



#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you all had a good summer and are looking forward to getting back together again. I know there are so many long term friendships at the guild, and it's so wonderful to see everyone again. However, it wasn't that long ago that I was a new member and felt a little lost in the crazy wonderfulness that happens in the lobby. Sometimes, break was the hardest part because I wasn't sure where or who to sit with because it seemed like everyone was happily gabbing away. Getting involved and going to workshops has made a world of difference.

As I write this, we are getting ready for the New Member meeting where we try to explain all the amazing things that happen in the guild and encourage them to join in. I have heard that the lobby can be overwhelming to newcomers, so I asked Cathey LaBonte, one of the bubbliest, friendliest people I know, to help out. She will have a helium balloon at her publicity table so she can easily be found and asked questions. If you don't like sitting alone at meetings, she will help you find company. At the break, I want to honor all the people who are happy to be back with their old friends with the traditional seating. For the new members, and anyone who came alone or just feels like chatting, there will be a "Friendship Table" without chairs so people can move around and talk to different people. I encourage all of you to reach out and talk to someone new at the meetings.

On the business side, I wanted you to know that our new treasurer, Lisa Champlin, is bonded. All the Board of Directors' and regular member meetings' minutes are being posted on the website. Please check out NBQA.org for the wonderful speakers, workshops, and activities that are planned.

I look forward to seeing you all in September.

Hope

#### **NEXT MEETING:**

Sept. 18, 2014 at 7:00 PM

East Greenwich United Methodist Church

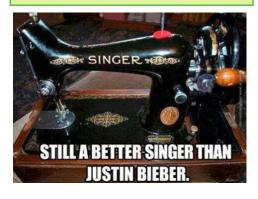
#### **Please Bring:**

- Your nametag
- Summer Challenge entry, if you made one
- · Show & Tell items
- Fat Quarter of the Month (see list later in newsletter)
- Refreshments (see page 7)
- Magazines to swap
- Any checked out library DVDs
- Cash or checkbook to sign up for workshops and/or bus trips

Pick up your membership cards and booklets at the sign-in table

A big welcome to our 25 new members!

We now have 211 full members and 15 associate members.



#### 2014-2015 PROPOSED BUDGET

	Budget	as of	New
	2013-2014	May 29	2014-2015
Income			
Library	\$ 0.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 0.00
Newsletter	\$ 300.00	\$ 275.00	\$ 300.00
Workshops	\$ 4,575.00	\$ 3,985.00	\$ 3,375.00
Special Events	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,540.00	\$ 2,200.00
Membership	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 4,939.00	\$ 6,500.00
Raffle Tickets	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,635.00	\$ 0.00
Quilt Show	\$17,215.00	\$18,003.00	\$ 0.00
Small Quilt, Silent Auctions	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,400.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 250.00
Total Income	\$34,390.00	\$30,382.00	\$14,025.00
Expenses			
Block of the Month	\$ 150.00	\$ 144.23	\$ 150.00
Door prizes	\$ 350.00	\$ 297.24	\$ 350.00
Historian	\$ 25.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 25.00
Hospitality	\$ 750.00	\$ 817.69	\$ 750.00
Library	\$ 250.00	\$ 237.38	\$ 250.00
Newsletter	\$ 400.00	\$ 404.92	\$ 500.00
Workshops and Programs	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 6,896.03	\$ 6,600.00
Special Events	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,325.00	\$ 2,200.00
Rent - General Meetings	\$ 1,025.00	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 1,200.00
Rent - Workshops	\$ 675.00	\$ 600.00	\$ 375.00
Fees and dues	\$ 200.00	\$ 108.00	\$ 110.00
Membership	\$ 600.00	\$ 548.99	\$ 600.00
Quilt Show	\$13,000.00	\$14,454.00	\$ 0.00
Raffle Quilt	\$ 350.00	\$ 81.95	\$ 350.00
Comfort Quilts	\$ 300.00	\$ 148.96	\$ 200.00
Capital expenditures	\$ 500.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Donations	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 500.00
Website	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 797.00	\$ 350.00
NEQM	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,400.00
Bond for Treasurer			\$ 300.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 200.00	\$ 399.01	\$ 200.00
Total Expenses	\$34,475.00	\$28,360.40	\$16,410.00

