

November/December 2010

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President's Message

What a great start to the NBQA year. We have a couple of excellent workshops, programs, and a quilt-a-thon under our belt. The raffle quilt is well underway, and we are now at our full membership capacity of 250!

This year Ginny Perry and Sue Stedman have a new idea for the New England Quilt Museum fundraiser. In place of the "UFO" auction, we will have a silent auction of handmade items. The items do not necessarily have to be quilts. A baked good, jams and jellies, knitted items, dolls, etc., are all welcome. It will be fun to see what other talents and crafts are present in our membership. The auction will take place at the May meeting. When you are making holiday gifts, make an extra one for the auction.

Speaking of the holidays, for the last five Decembers, I have taken a table at my local church bazaar. My plan is always to make a few, small quilted objects that might sell or just be fun for people to see. I am not in it for the money but rather for the sense of community, holiday spirit, and to make a bit of money for the church. The problem is that I always seem to end up in early November with nothing made to bring! I guess I will do what I always do – invite some crafty friends to share my table. This year, I am inviting a weaver and stained glass maker. With the pressure off, I am free to spend my time making my own "gift wish list." I am going to put all the remaining NBQA workshops on it, and some DVDs of The Quilt Show. (I can never remember to watch it on my computer, but lying in bed to watch it – now that's relaxing). And maybe a long-arm quilting machine, and an expansion of my sewing room to accommodate it. (Don't let my husband see this). Or maybe just more and more free time to quilt!

Happy Holidays to all of you and your families.

Melanie Johnston

Next Meeting:

November 18, 2010

7:00 PM

East Greenwich United Methodist Church

Please Bring:

- Name Tag
- Videos you borrowed
- Show & Tell Items
- Block of the Month
- Fat Quarter of the Month
- Magazines to Swap
- Refreshment, if you signed up to bring one
- Money/checkbook for workshops



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Narragansett Bay Quilter's Association
GENERAL MEETING
October 21, 2010

President: Melanie Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Program: Former NBQA member (1976) Nancy Ballantine gave an hour long presentation about turning children's art into small quilts. A current member of Ninigret Quilters, Nancy has been making these reproductions for 12 years.

Bus Trips: Louise Pankiewicz is taking signups for the Quilters Gathering in NH, Saturday, Nov. 6, for \$35 (includes admission and tip for driver). There will be a stop at Candlelite Quilts in Chelmsford, MA on the way back. Meet at Rt. 117 parking lot at 8 AM; return around 5:30 PM.

Comfort Quilts: Joan Taylor reminded everyone about the Quilt-a-thon to be held October 30 from 9:30-3:30 at the church. She will send those who sign up team info early in the week. Pizza and beverages will be provided, as well as fabric. Bring your sewing machine and other gadgets. People who may have felt intimidated about doing this in the past should reconsider and join in the fun.

Vice President: Billie Bunnewith reported that the raffle quilt workshop with Pat Harrison was a big success, and blocks should be turned in at the November meeting.

Secretary: Joan Potter had no report.

Treasurer: Cheryl Martin – Beginning balance \$28,173.29; Income \$2,510; Expenses \$930.30; Ending balance \$29,743.99.

President: Melanie Johnston explained that the Executive Board was composed of the officers and the standing committee chairs. Some committees had no vote. She welcomed any emailed opinions about changing the board makeup and voting rights. New member Yvonne Noel was recognized; if people want their scissors sharpened, Yvonne can take them home, and for \$5, will bring them back to the next meeting sharpened.

Newsletter: Diana Funke is aiming for 100% emailed newsletters. If anyone is having problems with the software to read them (Adobe Acrobat, free download), she can provide assistance. She is also going to compress the newsletters which should help people without a lot of memory on their computers.

Historian: no report from Maria Knight.

New England Quilt Museum: Latest exhibit is African-American Quilts Today: A Celebration of Motherhood, Sisterhood, and the Matriarchs (10/21- 12/31). Associated trunk shows will be presented on 11/6 (Sisters in Fiber) and 11/13 (Sisters in Stitches). Members are reminded to contact Ginny Perry for free tickets. Also, beginning 11/27, there will be a special holiday village and train display at the museum. Ginny explained the fundraiser planned for the May meeting: members will donate new handmade items (not necessarily quilting) and there will be a silent auction. For example, baked goods are acceptable.

Program: Barbara Chace reminded everyone to sign up for the upcoming workshops. She will find out if the 2 day Diane Hire workshop is one continuous project, or if you can just attend 1 day. Christine Fries-Ureel has been slow to provide her supply list; if you want to take her workshop, you don't need an embroidery machine.

