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Narragansett Bay Quilters' Association

<http://www.nbquilts.org/>

President's Message

The "a" on my computer keyboard pooped out the other day. It is amazing how many words use that vowel and how funny emails became without it. I think our newsletter guru Melanie had a good chuckle trying to decipher my "coded" messages.

Speaking of codes, I've decided that I need to give all my UFO's an expiration date. Just like all that stuff in the fridge and the kitchen cupboards that I go through each January and pitch, some quilt UFO's deserve that same attention to outward mobility. What has surprised me the most as I've sorted through these aging projects is how much better I've gotten over the years at accurately piecing quilt tops. Some of the UFO's I've dug out recently were scary. It wasn't only that the quality of the workmanship was bad (although sometimes it was) but the fabrics are now dated and I don't mean antique either. So off they go to be sliced into scraps or passed along to a better, kinder home.

I am thinking that a 3-year period from workshop or inspiration to expiration date is probably fair. After that the workshop is only a vague memory and the inspiration is definitely long gone. I took a workshop in Nashua this past fall where the teacher drummed into us that what you create in a workshop is a record of the technique only and once you have learned the technique you should let it go. She believed that to encumber ourselves with every workshop project is guilt producing and has a negative effect. Since I have so many UFO's and they are doing nothing but making me feel guilty about starting new, exciting projects, I'm adopting her philosophy. I'm going to go through my UFO's, tag the newer ones with a 3 year expiration date and lose those with techniques I've mastered or found a way around. Who needs guilt from quilting?

Speaking of guilt – how did that "expired in 2000" box of my younger daughter's favorite macaroni & cheese manage to still be in the cupboard when I went looking for a new jar of my favorite peanut butter just now. I must have been saving it for her! Hmmm....I could add it to the box of other stuff she keeps promising to take with her to her apartment.....

Lose the quilt guilt,


Pat

Next Meeting:

**March 20, 2008
7:00 PM at St. Barnabas**

Please Bring:

- ☐ Your Name Tag
- ☐ Show & Tell Items
- ☐ Library Books due
- ☐ Block of the Month
- ☐ Any Comfort Quilt you took to complete
- ☐ Quilt Show Raffle Basket items
- ☐ Raffle Quilt tickets & \$\$
- ☐ Unfinished Quilt Tops for special show & tell at the Quilt Show
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**Narragansett Bay Quilter's Association
GENERAL MEETING February 21, 2008**

The meeting began at 7:00 pm with a parade of completed comfort quilts. This was followed by a slide show and inspirational lecture by Christine Fries-Ureel. After a short break, we enjoyed show and tell.

Attendance: 139 members and 5 guests for a total of 144.

President- Pat Harrison: called the business meeting to order at 8:40 pm. Pat reminded us that the April meeting will be at the N. Kingstown High School.

Vice President- Pat Bruno: absent- Pat Harrison reported that the raffle quilt is currently at Folk Art Quilts. Please return any sold or unsold raffle tickets.

Secretary- Pat Ferguson : minutes from last meeting were circulated during the evening for all to read. Next month they will be sent out via email & copies will be available at the beginning of the meeting for those who do not receive email. It was motioned and seconded to accept secretary's report.

Treasurer- Joan Taylor: QUILT Show Fund: 9,426.74 (exp.= 293.49, inc.= 20.00)

Beginning Balance: 11,640.49 Checks written: 1,370.56 Income: 751.00 Ending Balance: 11,020.93

It was motioned and seconded to accept Treasurer's report.

Nominating Committee- Celeste Patnaude: other committee members are Patricia Andraka, Joan Taylor & Jeanine Hicks, Marybeth Cost, Sid Morgan, & Sharyn Mayers. Celeste thanked these volunteers who will be calling members to serve on committees or to nominate. See Celeste if you are interested in filling the following openings- Vice President, Secretary, Door Prizes, Assistant to Block of the Month. The slate will be presented at the April meeting and voted at the May meeting.

Historian- Barbara Hartford: no report

Hospitality- Sue Ellis: Sue thanked those who supplied refreshments tonight and reminded members to sign up for next month's meeting.

Librarian- Naomi Champagne: Many books came back tonight – thanks to those who returned them

Membership-Noreene McGeary: 3 guests present tonight; will become members. 2 assoc. members here tonight. 18 on waiting list.

New England Quilt Museum- Ginny Perry: Images 2008, August 7-10 is looking for entries in the student quilt makers category (18 years old or less deadline is May 1 refer to www.lowellquiltfestival.com Quilters By the Sea in N. Portsmouth is presenting a lecture on March 6 at 7pm featuring Mark Lipinski. Contact www.quiltersbythesea.com to sign up.

Publicity- Ginny Perry: Ginny showed 3 miniature quilts and reminded us that she is taking mini and small quilt donations up to 36" which can be framed or bound. Bill Spicer will again be our auctioneer, so please attach a write up about each mini that you donate for him to read. Thanks for all of the mug mats that came in tonight- there will be a new pattern in the next newsletter. Flyers are available for the quilt show- please take some to pass out.