#### Narragansett Bay Quilter's Association NBQA Board Meeting - July 17, 2014

In Attendance: Hope Barton, Judy Lang-Chiarella, Lisa Champlin, Louise Pankiewicz, Mary Padbury, Norene Mc-Geary, Peggy Lane, Maria Lage, Diane Roman, Chris Bagley, Allison Wilbur, Diana Funke, Joan Potter, Susan Chace

President Hope Barton called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Each person in attendance introduced themselves and said what their position on the board was for the coming year.

Treasurer: Lisa Champlin has been bonded by Western Surety for \$30k as of July 9, 2014. The annual premium for the bond is \$300. The NBQA books have been reviewed for the past year and are still being finalized. Moving forward the treasurer will break out expenses by line item in her summary report at the meetings. Lisa explained there were a couple of ways to present financial data at the meeting. Because of the use of on line banking, Lisa would be able to present financial info that included up to date information that included all cashed checks. A discussion was held regarding the posting of financial information on the website. After deliberation, it was decided not to put any financial info on the website unless we established a member sign-in section. Noreen McGeary made a motion to check balance, income & expense by category rounded to the nearest dollar amount in the report made verbally at the meetings. Paper copies will not be available, but members will be encouraged to ask Lisa for any details. The motion was seconded by Judy Chase and passed with no objections. A report may be due to the state for our non-profit status and Lisa will investigate what needs to be done.

**Budget**: Discussion of the various line items with input from those in attendance. A few items were clarified about what the funds were used for and with adjustments the final projected total expenses was increased by \$100 to \$18,475.

**Workshops**: There are 6 workshops in the 2014-15 budget. A discussion was held regarding the fact that workshops shouldn't be included with programs in the budget. Programs and workshop costs will be separate line items in the budget. The numbers will be available at the next meeting.

**Special events**: Louise reported that this year there would be a trip to the School House Shop Hop and to the Quilt Show in Somers, NY. It was decided to allocate another \$400 to that line item to cover the cost of the trips which is negated by the members when they sign up for the trips.

**Raffle quilt**: The amount in the budget covers the purchase of fabric, batting and thread. Allison asked if a longarm quilter was doing the quilt, would it be a good idea to offer compensation for their time. Joan Potter and others mentioned that the quilts used to be hand quilted by a group of members and perhaps we should consider re-instituting that tradition.

Website: The amount listed in the budget is to cover the hosting and updating fees.

Allison Wilbur made a motion to accept the Budget for 2014-15 as amended. Louise Pankiewicz seconded and the motion was passed with no objections. Joan Potter made a motion to accept the prior board minutes from May, which was passed with no objections.

Quilt Racks will not be rented out to any person or any organization simply because they are not replaceable and moving them requires too many people to coordinate the transfers.

**Summer Challenge**: An e-mail will be sent out for 6 volunteers to assist Allison in taking in and hanging the summer challenge as well as tallying the votes for the favorite. There will be the same monetary prizes as awarded in the past. First \$25, 2nd \$15 and 3rd \$10. During the second portion of the meeting, each person that submitted a challenge item will be asked to stand and briefly talk about their entry.

Programs and Workshops will be explained in detail during the September regular meeting.

Peggy Lane still needs a second in command in case she can't attend a meeting. That person must be available on short notice to go to Peggy's house and pick up the paper supplies, etc, as well as filling in for her organizing the social part of our meetings. Norene McGeary said she would consider helping out.

P.O. Box is not conveniently located for pick up by the membership chair or the president. Norene McGreary volunteered to pick up the mail from the box each month and bring the contents to the meetings.

