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<b>PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE</b> (Bev Parker)
<p>The meeting in May is our second annual bring-a-friend month, also our annual philanthropy sew-in.</p> <p>It's a productive time, but also a social time. If friends join now, their membership is paid through June 2025, and they can attend the June party for free. Bring a friend!</p> <p>Looking forward to June—Deb Obriecht and Peggie Getz have a special evening planned for us. Included with the party is our annual rummage sale, Julie Milldrum in charge.</p> <p>Bring your rummage to sell and a bag for what you buy. Any leftovers Julie has great plans for.</p> <p>Heidi Enright is finishing her recruiting for a couple of remaining open slots on the 2024-25 board.</p> <p>We welcome new faces and new ideas. Please share yours by volunteering with Heidi or me.</p> <p>See you on Tuesday, 5/14/24!</p>

<b>LIBRARY</b> (Sandy Doubek & Judy Morgan)
<p>The donated books have been gone through.</p> <p>Those that we felt were not out of date have been added &amp; are available to be checked out.</p> <p>Judy</p>

<b>Membership</b> (Margaret Zitt)
<p>It is that time of year!! Membership renewals for the 2024-2025 year for quilting programs.</p> <p>There are many diverse programs scheduled including the Philanthropic Sew-in, School House classes, and of course, the favorite Annual Party in June.</p> <p>You will find the membership renewal form attached to the newsletter. Just click in the box to type in your information and/or print out the form to fill it in manually.</p> <p>Please bring in the form with the \$35 fee to the next meeting or mail it in.</p> <p>Margaret Zitt Membership</p>

<b>MAY EVENT</b>
<p>Mark your calendar for Tuesday, May 14, 2024, at 6:30 pm.</p> <p>May is our Riverwalk Quilters Guild Open House and Sew-in event held at: Knox Presbyterian Church 1105 Catalpa Ln. Naperville, IL 60540</p> <p>Guest fees are waived, and all are welcome to join us for a lively and meaningful philanthropy sew-in event.</p> <p>We hope to see you there and why not invite a friend?</p>

<b>SOCIAL MEDIA</b> (Margaret Donahue)
<p>Happy May Quilters,</p> <p>Warmer weather means everyone is out more whether it be staycationing in Chicagoland or wider travels.</p> <p>Please send photos of all of your adventures, especially if you see quilts or guild members out in the wild! Any news of area quilt shows, or other happenings will be posted as soon as I receive it.</p> <p>Contributors to our postings will get extra tickets in the door prize raffle each month.</p> <p>Some of you may have noticed that an Instagram account similar to @naperriverwalkquilts showed up on Instagram. I will explain.</p> <p>On April 1st we mysteriously lost access to our Instagram account. I could not get customer service to acknowledge or correct the problem for a few days.</p> <p>I created a backup account adding the number 24 to our existing account moniker in case we never got the main account back. Sure enough it reappeared the same week without explanation.</p> <p>We will keep using @naperriverwalkquilts as long as we can for continuity.</p> <p>Margaret Donahue <a href="mailto:mdonahue1068@gmail.com">mdonahue1068@gmail.com</a> <a href="#">@magm3501</a> <a href="#">@naperriverwalkquilts</a></p>

## SPECIAL EVENTS (Sherry Gendel)

### Mystery BOM for May

I haven't made this month's block for the 2024 Mystery Block of the Month yet but I'm excited to get it made! It looks like an easier block so long as you trim all your HSTs to the correct size.

A few people have shared their blocks at Show and Tell or emailed pictures of them to me. It's so exciting to see everyone's blocks and the fabrics they're choosing! Keep up the good work!

#### Here are this month's links:

- [May 2024 Block Pattern](#)
- [May 2024 Block Video Tutorial](#)

(and here are all the previous links in case you missed them)

1. [Fabric Requirements for AQL BOM 2024](#)
2. [January 2024 Block Pattern](#) and [January 2024 Block Video Tutorial](#)
3. [February 2024 Block Pattern](#) and [February 2024 Block Video Tutorial](#)
4. [March 2024 Block Pattern](#) and [March 2024 Block Video Tutorial](#)
5. [April 2024 Block Pattern](#) and [April 2024 Block Video Tutorial](#)

*As a quick reminder, one of our past speakers, Sherri McConnell of A Quilting Life, has agreed to let us run her mystery BOM as a guild special event this year. Each participant needs to download the pattern from Sherri's website, so the links provided will take you to the blog post where you can find the pattern.*

Please contact Sherry Gendel at [RQGSpecialEvent@gmail.com](mailto:RQGSpecialEvent@gmail.com) with any questions.

### School House Event for August – TEACHERS NEEDED!

We are bringing back the fun guild tradition known as School House for our August meeting. As special events chair, I'm organizing this event and already have a couple of members who will be presenting, but I'm looking for a couple more members who would like to share a technique with other guild members as one of our schoolhouse "teachers."

If you have an interesting technique you use or have some tips you think other members would like to learn about or would find helpful, please consider participating as a teacher.

Here are some topic ideas to get you thinking about how you can participate: a trendy technique such as big stitch quilting, working with selvages, visible mending, or Sashiko; tips for how to use a specialty ruler or another popular tool; an organization tip or system; a time-saving technique; a technique to increase accuracy; a different craft related to quilting, etc. So many possibilities...I'm sure someone has something good to share!