Newsletter- Melanie Johnston: Next newsletter deadline in 3-4 days. The Jan. potluck supper photos are on the website.

Programs- Sandy Barron : March and May classes still have openings. Christine Bagley's Saturday workshop in March has a waiting list.

Quilt Show- Mary Bath Palumbo: Registration forms for quilts are due tonight. If you signed up to volunteer, please remember what you signed up for. Volunteers are needed to supply food for the Thursday night volunteer's potluck dinner prior to the April meeting. Pat Andraka has the show pins. Reminded members to submit quilt tops with a story for the show- bring them & your story to the March meeting. Because we could not get the Hoffman challenge for the quilt show, there will be a member's fashion show organized by Sue Burns and Pat Coughlin.

Block of the Month-Nancy Messier: Nancy showed examples of the birdhouse blocks for next month. The red work blocks for tonight were won by 2 members, Diana Martin & Joyce Reusch.

Comfort Quilts- Joan Taylor: 3 quilts that needed the binding hand sewn were taken by volunteers to complete. Joan asked that any remaining quilts be brought in for the March meeting.

Special Events – Lynda Puglia: July 19 bus trip to the Clamshell quilt Guild Show in East Lyme CT cost is \$26. Will leave Rte.117 In Warwick at 9 am and return by 3 or 4 pm. This is a great show with lots of vendors. Contact Lynda Bogdahn for tickets

OLD BUSINESS: none

New Business: none

Door Prizes- Gail Macera: 5 bags were awarded

Meeting adjourned 9:15 pm Respectfully submitted, Pat Ferguson, secretary

Newcomer's Corner

It's a Quilt Show year! Many of you may have joined because you were inspired when you attended an NBQA Quilt Show. Now it's your turn to impress others. Help make our show a great success and have lots of fun along the way by volunteering to help with the show. There are jobs to be done starting Thursday, April 17 right through Sunday, April 20 til the last quilt has been taken down and returned to its owner. Sign up for a job at the March meeting or give a call to Mary Elizabeth Palumbo.

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Membership Booklet Corrections & Additions

Pat Livingston's email has been updated

New Associate Members

Janice Cullinane

Mary Wright

REMINDER

Finish up those comfort quilts you took home to complete. They are due at the March meeting.



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New England Quilt Museum News – IMAGES 2008

Images 2008 - The Lowell Quilt Festival will be held August 7th to 10th this year. They are looking for young quilters for the exhibits. Anyone 18 years of age or younger. The quilts are grouped according to age and will be judged and ribbons will be awarded. If you are interested call the museum at (978) 452-4207 or at www.lowellquiltfestival.org.


Ginny Perry

New England Quilt Museum Auction

We will once again have a Mini Quilt Auction at our spring Quilt Show. - Bill Spicer has volunteered to be our auctioneer. He was the gentleman who ran the UFO auction for us last May. He did a great job then and we are looking forward to another success. I have already received a few quilts but we still need more. If possible please bring your quilts to the March meeting. Please remember to label your pieces with a title and your name. Also, it would be helpful for Bill to have a small write up about your quilt, your inspiration, the pattern, etc., to recite at the auction while the quilts are being shown and bid on.

Any questions call or e-mail me. The guidelines for the quilt are just that they be no bigger than a small wall hanging which is 36 inches square.

Ginny Perry



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Quilt Show Raffle Basket Items

Donations for the Raffle Baskets are still needed. Please bring new or "like new" quilting related items such as machine needles, basting pins, marking pens, rotary cutters or blades, books, cutting mats, organizers and good material to the March general meeting or contact Patti Finelli. There will be a 'basket making party' - date to be announced.

FUN & FREE!

Sharon Schamber - 2 time **Best of Show** at Paducah and **winner of the 2007 \$100,000 Quilt Challenge** has a web site with very worthwhile free info. The website is Sharonschamber.com. In addition to seeing her amazing work, there is some great free stuff! Click the "Free Stuff" button on her site.

My favorite of the moment is her binding directions. Very precise, easy to understand and great results!

Pat Harrison

Take a Workshop!

March 20

Pineapple Plus - Jane Hall

March 22 (Sat)

Double Wedding Ring - Christine Bagley

May 15

Color Theory 101 - Gwyned Trefethen

See the [NBQA web](http://NBQA.org) for details



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NBQA Bus Trip

With special side trip to NBQA member, Pat Ferguson's Connecticut longarm quilting studio!

To the Clamshell Quilt Show Saturday, July 19, 2008 in East Lyme, Ct.

We will leave at 9:30 am from the Rt. 117 park and ride and return at 4:00 pm to the Rt. 117 park and ride.

Cost is \$26.00 which includes bus and admission. We will accept payment (cash or check to NBQA) for the trip beginning at NBQA Meetings or you may mail checks to Lynda Bogdahn.