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**Mentoring new members:** A discussion was held about what we can do to make new members more welcome. Diane Roman mentioned that for a new member, all the activity in the lobby area was confusing and that a map of the layout might help a new member acclimate. Apparently various types of mentoring had been tried in the past, but the right method hadn't been found yet. We will consider various options and have further discussions to try to come up with something to try.

Some guilds have demonstrations of various quilting techniques during their meetings. A discussion ensued about perhaps trying this at our meetings.

For the January Pot Luck meeting we discussed the possibility of doing a Bingo or Las Vegas night.

Fat Quarter of the Month: We need someone to take over this activity for the coming year.

The next meeting is the new member meeting on August 21st. Hope wants to have another board meeting prior to that meeting starting at 6 or 6:30. She will let us all know the start time close to the date, depending on the amount of items that need to be discussed that night.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50.

Submitted by Susan Chace

#### NBQA Board Meeting - August 21, 2014

Present: Hope Barton, Judy Lang-Chiarella, Melanie Johnston, Lisa Champlin, Joan Blade Johnson, Cathey LaBonte, Maria Lage, Diane Roman, Louise Pankiewicz, Joan Potter, Carol Kaufman, Joan Rebecchi, Peggy Lane, Mary Padbury

President: Hope Barton called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM.

**Treasurer**: Lisa reviewed the changes to the budget based on the discussion and decisions from the July board meeting. (See attached) There were no further changes. The budget will be presented to the membership for vote.

Proceeds from the raffle quilt have not yet been fully distributed. \$892 remains. Motion by Melanie Johnston: Donate the remaining \$892 to the NEQM in partial fulfillment of our annual obligation. The motion was seconded and carried.

There was some discussion about the actual amount of our annual NEQM obligation. It is thought to be between \$1,000 and \$2,000. Hope will verify the correct amount for the next board meeting.

**New Members**: Hope presented ideas to make new members feel welcome. For at least the first few meetings, Cathey LaBonte will staff a "welcome" table in the lobby. The table will be identified by helium balloons. The idea is for new members with questions or just looking for someone to sit with, to find Cathey for assistance. Additionally, we will create a gathering area in the refreshment room. This will also be a table with helium balloons. New members or members coming alone looking to meet new people and socialize during break, can meet up at this table.

We are starting the year off with several available new member openings. The board suggested trying to get an article in a local paper, maybe using a "start of a new quilt guild year" theme. Louise will gather contact info for local papers. Additionally, it was suggested we put our meetings on the free community calendars published by the various papers. Joan Blade Johnson will provide the contact info to Publicity.

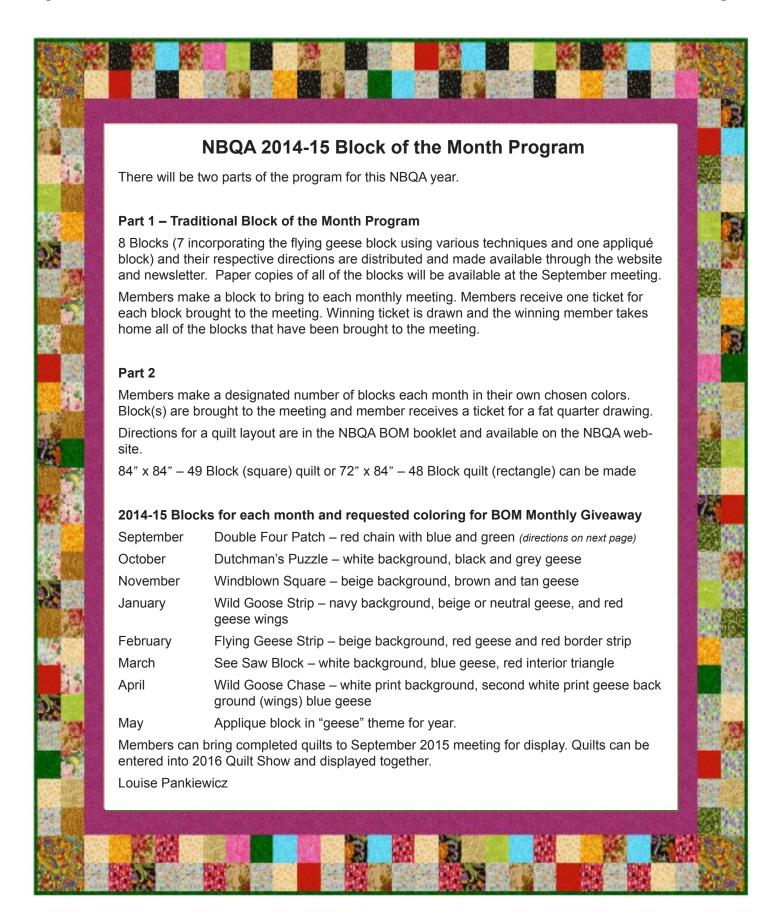
The board also suggested creating flyers to be placed at local quilt shops. Diane Roman has drafted one for new members that might be used as a basis. This will be discussed in more detail at a future board meeting.

