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President's Message

Precision piecing or "cave man" construction? Traditional design or art quilts? Snuggle under my cozy creation or hang it on the wall to admire? Reproduction fabrics or paint and dye my own? Do we have to choose or can we do it all? I hope we can do it all because I can not make up my mind. I really want to do it all.

I love the satisfaction of making a pieced quilt where the points are all perfect, the colors in perfect harmony, or an appliqué with smooth, clean edges. But I can also lay deliciously awake in my bed thinking about how I am going to interpret my latest art quilt group challenge.

Inspired by the small art quilts in our last two quilt shows, NBQA member, Joan Johnson, organized the "Quiet Corner Art Quilt" group here in our little corner of Connecticut. We got some good advice from Nancy Messier and got to work. In addition to me and Joan, the group includes NBQA members Pat Ferguson, Linda Gardner, and Marcia Kilpatrick, and 3 other quilters in our area. We meet once a month in each other's homes. In addition to a "show and tell" of our projects, we share our experiences with new tools, books, and techniques before choosing the inspiration for the next project. To date, our themes have included "photographs on fabric," "mandala," "a line from a song," "found objects," and "quilt in a glass ball." The small size makes the projects doable and having a theme really helps us focus and get the creative juices flowing. These are great projects to try new techniques. Best of all, if we have had a hectic month or "creative block" there is no pressure. We encourage members to come anyway to share in the fun and get re-inspired for the next project. To see what we are up to, check out our blog: [://qcartquilts.blogspot.com/](http://qcartquilts.blogspot.com/).

What will get you inspired in the New Year?

Melanie Johnston

Next Meeting:

January 20, 2010

***6:30 PM**

East Greenwich United
Methodist Church

Please Bring:

- Pot Luck Supper item
- Comfort Quilts if you took one to finish
- Canned good for charity
- Show & Tell items
- Block of the Month
- Fat Quarter of the Month
- Money/checkbook for workshops
- Magazines to swap
- Books and DVDs to return

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Narragansett Bay Quilter's Association
GENERAL MEETING
November 18, 2010

President: Melanie Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM. A sewing machine cord was lost at a quilt workshop. No one reported finding it.

Comfort Quilts: Joan Taylor recognized the Quilt-a-thon attendees. They passed out the 26 tops they made plus 8 more that were donated, all of which need to be quilted and returned by the January or February meeting. Bindings can be left undone if desired.

Program: Diane Hire gave a slide show and lecture about her journey into art quilting, along with many gorgeous quilts on display. It was learned that she saves everything.

Special Events: Louise Pankiewicz along with Steve Waldman from the Cruise Brothers discussed the planned cruise to Bermuda on June 12, 2011. It will sail from NJ, with a bus from RI at an additional cost. Cruise fees range from \$984 to \$1434 per person. Louise is planning some workshops to be taught by NBQA members for an additional expense. Steve noted that the cruise prices on the Celebrity Cruise website may look cheaper than quoted here, but they do not include applicable taxes, and therefore are not less. A \$25 discount on the bus fee is available until December 15. More details are in the Nov/Dec NBQA newsletter. There is also a bus trip to the Somers, NY quilt show planned for April 30.

Show and Tell: Several members displayed their recent quilts. While showing off a stylish bib for adult patients, Gloria Penta reported that JoAnn Wood was out of the hospital and appreciated all the correspondence she received from the membership. Chris Bagley showed off a lovely appliqué quilt that had toured the country with the Hoffman Challenge. Pat Bruno and Pat Ferguson were recognized for recent show awards their quilts had won.

Secretary: The minutes from the October meeting were moved, seconded and approved without change.

Treasurer: Cheryl Martin – Beginning balance \$29,743.99; Income \$2,650.07; Expenses \$2,262.67; Ending balance \$30,131.39. The report was moved, seconded and approved unanimously.

Newsletter: In Diana Funke's absence, see Melanie Johnston with any Newsletter concerns.

