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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I'm so glad spring is here! This is such a great time of the year. In the spirit of new beginnings, we have some new initiatives in the works.

We'd like to make some changes to the way we run our programs. The position of Program Chair is really too big of a job for just one person, even if she gets a couple helpers. We tried the concept of having hostesses for the workshops, but that didn't alleviate the burden enough. So we'd like to form a Program Committee with at least 4 or 5 people. Between themselves they can divide up the responsibilities equitably, and choose one of their number to serve as chair to attend the board meetings. If you get a call from the Nominating Committee asking you to serve, please consider a position in this new group. It is a great way to get to know your fellow quilters better, as well as reaching out to the wider community of quilting experts. The speakers for next year have already been selected, so you will have an opportunity to try new things for 2014-15. And speaking of new things, next year we are moving the workshops to Fridays (and some Saturdays) at the Sewing Room in Exeter. We hope this will make things easier for everyone. Having the workshop and meeting on the same day makes for a very long one, and often we choose to skip either the workshop or the meeting because we have to be home for dinner with the family. It's a long day for our teachers, too. As a bonus, holding the workshop at a quilt shop will mean you can buy something you didn't bring.

The other new initiative is a modernization of our website. We are retaining a consultant to provide the new framework, and we are looking for some members to provide input and suggestions. The website has been a great resource, and this is an opportunity to make it even better. I hope you will contact me or Melanie Johnston to get involved as soon as possible.

Plans are in the works for the 2014 Quilt Show. The Fabric Challenge has been announced. Look elsewhere in this newsletter for more info. I hope everyone enters at least one quilt in the show, even if they don't participate in the challenge.

Peace, Joan

## Next Meeting:

**March 21, 2013 7:00 PM**

*BOD meets at 6:00 PM*

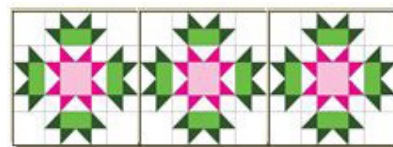
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### Please Bring:

- Your nametag
- Show & Tell items
- Block of the Month
- Fat Quarter of the Month  
(theme is animal prints)
- Money/check for workshops
- Magazines to swap
- DVDs to return
- Completed comfort quilts
- Refreshment, if signed up

### ☛ PLEASE NOTE ☛

**Due to low enrollment, the March workshop with Froncie Quinn is cancelled. She will still lecture and vend at the March meeting.**



## NBQA SHOP HOP PASSPORT!

Be sure to print out the NBQA Shop Hop Passport on pages 7-8 to take with you from April 15 through May 4, 2013!

**Narragansett Bay Quilter's Association**  
**GENERAL MEETING -- February 21, 2013**

**President:** Joan Potter called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The IRS non-profit application has been submitted to the IRS, with thanks to the efforts of Diana Funke for preparing the detailed financial statements. A consultant will be engaged to modernize the NBQA website, and we are looking for volunteers to help with the new design. Please see Joan or Melanie Johnston. A new section will be added to the newsletter for NBQA teachers to list their classes taught outside NBQA. Additional details can be posted on the website, such as photos or materials lists.

**Special Events:** Louise Pankiewicz announced the School House Shop Hop bus trip, March 23, from 7:30 AM – 9 PM, for \$30 (or less if the bus is filled). There is also a bus trip to the Northern Stars Quilt Guild show in Somers, NY, on May 4.

**Program:** Steffanie Windus announced next month's workshop with Froncie Quinn may be cancelled if more people don't sign up tonight. The Friday workshop with Cindy Needham will be held at the Sewing Room in Exeter, as well as the April jacket workshop.

Cindy Needham presented an impressive trunk show of her Linen Ladies whole cloth quilts.

**Treasurer:** Diana Funke reported a general fund balance of \$12322, and a quilt show account balance of \$13277. Profits from the 2012 quilt show were donated to Crossroads RI and the RI Food Bank, \$1000 each. Both donations were matched dollar for dollar by Amica Insurance.

**Vice President:** Allison Wilbur showed off the completed 2014 raffle quilt top, a beautiful blazing star designed and constructed by Sharon Mayers. She is seeking proposals for quilting from interested members.

**Membership:** Joan Johnson handed out a membership booklet to a member.

**Comfort Quilts:** Donna Woodworth has some partially completed kits that need to be finished. If necessary NBQA can reimburse for fabric purchased. The quilts will be donated at the September meeting.

