



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Do you ever feel like you are going through a Creativity Block? I certainly have. I feel as though I am surrounded by busy, incredibly creative artists who are actually COMPLETING their work! I've done plenty of woeful thinking about the subject, but didn't have any miraculous ideas pop into my head.

Therefore, I was very interested to read the Feb/March 2015 *Quilting Arts* Magazine. It had an article about this very subject called "unBound" by Jane Dunnewold. She feels some of the biggest obstacles are:

Too little time or too much time

No clear action plan

I can't afford it/ don't know where to get it/ don't know what IT is

Fear of failure

The chores should be done first

Jane recommends determining what is stopping you and then figuring out if you can work around this. She also recommends journaling your ideas.

My personal suggestions are:

If you have gone through a major life event, you may not have the energy at this time to be creative, and it's ok to give yourself a pass.

Also, it may help to just make a practice piece or block. When trying to make an artistic decision, it helps to remind yourself that there isn't necessarily a single best choice – just a choice. Sometimes you just need to start and see what happens. And don't forget, it's YOUR quilt!

Warmly,
Hope

FINAL MEETING OF 2014-2015 YEAR:

East Greenwich United
Methodist Church

May 21, 2015 at 7:00 PM

Please Bring:

- Your nametag
- Show and Tell items
- Auction items
- Completed comfort quilts
- Fat Quarter:
Steel Magnolias / Mid-scale
(approx 2 – 5 ") florals
- Completed membership
renewal form
- Cash or checkbook to renew
membership and for silent
auction items
- Magazines to swap
- Any checked out library DVDs



NBQA Membership Meeting April 16, 2015

President: Hope Barton called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Programs: Joan Blade Johnson introduced the evening's speaker, Sue Pelland of Sue Pelland Designs. Sue and her mom were NBQA members and ran a quilting store, Quilters' Quarters. Sue now designs quilting rulers and patterns and demonstrated her "Leaves Galore" rulers and showed us quilts made from her patterns.

NBQA member and Ninigret Quilters President, Tina Craig, brought this year's Ninigret raffle quilt to the meeting and sold raffle tickets. Ninigret will host our raffle quilt at one of their meetings next year.

Special Events: Louise P. reminded members to see her at the break if they want to purchase tickets to the May 2 bus trip to A World of Quilts XXXVI in Somers, NY. Cost of this trip is \$45.

Lisa Champlin, along with a few volunteers, created new name buttons to replace our muslin name badges. Many were distributed tonight. Seek out Lisa to pick up yours.

Challenge Fabric: Susan Chace has received another bolt of fabric which will be available to buy at May meeting.

Bylaws change: President Hope Barton reviewed the proposed bylaws change presented at the March meeting. The proposed change would eliminate Article X Section 1: "All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences in indebtedness, issued in the name of or payable to the Corporation shall be signed, or endorsed by two (2) signatures, that of the President, Vice President, and/or Treasurer." Rationale for the change: The Treasurer has been bonded. This is the most secure way to protect guild financial assets. There is no security in the requirement of two signatures because the bank will cash checks with only one signature. To further support and secure guild financial assets and ensure reporting requirements are met, the Board has created a detailed policy & procedure for the Treasurer. The required quorum of member voters was present at the meeting. A motion was made by Louise Pankiewicz to approve the proposed change. The motion was seconded by Judy Chase. A vote was taken and the motion passed with 1 vote opposed.

Workshops: After the break, Joan J. noted there were 3 openings in Sue Pelland's class but the May marbling class was full. She asked students for the May class to get an alum packet from her this evening.

NEQM: Chris Bagley reminded us about the NEQM fundraiser to be held at our May meeting. She is seeking donations of hand-made items. They do not need to be handmade by YOU! Baked goods, items from other countries and quilt related items, neatly packaged (tied in ribbon and/or sealed in plastic bags please) would be greatly appreciated. Please bring them early to the May meeting in time for set up. Chris also encouraged members to use the Amazon Smile program when shopping on Amazon. If you select NEQM as your preferred charity, they will receive a donation based on the item's purchase price. NEQM Co-Liaison, Allison Wilbur reminded us that the NEQM fabric sale is scheduled for May 2. Donations of fabric are now being accepted. At the sale, you will be able to buy fabric by the bag at great prices.

Comfort Quilts: Mary Padbury showed a few of the latest completed quilts for donation. Please complete any others you have and bring them to Mary at the May meeting. At that meeting, Mary will present a slide show of this year's comfort quilts.

Nominating: Melanie J. announced she is seeking people who want to work on Program or Publicity for next year. Please see her if you can do either of these jobs!

Membership: Judy Chase reminded people that renewals are due in May. We now have a single form for all membership types so please read the form carefully and check the correct boxes. Clearly print your email address so you are sure to receive the newsletter.

Block of the Month: Louise P drew the winner for April. Only one person – Dottie Calvano – participated this month!

Fat Quarter: Carol K. drew the winner of this month's fat quarters. May's theme is Steel Magnolias – Mid-scale (approx. 2 – 5") florals.

Hospitality: Peggy Lane thanked everyone for the great response for refreshments this year. In appreciation, May is Strawberry Social month – no refreshment donations needed!

Door Prizes: Door prizes were drawn and distributed by Norrene and Pat C.

Raffle Quilt: The raffle quilt is being completed and we will need a volunteer longarm quilter by summer/fall. Please see Hope if you are willing to take this on.

Show & Tell: Many members showed their beautiful and inspiring offerings.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Submitted by Melanie Johnston, Secretary

May Silent Auction

At the May Meeting, we will hold our annual fundraiser for the **New England Quilt Museum**.

We are looking for donations of anything hand or home made: baked items, jewelry, knitted & quilted items, clothing, bags, painting, sculpture....the possibilities are endless!

