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President's Message

Thanksgiving is almost upon us! This fall seems busier to me than previous autumns. The falling leaves, the cool temperatures, and the early nightfall are all signs that our summer is gone and we await the first winter storms that seem to be lurking just to our northwest. (I heard a receptionist comment that since we had no summer, maybe we will get lucky and have no winter.)

Our nesting instincts compel us to hunker down in a cozy room. How do we quilters fill up the long evenings? We get serious about fabric projects that may have been abandoned through the heat of the summer. We now have no excuse not to complete our entries for our April quilt show. I would encourage our newest members to submit objects and be brave enough to have their entries judged. Our criteria for judging are such that you are competing only with yourself. The judge's comments not only identify the good aspects of your work, but also indicate those areas that need improvement. This is a great way to bring your work to the next level. Wait until you see the variety of styles guild members submit ranging from the very traditional hand quilted bed coverings, to the abstract contemporary wall art pieces embellished with thread work, and wearable objects and accessories. I'm always excited to show our work to the public and to see their reactions.

I'm happy to hear the positive responses that the board is getting about our new venue. The East Greenwich United Methodist Church has opened its doors and warmly welcomed us. We now have lighted parking and direct access to a well lighted facility with no stairs to manipulate. Our members are thankful for these changes. Of course the padded seats help, too. (No dozing during the meetings.)

Let's all give thanks for the gifts we all have received this year and for those of our members who are working behind the scenes to once again make this a great year. Happy holidays and happy quilting!

Pat Bruno

Next Meeting:

November 19, 2009

7:00 PM

East Greenwich United
Methodist Church

Please Bring:

- Items for the Quilt Show basket raffle
- Snack if you signed up
- Your Name Tag
- Show & Tell Items
- Block of the Month
- Money/checkbook workshops



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Narragansett Bay Quilter's Association
GENERAL MEETING
October 15, 2009

The evening started with a very informative talk by Sherry Rogers Harrison on Ink-liqué, a technique that she originated.

Break for refreshments:

Show and Tell:

President: Pat Bruno: Pat called the business meeting to order at 8:45PM. Pat announced that Sandy Barron , a long time member was moving to Arizona and presented a gift of appreciation to her. Pat Harrison received the gift in Sandy's absence and will get it to Sandy.

Vice President – Melanie Johnston: Melanie reported that pictures of the raffle quilt are on the website. She is accepting any money and tickets from the sale of raffle tickets and has pictures of the raffle quilt for any members who would like one to help their ticket sales. Melanie is also keeping track of who sells the most raffle tickets and would like members to let her know if they want to be a part of this contest. The winner will receive a free NBQA membership for next year. Melanie reported that the raffle quilt is now on display in local quilt shops to generate more sales. Melanie announced that one of the door prizes to be given at tonight's meeting is a weekend getaway at a Bed and Breakfast in Hebron, New Hampshire. It is called Six Chimneys and a Dream and they are offering these getaways as a way to drum up more business for themselves by offering a nice getaway retreat for quilt groups and this free weekend is for a trial for a member of the guilds. They have 6 double occupancy rooms and feel it would make a nice place for teachers to hold a class or for a group of friends to just go and have a nice quilting weekend.

Secretary – Sharon Mayers: Sharon reported that last month's minutes were sent to the members by e-mail.

Treasurer – Margaret White: Beginning balance \$22,664.11, Expenses 3,482.50, Income 3,015.32, Ending Balance \$ 22,196.93.

Quilt Show funds: Beginning balance \$7,819.85, Expenses 0.00, Ending Balance \$7,819.85

Historian – Maria Knight: Maria is absent and Nancy Messier is filling in by taking pictures tonight.

Hospitality – Dotty Calvano, Bernice DeRobbio and Kathy Comins: Dotty thanked the members who brought goodies to tonight's meeting and asked members to please sign up for the Nov. meeting and reported that the reminder card system was back in place. Dotty mentioned that the leftover goodies can be left for Sunday coffee for the church if members did not want to take them back home.

Librarian – Pat Cole is accepting any books that were taken out over the summer and will return them to the library in Cranston.

Membership—Gail Macera: Gail reported that the membership is now full and that there is a new membership information link on the website. A total of attendees for tonight's meeting was not available because some members did not stop by the table to sign in. Gail reported that in the future the membership table would be in the foyer to facilitate the sign in process.