**Quilt Show:** Joan Halley displayed the fabric for the 2014 Fabric Challenge. The rules are similar to last year's. The fabric will be sold as half yards for \$5. The quilts must be completed by the Feb. 2014 meeting. Please see Sue Chace for more info. Ginny Perry reminded everyone to keep making mug mats.

**BOM:** The winners for January are Donna Chaves, Shari Migdail-Smith and Kaye Johnson. February's winners are Jodi Frank, Gail Macera and Sharon Bibeault. Their prizes will be available at the March meeting.

**NEQM:** Ginny Perry asked for hand-made items for the May silent auction.

**Fat Quarters:** Sara Crocker won 28 red and white fat quarters. Next month's theme is animal prints.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by Joan Potter.



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## Welcome to our new members!

### NEW MEMBERS:

**Sue Caffeso**

**Karen Ouhrabka**

**Jeanne Burke**

**Kathleen Scudieri**

### NEW ASSOCIATE MEMBERS:

**Susan LaRose**

**Patricia Bureau**

**Angela Abosamra**

Susan Ellis  
Membership Chairperson, NBQA

## 2014 QUILT SHOW FABRIC CHALLENGE

The challenge fabric selected for 2014 is Black Contempo Floral #22536 (see photo below) which is part of the fabric line Sunburst by Studio 8 for Quilting Treasures. The complete fabric line can be viewed at [QuiltingTreasures.com](http://QuiltingTreasures.com)

- The fabric will be sold in ½ yard pieces at the general meetings for \$5.00 each. All NBQA Members and Associate Members are eligible to participate.
- The challenge fabric must be recognizable on the front side of the finished item, but there is no minimum block size. The challenge fabric must be used within the design, not just as a border.
- 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, in addition to quilts, clothing, purses, totes or other accessories, etc
- The size of the item must be not less than 10" x 10" (or a total of 40") and not larger than 36" x 42" (or a total of 160").
- Completed entries must be brought to the February 2014 general meeting along with a 2014 Quilt show entry form. The entries will be displayed during that meeting and the members will vote for a variety of ribbons which will be awarded at the Quilt Show.
- An entry that is made with 80% or more of Quilting Treasures fabrics will be eligible for consideration for a Quilting Treasures Award to be presented at the 2014 Quilt Show. Qualifying entries can use any of the Quilting Treasures fabric lines within their challenge entry; fabric is not limited to the Sunburst fabric line. Check the [Quilting Treasures.com](http://QuiltingTreasures.com) site for a list of shops that carry Quilting Treasures fabrics.
- The list of shops that bought Sunburst Fabric line is ...

Cambridge Quilt Shop – Cambridge, MA  
 Charlton Sewing Center – Charlton, MA  
 Fabric Stash – Charlton, MA  
 Folk Art Quilts – Wakefield, RI  
 Heart in Hands – Weymouth, MA  
 Just Fabrics – Cranston and Westerly, RI  
 Just Quilts – Bristol, RI  
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## CHANGE TO APRIL MEETING PROGRAM

Due to illness, our scheduled April speaker will not be able to attend the meeting, but we have a great replacement . . . a "Trip Around the World"!

Allison Wilbur will present a lecture and trunk show of fabric and quilted pieces collected from her travels in Asia, the Middle East, and Europe. She will touch on quilting traditions in several countries and talk about how to enhance our experience as we travel with a "quilter's eye." She will also show examples of quilts using international fabrics (and American fabrics masquerading as such), discuss where to buy international fabric, and let us know about some companies that focus on international travel specifically for quilters.

Allison will also talk about her "Quilt for Change" project. As a special treat, she will share the quilts from the Women, Peace, and Security Exhibit displayed at the United Nations in Geneva and New York and at the Houston Quilt Festival. She will also give us a sneak peak to the Light, Hope, and Opportunity Exhibit, which will travel to Geneva in June.

## CLASSIFIED

Advertise in this space for:

- ☐ Quilting groups/mini groups inviting you to participate or drop by.
- ☐ NBQA members who run groups or are teaching outside classes that members are invited to attend.
- ☐ Members seeking a particular group or person with certain skills.
- ☐ Ads from NBQA members with fabric or other quilting items for sale

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](mailto:info@nbquilts.org).

