

# The NIMBLE THIMBLE

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## President's Message

I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and didn't go too crazy. Aside from all the things I dislike about winter (freezing rain!!!), there is one thing I love: time to sew. It's too cold to go anywhere, and I don't have any presents to make, I can just make whatever I want. It's my most productive time of year.

Don't forget we are celebrating Halloween again (after Sandy spoiled it for us) at our Pot Luck Supper. We hope everyone comes in costume, because we will have prizes for the best one in each of these 5 categories: scariest, funniest, most original, most beautiful, and "quiltiest"! We'll provide the decorations and place settings, and you bring a dish to share. If you didn't sign up for anything in November, please bring a main dish, side dish, bread or dessert. If you email Peggy Lane, she will let you know if there are already 5 people bringing the same thing. If there is anything in your dish someone might be allergic to but wouldn't be able to recognize, please label it.

The meeting will start a half-hour earlier than usual, at 6:30 PM. If there is a threat of snow, check the website ([nbquilts.org](http://nbquilts.org)) for cancellation, or give me a call if you don't have computer access (401-438-4431). Also, please bring a canned good or two for the church's food pantry. We don't have a speaker that night, but we will have Show and Tell, so borrow some of those great quilted gifts you gave and bring them along. I hope everyone comes to this meeting, because the Pot Luck Supper is one of the best opportunities to get to know your fellow NBQA members.

Remember that even if you don't know a single person at your table, you all have the same thing in common: a love of quilting. And the food is always fabulous!

Please keep our biennial silent auction to benefit the NE Quilt Museum in mind. We are hoping everyone will donate a hand-made item (it doesn't have to be quilted, and it doesn't have to be made by you!), and the auction will be held at our May meeting. Please see Sue Stedman if you have any questions. She will be collecting the things in advance, except for perishable food items, which should be brought to the May meeting.

Peace, Joan

## Next Meeting:

**January 17, 2013  
6:30 PM at East  
Greenwich United  
Methodist Church**

## Please Bring:

- Your Name Tag
- Food item to share
- Show & Tell Items
- Block of the Month
- Fat Quarters  
(Skyscapes Theme)
- DVDs you borrowed
- Quilting magazines
- Completed Comfort  
Quilts
- Canned good(s) for  
the church's food  
pantry
- Money/checkbook to  
sign up for workshops

**Note:** If you haven't signed up to bring a food item for the potluck supper, please contact Peggy and let her know what you are bringing.

Narragansett Bay Quilter's Association  
GENERAL MEETING  
November 15, 2012

**President:** Joan Potter introduced Sharon Mayers to talk about next year's raffle quilt which is Lone Star. Volunteers are needed to take home precut kits and return them by the January meeting. At least 20 kits are ready to be sewn together. A thank you card from Pastor Carol Peale was read to express appreciation for the Comfort Quilt provided by NBQA to Janice Wray. Janice is a member of the United Methodist Church and was recently injured. The next General Meeting will be held on January 17, 2013 which will be a pot luck supper (please email Peggy Lane if you have not signed up to bring a dish). The theme for the Pot Luck Dinner will be Halloween. All members are asked to dress up in costume; prizes will be awarded for the following categories: Scariest, Funniest, Most Beautiful, Most Original and "Quiltiest"

**Secretary:** Jackie Menard's minutes from the previous month's meeting were accepted.

**Treasurer:** The treasurer's report was accepted:

Income for October \$1330.00

YTD Income \$9,043.00

Expenses for October \$2,012.62

YTD Expenses \$5,160.31

10/31/2012 Checking Account Balance \$29,716.25 (Quilt Show 2012 - \$13,277.32)

**Comfort Quilts:** Donna Woodworth announced there are kits in the lobby that are ready to be pieced by volunteer quilters. If more fabric is needed please call or email Donna Woodworth. She also handed out tops with batting, backing, and binding to volunteer quilters to finish at home and return by the April 18, 2013. If someone would like to donate fabric, it would be appreciated but nothing smaller than ½ yard.

**Special Events:** Pat Cole reminded all members about the MA bus trip/shop hop on March 23. The RI Shop Hop is also happening in March. On May 4<sup>th</sup> there will be a bus trip to Somers, NY. Please sign up as soon as possible.

**Program/ Workshop:** Joan Halley announced she will be providing the workshop on January 17<sup>th</sup> called Sashiko (\$35) done with running stitches. There will be a pattern provided for the interested to practice with. Stephanie Windus reminded the group about up and coming workshops. Because workshops are not filling to capacity, classes will be open to nonmembers at an additional fee of \$5.00 per workshop/class. Stephanie introduced the evening's guest speaker, Michele Scott, Quilt Artist.

