

# The NIMBLE THIMBLE

Narragansett Bay Quilters' Association

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

## President's Message

Happy Fall! Don't you just love this time of the year? The cool weather, the leaves turning colors, raking leaves. I am getting tired just thinking of raking! Which gets me thinking about cutting down my neighbors' trees, their leaves seem to always blow over to my yard.


I was just thinking about different things this month. Moving to a new meeting place, the budget short-fall, group participation. The guild is a volunteer organization and to run smoothly we need volunteers. A few people doing all the volunteering does not make a strong and successful guild. A few volunteers are needed after the meetings to pack up our chairs. If you are sitting on a plastic chair or a folding chair with padding, please help us by putting them in the cloak room. Thanks!

On to fundraising. I was thinking about ways to save money. We could raise dues, have fewer meetings, suspend donations to the NEQM until we are financially stable or have a "fundraiser" instead of a vendor at one of our spring meetings. Fundraiser suggestions run from organic candles to my favorite, Tomboy Tools. The vendor comes on site, sets up and sells their merchandise and we get part of the profit, just like they do at the schools. We could also go back to a strictly voluntary raffle quilt where the guild would supply the background fabric and members would donate fabric, batting and quilting just like the old days. Let me know what you think. We will have to make a decision by our January board meeting, which is open to membership to attend. It is the first Thursday of the month at the North Kingstown Stop and Shop. All are welcome.

Pat Cole

## For the November 16, 2006 7:00 PM Meeting, Please Bring:

- Your Name Tag
- Show & Tell Items
- Tools for Mr. Wizard
- Library Books due
- Money for Workshops
- Block of the Month
- Refreshments (if you volunteered)
- The Vendor is Folk Art Quilts



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*Hours: Tues-Sat 10:00-5:00*

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(401) 789-5985*

*folkartquilts@cox.net*

*Owners  
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**Results of the NBQA Interest Form Survey 2006** -From Fran Cohen

<b>Respondent</b>	<b>Areas of interest</b>
Billie Bunnewith	Applique, hand/machine & Miniatures
Betty Combs	Landscape Quilts & Hand Quilting
Mary Ann Fearn	Applique & Designing
Norrene McGerry	Traditional Stars & Pictorial Quilts She would like to see a teacher/artist to do pictorials
Sandra Munsey	Researching quilt history String piecing
Kassie Randall	Bright Colors & Celtic Quilting Please use this information for planning classes
Celia Schnacky	Anything pieced, incl paper & Free Motions Quilting She loves to both learn and teach – she'll talk to anybody
Rochelle Watterson	Contemporary Quilts & Loves fabrics, Machine Quilting. Would like to link with other novices or a small quilting group in West Bay She is a newbie/would be very appreciative for a group of people to work with.

**Newcomer's Corner**

Hello Newcomers! Hopefully all of you are working on your name tag. Be creative! Look around at others at the next meeting for ideas. Remember that you need to be wearing your name tag in order to participate in the door prize raffles at each meeting.

**Heads up!** At our January Meeting, we have a "Pot Luck" dinner. This is a fun and festive event. People sometimes get quite elaborate. Here's how it works: Choose a group of friends to sit with. Some groups get together and plan a "theme" for the evening. E.g. The Red Hat ladies, Quilters in Hawaii etc. Bring a dish to share for the community banquet table. Decide who will bring nice place settings, tablecloth, wine & wine glasses if you are so inclined, candles, funny hats etc. – you get the idea.

**Sue's Creations****Susan Ellis**

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## Upcoming Shows, Workshops, Retreats Etc.

November 11 and 12, 2006

### **Vermont Quilt Retreat - "A Sampling of History"**

Picture a cozy winter weekend quilting at a charming Vermont Inn, with breakfast and lunch provided, along with afternoon snacks AND a Champagne and Chocolate reception! Froncie's classes have the feel of an old fashioned quilting bee. Although the class is taught by hand, quick methods are reviewed; traditional methods are taught. Laughter, story telling, and the forming of new friendships are a given. Package includes: Lodging Friday and Saturday nights Weekend Quilting Workshop concentrating on Four-Inch Blocks Champagne and Chocolate reception Froncie's Historic Lecture "Oft Think of Me" on Friday evening Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday mornings Afternoon refreshments and goodies Lunch on Saturday Option of Saturday evening activity or sewing Use of all of the Inn's amenities, including swimming pool, hot tub, sauna, walking trails, tennis court, shuffleboard, and more. Taxes and gratuities. **Contact Email:** [info@hooplpatterns.com](mailto:info@hooplpatterns.com)

**Location:** Lyndonville, VT USA

**Dates:** 11/10/2006 - 11/12/2006

**Cost:** \$225 double; \$299 single occupancy

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**Contact Name:** fronicie quinn

**Contact Phone Number:** 802-872-8839



### *Quilters by the Sea* **Quilt Show**

St. Barnabas Church  
1697 East Main Rd (Rt. 138)  
Portsmouth, RI

Friday, Nov. 10 \* 10-7  
Saturday, Nov. 11 \* 10-4

*Vendors - Boutique Table*  
*Quilt Raffle - Silent Auctions - Raffle Baskets*  
\$5.00 Donation  
Free Parking - Handicap Access



