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President's Message

Another quilting year has passed and I can't help but have mixed feelings about seeing it end. The four elected officers of the guild are nearing the end of their terms, so special thanks have to go out to Melanie Johnston, our Vice-president and web master, Margaret White our treasurer and Sharon Mayers, our secretary. A special thanks goes out to our committee chairs. These are the gals who insure that our guild is accomplishing our mission, not only to educate through our workshops and lectures, but also to reach out to the community through our Comfort Quilts, Project Linus, Quilts for Valor and the numerous philanthropic activities members support. We accomplished many great things as a guild and all of you should give yourselves a round of applause.

I can't say enough about our quilt show. I am always excited to see the amazing things that our members are doing and the diversity of styles and techniques. I believe that our show is among the very best guild shows I've seen. A HUGE thanks has to go out to our three show chairs, Joan Taylor, Joan Halley, and Sharon Mayers. These are the gals who masterfully organized the show, spending two years to set everything up. Many thanks to members (and their husbands) who worked to hang the show and assist with the judging. Everything worked like a well-oiled machine. I was glad to see some of our newest members participating behind the scenes. The fashion show, organized by Pat Coughlin, was a big hit (Are we ready to enter "Project Runway?"). Planning has already started for the 2012 show. Joan and Joan have reserved garments from the Hoffman Collection for our next fashion show, and, yes, we have to book it two years in advance!

Many members submitted their work for judging, and I know that I for one benefit from the remarks made by the judge. It can be very difficult to let your work be criticized, but it is a good way to improve your techniques. Our criteria pit us against ourselves, only. There is no reason to be intimidated by the process. Congratulations to those who submitted to judging for the first time, many of whom were our newest members. I would encourage more to submit works for judging in the next show.

I would further like to thank all of you who have worked as a committee chair. I am pleased that the guild has moved into a brand new location. Thanks to Dorothea Calvano and Sandy Barron who spearheaded the drive to find a new meeting place and to those who helped move our equipment. Further thanks go out to those who so generously offered to stow our equipment and supplies in order to compensate for the lack of storage space at our new home. Many thanks to Cheryl and Al Martin who have been so welcoming. Al is the guy behind the scenes who sets up and breaks down tables and chairs for our meetings and workshops. Do any of you miss putting tables and chairs away after our meeting?

I'm always inspired by our show and have already begun my next projects. Get out those fabrics, patterns, and tools so you will all be ready to show a piece in our next show. Participate in our summer challenge ("I Spy Rhode Island), get those creative juices running, volunteer to assist any of our committeewomen, welcome our new members in the fall, get involved. Happy quilting to all.

Pat Bruno

Next Meeting:

May 20, 2010

7:00 PM

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**Narragansett Bay Quilter's Association
GENERAL MEETING , April 22, 2010**

President- Pat Bruno: Pat B called the business meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Pat B thanked Joan Halley and Joan Taylor for all the work they did in organizing the quilt show. She also thanked the hospitality members for putting on the supper for the quilt show workers.

Vice President – Melanie Johnston: No report.

Secretary – Sharon Mayers: No Report.

Treasurer – Margaret White: Beginning balance \$ 16,792.80, Expenses 1,545.41

Income: 540.00, Ending Balance \$ 15,787.39. Quilt Show funds: Beginning balance \$ 10,730.81, Income 230.00, Expenses \$ 209.92, Ending Balance \$ 10,750.89

Historian – Maria Knight: Maria reported she is getting the old NBQA photos into digital form and checking on pricing from a photo shop.

Hospitality – Dotty Calvano: Dotty reported that the strawberry social for the May meeting is being planned. She also announced that the books that were returned to us from the Cranston library will be available at the May meeting for members to take for the summer.

Librarian –Pat Cole: No Report.

Membership—Gail Macera: Gail reported that May is membership renewal month and renewal forms will be in the May newsletter. She announced that one more associate member has joined. She also mentioned that she will be selling the quilt show pins as well as past quilt show vintage pins at the NBQA table during the quilt show.

New England Quilt Museum – Ginny Perry: Ginny thanked the members for their donations of mini quilts for the NEQM auction to be held on Sunday. She also thanked the members for all the mug mats that were made.

Newsletter-Melanie Johnston, Patricia Ferguson, Debbie Hobgood and Diana Funke: Melanie reported that all newsletter items should be in to her by May 2nd for the May/June newsletter.

