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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another great year of NBQA comes to a close, as does my time serving you as President. It has been a very rewarding experience for me, and I have so many of you to thank for that. I especially want to thank Diana Funke, Judy Chase, Melanie Johnston and Joan Halley, without whom I could not have accomplished anything this year. But I do not want to overlook any of the many of you who served on the board, on the quilt show committee, volunteered at the show, helped out with Hospitality, helped out with the workshops, attended the Quiltathon, finished a Comfort Quilt, brought something for Show and Tell, entered a quilt in the summer challenge, fabric challenge or quilt show, brought magazines for the exchange, sold raffle tickets, or gave me encouragement; thank you, thank you, thank you! You are the ones who make NBQA everything that it is. I hope you will continue to support the new President as much as you have me.

Don't forget that May is Membership Renewal Month. All membership applications need to be received by June 1 in order to retain your spot, as we open membership up to anyone on the waiting list, and we often have a long list after the quilt show. The form is available on the website (www.nbqa.org) on the Resources menu under Forms. There is an address on the form where you can mail it if you don't bring it to the May meeting.

I'm looking forward to a long, lazy summer. I have a few ideas for projects I want to tackle, including two summer challenges, a little gardening, a couple trips to the beach, playing with my granddaughter.... Maybe it won't be that lazy after all.

I hope everyone has a great one and stays safe, so we will see you next year!

Joan

NEXT MEETING:

Strawberry Social

May 15, 2014 at 7:00 PM

East Greenwich United Methodist Church

Please Bring:

- Your nametag
- Show & Tell items
- Fat Quarter of the Month (Theme: Red, White & Blue)
- Money/check for membership renewal
- Magazines to swap

Just Quilts will be vending at the May meeting



COMFORT QUILTS

Comfort quilts will be given out at our May meeting, so please bring any last quilts you have finished.

Thanks, Mary and Karen

2014 QUILT SHOW RECAP

We had an exceptional show thanks to the hard work and dedication of our members! It was truly a team effort and we are thankful to each and every one of you who supported our Quilt Show. We don't have the numbers yet regarding attendance and monies raised, but we'll get that out to you as soon as we do.

We especially appreciate those who helped through the years, months and weeks prior to make it such a success. We thank those members who served on the Show Committee and gave so freely of their time for meetings and then worked so diligently to make it all come together!

It is so hard to make sure to thank everyone who contributes their time, effort, resources or adds their emotional and physical support throughout the process of pulling it all together. So we don't forget any names, we'll just say "Thank you".

A heartfelt thank you to all the members who joined in the Fabric Challenge for sharing their wonderful and absolutely exquisite talent and for being one of the Special Exhibits. Also thanks to Allison Wilbur for loaning a Quilt for Change exhibit.

A special thank you to the following:

- ⌘ To Mack Johnston, Jim Halley, Mark Lemay, John Cory, Jeff Vale, Jim Traer, Pat Zotos's friend, Jeannine's grandsons, Hank and Charlie Randall, and Phil Stedman who transported all the racks and storage boxes to and from Hope Valley, North Kingstown and Hampton, CT, got them out and put them away, carried them and loaded and unloaded them and repaired them.
- ⌘ To everyone who moved and placed the racks, pegboards, backdrops, quilts, tables, chairs, baskets and put up signs – the husbands, friends and neighbors who were such a help.
- ⌘ To those hard working members who said "Is there anything I can do to help you?"
- ⌘ To all those members for creating such an extraordinary array of baskets that were raffled off for the school children.
- ⌘ To those who made or donated an item for the NEQM auction.
- ⌘ Most especially to the members who stitched such glorious quilts, décor items and clothing for us to show and admire and inspire.

We would like to congratulate all those who earned ribbons, won baskets and were top bidders at the mini-auction.

It might not seem possible but we will soon be planning the 2016 Show, so put new needles in your machines, find that pattern you've been meaning to do and get out your materials. Also, please remember to support, throughout the coming year, those vendors who helped make our Show such a success. If you didn't fill out your raffle tickets for the volunteer's raffle, you will have a chance to do so at the May meeting.

~Joan Potter and Sandy Pare (with a lot of help from Joan Halley and Joan Taylor!!!)

