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Narragansett Bay Quilters' Association

<http://www.nbquilts.org/>

President's Message

Well, it is finally 2007, where has this decade gone? Hope everyone received what they wanted and had a happy and healthy holiday season.

I took Nancy Halpern's class in November. It was very interesting, but I must be dyslexic as it takes me about an hour to piece four pieces together. It would be nice to hang all our class projects together at the 2008 quilt show.

We have a group getting together to come back with ideas for fundraisers. Hopefully I will have something to report to you at the January meeting. Please remember our Board of Director meetings are open to any member to attend.

Is anyone else looking forward to cold weather - I mean **SNOW**. All I want is one good storm so I can stay home without a guilty conscious and work on Ms. Halpern's top.


I almost had an incident in my basement. I plugged in a space heater to a plug extension from a ceiling light, there was this strange smell. I thought the heater must have been dirty, then the light kept going out; I thought the surge protector was loosening the light fixture so I just tightened it. Finally the light and part of the fixture fell to the floor with smoke coming from both parts. When my son looked at it, I had melted the electrical wires and was lucky not to have started a fire. I have to get the electrical upgraded in the basement.

Well that's all for this month. See you in January!

Pat Cole

For the January 18, 2006 6:30 PM Meeting, Please Bring:

- Food etc. for Pot Luck Supper (note 6:30 PM start time)
- Your Name Tag
- Show & Tell Items
- Tools for Mr. Wizard
- Library Books due
- Money for Workshops
- Block of the Month
- Vendor is "The Quilt Loft"



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Narragansett Bay Quilters Association Minutes of the General Meeting – November 16, 2006

President, Pat Cole called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. There were 123 members in attendance. The Minutes were accepted as written in newsletter

Treasurer Report- Pat Cole reporting for Joan Taylor:

Beginning balance: 10/19/06 Quilt show fund: 8,000.00 Deposits: 75.00 Checks written: 25.00 **Ending Balance: 8,050.00**

Quilt Show: no report

Comfort Quilts: 25 members participated in making 30 quilt tops. The tops were shown by Kassie Randall and several participants. Members were asked to take backing, batting and binding kits home and complete the quilts. Bring back for January meeting.

Newsletter- Diana Funke: Thanked everyone for positive response to e-newsletter. If you can't open your email, you may need to download a free update for Adobe Acrobat Reader. If you have questions or need help with this, please ask any newsletter committee member for assistance. There are now 12 advertisers in the newsletter. Cost of newsletter is way down- 92 members get snail mail, the rest are email, accounting for the cost reduction.

Retreat- Barbara Barber; March 2,3,4, 2007 is Alton Jones Retreat featuring Hunter's Star class.

Programs- Pat Harrison: January is Black Line Appliqué class- March is Beverly Fine, judge- openings available in both classes. More NBQA tote bags available to purchase at \$15.00 each.

Bus Trip-Lynda Puglia: The trip to The Quilter's Gathering in Nashua, NH was successful- stopped at a quilt shop on the way home. Planning a Shop Hop for the spring with a drawing in April for prizes for those who have completed passports. Asked for a show of hands for either a bus trip to Somers quilt show in May or Manchester Show in August- Somers won vote. See NBQA Website for details and updates.

Hospitality- Donna Woodworth: Potluck in January- bring food to share, table decorations & place settings. Remember the January Meeting starts at 6:30.

Door Prizes- Barbara Fitzsimmons: Five mystery bags plus 3 extra bags were given away. Joanne Morris won NBQA membership.

Website-Melanie Johnston: Melanie gave a PowerPoint presentation of each page of our new website and entertained questions and suggestions.

Old Business: none

New Business: When raffle quilt ticket winner is drawn, it should be drawn before secondary prizes- will be addressed at next board meeting

There are 2 free openings in Nancy Halpern's Friday class, 2 paid members can't attend and are willing to donate their spaces..

Block of the Month- Nancy Messier: January block is paper pieced. Two winners of this month's block- Judy Lysik, Ginny Perry

President- Pat Cole: looking for someone to audit our check book.

