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President's Message

Welcome back! I've always thought of Fall as the beginning of my year. I think it's because all the back-to-school ads and preparations make me think of the start of something. The dog days of summer (who feels like quilting when the temperature is in the eighties and the humidity is off the scale?) are now being replaced by invigorating fall weather, and I feel newly energized.

Fall is certainly the start of my quilting year. My goals for the summer were to re-organize my "stash," finish up some UFO's, and make plans for my next project. I can't say that I was very successful because now my workspace is covered with piles of fabrics that *might* work for the next quilt; two UFO's are now hanging on my design wall, in no better shape than when I took them out of their storage box; and I am no closer to deciding what my next project will be than I was two months ago. Oh well.

All this does not mean that I'm giving up. After all, this is the perfect time to come up with ideas for new quilts. (Remember to start getting ready for our next quilt show in 2010! Yeow, that seems so far away, but the show always manages to creep up on us before we're completely ready.)

I'm especially excited to welcome our thirty-five new members. I remember my excitement when I joined NBQA as a first time guild member. I left almost every meeting with ideas to apply to my own projects. Please make an extra effort to introduce yourself to our new members so that they will feel comfortable. I encourage new members to participate in any one of the many group activities that NBQA offers. The fastest way to become an active member of the guild is to participate.

Offer your congratulations to Pat Harrison, past president, who completed all the arduous requirements to become a nationally certified quilt judge, the only one in Rhode Island.

We can make this year productive and interesting. Let's get started!

Pat Bruno

Next Meeting:

**September 18, 2008
7:00 PM at St. Barnabas**

Please Bring:

- Your Name Tag
- Show & Tell Items
- Summer Challenge
- 2 1/2" strips for Comfort Quilts.
- Library Books due
- Scissors for sharpening
- Suggestions for new library books
- Block of the Month
- Money/checkbook to sign up for workshops



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Narragansett Bay Quilters' Association
Minutes of the General Meeting – May 15, 2008

President- Pat Harrison: called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

-126 members plus 2 associates in attendance.

Comfort Quilts - were presented to Martha Sholes of Project Linus by Joan Taylor who thanked everyone who donated time, materials and support to the making of these quilts. Martha thanked NBQA for the quilts and gave us an in-depth description of Project Linus and the many places that receive the quilts. All quilts must be handmade from crib to twin size with each quilt being labeled. She asked if our group had a preference where the quilts go- the reply was where the need is greatest.

28 Quilts were given to Martha (plus 10 were taken after the quilt show) . 8 more quilts went to the Hematology Oncology Associates of RI and 11 went to Wood River Health Clinic in Hope Valley. Joan asked that NBQA members please consider donating blocks, tops & fabrics to begin making more quilts in our August Workshop. Joan will also welcome names for potential recipients of the next batch of quilts.

Show & Tell - President- Pat Harrison: announced that June 5th will be the transitional board meeting. She also showed a copy of Quilt Art 2009 Engagement Calendar featuring a quilt by our own Denise Greenlund.

Vice President - Pat Bruno asked everyone to turn in their quilt raffle tickets for the big drawing tonight. The summer challenge for September will be "Think Outside the Block" -details will be in the next newsletter and everyone is encouraged to participate.

Secretary - Pat Ferguson : Everyone should have read the March & April meeting minutes printed in the last newsletter. Motioned and second to accept Secretary's report.

Treasurer- Joan Taylor: QUILT Show Fund---\$10,234.18 Expenses ---\$6,716.29 Income----
 \$8,919.00 End Bal--- \$12,436.89 General Fund-----\$7,170.07 Expenses---%289.58 Income---
 \$1,555.00 End Bal---\$8,435.49

Motioned and second to accept Treasurer's report. Joan also gave a recap of the show expenses and a general budget recap.

Quilt Show Report- Joan Taylor: please refer to the complete report in the newsletter. There will be a final report in September after all expenses are in. Passport winner was Barbara Kutger of North Kingstown. Raffle basket winners are in newsletter. Joan T. recognized everyone who worked on set up and the show, donated time, materials for baskets, made items for auction, etc. A special thanks to Barbara Chace & Janice Cullinane for working on the basket raffle. Quilt photos and Viewer's choice comments are available for pick up. There are more 2008 pins available for \$6 each. Please sign up now for the workers raffle drawing later tonight.

Show Judging- Joan Halley: gave the lowdown on judging of the quilts. Hollis Turnbow was particular about bindings, borders and sashings being lined up and straight. He did not give many comments with blue and purple ribbons believing that the points speak for themselves. Degree of complexity of design is not listed on our judging form, so this was not included in his judging. As a group we need to work on borders lying flat and bindings full of fabric. There was some discussion about hand vs. machine quilting being handled differently.

Historian- Barbara Hartford: has purchased new digital photo frame which has the quilt show photos on display at the sign- in table. Barbara expressed how proud she was of everyone in the quilt show , as she took all of the photo and saw so much talent.