THANKS!

The Hospitality Committee sends a big "thank you" to the following local businesses who generously donated gift cards to cover the cost of providing lunch to the volunteers setting up the 2014 Quilt Show.

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Wal-Mart, North Kingstown

QUILT SHOW WINNERS



Category	1st	2nd	3rd	HM
Exemplary Hand Quilting	Nina Ashworth - <i>Pumpkin Hill/102</i>	Lois Salisbury - <i>Flowers & Feathered Star/683</i>	Kasia Kidd - <i>Jeff's Quilt/149</i>	Lois Salisbury - <i>Triple Irish Chain/166</i>
Exemplary MQ - DSM	Patti Finelli - <i>Rhapsody in Blue/131</i>	Judy Chase - <i>The Stand/209</i>	Patti Finelli - <i>Quilter's Traveling Bag/660</i>	
Exemplary MQ -Track	Pat Harrison - <i>Raspberry Spin/142</i>	Pat Harrison - <i>Spiked Journey/143</i>	Joyce Smith - <i>Around the Block/955</i> , quilted by Marcia O'Keefe	Pat Ferguson - <i>Zen Dresden/414</i>
Exemplary Use of Color	Nina Ashworth - <i>Hallelujah/103</i>	Kate Conroy - <i>Small Things/409</i>	Patti Finelli - <i>My Sanctuary/133</i>	Nancy Gries - <i>Pretty Fancy/416</i>
Exemplary Pictorial	Judy Chase - <i>Calypso/210</i>	Lisa Champlin - <i>Mt. Blue View/208</i>	Cathey Labonte - <i>Tsunami/420</i>	Harriet Simoneau - <i>Life's a Beach/902</i>
Exemplary Piecing	Pat Harrison - <i>Spiked Journey/143</i>	Marilyn Browning - <i>Dream Catcher/108</i>	Pat Bruno - <i>Parisian Star/110</i>	Sharon Mayers - <i>Frosted Giant Dahlia/151</i>
Exemplary Applique	Gladys Grace - <i>Strawberries & Bees/220</i>	Nancy Gries - <i>Earth 'n Twig/222</i>	Lisa Champlin - <i>Sunflowers/406</i>	Patti Finelli - <i>Rhapsody in Blue/131</i>
Exemplary Scrap	Jeanne Burke - <i>Flower Baskets/114</i>	Pat Coughlin - <i>Matthew's Quilt/127</i>	Joan Rebecchi - <i>Lady of the Lake/164</i>	Nina Ashworth - <i>Hallelujah/103</i>
Exemplary Modern	Billie Bunnewith - <i>Three Little Birds/654</i>	Sharon Mayers - <i>Square Dance/424</i>	Patti Finelli - <i>Challenge Diva/661</i>	Nancy Gries - <i>Ribbons 'n Flowers/663</i>
Exemplary Wearable	Patti Finelli - <i>Quilter's Traveling Bag/660</i>	Joan Roy - <i>Tahiti Tote/681</i>	Carol Johnson - <i>Big Mouth Fish/669</i>	
Exemplary Innovative	Sara Crocker - <i>Out of Africa/213</i>	Cathey Labonte - <i>Tsunami/420</i>	Billie Bunnewith - <i>Spirograph/402</i>	Allison Wilbur - <i>Purple Princess/432</i>

Single Awards

BEST OF SHOW	Anne Sabatini - <i>Glacier Star/165</i> , quilted by Allison Wilbur
Exemplary Edge Finish	Nina Ashworth - <i>Hallelujah/103</i>
Exemplary Miniature	Pat Bruno - <i>Dollhouse of Edgewood Lane/401</i>
Exemplary Embellishment	Sara Crocker - <i>Out of Africa/213</i>
Judge's Recognition	Pat Ferguson - <i>May Ferns/412</i>
NQA Ribbon of Merit	Pat Harrison - <i>Spot On/140</i>

Viewer's Choice

Saturday	Joan Taylor - <i>Sharon's Star with Love/170</i> , quilted by Pat Harrison
Sunday	Sharon Mayers - <i>Frosted Giant Dahlia/151</i>

FABRIC CHALLENGE 2014

During the fall of 2012, we approached Quilting Treasures Fabrics in Cranston, R.I. to gauge their interest in participating with NBQA in the next Fabric Challenge. In November of 2012, Jodi Beckett, Executive Vice President and Cyndi Hershey, Creative Manager of Quilting Treasures hosted four members of NBQA at their corporate offices in Cranston. We had a short tour and saw some of the quilts featuring Quilting Treasures Fabrics that had appeared in recent issues of National quilting magazines.

