

May/June 2012

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President's Message

Wow! That is what I have to say about the 2012 Quilt Show. What a fantastic show! I hated to see it come to a close, wanted to go back for at least two more days. Many thanks to Joan Halley for her leadership, to the amazing team who put all the many components together and to all of you who entered a quilt, donated a mini quilt or a basket, or came to the show. Look for the impressive stats elsewhere in this newsletter.

Didn't the show make you proud to be a member of NBQA? Now is the time of year to think about how you can keep the guild going strong for all the people the show inspired to become quilters. The Nominating Committee will be calling you to ask if you can chair, co-chair or otherwise assist on a committee. Many hands make light work, so if lots of you volunteer, the burden will not be great on any one person. Please give some thought to what you would like to do.

I want to take this opportunity to tell you how much I have enjoyed serving as president for the last two years. It has been lots of fun and I have had the chance to get to know so many of you better. We really are a wonderful and diverse group and when we put our talent to work, nothing is better.

I hope everyone has a great summer, is inspired to do the Summer Challenge, and returns in the fall ready to create. Don't forget to get your membership renewal form in by the end of May.

Melanie Johnston

Next Meeting:

May 17, 2012

7:00 PM

East Greenwich United
Methodist Church

Please Bring:

- Show & Tell Items
- Block of the Month
- Fat Quarter of the Month
- Magazines to swap
- DVDs to return
- Payment for workshops
- Membership renewal
- and.....remember to wear your nametag!



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GENERAL MEETING
April 19, 2012

President: Melanie Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. She thanked everyone for setting up and staffing the quilt show, with special thanks to chairperson Joan Halley. She reminded people to pick up lawn signs from Joan Taylor and put them in their yard. The nominating committee of Joan Taylor, Susan Chace, Hope Barton and Sharon Mayers was announced. Please volunteer for a position when they contact you. May is membership renewal month. Memberships expire on June 1, if not renewed. Forms are available on the website and in this newsletter. There will be a Strawberry Social at the May meeting.

Vice President: Billie Bunnewith is taking raffle tickets and money, and they can also be turned in at the show.

Treasurer: Cheryl Martin announced an ending balance of \$12,742 in the general fund, and \$9,651.84 in the quilt show fund.

Comfort Quilts: Donna Woodworth thanked everyone who made quilts, and asked them to write Narragansett Bay Quilters Association 2012 on the back, or make a label.

Program: Steffanie Windus announced two workshops in May by Carol Taylor. "Circles" on Thursday and "Free Motion Stitching" on Friday. The materials list will be on the website on Monday. She is looking for a teacher for a jacket class.

NEQM: Ginny Perry thanked everyone who donated mug mats and quilts for the mini auction. The NEQM is looking for a quilt from each member guild for their show.

Quilt Show: Joan Halley announced that setup on Friday would begin at 9 AM. Lunch will be provided. You can buy show tickets tonight for \$6 members, \$7 general admission. Anyone who comes on Saturday can come back for free on Sunday if they get their program stamped. Tell all your friends. The fashion show is Saturday at 2, the auction Sunday at 2. Joan presented Joan Taylor with a signature quilt, quilted by Sharon Mayers, in appreciation for all her guild work.

Block of the Month: None for this month.

The meeting concluded with a dress rehearsal of the fashion show.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Submitted by Joan Potter, Secretary.

Carol Taylor Workshops in May

Carol Taylor is known for vibrant colors, striking contrasts, use of value, as well as heavy machine quilting and embroidery in her quilts. She has won six "Best of Show" awards in her career... with six different quilts! You may have read about Carol in the most recent issue (April/May 2012) of Quilting Arts magazine.

Carol will be teaching 2 different classes. **GOING IN CIRCLES** on Thurs, May 17 and **Free Motion Quilting Patterns** on Friday, May 18. Each class is independent. Come to one or both!

See the NBQA website for details, examples and supply lists.

<http://www.nbquilts.org/MemberServices/Workshops.htm>

There are still a few openings. If you are interested, contact Steffanie Windus.

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 three 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 one year and may not serve more than two consecutive terms of office. Officers and Committee Chairpersons, along with the two previous past presidents, comprise the NBQA Executive Board which meets monthly. The slate will be presented at the May meeting.

Please remember to renew your membership.

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

The form is included in this newsletter and is available on the [NBQA Website](#).

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Members in the News

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Comfort Quilts*Donna Woodworth*

I would just like to thank all who have participated in the Comfort Quilt effort and remind them that quilts will be distributed to various groups at the beginning of the meeting on May 17th. At that time I would like to acknowledge all who have donated time, talent, fabric, etc., so wear your best smiles and accept grateful thanks.



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SUMMER CHALLENGE – SCAVENGER HUNT!

This summer's challenge is to incorporate as many of the items listed below into your quilt as possible. How you accomplish that is up to you! You can incorporate them by block choices, appliqué, quilting, embellishment, fabric choice, or any other way you choose. Please include a label on the back telling how many of the items you have showcased in your quilt (you do not need to list the items). Minimum size is 10 in x 10 in. There is no maximum size.

