



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

My ladies, how did this happen ??? Is that Spring I feel in the air? As I write this, it's been a mild winter with not much snow. Boy have I been liking this, except I haven't had any snow days off at work to catch up on my quilting. I have been working on a quilt for my church pastor's 20th anniversary. It is pretty interesting as I "inherited" this quilt top from some unfinished projects for the *Comfort Quilts*. It was pieced by hand, and the design is all "wine bottles" with different fabrics.

It is amazing. I'm reaching out to our guild to know who made this "UFO"? The top is just perfect for what I wanted to do as a gift for our celebration, but I would like to give credit to the original maker. The parishioners will sign the back. I've enclosed a photo of the top that I'm hand quilting. If that person or persons could let me know, I would appreciate it.

We have so many talented ladies in our guild. I can not wait until our upcoming quilt show in April. I hope you have turned in your submissions by now, so that our show can feature everyone's talents for all to see. Please sign up to help before, during and after OUR show. We need all our members for a successful show.

There is one last item I would like to touch on. Elections are coming in May this year. I am still looking for 2 or 3 members to be on the nomination committee to recruit members for the executive board. Some committee members are stepping down after this year as well. Please contact me if you are interested in this important position so we can ensure the growth of the future of our guild.

So get ready. So much more exciting things to come in OUR guild. Get involved, be an officer, or chair a committee. Remember, You make the Guild.

Geri Bergreen
President 2018-2020



Don't forget the NBQA Board Meeting
March 4, 2020; 6:30 PM, Louise's Classroom
74 Nooseneck Hill Road, Coventry, RI

MEETINGS

East Greenwich United Methodist Church
1558 South County Trail,
East Greenwich, Rhode Island
Thursday, March 19, 2020
Thursday, April 16, 2020
6:30 PM

Please Bring:

- Your nametag
- Cash or checkbook for workshops
- Library DVDs
- Show & Tell
- Block of the Month: March-Scott's Plaid, April-Woven Ribbon
- Monthly strip exchange: March-Zoo; April- Beach
- Finished Comfort Quilts
- Cupcakes for March Meeting *Cupcake Party*
- Refreshments for April Meeting

PROGRAMS

Greetings quilters! The programs team is excited to be entering spring with some fun workshops and events.

At the March meeting, we will have our special *Fab Five Show and Tell and Cupcake Party*. We are calling out to all the bakers who want to show off some cupcakes. We will also be revealing next years programs, and opening up sign ups for the fall sessions. Get excited! We have some fabulous offerings! The March workshop will be lead by Billie and Kassie focusing on using those treasured layer cakes.

The April meeting will be featuring a presentation on the quilt show experience, and of course there is the quilt show. We are still looking for some folks who would like to share their experiences at some far away shows. Please check in with Chrissy Bonin if you have a story and some pictures.

In May the RI Modern Quilters will be joining us for our *Strawberry Social* and guest speaker Marge Tucker. We are looking for a few ladies to volunteer to greet our guests and make them feel at home. Please let the programs team know if you are available to help out with this.

Marge will be doing two workshops including *Going In Circles*, which involves improv pieced circles and *Modern Machine Quilting with a Walking Foot*.

Stop by and see us at the table.
We have lots going on and need your help!

Happy Quilting!

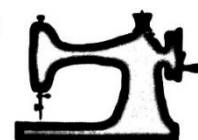


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BLOCK OF THE MONTH

2020 Block of the month –March and April

All blocks should be constructed using a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam. Unfinished blocks should measure 12-1/2 inches. Instructions are also available on the website under *Guild Activities*

March Block – SCOTT'S PLAID– 3 or 7 fabrics – colors optional

Fabric cuts:

Large square: 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

(2) smaller squares 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " each

(2) Smaller rectangles 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ " each

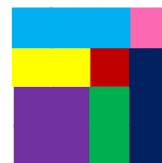
(2) Larger rectangles 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " x 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ "

