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## President's Message

Part of me believes that this was a nice, restful year for the guild, and I want to thank all those who helped so much during the year. I'm especially pleased at the number of comfort quilts made at our two quilt-a-thons this year. We will be presenting them at our May meeting.

This year's programs have almost come to an end, and I am amazed at how quickly the year has passed. Back in September I vowed that I would try one new technique this year. One of the new books added to the library is "Quilts of a Different Color." That book demonstrates how to use colored pencils or oil crayons with fabric medium to add color to a fabric. This has piqued my interest and I intend to do some experimenting with it during the summer. Who knows? Maybe I'll be able to use this method in the guild's summer challenge. (How's this for an unabashed hint about the guild's summer work?)

Our last meeting of the year is our annual auction held to benefit the New England Quilt Museum in Lowell, MA. NBQA is a charter member of the museum and its support is one of our guild goals. This museum not only preserves some of the best examples of quilting through the years but also fosters an interest and appreciation of the craft in the present day. Members are asked to bring donated items to our meeting place between 10 and 12 am on Thursday, May 21st. Ginny Perry, our organizer, will develop lots to be bid on. This is a good opportunity for each of us to check our workspaces and donate any unneeded fabric, books, miscellaneous sewing supplies, patterns and those dreaded UFO's that always seem to hang around. This is also a great time to add to your fabric stash, since there is always good fabric donated to the auction. Be prepared to spend and have fun doing it. Now it's time for all of us to kick our quilting into high gear because April, 2010, is the date of our next bi-annual guild show. Again I urge every member to get to work so that each of us will have a contribution to the show. Next fall the quilt show committee will be working at full speed. They will be asking for volunteers to help with the preparation for the show, and there will be many opportunities to sign up to work during the show itself. Working together is a great chance to get to know other members of the guild and offers a lot of satisfaction when you see the finished product. Our shows are successful because so many of us get involved.

So, summer is upon us. Let's not put our sewing away. Rather, let's be adventurous and try something new by going outside our comfort zones. Work on those summer challenge pieces and get ready for the 2010 show. Before you know it, September will be upon us and we'll be right back here at St. Barnabas. Let summer be a time of renewal. See you in the fall!

*Pat Bruno*

## Next Meeting:

**May 21, 2009**

7:00 PM at St. Barnabas

- Book Sale
- UFO Auction
- Election of Officers

## Please Bring:

- Snack if you signed up
- Your Name Tag
- Show & Tell Items
- Library Books due
- Block of the Month
- Money/checkbook for UFOs
- Membership Renewal



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**Narragansett Bay Quilter's Association  
General Meeting April 16,, 2009**

*The evening began with a very informative talk on Sulky Threads and stabilizers by Nancy Sapin.*

*Show and Tell followed a short break for refreshments.*

**President** – Pat Bruno: called the meeting to order at 8:25pm

**Vice President** – Melanie Johnston: No report.

**Secretary** – Sharon Mayers: Pat Bruno reminded members to notify Sharon Mayers if they hear of a death or an illness of a member or family of a member so an appropriate card may be sent

**Treasurer** – Margaret White: Quilt Show Fund \$8,000.00 Checking Beginning Balance \$ 18,291.46 Checks Written \$2,582.26 Income \$ 889.00 Ending Balance \$ 16,598.20 Treasurer's report accepted

**Historian** – Barbara Hartford: No report

**Nominating committee**- Barbara Hartford: Barbara reported nominated officers for next year will be President- Pat Bruno, Vice President- Melanie Johnston, Secretary- Sharon Mayers and treasurer- Margaret White. The only slots open for nomination are 2 for door prizes and one for hospitality. A full slate of officers and committee chairs nominated for next year will be presented in the newsletter and voted on at the May meeting.

**Hospitality** – Sue Ellis, Carolyn Lunt thanked those who brought in refreshments for tonight's meeting .

**Librarian** – Naomi Champagne: Naomi read the titles of new books that were added to the library tonight. Nomi thanked Judy Simoneau for her help. \$ 27.00 was collected from tonight's sale of used books.

**Membership** – Gail Macera: 98 members and 2 guests were present. 108 Members have renewed for next year. Memberships renewal forms are due by June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**New England Quilt Museum** – Ginny Perry: Ginny reported that the May meeting is for the auction for NEQM. She reminded members to bring in quilt related items for the auction to St Barnabas Church between 10:00 and 1:00 on May 21<sup>st</sup>. Ginny asked for members to come in at 1:00 to help her put the baskets together for the auction to be held that night.

