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President's Message

Whew! The holidays are over. I am going on a cooking strike for a few weeks so I can have some time to do projects for myself! I should probably go on an eating strike too. Wouldn't hurt.

Speaking of cooking and eating, January is Pot Luck Supper month. This is a lovely, long tradition with NBQA. It has had a few iterations over the years but it is always a nice time for visiting with old friends and meeting new ones. This year, in response to some member feedback, we are changing things up a little. The long tables made moving around and visiting a little difficult last year. This year we will have round tables that seat eight and we will use both the kitchen/workshop room and the entry foyer. That should give plenty of elbow room. Instead of costumes, if you wish to dress up, wear a t-shirt that represents you. That means, find, buy – or preferably – make a t-shirt that represents your personality, passion or aspirations. This is not a requirement so if you are not the costume type – no problem. “Come as you are.”

This year you will not be required to bring table settings, etc. Each table will receive a “party box” to open and decorate their table. This box will contain tablecloth, plates, utensils and other fun items.

If you are a new member, an individual or a group of 2 or 3 and would like a little help finding a table, our special, “table seaters” will be on hand to assist. There will also be a couple of surprise, fun activities.

As usual, please bring a canned good to contribute to the food bank. You will receive a door prize ticket for each item donated.

So, no reason to stay home. Just make or buy a delicious item to bring along, a canned good, and come eat, drink and be merry.

Melanie Johnston

Next Meeting:

January 19, 2012

***6:30 PM**

East Greenwich United
Methodist Church

Please Bring:

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

*Please note early start time.



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Narragansett Bay Quilter's Association
GENERAL MEETING
November 17, 2011

President: Melanie Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. She congratulated Pat Bruno for receiving a Judges Award as well as Viewers Choice for her Winterberries quilt at Quilters Gathering, and Best of Show at Ninigret, and for her Judges Award ribbon for her Posies miniature. Pat Harrison also received a Judges award for her quilt Bright Diamonds.

Quilt Show: Joan Halley announced that bookmark ads and flyers designed by Nancy Messier were available for distributing; please post them anywhere you can. Please make quilts for the show, as well as quilted clothing for the fashion show and fat quarter challenge quilts. Please bring the latter to the February meeting along with your quilt registration forms (filled out entirely and submitted with a good color photo). Please make mug mats and small quilts for the auction. The signup sheets for volunteering are in the lobby. Please make filled baskets for the raffle. It was suggested to provide a list of the basket contents to stimulate interest. Proceeds from the baskets will go to a new housing facility for female veterans in Johnston. The quilts for the fat quarter challenge can be any size totaling no more than 160". Art Quilter Esterita Austin gave an entertaining slide and trunk show of her landscape and portrait quilts. The projects from the workshop were displayed at Show and Tell.

Treasurer: Beginning balance \$26,867.72 in the General Fund, GF Income \$2,570.00; GF Expenses \$2,769.26; General Fund ending balance \$18,153.46, Quilt Show balance \$8515.

NEQM: Ginny Perry asked people to let her know if groups of 6 or more were planning on going to the museum.

Vice President: The raffle quilt will be hung at Ryco. A better picture of the quilt was requested.

Program: Pat Harrison's workshop on EQ7 in January is a demo, no computer required. On February 18 Kassie Randall and Denise Greenlund will be doing a mystery quilt workshop. March is Judith Lazalere.

Newsletter: Anyone who didn't get their newsletter should see Melanie. Linda Gardner had some paper copies.

Hospitality: The pot luck supper in January starts at 6:30. Tables will be in the lobby as well as the usual area. Desserts and appetizers will be in the lobby. You do not have to bring your own place setting, and there is no sign up list. Bring a main dish, salad, bread or dessert item to share. Hospitality will provide the table settings and decorations, which will be in a bag on each table. Once a table is full, you can set the table. There will be a Beach Party theme. You can dress in beach wear, or wear a decorated t-shirt, or whatever you want. There will also be a canned goods raffle (one ticket for each item) which will go to a local food pantry.

