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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Musings...

The January Meeting was a lot of fun, and I think we all learned things. We are thinking of doing it again next year and would love to have volunteers for new demonstrations.

The hospitality committee, under Peggy Lane, really outdid themselves. But, she has reminded me that not everyone is as lucky as we are and that it would be nice to contribute to the soup kitchen. I talked to Cheryl at the church, and the grocery basket you may have seen in the hall stocks their collection, and it is contributed to the soup kitchen every month, year round. If you would like to add to their basket, I think it would be a wonderful thing. If you can't find the basket, just give the item to the Membership table.

Have you ever read NBQA's bylaws? Neither did I before I took this job, but now I have read them very carefully--several times! I would like to change the one that says we need 2 signatures on every check. For one thing, the bank doesn't care and cashes the checks with just one signature. Also, it doesn't make us any safer. What really made our finances safer is having the Treasurer bonded. It feels wrong to have a bylaw we can't follow, and I recommend changing it. I plan to discuss this more at the March meeting.

Next year is NBQA's 40th Anniversary. If you want a t-shirt or sweatshirt to wear to meetings or the quilt show, ask at the Membership Table.

Warmly,

Hope

## NEXT 2 MEETINGS:

**East Greenwich United  
Methodist Church**

**March 19, 2015 at 7:00 PM**

**April 16, 2015 at 7:00 PM**

### Please Bring:

- Your nametag
- Show and Tell items
- Fat Quarter:  
Out of Africa/ tribal inspired prints (Mar)  
Modern prints/designs or geometrics (Apr)
- BOM  
See Saw Block (Mar)  
Wild Goose Chase (Apr)
- Refreshments (*if you signed up*)
- Magazines to swap
- Cash or checkbook to sign up for workshops
- Any checked out library DVDs

**A big  
THANKS  
to everyone who  
showed up for the  
Quiltathon!**

## NBQA Membership Meeting January 16, 2015

**President:** Hope Barton called the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

**Treasurer:** Lisa Champlin reported December income and checking account balance.

**NEQM:** Chris Bagley has free passes to the museum. Contact her if you are interested.

**Secretary:** Sue Chace reviewed the minutes of the November meeting and they were accepted without change.

**Fabric Challenge:** Sue Chace has 1 yard pieces of challenge fabric available for anyone who needs/wants some.

**Program:** Joan Johnson reported openings are still available for:

- ☐ Fabric Frenzy with NBQA members Billie Bunnewith, Kassie Randall & Denise Greenlund  
Feb 21 @ 9:30 am – 3:30 pm
- ☐ Meet Me at the Bar Designing Linear Quilting Motifs with Patricia Delaney of Crabtree Lane Studio  
Mar 21 @ 9:30 am – 3:30 pm
- ☐ Fast & Fabulous with Leaves Galore with Sue Pelland of Sue Pelland Designs  
Apr 17 @ 9:30 am – 3:30 pm.

**Special Events:** Louise Pankiewicz reviewed 3 upcoming events:

- ☐ The Ninigret Quilters have invited us to participate in their Thomas Knauer workshop on “Braille Quilts” on Wednesday, Feb. 11th at St. Andrew Lutheran Church, Charlestown, RI. 9:00-3:30. Cost of the workshop is \$50 for Ninigret members, \$60 for non members. Contact Kate Conroy, bsktkate@cox.net or Barbara Chojnacki, bachojnacki@yahoo.com if interested.
- ☐ The NBQA MA Schoolhouse Shop Hop will visit 5 quilt shops on Saturday, March 28. The \$45 event fee includes a lovely tote bag!
- ☐ On May 2, the guild is hosting a bus trip to A World of Quilts XXXVI in Somers, NY. Cost of this trip is also \$45. Contact Louise lousebpd@yahoo.com to register for either of these two events.

**Comfort Quilts:** Mary Padbury reported that she received a fantastic donation of beautiful fabric and even beads! Come to the Quiltathon on Saturday, February 28 10-3 at the church to work with some of this fabric and have a great time with other quilters making quilts for charity.

**Adjournment:** The business meeting adjourned at 7:26PM

**Demos and snacks!** President Hope Barton invited members to enjoy the bountiful buffet from Hospitality & members and reviewed the variety of demos and games for members to participate in for the remainder of the evening. The meeting adjourned at 8:52.

