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President's Message

Welcome back from summer break! I hope everyone had a chance to relax and rejuvenate, enjoy the pleasures of a New England summer, and maybe even tackle the Scavenger Hunt Challenge. As we reconvene, please take the opportunity to greet the new members and make them feel welcome.

Over the summer, we began the process of applying for non-profit status. We hope to have that completed soon. It gave us a chance to refocus on our mission "to perpetuate the art of quilting and provide the opportunity for learning and sharing of ideas." We have several lectures scheduled for this year, plus workshops, a bus trip, a shop hop, and more. This is not a quilt show year, but I hope everyone will try to make at least one quilt for our show in 2014. We especially want to put on a good fashion show, so watch out for the jacket workshop in April. I really encourage everyone to try at least one class, because they are a bargain price and a great way to get to know your fellow guild members.

We're trying some new things with the Block of the Month, Comfort Quilts and Hospitality. Please share your ideas because this guild belongs to all of us.

Happy quilting!

Joan Potter

Next Meeting:

**September 20, 2012
7:00 PM at East
Greenwich United
Methodist Church**

Please Bring:

- Your Name Tag
- Show & Tell Items
- Summer Challenge
- Fat Quarters
- DVDs you borrowed
- Quilting magazines
- Money/checkbook to sign up for workshops

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Narragansett Bay Quilter's Association
GENERAL MEETING Minutes
May 17, 2012

President: Melanie Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM, following an early strawberry social.

Joan Halley presented a check for \$2000 from the basket raffle to Erik Wallin of Operation Stand Down RI, in support of the Holly Charette House for women veterans.

Comfort Quilts: Donna Woodworth recognized and thanked all the volunteers, then presented a total of 65 quilts to the following organizations: Friend's Way, Holly Charette House, VNA-Care RI, Women and Infants Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, the Wood River Clinic, and the Northern RI Visitation Center.

Sandra Munsey is selling Redwork e-books for \$9.99, and Quilt Challenge kits to benefit the Libby Museum in Wolfeboro, NH (\$15).

Carol Taylor presented a lecture called Sew Many Quilts, So Little Time, and she wasn't kidding. She followed that with a trunk show of her beautiful work, all produced on a Bernina 1630. Her workshop CD was purchased for the NBQA library.

Treasurer: Cheryl Martin reported a general fund balance of \$12162, and a quilt show account balance of \$14090.

Membership: Sue Ellis reminded everyone to renew their membership before June 1 or they would go to the bottom of the waiting list, which is currently 34 people.

Special Events: Louise Pankiewicz said to watch for a trip in November.

Quilt Show: Joan Halley thanked everyone for their help with the quilt show, including Celia Schnacky, Betty Pashkovsky, Karen Stanley, Margaret White, and several husbands, etc., who helped with setup and takedown. Yellow viewer comments are available in the lobby and show pins are still for sale. All receipts must be turned in ASAP. The profit for the show is between \$5000 – \$6000.

NEQM: Sue Stedman announced that \$2280 was raised in the mini-auction, a record amount, and it would be divided into 3 donations to the museum: \$1030 as a supporting guild (see Sue for free passes); \$250 for a sail boat block on the 25th anniversary signature quilt, and \$1000 toward a matching grant. The museum is open for free admission on the 25th of every month during this anniversary year.

Program: Steffanie Windus announced the first two workshops for the fall: Sharon Mayers' Poppers on a September Saturday, and Jackie Kunkel paper piecing in October.

Vice President: Billie Bunnewith thanked Melanie for her wonderful service as President and presented her with a gift of fabric from the board. She announced the summer challenge of a scavenger hunt, in which up to 30 different items must be incorporated into a quilt using any technique. Please put the total of items on the label on the back. There will be prizes at the September meeting.

Sharon Mayers sold the most raffle tickets and won a free membership. The winner of the raffle quilt was Susan Blade.

President: Melanie announced that the NBQA is forming a limited liability corporation, and seeking 501(c) (7) tax exempt status, based on a requirement from the bank. The fee for the LLC is \$200, and there will be an annual fee of \$50 paid to the state, and a short IRS form to fill out.

