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Narragansett Bay Quilters' Association

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

President's Message

As quilters we get our inspiration in so many ways; from show & tell; from the quilting friend who is always into the newest technique; from watching a video streamed show or a pod cast. Inspiration is everywhere and can overwhelm the most driven of us until we feel like we truly have feet of clay.

This past week I hosted quilt artist Irena Bluhm in my studio for 4 days of longarm workshops. Now that is some serious inspiration and an infusion I was desperately in need of. Longarm quilting is solitary work and we longarmers rarely get together to share ideas or new techniques. Enter Irena who had us all on our toes trying new background filler designs, fitting custom feather designs into shapes we would never have thought of on our own, and taking colored pencils to our wholecloths. She is a true catalyst of innovation and inspiration.

What I saw as one of the most important factors behind Irena's inspirational methods was her enthusiastic response to whatever we did no matter how questionable our initial attempts. It encouraged us to reach further inside ourselves and try harder. Just as a baby taking their first steps is encouraged by the oohing and aahing of their parents, so too with all of us much older learners.

Our guild show & tell is a favorite of many of our members and the admitted reason that many come to meetings. And our members are an enthusiastic bunch, clapping loudly for each and every shared project. What better ways to encourage, support, and inspire each other? So...new members and others who have yet to ever share at show & tell – give us the chance to be inspired by you. You won't regret it and neither will we.

Let your family, friends and the season inspire you,

Pat Harrison

Next Meeting:

**November 15, 2007
7:00 PM at St. Barnabas**

Program & vendor: Susan Carlson

Please Bring:

- Your Name Tag
- Show & Tell Items
- Tools for Mr. Wizard
- Library Books due
- Block of the Month
- Quilt Show Raffle Basket items
- Raffle Quilt tickets – please bring your “sold” tickets & money and/or pick up more tickets from Pat Bruno



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Narragansett Bay Quilters' Association
Minutes of the General Meeting – October 18, 2007

The meeting began with the speaker, Jo Diggs, showing a slide show of her work. Jo also had a trunk show of her beautiful and artful quilts. Her sense of color, depth and proportion was matched only by her sense of humor. What a wonderful speaker!

Following the evening's speaker, President Pat Harrison called the meeting to order at 8:45pm.

The first order of business was Show and Tell.

Quilt Show: Mary Elizabeth Palumbo has started taking reservations for jobs at the Quilt Show in April. Please get your projects started!

President Pat Harrison stated that the meeting hall criteria will be published in the newsletter and on the web for those members who would like to propose a different meeting place. If anyone should find a building which fits the criteria, please submit the address to the Board for consideration after the first of the year.

Vice President: The Raffle Quilt is completely finished and will be traveling to various shops for display. The first stop will be Betty Combs' quilt shop, [Quilts & More](#). Pictures of the quilt are available as are the tickets. The proceeds from tickets sales should be given to Joan Taylor.

Secretary: Motion made to approve the minutes as printed. Accepted.

Treasurer : General Fund began \$8,880.35 expenses = \$718.87; Income = \$3,329.50. General Fund ending balance = \$11,490.98; Quilt Show Fund beginning balance = \$7,850.00, Expenses = \$ 34.77; Income = \$1,210.00; ending Balance = \$9,025.23. Accepted.

Historian: The albums from the previous year's guild activities are available.

Hospitality: The sign up sheet for next month's goodies will be passed around, please sign if you will be bringing something to the meeting. Anyone who has a source for coffee donations, please notify hospitality.

Library: Naomi thanked those who purchased magazines this evening and asked if anyone has any suggestions for new books, please see her.

Membership: Norrene reminded everyone about signing in when they first come in. There are 10 people on the waiting list to become members and a couple of people signed up to become associate members.

Publicity/ NEQM : There is a permanent collection of antique quilts at the museum. Ginny has free passes for anyone interested. There will be a free day starting Saturday the 20th and continuing for one Saturday a month until December. Prices have been lowered for membership until the end of year.

For the quilt show, mug mats will be made. Instructions will be in the Nov/Dec newsletter and the [NBOA website](#) or see Ginny. Miniature Quilts are also needed for the quilt show. This is a fund raiser for NEQM. This year, please supply along with your name a little write up about the small quilt that you have entered in the quilt show.

Newsletter: A special, abbreviated email newsletter will be sent on the "in between" months to members with email. It will contain the minutes from the last meeting, the agenda for the next meeting and any time sensitive announcements.

Programs: Jo Diggs will be doing another class. November's class is full: Jan's class still has openings: Feb. 2 day workshop, still openings: March, Sat class is full: May, still some openings. Mr. Wizard will be here in November.