Submitted by Melanie Johnston, Co-Secretary

## RAFFLE QUILT

Every other year, NBQA has a quilt show and sells tickets for a raffle quilt. Next year's quilt has been designed by Pat Harrison, Tina Craig, and Shari Migdahl-Smith on EQ7. It is truly spectacular, with a Mariner's Compass center, lots of Paper Piecing, and one border of applique. To start making it, we would like to have a group of quilters attend a paper piecing class/refresher, so that all the blocks are the same. That class will be towards the end of March.

We really wanted to have one border be applique because, in addition to the talent already in the group, three of our new members mentioned their passion was applique.

Please let me know if you are interested in helping out with the quilt, or have any questions.

Judy Lang-Chiarella, Vice President

## MARCH Block of the Month

**March – See Saw.** The directions for constructing this block are below and on the website.



**Cut** one (1) 7 ¼ inch square of navy blue print. Then cut the square in half diagonally twice to make four (4) triangles. These triangles make the navy “geese” as seen in the picture above.

**Cut** four (4) 3 7/8 inch squares from beige background. Then cut the squares in half diagonally to yield eight (8) triangles to be used as “wings” on the navy “geese”.

**Cut** four (4) 3 ½ x 6 ½ inch rectangles from beige background.

**Cut** four (4) 3 1/2 inch squares from a red solid or print. Then draw a line on the diagonal of the square. These squares will be sewn to the beige background rectangles and will form the center pinwheel.

**Sew** each background “wing” triangles to each side of the navy “geese” triangles to make four (4) flying geese.

**Sew** a red 3 ½ inch square to the 3 ½ x 6 ½ background rectangle by sewing one thread away from the drawn line toward the fold side of the rectangle. You will fold the square so that it forms a triangle on the corner of the beige background square. Check before trimming to ensure that a 3 ½ x 6 ½ rectangle is maintained after sewing and folding. Unfold and cut ¼ inch away from the sewn line towards the outside edge of the square and background rectangle. Sew all squares on the same side (right side) of each rectangle so that the pinwheel will spin in the center of the block.

**Press** each “geese” and pinwheel unit. Sew units into pairs with pinwheel unit below “geese” unit which will be pointing up. Consult picture for proper arrangement. Arrange units so that pinwheel spins in the center. Sew units into rows and the two rows into a block which measures 12 ½ x 12 ½ now and which will finish at 12” x 12” in the quilt.

If making either 84” x 84” or “72 x 96” quilts, make four (4) blocks.

If you have any questions, please email me at [Louisebpd@yahoo.com](mailto:Louisebpd@yahoo.com).



## APRIL Block of the Month

**April – Wild Goose Strip.** The directions for constructing this block are below and on the website.



**Cut** one (1) 10 7/8" squares of white background print or solid. Then cut squares in half diagonally once to yield two large triangles

**Cut** one (1) 2 7/8" squares of black print or solid. Then cut the squares in half diagonally once to yield two triangles.

**Cut** four (4) 2 7/8" squares of yellow print or solid. Then cut the squares in half diagonally once to yield eight (8) triangles for the "geese".

**Cut** four (4) 3 1/4" squares of black print or solid. Then cut the squares in half diagonally twice to yield sixteen (16) "wing" triangles.

**Cut** one (1) 3 3/8" square of black print or solid for the center square.

**Sew** black "wing" triangles to each side of yellow "geese" triangles. Each geese should measure 2 1/2" x 3 3/8". Sew these four geese together. Sew this strip to one side of the 3 3/8" black square. Repeat for the other four geese and attach to the other side of the square. Next, add the black 2 7/8" half square triangles to each end of the "geese" strip.

Finally, **add** one triangle cut from the 10 7/8" square to each side of the Wild Goose Strip. The block should measure 12 1/2" x 12 1/2" at this point.


This block can be used in the four corners if you are making a large quilt. If you choose to use this block in that position, you will need to make four blocks for either the 84" x 84" quilt or the 72" x 96" quilt for those four corners.

The above picture sample shows the geese flying into towards the middle square. You can have the geese flying out if you want for your quilt.

If you have any questions, please email me at [Louisebpd@yahoo.com](mailto:Louisebpd@yahoo.com).

**Sue's Creations**

**Susan Ellis**  
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**2016 Fabric Challenge**

Challenge Fabric will be sold at each meeting until all the purchased bolts are sold.

As a reminder, the challenge project rules are on the NBQA website.

One Yard of fabric is \$10 and 1/2 yard is \$5.

