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President's Message

Another year of NBQA is almost at an end. We will be voting for new committee chairs and officers at the May meeting, enjoying a delicious strawberry shortcake, and bidding on items in support of the NE Quilt Museum. I hope everyone can attend. I would especially like to thank all the current chairs and their committees for all the work they did to put on some great programs this year. Plans are in the works for next year's quilt show. It's going to be called "Touching Stars", so dust off all those star quilt UFOs in the bottom of your closet and get them finished for the show. Of course, we'll be happy to have your quilt with nary a star on it. We hope to have confirmation of the date and place soon. Unfortunately we were unable to book the Hoffman Challenge Fashion Show, but we are looking into having a special trunk show or lecture on the Saturday of the show. We also decided to switch from the Vermont system of judging to the elimination method. Under the Vermont system, you got points for the quality of your workmanship in a number of areas, and if you scored enough points, you got a certain color of ribbon. It was felt that the points themselves lacked meaning, and it was cumbersome for the judge to calculate them. In the elimination method, first, second, and third place, and honorable mention ribbons will be awarded in a number of categories, so your quilt will be judged against the others submitted. There will also be special recognition ribbons for quilts that have some outstanding quality, viewer's choice and best of show. You will get comments from the judge, whether you win a ribbon or not. Having your quilt judged gives you an opportunity for a professional critique, but it is not required for entering a quilt in our show.

Don't forget to renew your membership! The forms have to be received by May 31st. We have some great programs planned for next year that you're not going to want to miss. Karen Combs is coming from Tennessee, and Susan Brubaker Knapp from North Carolina. We'll also be hosting Ann Lainhart and Leah Allman from Massachusetts, and a bus trip to New York City is being planned for the fall. Have a great summer, and see you in September!

Joan

Next Meeting:

May 16, 2013

7:00 PM

**East Greenwich United
Methodist Church**

Please Bring:

- Your Name Tag
- Show & Tell Items
- Completed BOM
- Completed NBQA Shop Hop Passports
- Fat Quarters (Nautical Theme)
- DVDs you borrowed
- Quilting magazines
- Completed Comfort Quilts
- Canned good(s) for the church's food pantry
- Money/checkbook to bid at the auction
- Renewal Form and check

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Narragansett Bay Quilter's Association
General Meeting
April 18, 2013

President: Meeting was brought to order at 7:00 by President Joan Potter.

Special Events: Louise Pankiewicz, announced the RI Quilt Shop Hop will continue to May 4th. There are still several seats left for the bus trip to Somers, NY. Call her as soon as possible if you are interested. Passport prize will be awarded at the May meeting.

BOM: Sue Stedman announced a survey for Block of the Month for ideas for next year's program. Participants are eligible for a drawing at tonight's meeting. Challenge fabric is available at \$5.00 and \$10.00.

Nominating committee: A candidate for Secretary and someone to head THE COMFORT QUILT PROJECT is needed. Election will be held at the May meeting.

Website: Melanie and her committee are redesigning the website. It will probably be up in May. Two new contact names for our organization have been registered.

Silent Auction: There will be a silent auction at the May meeting to benefit the NE Quilt Museum. Members are urged to bring handmade items for the auction. Four people are needed to collect money at auction... only cash or check will be accepted.

Strawberry Festival: Peggy Sullivan discussed the Strawberry Festival for the May meeting.

Dues: Membership dues should be paid before June 1. They can be paid at meeting, sent in, or online. Membership cards and directory will be distributed at the September meeting. Treasurer's report was placed on file.

Fat quarters: Theme for the May meeting will be nautical.

Quilt Show: Tentative dates - 26th and 27th April 2014... Place has not been confirmed yet... Theme is "Touching Stars". Gift Basket raffle will be handled the same as the last show.

Raffle quilt: Allison Wilbur has volunteered to quilt the top, but would like other volunteers to help.

Note: Judging of show quilts will occur the week before the show to facilitate an easier setup before the show. The judging procedure has been changed. We will not be using the Vermont system: instead "the Elimination method" will be used.