Secretary: The following slate of officers and committee chairs was elected for 2012 - 2013:

President – Joan Potter
Vice President – Allison Wilbur
Treasurer – Diana Funke
Secretary – Jackie Menard (with Barbara Stetson)
Membership – Sue Ellis (with Carolyn Marshall and Joan Johnson)
Block of the Month – Susan Chace
Fat Quarter of the Month – Sharon Bibeault
Comfort Quilts – Donna Woodworth
Door Prizes – Natalie Bielawski and Norrene McGeary
Hospitality – Peggy Lane and Charlotte Santucci
Special Events – Louise Pankiewicz
Programs – Steffanie Windus (with Judy Chase and Hope Barton)
Historian – Mary Ann Laprise and Karen Stanley
Librarian – Maria Lage
Newsletter – Kathy Barrette, Sara Crocker and Linda Gardner
Publicity – Joanne Martino
Quilt Show – Joan Potter
NEQM – Ginny Perry and Sue Stedman
Website – Melanie Johnston

Fat Quarters: Audrey Della Grotta won the landscape fabrics. For next year, the fabrics will be farm theme (September), autumn (October), holiday/winter (November), Skyscapes (January), red and white (February), animal prints (March), oriental (April), and nautical (May). Sharon Bibeault also maintains the NBQA Facebook page, and has some quilts posted for which she needs help with identification.

Block of the Month: Billie Bunnewith won the fish blocks; Chrissy Bonin has another Storm at Sea block for Susan Chace.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.
Submitted by Joan Potter, Secretary.

2012-2013 NBQA Preliminary Budget

Submitted by Diana Funke

Year 2011-2012

Income	Budget	Actual	2013 Preliminary Budget
Block of the Month	0.00	0.00	0.00
Door Prizes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Historian	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hospitality	0.00	0.00	0.00
Library	0.00	0.00	0.00
Newsletter	350.00	190.00	350.00
Workshops	7,895.00	5,862.00	5,500.00
Special Events	1,700.00	1,230.00	1,800.00
Membership	7,500.00	7,602.00	7,500.00
Raffle Tickets	0.00	1,608.00	0.00
Quilt Show 2012	0.00	570.00	0.00
Other Income	0.00	2,045.00	0.00
Miscellaneous Income	0.00	1,629.00	0.00
Fundraiser	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>250.00</u>
Total Income	17,445.00	20,736.00	15,400.00

Expenses

Block of the Month	150.00	137.53	150.00
Door prizes	200.00	164.16	200.00
Historian	25.00	0.00	25.00
Hospitality	300.00	309.92	400.00
Library	250.00	248.24	250.00
Newsletter	600.00	391.79	400.00
Workshops and Programs	10,000.00	10,283.99	10,000.00
Special Events	2,000.00	1,150.00	1,800.00
Rent - General Meetings	1,125.00	850.00	1,125.00
Rent - Workshops	675.00	525.00	675.00
Fees and dues	160.00	96.80	800.00
Membership	500.00	493.78	700.00
Quilt Show 2012	0.00	31.76	0.00
Raffle Quilt 2012	100.00	448.00	350.00
Comfort quilts	700.00	698.52	700.00
Capital expenditures	0.00	2,515.66	0.00
Web site	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	<u>250.00</u>	<u>4,222.60</u>	<u>300.00</u>
Total Expenses	17,035.00	22,567.75	17,875.00

Magazine Swap

Do you have any quilting magazines that you don't want anymore but can't bear to throw away? Bring them to the next meeting and swap them out for quilting magazines you haven't read yet. There will be a table area with a "Magazine Swap" sign on it 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.

Fat Quarter of the Month

Each month members can bring in a fat quarter, or two or three ... and so on based on the theme of the month. You will receive a raffle ticket for each fat quarter you bring. At the end of the meeting one ticket will be drawn and the winner takes the whole stash!

Theme of the Month

September – Farm
 October – Autumn
 November – Holiday/Winter
 January – Skyscapes
 February – Red & White
 March – Animal Prints
 April – Oriental
 May - Nautical

FYI

For all of you members on Facebook if you "like" our FB page you will get our newsfeeds.

Cancellations due to bad weather will be announced on: WPRO-630 and our website <http://www.nbquilts.org/>

Membership card = discounts sometimes!

