



***LNCQ members are invited to participate in the 2017 Row Robin Quilt Challenge***

***Deadline to sign up is Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017***

**GET READY TO ROW!**

Here's what you need to know to participate in this fun activity!

1. Create a row of blocks:
  - You can make your row vertical or horizontal
  - The row can be up to 40" wide for a horizontal row OR up to 50" long for a vertical row
  - The row can be any height (horizontal row) or width (vertical row)
  - This is an excellent way to make use of orphan blocks!
  - Part of the challenge is to stay within these size guidelines
  
2. Fix up the traveling bag for your row:
  - The bag should conceal the contents (the finished project will be a surprise!)
  - Write your name on the bag—we need to know whose row is whose!
  - Put your starting row in the bag
  - If you want to send along fabric with your row, put it in the bag. It is nice to have some fabrics be consistent from row to row, but not absolutely necessary.
  - Include a little notebook for participants to write notes in as the row quilt travels.
  - In the notebook you can include any information that you want to include. You can indicate if your row is intended to be horizontal or vertical, if you want to have sashing between your rows (or not), or if you really dislike a certain color. Too many guidelines take away from the fun.

Now you are all set and ready to exchange your bag with another quilter.

**GIVE A BAG, GET A BAG**

The fun begins!!

The schedule for the exchange is below.

When you get the bag from another participant, it is your job to create a row to add to their row.

**Guidelines for adding rows:**

- Look in the notebook to see if the owner has specific requests—if she wants to avoid certain colors, or really doesn't like a certain style of block, if sashing between rows is desired etc.
- If fabric is included in the bag, use some of that fabric in the row you create, but you can add fabrics that you think go nicely with the row you are adding to.
- Create a row—the same width as the original row, but any height you wish.
- Attach your row to the existing row(s). Use sashing if the owner indicated she wanted it.
- Do not change any previous work; never take out someone else's sewing
- Be Creative—there are lots of ideas out there. Google "Row Quilts" and you will see a wide variety.
- Enjoy!! Have fun! You can stretch your creativity—get out of your box if you wish.

Follow the row exchange schedule that has been set up by Eileen, and we'll be rowing along!

**Row Exchange Schedule:**

Mark your calendars!

The first *exchange* will take place at the Spring Retreat OR by contacting Eileen the week of April 24<sup>th</sup>.

- You will need to bring your traveling bag with its contents either to the Spring Retreat, or contact Eileen to arrange the exchange

\*2nd exchange at the June Mini Retreat OR contact Eileen June 7-10th for the hand-off.

\*3rd exchange at the August 7th meeting/program OR contact Eileen the week of the 7<sup>th</sup>

\*4th exchange at Fall Retreat Oct. 2-4th OR contact Eileen the week of Oct. 9th.

\*5th exchange at the Dec. 4th luncheon OR that week.

The big reveals will take place at the Feb. 2018 general meeting. (There will be no judging)

If you don't want to jump in completely to the Row Robin project, perhaps you would consider these options:

- Be "plan B" participants who can be called on to temporarily relieve a member to complete their row--Life happens!
- Be a troubleshooter for participants who have a problem and need advice.

Eileen Maelzer, Special Projects Chair is the coordinator of this challenge.

Here is how you can contact her: Via e-mail: [specialprojects@lncq.org](mailto:specialprojects@lncq.org)

Or find her phone number in the 2017 LNCQ Directory on the Home Page.

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