Quilt Show: April 19th & 20th, 2008, Will be held at the North Kingstown High School. Set up is 17th and 18th. Next month the sign up sheets will be available. Registration deadline is Feb. 21st, 2008 for quilts to be entered in the show. Any volunteers from Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, anyone who needs community work credit, could be used in the quilt show. Barbara Fitzsimmons will be the guest lecturer for the Quilt show. She will do readings from her book on Saturday. Also, on Saturday will be the Fashion Show and Sunday the auction for the NEQM. Mary Walter, who works for the museum will be coming to do a presentation.

Quilt-a-thon : Joan Taylor thanked everyone for donations toward the quilt-a-thon that will be held Oct 27, 9:30am – 3:30pm at the Westminster Unitarian Church.

Special Events: Bus trip to the Gathering November 10, 2007. Possibly a stop at the Quilted Crow. There are presently 47 scheduled for the trip. Any ideas for future trips please see Lynda or Lynda!

Old Business : There will be no more loaning of our Porta-Stands.

New Business : The Niniget Quilt Show will be held at the Westerly Armory. Oct 19th-Oct 21st.

Block of the Month: "Colorful Quilts" book, by Sharyn Craig, was the inspiration for the Raffle quilt. Directions can be obtained from this book. Drawings for the Block of the Month and Door raffles.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15


Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Hartford

Newcomer's Corner

The **NBQA Quilt Show**. Every other year the NBQA holds a quilt show. April 2008 is our next show. You can participate in a number of ways: Make a great quilt to hang in the show, sell tickets for the [Raffle Quilt](#) that will be displayed at the show, contribute items for the quilt show raffle baskets, sign up to help with show set up, management and take down or make "mug mats." [Mug Mat directions on the NBQA website.](#)


The NBQA Quilt Show – it's another good way to be involved and meet more members!

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REMINDER

Please remember that there is no loaning or renting of the NBQA quilt racks. The racks are expensive and are needed for NBQA meetings.

In the past racks have been returned damaged or have not been available for meetings.

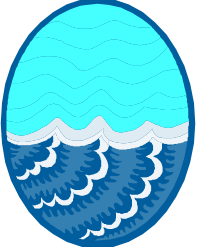
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Additions & Corrections to the Membership Booklet

Quilt Show dates should be April 19th & 20th, 2008

Update to Norrene McGeary's email	Correction to Carol Kaufman's email
Correction to Judith Ballou's address	Correction to Lori Brunelle's address
Correction to Pat Harrison's email	Correction to Hope Kirkconnell's email
Add the following people as Associate Members:	
Lynda Dooley	Paula Wilberger
Barbara Chace	Ann Anderson
Suzanne Chamberlin	MaryFrances Charpentier
Add the following people as Members:	
Ellise Wolff	Judy Simoneau
Irene Sullivan	Barbara Plummer
For confidentiality reasons, personal information such as addresses, telephone numbers and emails have been removed from the above listing. If you are an NBQA member and need details, please refer to your Nov/Dec newsletter or contact Norrene McGeary, Membership Chairperson.	

"Piecing Together" the History of Hamilton Mill

Volunteers are sought for a community, collaborative project that will highlight the history of Hamilton Mill in North Kingstown. Participants will be invited to choose from the many varied samples of 'narrow' fabrics that were produced at the mill, to be used in wall hangings and/or quilts. The pieces will be featured in an exhibit on the history of the mill at the North Kingstown Free Library in the fall of 2008, which will include a community wide reception.

For further information, please contact the project director, Sandra Krupp, sarkrupp@verizon; or Susan Berman at the library, 294-3306, ext. 123.

Quilt Show Raffle Basket Items

At the April Quilt Show, we will once again be having raffle baskets. Donations from you would be greatly appreciated. Please bring new quilting related items that would work well in a raffle basket to any General Meeting between now and the show or contact Patti Finelli.



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Thanks to all those who participated in the 3rd Annual Quilt-a-Thon!!

Thanks to all those who participated in the 3rd Annual Quilt-a-Thon!! We had 33 members (and a mom) who came and made 31 quilt tops - THIRTY ONE-with bindings! Isn't that just something! Let me tell you there was some serious sewing going on all day. Plus we had four additional tops dropped off by Nellie O'Leary in the morning.

I will have backing material to go with the tops and binding and they will be ready to go out to members at the November meeting for quilting.

I truly appreciate everyone's efforts helping with this endeavor. A special thank you to Billie Bunnewith and Kassie Randall who, again, made it a really fun day.