Membership: Gail Macera announced membership is full (at 250) with 38 new members. 114 are in attendance.

Show and Tell: In addition to the postcards from the Joan Halley workshop, a number of fine quilts were presented. Chris Bagley revealed the secret to her NBQA sweatshirt modification: soak it overnight in your washer with ½ gallon of bleach. Gloria Penta asked folks to send JoAnn Wood, who is in the hospital, a get well card. Her address is in the membership booklet. Gloria also shared her tip for printing photos on fabric. She uses fabric pressed to regular freezer paper, and she gets down on her hands and knees to guide it out of the printer with tweezers.

Fat Quarter Drawing: Sharon Bibeault announced next month's drawing was for soft pastels. Judy Jake was the winner for October.

Block of the Month: Audrey DellaGrotta announced a problem with the kimono pattern: missing seam allowances. The entrants wanted to redo their blocks, so the drawing will be held next month. The pattern for the November block, an appliquéd knot, will also be drawn. Please add seam allowances to the appliqué templates. Also note that the pattern is missing the labels for background, 6B and 5B on the left hand side. You should be able to figure out where they go. See the online photo for color placement. Email or call her with questions.

Publicity: Joan Johnson absent.

Door Prize: A free membership was won by Maybeth Cost. In addition, other members won chrysanthemums and other goodies,

New Business: Joan Potter announced a quilt show to be held on 10/30 at Newman Church, 100 Newman Ave., Rumford (E. Providence), from 10 AM to 3 PM; admission: \$4.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Submitted by Joan Potter, Secretary.

Newcomer's Corner

We hope you are having a great time as a "newer" member of NBQA and are making new friends and attending workshops and other quilting events. We want to hear from you! Tell us about a quilter that inspires you or a quilting technique that interests you. Are there any workshops you would like to see added to our workshops for next year? What about trips to quilt shows or quilt shops? See you at our next meeting. Don't forget to wear your pink ribbon on your name tag. We look forward to seeing what creative twists you have used to make your nametag unique.

Special Events

Louise Pankiewicz

Quilt Cruising is coming to NBQA!!! See the flyer elsewhere in this newsletter!!!

Steve Waldman, our cruise specialist from Cruise Brothers, will be available to answer any questions and to take your reservations before the November meeting and during the break. The list of classes and activities available on the "at sea" days of the cruise will be available shortly. Look for our own guild members to be teachers and leaders of the various sessions.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 30th, 2011! We will be traveling to Somers, New York to see "World of Quilts XXXII" sponsored by the Northern Star Quilters. Cost and departure times will be available in our next newsletter. This is always a wonderful show with many outstanding vendors. You won't want to miss this trip!



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Raffle Quilt Workshop

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Raffle Quilt Workshop. Completed blocks should be turned in at the November meeting.

Upcoming Workshops

Dianne S. Hire Workshops

NBQA member Dolores Simpson was at “The Quilters Gathering” in 2008 and poked her head inside Diane’s classroom to see what all the ruckus was about. Everyone in there was having a wonderful time, and the project they were working on was full of color and something different. Dolores immediately asked Sandy Barron and Pat Harrison to book Dianne for NBQA. Finally, it is time for her to come to teach us! Dianne will be teaching 2 classes. We want to be sure you know that you may take *just one day or both days*. Each day is \$40. Both of these classes will be held at THE SEWING ROOM, 567 S Country Trail, Exeter, RI, 02881. 401-295-0083.

To read more about the classes and see the projects, go to the NBQA website to the “ ” page and take a look: [://www.nbquilts.org/MemberServices/Workshops.htm](http://www.nbquilts.org/MemberServices/Workshops.htm)

To sign up, send a check to Barbara Chace, or give her a call, or email her.

Friday, November 19th \$40.00 Come Play with Me

Need to lighten up? Not having any quilting fun? Then this workshop’s for you. Intuitive and improvisational, we’ll play liberating games at your sewing machine.

Saturday, November 20th \$40.00 Curvaceous Squares - Intermediate level workshop

Design template-free, intuitively created blocks of inset curves that become squares.

Denise Greenlund & Kassie Randall - Jacob's Ladder

Saturday, January 29, 2011 \$35.00

Denise and Kassie are NBQA members.

This workshop creates the Jacob’s Ladder pattern using a jellyroll. It is a simple and lovely way to use up the jellyrolls we can’t resist buying. This class will feature the Jacob’s Ladder Pattern using a jellyroll, layer cake, or fat quarters and background fabric. We will also show how to do a variety of other patterns using jellyrolls. See supply list at nbquilts.org.