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## NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM

Please consider making an item for our Silent Auction in May. The Silent Auction is an in house auction and the proceeds of this auction are used to support the museum. We will accept donations of anything hand-made or homemade. The museum really does count on our support.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Mark Your March Calendar!

Remember to sign up at the March meeting for the "Power Shopping" Bus Trip on **Saturday, March 23, 2013**. We will be participating in the 2013 Schoolhouse Shop Hop. The bus will leave from the Route 117 Park and Ride at 7:30 AM, visit the 5 shops on the Schoolhouse Shop Hop route and return at approximately 9 PM. The shops are The Quilted Crow, Cobblestone Quilts, The Bunkhouse Quilt Shop, The Quilted Acorn Shoppe, and Red Barn Sewing and Yarn Center. More info about the shops can be found at [www.schoolhouseshophop.com](http://www.schoolhouseshophop.com).

This trip will cost \$37.00 for transportation and driver tip (based on 35 paid sign ups on a 50 passenger bus. The cost will decrease for each paid trip over the 35.) You can bring your own lunch or munch your way through the day as each shop provides light fare. There will also be a chance for ordering take out from the diner, Cliff's Café in Townsend, MA. (Menus available at the March, 2013 meeting and the day of the trip for pre-ordering.) You may sign up at the March meeting or email Louise.

In addition, a \$7.00 passport may also be purchased to enable you to get your free gift, free pattern at each shop, diploma, graduation gift, and a 20% off shopping spree coupon to be used at a later date. Passports are not required to participate in the trip but will definitely enhance your shopping experience!

Louise Pankiewicz-DiCarlo

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## Mug Mats

Please sew mug Mats  
for the QUILT SHOW!

Remember there are  
prizes for the top three  
producers. Please  
remember to label your  
mug mats with your  
name and amount.

## Quilter's Passport ~ 2013 NBQA Quilt Shop Hop

April 15, 2013 Through May 4, 2013

### 2013 NBQA SHOP HOP DETAILS

- ☐ Shop Hop is April 15 to May 4, 2013.
- ☐ All shops will be open their normally scheduled hours.
- ☐ 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 2013 meeting.
- ☐ Have passport stamped at every shop. Participating shops are listed below (shop info on next page.)
- ☐ After you visit all shops and have your passport fully stamped, you are eligible for 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 4, 2013. (Have your passport stamped on the bus that day.)
- ☐ To enter the drawings, turn in your completed passport at the May 16, 2013 NBQA meeting. A consolation prize drawing will also be held for those who did not visit all shops.

**This Passport belongs to:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**( ) check here if 21 or older.**

State law requires that all participants in the drawing be at least age 21.

Participants must be NBQA members to participate in drawings to be held at May 19, 2011 meeting.

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Quilted Dreams	RYCO	The Sewing Room	"World of Quilts" Somers, NY Bus Trip May 4





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 \$45.00 per person



## COMFORT QUILTS

Once again, all of you came through with finished quilts, quilt tops and took packets of materials to assemble for Comfort Quilts.

Your support and participation is greatly appreciated by me and by the recipients. We will be distributing quilts to various groups at the September meeting as I will be out of state for parts of April and May. Please let me know if there are any agencies or groups we should be considering for donations.

I would appreciate having as many finished quilts as possible returned at the May meeting or else let me know what will be ready by September.

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### NBQA Raffle Quilt - Blazing Star

#### Call for Quilting Proposals

Sharon Mayers has done a beautiful job designing and piecing a Blazing Star for our 2014 raffle quilt. The top has beautiful spaces for quilting and we are looking for proposals from quilters. The name of the designer and the quilter are printed on all the raffle tickets and the posters for the show and both are given an honorary membership in NBQA. For detailed photos of the quilt and more information on submitting a proposal, please contact Allison Wilbur.





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## **2012-2013 Exhibition Schedule**

July 12-October 14 - Backstitch: A 25-Year Retrospective of Advances & Milestones in Quiltmaking

October 18-December 29 - Great Quilts, Great Stories: Treasures from the Permanent Collection

January 17-April 13 - MASTERS II: SAQA Art Quilts [Curated by Martha Sielman]

April 18-July 7 - SILK! Luxurious Antique & Contemporary Works [Curated by Pam Weeks]

July 11-October 6 - A SLICE OF CHEDDAR: A Selection of Antique Pennsylvania Quilts

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Tuesday-Saturday year around;  
in addition May through December,  
Sundays 12 pm - 4 pm.