**Newsletter** – Melanie Johnston: Melanie reported she needs newsletter items by April 25<sup>th</sup> .

**Programs** – Sandy Barron & Pat Harrison: Pat H reported that she and Sandy are now taking money and registrations for Sept and Oct workshops. Sept is machine quilting by Pat Lapierre and Oct is "Inklique" by Sherry Rogers Harrison.

**Publicity** – Ginny Perry: Ginny reported that Ninigret quilters is having a quilt-a-thon for Project Linus on Sat 4/18.

**Quilt Show** – Joan Taylor: No Report

**Block of the Month** – Sharon Bibeault, Karen Crosby & Barbara Stetson. Sharon showed the May BOM. Joyce Smith and Mary Padbury won the April BOM blocks.

**Comfort Quilts** – Joan Taylor : Joan reported 20 quilters came to the March quilt-a-thon and pieced 22 tops and there were 3 tops donated.

**Door Prizes** – Nancy Messier & Natalie Bielawski. There were 15 door prizes given out. Thanks to Sulky for providing the additional door prizes.

**Special Events** – Lynda Puglia & Lynda Bogdahn: Lynda B reported the shop hop bus trip to the Cape will be on April 25<sup>th</sup> and there are still openings. The bus will leave the Rt 117 Park and Ride at 8:30 and will return at 4:30. The cost is \$33 and includes lunch. Nonmembers are invited to help fill the bus.

**Old Business:** The raffle quilt is being machine quilted by Pat Ferguson.

**New Business:** Pat B announced Johnston Library is looking for a quilter to give a talk. Barbara Fitzsimmons volunteered to give the talk and Pat B will give her the contact information. There was a discussion about the amount of money in the NBQA treasury. Joan Taylor explained that some years in the past there was not enough money in the treasury to support the quilt show so it is nice to have a little cushion for unforeseen expenses and the economy.

Meeting adjourned 8:50pm Respectfully submitted, Sharon Mayers, secretary

## Summer Quilt Challenge “Fantasy Garden.”



This year's Summer Challenge is “*Fantasy Garden.*”  
Let it inspire you to make something for the 2010 Quilt Show.

Here are the guidelines:

- Your creation may be any type of project including wearables as long as it is three layers, quilted and has a finished edge.
- *Minimum* size is 40” around the total perimeter e.g. a 10” by 10” square or a 15” by 5” rectangle or anything else where the sides add to 40”. There is *no maximum* size.

Bring your entry to the September meeting. Guild members will vote on their favorites and prizes will be awarded.

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## Rhode Island Sewing Network

Virginia Perry

May 5 - Deb Newhall **COSTUME DESIGNS** Deb has designed costumes for many plays & movies including “A Christmas Carol” and :27 Dresses.”

June 3 (Wed), NYC Trip

If you are interested in attending these events contact Carolyn Gazerro (401) 821-8008 or [cmgazerro@cox.net](mailto:cmgazerro@cox.net). Meetings are at the Greenwich Club; 5426 Post Road, East Greenwich, RI 7:00PM on the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month Non Member Fee is \$5.00- \$7.00 per meeting

[The Rhode Island Sewing Network](#) is a group of people who share ideas and information on sewing related subjects. The RISN meets October, November, December, March, April and May on the first Tuesday of the month. Professional as well as hobby sewers comprise the membership. Members share techniques or a particular sewing related subject.

## Fall Workshops!

Summer is not even here yet but it's not too early to be planning your Fall quilting activities.

### SEPTEMBER 2009 Program

#### Pat LaPierre – Creative Machine Quilting - \$35

Pat LaPierre of Naples, Florida, is the inventor of the original [Free Motion Slider™](#), a Teflon® sheet that covers your machine throat and prevents the dreaded drag that slows machine quilters down. She'll be teaching her machine quilting methods and offering plenty of hints to improve your machine quilting skills.

### OCTOBER 2009 Program

#### Sherry Rogers-Harrison – Ink-Lique - \$40

(all skill levels)

[Ink-Lique](#) is the process [Sherry Harrison](#) used on her quilt *Tribal Fusion* that has taken numerous ribbons and awards in the national quilting shows ink-cluding placing in the top ten and Viewer's Choice in Paducah in 2008.

Learn the new techn-ink that is taking the quilting world by storm! If you can trace, quilt and you like to color, then you're going to love this in-process workshop! In this workshop you will learn all of Sherry's secrets and we will go through them step-by-step so that you can create your own masterpiece. Sherry is ink-cluding a trunk show of all her colorful inked quilts which will leave you inspired for more! Supplies to get you started are ink-luded. Sherry will provide samples that you may choose from to get you started.

Kit fee of \$12.00 includes choice of pattern designed by Sherry, 1 yard of prepared fabric, one gel pen & one Sakura marker.