Hospitality- Sue Ellis: thanked all who have brought food this year. Please sign up tonight for September.

Librarian- Naomi Champagne: all books taken out tonight can be enjoyed until September.

Membership- Norrene McGeary: received many members renewal checks but needs the paperwork also by the end of the month. 43 are on the waiting list. Checks received after June 1 will be processed later- we can only deposit 100 checks per month so they will be deposited in June, July or August.

New England Quilt Museum - Ginny Perry: The results of the museum survey concluded that the 4th Sunday of every month will be free admission. The current exhibit is worth seeing. Mary Walter was very impressed with our show and how well members worked together. Lowell Quilt Festival Images will be Aug. 10. See Ginny for summer passes.

Newsletter - Melanie Johnston: If any members are not currently receiving the newsletter, see Melanie. Many, many photos, taken by Barbara Hartford, from the quilt show will soon be on the website.

Programs - Sandy Barron: Sandy gave us the complete line up of classes and teachers which will be posted in the newsletter.

Publicity- Ginny Perry: no report

Block of the Month- Nancy Messier: absent

Door Prizes- Gail Macera: absent

Special Events - Lynda Puglia & Lynda Bogdahn: Lynda B. thanked everyone for supporting the trips this year. There are only 13 signed up for the July trip to East Lyme Clamshell Quilt show so it will be cancelled and checks sent back to those who paid. If anyone is interested in a trip to Quilt Odyssey in PA for approximately \$225 (hotel and travel) see or call Lynda.

Old Business: none

New Business: The Slate of Officers for 2008-09 was presented : President- Pat Bruno, Vice President- Melanie Johnston, Secretary- Sharon Mayers, Treasurer- Margaret White. Pat Harrison asked for any nominations- there were none. The current secretary cast one vote which was seconded and passed. Committee chairs are: Historian- Barbara Hartford, Hospitality- Sue Ellis, Librarian- Naomi Champagne, Membership- Norrene McGeary, Gail Macera, NEQM Rep- Ginny Perry, Newsletter- Melanie Johnston, Deb Hobgood, Pat Ferguson, Programs- Sandy Barron, Pat Harrison, Publicity- Ginny Perry, Quilt Show Chair- Joan Taylor & TBD, Block of the Month- Sharon Bibeault, Comfort Quilts- Joan Taylor, Door Prizes- Lucinda Corey, Randi Sue Sherman, Natalie Bielawski, Special Events Lynda Bogdahn, Lynda Puglia

Pat Harrison thanked all who worked on the 2007-08 board and handed out roses in recognition.

Block of the Month Winner: Pat Oakley from England won the Wreath blocks

Door Prizes: 5 awarded

A short break for refreshments was followed by a drawing of prizes for the show volunteers, drawn by Joan Taylor- the prizes were donated by the show vendors.

Quilt Show Raffle Quilt winner drawn - Sharon Randall

Meeting adjourned 8:40 pm with wishes for a happy summer

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Ferguson, secretary

Newcomer's Corner

Welcome to the NBQA! If you were not able to attend the orientation meeting, please visit the membership table at the September meeting to pick up a membership booklet, name muslin, library and membership cards. If you are unable to attend the first meeting and would like these items mailed to you, please send your request and \$1.00 to:

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We have a new scissor sharpener lined up for NBQA!! *Tom Marshall* will be at our September meeting. He charges \$5 per pair for sharpening - that includes, adjusting, lubing, cleaning, and any parts (screws, springs, etc.) required. He also sharpens knives. He does not sharpen rotary cutter blades.

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Special Event!

NBQA is planning a trip to “[A Quilters' Gathering](#)” in Nashua, NH on Saturday, November 8, 2008. The bus will leave from the Park and Ride on RT 117 in Warwick, RI at 8:30 a.m.


On our return home, the bus will make a stop at The Quilted Crow in Boxborough, MA. We should return to the park and ride by 6:00 p.m.

The cost of the trip will be \$37.00 and will include bus fair, admission to the show, and driver's gratuity. The cost of the trip is figured on a minimum of 35 passengers.

The deadline for registering for the trip is Saturday, October 25, 2008.

Checks made payable to NBQA may be mailed to:
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Please call Lynda with any questions.



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4th Annual Quilt-a-Thon

Mark your calendars now! The 4th annual Quilt-a-thon will be held on Saturday, October 25th from 9:30am to 3:00pm. Come join us in making quilt tops to be donated to local organizations. Material will be provided along with lunch, snacks, door prizes and *lots* of fun! Sign up at the September meeting. Call Joan Taylor for additional information. The Quilt-a-thon will be held at the Westminster Unitarian Church in EG.

Please bring 2 1/2" wide strips cut selvege to selvege to the September meeting for use in this year's Comfort Quilts.



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Summer Challenge

This year's Summer Challenge is "*Think Outside the Block*"

The quilt may be any type of project including wearables. Finished size must be no smaller than 40" perimeter (10x10) and there is no maximum size. The piece must be three layers, quilted and have a finished edge.