Hospitality: Dotty Calvano reminded everyone about the Pot Luck supper at the January meeting. There will be a canned goods drive with a raffle ticket given for each can, and a prize drawing. There will also be a prize for the best table, which may include costumes. No alcohol allowed. Bring your own place setting.

Program: Barbara Chace mentioned a new workshop for February 26 with Pat Ferguson, called Zen Tangles.

Membership: 120 present, with 2 guests, and 4 new associate members. No meeting in December.

Fat Quarter Drawing: Sharon Bibeault announced January's drawing is for reproduction fabrics. Jane Reardon was the November winner of 50 pastel fat quarters.

Block of the Month: The winner of the Kimono blocks from October was Cynthia Perry. The winner for November's Twisted Sash pattern was Dottie Calvano.

Library: Dottie Calvano pointed out that library books left on the same table as the magazine swap needed to be returned, but not the magazines. Library books have a card inside or a label on the binding.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 PM.

Submitted by Joan Potter, Secretary.

Pot Luck Supper

Dottie Calvano

Happy New Year from the Hospitality Committee!

The January 20th meeting is our annual Pot Luck Supper!

This is a fun event that is one of the highlights of the year. Please review the list below so you are fully prepared to enjoy the evening.

1. Please be at the meeting location in plenty of time for the 6:30PM Pot Luck Supper start time.
2. Tables are rectangular and seat 8 - 12 people.
3. Get together with some NBQA friends and pick a theme for your table. **Come in costume** if you wish! There will be a prize for the table with the best theme.
4. You must supply your own place settings, plates, glasses, decorations, etc.
5. Bring a dish to be shared on the buffet table.
6. Please put your name on any dishes or serving utensils that are not disposable.
7. Ovens, stove top, and outlets for crock pots are available.
8. Coffee, tea and water will be supplied.
9. **Please bring some canned goods to be donated to charity. You will receive a raffle ticket for each can you bring in. Grand prize is a surprise!**
10. ****Very Important** No alcoholic beverages are allowed.**

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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

NBQA librarian, Pat Cole, has a supply of **Quilting DVDs**. These may be borrowed from Pat at NBQA meetings.

Dorothy Calvano & Maria Knight manage a collection of **other books** not part of the Cranston Library collection. These books may be signed out at an NBQA meeting. Library books left on the same table as the magazine swap needed to be returned, but not the magazines. Library books have a card inside or a label on the binding.

Quilt Shows and Calls for Entries

Brush Art Gallery and Studio, Lowell, MA

ART QUILTS LOWELL 2011: The Sea. August 6 through September 10, 2011.

We are pleased to announce that the Massachusetts Cultural Council has given the Brush a generous grant in support of our Art of Nature Exhibition Series. This year we are including Art Quilts Lowell in the Art of Nature series. The theme of Art Quilts Lowell 2011 is the sea and the subject matter of your entries should reflect that. Entry deadline, is June 15th. For further information and an application form, go to [.thebrush.org/ArtQuiltsApp2011.htm](http://thebrush.org/ArtQuiltsApp2011.htm)

The Lowell Quilt Festival – a citywide celebration of quilts.

August 11-13, 2011

Entry form will be available on-line in February at [.lowellquiltfestival.org](http://lowellquiltfestival.org)

As part of the Lowell Quilt Festival, the **New England Quilt Museum** will be supporting a Quilt Guild Challenge. More information about this challenge will be available in the next NBQA newsletter.

Machine Quilters Expo

Providence, RI - April 11-16, 2011 - Classes begin April 11th, Public Quilt Show April 14, 15 and 16. \$12 adult, children under 12 free with a paying adult.

Class registration is now open! Go to [.mqxshow.com](http://mqxshow.com) to register.

MQX Quilt & Wearable Competition deadline is January 15th!

MQX East 2011 Charity Challenge

Now that MQX East has a new home in Providence, we thought it best to support an organization within the city. MQX has chosen The Rhode Island Coalition for the Homeless as the beneficiary of this year's Charity Challenge. We hope that you will purchase a kit and make a quilt to support this wonderful organization.

