperville IL 60540

WHEN: Tuesday, October 18th. Preview 6:30PM, Auction 7:00PM

Reminder: Cash or checks only.

Hope you can make it - looking forward to seeing you there!

Your Friend,

P.S. If you can't attend, but are interested in a piece, let me know the piece and the price you would be willing to bid. I can bid as your proxy.

P.P.S. More pictures from last year are here....www.riverwalkquilters.com