



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow! Another guild year is coming to a close! It has been a fun year, full of challenges, successes and many new quilts!

I am reminded that I need to plan for the Summer Challenge, a quilt for the fabric challenge and designate quilts to finish so I can enter something into the quilt show next April. Lots of quilt planning going on around here!

The slate of officers for next year will be presented and voted on at the May meeting. Our strawberry shortcake desserts will be offered at refreshment time. The evening's program will have us bidding on the many handmade items available as part of the Silent Auction. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the New England Quilt Museum.

A busy meeting is coming up in May, and a busy summer seems to be on tap!

I am looking forward to it and I hope you are also!

Louise

2016-2017 MEETINGS East Greenwich United Methodist Church

**May 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM
Strawberry Social
Election of Officers**

**Silent auction to benefit the New
England Quilt Museum see page 2
for more information**

Please Bring:

- Your nametag
- Magazines to swap
- Cash or checkbook for workshops, membership renewal (form is on page 12) and silent auction
- Block of the Month for May _
Hashtag quilt block in Blues
- Fat quarter is Trash or Treasure -
Clean out your Stash!!
- Library DVDs
- Show & Tell
- Snacks (if you agreed to bring)
- Auction items and form

New England Quilt Museum

Our annual fundraiser for the New England Quilt Museum will take place at the May NBQA Meeting. Silent auction donations of anything hand/home made: baked items, jewelry, knitted & quilted items, clothing, bags, painting, sculpture....the possibilities are endless! Your participation is vital to making this fundraiser a success. As Nora Burchfield (NEQM Executive Director) said, if quilters don't support the quilt Museum, who will? Think of all the great exhibits at the museum (including NBQA), the Curator's talks at the openings, the brown bag lunches, the library, the gift shop - so many fabulous resources. The support of guilds like NBQA is vitally important. We encourage you to bring something in May, whether it be a home made item or your checkbook. And equally important, visit the museum and take part in all they have to offer.

Please bring your donations to the May meeting and give them to Allison Wilbur in the lobby. If you would like to bring quilting supplies, please make sure they are securely bundled, bagged or tied. Please print out the form on page 11 of this newsletter, fill it in and bring it in with your item. 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!

As for new exhibits at NEQM, there will be two new exhibits:

May 2 - July 30

THE QUILT TAKES A PRIZE: Award Winners from the National Quilt Museum

Saturday, May 6 at 11 am

CURATOR'S RECEPTION & GALLERY TALK for The Quilt Takes a Prize

May 3 - July 9, 2017

TWISTED Modern Quilts with a Vintage Twist

Have questions? Suggestions? Please contact Allison Wilbur.

NBQA Fat Quarter Challenge 2016-17

This is a great way to reduce your stash of fat quarters and/or take a chance that you will take home all the themed fat quarters brought in to the meeting. This is how it works...

You can bring in 1-5 fat quarters per meeting. You will receive a ticket for each fat quarter you bring in. Near the end of the business meeting there will be a drawing. You must be present at the meeting to win. We will continue to draw numbers until we get a winner.

The theme for May is Trash or Treasure – Clean out your stash!

Mug Rugs

I have the honor of promoting the Mug Rugs for our next Quilt Show. At the May meeting I will give packets of 5" fabric and batting to be turned into the Mug Rugs. Since I am in charge, I cannot win one of the top 3 prizes for whomever makes the most mug rugs. But that could be you this year! Think about that honor!

A big thank you to Sharon Mayers, of Piecing with Poppers, for her huge donation of fabrics and batting cut into 5" pieces. Thank you Sharon!

Judy Bardsley

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Upcoming Quilt Shows

Quilters' Connection Quilt Show June 10 – 11, 2017 at Bentley University, 175 Forest Street, Waltham MA

Material Girls Quilt Guild Friday, June 23rd and Saturday, June 24th at St. Leo's School Auditorium, 120 Main Street, Leominster, MA.