Comfort Quilts: Donna Woodworth recognized the volunteers from the Quilt-a-thon, who made 76,599 square inches of quilt tops (27), which were distributed for completion. Please return before the May meeting.

Fat Quarters: Betty Pashkovsky won the black and white fabrics. The January fabric will be flannel.

Block of the Month: Nina Ashworth won the blocks. Next month's pattern is the RI Block, in blue, brown and tan. The website has a link for both regular and paper piecing.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 PM. Submitted by Joan Potter, Secretary.

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Quilt - a- thon Donna Woodworth

A round of applause goes to all those members who participated in the Quilt-a-thon, who took those many tops to be quilted and to all of those who have given me quilts they have completed. I truly appreciate the support you all have given to this project and I am looking forward to presenting the finished projects to a variety of local programs.

To those of you who took tops to quilt at the November meeting, I want you to know that if the part you like the least is the hand sewing of that final binding, there are folks who have told me they would be glad to do that task for you. Just bring the quilt back to me with the binding sewn in place and I will see that it gets finished.

Again, thanks a million to all.

Mug Mats

Please don't forget to make mug mats. They can be any design. They should be about 4" to 5" square. These are used and enjoyed by many of the attendees and it is a reminder to them that the show is coming again. Please help by making some. We will need about 1500 mug mats. The directions for the mug mats are on the NBQA website. Thank you to all. Virginia Perry

Upcoming Workshops

We have some terrific workshops coming up!

On **Saturday Jan 14**, Pat Harrison will present a workshop - Simply Designing with Electric Quilt (EQ). This is a great piece of software. You can use it to print out strip piecing or paper piecing directions for a favorite block in any size you need. See what a quilt with 2 different blocks might look like together, or make up a totally new design, too. Come take this class to see what it is all about. No computer is needed for class. Pat will demo the software and you will have a hands-on experience using the instructions and designs created by the program.



On **Saturday February 18**, Kassie Randall and Denise Greenlund will once again be doing their magic. Their workshops are always fun and very popular. Sign up early so you do not miss out. This workshop is really a “must do” for new members and/or new quilters. You will meet lots of nice people, make a great project and learn some good quilting tips.

On **Thursday March 15**, Judith Larzelere will present a workshop on “Introduction to Strip Piecing”. Students will be given a design formula for choosing fabrics that will be strip pieced and then sewn into a small wall hanging in the “quilt-as-you-go” method. Special emphasis will be on color selection. Be prepared to trade some of your fabric with others in the class to have more colors to work with.

To sign up for a class, visit the Workshop table at a meeting or send an email to: nbqamail@gmail.com.

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Members in the News

Congratulations to Pat Bruno! Her quilt, "Winterberries" won the "Overall Craftsmanship" and the "Viewers' Choice" awards, and her miniature, "Posies", won a Judges' Award at *A Quilters Gathering*, Nov 2011.

Congratulations to Pat Harrison! Her quilt, "Bright Diamond", won a Judges' Award at *A Quilters Gathering*, Nov 2011.

2012 Quilt Show Basket Raffle

Joan Halley

The Basket Raffle has always been a popular and profitable part of our quilt show. This year we are asking individuals or groups to donate a complete basket for the raffle. You may bring the basket filled, arranged, and wrapped in plastic or just filled, and we will arrange and wrap it for you. Baskets may be dropped off at NBQA meetings from November to March.

Guide lines for Baskets:

New or gently used products - must not smell of smoke or mold

Items that you would want in a basket yourself

The more that is in a basket the more money it will make

Containers may be any size from 12 inches up and need not be a basket (e.g. tote bag, hat box, kids toy, planter, cooking pot)

Basket Raffle Theme Suggestions

Garden, Baby, Novelty, Sports, Children, Chocolate, Christmas,

Tea/Coffee, Floral, Wool, Nautical, Beach/Ocean, Stars, Retro,

Country, Rainbow, Traditional/ Reproductions, Fat Quarters, 30s, Art,

Applique, Games, Fruit & Vegetable

Quilt Show 2012-Garden of Quilts

Joan Halley

Mark your calendars for the NBQA Garden of Quilts Show April 21 and 22, 2012 at North Kingstown High School. Set up will be on April 19th and 20th.