Program: Trunk show and talk by Allison Wilbur - "Quilting Around the World"

From the Treasurer: Budget for 2013-2014

NBQA Proposed Budget 2013 - 2014			
	Budget	YTD (April)	Proposed
	2012-2013		2013-2014
Income			
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	\$260.00	\$300.00
Workshops	\$5,500.00	\$2,445.00	\$5,000.00
Special Events	\$1,800.00	\$4,488.00	\$1,800.00
Membership	\$7,500.00	\$6,324.00	\$7,500.00
Raffle Tickets	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00
Quilt Show	\$0.00	\$111.00	\$15,000.00
Small Quilt, UFO Auctions	\$750.00	TBD	\$1,400.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$1,500.00
Total Income	\$15,900.00	\$13,638.00	\$34,100.00
Expenses			
Block of the Month	\$150.00	\$145.22	\$150.00
Door prizes	\$200.00	\$184.02	\$350.00
Historian	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Hospitality	\$400.00	\$691.98	\$850.00
Library	\$250.00	\$213.91	\$250.00
Newsletter	\$400.00	\$354.23	\$400.00
Workshops and Programs	\$10,000.00	\$6,709.06	\$10,000.00
Special Events	\$1,800.00	\$4,857.00	\$2,000.00
Rent - General Meetings	\$1,125.00	\$1,175.00	\$1,125.00
Rent - Workshops	\$675.00	\$675.00	\$675.00
Fees and dues	\$800.00	\$1,026.76	\$200.00
Membership	\$700.00	\$612.37	\$700.00
Quilt Show	\$0.00	\$536.70	\$10,000.00
Raffle Quilt	\$350.00	\$161.38	\$450.00
Comfort Quilts	\$700.00	\$252.05	\$500.00
Capital expenditures	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Donations	\$750.00	\$2,050.00	\$3,000.00
Web site	\$0.00	\$680.00	\$1,500.00
Miscellaneous	\$300.00	\$106.04	\$200.00
Total Expenses	\$18,625.00	\$20,430.72	\$33,375.00

NBQA Treasurer's Report

April 2013

Income for March \$724.00
 YTD Income \$12,303.00

Expenses for March \$2,296.58
 YTD Expenses \$17,366.02

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NBQA Results of Nominating Committee

President: Joan Potter
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 Comfort Quilts: Mary Padbury, assist: Karen Ouhrabka
 Door Prizes: Natalie Bielawski and Norrene MacGeary
 Hospitality: Peggy Lane and Charlotte Santucci, assist: Phyllis Cayer, Cheryl Boyd
 Special Events: Louise Pankiewicz
 Program and Workshops: Hope Barton, Kaye Johnson
 Librarian: Marie Lage
 Membership: Judy Chase; assist Pat Cole, Barbara Stetson
 Newsletter: Kathy Barrette, Sara Crocker, Linda Gardner
 N.E. Quilt Museum: Virginia Perry and Sue Steadman
 Quilt Show: Joan Potter
 Fat Quarter of the Month: Sharon Bibeault
 Website: Maria Knight

Hope Barton, Nominating Committee

PS – we are still looking for a Historian and a Publicity person

Special Events

It has been a busy year for special events for NBQA. We had a successful trip in the fall to “The Quilter’s Gathering” in their new location in Manchester, New Hampshire. The “Schoolhouse Shop Hop” was a shopper’s dream at the end of March. The RI Shop Hop is in full swing as I write this and will culminate with a special stamp for those attending this last bus trip of the 2012-13 NBQA season. Our trip to the quilt show sponsored by the Northern Star Quilters’ Guild in Somers, New York promises to be a rewarding day for those coming on the trip.

Looking ahead to the next guild year, mark your calendars for the annual bus trip to “The Quilter’s Gathering” on the first Saturday in November (2nd). A special trip to New York City is in the works for the fall. Look for details at the May meeting and on the NBQA website about events being planned for the 2013-14 guild year.

Shop Hop prizes will be awarded at the May meeting.

Until then Happy Shop Hopping!

Louise Pankiewicz
Special Events Chair



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Summer Challenge: Who Me?