Email or call Susan Chace with any questions.

The challenge fabric selected for 2016 is Westminster Fabrics; Kaffe Fassett for Rowan – Millefiore in Red.



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### **Schoolhouse Shop Hop in Massachusetts -- Saturday, March 28, 2015.**

We will leave the route 117 Park and Ride at 7:30 AM and return by 9:00 PM at latest (shops are open from 9 am-7 PM). The cost is \$45.00 which includes \$7.00 passport, transportation, and driver tip (cost based on 40 riders for 52 passenger bus). Passport includes Tote Bag Gift, free pattern at each shop. Completed passports receive diploma, graduation gift and a coupon for 20% off shopping spree to be used at a later date. Each shop will provide snacks. Lunch break in Townsend MA (Bring your own or visit Dunkin Donuts or order from the local diner - menus provided). Shops visited include The Quilted Crow (Boxborough, MA), Cobblestone Quilts (Townsend MA), The Bunkhouse Quilt Shop (Lyndeborough, NH), Quilted Threads (Henniker, NH), and Red Barn Sewing and Yarn Center (Merrimac, MA). Visit [www.schoolhouseshop.com](http://www.schoolhouseshop.com) for further details.

### **"World of Quilts XXXVI" Quilt Show, Somers, NY -- Saturday, May 2, 2015**

This is the Northern Star Quilter's 2015 Quilt Show. We will leave the Route 117 Park and Ride at 7:30 AM (Exit 10 off Interstate 95) and return at approximately 8:30 PM. On the way home there will be a stop at a quilt shop in Vernon CT. Time is built in for dinner or a snack at one of the eating establishments in the quilt shop plaza. The price for this trip is \$45.00 and includes admission to the show, transportation, and driver tip. Cost is based on 40 riders on a 52 passenger bus (a full bus may allow us to reduce the cost of the trip). For additional information about the quilt show, visit the guild's website at: <http://northernstarquilters.com>.

**Contact Louise Pankiewicz**, Special Events Chair at [louisebpd@yahoo.com](mailto:louisebpd@yahoo.com) to sign up or if you have any questions. Sign up at the March meeting or send a check (payable to NBQA) to Louise in the mail.



**new  
member**

Welcome,  
Rhonda Minson!

## 2015 NBQA SHOP HOP

Shop Hop is April 1 to May 2 ,2015.

All shops will be open their normally scheduled hours.

- ☐ Print out passport on next page!
- ☐ Please write your name on your passport.
- ☐ We want everyone to get credit for every shop visited and be eligible for NBQA drawings to be held at the May 2015 meeting.
- ☐ Have your passport stamped at every shop that you visit. Participating shops are listed below and on next page.
- ☐ After you visit all shops and have your passport stamped at each one, you are eligible for the grand prize drawings.
- ☐ A special drawing will be held for all Shop Hoppers who attend the NBQA Bus Trip to Somers, New York on May 2, 2015.
- ☐ To enter drawings, turn in your completed passport at May 16, 2015 NBQA meeting. A consolation prize drawing will also be held for those who did not visit all shops.

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Participants must be NBQA members to participate in drawings to be held at May 16, 2015 meeting.

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## EXTRA STAMP

"World of Quilts XXXIV"  
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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 <http://www.nbqa.org/resources/dvds/>.

The following titles have been added to the library.

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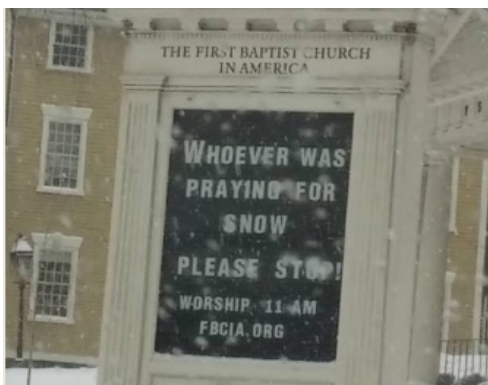
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## News from the New England Quilt Museum

The New England Quilt Museum invites all supporting guilds to begin the process of selecting an extraordinary quilt to represent their membership at the NEQM guild exhibition this summer. 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 our goals to celebrate the handcrafted and introduce new audiences, particularly school-age children, to the art of quilting. This is your guild's chance to showcase its talent!

Chris Bagley, NEQM rep



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## NEQM 2015 EXHIBITS

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