Programs – Linda Dooley and Pat Summer: No Report

Publicity – Joan Johnson: No report.

Quilt Show- Joan Taylor: Joan thanked all the members for helping on the quilt show. She announced that she has a few more yard signs for members to take and put up in their neighborhood to advertise the quilt show and to bring the signs back to her at the May meeting.

Block of the Month – Sharon Bibeault, Karen Crosby, and Barbara Stetson: None for April.

Door Prizes – Lucinda Cory, Pat Coughlin and Dotty Calvano: 6 door prizes were given out.

Comfort Quilts- Joan Taylor: Joan reported that there will be a presentation of finished comfort quilts to designated charities at the May meeting .

Special Events – Rochelle Waterson and Louise Pankiewicz: No report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Linda Dooley chair of the nominating committee reported that there were still some positions that needed filling. They are:Block of the month chair, treasurer, NEQM liaison and program chairpersons.

Meeting adjourned 7:20PM

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Mayers , secretary

The meeting was followed by a lovely fashion show narrated by Pat Coughlin. The fashions were made and modeled by NBQA members.

Newcomer's Corner

May is our last meeting of the year and that means *Elections* and *Membership Renewal*.

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.

Please remember to renew your membership.

Bring the form and check to the May meeting or mail as instructed.

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May Workshop!

Saturday, May 15 – Gail Macera – Cotton Theory™ \$35.00

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Comfort Quilts

Thank you to all members who gave of their time, fabrics, quilting and binding efforts for this year's Comfort Quilt program. There were 30 tops made at the fall Quilt-a-thon and additional tops and quilts were donated throughout the year.

There will be a short presentation of this year's Comfort Quilts to the RI Family Support and Visitation Center and the Wood River Health Clinic. The RI Family Center is new to us this year and we are proud to support their efforts in bringing families back together. Our support of the Wood River Health Clinic is an ongoing collaboration with Mary Cline.

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Summer Quilt Challenge "I Spy R.I."



This year's Summer Challenge is "*I Spy R.I.*"

This will be a fun one! Maybe you have a RI landmark (present or long gone) that you want to memorialize, maybe you want to hide some landmarks in your quilt and make a game, or maybe a "Rhode Island-ism" will inspire an art quilt. Be as literal or as liberal as your creativity takes you.

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!

2010 QUILT SHOW REPORT

Wow! What an exceptional Show - we welcomed 1,337 adults and a great many children to the Show over Saturday and Sunday - thanks to the hard work and dedication of our members! It was truly a team effort and we are thankful to each and every one of you who supported our Quilt Show.

We especially appreciate those who helped through the years, months, and weeks prior to make it such a success. We thank those members who served on the Show Committee and gave so freely of their Saturdays and Sundays for meetings and then worked so diligently to make it all come together!

We would like to thank everyone who contributed their time, effort, resources or added their emotional and physical support throughout the process of pulling it all together.

“Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!”

A heartfelt thank you to Maria Lage for sharing her wonderful and absolutely exquisite talent with us and for being our Special Exhibitor.

A special thank you to the following:

- Jim Halley and Phil Stedman who transported all the racks and storage boxes to and from Hope Valley and North Kingstown, got them out and put them away, carried them and loaded and unloaded them and repaired them and to Melanie Johnston for giving many of them a new home.
- Everyone who moved and placed the racks, pegboards, backdrops, quilts, tables, chairs, baskets and put up signs – the husbands, grandsons, friends and neighbors who were such a help.
- Those hard working members who said “Is there anything I can do to help you?”
- The extraordinary array of raffle baskets brought in a record \$ 2, 073.00!! So thank you Patti Finelli and Janice Cullehane for creating them.
- Most especially to the 99 members who stitched such glorious quilts, décor items and clothing for us to show and admire and inspire.

We would like to congratulate all those who earned ribbons, won baskets and were top bidders at the mini-auction.

It might not seem possible but we are already planning the 2012 Show so put new needles in your machines, find that pattern you’ve been meaning to do and get out your fabrics. Also, please remember to support, throughout the coming year, those vendors who helped make our Show such a success.

In addition to the income from the Show itself, we sold \$450 in pins, \$30 in tote bags and \$564 worth of raffle tickets for this year’s raffle quilt (drawing at the May meeting.)