For 3 fabrics:

fabric 1 – the three squares

fabric 2 – the 2 smaller rectangles

fabric 3 – the 2 larger rectangles

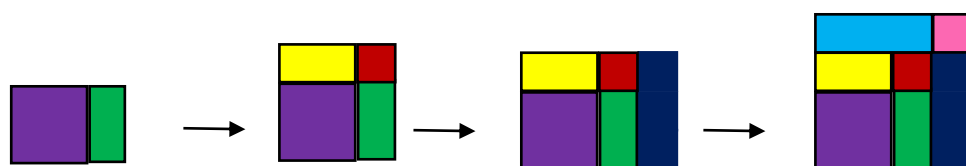


Sew (1) smaller square to the end of one smaller rectangle

Sew (1) smaller square to the end of (1) larger rectangle



Assemble in the order shown:



APRIL BLOCK – WOVEN RIBBON –5 fabrics - colors optional

four corners: Cut four 3-1/2 inch squares.

Four ribbon fabrics:

Cut one 3-1/2 inch square and one 3-1/2 x 6-1/2 strip of each.



Sew a corner square to a square from each ribbon.



Use the main block as a guide. Sew each of these to a ribbon rectangle

Upper left



Upper right



Join these two



lower left



lower right



Join these two



Sew top to bottom



QUILT SHOW VISION 2020- APRIL 25 & 26 UPDATE

- I am looking for someone who can chair *take down*. Please see me at the meeting if you would be interested.
- Ribbons for the winners will be presented during the show in April.
- All bed sized quilts will need a 4" – 6" hanging sleeve.
- Please make some mug mats (about 4" in size) for door prizes. They can be brought to the meeting anytime up until the show date.
- Please make an item for the *NEQM Small Quilt Auction*. This is our annual fundraiser for the New England Quilt Museum. Small wall hangings, table runners, tote bags etc. are all welcome. Bring to any meeting up until April and give to Karen Stanley or Joan Potter.
- Please put together a basket or two for the basket raffle; anything that quilters might like. Bring completed baskets to the March meeting. We can wrap the baskets for you if you like, and we will also accept items to put in baskets. The proceeds from the basket raffle will help fund guild activities, so the more the merrier!
- If you are having your quilt judged, don't forget that judging will take place in advance on March 28, 2020 at the Exeter Public Library. You will need to get your quilt to Pat Harrison in advance, on March 26 from 4 to 7 PM, or the March 27, from 10 AM to 1 PM. Her house is at 59 Reuben Brown Lane in Exeter. You will need to retrieve your quilt from the library at 3:30 PM. The library is located at 773 Ten Rod Road (Rt. 102).
- Advance tickets for the show will be on sale through April; \$5 for members and \$7 for everyone else. Tickets at the door will be \$8.
- Think about a technique you can demonstrate at the show. Demonstrations will be organized by Barbara Stetson.
- Don't forget to sign up as a volunteer for the show at the next meeting! Friends and family are welcome to help with setup and takedown.
- Take some flyers to put around town or give to your quilting friends. We will also have lawn signs available in March to put out in areas near North Kingstown.

Joan Potter, Show Chair

NBQA BUS TRIP

2020 Schoolhouse Shop Hop

Saturday March 28, 2020

Bus leaves at 7:00 AM From Route 117 Park and Ride

Returns at approximately 8 PM

(Shops open from 9 AM to 7 PM on Saturday)

We will visit:

The Quilted Crow, Boxborough, MA

Cobblestone Quilts, Townsend, MA

Quilted Threads, Henniker, NH

Red Barn Sewing & Yarn Center, Merrimac, MA

Cost is \$57.00 (Based on 40 Riders)

Includes Transportation, Driver Tip and \$8.00 Passport

(Passport includes tote bag gift and free pattern at each shop.

Completed passports receive diploma, graduation gift and a coupon for a 20% off shopping spree to be used at a later date.

Visit www.schoolhouseshop.com for further details

Each shop will provide snacks.

