

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back, returning and new members. I am looking forward to my second year as your President, and seeing all of you again. Hope your Summer was full of fun and lots of quilting projects.

This year will be an exciting one, with great speakers, workshops and our quilt show. I hope you had a chance to make a summer challenge project, to be shown at the September meeting. I can't wait to see what "Little Rhody" Summer means to our members.

This year our membership booklet will be a little different. You will receive an 8.5" x 11" booklet with all the information you need for the year. It will include a list of members and officers, along with information on workshops, and the blocks and strips of the month.

On a bi-monthly basis, you will receive updated sheets with new members listed, and any changes to member information. We hope this will eliminate errors in the membership roster. This will also allow us to have all information in one location, and it will save on the printing and mailing of the booklet.

There will be a New Member Welcome and Fidget Workshop on Saturday, September 14, 2019. See page 2 for details .

At the next meeting new members will have a special ribbon on their name tags. Please introduce yourselves, and extend a warm NBQA welcome. I remember my first meeting. I felt lost, until I saw smiling faces and knew we're all quilters with warm hearts. Extend the love and a hand to a new member so they feel welcome.

The love of sewing is our common thread.

Geri Bergreen, President

Don't forget the NBQA board meeting 9/5/2019, 6:30 p.m., 74 Nooseneck Hill Road, Coventry, RI

MEETINGS

**East Greenwich United Methodist Church
1558 S County Trail, East Greenwich,
Rhode Island
Thursday September 19, 2019
6:30 PM**

Please Bring:

- Your nametag
- Cash or checkbook for workshops
- Library DVDs
- Show & Tell
- "Little Rhody" Summer Entries
- Finished Comfort Quilts
- Refreshments

NEW MEMBER WELCOME AND MINI FIDGET WORKSHOP EVENT SEPTEMBER 14TH

On Saturday, September 14, 2019, there will be a new members orientation and Mini Fidget Workshop at Louise Pankiewicz's Shop, The Classroom, 74 Nooseneck Hill Road, Coventry, RI from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. If any current renewal members would like to help at the event, please contact President Geri (Tbgeri@aol.com) and let her know.

You can also bring your sewing machine (optional) and other tools. Check out "Pinterest" or Google for some Fidget ideas, and bring any notions or fabrics you may think are appropriate for Alzheimer's Fidget mats. There are so many different kinds of designs and ideas to choose from. Just be creative. Hope to see our new members there.





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PROGRAMS

Welcome back quilters!

We hope you have had a wonderful summer, and are ready to get quilting again. There are many wonderful workshops lined up for this year. You can view the line up and details on the NBQA web page, and on Facebook as well.

We are currently accepting sign ups for the fall events. If you have not signed up yet please do so ASAP! You can do this by e-mailing Chrissy Bonin at cbonin@cox.net. As of September 1st, 2019 the fall workshops will be opened up to the public. Sign ups for the spring events will be opened at the September meeting. Be sure to stop by the programs table to see our poster and samples.

The Karen Kay Buckley make up event will be held on Saturday, September 7, 2019 at the Rocky Hill Grange, 1340 South County Trail, East Greenwich at 9 a.m. If you were previously enrolled in this class you are automatically in the class. The remainder of the needed materials will be dispersed at the class. Unfortunately due to the unusual circumstances of the previous events and the kits being used we are unable to offer reassignments of spots due to cancellations. If you are unable to attend, we encourage you to find a replacement student on your own.

There are still some openings for the Sugar Maple Runner class with Pat Delaney on Saturday, September 21, 2019. Please sign up ASAP so that you can have time to prepare and select just the right fabrics for this beauty. The programs team is looking for our future programs queen.

We would love to start working together and mentor you. Remember this can be a team as well. The more the merrier! Please let us know if you are interested.

We are looking forward to a fun and quilty year with you!

Chrissy and Billie



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BLOCK OF THE MONTH 2019- 2020

We will be constructing 6 different blocks. There will be a drawing at each meeting. One ticket will be given for each block contributed. The winner of the drawing may keep all the blocks, or donate them to comfort quilts and receive a gift. The list of all blocks for the year is on the NBQA.org website. No blocks for Sept 2019 or May 2020 months. If you have any questions please contact Diane Roman or Barbara Beauguard, co-chairs, Block of the Month.

All blocks should be constructed using a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam. Unfinished blocks should measure $12\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

OCTOBER 2019 BLOCK – NINE PATCH – colors optional

Scrappy Version:

- Cut nine $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares from different fabrics.
- Sew three rows of three squares. Join the rows.