Show & Tell

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

A ten minute break was followed by Guest Speaker Nancy Halpern who presented a slide show and her beautiful quilts until 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pat Ferguson, Co-Secretary

COMFORT QUILTS

Thank you to those who took quilts home to finish. Please remember to bring them with you to the January meeting. Sandy Barron, Pat Harrison and Maria Knight will be accepting them for me. The drop off area will be at the back of the Hall probably at that corner table I'm usually at.

We will need a few additional quilts to meet our goal so if anyone wants to bring in a top or completed quilt to add, please do!

Thanks again to everyone.
Joan Taylor

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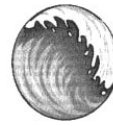
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Special Events

The Special Events Committee is working on some fun events for the Spring.

Please Save these dates!

March 15th Shop Rally Begins

Rally "Passports" will be included in the March newsletter.

Rally Dates: March 15 - April 19

March 31 (Saturday)

Quilt Rally Bus Trip to Southhampton, Chicopee, Sturbridge and Charlton MA

Signups begin at the February 16th meeting

May 5 (Saturday)

Bus trip to Somers, NY Quilt Show

Signups begin at the March 15th meeting.

Watch the NBQA Website and the newsletter for further details.

Contacts: Lynda Puglia and Lynda Bogdahn

Newcomer's Corner

OK this is it! It's January and that means "Pot Luck" dinner time. Bring a dish that will feed 6-8 to put on the community banquet table. Bring table settings, wine, candles, hats, take it as far as you dare. Choose a group of friends to sit with. Have a great time and get to know some new people.

The fun starts at 6:30 PM – Don't be late!



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Members in the News

Congratulations to **Christine Bagley!** Christine won an award for "Best Hand Workmanship," in the 2006 Hoffman Challenge in September. Check out her work at:

<http://www.hoffmanchallenge.com/2006challenge/winners06/appliqueBHW2006.html>

Barbara Barber's quilt "**The Old Collins Place,**" is published in the Jan/Feb issue of Fons & Porter's *Love of Quilting Magazine*, in the feature entitled "Winter Wonderland" quilts.

<http://www.fonsandporter.com/fp/onlineextras/slideshows/artofquilting.asp#>

Three of our members were ribbon winners at "A Quilter's Gathering" in Nashua, NH in November:

Maria Lage - Judge's Award for her quilt "Life Circles"

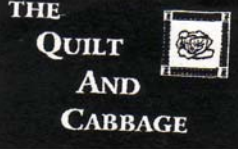
Jane Viglione - Second Place in Hand Quilting Excellence for her quilt "Purple Starflower"

Denise Greenlund – Honorable Mention in Color Compatibility for her quilt, "Once in a Blue Moon."



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Workshops are scheduled during the daytime on meeting dates. Cost of the workshops is \$30.00. For more workshop information, please refer to your membership booklet. For full descriptions, photos and supply/materials lists for each workshop, go to the NBQA website at <http://nbquilts.org>. Bring payment in cash or check made out to NBQA, to the meeting for sign up prior to class. Your name cannot be added to the list without payment.

Please remember, workshops and workshop space is open only to NBQA members who have registered and paid for the workshop in advance.

Date	Workshop	Evening Program
01/18/07	Beth Gutierrez - <u>Black Line Appliqué Seagulls</u> Still plenty of openings – please sign up!	▶ Pot Luck ▶ Show and Tell
02/15/07	**Linda Cantrell - <u>Still Life Appliqué</u> **This class is full – you may put your name on the waiting list	Appliqué, I did it my way.
03/15/07	Beverly Fine – <u>Certified Quilt Judge</u> Roundtable: bring a finished quilt for discussion & critique Finishing a quilt: “Let the Judge be your Guide to a Professional Finish” Beverly lives in Lancaster, MA. Still plenty of openings – please sign up!	Lecture: Quilt Judging
04/19/07	++Virginia Walton - <u>Whirlpool Curves</u> ++This class is full – you may put your name on the waiting list	Color
05/17/07	Nancy Hubbard - <u>Folk Art with Wool and Wool Felt</u> **This class is full – you may put your name on the waiting list	▶ Strawberry Social ▶ Election of Officers ▶ UFO Auction



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**Afraid of becoming a better quilter?
Nervous about improving the beauty of your quilts?**

Then our March workshop is a perfect fit for you. Sign-up today to learn how to be better at what you love to do. What could be easier or more enjoyable?