**Program**: Joan Blade Johnson noted that it would be helpful to have a list of workshop host responsibilities. These have changed now that workshops are at the Sewing Room. Since there is not a current list, Joan will create one after her experience with the first workshop of the guild year.

**January Meeting Ideas**: The board discussed possible changes to the traditional January Pot Luck Supper event. Ideas included: having snacks and desserts instead of a full dinner; invite vendors and members with particular expertise, to set up stations and conduct a speed dating type event; have one of the stations be refreshments; do something and incorporate prizes. These ideas will be explored further at an upcoming board meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:55 and board members joined committee members to conduct the New Member Orientation.

Submitted by Melanie Johnston, Secretary

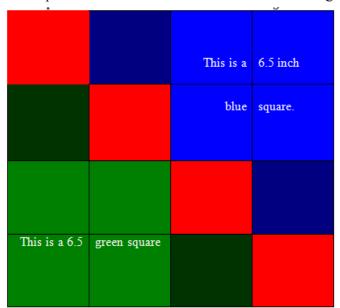


#### **NBQA Block of the Month for September – Double 4 Patch**

The blue, red and green in this block should be the same fabric for the block exchange.

The blues and greens here are the same fabric but are shaded differently in these directions to show the different sizes of the two patches.

A fat quarter of each color will be more than enough to make one block.



Cut 4 red squares each 3.5 inches square.

Cut 2 green squares each 3.5 inches square.

Cut 1 green square 6.5 inches square.

Cut 2 blue squares each 3.5 inches square.

Cut 1 blue square 6.5 inches square.

Sew 2 red, 1 blue, 1 green square together in a 4 patch as shown left. Make 2

Sew 1 red, blue, green 4 patch to blue 6.5 inch square to make row 1.

Sew 1 red, blue, green 4 patch to a green 6.5 inch square to make row 2.

Sew row 1 and 2 together to make one 12.5 inch block.





# Hospitality Committee News

The Hospitality Committee would like to welcome all NBQA members--including our new ones--to our upcoming year of great meetings. The success of our Hospitality effort at each meeting depends entirely upon the generosity of members to be willing to bring refreshments. Since our September meeting is only a week away, it is a good time to review Hospitality's suggestions for refreshment donations for our meetings. The following items are all favorites of our membership. (Please note that each donation should feed about a dozen people, and should be cut into bite-size pieces, if necessary.)

"Sweets": Cakes, cookies, brownies, breads, cupcakes, muffins

"Savory items": Veggies & dip, fruit plate, cheese & crackers, quiche, cold cuts, bread & butter

"Nibblies": Chips & dip, popcorn, trail mixes, pretzels, nuts, candy

Normally, we have members sign up at each meeting to volunteer to bring refreshments for the next month. For the September meeting, however, we need to appeal to everyone's generosity and ask that they bring something, if they are able. Please contact me (drpalane@cox. net or 401-294-6576) if you will be able to do so, so that I may get an idea of how many dishes we will receive. Thank you, and I look forward to seeing all of you soon.