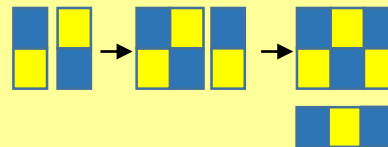
Two fabric version:

- Cut a strip $4\frac{1}{2}$ " from BOTH fabrics.
- Cut a $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square from the fabric that will have 5 blocks.



- Sew the strips lengthwise. Cut across at $4\frac{1}{2}$ " intervals.

- Add a third cut off strip to the right end
- Complete the third row and attach



NOVEMBER 2019 BLOCK - RAIL FENCE – 3 fabrics – colors optional

- Cut a strip $2\frac{1}{2}$ " x 26" from each of three fabrics
- Sew lengthwise. Cut across at $6\frac{1}{2}$ " intervals



- Cut across at $6\frac{1}{2}$ " intervals.



- Sew rows across, then join rows.

LOCAL QUILT SHOWS - SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2019

South County Museum's 34TH Annual Folk Art Quilt Show September 13, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.; September 14 and 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$10. South County Museum, 115 Strathmore Street, Narragansett, RI. **The Education Committee will be participating in the South County Museum's quilt show with ongoing demonstrations September 13, 14 and 15, 2019.**

Original Sewing and Quilt Expo September 12, 13, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; September 14, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission \$15 at door (on-line discount). DCU Center, 50 Foster Street, Worcester, MA.

Merrimack Valley Quilters "39 and Counting", September 27 and 28, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$8. Hope Community Church, 11 Hale Street, Newburyport, MA.

Silver City Quilt Guild A Day at the Zoo September 28 and 29, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$8. Friedman Middle School, Oakland Educational Complex, 500 Norton Avenue, Taunton, MA.

Ninigret Quilters 2019 Quilt Show, October 18, 19 and 20, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission \$5. Westerly Armory, B#614 Railroad Avenue, Westerly, RI

STRIP CHALLENGE

This is a great way to reduce your stash of 2 ½ " WOF strip pieces, and you could go home with a Jelly Roll. You would need to bring in 3 or more strips per meeting. You will receive a ticket for every 3 strips you bring. Near the end of the business meeting there will be a drawing. You must be present to win. We will continue to draw until we get a winner.

This is how it works: Check the month and bring 3 or more strips representing the THEME for that month. If your stash does not support the THEME, you may substitute neutral solids or blenders. This season's THEME consists of things you would see or buy on a trip to:

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|-----------|---------------------------|
| September | THE FARMERS' MARKET |
| October | THE PET SHOP |
| November | SANTA'S WORKSHOP |
| January | THE FLOWER SHOP |
| February | THE BALL GAME |
| March | THE ZOO |
| April | THE BEACH |
| May | THE FOURTH OF JULY PARADE |

Any questions, contact, Lyn Pallotta, Strip Exchange Chair



EDUCATION COMMITTEE

When planning a quilt, choosing the quilt size, pattern, and fabric are key first steps. After you have made these decisions, figuring the amount of fabric needed can be a bit complicated. Use this chart to take the math out of making patchwork quilts. It's easy! Courtesy- McCall's Quilting.

Conversion Chart for Inches, Yardage, and Meters

Example: 18" = 1/2 yard = .5 yard = .457 meters

If 18" of fabric you like costs \$6.00/yard, multiply \$6.00 by .5 to figure price.

| INCHES | YARDS (fractions) | YARDS (decimals) | METERS |
|---------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| 18" | 1/2 yard | .5 yard | .457 meters |
| 22 1/2" | 5/8 yard | .625 yard | .572 meters |
| 27" | 3/4 yard | .75 yard | .686 meters |
| 31 1/2" | 7/8 yard | .875 yard | .8 meters |
| 36" | 1 yard | 1 yard | .914 meters |
| 40 1/2" | 1 1/8 yard | 1.125 yard | 1.029 meters |
| 45" | 1 1/4 yard | 1.25 yard | 1.143 meters |
| 49 1/2" | 1 3/8 yard | 1.375 yard | 1.257 meters |
| 54" | 1 1/2 yard | 1.5 yard | 1.372 meters |
| 58 1/2" | 1 5/8 yard | 1.625 yard | 1.486 meters |
| 63" | 1 3/4 yard | 1.75 yard | 1.6 meters |
| 67 1/2" | 1 7/8 yard | 1.875 yard | 1.715 meters |
| 72" | 2 yards | 2 yards | 1.829 meters |

- Education committee will be participating in the South County Museum Quilt Show with ongoing demonstrations September 13, 14, and 15, 2019.
- If you'd like to help with preparation for "A Banner Day" program for the Alzheimer's Association, contact Peggy Lane at drpalane@cox.net or 401-294-6576.