It's that time again. Time to have fun, express yourself, employ a little humor. This year's summer challenge is titled, "Who Me?." Create a 24" x 24" self portrait of you as a quilter. It does not have to be a literal self portrait (of your face), but could be something that reflects who you are as a quilter. Use your imagination. It can be your favorite technique or subject taken to the extreme, a piece of your past that was significant in making you who you are, or that quirky element that always identifies your work. The challenge in September will be to see if other members can pick you out from the crowd. The quilts will be displayed at the September meeting with lots of wacky prizes, so please take some fun "Me" time this summer and make a challenge quilt. The quilts will also be displayed as a group at the NBQA show in April to let the world know how much fun quilters can be! If you have any questions, suggestions or refinements, contact Allison Wilbur at allisonquilt@me.com.

Comfort Quilts


Diana Funke is collecting the quilts for Donna Woodworth this month.



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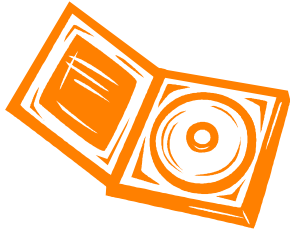
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From the Desk of the Librarian

Our collection of CD's/DVD's is available for members to borrow at our monthly meetings. To check out these items, 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 in May are due in September. Items borrowed 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.

Quilting Arts TV Series 1100 – Quilting Arts

Free-Form Fabric Art – Quilting Arts Rayna Gillman

Quilt It! Series 2 The Longarm Quilting Show – QNNTV.COM

The following list contains the titles that are still missing from the library. 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
Creative Machine Embroidery – Alison Holt
Knitting Daily TV
Master Machine Stitching – Susan Brubaker Knapp
Peggy Martin Teaches You Quick-Strip Paper Piecing
Katie Pasquini Masopust Teaches You Simple Steps to Dynamic Art Quilts
Mickey Lawler Teaches You to Paint Landscape Fabric

Maria Lage

NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM

At the May meeting we will hold our annual fund raiser for the museum. It will be an in house silent auction. We have received a lot of nice items but need more. It was such a success two years ago. I hope it will be again this time. Remember any hand made or home item is good. We have had some great things before. We had many baked items, maple syrup, jewelry, knitted goods, teddy bears, quilted table runners, some clothing, quilted wall hangings and many others I can't remember right now. Think about shopping for Mother's Day, Father's Day, birthdays, graduations and even some early Christmas shopping. I know I have to start my shopping early. You are such a great group and I know you will come through for the museum. It is such an important part of our craft to be recognized. Thank you to all who have already donated and to those of you that I know will.

Also, as Sue mentioned at the meeting we will need some help to set up for check out. If you are able to help please let me know.

Virginia Perry & Sue Stedman

QUILT SHOW

Don't forget to make some mug mats. We need A LOT. Remember there are prizes for the top three. Thank you.

Ginny Perry

Virginia Perry & Susan Stedman

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.

For Sale: Koala sewing cabinet - \$500.
Call Regina Wilcox 782-6572.

For Sale: Sweatshirts (for quilted jackets) large sizes. \$4 - See Barbara Stetson at the meeting.

Classes:

Beginner classes offered by NBQA member Charlotte Santucci in her Cranston home. Cost \$20 per class. Mornings 10-12:30/1:00 Call 401-383-0592

Take Me Knitting Tote Class offered by NBQA members Lois Johnsen and Shari Migdail-Smith

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Block of the Month

All those that have made all or part of the "All Around the Block" quilt, please bring your completed or partly completed quilt tops to the May meeting. We will show them as a group at the Show & Tell.

The completed quilts will be displayed together at the April 2014 NBQA show for those that wish to participate.

The results of the survey taken at the April meeting shows that the majority of those completing and returning the survey wish to have the Block of the Month program continue. As you might expect, the results of the survey were diverse. However, we will keep all comments in mind as we create the next project which will be introduced at the September 2013 meeting. Thank you to all that took the time to complete and return the surveys.

Challenge Fabric

There are several fat ½ yards of fabric still available if you haven't purchased yours yet. I will have them for sale at the May meeting and you can find them at the Block of the Month table.