The Silver City Quilt Guild of Taunton MA is planning their 6th Biennial show on September 16 & 17, 2017 at Friedman Middle School, 500 Norton Ave., Taunton, MA

Bennington Quiltfest September 16 & 17, 2017 Mount Anthony Middle School, 747 East Road, Bennington, VT



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Comfort Quilts

On March 11, we gathered at Blaine's classroom. The sewing machines were humming. We completed 10 children's quilts. I will have final count of completed quilts at our May meeting but the number will be about a hundred. They will be distributed in May. Thank you all for donating fabric, piecing and machine quilting the quilts. Barbara LaPlante has sewn the binding to many quilts for this project. Mary Padbury

NBQA Summer Challenge

The **2017 Summer Challenge** is going to be to make a quilted wearable: jacket, bag, hat, or any other clothing item or accessory. You can use a commercial pattern or design something completely unique. It doesn't have to fit you, but if it does, we hope you'll model it in next year's Quilt Show Fashion Show! Bring your completed item to the September meeting (9/21/17), and we'll vote for our favorites. The top 3 vote getters will win prizes. Entries must have been completed in 2017. Please contact Joan Potter (joanpotter1@cox.net or [401-438-4431](tel:401-438-4431)) with any questions.



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2016 – 2017 NBQA Block of the Month Program

This year members can make blocks to donate to the Comfort Quilts program. Of course, you can always make a block for yourself. We ask members to make blocks in suggested color ways with backgrounds in a neutral color to complement the main color:

May – Blues



Hashtag Quilt Block Directions

From Background Fabric: Cut Three (3) 2.5 inch strips by at least 8 inches

From Color or Print Fabric: Cut Two (2) 2.5 inch strips by 10.5 inches

AND Cut Two (2) 2.5 inch strips by 8 inches

Sew 2.5 inch strips by 8 inch strips of background and color/print together as follows:

Sew Background to Color/Print to Background to Color/Print to Background

This strip set should measure 10.5 inches wide by the length of your strips (8 inches)

Press this strip set and then, cut Three (3) 2.5 inch segments from the strip set.

Place the two (2) 2.5 x 10.5 inch Color/Print strips between the pieced strip sets as shown in the picture above.

Sew strip sets and color/print strips together to make one “Hashtag Block” measuring 10.5 inches square (unfinished).

Picture above from Patchwork Posse and the blog tutorial found at

<http://www.patchworkposse.com/hashtag-quilt-block-tutorial/>

Or visit youtube.com and search for a video from Jenny Doan of Missouri Star Quilt Company describing how to make the Hashtag Quilt.

However, please remember that we are using 2.5 inch wide strips for our blocks, and NOT 1.5 inch wide strips that Jenny uses in the video.

Library

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 and she will pull your card and check off that 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 library is on our web site

<http://www.nbqa.org/resources/dvds/>.

The following titles have been added to the library.


Quilting Arts TV Series 1700

Artful Log Cabins with Katie Pasquini Masopust – American Quilter's Society

From Watercolor to Quilt with Katie Pasquini Masopust – American Quilter's Society

Renegade Thread Play with Melinda Bula – American Quilter's Society.
Marie Lage

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PROGRAMS

All NBQA workshops are held at:

Blaine's Sewing Machine Center
1280 Oaklawn Ave, Cranston RI

Hope Barton is busy planning the programs and workshops for 2017 – 2018 and is waiting for two well-known quilters to get back to her soon. What Hope *does* have scheduled so far, starts in October 2017.

- **Jennifer Watchorn** will present a humorous talk, "From the Hardware Store to the Quilt Shop" about bargains you can find in unexpected places.
- **Lenore Crawford**, internationally known quilter, lives in Michigan and just happens to be on the East Coast in October, so we were lucky enough to get her for an Art Quilt workshop. This will involve fusing fabric and adding painting details to make your piece "pop".
- In November, we will have **Esterita Austen** whose lecture will be "Realism to Abstraction". Her workshop will be entitled "Sheers to You" with instruction on how to work with sheer fabric to provide depth in your piece.
- In February, our own **Nancy Messier** will give a trunk show of her amazing small Art Quilts.
- Hope was unable to get **Timna Tarr** in next year's schedule, but she is booked for a lecture and workshop in October 2018. Stay tuned as more plans are made.

2018 Quilt Show Fabric Challenge Rules

The challenge fabric selected for 2018 is Calypso Geometric Patch by Quilting Treasures. Quilting Treasures will be posting about our challenge on social media so be sure to “like” them on Facebook and follow them on Pinterest, Instagram, and Twitter.