We had fun reviewing fabric lines that were still in production, but that would be delivered to quilt shops by early 2013. We saw many contenders, but finally chose the Contempo Floral Fabric from the Sunburst Fabric Collection designed by Studio 8 for the Quilting Treasures Fabric line. The group thought the mix of floral, stripes and geometric shapes in the fabric line created quite a few possibilities for quilts as well as 3-dimensional items.

The challenge was to create a quilted item using a recognizable amount of the Challenge Fabric. Any other fabrics could be added to the design along with the Challenge fabric. If 80% or more of the item used Quilting Treasures Fabric, the item would be eligible to be judged by representatives of Quilting Treasures for a Quilting Treasures Award.

The challenge items had to be completed and brought to the February, 2014 regular meeting of NBQA. There were 33 challenge items that were displayed and voted on that evening by 80 members.

The overall favorite and recipient of the Exceptional Merit Ribbon:

Carol Johnson - Big Mouth Fish Bag

Category and Ribbon winners are

Pieced

1st Lois Salisbury - Flowers and Feathered Star	2nd Nancy Gries – Ribbons ‘n Flowers
HM Nina Ashworth – Cathedral Window with a Twist	

Appliqué

1st Billie Bunnewith - Three Little Birds	2nd Patti Finelli - Challenge Diva
HM Paulette Greene – American Gold Finch	

Art/ Innovative:

1st Pat Oakley – Winter Sunrise	2nd Anne Sabitini – Happy Lizard
HM Alice Hourihan – 2013: Oops!	

Best Use of Color:

1st Maria Knight – Quilting up a Storm	2nd Lorraine Landroche – Yellow Rain
HM Sharon Bibault – Midnight Garden Delight	

Most Creative Use of Challenge Fabric

1st Carol Johnson – Big Mouth Fish Bag	2nd Norrene McGeary - Flowers Gone Astray
HM Jeanine Hicks – Bouquet of Peace	

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Fabric Challenge Awards (cont)

Three Dimensional:

1st **Jamie Radke – Fabric Challenge Tote** 2nd **Barbara Stetson – Callie's Garden**
 HM **Carolyn Marshall – Thoroughly Modern Business Woman**

Thanks to Quilting Treasures for their participation and support of the Fabric Challenge. Jodi Beckett, Executive Vice President and Cyndi Hershey, Creative Manager of Quilting Treasures, judged the Challenge items that were constructed of 80% or more of Quilting Treasures fabrics. The two winners will each receive a check for \$100 from Quilting Treasures to be presented at the May meeting.

Quilting Treasures Award

Nancy Gries – Ribbons n' Flowers
Carolyn Marshall – Thoroughly Modern Business Woman



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Narragansett Bay Quilter's Association
GENERAL MEETING -- April 24, 2014

President: Joan Potter called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Program: The program for the evening, "Metamorphic Quilts," was a trunk show presented by NBQA member, Chris Bagley. Chris likes the challenge of reinterpreting a piece of art or a quilt pattern and making it her own. All the quilts she showed this evening were pieces that she changed or that changed her in some way.

Business Meeting - President/Quilt Show: Joan Potter extended thanks to the many people who worked on and contributed to the show. She specifically acknowledged Joan Halley, Judy Chase, Pat Harrison, Sara Crocker, Louise Pankiewicz, Peggy Lane, Billie Bunnewith, Diana Funke, Geri Lemay, Patti Finelli, Joan Johnson, Melanie Johnston, Sue & Phil Stedman, Sharon Mayers, and Lisa Champlin.

Vice President: Allison Wilbur reminded people to turn in unsold raffle tickets to her so they would be available for sale at the show. She also announced that the summer challenge is to take something old and make it new again. There is no size restriction.