Our March workshop, on Thursday, March 15, with National Quilting Association Certified Judge Beverly Fine (the very judge from our 2006 show) will devote the morning to going over what judges look for as they evaluate quilts and the afternoon to letting us in on her personal method of finely finishing them.

Contact Pat Harrison at or Sandy Barron at to signup.

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WE WANT TO LEARN YOUR SECRETS!

Is it paper piecing? Making crazy quilts? Machine quilting? How about landscape quilting? Appliqué? Watercolor quilting? Designing? Frayed-Edge? Do you love log cabin variations?"

We know that you love to quilt, but, *exactly what* is your passion? NBQA is interested in getting to know our membership better, as well as developing a way for our members to find each other with similar interests among our guild. Please fill out the following and either bring it to the next meeting, email to info@nbquilts.org or mail it to NBQA, PO Box 614, East Greenwich, RI 02818. We want to hear from you!

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Name: _____ Email/phone _____

#1 Quilting Passion: _____

#2 Quilting Interest: _____

How could we best use this information? _____

Upcoming Shows, Workshops, Retreats Etc.

March 2-4, 2007

GREAT ESCAPE WEEK-END W. Alton Jones Campus, RI

\$150.00 covers the complete week-end, including rustic (cabin/bunk) lodging and 6 fabulous meals; quilting camaraderie, uninterrupted sewing from 3PM Friday till 3PM Sunday; a "midnight madness" project, outstanding "show and tell" [everyone brings their projects to show off], and the opportunity to buy yourself massages.

An additional \$20.00 funds the Saturday class, "Hunter's Star", taught by Lark Goodyear.

Pre-Paid registration is required, and space is limited. (close to capacity at this time) Would suggest phone confirmation of availability at 401-322-7906 prior to sending check. To register, send name, phone & address along with \$50.00 deposit to Barbara W. Barber, 34 Langworthy Road, Westerly, RI 02891

March 3 & 4, 2007 in Easton, Massachusetts

web link: **Traditions and Treasures 2007**

sponsor: Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild

cost: \$5.00, under 12 free

E-Mail: westquilt@yahoo.com

April 7, 2007 in St Albans, Vermont

Quilting in Franklin County

sponsor: Franklin County Quilters Guild

cost: Free

E-Mail: vtquilter@gmail.com

Comments: Location: City Hall, on Main St. / Raffle quilt, viewers choice robbins, vendors, 100 quilts, silent auction, door prize.

April 11-14, 2007

Machine Quilter's Exposition 2007

sponsor: Mary Schilke & Janet-Lee Santeusanio

Gen adm: \$10. Student Reg Fee : \$40

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link: <http://www.mxqshow.com/MQX07Catalog.pdf>

April 21, 2007 in Stratham NH

Seabreeze Quilt Guild Show

sponsor: SQG

cost: \$5, \$3 seniors

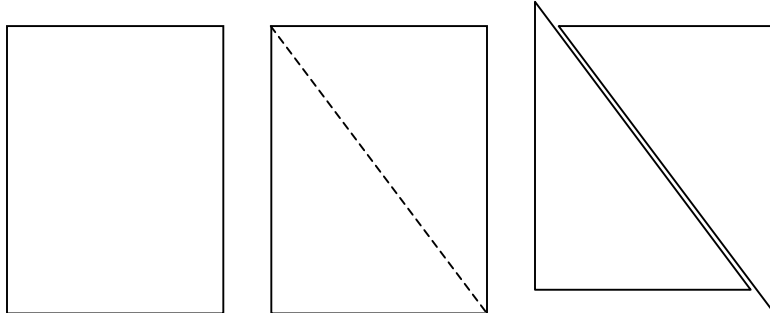
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Comments: raffle quilt, vendors, penny sale table, demonstrations

Classroom

Efficient Backing Method

Buying and piecing fabric for backing can be frustrating if it results in wasted fabric or a multi-pieced back. Here is a diagonal piecing method from John Flynn that makes very efficient use of fabric. Think of an 8 ½ by 11 piece of paper. Cut the paper on the diagonal and slide the pieces so that the resulting rectangle is wider than the original paper. Seam, and you have a quilt back that is wide enough with minimal fabric waste.