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Printing on Fabric

After asking members to tell me their secrets about how they use a printer to transfer an image to fabric, I have come to the conclusion that the “older and slower” (aren’t we all!) printers work the best. I tested this with my two printers and found this to be true. With my newer printer, I had to quickly and carefully guide the fabric on its way through the printer or it would jam up, wrinkle, and cause me to tear the fabric out of the printer in disgust. My older printer chugged along and produced a clear and colorful image.

One member says that she grabs the fabric just as it is coming through the printer with a pair of tweezers, having to almost get under the printer to do this. My red hat is off to her!

The first question about printing on fabric is, do I buy prepared “printer-ready” fabric or do I make my own printer-ready fabric using freezer paper? I opt for the freezer paper method. First of all, it is cheaper. Second, you can choose the kind of fabric on which you want to print.

Prepare your own fabric for ink jet printing

(adapted from eHow.com)

Things You Will Need: ink jet printer, computer, scanner (maybe), Bubble Jet Set and Bubble Jet Rinse, fabric (100% cotton), freezer paper roll or sheets, rotary cutter, rotary cutting mat, ruler

1. With your camera, computer and scanner, prepare and save your pictures for printing.
2. Prewash the cotton fabric to shrink. Do not use fabric softener. Cut the fabric about an inch more all around than the standard 8.5 x 11 inch paper size.
3. Pour about 1" of Bubble Jet Set into a shallow pan that is slightly larger all around than your cut fabric. Lay the fabric (one sheet at a time if you're doing several) into the liquid until it's thoroughly saturated. Keep laying in sheets until they're all saturated. Let fabric sit in liquid for 5 minutes. Roll fabric into a tight roll and squeeze out as much liquid as possible. Use a funnel to pour the extra liquid back into another bottle. The chemical can be reused and the one quart bottle will treat yards of fabric. Spread the fabric pieces out to dry on an old flat sheet on the floor.
4. While your fabric is drying, prepare your freezer paper by cutting it roughly a little bit smaller than your fabric pieces. Once the fabric is dry, use a dry iron to press the freezer paper to one side of your fabric, making sure the freezer paper is bonded tightly and has no bubbles. This takes some time, but it needs to be very smooth. With a rotary cutter, ruler and cutting mat, cut the fabric/paper to the desired size. The object here is to trim the fabric so it is very clean and has no raveled edges. Don't cut the fabric until you are ready to place it in the printer. Threads on your fabric may jam your printer or cause imperfections on your finished print.
5. Put the fabric in your printer just as you would with regular paper. Notching the top corners helps prevent jams. You can use the print setting for photo quality, but it's really not necessary. Too much ink will simply not absorb into the fabric and be rinsed away. Select the “print” option on your computer. Allow the fabric to dry for a minimum of 30 minutes, then, peel the freezer paper off the back.
6. Put about 1/2 to 1 tsp. of the rinse solution in a pan of lukewarm water. Place each print into the solution and swish gently for two minutes. Dump the solution and mix some new if your water begins to show much color. Spread your fabric out flat to dry (again, the flat sheet works well). Allow your fabric to dry, press, and it's ready to sew into whatever project you're making.

Search on-line for “inkjet printing on fabric” for further explanations and ideas.

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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	--

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Fat Quarter of the Month

Sharon Bibeault

The **Fat Quarter of the Month** raffle has become an amazing success thanks to all members who have been so generous with their donations of fat quarters for the raffle.

Remember, members will receive a raffle ticket for each fat quarter they bring. At the end of the meeting one ticket will be drawn to win the whole stash of fat quarters.

Below are the next monthly themes:

November: soft pastels

January: reproduction fabrics-1800's, 1930's + 40's or Thimbleberries

Magazine Swap

Diana Funke

Thank you to all of you who have brought in magazines for our magazine swap. Magazines have been flying off the table – great! Keep them coming! A table with a “Magazine Swap” sign on it is in the lobby, where you may drop off and pick up magazines. Any magazines left at the end of the meeting will go to a book and magazine recycling center.



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Quilt-a-thon News

“Thank you” to all who participated in the 6th annual Quilt-a-thon

We had another successful Quilt-a-thon on October 30th. There were 29 members and a friend who participated and made 26 tops and bindings for the Comfort Quilts Project. Eight additional tops were also donated.

With the help of Billie Bunnewith and Kassie Randall, not only was it a productive day, but also one filled with much fun and a lot of laughter and good times.