Please contact Sherry Gendel ASAP if you'd like to sign up as a schoolhouse teacher for 2024! Contact info is in the member directory, or you can email [RQGSpecialEvent@gmail.com](mailto:RQGSpecialEvent@gmail.com).

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### Spring Challenge – "RIVERWALK 30"

Due to the scheduled Philanthropy Sew-in for May and the Guild Party and Rummage Sale for June, the deadline to complete your Spring Challenge project has been moved to the JULY guild meeting.

To commemorate our guild's 30th anniversary, members are invited to create a quilted item (details outlined below). If possible, our collection of 30th anniversary items will be displayed in a location in downtown Naperville to celebrate our guild's milestone anniversary and help build awareness for our guild. Please help make our display beautiful and eye-catching to the community by participating in the Spring Challenge!

Spring Challenge Theme: **Riverwalk 30**

Challenge Due Date: **July guild meeting, July 9, 2024**

Challenge Overview:

- Make a quilted item that represents the word "Riverwalk" and the number "30".
- Your interpretation of the word and number does not need to be literal interpretations – get creative if you'd like!
- Makers should be prepared to allow their item to be on display locally for a short period of time after the challenge (dates and location are still TBD)

Challenge Instructions:

1. Make your quilted item using the guidelines above.
2. If it is not obvious when looking at your item, write a brief explanation of how you interpreted the word "Riverwalk" and the number "30."
3. Bring your completed item and the written explanation to the July guild meeting for display.
4. Members will vote for the top 3 entries at the July meeting.
5. Challenge winners will be announced at the August meeting and will receive a prize.

**Questions?** Contact Sherry Gendel, Special Events Chair, [RQGSpecialEvent@gmail.com](mailto:RQGSpecialEvent@gmail.com)

**COMING IN JUNE:**

RQG 2024 June Party & Rummage Sale in person meeting at Knox Presbyterian Church.

My Kids are hounding me to get rid of all my stuff. Please Mom!!!  
For you not old enough keep this in mind.

**The Rummage Sale has Arrived.**

Patterns, Books, UFO'S, Rulers, Batting, Orphan Blocks all things Quilting will be accepted. They will be loved just like you did when you bought them.

Here are the guidelines:

**Riverwalk Quilters Guild Rummage Sale**

**Tuesday, June 11, Knox Presbyterian Church**

**Drop off begins at 4:30 p.m.**

- Carts are available at the church entrance. Please bring your stuff back to the coffee bar.

**Can any of you come and help with loading and organizing?**

- People that help get first dibs.
- Contact Julie Milldrum 630-470-7044 or [educateread1@gmail.com](mailto:educateread1@gmail.com)

**Things you are selling:**

**ORGANIZE & CATEGORIZE**

**Organize similar items into distinct categories:**

- Magazines, patterns, notions, quilt fabric, fat quarters, fabric strips, upholstery fabric, felt, thread, yarn, rulers, tools, batting, embellishments, orphan blocks, UFOs, quilt tops, and even completed quilts will be accepted. One member is bringing an old sewing machine. *Books and magazines will have a separate table.*
- **No patterns from Stitches and Stuffing—old and outdated**
- **No books or magazines with copyright before 2000.**

**BUNDLE AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY**

- Bundle similar items together in clear plastic bags. (threads, fabric scraps, zippers, strips from same line of fabric) and price accordingly with Sharpie marker on the bag.
- **There will be a separate section for Christmas, Halloween, and Fall fabrics.**

**PRICE EVERYTHING**

- **Except patterns \$1, books \$3 and fabric—which we will weigh.**
- **Please do not price anything under \$1.00**

**Fabric**

- *One pound of quilting cotton is approximately 3 yards.*
- We will weigh all fabric.
- *Most fabric for \$6/pound, which works out to about \$2/yard.*

**RQG will ACCEPT-- Cash, Checks, Credit Cards**

**Leftovers will be sent to South Sudan mission.**

**For further information about this mission contact Julie Milldrum.**

**Bring shopping bags for yourselves.**

**Any questions?**

**Contact me.**

**Julie Milldrum**

**[Educateread1@gmail.com](mailto:educateread1@gmail.com)**

**630-470-7044**

**Remember this is our big fund raiser!!**

**Your Sewing Room will look so much less cluttered!**

MISC.



**Did you forget?**

Have you missed a monthly guild meeting because you didn't check your calendar, or just plain forgot?

Do you feel a bit out of the guild loop? Not to worry! Come on back and join us! For various reasons, we can't always attend every meeting, but as a dues-paying member, you are always welcome to jump back on board.

We hope to see you at our May philanthropy sew-in. And why not invite a friend?

May is also our Open House. Guest fees are waived, and all are welcome to join us for a lively and meaningful event.

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**PHILANTHROPY (Lisa Klingbeil & Fabric Fondlers Bee)**

This past month we donated 20 quilts (adult and child sizes), 8 table runners, and 30 pillowcases (plus 41 items for next Christmas) to Lifespring Ministry in Aurora.

Lifespring Ministry is Wayside Cross' long term transitional living program for homeless women and women with children, who have lost their housing due to addiction, abuse or financial reasons. This safe, loving "family" environment currently has 18 women and 12 children in residence.

The Philanthropy sew-in is right around the corner! We will meet at Knox Church on Tuesday, May 14 from 6:30-9 pm.

We need a few more members to bring their sewing machine, if you have not signed up, no worries, just show up for an evening of sewing.

Kindest regards,

Lisa Klingbeil and the Fabric Fondlers Bee

**NEWSLETTER ADS**

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

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