Lunch break in Townsend MA

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COMFORT QUILTS

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you to all who attended the Quilt-A-Thon on Saturday, February 8, 2020. It was our best attended Quilt-A-Thon yet and we made many, many strip blocks. We had enough blocks to make a lap quilt and a twin size quilt. And they are beautiful!! As soon as they are quilted, bound, and labeled, we will be donating them.

Our next Quilt-A-Thon is planned for **Saturday, March 21, 2020** from 9 am – 3 pm at *The Classroom of Island Creations by Louise*, 74 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI 02817. It is right off Rt 95 at Exit 6. We are thinking of doing string blocks again. We'll supply the fabric and the backing paper. If you would like to work on something else, we are open to that also and will bring a variety of fabrics that can be used. You supply a sewing machine, your time, and your talent. Please join us.

Many thanks to Sue Ellis for quilting the beautiful top that was donated by one of our wonderful members – I am sorry that I don't remember who gives what all the time. Once it is bound and labeled, this quilt will be donated to the Rhode Island Women in Agriculture to be used as a raffle item at their March conference.

And lastly, we have many kits available at each meeting that can be worked on at home. Please stop by to see Linda and Brenda at the Comfort Quilts table.

BASKET RAFFLE

Looking for basket raffle items for the 2020 Quilt Show. New quilting items, or themed items to make baskets, or finished baskets of a particular theme, i.e.. Baking, Dog/Cat, Gardening, Children, Men's/ Ladies, Italian/Cooking...USE YOUR imagination. It doesn't have to be only quilting themed baskets. Items are due by the March 2020 meeting. Any Completed baskets can be brought to the meeting, or to the Quilt Show set up Friday morning.

All proceeds from the Basket Raffle are to benefit the guild. The MORE Baskets we have the more we can raise for the guild. Any questions, please ask Geri Bergreen or Joan Halley.



NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM

- **Brown Bag Thursday. LINDA PEARL PRESENTS, "BUT I DIDN'T MEAN TO BREAK THE RULES...March 5, 2020 at 12:30 pm.** Join Linda Pearl for this lighthearted, interactive look at a very serious subject.... copyright issues.
- **GALLERY TALK WITH GUEST SPEAKER, HEATHER GRING Saturday, March 21 at 2 pm.** The NEQM welcomes Heather Gring, Curator and Archivist at the Burchfield Penney Art Center at SUNY Buffalo State, for an in-depth look at the current exhibition, *Salvaged: The Stitched Narratives of Jennifer Regan*, on view through April 4, 2020.
- **GALLERY TALK WITH GUEST SPEAKER, HOLLIS CHATELAIN April 4 at 1 pm.** Internationally renowned artist Hollis Chatelain discusses *Stories of West Africa*, on view February 11 through April 25, 2020. Her fifteen art quilts in this exhibition portray a rich African culture and its' strong sense of community and family unity.
- **Brown Bag Thursday PAT HARRISON ON QUILT DESIGN, May 7, 2020 at 12:30 pm**
(Rescheduled from February 6) Frustrated with those three little words, "quilt as desired"? Award winning quilter Pat Harrison shares her methods of quilting design. Make your next quilting design an eye catcher!

STRIP EXCHANGE

March 2020..... The Zoo

April, 2020..... The Beach

This is a great way to reduce your stash of 2 ½" WOF (width of fabric) strips, and you could go home with a Jelly Roll! This is how it works: Check the month and bring 3 or more 2 ½" strips per meeting representing the THEME for that month. If your stash does not support the THEME, you may substitute neutral solids or blenders.

March THEME is a trip to the ZOO. April's THEME is a trip to the BEACH.

You will receive a ticket for every 3 strips you bring. Near the end of the meeting, there will be a drawing (you must be present to win). We will continue to draw until we get a winner.