Thank you to all who came for the day, those who previously donated fabrics and/or blocks, and those of you who will now take the tops and batting home to quilt and bind them for donation.

We will have the tops, batting, backing material (thank you Kassie and Billie 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 interest in having another spring quilt-a-thon. We will keep you posted on that... Joan Taylor and Donna Woodworth

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New England Quilt Museum

Virginia Perry

The new exhibit at the museum is AFRICAN - AMERICAN QUILTS TODAY: A CELEBRATION OF MOTHERHOOD, SISTERHOOD AND THE MATRIARCHS. This exhibit will be at the museum until December 31st. The curator for this exhibit is Dr. Pearl Johnson.

There will be two trunk shows along with this exhibit. The first is Nov. 6th at 1PM: **Sisters in Fiber**. The second is on Nov. 13th at 1PM: **Sisters in Stitches Joined by the Cloth, Inc.** Having read a little about Dr. Johnson, it sounds like it will be an interesting exhibit.

On Nov. 27th, the holiday season opens with the Lowell City of Lights Festival and Parade. That day, the museum will unveil its Quilted Holiday Village and Train Panorama. This exhibit will be open from Nov. 27th until Dec. 31st. Viewing is included in your admission to the museum.

Any member who would like to go to the museum, please see me for free passes.

For our next fund raiser to benefit the museum, we will be having a silent auction of items at the May 2011 meeting. There will be more information coming soon.

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Editor's Corner

Diana Funke

I had the best time at Joan Halley's Postcard Workshop! She brought tons of fabric, yarn, beads, and other embellishments for us to use, which made being creative an easy accomplishment. Joan taught us many different techniques for making postcards – you could “audition” a quilting technique on a postcard without committing to a whole quilt. We all had fun and the day flew by. **I love workshops!**

I have discovered “Zentangles” and I cannot stop making them! All you need is card stock (or similar paper) and a fine point black permanent ink pen to create these fantastic “doodles”. To learn more about Zentangles, go to Zentangle.com on the Web. Our own Pat Ferguson is a certified Zentangle teacher and gives workshops in Zentangles and how to make them into quilts.

Block of the Month**October – Kimono**

Audrey DellaGrotta announced a problem with the kimono pattern: missing seam allowances. The entrants wanted to redo their blocks, so the drawing will be held next month.

November – Twisted Sash

Please add seam allowances to the appliqué templates. Also note that the pattern is missing the labels for background 6B and 5B on the left hand side. You should be able to figure out where they go. See the online photo for color placement. Feel free to call Audrey with questions.

January – Trapunto

All patterns may be downloaded at the nbquilts.org website. Packets or a CD with all patterns are also available at the monthly meetings.

Foundation Pieced Holiday Patterns

Turkey: thebeadlink.com/craftzone/turkey.html

Pumpkin: sewhooked.org/paper_piecing/other.html Scroll down to Plants and Animals and Click on Pumpkin

Snowman: free-quilt-patterns.net/paper-pieced/Snowman.html

Classifieds**Baby Lock Evolve Serger for Sale**

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2011 Approved Budget

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
BLOCK OF THE MONTH	0.00
DOOR PRIZES	0.00
HISTORIAN	0.00
HOSPITALITY	0.00
LIBRARY	0.00
NEWSLETTER	350.00
WORKSHOPS	7,895.00
BUS TRIPS	2,500.00
MEMBERSHIP	7,500.00
RAFFLE TICKETS	0.00
<u>TOTAL INCOME</u>	<u>18,245.00</u>
<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
BLOCK OF THE MONTH	200.00
DOOR PRIZES	200.00
HISTORIAN	25.00
HOSPITALITY	250.00
LIBRARY	200.00
NEWSLETTER	600.00
WORKSHOPS & PROGRAMS	10,342.00
BUS TRIPS	2,500.00
RENT-GEN MTG	1,125.00
RENT-WORKSHOPS	675.00
FEES & DUES	160.00
MEMBERSHIP	500.00
RAFFLE QUILT-2010	0.00
RAFFLE QUILT-2012	250.00
COMFORT QUILTS	700.00
CAPITAL EXPEND	0.00
MISC	350.00
WEBSITE	100.00
<u>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</u>	<u>18,177.00</u>



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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.

2010-11 Exhibition Schedule

October 21, 2010 – December 31, 2010

African-American Quilts Today:
*A Celebration of Motherhood,
Sisterhood & the Matriarch*

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

**Please note: The Museum will be CLOSED from
January 1st through January 19th, 2011**