Article of clothing or element from an article of clothing (zipper, button, etc.), Bow, Bird, Butterfly, Cat, Dog, Dragonfly, Fish, Flower or plant, Fruit, Leaf, Tree, Your first initial, The number 1976 (the year the guild was founded), Circle, Diamond, Heart, Moon, Star, Sewing notion or tool, Spoon or fork, Basket, Nine patch block, Sea shell, Anchor, Automobile, Lizard, Boat, Cell phone, Beverage

Members will vote at the September meeting and prizes will be awarded for the most creative presentation of the items. An additional prize will be awarded to the quilt that incorporated the most items from the list.

Billie Bunnewith

2012 QUILT SHOW REPORT

We had an exceptional show - we welcomed 1,202 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!

It is so hard to make sure to thank everyone who contributes their time, effort and resources or adds their emotional and physical support throughout the process of pulling it all together. So we don't forget any names, we'll just say "**Thank you**".

A heartfelt thank you to all the members who joined in the Fabric Challenge for sharing their wonderful and absolutely exquisite talent and for being part of the Special Exhibit.

A special thank you to the following:

- To Mack Johnston, Jim Halley, Mark Lemay and Phil Stedman, who transported all the racks and storage boxes to and from Hope Valley and North Kingstown, RI and Hampton, CT, got them out and put them away, carried them and loaded and unloaded them and repaired them.
- To everyone who moved and placed the racks, pegboards, backdrops, quilts, tables, chairs, baskets and put up signs – the husbands, friends and neighbors who were such a help.
- To those hard working members who said "Is there anything I can do to help you?"
- To all those members for creating such an extraordinary array of baskets that were raffled off for \$ 2,000.00!!!!
- 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/or were top bidders at the mini-auction.

It might not seem possible but we are already planning the 2014 Show, so put new needles in your machines, find that pattern you've been meaning to do and get out your materials. 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 and \$503 worth of raffle tickets for this year's raffle quilt (drawing at the May meeting).

~Joan Halley and Joan Potter

The Ribbons!



2012 Quilt Show “Garden of Quilts”

| Quilt Number | Piecer/Appliquer | Quilt Name | Quilted by | Ribbon |
|--------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|--------|
| J239 | Harrison, Pat | Bright Diamond | | Purple |
| J140 | Mayers, Sharon | Spinning Pinwheels | | Purple |
| J800 | Anderson, Ann | Flower Bed Sue Spargo | | Blue |
| J203 | Ashworth, Nina | Peppermint Twist | | Blue |
| J400 | Ashworth, Nina | Meadow Breeze | | Blue |
| J403 | Barber, Barbara | Sisters | | Blue |
| J408 | Bruno, Pat | Winter Wonderland | | Blue |
| J410 | Bruno, Pat | First Snowfall | | Blue |
| J222 | Champlin, Lisa | Finally Fall | | Blue |
| J228 | Ferguson, Pat | Zen Nosegay | | Blue |
| J667 | Finelli, Patti | Just a Bag | | Blue |
| J128 | Fitzsimmons, Barbara | Hieroglyphics of Angels | | Blue |
| J130 | Grace, Gladys | Ladies of the Sea | April Gilroy | Blue |
| J236 | Greenlund, Denise | Let's Gather Together | | Blue |
| J237 | Greenlund, Denise | Fleur de Jardin | | Blue |
| J132 | Halley, Joan | Generally a Mystery | Sharon Mayers | Blue |
| J238 | Harrison, Pat | Goodnight Moon | | Blue |
| J240 | Harrison, Pat | Twist & Shout | | Blue |
| J670 | Harrison, Pat | Burst of Spring | | Blue |
| J139 | Lafferriere, Ellie | Heart & Home | Sharon Myers | Blue |
| J175 | Studley, Colleen | Lodge Quilt | Sharon Mayers | Blue |
| J161 | Viglione, Jane | Irish Chain | | Blue |
| | NBQA | Raffle Quilt | Sharon Mayers | Blue |
| J201 | Aguire, Ann-Marie | Mariners in a Pickle | | Red |
| J204 | Ashworth, Nina | Sue's Mystery Quilt | | Red |
| J801 | Ashworth, Nina | Antique Christmas Memories | | Red |
| J655 | Bonin, Christine | Kaffin Around | | Red |
| J409 | Bruno, Pat | Autumn Glory | | Red |
| J125 | Finelli, Patti | Garden of Stars | | Red |
| J127 | Finelli, Patti | Cutting Edge Celtic | | Red |
| | | Happiness, Prosperity and Well | | |
| J134 | Johnson, Kaye | Being | Pat Ferguson | Red |