The challenge projects must be completed in time to be displayed at the February, 2014 meeting so the NBQA membership can vote for their favorites in various categories. The categories are; pieced, appliqué, art/innovative, best use of color, most creative use of challenge fabric, three dimensional (clothing/purse/pillow/jewelry, etc) and special recognition. The entries that receive the most nominations will be awarded ribbons.

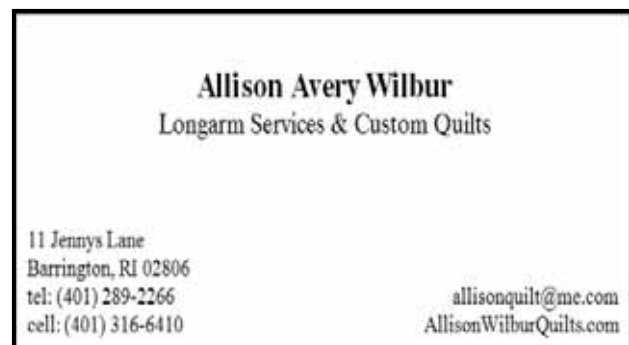
For those that use 80% or more of Quilting Treasures Fabric in their project and want to be considered for the Quilting Treasures award, the items will be taken for judging at Quilting Treasures following the February meeting.

Susan Chace



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Program Committee

NBQA's Pat Ferguson will be teaching Zen Mandala in May. She is becoming nationally known as a Zen Quilting teacher. While her Mandalas can look complicated, Pat is able to break down the process so that her students are successful. Students can design their own, or Pat has basic mandalas that can be traced and then the student can put in their own zentangles. Don't know how to zentangle? Don't let that stop you as Pat will make that easy also. She stresses that she is very flexible and students can spend the day designing, or they can draw and sew. If you are interested in joining this amazing class, please contact Stephanie Windus at windusri@egr.uri.edu or 401-789-0670



In September we will be having Cathey LaBonte teaching Surface Design and Wild Woman Embellishments. You will expand your repertoire of techniques by playing with paint and ink, foil, glue, stamps, fusible, glitter and more cool products. Unleash your inner wild woman and join us for some fun!

Next year we have a variety of interesting classes to look forward to including Underwater Fantasies, Geometrics, Patchwork Illusions and Hand Turned Appliqué. In February we will have the nationally known Susan Brubaker Knapp (author of Point, Click, Quilt!) teach two days of classes. One will be on painting and stitching a peacock feather, the other on thread stitching a Cripps Pink Apple.

Next year we will be having many of our classes on Friday, the day after the lecture, at a wonderful quilt shop—The Sewing Room in Exeter RI. This shop has a very comfortable space to work and the added benefit of being able to purchase a supply you forgot or suddenly decide you must have for the class. It will be important to check the location of the class when you sign up.

Hope Barton, Upcoming Program Chairperson



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Bring this entire form to a meeting with a check or cash, or mail it with your check (made payable to NBQA) to:

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I wish to enroll as a Full Member (\$30.00 check enclosed)

I wish to enroll as an Associate Member (\$15.00 check enclosed)

I would like to receive a Membership book? Yes No

I would like my membership booklet mailed to me (additional \$1.00 enclosed to mail) Yes No

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE HAVE YOUR RENEWAL PRIOR TO JUNE 1st !
After June 1st , the membership will be open to people on the waiting list.

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Are you interested in working on a committee? Please check your choice(s) so that the appropriate committee chairperson can contact you.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Door Prizes | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> DVD Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Museum | <input type="checkbox"/> Block of the Month | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Suggestions for speaker or programs: _____

*****If you are unable to attend our meetings, you may wish to become an Associate Member. Associate Membership is \$15.00. You will receive newsletters, a membership booklet if desired (\$1.00 postage and handling fee required), attend occasional meetings when guest spots are open (there are 5 per meeting), and have your name on a waiting list for bus trips and workshops.**

Check # _____ Amount Received _____ Booklet Mailed _____ (for those who paid add'l \$1.00)

May/June 2013



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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]

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