November 9 2006

### **Ninigret Quilter's Guild Workshop** **"Just Full of Myself" - Dottie Moore**

My mother kept telling me that I was Just Full of Myself. I am happy to tell you that she was right! Please join me in a day of exploration to discover more about what makes our quilts just full of our unique expressions. We will stitch, design, discuss, and reflect using exercises to sharpen our intuitive skills. My intention is that you leave the workshop bubbling with confidence in your personal style of quilting and loaded with new ideas and energy. As in all my workshops I welcome all levels of experience in both traditional and innovative styles.

**Workshop Location:** Dunn's Corner Community Presbyterian Church, on Route 1 in Dunn's Corners. (Near the intersection for Walmart, across from Appleby's).

Some of Dottie's masterpieces can be seen at her website [www.dottimoore.com](http://www.dottimoore.com). Her Biography is available [here](http://dottimoore.com/bio).

## You Are Invited to Artists Open Studios!

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[www.windhamarts.org](http://www.windhamarts.org) & click on **Artists Open Studios** to view other participating artists or request a brochure

**\*\*Light refreshments and door prizes\*\***

*Directions: Fitts Road is located off Rte. 44, traveling E. 2 miles past the intersection of Rte. 89 or traveling W. 2 miles past the intersection of Rte. 198*

*(directly across from Ashford Dairy Bar & White House Auto)*

**I HOPE TO SEE YOU!**

## UFO Auction

UFO Auction – All of us have them - those **Un**Finished **O**bjects (projects) that you can not bear to look at any longer. Maybe you have an unfinished project, a book or magazine, fabric, yarn, batting, pattern or other craft item that you know you will never use. Bring it to the UFO auction! Proceeds from the auction are donated to the New England Quilt Museum to fund exhibits, special events, workshops & lectures and many other things at the museum.

The UFO Auction will take place at the *May 17<sup>th</sup>* meeting. Starting immediately, please bring donations to Ginny Perry. Just bring them to a meeting and she will collect and store all items until the auction.

On the day of the auction, Ginny needs help starting at 3 PM to get the items ready for the auction. If you are available to help do that, please contact Ginny.

### 2008 QUILT SHOW

Remember it's never too early to think  
'Quilt Show'!

#### The Sewing Room

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### QUILT-a-THON

I would like to thank everyone who participated in our Sat Oct 28<sup>th</sup> Quilt-a-thon. 25 members came out in the rain and we made 30 quilt tops! I am excited about the progress we made to reach our goal for this year and I will have a full report at our Nov general meeting.

For those of you who could not join us at the Quilt-a-thon, please consider helping out by quilting and/or doing binding on the tops that were made. I will be asking for volunteers at future meetings.

Again, thanks so much to those who came on the 28<sup>th</sup> and a future thanks for those who will help complete all the tops.

Also continued donations of material and good cotton batting or your own quilts are always appreciated

## Upcoming NBQA Workshops 2006-2007 Season

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 and photos for each workshop, go to the NBQA website at <http://nbquilts.org> or refer to the September/October newsletter.

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.***

Program Co-Chairs: Pat Harrison & Sandy Barron

Date	Workshop	Evening Program
11/16/06	Nancy Halpern - <u>Monet's Puzzle</u>	Trunk Show
11/17/06	Nancy Halpern - <u>Monet's Puzzle</u> (added second class due to popular demand)!	N/A
01/08/07	Beth Gutierrez - <u>Black Line Appliqué Seagulls</u>	▶ 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> <b>Roundtable:</b> bring a finished quilt for discussion & critique <b>Finishing a quilt:</b> “Let the Judge be your Guide to a Professional Finish” Beverly lives in Lancaster, MA.	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>	▶ Strawberry Social ▶ Election of Officers ▶ UFO Auction



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## Spotlight on Vendors

### Folk Art Quilts

Folk Art Quilts, at 344 Main Street in Wakefield, RI, is owned and operated by two sisters, Evie Cherms and Mary Loftes. Evie has been quilting for years and convinced her sister Mary that opening a quilt store was the thing to do. They have been in operation for over nine years. Three years ago in May, on Mother's Day, they made the move to their present place in the old Kenyon's Department Store because they needed more space for their growing business that was in another location on Main Street. Before they opened their quilt store they both taught Tole decorative painting in Narragansett for 5 years. Now both Evie and Mary are quilters and two of the best resources for answering questions about fabric choices, quilting, or sewing.

Folk Art Quilts is so filled with fantastic fabrics that it takes more than one trip up and down the aisles to discover all the "must have" fabrics to add to your stash. There are reproduction vintage fabrics, batiks, juvenile prints, calicos, oriental prints and my favorites, black and white prints, plus many more beautiful fabrics. In addition to fabric, there are books, quilting patterns and supplies, wool penny rug patterns and supplies, and finished quilts by quilt artist Beth Gutierrez.