The deadline for entry is March 1, 2011. Please use the online entry form at [.mqxshow.com](http://mqxshow.com).

The Vermont Quilt Festival is from June 24 – 26.

Quilt Contest Quilts accepted for the contest will be limited to the first 40 entries for miniature quilts and the first 200 entries for larger quilts **postmarked** between February 1 and February 10, 2011. **Entries from the U.S. and Canada postmarked before February 1, 2011 will be returned.** Go to [.vqf.org](http://vqf.org) for details about the show and to download an entry form.

The Hoffman 2011 Challenge

Deadline for entries is July 15, 2011.

Learn about the challenge, where to buy fabrics and download the entry form at [.hoffmanchallenge.com](http://hoffmanchallenge.com)

While searching the Internet for lessons about the trapunto method of quilting, I came upon two books that grabbed my interest. They are *Trapunto by Machine* and *Exploring Machine Trapunto-New Dimensions*. They are both by Hari Walner.

Lessons from each book are available on-line. To get to them you need to do a little digging. Here's what to do:

1. Go to Google and click on "Shopping".
2. Enter Trapunto by Machine.
3. Click on the one that comes up with BOOK after the title.
4. Click on "Preview this book."

Five Complete lessons will be available for you to look at and print. They are excellent! They are: Stipple Quilting, Machine Trapunto, Backtracking Over Stitches, Shading With Stitches and Two Layer Trapunto.

Now, to get to the second set of lessons:

1. Go to Google and click on "Shopping".
2. Enter Exploring Machine Trapunto.
3. Click on the one from C&T Publishing
4. Click on "Preview this book."

The lessons included here are: Free Motion Machine Quilting, Machine Trapunto and Hand Quilting Using the Trapunto Technique.

Again, these are complete lessons, with pictures, and are excellent!

If you don't have a computer, find a friend who does or go to your local library and use a computer there to take a look at these lessons. I am sure you will find lots of valuable information in them.

Trapunto by Machine is available through the RI Libraries CLAN System.

Pat Feron and her Zentangle Quilts

Zentangle = drawing repetitive patterns in odd shaped spaces.

Invented by Maria Thomas & Rick Roberts

Requires no art skills - even those who think they can't draw can do Zentangle!

Teacher: Zen Quilting=stitching repetitive patterns in odd shaped spaces.

Invented by Pat Ferguson, CZT-Certified Zentangle Teacher

Zen Quilting is a form of quilting with thread (black & white) on fabric (pima cotton) that is easy, relaxing and creates focus. Become one with your machine, relax your hand, improve your quilting skills and create new quilting designs far beyond stippling.

Pat is conducting two Zentangle workshops in the area:

[& More in Westerly Rhode Island](#)

[. Jan 29 10:00-12:30 or 1:30-4:00](#)

Call 401-637-4199 to register.

[Quilting Class at NBQA](#)

[Sat. Feb. 26 10-4:00](#)

See information about this class in the **Workshop** section of this newsletter.

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Calling All Quilters! URI's Graduate School of Oceanography needs your help to create an Anniversary Quilt

Calling all quilters, sewers, embroiderers...

GSO's 50th anniversary is 2011. We are planning a series of events one of which is a commemorative 50th anniversary quilt. If you are a quilter or can sew, embroider, paint, or can hold a needle or a pair of scissors, you can be part of the group designing and assembling the quilt. We will be creating a colorful companion to the 25th GSO anniversary quilt that hangs in Corliss Auditorium on the Bay Campus.

If you can spare a little time after the first of the year, please join us. We need folks to cut fabric and assemble "kits", type, and copy instructions. There are many ways to help without having to sew or quilt!

Please call Rose Mary White at 874-6211 or email rosemary@gso.uri.edu if you have questions or are interested in participating.