DIAGONAL PIECED BACK

John Flynn's method for diagonally piecing a quilt back, from one piece of fabric, is the most efficient way to make the back whenever the width of the quilt back is no more than one and a half times the width of the fabric you plan to use. For example, if the width of your back fabric is 44", use John's method whenever the width you want your back to be is 66" or less. If you are using fabric that is 60" wide, use John's method whenever you want your quilt back to be 90" or less.

HOW DO YOU KNOW HOW MUCH BACK FABRIC YOU NEED

It's easy. John has calculated a simple formula to figure the yardage. Work through his example to get familiar with the formula and you will be able to figure out how much back you need for any size quilt.

Example 1 Quilt top measures 48" x 60".

You want your quilt back to be 51" x 66". The desired length of the back goes in to the formula as LQ=66
John likes to use a ½" seam allowance, pressed open, for his quilt backs, so add 1" to the quilt back width. The desired back width goes in to the formula as WQ=51

For this example, the width of the fabric is 44". This goes in to the formula as WF=44

We are solving for LF (yardage required)

Ready? Here is the formula!

$$LF = LQ + LQ (WQ - WF) / (2WF - WQ)$$

Example:

$$LF = 66 + 66 \times (51 - 44) / (2 \times 44 - 51)$$

$$LF = 66 + (66 \times 7) / 37$$

$$LF = 66 + 12.5$$

$$LF = 78.5, \text{ let's just say } 79 \text{ inches!}$$

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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).

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

Available Groups	Seeking.....	Items for Sale
<p>The <i>Tuesday Quilting Group</i> invites you to join them every Tuesday from 9:30 AM – noon. Stay a short while or the entire morning. No reservation needed. Bring your own work. We have tables, chairs & outlets for machines. We meet at the Shawmut Baptist Church, 1642 West Shore Road, Warwick, RI. There is plenty of parking in the lot on Armstrong Ave. Come in through the office door and go up the steps. For question contact Fran at 401-732-5116.</p>	<p>The <i>New England Quilt Museum</i> is seeking entries for a Juried Quilt Show: “Lowell: Inside – Out” November 2007 - January 2008</p> <p>20th Anniversary Exhibition. A juried show featuring quilts inspired by the city of Lowell. The juried quilt exhibition is open to all quilt makers who submit entry materials to the NEQM by March 15, 2007. For complete information, go here: http://www.nequiltmuseum.org/Exhibitions_Juried.shtml</p>	<p><i>Gammill Longarm Quilting Machine</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stitch regulated with Intellistitch Turbo/ Closed Loop • Hydraulic Table Lift – Manual version • New Motor • 12 Foot Table custom-adapted to sit-down quilting • In unit overhead fluorescent lighting • New zippered leaders • Microdrive • Extenda base • Edgerider wheels • Dual horizontal spool holders • Extra bobbin case and maintenance parts • Center leg supports <p>Located in Exeter, RI. \$10,000. Contact Pat Harrison 401-667-0214</p>

New Location!
 A new location for NBQA General Meetings has been selected. It is St. Barnabas Church in Warwick (Apponaug). Details, map & directions will be in the March newsletter.



New England Quilt Museum

18 Shattuck St.
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www.nequiltmuseum.org



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Park at street meters, the Leo A. Roy Market Street Garage, or on weekends ONLY, the lot behind the museum on Middle Street.

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.

2007 Exhibition Schedule

October 26, 2006-January 7, 2007
**On the Surface:
 Embellished Quilts**

January 13 – March 24
Contemporary MASSters

March 29 – June 10
I Remember Mama

June 14 – August 19
**Uncovered in New
 Hampshire**

August 23 – November 11
**Expressions of Beauty;
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November 15 – January 12, 2008
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 in addition May through December,
 Sundays 12 pm - 4 pm.