For you fast sewers & quilters, it's not too late to participate and make something for the September meeting.

Remember, *prizes* will be awarded!

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For project pictures, supply lists, instructor biographies and directions to the workshop location, see the NBQA website. Click "Members Services" then "Workshops."

Workshop Guidelines

1. Workshops are held at the Westminster Unitarian Church in East Greenwich.
2. Cost of workshops varies and is priced to cover the cost of running that workshop including instructor fees. Workshops are limited to 20 participants.
3. To attend a workshop, you must register and pay in full in advance. Do this by seeking out one of the Program Chairpersons at a General Meeting (Sandy Barron or Pat Harrison) or by mailing in your check and request to: Sandy Barron P.O. Box 614 East Greenwich, RI 02818
4. Class starts at 10:00 AM. Plan to arrive at the workshop for 9:30 to provide set-up time. Workshops generally end about 3:30. Your help setting up and breaking down tables and chairs is appreciated.
5. Coffee and tea will be provided. You are welcome to bring a snack for yourself and/or a snack to share with other workshop participants.
6. You should bring a power strip and a light.
7. There will be a lunch break around noon. You may bring a bag lunch including a beverage or go out to get your lunch at local fast foods. A refrigerator is available to store lunches.
8. A group including the workshop leader will be going out to dinner at 5:00 to a local restaurant. Let the program leaders know if you plan to join the group so that a dinner reservation can be made for you.
9. Please make every effort to gather **all** the supplies on the supply list.
10. Please remember to turn your cell phone ring off at the workshop so that you do not disturb other participants.
11. Please wear a name tag. Stick-ons will be available at the workshop.
12. Per guild policy, if you are unable to attend the workshop, the workshop fee will be refunded only if your spot is filled two weeks previous to the workshop.
13. Classes and class space are available only to registered, paid participants. No "auditing" of classes is permitted. No concurrent use of the workspace for other projects is permitted.



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2008-2009 Workshops

Date	Price	Instructor	Description
Saturday Sept 13	\$30	Pat Bruno	Drunkard's Path Come learn an easy and accurate method for making this quilt pattern. This same pattern will be used for our next raffle quilt.
Thursday Oct 16	\$35	Annie Gallo & Susan Raban	Autumn Star Autumn Stars can be done as a wallhanging, lap quilt, or queen size quilt. The piecing is simple and fun; the color choices are what makes it so stunning.
Thursday Nov 20	\$40	Karen Eckmeier	Happy Village Collage Quilt Karen is an award winning quilter and teacher from Kent, CT. To learn more about Karen and to see her gallery click this link: quilted-lizard.com
Saturday Jan 10	\$30	Tina Craig	Paper Pieced Pins Learn to make these tiny, attractive quilt pins. A skill level for everyone!
Saturday Feb 14	\$30	Pat Harrison	Scrappy Star An original pattern that includes a "trim to size" block. Each block is then sashed and a 4 or 8 pointed star cornerstone is inserted. The quilt is finished off with 2 thin borders and a wide scrappy piano key outer border with mitered corners.
Thursday Feb 19	TBD	Vivien Sayer	Quilt Appraisals by appointment Vivien Lee Sayre is an appraiser certified by the American Quilter's Society, and a member of the Board of Directors of the New England Quilt Museum (NEQM).
Thursday March 19	\$40	Barbara Pershing & Mary Hoover (4 th & 6 th Design)	Stratavarious Quilts Create Strata (panels of various width fabric strips sewn together) then use them to piece beautiful blocks. Great for fabricoholics as it uses lots of different fabrics. Just cut strips, join, slice and sew!
Thursday April 16	\$35	Sulky National Educator	Sit 'n Sew – creative machine art class Free-motion work on muslin "sandwiches". No pressure, just practice and tips on how to improve and expand skills, and build confidence in using metallics and other decorative Sulky threads.
Thursday May 21	\$30	Patricia Ferguson	Borders & Bindings Professional, award winning quilter and NBQA member, Pat Ferguson will teach you how to finish your quilt with borders and bindings that are show worthy.

For supply lists and more detailed information about the class and the teachers, see the NBQA
Website: www.nbquilts.org

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.

Quilting Group

The *Tuesday Quilting Group* invites you to join them every Tuesday 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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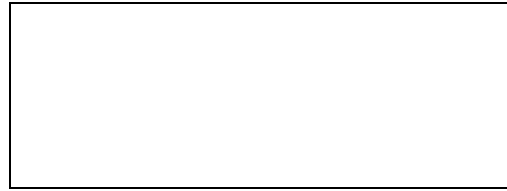
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2008-9 Exhibition Schedule

August 28 – November 2
**Metrotextural: New works by
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November 5 – January 10, 2009
**Gifts From the Heart: New
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January 29 – April 19, 2009
Fabric Collection

April 23 – July 12, 2009
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Tuesday-Saturday year around;
in addition May through December,
Sundays 12 pm - 4 pm.