**NE Quilt Museum:** Mug mats are still being collected. If anyone needs passes to the museum they are available through the guild. As a reminder, May is the Silent Auction to benefit the museum. Donations of any handmade items are accepted...but it must be handmade!

**BOM:** Susan Chace wanted to remind members to bring both January and February BOM to the February meeting (2/21/2013). Quilted Treasurers donated the fabric for the raffle prizes.

**Library:** Maria Lage mentioned there were lots of DVD's returned but many were still out. Please return any borrowed DVD's and any new DVD's will be cataloged and ready to go out soon.

**Fat Quarter of the Month:** There were 47 fat quarter donations with the Christmas theme. Next month's theme is "Sky Scapes".

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm

Submitted by Jackie Menard, Secretary

**NBQA Treasurer's Report**

December, 2012

Income for November \$1,372.00

YTD Income \$10,415.00

Expenses for November \$2,752.83

YTD Expenses \$7,913.14

11/30/12 Checking Account Balance  
\$27,485.42 (Quilt Show 2012 -  
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Diana Funke, Treasurer



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## HOSPITALITY NEWS

Our Annual Pot-Luck Dinner Meeting on January 17, 2013, will have a "Let's Have Halloween Again" theme. Since the real Halloween was ruined due to inclement weather, we thought we would celebrate it all over in the new year. We will have Halloween activities--including a costume contest with prizes--and lots of candy, so please get out your Halloween finery and join in!! Our food/beverages will be themed toward Halloween/Harvest time, and we need all of you to pitch in to make the dinner a success. Some of you were able to sign up on the meal sheets that were circulated at the November meeting. For those of you who were unable to do so, please contact me and let me know what food item you will be bringing. The courses categories are: Appetizers, Salads, Entrees, Vegetables, Bread/Rolls/Butter, and Desserts. Hospitality will provide Beverages (hot and cold) and candy. It is important for you to let me know what you will be donating, so that we can make sure we have sufficient items in all categories. I will be sending a "blanket" e-mail to Club members in early January that will list all donors and their offerings. If you have questions about any of this, please contact me via e-mail or by phone. On behalf of the Hospitality Committee, I thank you for your generosity. It is all of you who make our Pot Luck Dinners a success!! Have a wonderful holiday season and new year!!

Regards,  
Peggy Ann Lane, Hospitality Chair



### Quilt for Change

*Quilt for Change* is partnering with *Solar Sister of Bristol, RI* to sponsor the “Light, Hope and Opportunity: Empowering Women through Clean Energy” challenge exhibition, designed to raise awareness among the quilting community of North America of energy poverty issues around the world, and to encourage support for the important work being carried out by *Solar Sister* in East Africa. Art quilters are encouraged to put their talents to use to highlight the energy poverty challenges faced by women and their families in rural areas with no access to regular electricity, the potential solar and other alternative energy sources have to mitigate some of these challenges, and the good work of *Solar Sister* in empowering African women to change the conditions of their lives. Selected quilts will be included in a traveling exhibition that will open under the auspices of the U.S. Mission to the United Nations at the UN’s European headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland in June 2013, and tour at various quilt shows throughout North America for the remainder of 2013 and beyond. Submissions are due to *Quilt for Change* by March 1.

See our website, [quiltforchange.org](http://quiltforchange.org), for more information and details on the challenge, or contact Allison Wilbur. Please help us spread the word about this challenge by sending to other quilters you know!

### Comfort Quilts

I would like to thank all who took quilts to quilt and those who took packets of materials. I appreciate the support given.

I have more material packets to share as I have received more donations of both fabrics and orphan blocks.

Donna Woodworth



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Our collection of CD's/DVD's is available for members to borrow at our monthly meetings. To check out these items, please sign the index card located in each CD/DVD with your name and date and give it to the librarian. When returning CD's/DVD's give the librarian your name and she will pull your card and check off your name.

CD's/DVD's are checked out for one month intervals. Items borrowed after September and not returned when they are due accrue a fine of \$1 per month per CD/DVD.

### **The following titles have been added to the library.**

*Alex Anderson Teaches You to Start Quilting* – Alex Anderson

*Carol Doak Teaches You to Paper Piece* – Carol Doak

*LostDigital Collage for Quilt Design: From Start to Finish* – Diane Rusin Doran (Quilting Arts)

*Mixed Media Quilt Art: Creating with Paint, Stitch & Canvas* – Jeannie Palmer Moore (Quilting Arts)

*The Quilt Show, Series Ten* – Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims

*Thread Therapy with Dr. Bob* – Superior Threads

*Quilting Arts TV Series 1000* – Quilting Arts

### **We thank the following members for their donations:**

Pat Coughlin donated – *Trip x Two, Variations of the Traditional Trip Around the World* pattern

Linda Gardner donated – *Art Quilt Design Strategies for Success* by Carol Taylor

Diana Funke donated –

*Inspirations for Creating Classic Quilts & More* by Fons & Porter

*QNNTV.com Sampler 2* by Quilters Club of America

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*100 Expert Quilting Tips* Vol. 2 from Fons & Porter Love of Quilting

*100 Expert Quilting Tips* Vol. 3 from Fons & Porter Love of Quilting

Maria Lage

**Missing DVDs**

A few of the missing DVD's have been returned, but the following titles have not found their way home, yet. Members that have taken out DVD's in the past please look around and make sure that they are not still in your possession.