Secretary: The minutes from the March meeting were approved without change.

Treasurer's Report: March income: \$3,488.00; YTD income: \$12,319.00; March expense: \$2,751.50; YTD expense: \$14,367.29; Checking account balance: \$21,341.54; Quilt Show income: \$1,484.00; Quilt Show expense: \$535.85.

Program: The May workshop is filled. Next year's workshops will be in the May newsletter.

Nominating Committee: Thanks to all who have stepped forward to serve next year. The only remaining vacancy is for VP.

Membership: Renewal forms will be in the May newsletter and are available on the website. Please bring complete forms and checks to the May meeting or mail them in for June 1 so we know how many new member slots we have open.

Quilt Show: Sharon Mayers still has challenge fabric quilt receipts for: J. Bardsley, S. Caffeso, M. Laprise, J. Radke and J. Roy.

The quilt drop off, tracking and registration procedure has been enhanced using labels, locations, quilt registration numbers and photos on paper bags. Anyone picking up a quilt at the end of the show MUST HAVE the receipt. We hope the process will make things smooth and secure.

Susan Chace thanked Quilting Treasures and those who participated in the Fabric Challenge. She also announced the winners. Details are in the Quilt Show booklet and the May newsletter.

Pat Harrison thanked those who participated in the judging and announced the award winners. This year the "Elimination System" was used. Most categories had 1st, 2nd, 3rd and Honorable Mention awards unless there were too few quilts in a specific category. There were also special awards given. For details, see results in the May newsletter.

FQ Drawing: No FQ in April; May theme is anything Red, White & Blue!

Door Prizes: Distributed to winners.

Adjournment. Submitted by Melanie Johnston

2014-15 NBQA Proposed Slate of Officers and Committee Chairs

(to be voted on at May meeting)

PRESIDENT - Hope Barton

VICE PRESIDENT - **OPEN**

SECRETARY – Melanie Johnston & Susan Chace

TREASURER - Lisa Champlin

BLOCK OF MONTH – Louise Pankiewicz

COMFORT QUILTS - Mary Padbury

DOOR PRIZES – Norrene McGeary & Pat Coughlin

HOSPITALITY - Peggy Lane, Charlotte Santucci

SPECIAL EVENTS – Louise Pankiewicz

HISTORIAN – Maribeth Traer

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Summer Challenge - "What is old is new again"

I have been very inspired lately by the work of Mary Kerr. She is a friend and fellow quilter in Virginia who works with vintage textiles. She has done two great exhibits using vintage textiles. One is called "Vintage Revisited" and the other is called "Quilt as Desired" (you might have seen it if you went to MQX). In the first, 18 quilters were given a series of vintage blocks and had to make wall hangings using them in any way they liked. In the second, Mary gave vintage tops to long arm quilters and they quilted them. Both exhibits were so creative and respectful of the original quilters. Here is Mary's website: <http://www.marywkerr.com>.

This summer's challenge is to take an old textile, whether it be a hanky, an orphan quilt block, a bureau scarf, some men's ties, or some vintage fabric and create something new. It could come from your family or from a yard sale or thrift shop. There will be no size restriction. Quilts will be displayed at the September meeting with prizes for first, second and third place. This might be a great way to turn a family textile into a wonderful Christmas present!! Mary wisely pointed out that more and more vintage textiles are coming out of attics so let's find ways to honor them and give them new life.

Allison Wilbur



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Hospitality Committee News

Our May Strawberry Social is fast coming upon us, signaling the end of another Club year! The Social is a great way for everyone to enjoy the fruits of the season while spending some quality time together before we all disperse for the summer. The Hospitality Committee looks forward to serving all of you as our thank-you for the support you give us during the Club year by bringing your goodies to feed all of us!!

Peggy Lane, Hospitality Chair

Membership Renewal

It would be greatly appreciated if you could fill out your Membership renewal and have payment ready to hand in at the May meeting. It's a bit of a scramble if you wait to fill out the forms/checks at the meeting. New Membership forms are on the website and at the end of this newsletter.

If you don't have Internet access and need a membership form, please call me.

I will be happy to fill in a form on your behalf. Please mail your check, made out to NBQA, to my home address.