- The fabric will be sold in ½ yard and 1 yard pieces at the general meetings until all fabric acquired from Quilting Treasures is sold. Price is \$5.00 for a half yard, and \$10.00 for a full yard. All profits from the sale of the challenge fabric will be donated to charity.
- All current NBQA Members and Associate Members are eligible to participate.
- The challenge fabric must be recognizable on the front side of the finished item. There is no minimum block size. The challenge fabric must be used within the design – not just as a border.
- All items submitted must be constructed to include three layers (top, batting and back) and to be held together with stitching. A qualifying quilted item may include, but not be limited to, quilts, clothing, purses, totes, or other accessories.
- The hanging size of the item must not be less than 10” x 10” (or a total of 40”) and no larger than 36” x 42” (or a total of 160”).
- Completed entries must be brought to the February 2018 general meeting in order to be hung with the other 2018 Challenge entries at the quilt show. All entries must have a completed 2018 Quilt show entry form which will be available on line closer to the date of the quilt show. The entries will be displayed during the meeting and the members will vote during the break in variety of categories. Each category of entry will be eligible for a ribbon(s). The winners will be awarded at the Quilt Show. If a challenge fabric entry is not entered into the NBQA voting at the February meeting it may still be entered in the quilt show; however it will not hang with the other challenge entries but in the general part of the show.

Business Meeting Minutes April 20 2017

- Louise announced that the Quilt Show Bus trip for May 6, 2017 is canceled because there were not enough people signed up.
- Joan Potter made some announcements about next year's Quilt Show which will take place April 21 & 22, 2018. Joan is looking for volunteers to help with publicity, program, and coordination of the fashion show.
- Allison Wilbur volunteered to quilt the raffle quilt--Yay!
- Joan made an announcement about the Summer challenge: It will be wearables, including bags.
- Fabric challenge must be completed by February meeting. The fabric can be purchased from Billie Bunnewith.
- Allison Wilbur talked about:
 - Silent auction, to benefit the New England Quilt Museum, will be held at the May meeting. Please bring your contribution and checkbook!
 - New exhibits at New England Quilt Museum
- Next month's Fat Quarter Exchange: "Clean Out", i.e. bring any fat quarter you want to get rid of!
- Youth Quilting Committee met today. They are making progress.

Celia Schnacky

Board and Committee Chairs 2017 - 2017

President – Louise Pankiewicz

Vice President – Joan Potter

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Block of the Month – Lisa Champlin

Comfort Quilts – Mary Padbury

Door Prizes – Barbara Hartford

Fabric Challenge – Billie Bunnewith

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- Receive a membership booklet and membership card which may entitle the member to discounts at local quilt shops
- Receive five bimonthly newsletters via email.
- May submit a quilt to the biannual show.

FULL MEMBERS – GUILD LIMIT 250 FULL MEMBERS	ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
• May attend all meetings.	• May attend 2 meetings per year.
• May enroll in all workshops and trips.	• May be wait listed for unfilled workshops and trips.
• New full members will receive a name pin to wear to meetings.	• Will be given a priority position on the waiting list for full membership.

Membership dues are not prorated for a partial year. Bring this completed form with cash/check to a meeting
 Mail this completed form with a check made out to NBQA. **(DO NOT MAIL CASH)**

Diane Roman
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☐ I AM A CURRENT MEMBER RENEWING MY MEMBERSHIP. (Must be received by May 31st for the next year.)

☐ Full membership \$30 (check enclosed if mailed) ☐ Associate Membership \$15 (check enclosed if mailed)

☐ I AM A NEW MEMBER.

☐ Full membership \$30 (check enclosed if mailed) ☐ Associate Membership \$15 (check enclosed if mailed)

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In what type of program, speaker, or workshop would you be interested?

FULL MEMBERS: Would you like to help out by working on a committee? Please check your choice(s).

☐ Hospitality ☐ Door Prizes ☐ NE Quilt museum ☐ Block of the month ☐ Fat Quarter
☐ Membership ☐ Publicity ☐ DVD library ☐ Fabric Challenge
☐ Comfort Quilt ☐ Youth Program ☐ Newsletter ☐ Programs/Workshops

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At the 4th light, Thorndike Street merges into Dutton Street. Go to the 2nd light and turn right onto Market Street.

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