There were worries that the MQX Show would draw away a significant number of attendees but, with the extra efforts of the publicity team, we surely overcame that and, in addition, got a lot of new people to come... and they’ll be back, I’m sure!! Where else will they see a Show as wonderful as ours???

~Joan Halley, Sharon Mayers and Joan Taylor

The Ribbons!



2010 Quilt Show “Fabrications”

<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>#</u>	<u>Ribbon</u>	<u>Quilt Name</u>	<u>Professional Quilter</u>
Ferguson	Pat	J 34	Purple	Zen Dahlia	
Greenlund	Denise	J 46	Purple	Pomegranate Martinis	
Barber	Barbara	J 210	Purple	Celebrating James	
Bruno	Patricia	J 213	Purple	Autumn Birches	
Harrison	Pat	J 232	Purple	Pineapple Patience	
Pedersen	Fran	J 418	Purple	Iris Flower	
Harrison	Patricia	J 503	Purple	French Confection	
Pare`	Sandy	J 513	Purple	A Day in Santorini	
Harrison	Patricia	J 52	Blue	Slicin' & Dicin' with Tina	
Rebecchi	Joan	J 89	Blue	Chinese New Year	
Smith	Barbara	J 99	Blue	Fourth of July	Pat Harrison
Bruno	Patricia	J 214	Blue	Winter Berries on the Winter's Green	
Dykstra	Ralph	J 224	Blue	Amish Center Diamond	Pat Harrison
Greenlund	Denise	J 229	Blue	Enchanted Evening	
Harrison	Pat	J 233	Blue	Scrappy Medallion	
Harrison	Pat	J 234	Blue	Scrappy Thick Sash	
Harrison	Pat	J 235	Blue	Scrappy Zigzag	
Ferguson	Patricia	J 409	Blue	Memmingen	
Strain	Barbara	J 420	Blue	Mountain Lady Slippers	
Zeit	Colleen	J 424	Blue	Blobby	
Bunnewith	Billie	J 601	Blue	Three	
Bunnewith	Billie	J 602	Blue	How Tweet It Is	
Bunnewith	Billie	J 603	Blue	My Fantasy Garden	
Harrison	Pat	J 704	Blue	Saggy Baggy Elephant	
Strain	Barbara	J 707	Blue	Blessings	
Noel	Dorothy	J 907	Blue	Quilted Sweater	
Bruno	Patricia	J 13	Red	Two Sides of the Same Coin	
Ellis	Susan	J 33	Red	Siam, I am.	
Finelli	Patti	J 37	Red	Rainbow Bouquet	
Hancock	Linda G	J 49	Red	Oh My Stars	
Laferriere	Eleanor	J 65	Red	Hopscotch	Sharon Mayers
Mayers	Sharon	J 77	Red	Tiny Squares	
Viglione	Jane	J 104	Red	Curried Geese	
Viglione	Jane	J 105	Red	Parisian Sundial	
Ashworth	Nina	J 200	Red	Vintage Stars	
Bagley	Christine	J 203	Red	Take Another Little Piece of my Heart	

Bagley	Christine	J 204	Red	A Better Bird	
Bagley	Christine	J 205	Red	Island Bars	
Champlin	Lisa	J 404	Red	The Village Window	
Pare`	Sandy	J 417	Red	Color Play	
Pedersen	Fran	J 419	Red	Fisherman's Dream	
Bagley	Christine	J 600	Red	August Garden	
Bruno, Pat	Raffle Quilt		Red	Fandango	Pat Ferguson
Andraka	Patricia	J 03	Yellow	Double Nine Patch	April Gilroy
Blink	Beth	J 10	Yellow	Patch to the Nines	
Bruno	Patricia	J 12	Yellow	Dragon Flies	
Champlin	Lisa	J 19	Yellow	My Lovely Muddy Quilt	
Champlin	Lisa	J 20	Yellow	Glistening Spinning Roses	
Finelli	Patti	J 39	Yellow	Autumn Sunflower Sunbeams	
Hancock	Linda G	J 51	Yellow	A Single Step Begins ...	
Laferriere	Eleanor	J 66	Yellow	Red,White & Blue	Sharon Mayers
Lunt	Carolyn	J 68	Yellow	Meet Me in Paris	Sue Ellis
Mayers	Sharon	J 75	Yellow	Wild Irish Chain	
Mayers	Sharon	J 76	Yellow	Ferns to Flowers	
Simoneau	Harriet	J 96	Yellow	Inspired By Wildflowers	
Crosby	Karen	J 221	Yellow	Hawaiian Star	April Gilroy
Dykstra	Ralph	J 226	Yellow	Kimonos	Pat Harrison
Jacobs	Jeannette	J 237	Yellow	Jungle Fever	
Macera	Gail	J 257	Yellow	Quilting in Vermont	
Finelli	Patti	J 410	Yellow	Wonders of Fall	
Pare`	Sandy	J 514	Yellow	Lake View	
Finelli	Patti	J 605	Yellow	Red Roses For My Love	
Finelli	Patti	J 606	Yellow	The Garden Wonders	