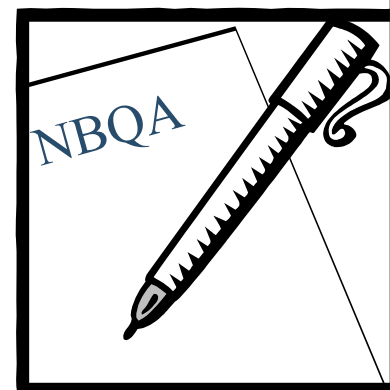
Full Membership \$30.00

Associate Membership \$15.00

Please add \$1.00 if you would like your Membership booklet mailed to you.

If you are mailing your renewal, **please get it to me by June 1st** as I am expecting there will be a lot of people wanting to join NBQA after attending the quilt show.

Judy Chase



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Thank you to all that participated in the Block of the Month Mystery Quilt.

The last two parts of the quilt will be posted to the website at the beginning of May.

Bring the completed quilt or quilt top to the September, 2014 meeting for Show & Tell.

Please help continue the NBQA Block of the Month program by supporting the 2014-15 project.

Susan Chace



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A grateful Thank You to everyone who planned and actually put up the special exhibit of my husband's quilts at the NBQA show. It created an emotional impact far greater than we anticipated.

It was a great honor to Don, a booster of NBQA and quilting for many years. He thoroughly enjoyed his brief time as a member. The love and support that the membership has shown me since his passing is thoughtful and much appreciated.

*With all my gratitude,
Sandra Munsey and family*

MUG MATS

Thank you for all the great mug mats. You made just over 1650 mats. A great result. We also have 500 yoyo pins thanks to Barbara LaPlume. Our attendees were very pleased. The mug mats are enjoyed by them and they are a reminder of our shows to come.

The winners who made the most will be announced at the May meeting.

Ginny Perry

FROM THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

We are ending this year with **Maria Lage's Applique Class**. Although this class is full, there are exciting speakers and workshops planned for next year..

In **October** we will have an amusing talk by **Beth Helfter** on "Perfection is Overrated" and our own members-- **Kindred Spirits**--will present a **Saturday workshop** on how to **make a bag with zippers** and other hardware.

November has **Jane Sassaman** giving a lecture and workshop. If you don't know who she is, look at her website janesassaman.com. She is an amazing quilt artist, fabric designer, author and teacher.

February will have a very special **workshop** by our own **Kassie** and **Denise**. Details are under wraps at present.

March brings **Pat Delaney**, doing a trunk show and a machine quilting workshop.

In **April** we will have **Sue Pelland** for both a lecture and workshop. I'd be interested in feedback on whether we should have her teach the leaf workshop for which she is so well known or her brand new heart workshop.


We will finish up in **May** with a Fabric Art presentation by members **Melanie Johnston** and **Joan Johnson**.

I will be involved with the Program Committee next year and would love to have input from the group about quilters you want to see at our meetings. I very much want to support our own members as well as have "big names" do trunk shows or lectures and present workshops. Please either talk to me at meetings or email me.

Hope Barton



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The auction is over and was a great success. Many thanks to all who contributed items to be auctioned, helped with setting up the display, working at the auction and to all who bought the many pieces made by our guild members. You are so generous with your support. You have made my job for the museum so much easier. I really appreciate all you do. The museum has greatly benefitted by our work. I know they appreciate all we do. Having Bill Spicer as our auctioneer has helped make our Sunday afternoons fun and successful.

This was my last auction. I can't express how much your support through the years has meant to me. I will still be around to help when I can. I am leaving you in good hands. My heart felt thanks.

Ginny Perry

FROM THE LIBRARY

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. If you do not return the CD/DVD when it is due there is a fine of \$1 per month per CD/DVD.

A list of all CD/DVD's in the NBQA library is on the web site <http://www.nbqa.org/resources/dvds>












If anyone has CD's or DVD's that they no longer want, the library will gladly accept contributions to share with all the members.



















The following titles have been added to the library.

Dynamic Fabric Art Portraits – Esterita Austin (Quilting Arts)

Quilting Arts TV - Series 1300

Maria Lage



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