**One of my former students says: "Caution: You are about to enter a horizon that is limited only by your imagination"**

***Sign up at the May meeting!***



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## Newcomer's Corner

May is our last meeting of the year. Two important things happen at the May meeting, *Elections* and the *UFO Auction*.

Each year, the NBQA president appoints a Nominating Committee of at least 3 members from the NBQA membership. This committee will, at the May meeting, present a slate of qualified candidates who are willing to serve if elected. The slate includes candidates for the officer positions (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer). Standing committee chairperson positions are also presented. Additional nominations may be made "from the floor." Officers are elected for a term of 1 year and may not serve more than 2 consecutive terms of office. Officers and Committee Chairpersons along with the 2 previous past presidents, comprise the NBQA Executive Board which meets monthly. For your review, the slate is included in this newsletter.

The UFO Auction is great fun. It is a time to get rid of stuff you will never use or finish or take on someone else's one-time inspiration. Proceeds go to benefit the New England Quilt Museum.

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## New England Quilt Museum – "UFO" Auction!

*Virginia Perry*

At our May 21st meeting we will have our biennial UFO auction to benefit the New England Quilt Museum.

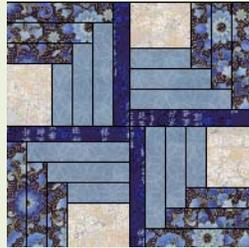
Mr. Bill Spicer has agreed to be our auctioneer again. He has made it a fun evening for us in the past. So come and enjoy the evening and maybe pick up some new quilting and craft items to work on this summer.

I will be at St Barnabas Church at 10am on the 21st to accept donations for the auction. I know many of you are spring cleaning and hopefully you are going through your quilting stash and will donate to this worthy cause. I will accept fabric, patterns, books, notions, embellishments, magazines and any other craft items you think others would be interested in.

About 1pm we will start to organize the donations into lots to be bid on. I have some help signed on already but can always use more. Last year was so much easier because of all the help you gave me. What ever time you can give will be a great. If you have any questions don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank You ! Ginny Perry

## Block of the Month News



### May Block – Log Cabin with a Twist

This block is from the Better Homes and Gardens Creative Collection: 100 Quilt Blocks, Spring 2007.

The block is to be done using Asian fabrics. There is no specific color requirement but please use a range of dark and light fabrics.

It is a nice, easy pattern that can be done in an evening. If you did not receive a BOM pattern booklet, please get directions from the [NBQA Website](#).

We are now doing the BOM planning for next year. One thing we need to know for planning and budget is how you would like to receive the BOM patterns next year. Do you prefer a CD with the patterns or a printout? Please sign up for one or the other at the next meeting or contact Sharon Bibeault.

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### Free Quilt Patterns On-Line

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## The *\*\*\**Quilt*\*\*\** Judge Is In . . .

Pat Harrison



*Being a new NBQA member and a relatively new quilter, my question is: what advice can you give to a quilter about submitting a quilt to a show for the very first time? What should we keep in mind, when this whole judging process is brand new?*

Entering a quilt to be judged for the first time is enough to give you a lump in your throat. You don't truly know what to expect and you might be a tad fearful of what you're getting yourself in to. However, just like any initial undertaking, being prepared is the best advice.

Many quilters enter their first "to be judged" quilt in a local show. Find out if the show is juried, juried and judged, or judged. Jurying is a pre-show process that allows the sponsor to select the quilts for the show by picture or digital image. The sponsor may have a theme in mind or want a certain quality or variety and the quilts they select for the show will reflect this. Juried and Judged shows (Images, A Quilters' Gathering) are pre-selected well in advance of the show and then judged when the quilts arrive for the show. Entries to a judged show (NBQA, NQA, VQF) are accepted up to a certain number so check the entry dates on these.

Reading the show entry form thoroughly and filling it out completely and correctly is your first, very important, step. Don't be afraid to contact the show sponsor if you have a question. Something on the form could be vague or incomplete and pointing it out to them may help remedy a situation.

Once you have your quilt entered, and hopefully it's finished by this time (ask me how I know) you need to prepare it for the judging room. Go over the quilt very closely checking for loose threads, pet hair, and areas like binding miters that are unstitched. Also, check for odors especially if there is a smoker in your household. "Smokey" quilts are often quarantined in a judging room and are not considered to be "show ready". It also might be a good idea to get another set of eyes in to help you. We do have trouble "proof-reading" our own work and our quilts are no exception.

Once you have your quilt "show ready" and it's delivered to the show, you can sit back and wait for the results. You should be able to find out from the entry form what format the sponsor will be having the judge use in evaluating your quilt. The format could be a comment system alone or numeric with comments. I've always found the comments to be more helpful as they've provided me with a direction for improvement.