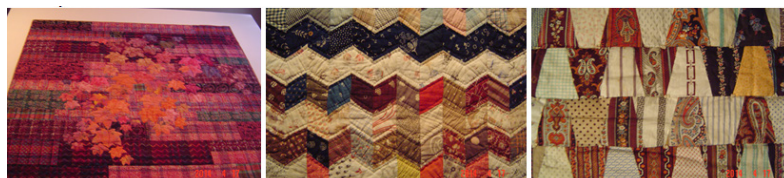
Please bring your donations to the May meeting and give them to Chris Bagley in the lobby. If you would like to bring quilting supplies, please make sure they are securely bundled, bagged or tied.

This is always a festive evening and a good time to shop for all your gifting needs. Please be creative in locating items to sell and remember to bring your checkbooks!!

The Museum is sustained through our ongoing generosity and support.

Thank you,

Chris Bagley



COMFORT QUILTS

We have 75 completed quilts to donate. A complete list of agencies will be at May meeting. If you know of a charity that can use some quilts please email me with contact info. We have donated two quilts to our fundraiser. Please bring finished quilts to May meeting!

Mary Padbury

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Lori Pearson

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Susan Goodwin



Block of the Month - Recap

There is still time to work on and complete a quilt from the various blocks that were part of the NBQA 2014-15 Block of the Month program

The monthly blocks and their monthly suggestions were as follows:

September – Double Four Patch – red small squares which form chain, blue and green

October – Dutchman's Puzzle – white background, black and grey geese

November – Windblown Square – beige background, brown and tan geese

January – Wild Goose Chase – navy background, beige or neutral geese, and red geese wings

February – Flying Geese Strip – beige background, red geese and red border strip

March – See Saw Block – white background, blue geese, red interior triangle

April – Wild Goose Strip – white background, black geese background (wings) yellow Geese

If you decided to make your own quilt, two possible layouts are available in hard copy at each months meeting. Please plan to bring your completed quilts to the September General Meeting where they will be displayed during show and tell.

Thanks for participating in this year's Block of the Month program!

Louise Pankiewicz, Block of the Month Chair

Special Events Recap for 2014-15

Thanks to all who participated in this year's Special Events!

In November, we attended "A Quilter's Gathering" in Manchester, New Hampshire.

In March, we shopped our way around the "Learning Loop" as we visited the five shops involved with the Schoolhouse Shop Hop. Then, as if we had not done enough shopping, in April we supported our local Rhode Island Shops as part of the NBQA Shop Hop.

The final event of this guild year was our bus trip to Somers New York on May 2nd when we visited the quilt show sponsored by the Northern Star Quilters Guild.

On tap for next year will be the bus trip to "The Quilters Gathering" on November 7, 2015. Mark your calendars now and plan to join us for this fun filled trip!

Remember to bring your completed (and partially completed) Shop Hop Passports to the May General Meeting. Prizes will be awarded at that time.

Louise Pankiewicz

Sue's Creations

Susan Ellis

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Are You Looking for a CHALLENGE???

Summer Challenge:

At the May meeting there will be bags with at least 1/2 yd of Butterfly and Fairy fabrics from Mary Padbury's huge stash. If you want to participate in the Summer Challenge, pick up a bag and use at least some contents to create a quilt. There will be prizes and 3 bags will have a gift certificate to a quilt shop!

Rules:

1. Complete a quilt using an identifiable piece of mystery fabric and any other fabrics you choose. It doesn't count to ONLY use it on binding or backing.
2. Size must be: Preemie (24 in x 24 in); Isolet (24 in x 40 in); or Crib (36 in x 40 in)
3. Bring completed quilt to September meeting for vote by membership
4. Quilts will be displayed at 2016 NBQA Quilt Show before being donated to charity

Quilt Show Fabric Challenge

At the May meeting, there will be more of the Kaffe Fasset Red Fabric being sold as the challenge fabric for the Quilt Show Fabric Challenge (One yard is \$10 and 1/2 yard is \$5.)

The rules for the Challenge are on the NBQA website, and the finished pieces should be brought to the FEBRUARY 2016 meeting for judging by the membership (also prizes!)

These quilts will also be on display as a group at the 2016 Quilt Show.

Email or call Susan Chace with any questions.



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Our collection of DVDs is available for members to borrow at our monthly meetings. To check out DVDs, sign the index card in the back of each DVD and give it to the librarian. When returning DVDs, give the librarian your name to confirm you have returned your DVD.

DVDs are checked out for one month intervals. There is no limit to the number of DVDs you may borrow. If you do not return the DVD when it is due there is a fine of \$1 per month per DVD.

A list of all DVDs in the NBQA library is on the web site.

The following DVDs have been added to the library:

Aunt Philly's Toothbrush Rugs – donated by Lisa Champlin (Lisa did demo of technique at January meeting)

The following DVDs were donated by Melanie Johnston:

Art Quilt Design, Strategies for Success by Carol Taylor

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Maria Lage



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News from the New England Quilt Museum

The New England Quilt Museum has invited all supporting guilds to begin the process of selecting an extraordinary quilt to represent their membership at the NEQM guild exhibition this summer. NBQA will be represented by Anne Sabatini's "Glacier Star", Best of show NBQA 2014.

During our free community festival, special activities and programs for audiences of all ages and interest levels will be offered at NEQM and other cultural partners in downtown Lowell.

Please support NEQM's goals to celebrate the handcrafted and introduce new audiences, particularly school-age children, to the art of quilting.

This is our guild's chance to showcase our talent!

Chris Bagley, NEQM rep

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Lectures by Becky Goldsmith
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Lecture and Invitational Quilt Display
by Paula Nadelstern

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NEQM 2015 EXHIBITS

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