New England Quilt Museum – Ginny Perry: Ginny reported that information on all the latest NEQM activities is available on the activity board in the lobby. She also mentioned that free tickets to the NEQM are available.

Newsletter-Melanie Johnston, Patricia Ferguson, Debbie Hobgood and Diana Funke: Melanie announced that the deadline for items for the Nov/Dec newsletter is Nov 7th.

Programs – Linda Dooley and Pat Summer: Pat Sumner reported that today's workshop went very well and added that the workshop for Nov is not full and will open the workshop up to Ninigret and Sewing by the Sea members to attend. The only workshop that is full for the remainder of the year is Maria Lage's appliqué workshop. Pat S asked members to review the list of workshops available and sign up if interested.

Publicity – Joan Johnson: Absent. Barbara Stetson asked if any members are going to any quilt shows to see her about taking some flyers to advertise NBQA's show.

Quilt Show – Joan Taylor, Joan Halley and Sharon Mayers: Joan Taylor announced that she has received confirmation that NBQA can use the small gym for our quilt show in April. She reminded members to finish their quilts and to sign up to volunteer as helpers for the show.

Block of the Month – Sharon Bibeault, Karen Crosby and Barbara Stetson: Sharon showed a sample of the block of the month for Nov. Betty Adams won the drawing for the Oct BOM blocks.

Comfort Quilts – Joan Taylor: Joan T reminded members to come and quilt at the Quilt-a-thon to be held Sat Oct. 17th..

Door Prizes – Lucinda Cory, Pat Coughlin and Dotty Calvano: 9 door prizes given out plus the weekend trip to New Hampshire.

Special Events – Rochelle Waterson and Louise Pankiewicz: Louise reported that there is still room on the bus for the bus trip to the Gathering on Nov 7th.

Old Business: NBQA sweatshirts can be ordered through Denise Greenlund and need to be ordered by the Nov meeting.

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned: 9:20 PM

Respectfully submitted, Sharon Mayers, secretary

Library News

Pat Cole

The NBQA Quilting Library is now housed at the Cranston Central Library, 140 Sockanosset Cross Road Cranston, RI 02920. (401) 943-9080. Materials may be accessed through any RI OSL/CLAN system library using your RI system library card. [Click here for a list of member libraries.](#)

If you do not live in RI but work in RI, you may use your company address to obtain a library card.

If you live out of state, and do not work in RI, you will need a letter from our contact at the Cranston Library. To obtain this letter, please send a written request containing:

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Pat Ferguson

Sewing Machines for Quilters- What features to look for

There are many machines on the market designed specifically for quilters. Find a reliable brand that you like and visit a well established sewing machine dealer. When you go to quilting classes, notice what machines and brands the students have. Ask them questions- they will be all too happy to share their likes and dislikes.

- ✂ needle up/down button
- ✂ needle that adjusts from side to side in tiny increments
- ✂ ability to adjust the stitch length from tiny stitches to large basting
- ✂ thread cutter
- ✂ ability to drop the feed dogs
- ✂ 1/4" foot with small lip or guide on the side
- ✂ walking foot; free motion foot
- ✂ good size bed with more hand space and/or an extension table
- ✂ some decorative quilting stitches- feather, blanket
- ✂ blind hem stitch for machine appliqué
- ✂ some electronics will usually include auto tension adjust
- ✂ anything else you might like for your other sewing needs

Always purchase your machine from a sewing machine dealer. You will have an honored warranty, available classes and someone to talk to if you have problems. You will also have the ability to "trade up". You will not get these benefits from the internet, private sellers, or chain stores.

A great way to get more bang for your buck. Many customers upgrade their machines. Sewing machine dealers may have an expensive model that has been traded in, affording you a great deal on a model that would be much more expensive if purchased brand new. The dealers sometimes give some kind of a limited warranty with this.

Bring a batting sandwich with you. When you are machine shopping, actually sit down and play with the machine to see if you like the feel of it.

Bring a strip or square of your 100% cotton fabric. Sew on it to see if you like the way the machine pieces. You can't get a feel for the stitching and tension on that stiff fabric from the sewing machine store.

Compose a list of questions that you have and features that you are looking for. Don't forget to bring it with you- in the excitement of shopping and information overload, you may forget what you actually came for. You don't need a machine that does everything- remember, you can always trade up later.