Thanks also to those of you who helped clean up the room and get everything put away. It surely made everything go so much faster! I truly appreciated it.

I have leads for the East Providence Fire Department and Hasbro Children's Hospital to potentially receive quilts from NBQA. If you know of some other organization that can use our quilts, please get me a contact name and number. Thanks also to those on Saturday who gave me more leads too.

We made 74,523 square inches of tops and over 6,000 inches of binding (that's over 150 2 1/2" strips!!!) That's what I call sewing! What a great day!!!

THANK YOU ALL !!

Joan Taylor

What's New on the Website

If you have not been to the NBQA website lately, you may want to check out or keep in mind these new items:

- ✂ NBQA Bylaws
- ✂ NBQA forms:
 - Membership
 - Expense & Income
 - Quilt Show Entry Form
- ✂ List of Venue Requirements (if you want to suggest a new site for the Board to evaluate)
- ✂ Favorite Links
- ✂ Quilt Show 2008 information
 - Raffle Quilt picture & info
 - 2008 judge information (Holice Turnbow)
 - Mug Mat instructions

Do you have a Meeting Location to Suggest?

We have now had several meetings at our new location, St. Barnabas Church in Apponaug. There have been some member requests to consider other locations that would give us more space. If you have a location to suggest and it meets the criteria listed below, you may bring your suggestion to any board member or send it via email to: info@nbquilts.org. These criteria are also on our website.

NBQA General Meeting Venue Requirements

1. Guaranteed availability the 3rd Thursday of every month August thru May, excluding December from 6PM – 10PM
2. Capacity to seat 175 people
3. Chairs for 175 people
4. 6-8 large banquet style tables on site & available
5. Rest rooms – clean & supplied
6. Parking –well lighted & maintained lot able to accommodate 100 cars
7. Kitchen facilities
8. Non Smoking
9. Storage for library cart and quilt racks (3 quilt racks in storage units 4' X 3' X 8')
10. Located in a safe section of Warwick or East Greenwich, easily & quickly accessible to the highway – preferably within 4-5 miles off Rt 95.
11. Rent cap of no more than \$125 per meeting.
12. Handicapped accessible

Comfort Quilt Batting

If you are bringing in batting for Comfort Quilts, please label with its size. There are 32 tops that are 55 x 65 or less; two that are 60 x 70 or less and one 75 x 80 and one 75 x 90.

Thanks
Joan Taylor



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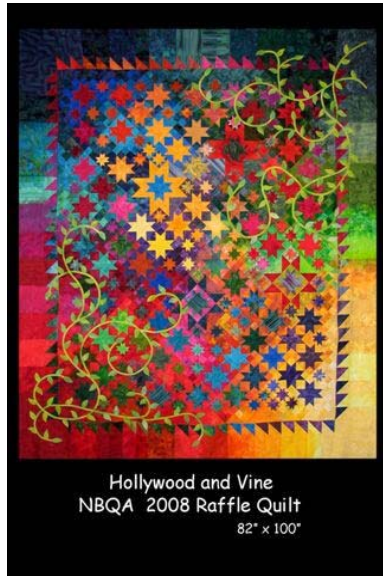
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2008 NBQA Raffle Quilt

This year's raffle quilt "**Hollywood and Vine**", was designed by artist *Nancy Messier*.



Hollywood and Vine
NBQA 2008 Raffle Quilt
82" x 100"

Individual blocks were sewn by the general membership and Nancy then constructed the top. NBQA members *Nina Ashworth* and *Maria Lage* did the appliqué and professional longarm quilter and NBQA member, *April Gilroy* of **Little Rest Quilting** did the quilting.

The quilt will be shown at local quilt shops prior to the April show where it will be on display all weekend.

Each member has been given 10 tickets to sell. Please sell your tickets and turn the proceeds in to Joan Taylor. If you are unable to sell your tickets, please turn them in to Joan so other members can sell them. If you wish to enter a contest for "most tickets sold," see Joan. The drawing for the quilt will be held at the May general meeting.

A picture and information about this quilt is on the NBQA website should you wish to direct friends, family etc. to view it.