Peggy Lane, Hospitality Chair



#### BQA Special Events for 2

Special Events will organize trips for the following events and the RI Quilt Shop Hop

Friday, November 7, 2014 – A Quilter's Gathering in Manchester New Hampshire. This trip will be a joint venture with the Ninigret Ouilters of Westerly/Pawcatuck who have made the deposit for the bus. See next page for more information on the bus trip.

Massachusetts Schoolhouse Shop Hop tentative date is Saturday, March 28. 2015. Price and further information will be available in the future for this bus trip.

Rhode Island Quilt Shop Hop set for March/ April 2015 time frame. Rhode Island Quilt Shops are being asked to participate in the shop hop and provide discounts and incentives for NBQA members. Members will receive their passport in January/February newsletter. Completed passports should be brought to the May 2015 meting in order to be eligible for additional prizes.

Bus trip to the Northern Star Quilters' Guild Quilt Show in Somers, New York is planned for the spring. This Quilt Show is usually on the first Saturday in May (probably May 2, 2015). More details to come.

Louise Pankiewicz

## A Quilters' Gathering Field Trip to Manchester, NH Friday, November 7, 2014

Pick-up information:

7:00am Westerly / Central Baptist Church, 16 Elm Street, Westerly

7:30ish Warwick / Park & Ride, Route 117 (Lot is on Rt. 117 / exit 10 off I-95)

We plan to stop at a fabric store on the way and will return to Westerly by 6pm. For more information about the show, visit their website: *www.aquiltersgathering.com*. Members of Ninigret Quilters Guild and NBQA are invited and are welcome to invite friends who are not members. Bus maximum capacity is 54.

Cost is \$27, including tip for the driver and ticket to the show. Make checks payable to Ninigret Quilters. Louise Pankiewicz will accept checks at the September NBQA meeting and forward them to Ellie Coffey.

If questions, contact Ellie Coffey at 860.599.2831.

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Summer Challenge "What is old is new again"

At the September meeting, we will be voting on all the entries for the Summer Challenge (description below). Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Hope you are all working on something to enter!

Allison Wilbur

Challenge: Take an old textile (hanky, orphan quilt block, men's ties, vintage fabric, etc.) and create something new. No size restriction.

#### NBQa fat Quarter Challenge 2014-2015

Each month members may bring a fat quarter on the theme (one or more up to five) from their stashes. At the meeting, you receive a ticket for each fat quarter you bring. \*There is a drawing at the end of the night, and the winner takes home all the fat quarters brought to the meeting.

September The Usual Suspects / Interesting fat quarters that keep slipping back into your stash

October Honey I Shrunk the Kids / Juvenile prints

November 50 Shades of Gray / Blacks, whites and... shades of gray

January The Polar Express / All Aboard - winter holiday theme fat quarters

**February** Splendor in the Grass / Prints used for landscape (sand, grass, trees, leaves, etc)

March Out of Africa ... or Australia or Asia or Oceana / tribal inspired prints April Thoroughly Modern Millie / Modern prints/designs or geometrics