TITLE	AUTHOR/ARTIST
Creative Machine Embroidery	Alison Holt
Floral Wonders: A New Approach	Leslie Rego
Knitting Daily TV	
Kool Kaleidoscopes Quilts	Ricky Tims
Master Machine Stitching	Susan Brubaker Knapp
Painted Peppers	Esterita Austin
Shape Shifting: Using Shibori to mimic Pieced and Applique Shapes	Malka Dubrawsky
Teaches You Quick-Strip Paper Piecing	Peggy Martin
Teaches You Simple Steps to Dynamic Art Quilts	Katie Pasquini Masopust
Teaches You to Paint Landscape Fabric	Michey Lawler
Threadplay	Libby Lehman

Thanks,  
Maria Lage

**January Workshop - Machine Sashiko with NBOA member Joan Halley.**

**Date: Thursday, January 17, 2013**

**Cost: \$35**

There are still spaces available for this class.

Sashiko is traditional Japanese embroidery done with white thread on indigo fabric. The classic designs have many applications for quilts, home dec and clothing. In this workshop you will learn to stitch the traditional designs using the sewing machine. Heavy weight thread is wound on the bobbin and the stitching is done from the back of the fabric. To start, you will learn the techniques for marking and stitching by sewing a small sample. Then you may choose the designs you like and stitch several squares that can be made into a table runner or wall hanging or become the beginning of a quilt. A large variety of designs and stencils will be available for your use. Traditional hand stitching techniques will also be demonstrated.

If you don't have internet access and would like to know what the supply list is, or if you are new and unsure of any aspect of this or any other workshop, please contact the Program Committee Steffanie Windus (Chair), Hope Barton or Judy Chase. (Contact info. is in your Membership Booklet)

**General Workshop Information**

Please plan to arrive at 9:00 a.m. for a 9:30 a.m. start. Please try not to be late. Classes end at 3:30 p.m. which gives everyone ½ hour to clean up and be out by 4:00 p.m.

Coffee will be provided and there will be a 45 minute lunch break. Bringing a lunch is recommended.

## Special Events – Mark Your March Calendar!

Remember to sign up at the January meeting for the “Power Shopping” **Bus Trip on Saturday, March 23, 2013**. We will be participating in the **2013 Schoolhouse Shop Hop**. The bus will leave from the Route 117 Park and Ride at 7:30 AM, visit the 5 shops on the Schoolhouse Shop Hop route and return at approximately 9 PM. The shops are The Quilted Crow, Cobblestone Quilts, The Bunkhouse Quilt Shop, The Quilted Acorn Shoppe, and Red Barn Sewing and Yarn Center. More info about the shops can be found at [www.schoolhousesophop.com](http://www.schoolhousesophop.com)

This trip will cost \$37.00 for transportation and driver tip (based on 35 paid sign ups on a 50 passenger bus. The cost will decrease for each paid trip over the 35). You can bring your own lunch or munch your way through the day as each shop provides light fare. There will also be a chance for ordering take out from the diner, Cliff’s Café in Townsend, MA. (Menus available at the March, 2013 meeting and the day of the trip for pre-ordering) You may sign up at the January meeting or contact me by email.

In addition, a \$7.00 passport may also be purchased beginning in January to enable you to get your free gift, free pattern at each shop, diploma, graduation gift and a 20% off shopping spree coupon to be used at a later date. Passports are not required to participate in the trip but will definitely enhance your shopping experience.

### RI Shop Hop

Our local shop hop will take place this year in March 2013 prior to the Schoolhouse Shop Hop bus trip. Passports will be available in the next newsletter. It will include the Rhode Island Shops. More details on this to come.

## Northern Star Quilt Guild, Somers, New York

The 2013 NSQG Quilt Show, “A World of Quilts XXXIV” will be on Saturday and Sunday, May 4 and 5 2013. If you are interested in participating in a bus trip to attend this show on the Saturday, please sign up to show your interest at the January meeting.