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Jan 17

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Feb 21 & 22

Mini Nature Scene - Christine Ureel

March 20

Pineapple Plus - Jane Hall

March 22 (Sat)

Double Wedding Ring - Christine Bagley

May 15

Color Theory 101 - Gwyned Trefethen

See the [NBQA web](http://www.nbqa.org) for details

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Classroom – Mug Mats ([printable directions also on NBQA website](#))

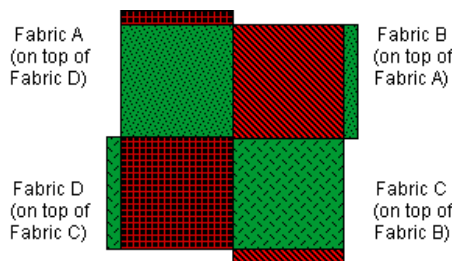
Make some for favors at the Spring 2008 NBQA Quilt Show. Turn them in to Ginny Perry

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:

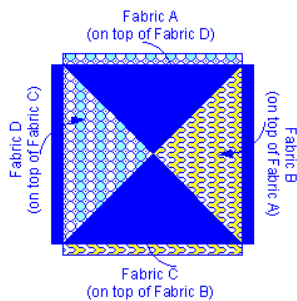


The extension of the fabric is shown for perspective on the way the fabrics are laid out. Do not extend your fabrics.

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.

A Variation

An alternative for the layout of these coasters is to use all of the same measurements shown above, but fold the fabrics in half along the diagonal and layer them the same way except you are matching raw edges on two sides. The finished square will look like a quarter square triangle:



6. Quilt the mug mats.

These directions were adapted from an article by Penny Pennington at eQuilters.com.

NBQA Signature Mug Mats

To make one mug mat you will need:

- 2 – 2" x 5" rectangles of a print or solid cotton fabric
- 1 – 2" x 5" rectangle of muslin or a light cotton fabric
- 1 – 5" square of batting
- 1 – 5" square of backing fabric

Directions:

Sew the three rectangles together, long sides together, with the muslin or light cotton fabric in the middle. Press seams toward colored fabric. This pieced fabric is the top. With a permanent nonacid marker, write "NBQA Quilt Show 2008" along the center strip. Layer the pieces by placing the backing fabric right side down, the batting on top of the backing, and then the top on the batting right side up. Sew around the edges with a 1/4 inch seam, leaving an opening to turn. Trim corners, turn, whip stitch the opening, quilt.

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. 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.

Available Groups

The *Tuesday Quilting Group* 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.

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I HOPE TO SEE YOU!

Information Concerning NBQA Members' Quilt Show 2008
Submission of Entries to the Quilt Show

Date and Times for Submission of Quilts: *Thursday, April 17*

Quilts to be **Judged** must be brought in **between 10 am and noon**, all others 10 to 6:30pm

Date of Judging: *Thursday, April 17* starting at Noon

Date of Set Up: *Thursday, April 17* 9am to 5 pm and *Friday, April 18* from 9 am until finished

Dates of the Quilt Show: *Saturday, April 19* - 10 am to 5 pm; *Sunday, April 20* -10am to 4pm

Submission of Entry Forms: Publication of November 2007 Newsletter to February 21, 2008 that is a Quilt Guild Meeting date. An entry form will be in the Newsletter and on the NBQA website (nbquilts.org). For multiple entries, please copy the form so you have one for each of your entries.

1. Complete and submit an entry form for each item by February 21, 2008.
2. Attach a color photo to each entry form. (Work need not be completed in photo.)
3. Submit entries to Registration Chairperson, Natalie Bielawski at meetings or by mail: 184 East View Ave, Cranston, RI 02920. Please observe the 2/21/08 deadline as much work is involved in preparing the program. Registration questions: 943-5961.
4. Work previously shown at an NBQA show may not be resubmitted unless by invitation. All quilts submitted must be made by NBQA members.
5. If a quilt is from a published pattern or is the result of a class, please acknowledge.
6. Six inch sleeves are required on all quilts except miniatures and small wall hangings.
7. NBQA Quilt Selection Committee reserves the right to accept or reject items.
8. A sturdy display easel must be provided for framed pieces.
9. Any quilts over 100 inches wide may have to be draped.

Submission of Items: Thursday, April 17, 2008 between 10 am and 6:30 pm (quilts to be judged 10 am to Noon) at the North Kingstown High School (at the Rear Entrance); 150 Fairway Drive off Route 1A just south of Wickford.

1. Each item must have a label that states the following: **Quilter's name, phone # and the title of the work**. If possible bring each item in a clear plastic bag.
2. If you are unable to submit your work in person, we will accept it from your designee and give that person the receipts you will need to retrieve your work.
3. It would be much appreciated by the Registration Committee if you did not wait until the 6:30 deadline but instead brought your quilts in earlier. Thanks.

Retrieval of Items: Sunday, April 20, 2008 after the take down, which begins at 4PM. Take a number and you will be called when take down is completed. If someone other than you is picking up your quilts, they will need a note to the committee from you along with your receipts. The committee will be available until 5:30 pm to return your work. If any work is not picked up by that time, it will be the responsibility of the owner of the work to contact Natalie at 943-5961 to arrange retrieval.