Once the show is hung, you'll know right away if you've received a ribbon award. The judging evaluation form may be given to you at the end of the show with your quilt or be mailed to you at a later date. When you have the evaluation form in hand read the comments carefully and keep an open mind. This is an evaluation of your work not a personal affront. It's easy to be upset when something you worked really hard on is identified as needing

improvement but this is how we learn. Remember too, the judge has no information other than the quilt in front of her and maybe, the quilt's name. This is done to maintain objectivity which is what we seek in the judging process.

Being a quilter opens us to an expansive world of pattern, design, color and construction techniques. Being a quilter who seeks out judging opportunities for her work will accelerate your mastery of this vast world and increase your enjoyment of the art.

*This is a new column by NBQA member and RI's only nationally certified quilt judge, Pat Harrison. Each month Pat will answer your questions about quilt judging. Several of you have sent in questions and they will be answered in upcoming columns. If you have one to submit, e-mail it to [nbqamail@gmail.com](mailto:nbqamail@gmail.com).*



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## Members in the News

NBQA member [Pat Ferguson's](#) quilting skills have won her yet another ribbon. This one an "Honorable Mention" at the April 2009 [Machine Quilter's Exhibition \(MQX\)](#). The quilt, "Fantasy Garden," was paper pieced by Caroline Murphy.

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## EXTRA EVENTS CHAIRPERSONS (not board members):

Block of Month	Sharon Bibeault
Comfort Quilts	Joan Taylor
Door Prizes	Lucinda Cory Pat Coughlin Dotty Calvano
Special Events	Rochelle Waterson Louise Pankiewicz

**NBQA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL  
2009-2010**

It's that time of year again – time to renew your membership. **REMEMBER:** Our membership number is limited, so renew now! Renewals accepted March, April & May.

Bring this entire form to the meeting with a check or cash, or mail it with your check (made payable to NBQA) to:

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\* If you are mailing this form and wish to receive your membership card before the September meeting, please enclose a STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE

I wish to enroll as a Full Member (\$30.00 check enclosed)

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**IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE HAVE YOUR RENEWAL PRIOR TO JUNE 1<sup>st</sup>!  
After June 1<sup>st</sup>, the membership will be open to people on the waiting list.**

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*Are you interested in working on a committee? Please check you choice(s) so that the appropriate committee chairperson can contact you.*

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Door Prizes | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter         | <input type="checkbox"/> Library     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Museum      | <input type="checkbox"/> Block of the Month | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Suggestions for speaker or programs: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*If you are unable to attend our meetings, we encourage you to become an Associate Member. **Associate Membership is \$15.00.** You will receive newsletters, a membership booklet if desired (\$1.00 postage and handling fee required), attend occasional meetings when guest spots are open (there are 5 per meeting), and have your name on a waiting list for bus trips and workshops.

For questions, please contact Gail Macera, Membership Chair

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Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Received \_\_\_\_\_ Membership Card Mailed \_\_\_\_\_ Booklet Mailed \_\_\_\_\_

## Classifieds

Here you will find:

- Quilting groups/mini groups inviting you to participate or drop by.
- NBQA members who run groups or are teaching classes that you are invited to attend.
- Members seeking a particular group or person with certain skills.
- Ads from NBQA members with fabric or other quilting items for sale
- Each NBQA member is allowed 1 free ad per year. Subsequent ads are \$5.00 each or \$25.00 for the year.

If you have a "Classified" you would like to run in the next newsletter, e-mail it to [info@nbquilts.org](mailto:info@nbquilts.org).

### Quilting Group

The **Monday Quilting Group** invites you to join them every Monday from 9:30 AM – noon. Stay a short while or the entire morning. No reservation needed. Bring your own work. We have tables, chairs & outlets for machines. We meet at the Shawmut Baptist Church, 1642 West Shore Road, Warwick, RI. There is plenty of parking in the lot on Armstrong Ave. Come in through the office door and go up the steps. For question contact Fran at 401-732-5116.

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## **New England Quilt Museum**

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## **2009-10 Exhibition Schedule**

April 23 – July 12, 2009  
**Radka Donnell: *The Work of Touch***

July 17, 2009 – September 20, 2010  
**Massachusetts-Our Common  
Wealth: *Quilts from the  
Massachusetts Quilt  
Documentation Project***

September 24, 2010 – November 15, 2010  
**Master Pieces: *Haberdashery  
Textiles in Antique Quilts***

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Museum hours are 10 am - 4 pm  
Tuesday-Saturday year around;  
in addition May through December,  
Sundays 12 pm - 4 pm.