If you want to purchase a second, light weight machine to bring to classes, consider the same brand machine that will have the same feet and same bobbins as your current machine. Assembling a quilt on two different machines can cause variations in sewing.

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Meet Our 2010 NBQA Quilt Show Judge



Marilyn Hardy National Quilting Association Certified Judge

Born in Southern California, Marilyn got to Texas as fast as she could—her family moved to Houston when she was nine. There are those in Texas who do not think she has an accent because of those early years in California. However, when she ventures beyond the borders of the State of Texas, she is recognized as a Texan when she speaks.

She graduated from Baylor University with a B.A. in English. She also married the fine guy who was her college sweetheart. In June of 2009 they celebrated their 40th anniversary. Later on, Marilyn returned to school and earned her M.A. in English. She has taught English in all junior high and high school grades. In addition, she has taught business communication on the college level.

While spoiling her husband and rearing two great kids, Marilyn did lots of volunteer work in the community and in her church. She was active in many organizations and held leadership positions in most of them.

Having done all sorts of needlework and crafts since she was young, in 1980 Marilyn answered a newspaper ad to take quilting lessons in someone's home. Eureka! She had found her passion. And she had found a whole new set of friends who also loved quilting.

From this small group taking quilting lessons grew the Quilters Guild of East Texas. In addition to being a Charter Member, through the years Marilyn has served in just about every capacity in her Guild and was honored with a Life Membership for her service.

For several years she served as Judging Chairman for the annual Azalea Quilt Show in March in Tyler. Through that involvement, she came in contact with many judges and discovered that she would like to be a quilt show judge also.

As she began judging small shows in East Texas, she enrolled in the National Quilting Association's Certified Judging program. She fulfilled that organization's stringent requirements and became an N.Q.A. Certified Judge in 2008. She is always delighted to be asked to judge a quilt show.

Marilyn adds, "I love the company of quilts and quilters. My hope is that the comments I make as a judge will be insightful, helpful, and encouraging to the person who dedicated herself to starting and finishing a quilt."

In an effort to be well-rounded, Marilyn also loves to read, to play the piano, and to flyfish. Since quilting, reading, playing the piano, and standing in waders don't require much aerobic activity, she is, after all, well-rounded.

Thread Tips from Superior Threads

Q. Does it really help to put thread in the freezer?

A. No. That is a bad myth. If you have heard from your friend's aunt's sister-in-law's cousin's neighbor that it really helps, let them believe it. Refrigerators and freezer dehydrate everything and there is no benefit to thread.

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The 2010 NBQA Quilt Show!!

Every other year the NBQA holds a quilt show. April 24 & 25, 2010 is our next show. All members, *including Associate Members*, can participate in a number of ways: Make great quilts or clothing items to hang in the show, sell tickets for the [Raffle Quilt](#) that will be displayed at the show, contribute items for the quilt show raffle baskets, sign up to help with the show and make mug mats. [Mug Mat directions are on the NBQA website.](#)

We still need someone to be in charge of setting up and taking down the directional signs for the weekend.

The NBQA Quilt Show. it's another good way to be involved and meet more members!

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Thank you!!! to all who participated in the 5th annual Quilt-a-thon

Joan Taylor

I want to thank all who came on Saturday, October 17, for our 5th annual Quilt-a-thon. We had 14 members who came and made 30 tops – another wonderful day of sewing!!! Two additional tops and two quilted quilts needing binding were donated also along with some preprinted panels.

I will have the tops, batting, backing material (thank you Kassie for pulling that together) and bindings available at the November meeting ready to go out to members for quilting. We will have a “parade of tops” and you can choose one (or two) to take home and finish.

Remember, if you like to quilt but not do bindings, this is your opportunity to only do what you like!! Others will do the binding. A big “thanks” to those members who took tops home with them on Saturday to finish them up.

I would like to have the quilts back at the January meeting please.

There has been a bit of interest in having another spring quilt-a-thon. I will keep you posted on that.

Winter Workshops!

Thursday, November 19, 2009 - Wendy Butler Berns - 3-D Loco Log Cabins

\$50.00 *Confident beginner to Advanced*

It is time to "draw outside the lines" with this liberating crazy log cabin. We will be breaking some of the traditional rules like-- no binding. Join me in a delightful, spontaneous journey with this 3-dimensional, heavily textured and embellished project. You will be in control of the finished size of your wall hanging, though we plan to work small. The size of the blocks will be small approx. 3 1/2" and 5", the log cabin pattern will be liberating—you will decide! You want to be comfortable with machine quilting. website:


<http://wendybutlerberns.com/>

Saturday January 16 2010 - Maria Lage - Birds & Blooms \$35.00
This is an appliqué class.