Now is the time to finish those gorgeous creations you are working on. Look for registration forms in this newsletter and on the website. The forms are due by February 16, 2012 with a photo of the at least mostly finished quilt. Please print one form for each entry and only print on one side since we send each page to a different person for typing and arranging the quilts. Note that we have added the category Fat Quarter Challenge for our fabric challenge entries. Please read all the instructions and fill in the form completely.

We again offer the opportunity to have your quilts evaluated by a professional quilt judge, Beverly Fine. The judging will be done with a point system, so there is the potential for multiple ribbons in each category. This is a great opportunity to see how your quilting skills “measure up”.

The special exhibit is the Fat Quarter Challenge. Over 70 people have purchased the fat quarter, so the potential is there for a fantastic display of all our various talents. The official display and voting for ribbons will be at the February meeting, but we will also accept quilts finished later for the display at the show. No I am not giving you permission to procrastinate!

And while you are at your sewing machine, please make a small quilt for the auction to benefit the NE Quilt Museum. We also need about 1500 mug mats and yoyo pins to give as door favors. If everyone could make 10 we will easily reach our goal.

At the meetings look for the sign up sheets for volunteers for both preparation for the show and working during the show. There are jobs both large and small, standing and sitting, working at home or at the school – something for everyone.

There is also a place on the sign up lists to let us know what kind of basket you or your group is planning to bring for the basket raffle. We need a fairly accurate count ahead of time to plan for the correct number of tables for our display. Remember that we are asking for filled baskets this time.

They may be brought to any NBQA meeting.

It is 2012, time is getting short, time to switch to high gear. “Piece by piece, row by row, gonna make our Garden of Quilts Show”.

Membership Booklet Additions and Corrections		
Bowerman, Jean	Crocker, Sara	Dekuiper, Kristin
Niles, Janice	Valade, Cathy	Weiss, Yvonne

Raffle Quilt

Billie Bunnewith

If you have already sold raffle tickets, Billie Bunnewith is collecting money from the sales. Please see her if you need additional tickets. If you are unable to sell your tickets, please return them to her so that someone else may sell them.

The raffle quilt is now on display at Ryco, in Lincoln, RI


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Pot Luck Supper

Mary Padbury

Once again, our annual pot luck supper promises to be a success. We have made some changes this year to make the occasion fun for all. We will have round tables that seat eight. Table decorations, plates, glasses, and utensils will be provided by the Hospitality Committee.

We are looking forward to many delicious dishes that our members contribute to this event.

Wear a T-shirt that is "you" if you would like.

Bring a canned good for charity.

Most importantly, bring your appetite to this fun filled event!



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

January: flannels

February: dots and circles

Magazine Swap Diana Funke

Thank you to all of you who have brought in magazines for our magazine swap. 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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New England Quilt Museum Virginia Perry and Susan Stedman

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and we wish you a Happy New Year. Winter is upon us and what a great time to do some quilting. While you're sewing and quilting and getting ready for our show in April, we hope you'll remember to make something for the miniature quilt auction. This will be our annual fund raiser to benefit the museum. We will accept small quilts, table runners, pocketbooks, aprons, etc. If you have any questions please contact us. Just remember it has to be small, no full size quilts or huge wall hangings please.

Bill Spicer has agreed to be our auctioneer again. He always does a great job for us and we are very happy he will be with us again. Remember the museum counts on the support of guilds like ours to continue their work in preserving the history of quilting. Also, if you have never been to the museum, think about visiting it. The exhibits are worth seeing. Remember, we have free passes for our members.