Optional Insurance Fee: Insurance may be purchased for \$1.00 per each \$200 increment based upon actual value of your quilt. \$1 to \$200 = \$1 Fee; \$201 to \$400 = \$2 Fee; \$ 401 to \$600 = \$3 Fee; etc List the **actual value** of the quilt if you elect to purchase the optional insurance.

Examples: Value is \$ 320 = \$2.00 fee; value \$ 550 = \$ 3.00 fee, \$ 900 = \$5.00 fee

Make check for payment to "NBQA" You may combine insurance and judging fee in one check. Indicate desired insurance coverage and amount of fee on 2nd page of the form.

**NBQA Members' Quilt Show 2008 Registration Form (One form for each entry)
Dates April 19 and 20 at North Kingstown High School**

Quilt Maker's Name _____ Phone # _____

Quilted by _____ Professionally Quilted by _____

I am submitting this work for judging: **YES** **NO.** If, yes, include **\$6** per entry.

Category of Entry (Select **one** category.)

All quilts will need a 6" sleeve with the exception of the Mini and Small Wall.

Bed/Lap Quilt

Mini Quilt

Small Wall Quilt (24" to 36")

Large Wall Quilt (over 36")

Guild Activity: Summer Challenge, Workshop Project or Block of the Month

Baby/Juvenile

Home Décor

Holiday/Seasonal

Clothing/Accessories (Will you model? _____ If not, size of garment _____.)

Please attach an extensive passage for the commentator to read while your garment is shown in the fashion show in addition to the 35 words or less for use in the program booklet.

Item Details for Program Booklet: Please be as specific as possible.

Title of Work _____

Traditional Pattern Original Design From a Published Pattern

Credit Pattern Source _____

Size (must be provided): Width _____ Length _____ Year Completed _____

For the program booklet, in 35 words or less, write what you want viewers to know about your work including: your motivation, the techniques used and/or any personal history you wish to share.

**PLEASE FILL IN THE FORMS BELOW AND LEAVE ATTACHED TO THIS COMPLETED FORM
DUE BY FEBRUARY 21, 2008**

2008 NBQA Quilt Show Entry

Name _____

Item Name _____

Thank you for submitting an entry.

2008 NBQA Show Entry Receipt

Name _____

Item Name _____

This receipt must be shown to claim your entry after take down on 4/20/08.

Attach photo here: Please, no larger than 4" by 6".

Name: _____

Title of work: _____

Optional Insurance: Yes / No Actual Value: _____ Fee enclosed _____

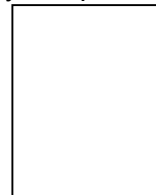
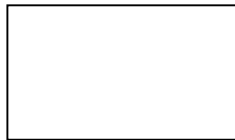
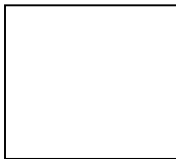
I am submitting this work for judging: Yes ___ No ___ Fee enclosed _____

I grant NBQA permission to use a photo of this quilt on its Website. Yes ___ No ___

Category (from front page): _____

Size: Width _____ Length _____

Mark on X on the block below that shows the configuration of your quilt, as it should hang.



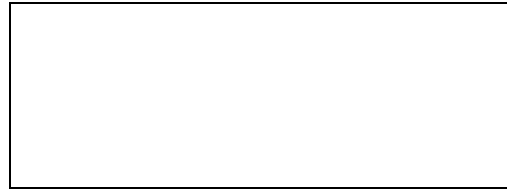
Description of quilt back: Color _____ Design _____

Is your quilt 2 sided? Do you want both sides visible to viewers? Yes ___ No ___

Catalog Number _____ (do not write on this line.) Thank you



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New England Quilt Museum

18 Shattuck St.
Lowell, MA 01852
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www.nequiltmuseum.org



Lowell is located 28 miles north of Boston off Interstate 93 and 495 and Route 3. Take the Lowell Connector from either Interstate 495 (Exit 35C) or Route 3 (Exit 30N Northbound or 30A Southbound) to Thorndike Street (exit 5B). Go the 6th light and turn right onto Market Street.

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.

2007-8 Exhibition Schedule

August 23 – November 11

**Expressions of Beauty;
Objects of Utility**

November 15 – January 12, 2008

Lowell Inside Out

January 19 – March 30

Puzzled & Board

April 3 – June 15

The Whole Story: Wholecloth quilts
by hand & Machine

June 19 – August 24

Collector's Choice: Timeless
Favorites from the Pilgrim/Roy
Collection

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