Fat Quarter of the Month Sharon Bibeault

The new monthly program, Fat Quarter of the Month has become a huge success! This is how it works:
 A member can bring in fat quarters and will receive a raffle ticket for each fat quarter. At the end of the meeting, one ticket will be drawn to win the whole stash of fat quarters.
 Below are the monthly themes:

January-reproduction-1800's, 1930's + 40's or Thimbleberries
 February-Anything pink, pink ribbon, etc
 March-novelty
 April-solids
 May-florals

New Associate Member – Maureen Rooney

Winter Workshops!

Saturday, January 29th

Denise Greenlund & Kassie Randall - Jacob's Ladder - \$35

Jacob's Ladder using a Jellyroll A simple and lovely way to use up the jellyrolls we can't resist buying.

Thursday & Friday, February 17th & 18th

Pat Bruno - Autumn Birches II - \$60 for the 2 day class

Pat is an NBQA member who won an Honorable mention for her quilt "Winterberries on Winter Green" at Houston 2010.

Saturday, February 26th

Pat Ferguson - "Zen Quilting" \$35 + \$22 kit fee

Some basic free motion machine quilting skill is helpful for taking this class.

Pat developed this class to make machine quilting much easier Pat's award winning "Zen Dahlia" quilt is based on Zen Quilting.

Thursday & Friday, March 17th & 18th

Christine Fries-Ureel - The Art of Making an Appealing Nature Scene - \$80 for the 2 day class

Learn how to make beautiful trees, including trunks and large and small branches, using fabric and quilting lines to represent bark textures, contours, and shadowing.

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

To Sign up, call or email:
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New England Quilt Museum *Virginia Perry*


I hope everyone had a great holiday season. I also hope you plan on spending the next few winter months snug at home sewing and quilting. I am.

We thought we'd try something new this year instead of the UFO Auction to help raise money for the New England Quilt Museum. We think it will be a lot of fun. We will be having a silent auction at our May meeting. We are asking you to make an item to be auctioned. It can be any hand crafted item, quilt, food, theme-basket, or any other idea you may have.

If you have any questions please contact me or Sue Stedman. You have always been very supportive in the past and it is very much appreciated.

In other news about the museum. The museum will be closed from January 1st to the 19th. The new exhibit, No Holds Barred, will be on display from January 20th until April 9th. This is an exhibit of recent works by New England members of Studio Arts Quilt association (SAQA).

Remember I have free passes if you intend to go.



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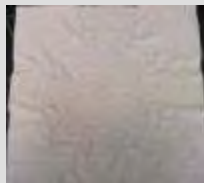
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2010 Hoffman Challenge Traveling Quilt Show Winners from NBQA!!!!

Congratulations to Billie Bunnewith whose *"Rhode Island Rhapsody"* quilt was selected to travel with the 2010 Hoffman Challenge. Congratulations also to Christine Bagley whose *"Dragonfly"* quilt was also selected. The quilts will be traveling with the show until October 2011.

Block of the Month News



January Block Trapunto



February Block Valentine

If you did not receive a BOM pattern booklet or CD, please get directions from the [NBQA Website](http://www.nbqa.org).

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2012 NBQA Quilt Show Challenge

The Quilt Show Committee announces a fabric challenge for the 2012 Quilt Show.

The guidelines are:

- *all NBQA members are eligible
- *a recognizable amount of the challenge fabric must appear on the front of the quilt
- *fabrics of the maker's choice may be added to the design
- *the quilted item must be constructed of three layers - top, batting, back - and held together with stitching
- *the size of the finished item must be not less than 10" x 10" (or a total of 40") and not larger than 36" x 42" (or a total of 160")

There will be a variety of 2012 Quilt Show Challenge ribbons awarded.

There will be a charge of \$ 2.00 for the fat quarter to be used in the quilt.

We will have additional information available in the next newsletter.

We will have sign up at the February and March general meetings and email sign up will be available also.