May Steel Magnolias / Mid-scale (approx 2 - 5 ") florals

Carol Kaufman 700000000



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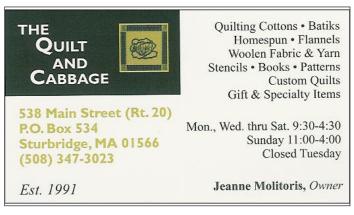
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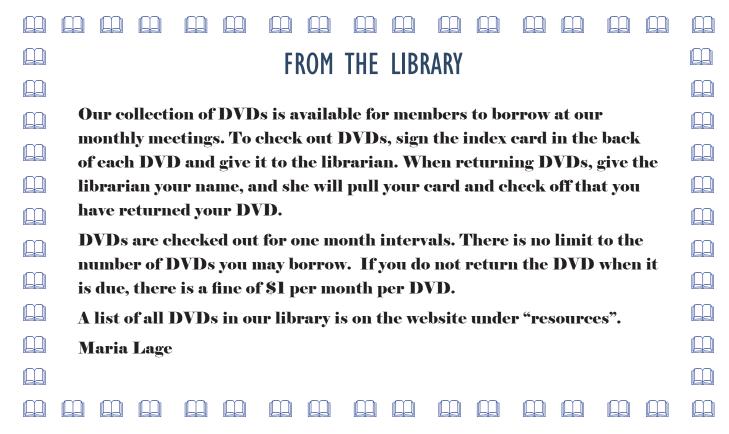
# Allison Wilbur Quilts Barrington RI allisonquilt@me.com http://AllisonWilburQuilts.com

Professional Longarm Quilting Teacher - Knit One Quilt Too





<sup>\*</sup> Remember, the winner takes home the piece(s) brought. So, depending on how much you want to see those pieces again you may opt for just one ticket. Of course, the pile can often look pretty interesting.







# Comfort Quilts

Dig out that packet with pattern and fabric you took home from the May meetings. There were 80 packets making 2  $14 \times 14$  blocks. There will be samples of the comfort quilts . The Quilt-A-Thon will be in February . We are making up packets with patterns, fabric and batting for you to do at home. We can use baby and kids fabric so check your stash.

Thanks Mary

## CLASSIFIED

Each NBQA member is allowed 1 free ad per year. Subsequent ads are \$5.00 each or \$25.00 per year. If you have a "Classified" you would like to run in the next newsletter, e-mail it to info@nbquilts.org.

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#### POST NEW YEAR'S QUILTERS' RETREAT

January 2-4, 2015 (Fri-Sun) ~ Hampton Inn, Coventry, RI

\$295 /person single occupancy (\$225 double occupancy)

Includes 2 nights lodging, sewing space open 24 hours, meals, & hotel amenities (indoor pool, exercise room, free WiFi in public spaces). Weekend activities include: Chocolate Lovers Tasting, Wine Tasting, and Show & Tell. Sew from 9 AM Friday until 3 PM Sunday — Who needs to sleep?

Weekend co-sponsored by Island Creations by Louise and Folk Art Quilts. Gift bags and goodies provided by Folk Art Quilts, Wakefield, RI. For additional hotel details: www.coventry.hamptoninn.com

For additional details: www.islandcreationsbylouise.blogspot.com or call Louise at 401-323-0255 space is limited | reserve early with \$50 deposit | payment deadline 12/1/14



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#### new members

The following new members did not make it into the printing of the membership booklet:

#### **Peggy Murphy**

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#### **Sharon Dziekan**

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#### **Betty Jean Karopczyz**

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#### **Janice Ouimette**

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#### FROM THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Below is info on upcoming programs and workshops for October and November. To sign up for workshops, contact Joan Blade Johnson by email, phone or at NBQA meetings.

#### Thursday, October 16, 2014

"Perfection is Overrated" Lecture - Beth Helfter of EvaPaige Quilt Designs

Trunk show covering her quilt making journey, from her first frighteningly awful attempt at self taught quilting to eventually founding EvaPaige Quilt Designs. She will talk about her design process, how a quilt can be a thing of beauty even without matching seams and perfect points, and the many joys of bringing her designs to the masses, including the discovery that they often can become converts to the freeing idea that "perfection is overrated". Lots of quilts, no slides.