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2013 Schoolhouse Shop Hop

Saturday March 23, 2013

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From Route 117 Park and Ride

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Shops open from 9 AM to 7 PM on  
Saturday

We will visit

The Quilted Crow  
Boxborough MA

Cobblestone Quilts  
Townsend MA

The Bunkhouse Quilt Shop  
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Red Barn Sewing & Yarn Center  
Merrimac MA

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further details

Each shop will provide snacks.  
Lunch break in Townsend MA  
Bring your own or visit the ice cream  
shop or the local diner.

**Welcome to our new members**

Please add these names and contact  
information to your 2012-2013  
Membership Booklet.

New Members

Paula H Edwards  
Joanne Johnson  
Gale Palladino  
Renewals  
Mary Elizabeth Palumbo  
Phyllis Cayer

Thanks

Susan Ellis  
Membership Chairperson  
NBQA

## NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. We wish you all a VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Many new and exciting things are happening at the museum. One thing we should consider is being represented at Images best of guild display. I will explain the details at the next meeting. Also, now that you have finished your holiday projects and are looking for something to do please consider making an item for our Silent Auction in May. The Silent Auction is an in house auction and the proceeds of this auction are used to support the museum. We will accept donations of anything handmade or homemade. You have always been very supportive in the past and we are hoping for your continued generosity. The museum really does count on our support.

### Do you have left over scraps from your holiday projects?

Sew mug Mats for the QUILT SHOW!

I know the quilt show isn't this year but we really need a lot of them. Remember there are prizes for the top three producers. Please remember to label your mug mats with your name and amount. The big mug will be there at the January meeting.

See the next page for directions for a Standard Mug Mat or find directions for other variations on the Forms & Bylaws button on our webpage.

Virginia Perry

### Classified

Advertise in this space for:

- 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 [info@nbquilts.org](mailto:info@nbquilts.org).



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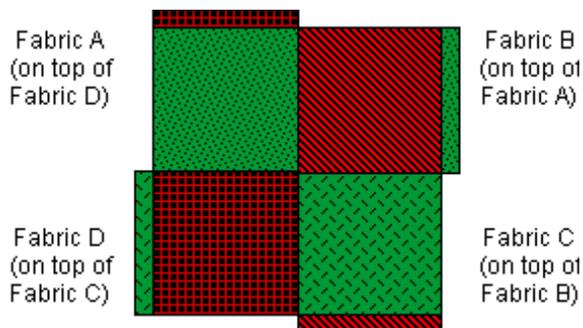
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### Standard Mug Mats

- Cut 5 - 5" squares from fabrics of your choice.
- Fold 4 of the squares in half right side out, and press the fold.
- Place the remaining fabric square, right side up, on a 5" square of cotton batting and then:

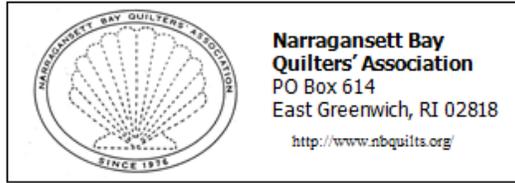
1. Lay one of the folded squares (A) on top of the unfolded square matching raw edges along the top.
2. Lay a second of the folded squares (B) (contrasting if only using 2 different fabrics for these folded rectangles) overlapping the fabric from the first square, and matching raw edges along the right edge.
3. Lay a third of the folded squares (C) (same as the first if only using 2 fabrics) overlapping the fabric from the second square and matching raw edges along the bottom edge.
4. Lay the last of the folded squares (D) (same as the second if you are only using 2 fabrics). Lift the first folded square so that the first fabric is overlapping and only one half of the folded square shows, match raw edges along the left edge. It should look like a four patch:



*The extension of the fabric is shown for perspective on the way the fabrics are laid out. Do not extend your fabrics.*

5. Sew a 1/4" seam along all outer edges. Clip the corners. Through the hole in the middle (this will become very clear when you have a stitched mug mat in front of you) turn the mug mat inside out. Using a point turner (or, alternatively, the point of a pair of scissors), push out the corners.

January/February 2013



## New England Quilt Museum

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[www.nequiltmuseum.org](http://www.nequiltmuseum.org)



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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.

## 2012-2013 Exhibition Schedule

July 12-October 14 - **Backstitch: A 25-Year Retrospective of Advances & Milestones in Quiltmaking**

October 18-December 29 - **Great Quilts, Great Stories: Treasures from the Permanent Collection**

January 17-April 13 - **MASTERS II: SAQA Art Quilts** [Curated by Martha Sielman]

April 18-July 7 - **SILK! Luxurious Antique & Contemporary Works** [Curated by Pam Weeks]

July 11-October 6 - **A SLICE OF CHEDDAR: A Selection of Antique Pennsylvania Quilts**

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in addition May through December,  
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