Several clubs meet at Folk Art Quilts on a regular basis:

- The Thimbleberries Club, led by Joan Halley, meets once a month on Wednesday evenings at 7 pm and Thursday mornings at 10 am.
- The Girl Gang meets the third Friday of the month at 2 pm. They base their time spent quilting on the "Girl Gang" quilt project designed by Jan Patek, a nationally known fabric designer and quilt artist. The 2005-2006 Quilt Project was "It's A Wonderful Life," designed by Jan.
- The Design Group (full at the moment) meets in the afternoon on the second Saturday of the month. Every month they have a different challenge to express as a quilt and then bring the finished piece to the next meeting for "Show and Tell."
- The monthly Quilted Sweatshirt Class has it's next meeting in the morning on November 11th.

Folk Art Quilts co-sponsors the Annual Quilt Show and Fundraiser at the South County Museum in Narragansett. This event takes place in July, and this past year, over 85 quilts were entered for judging. Every year, Folk Art Quilts donates a quilt for the Raffle at this Quilt Show.

Beth Gutierrez stopped by while I was at Folk Art Quilts and I got to hold "Willow," one of the two Chihuahuas that Beth recently rescued and that are now up for adoption. What a treat to be licked and nuzzled while talking to Beth, Evie, and Mary. Beth has a workshop coming up on January 8th for NBQA where she will show how to make "Black Line Appliqué Seagulls." Beth also gives workshops and classes at Folk Art Quilts.

Two or sometimes three times a year, Folk Art Quilts has a "30 % off everything" sale. Get on their mailing list to find out about classes and sale dates by contacting Evie or Mary at [folkartquilts@cox.net](mailto:folkartquilts@cox.net) or at 789-5985.

Folk Art Quilts is open Tuesday - Saturday from 10:00am - 5:00pm.

## Classroom

### Quilting Tips and Tricks

Quilters have many ways of making the process of quilting easier and more convenient. Here are a few from Marcus Brothers Tips ([www.marcusbrothers.com/features/tip\\_archive.html](http://www.marcusbrothers.com/features/tip_archive.html))

- Store patchwork squares in new pizza boxes.
- Run a hot iron over a used dryer sheet to remove any sticky stuff from the iron.
- Use a curling iron to press open seams right at the sewing machine.
- Place batting in a dryer and run the dryer for 10 minutes to remove all creases.

There are hundreds of other tips at this site and the opportunity to share your special tip or trick.

From our President, **Pat Cole:**

Invest in a top quality surge protector to protect your equipment during a power surge.

From **Pat Ferguson:**

A flannel lined, vinyl tablecloth make a great design wall and can double as a tablecloth for the upcoming Pot Luck Supper!

From **Ginny Perry:**

Instead of marking straight lines e.g. to quilt a grid pattern, use masking tape to create the grid, sew to the inside of the tape, then remove!

From **Deb Hobgood:**

Instead of using a thimble, I put several layers of crazy glue (let each layer dry before adding the next) on my finger. This creates effective protection while maintaining flexibility.

Another site that is well worth a look for quilting tips is Quiltmaker ([www.quiltmaker.com/tips](http://www.quiltmaker.com/tips)).

Diane Gaudynski submitted a tip there for layering your quilt. Tape a button to the center of the work table so the centers of all three layers are easily positioned by feel.

Do you have a favorite quilting tip or trick? Send it along to Diana Funke ([moonwoman18@cox.net](mailto:moonwoman18@cox.net)) and she will publish it in an upcoming newsletter.



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### Have You Seen It???

The all new NBQA website. Check it out:

<http://www.nbquilts.org>

## Classifieds

This is a new newsletter feature suggested by Celia Schnacky. Thanks, Celia!  
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](mailto:info@nbquilts.org).

Available Groups	Seeking.....	Items for Sale
<p>The <b>Tuesday Quilting Group</b> 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 &amp; 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.</p>	<p>The <b>New England Quilt Museum</b> is seeking entries for a Juried Quilt Show: <b>"Lowell: Inside – Out"</b> 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: <a href="http://www.nequiltmuseum.org/Exhibitions_Juried.shtml">http://www.nequiltmuseum.org/Exhibitions_Juried.shtml</a></p>	<p>Horn of America Deluxe Chair (color beige with black legs) asking \$125.00, and two-piece Bernina rolling suitcase system (color black) asking \$50.00.</p> <p><b>Contact:</b> Nancy Roy</p>

## Members in the News

### *Check out the latest edition of \$100,000 Quilting Challenge Magazine*

Page 40 features a gorgeous feathered star quilt made by Larisa Key and machine quilted by **Pat Ferguson**. If you would like to vote for the best quilt of the year or subscribe to this great new magazine go to [www.quiltingchallenge.com/voting](http://www.quiltingchallenge.com/voting)



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## 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.

## 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;  
 Objects of Utility**

November 15 – January 12, 2008  
**Lowell Inside Out**

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