Joan Taylor

NARRAGANSETT BAY QUILTERS ASSOCIATION 7-NIGHT BERMUDA CRUISE ONBOARD THE CELEBRITY SUMMIT JUNE 12, 2011



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ITINERARY

Day	Ports of Call	Arrival	Departure
Sunday, June 12, 2011	Cape Liberty, Bayonne, N.J.	--	05:00 PM
Monday, June 13, 2011	At Sea	--	--
Tuesday, June 14, 2011	At Sea	--	--
Wednesday, June 15, 2011	Kings Wharf, Bermuda	08:30 AM	--
Thursday, June 16, 2011	Kings Wharf, Bermuda	--	--
Friday, June 17, 2011	Kings Wharf, Bermuda	--	04:30 PM
Saturday, June 18, 2011	At Sea	--	--
Sunday, June 19, 2011	Cape Liberty, Bayonne, N.J.	07:00 AM	--


RATES

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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 @nbquilts.org.

Special Events

Louise Pankiewicz

NBQA Special Events has planned a bus trip to the "World of Quilts XXXII" Quilt Show, sponsored by the Northern Star Quilters in Somers, New York It will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2011. We will leave the Park and Ride on Route 117 in Warwick at 7:30 AM and return at approximately 8:30 PM.

The cost is \$45.00 per person. (A full bus may allow us to reduce the cost of the trip , so please sign up at the next meeting.)

For additional information about the quilt show, visit the guild's website at:

[://northernstarquilters.com](http://northernstarquilters.com)

A reminder that the NBQA Cruise to Bermuda is still open for quilters and non-quilters alike. Make your reservations soon by calling Steve Waldman at 1-800-827-7779 extension 4621 or 1-401-499-6672. Look for the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter.

From the Editor

Diana Funke

This newsletter has been such a wonderful experience for me! Just when I think I have mastered WORD I find that I still need to call upon Melanie for help! I want this newsletter to reflect your interests, so please let me know what you would like it to contain. Classroom lessons? Up and coming quilt shows? Book reviews? Recipes? Interviews with our members in the news? Web links to topics of interest? Just email me with your ideas.

NBQA Member Pat Ferguson In the News!!!

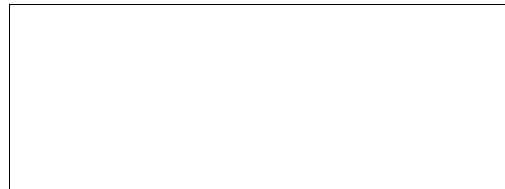
Pat Ferguson's "*Zen Dahlia*" quilt received two ribbons at A Quilter's Gathering in November-Honorable Mention for Machine Quilting Excellence, and Co-Director's Award.

Three of Pat Ferguson's little Zen Quilts ("*First*", "*Autumn Web*", and "*Woodland Spider*") are featured in the "Inspired By Zentangle" book by Suzanne McNeill, Design Originals.

Check out this article featuring Pat Ferguson and Zen Quilting in the Feb/March 2011 issue of "The Quilter" Magazine.



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New England Quilt Museum

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Lowell is located 28 miles north of Boston off Interstate 93 and 495 and Route 3. Take the Lowell Connector from either Interstate 495 (Exit 35C) or Route 3 (Exit 30N Northbound or 30A Southbound) to Thorndike Street (exit 5B). Go the 6th light and turn right onto Market Street.

Park at street meters, the Leo A. Roy Market Street Garage, or on weekends ONLY, the lot behind the museum on Middle Street.

To drive up to the door, go into the next light into Palmer Street. Go to the next light and turn left onto Merrimack Street. Go to the next corner and turn left onto Shattuck.

January 2011

MUSEUM CLOSED JANUARY 1 - 19

Upcoming Exhibition - NO HOLDS BARRED

Recent works by New England members of Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA). Guest curated by Valarie Poitier, NO HOLDS BARRED features the very best in art quilting.

January 20 - April 9, 2011

Opening reception - Saturday, January 29
at 1 p.m.

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