Any questions, contact Lyn Pallotta, Strip Exchange Chair



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EDUCATION COMMITTEE


UPDATE:

- Peggy Lane announces that the 2nd workshop for *The Banner Project* will be presented at the Hope Alzheimer's center in Cranston.
- In May, Gail Macera and Peggy will chair a program with *Girl Scouts* to make dog beds at Meeting Street.
- "Small Things Are Beautiful" will be the focus of the education committee's exhibit as part of our quilt show. It will feature many different quilted items, with show and tell by our members. We will be exhibiting simple but colorful projects for youth and adults, as well as a list of opportunities for teachers, classes, workshops and quilt shops in the area.
- As members, we need to promote the projects and programs sponsored by NBQA. Any member is urged to help our committee at the show. Members are needed to man our booth for 2-3 hour shifts on Saturday and Sunday. If you are interested in helping, give Peggy Lane a call at 401-294-5576 or email her at drpalane@cox.net.
- Barbara Stetson is looking for quilters to demonstrate techniques. They will be in the cafeteria. We need at least 6 more members to help. Contact her at 401-647-3616 or email at bstetson@cox.net for more info and to sign up.

MEMBERS NEEDED FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE...

Several officers and committee chairs are stepping down at the end of this year. As a result, members are needed for the *Nominating Committee* to find prospective replacements. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Geri Bergreen at Tbgeri@aol.com

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RAFFLE QUILT

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\$1 each, 6 tickets for \$5.

Money and ticket stubs can be turned in to Celia Schnacky. Keep in mind that this is a major fundraiser for the guild.



LOCAL QUILT SHOWS AND EXIBITIONS

Pieces of American History: Connecticut Quilts – October 11, 2019 to May 16, 2020.

Features 37 extremely rare quilts from the Connecticut Historical Society's collection, made as far back as the mid-1700s and as recently as 1976. Connecticut Historical Society, 1 Elizabeth Street, Harford CT. \$12 adults, \$10 seniors, \$8 students. Free on the first Saturday of every month.

Great American Road Trip - March 13 to April 6, 2020. Fun facts tour of the states featuring fiber art quilts with vintage cars. MILL 180 Park, 180 Pleasant Street #217, Easthampton, MA. Free.

Stitches United – March 26 to 29. Large Knitting and Multi-craft consumer show. Special Exhibit – Bob Ross Cherrywood Challenge, an art quilt challenge inspired by Bob Ross, host of PBS' Art of Painting. Connecticut Convention Center, 100 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, CT. \$14 one day, \$20 two days

Quinobequin Quilters Quilt Show - March 27, 10 am to 5 pm. 100+ quilts by local artists. Needham Masonic Lodge, 1101 Highland Avenue, Needham, MA. \$10; children under 12 free.

MQX Quilt Festival – April 16 and 17th, 10 am to 6 pm, April 18, 10 am to 4 pm. Doubletree Hotel and Convention Center, 700 Elm Street, Manchester, NH. \$12 for all show days.

Spring Shower of Quilts XVIII – March 29, 10 am to 4 pm. Juried Quilt Exhibit, Demos, Appraisals. Wyndham Hotel, 1284 Strongtown Road, Southbury, CT \$10.

North Parish Quilt Show – April 3, 5 pm to 8 pm; April 4, 10 am to 4 pm. Quilt show with unique handcrafted doll display. 273 Vernon Street, Wakefield, MA. \$6, children under 12 free.

NBQA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021

ALL MEMBERS:

- 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 quilts to the biannual show.

FULL MEMBERS – GUILD LIMIT 250 FULL MEMBERS	ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May attend all meetings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May attend 2 meetings per year.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May enroll in all workshops and trips.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May be wait listed for unfilled workshops and trips.
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☐ **MAIL A PAPER COPY OF THE NEWSLETTERS TO MY HOME ADDRESS (include an additional \$15.00 for printing and postage).**

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RELATIONSHIP TO YOU _____

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

FULL MEMBERS: Would you like to help out by working on a committee?

Please check your choice(s) and the appropriate committee chairperson will contact you.

- ☐ Hospitality ☐ Door Prizes ☐ NE Quilt Museum ☐ BOM/Strip Exchange ☐ Programs ☐ Comfort Quilts
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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.

The museum's changing exhibitions, Brown Bag Lectures, gallery talks, and special events are updated weekly at nequiltmuseum.org.