Judge's Recognition Ribbons:

Aileen Sansone	92	Attention to Detail
Jane Viglionese	104	Exceptional Hand Quilting
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Ralph Dykstra	224	Exceptional Workmanship
Barbara Barber	850-855	Inventiveness and Creativity

Viewer's Choice

Saturday	Pat Bruno	Winter Berries on the Winter's Green
Sunday	Pat Ferguson	Zen Dahlia

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
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New England Quilt Museum

Virginia Perry

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I could not do it without all of you. I continue to be touched by your support.

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Quilt Show Thank You!!

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Block of the Month News



May Block Country Basket

This is a paper pieced block from [Quiltmaker Magazine](#), in the January/February 2003 issue.

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From the Hospitality Committee

1. Thanks to all of our members who brought refreshments throughout the year. The Guild will be treating everyone to a **Strawberry Social** at the May meeting.
2. We still have a few items in the lost and found department. Last chance to look for a while.
3. The Library will be offering an in house circulation of soft cover quilting books available to keep for your summer time enjoyment.
4. A special "Thanks" must go out to Peggy Lane and all of her committee members who provided nourishment for all those who volunteered to work the Quilt show on both Friday and Saturday.

There you have it. Hope to see you soon.

Thank you,
Dotty Calvano



2010 NBQA Proposed Slate of Officers and Committee Chairs

PRESIDENT	Melanie Johnston
VICE PRESIDENT	Christine Bagley
SECRETARY	Joan Potter
TREASURER	No Candidate
BLOCK OF MONTH	Lillian Haymen & Audrey Delagrotta
COMFORT QUILTS	Joan Taylor & Donna Woodworth
DOOR PRIZES	Pat Coughlin
HOSPITALITY	Dotty Calvano & Cindy Cory
SPECIAL EVENTS	Louise Pankiewicz
HISTORIAN	Maria Knight & Cindy Cory
LIBRARIAN	Pat Cole
MEMBERSHIP	Gail Macera
NEQM	Ginny Perry & Sue Stedman
NEWSLETTER	Diana Funke & Pat Ferguson
PROGRAM	No Candidate
QUILT SHOW	Joan Taylor
PUBLICITY	Joan Johnson

Submitted by the Nominating Committee: Lynda Dooley, Chairman, Lynda Pulia, Lynda Bogdahn, Mary Beck, Donna Woodworth, Donna Maresco, Eileen Halloran



Thanks to Sharon Bibeault, NBQA is now on Facebook. Click the facebook logo to check it out. This new group will give NBQA a nice presence in the cyberworld and can help keep electronically savvy members up to date.

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NBQA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
2010-2011

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

Bring this entire form to a 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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I would like to receive a Membership book? Yes No

I would like my membership booklet mailed to me
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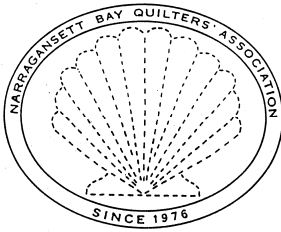
Suggestions for speaker or programs: _____

***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.

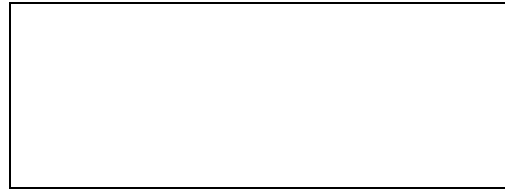
For questions, please contact Gail Macera, Membership Chair

Check # _____ Amount Received _____ Membership Card Mailed _____

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2010-11 Exhibition Schedule

May 13, 2010 - July 11, 2010

Women's Writes:

Signature Quilts and Their Stories

July 15, 2010 - October 17, 2010

Contemporary Broderie Perse:

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