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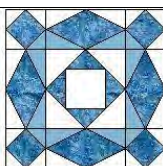
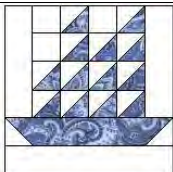
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Block of the Month	<i>Chris Bonin</i>
January 2012	
	Rhode Island
<p>Colors: Blue and browns on cream Instructions: http://www.quilterscache.com/R/RhodeIslandBlock.html</p>	
February 2012	
	Storm at Sea
<p>Colors: Jewel tones on black Instructions: http://www.quilterscache.com/S/StormAtSeaBlock.html</p>	
March 2012	
	Tall Ships II
<p>Colors: Plaids on cream Instructions: http://www.quilterscache.com/T/TallShips2Block.html</p>	

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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. If you have a "Classified" you would like to run in the next newsletter, e-mail it to info@nbquilts.org

January/February 2012

**INFORMATION Concerning NBQA Members' Quilt Show 2012
Submission of Entries to the Quilt Show**

Date and Times for Dropping off of Quilts: THURSDAY April 19, 2012

Quilts to be **Judged** must be brought in **between 10 am and noon**, all others 10 to 6:30pm

Date of Judging: *Thursday*, April 19 starting at Noon

Date of Set Up: *Thursday*, April 19: 9am to 5 pm and *Friday*, April 20 from 9 am until finished

Dates of the Quilt Show: *Saturday*, April 21 - 10 am to 5 pm; *Sunday*, April 22 -10am to 4pm

Submission of Entry Forms: Due by February 16, 2012 (Quilt Guild General Meeting). An entry form will be in the November and January Newsletters and on the NBQA website (nbquilts.org). For multiple entries, please copy the form so you have one for each of your entries.

1. Complete and submit an entry form for each item by February 16, 2012.
2. Attach a color photo to each entry form. (Work need not be completed in photo.)
3. Submit entries to Registration Chairperson, Carolyn Lunt at meetings or by mail: 48 Nichols Rd., North Kingstown, RI 02852. **Please** observe the 2/16/12 deadline as much work is involved in preparing the program. Registration questions: 401-884-5685.
4. Work previously shown at an NBQA show may not be resubmitted unless by invitation. All quilts submitted must be made by NBQA members.
5. If a quilt is from a published pattern or is the result of a class, please acknowledge.
6. Six inch sleeves are required on all quilts except miniatures and small wall hangings.
7. NBQA Quilt Selection Committee reserves the right to accept or reject items.
8. A sturdy display easel must be provided by entrant for framed pieces.
9. Any quilts over 100 inches wide/long may have to be draped due to limitation of space.
10. Please make a copy of each entry you have submitted (so you remember what you've entered)

Submission of Items: Thursday, April 19, 2012 between 10 am and 6:30 pm (quilts to be judged 10 am to Noon) at the North Kingstown High School (at the Rear Entrance); 150 Fairway Drive off Route **1A** just south of Wickford.

1. Each item must have a label that states the following: **Quilter's name, phone # and the title of the work**. If possible bring each item in a clear plastic bag.
2. If you are unable to submit your work in person, we will accept it from your designee and give that person the receipts you will need to retrieve your work.
3. It would be much appreciated by the Registration Committee if you did not wait until the 6:30 deadline but instead brought your quilts in earlier. Thanks.

Retrieval of Items: 4:45 pm Sunday, April 22, 2012 after the take down. Take a number and you will be called when take down is completed. If someone other than you is picking up your quilts, they will need a note to the committee from you along with your receipts. The committee will be available until 5:30 pm to return your work. If any work is not picked up by that time, it will be the responsibility of the owner of the work to contact Carolyn at 884-5685 to arrange retrieval.

Optional Insurance Fee: Insurance may be purchased for \$1.00 per each \$200 increment based upon actual value of your quilt. \$1 to \$200 = \$1 Fee; \$201 to \$400 = \$2 Fee; \$ 401 to \$600 = \$3 Fee; etc List the **actual value** of the quilt if you elect to purchase the optional insurance.