Ryco will take 10% off your order and apply that money to a check to NBQA. The money is then used to buy supplies for our Comfort Quilts.

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From the Desk of the Librarian

Our collection of CD's/DVD's is available for members to borrow at our monthly meetings. To check out these items 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. Starting this September, if you do not return your CD/DVD when it is due there is a fine of \$1 per month per CD/DVD. Members please remember to bring back the CD's/DVD's that you have borrowed. Items borrowed prior to September 2012 are not assessed a fine. If you would like to place a hold on a CD/DVD a sign-up sheet will be located at the library table.

Recently acquired:

Why Quilts Matter: History, Art & Politics
– a nine part documentary series created by
The Kentucky Quilt Project, Inc.

Maria Lage

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

Bring your finished piece to the September meeting where they will all be hung on display. 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.

Allison Wilbur

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From the Hospitality Committee



Welcome everyone!! We look forward to seeing all of you at our Sept. meeting -- both "new" members and "old." Due to the generosity of all of you, we are always able to provide a wonderful "spread" for each meeting. The Committee will be providing hot coffee, hot tea, fruit punch, and water as beverages. We are always happy to receive your donations of "finger foods" and items that are easy to cut up into small pieces. Refreshment donation suggestions include cookies, brownies, cupcakes, loaf cakes, small muffins, cheese/crackers, fruits or vegetables plates, nuts, pretzels, popcorn, chips, or anything else that you can think of!! Please stay away from items that are very difficult to cut into small pieces, such as pies, puddings, or heavily frosted cakes. If you have any questions, please call me (401-294-6576). On behalf of the Hospitality Committee I thank all of you for all that you do to keep us all fed!!

Sincerely,
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Hospitality Chair

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NBQA Block of the Month 2012-2013

This year we are going to try something a little different with Block of the Month. Instead of entering your blocks into a winner-take-all drawing, you will keep your blocks and enter for a fabric drawing (one entry per person, and you must present your blocks to enter). The finished quilts will be a special exhibit in the 2014 Quilt Show. The schedule for which blocks to bring each month is given below (make 2 of each).

Go to the free patterns section of debbiemumm.com and download a copy of the pattern, which is her 2010 Block of the Month Project (www.debbiemumm.com/Projects/QuiltBlocks/2010). Print the pattern in black and white if you can. I have a few copies of the pattern for those without internet access, which can be obtained at the BOM table while supplies last.

The fabric requirements page of the pattern lists several fabric colors, but ignore the specific colors and choose your own. However, it is necessary to keep the colors dark or light as indicated on the original pattern. Choose 17 fabrics that you like together. You will need some fabrics for the borders as well as the blocks.

The quilt has 4 different star blocks and 1 center block. The 4 blocks are made with 1 light on dark and 1 dark on light. The blocks finish to 12 ½ inches according to the pattern or you can reduce or enlarge the block size if you wish.

There are 7 borders. The first border is pieced and completes the design of the quilt top. You can eliminate some of the borders if you don't want to add all of them.

Schedule:

October:	Boxed Star	March:	Center Block
November:	Octagonal Star	April:	Sashing Squares (sewn onto blocks or separate)
January:	Double Star	May:	Pieced Quilt Top (with or without all borders)
February:	Pinwheel Star		



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Newcomer's Corner

Welcome to the NBQA! If you were not able to attend the orientation meeting, please visit the membership table at the September meeting to pick up a membership booklet, name muslin, library and membership cards. If you are unable to attend the first meeting and would like these items mailed to you, please send your request and \$1.00 to:

Sue Ellis

Check your information as printed in the membership booklet and contact Sue with any corrections.

Please make your NBQA muslin logo into a nametag and wear it to all meetings.

Special Event

NBQA is planning a trip to "[A Quilters' Gathering](#)" in Manchester, NH on Saturday, November 3, 2012. The bus will leave from the Park and Ride on RT 117 in Warwick, RI at 8:30 a.m.

On our return home, the bus will make a stop at Candlelite Quilts in Chelmsford, MA.

We should return to the park and ride by 7:00 p.m.

The cost of the trip will be \$40.00 and will include bus fair, admission to the show, and driver's gratuity. The cost of the trip is figured on a minimum of 35 passengers. Participants will be responsible for lunch on their own at the show.