NARRAGANSETT BAY QUILTERS' ASSOCIATION 2020 QUILT SHOW **APRIL 25th AND 26th, 2020**

The Narragansett Bay Quilters' Association *Quilters' Vision* – 2020 Quilt Show will be held Saturday and Sunday, April 25th and 26th, 2020, at North Kingstown High School, 150 Fairway Drive, North Kingstown, RI. Admission \$8 at the door. Children under 12 free with paying adult.

There will be over 300 quilts, vendors, a basket raffle, silent auction, a raffle quilt, and so much more. Special Exhibit "*RI Modern Quilt Guild*".

[NBQA Members Quilt Show 2020 Submission of Entry to Show](http://WWW.NBQA.ORG) is on the NBQA website, WWW.NBQA.ORG.

Submission deadline is February 20, 2020. Completed forms can be mailed to NBQA, PO Box 614, East Greenwich, RI 02828 attn.: Quilt Show, or returned at membership meetings.

Quilters' Vision 2020 Design-a-Quilt Contest

The theme for our quilt show is ***Quilters' Vision – 2020***. What does that name say to you? "20:20" is perfect vision in optometry. What is your vision for the future (for you, for our country, for our planet, etc.)? Are things coming into focus? What direction is quilting taking now, or in the future?

- We will be holding a contest to **design a quilt** based on our theme for the 2020 show.
- Entries are due at the Feb. 20, 2020 meeting. Entries must be complete and brought to the meeting to be voted on by the membership. Voting categories are listed below.
- All items submitted must be **constructed to include three layers** (top, batting, back) and be held together with stitching. A qualifying quilted item may include, but is not limited to, quilts, clothing, purses, totes or other accessories, etc.
- The hanging size of the item must be not less than **10" x 10"** (or a total of 40") and not larger than **42" x 42"** (or a total of 168").
- Entries will be hung together at the 2020 Quilt Show. All entries must have a completed 2020 Quilt show entry form. Winning entries (based on member votes) will be awarded ribbons. If a contest 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 contest entries, but in the general part of the show.

Categories:

_____ Pieced _____ Applique _____ Art/Innovative _____ Best use of Color
 _____ Best interpretation of theme _____ 3-Dimensions entry e.g. clothing, purse etc.

Joan Potter
 Quilt Show Chair

Sally Cooper, Maybeth Cost & Paula Weston
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COMFORT QUILTS

We are looking forward to another productive year where we are able to donate many quilts to organizations that are able to put them to good use. Many thanks to all who participated last year, and we are hopeful that you will find yourself able to help again this year. We will have kits of material and quilts that need quilting and/or binding at each guild meeting during the year. Please take one (two, three), to work on at home at your leisure. You can piece a top and bring it back, or complete the whole quilt. Bring them back to us at a future meeting for distribution.

Last year we gave quilts to Blackstone Valley Advocacy, Crossroads, Healthy Families America (at Meeting Street School) Holly Charrette/Wounded Warriors, Hope Alzheimer's Center, Hope Valley Fire Department, Kent Hospital Oncology Unit, Ronald McDonald House, South County Hospital, Veterans Hospital, VNA Care NE and Women & Infants Hospital. If you have a charity that you would like to see included in our donations, please see Linda or Brenda.

We have planned three Quilt-A-Thons for this coming year. They will be on October 5, 2019, January 11, 2020, and March 21, 2020, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at *The Classroom*, 74 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI 02817. It is right off Rt 95 at Exit 6.

If you have any questions, please contact Linda Maslanka or Brenda Starble.

NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM

Just a few reminders:

- We have four passes to the New England Quilt Museum for members of NBQA. Each Pass is good for entrance to the museum for 2 people, one visit. Please contact Geri Bergreen (Tbgeri@aol.com) or Karen Stanley (karenstanley@mac.com) if you are interested. Passes will be available on a first come, first serve basis.
- One of the quilts on display at *The Summer Celebration* will be "My Father's Ties", by Pat Harrison, NBQA member and winner of the Best of Show at the 2018 NBQA Quilt show.
- NBQA also has the option of scheduling one designated week per year for guild members to receive complimentary admission and 15% discount on all Museum store purchases. Additionally, a once a year curator-led tour of the museum can be scheduled with complimentary admission for guild members. Possible dates and times for these activities will be discussed at the next meeting, so bring your thoughts and preferences so that we can schedule these events.

Thank you, Karen Stanley, NEQM Guild Representative



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they are stepping down. This event would
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Billie or Chrissy if interested.*

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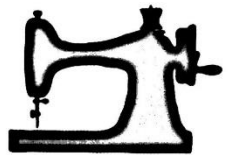


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At the 4th light, Thorndike Street merges into Dutton Street. Go to the 2nd light and turn right onto Market Street.

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