Examples: Value is \$ 320 = \$2.00 fee; value \$ 550 = \$ 3.00 fee, \$ 900 = \$5.00 fee

Make check for payment to "NBQA" You may combine insurance and judging fee in one check. Indicate desired insurance coverage and amount of fee on 2nd page of the form.

**NBQA Members' Quilt Show 2012 REGISTRATION FORM (One form for each entry)
Dates April 21 and 22 at North Kingstown High School**

Quilt Maker's Name _____ Phone # _____

Quilted by _____ Professionally Quilted by _____

I am submitting this work for judging: **YES** **NO**. If, yes, include \$ **7.00** per entry.

Category of Entry (Select **one** category.)

All quilts will need a 6" sleeve with the exception of the Mini and Small Wall.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bed/Lap Quilt | <input type="checkbox"/> Mini Quilt | <input type="checkbox"/> Fat Quarter Challenge |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Felted Wool | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Wall Quilt (24" to 36") | <input type="checkbox"/> Large Wall Quilt (over 36") |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Baby/Juvenile | <input type="checkbox"/> Home Decor | <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday/Seasonal |

Guild Activity: Summer Challenge, Workshop Project or Block of the Month

Clothing/Accessories* Will you model? If not, size of garment _____ .)

***Please attach a lengthy description/story for the commentator to read while your garment is shown in the fashion show in addition to the 36 words or less for use in the program booklet.**

Item Details for Program Booklet: Please be as specific as possible. Please write a description.

Title of Work _____

Traditional Pattern Original Design From a Published Pattern

Credit Pattern Source _____

Size (must be provided): Width _____ Length _____ Year Completed _____

For the program booklet, in 35 words or less, write what you want viewers to know about your work such as: your motivation, the techniques used and/or any personal history you wish to share.

Please complete the forms below. Do not detach.

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2012 NBQA Quilt Show Entry
Name _____
Item Name _____

2012 NBQA Quilt Show Entry
Name _____
Item Name _____

Thank you for submitting an entry.

This receipt must be shown to claim your entry after take down April 22nd.

Attach photo here: Please, no larger than 4" by 6". PLEASE have good color representation

Name: _____

Title of work: _____

Optional Insurance: Yes / No Actual Value: _____ Fee enclosed _____

I am submitting this work for judging: YES ____ NO ____ Fee Enclosed _____ (\$7 ea)

I grant NBQA permission to use a photo of this quilt on its Website. Yes____No____

Category (from front page): _____



Size: Width _____ Length _____

Mark on X on the block above that shows the configuration of your quilt as it should hang.

Description of quilt back: Color _____ Design _____

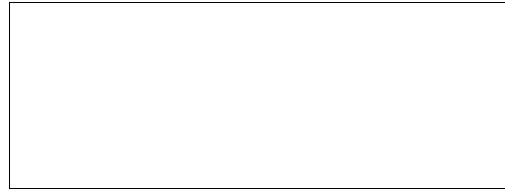
Some quilts may be draped due to space limitations.

Catalog Number: _____ (Do not write on this line.) Thank you.





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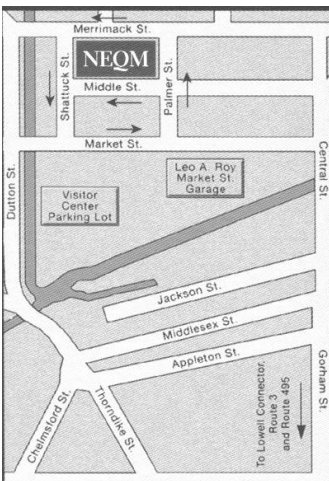


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2012 Exhibition Schedule

November and December 2011

January 19-March 24
Campaigns & Commemoratives:
Quilts for Presidents

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