Maria is a very talented & skilled NBQA member who has extensive quilt teaching experience.

[See the NBQA website for the supply lists for these classes.](#)

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Program/Workshop News

Lynda Dooley

There are still spots remaining in the November 19 class. If you can join us and/or would like to bring a friend, please contact Lynda Dooley or Pat Sumner.

Here is your chance!! The Program Committee is seeking ideas for classes and teachers for the 2010 – 2011 guild year. Please send suggestions to Lynda or Pat.

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New England Quilt Museum *Virginia Perry*

Thank you to all who have already given me small quilts for the small quilt auction that will be held at our 2010 Quilt Show to benefit the NEQM. I know you are all busy this time of year. Have a great holiday season. Please remember after the first of the year when you begin to quilt again to make a small quilt for the auction. This is a fun event and very important in our support of the museum.


Thank you! Ginny Perry

Hospitality *Dotty Calvano*

Thank you!!! To all members for your great response to our seasonal hospitality tables. Remember that even if you did not sign-up to bring a snack in a particular month, your contribution is always welcome.

We would love to know if you have any suggestions for us regarding smoothness of service, abundance of variety or anything else for the hospitality crew. If you have a suggestion, please let Dotty Calvano, Bernice DiRobbio, or Nancy Aneyci know.

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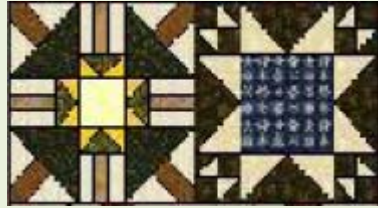
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Block of the Month News



**November Block
Twinkling Star & Starlight Trees**

This block is from [301 Country Christmas Quilt Blocks](#). We couldn't make up our minds which block to choose so we decided to use both. The fabrics to be used are winter or Christmas fabrics. The other requirement is to use a Winter or Christmas scene and "fussy cut" it for the center of the twinkling star block.

If you did not receive a BOM pattern booklet, please get directions from the [NBQA Website](#).

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MUG MATS NEEDED

Thank you to all who have made mug mats for the quilt show. We already have quite a few but need more. While you are making your quilted Christmas gifts and have some left over squares you could make mug mats. Attendees keep and use these year round. Put the good thing is it reminds them to look for our next show. [Mug Mat instructions](#) are found on the NBQA website.

Quilt Show Raffle Basket Items

At the April Quilt Show, we will once again be having raffle baskets. Donations from you would be greatly appreciated. Please bring new quilting related items that would work well in a raffle basket to any General Meeting between now and the show or contact Patti Finelli.

Membership Booklet Additions & Corrections


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Costa, Patty moved from associate to full membership	Drake, Diane 120 Wills Swamp Road West Greenwich, RI 02817	Grundy, Eloise 37 Gaspee Point Drive Warwick, RI 02888
Jehle, Carolyn 2000 South Road East Greenwich, RI 02818	Lemieux, Deb 67 Miantonemo Drive Warwick, RI 02888	Menard Jacqueline 60 Julia Court Kingston, RI 02881
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Classifieds

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- Quilting groups/mini groups inviting you to participate or drop by.
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- 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 *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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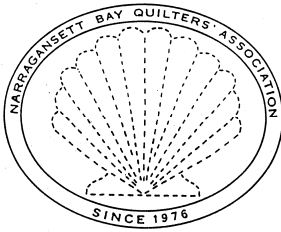
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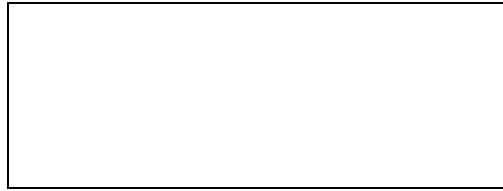
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(New coordinator, same great quilt retreat!)



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2009-10 Exhibition Schedule

September 24, 2009 – November 15, 2009
***Master Pieces: Haberdashery
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November 19, 2009 - February 25, 2010
***Masters: 40 Contemporary
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March 4, 2010 - May 9, 2010
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