See Louise Pankiewicz at the meeting to sign up.

Comfort Quilts

At our May meeting 65 quilts were presented to six groups who expressed appreciation of the generous effort and hard work that went into the lovely quilts. I currently have 16 additional quilts that will be given to a group that could not be present at our meeting that night.

Many thanks to all who participated in this activity. Now get ready to sign up for the next quiltathon which will be held on *Saturday, October 20th*.

Donna Woodworth

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New England Quilt Museum

First I would like to thank all of you for such a successful miniature quilt auction in April. The money was given to the museum for three different causes.

- NEQM SUPPORTING GUILD FUND. \$1,030.00
- NEQM 25th ANNIVERSARY MATCHING FUND \$1,000.00
- NEQM ANNIVERSARY SIGNATURE QUILT \$250.00

With the guild donations to the anniversary matching fund the museum was able to reach the needed amount for the matching grant. Connie Barlow was very happy about this. I believe this was our biggest fund raiser. THANK YOU for all your support.

In May, NEQM had a special program recognizing the top ten fund raising guilds. That afternoon the special guest was Shelley Zegart. She is the founder of the Kentucky Quilt Project. She spoke about this and the program series she did for PBS titled WHY QUILTS MATTER, The History, Art and Politics. If you can find the series it is well worth seeing. NBQA was recognized as the second highest fund raiser for NEQM based on the last five years of donations. The Hannah Dustin Guild from New Hampshire was first. The museum is very well aware of our contributions and is very appreciative. This is thanks to your support! The museum is doing so well now. It is a great day trip. The city is a great place to explore. You should think about a trip there. The latest exhibit is incredible. It is titled "BACKSTITCH: A 25 - Year Retrospective of Advances & Milestones in Quiltmaking". Our member Barbara Barber has one of her quilts in this exhibit.

Remember, one of the benefits of our fund raising efforts is free passes to the museum. If you would like to go please let me know.

Once again, THANK YOU!

Ginny Perry & Sue Stedman

Classified

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 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.

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Plexiglas sewing table (fits against your machine) that fit my old Bernina, but not my new one; and an Otlite that clamps to a table that I am not using. Anyone can have them free. Call Celia 829-2283.

2012-2013 Programs

2012-2013 Programs

We have a great line up of speakers and workshops for this year! See me, Steffanie Windus, and my team of Judy Chase and Hope Barton before the meetings and during the break to get more details and sign up for classes.

In September, we have our own NBQA member, Sharon Mayers, with her "Piecing with Poppers" workshop. This will be held at the church on Saturday, Sept 22 so there will still be time to sign up for it at the September meeting. Sharon will teach her new and easy method for adding strips between the blocks of a table runner to really make the fabrics "pop"! Cost of this workshop is \$35.

In October, we have Jackie Kunkel coming from CV Quiltworks in Canton, CT. She will be teaching paper piecing with Judy Niedmeyer's patterns. These patterns are fabulous with their arcs of sharp points and fabric combinations. If you are ready to try paper piecing, this class is for you! Jackie has asked that you select one of three patterns, you can purchase it and any materials you need from her website. See our nbquilts.org website for details and a discount code she has given us to use. Cost of this workshop is \$40.

You can see our website for a full list of speakers and workshops scheduled for this year. Also general class information and supply lists for all classes. All classes will be held at the church, most are on the Thursday of the meeting, but there are two on Saturdays and one on a Friday. Please plan to arrive for class at 9:00 with your sewing machine and all materials prepared for the class, irons are provided. You will have a half hour to setup for a 9:30 start. Classes end at 3:30 with another half hour to clean up and be out by 4:00. There will be coffee provided and a 45 minute lunch break, it is helpful if you bring a lunch. If you are staying for the meeting, you may want to join us as we take the instructor out for dinner. This is a nice way to relax and visit with her and other NBQA members.

There are also opportunities for hosting at the workshops. The Host helps the instructor with setup and cleanup and as an aid during the class. The Host gets to see the techniques being taught without paying for the class or actually taking it. You may also be asked to help with vending during the meeting.

At the New Members meeting in August, several people asked about beginner quilting classes. If you are interested in such a class, let me know and we will see about putting one together.



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New England Quilt Museum

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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**

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