#### Saturday, October 18, 2014

"Urban Trilogy Bag" Workshop - Kindred Quilters (NBQA Members Lois Johnsen and Shari Migdail-Smith)

Class fee for NBQA members- \$35, non-members- \$40

Our sleek, little bag features both shoulder and cross-body wearing. Multiple outer and lining pockets (including two zipper pockets), and a clever magnetic snap let you stay organized as you travel in style. Our easy, no-stress method for creating zipper pockets makes completing this bag a breeze. This class will focus on creating the basic bag. The pattern, which is included in the class fee, contains directions for the patchwork and pleated packet variations.

Skill Level: Beginner | Class supply list available on NBQA website.

#### Thursday, November 20, 2014

"Under the Influence" Lecture - Jane Sassaman, Quilt Artist, Fabric Designer, Author & Teacher

This is a very colorful lecture covering the visual and philosophical ideas that have influenced her work.

#### Friday, November 21, 2014

"Pattern Play" Workshop - Jane Sassaman

Class fee for NBQA members- \$40, non-members- \$45

This workshop will explore many classic and nontraditional ways of applying pattern. We will examine historic ornament and decorative design throughout the course. We will do several design exercises on paper that will evolve onto a unique fiber project. This course strives to stimulate new ways to add energy and excitement to your work with surface decoration. It will also supply you with a collection of unique designs to apply to your surface design or fiber art.

Level - Beginning to advanced | NO sewing machine needed | supply list on NBQA website

Joan Blade Johnson

## New England Quilt Museum

DOWN BY THE OLD MILL STREAM - Rhode Island Quilts & Historic Fashions On View through October 5, 2014

This exhibition explores how new textile technology in the late 18th and 19th centuries benefited and inspired Rhode Island quiltmakers. Rare quilts, garments and related objects from the University of Rhode Island's Historic Textile and Costume Collection exemplify innovations in printing technology, dye chemistry and print motifs.

#### **COMING NEXT:**

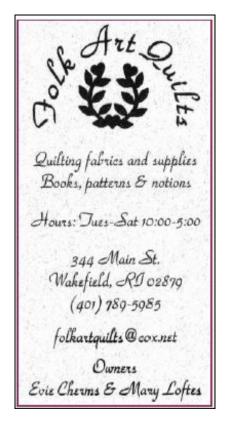
**HUMOROUS QUILTS: Keeping Us In Stitches (October 9 - December 31)** 

#### **Consignments Wanted!**

The Museum Store is looking for high-quality consignment items to sell, including quilts of all sizes and styles. Consignment items are accepted through an informal selection process that involves input from the Executive Director and a diverse group of experienced quilters. Consigners receive 60% of the proceeds, and the Museum receives 40%.

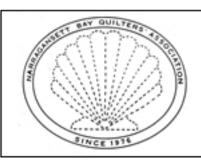
Contact the Museum Store at shop@nequiltmuseum.org-or- 978.452.4207 x 16

Be sure to check the Museum's website for upcoming classes and other events. Chris Bagley









#### Narragansett Bay Quilters' Association PO Box 614 East Greenwich, RI 02818

www.nbqa.org



## New England Quilt Museum

18 Shattuck St. Lowell, MA 01852 978-452-4207

www.neguiltmuseum.org



Lowell is located 28 miles north of Boston off Interstate 93 and 495 and Route 3. Take the Lowell Connector from either Interstate 495 (Exit 35C) or Route 3 (Exit 30N Northbound or 30A Southbound) to Thorndike Street (exit 5B). Go the 6th light and turn right onto Market Street.

Park at street meters, the Leo A. Roy Market Street Garage, or on weekends ONLY, the lot behind the museum on Middle Street.

To drive up to the door, go into the next light into Palmer Street. Go to the next light and turn left onto Merrimack Street. Go to the next corner and turn left onto Shattuck.

# 2014 Museum Exhibition Schedule

July 10-October 5
DOWN BY THE OLD MILL STREAM
Rhode Island Quilts

October 9-December 31 HUMOROUS QUILTS Keeping Us In Stitches

HOURS
Tuesday through Saturday,
10 AM — 1 PM
From May 1 to October 31,
also open Sundays, 12 — 4 PM