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| J141 | Mayers, Sharon | A Touch of Italy | | Red |
| J177 | Mayers, Sharon | Scott's Plaid with Pop | | Red |
| J259 | Wilbur, Allison | Ra-Sun God | | Red |
| J441 | Zeitz, Colleen | Collide-O-Scope | | Red |
| J200 | Aguire, Ann-Marie | Autumn Splendor | | Yellow |
| J650 | Ashworth, Nina | Liberties taken with Degas' Dancers | | Yellow |
| J652 | Barton, Hope | Happy Seeds | | Yellow |
| J114 | Cobleigh, Marie | Celtic Symphony | Sharon Mayers | Yellow |
| J126 | Finelli, Patti | Meet Me in the Garden | | Yellow |
| J229 | Finelli, Patti | How's a Hooting | | Yellow |
| J230 | Funke, Diana | Blowing in the Wind | | Yellow |
| J421 | Harrison, Pat | Arms Akimbo | | Yellow |
| J673 | Johnson, Joan | Bubbles and Waves | | Yellow |
| J168 | LaPlume, Barbara | Siam I am | Susan Ellis | Yellow |
| J677 | LaPrise, MaryAnn | Under the Sea | | Yellow |
| J143 | McGeary, Norrene | Think Link (Between all Quilters) | Wilma Jung | Yellow |
| J247 | Pare, Sandy | Posh | | Yellow |
| J425 | Pare, Sandy | Night and Day | | Yellow |
| J249 | Potter, Joan | America, America | | Yellow |
| J153 | Simoneau, Harriet | Mr. Monkey | | Yellow |
| J429 | Strain, Barbara | Nasturtiums | | Yellow |
| J176 | Studley, Colleen | Caitlin's Star Quilt | Sharon Mayers | Yellow |
| J160 | Viglione, Jane | Double Dutch Star | | Yellow |
| J437 | Wilbur, Allison | Deep Autumn Woods | | Yellow |

NBQA 2012 "Garden of Quilts" Judge's Recognition

Best Hand Appliqué: Gladys Grace J130 – "Ladies of the Sea"

Best Machine Appliqué: Nina Ashworth J400 – "Meadow Breeze"

Best Use of Color: Ann Anderson J800 – "Annie's Garden" aka "Flower Bed"

Best Use of Surface Design Technique: Barbara Barber J403 – "Sisters"

Best Hand Quilting: Jane Viglione, Jane J161 – "Irish Chain"


Best Contemporary Interpretation of a Traditional Design:


Pat Harrison Raffle Quilt – "Pineapple Persuasion"

Viewer's Choice

Saturday – Jane Viglione, Jane for "Double Dutch Star"

Sunday – Gladys Grace for "Ladies of the Sea"

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Virginia Perry

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From the Hospitality Committee

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.

A special "Thanks" must go out to Peggy Lane and all of her committee members who provided nourishment for all of those who volunteered to work the Quilt Show on both Thursday and Friday.

Mary Padbury and her Hospitality Team

Fat Quarter of the Month

Sharon Bibeault

May – Landscape Fabrics

SPECIAL EXHIBIT OF FABRIC CHALLENGE QUILTS

At the February 2012 NBQA meeting, the entries in the Fabric Challenge were displayed and members asked to choose their favorites in six categories. After the 110 votes were tallied the choices were clear. Hooray to everyone who completed an entry, especially those who hated “that ugly fabric”. Congratulations to the winners.

BEST IN CHALLENGE - Nina Ashworth “Liberties Taken with Degas’ Dancers”

WINNERS:

Most Creative Use of Challenge Fabric – Nina Ashworth “Liberties Taken with Degas’ Dancers”

Pieced – Pat Bruno “Dragons in My Garden”

Applique – Billie Bunnewith “Fabulosity”

Applique – Sue Tierney “Whoo Knew!”

Art/Innovative – Anne Sabatini “Color Fun”

Best Use of Color – Joan Johnson “Bubbles and Waves”

Three Dimensional – Mary Cline “There’s My Yardstick”

Three Dimensional – Alice Hourihan “Key Lime French Toast”

HONORABLE MENTION

Sharon Bibeault “Sun Tiles”

Christine Bonin “Kaffin Around”

Pat Cole “Devil Cat”

Sharon Mayers “Every Little Bit”

New Members

Diane Dyer

Lynn Dyer

Barbara Beauregard

Susan Hester

**NBQA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL
2012-2013**

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.

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Other _____

Suggestions for speaker or programs: _____

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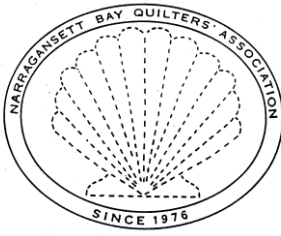
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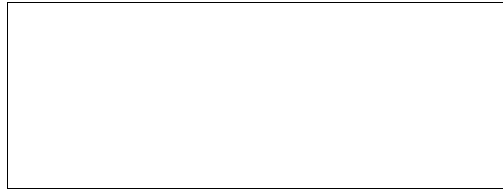
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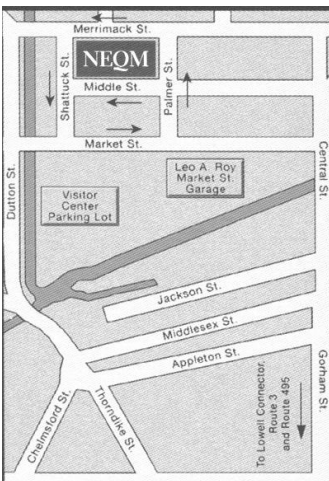
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