Non members are welcome to sign up if the bus does not fill up with NBQA members.

2008 Quilt Show Report

"Thank you" to all who have signed up to volunteer at this year's Quilt Show and submitted registration forms for items to be included in the Show. The guild relies on everyone's participation to make the Show a success. The sign up sheets to volunteer at the show will again be available at the March general meeting.

One of the more urgent positions we need someone to volunteer for is the transportation of quilt racks and supplies on Thursday morning and Sunday night. We need someone with access to a large cube van or trailer to pick up racks and supplies at Sue Stedman's house and at Joan Halley's house on Thursday and return same items on Sunday night (or pack up at the school on Sunday - delivery could be delayed.) If anyone has access to trucking or knows of someone who might help, we would greatly appreciate hearing from you.

We still need 'good as new' items for the basket raffle baskets. This part of the quilt show is one of the best methods of raising money for the guild. Please help by donating quilting/sewing items, books, material etc. Patti Finelli is collecting for and making up the baskets.

This year we are having a "Tops With Stories" *show and tell* prior to the Fashion Show. This is a fun look at the tops and class work that we have in our closets or on our shelves that have just not gotten finished. We know they all have some story and we think it will be fun to share. Please bring in your unfinished projects - and attach your name and your story on each top / item - to the March meeting. You do not have to be the one to show the item if you don't want to...we'll even ghost write the story with your input. Mary Elizabeth Palumbo will be collecting the items and Billie Bunnewith and Kassie Randall will be coordinating the "Tops" show.

For those of you who have clothing and accessories that you have made but did not place in the Quilt Show, please enter them for our Members' Fashion Show on Saturday. We need more items and hope more of you will contribute an entry or two. You can use the Show's registration form and just mark it "Fashion Show Only". That way we will have all your information.

We also need members to sign up for the "Set-up Crew Supper" on Thursday to bring a dish to pass. We are asking for dishes to be dropped off on Thursday so we can provide supper for those who have worked all day Thursday. We also would like someone to volunteer to coordinate this and be willing to pickup the paper goods and drinks etc that the guild will be providing.

The "Chair" is still open for arranging flowers brought in for the show. We will be asking for all members to bring flowering spring things from their gardens and bushes for use in decorating. We have the vases and just need some members to make up the arrangements for the cafeteria tables and a few show tables (admissions and information).

We are counting down the days and looking forward to another great NBQA Quilt Show!

Thanks again to those who have and who will be signing up to volunteer their time and expertise for this year's Quilt Show.

Mary Elizabeth Palumbo and Joan Taylor
Co-chairs

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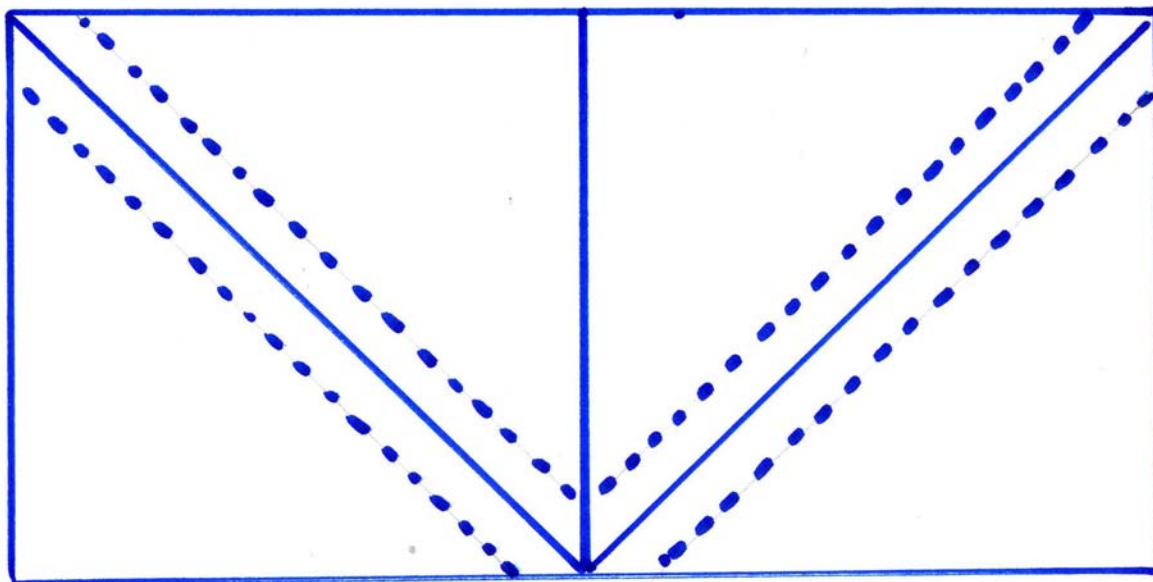
In this newsletter is a copy of the Quilt Show poster. Please use it to promote the show. Tape it to the inside of your car window, post it in your community at local businesses, libraries etc.

Classroom – Mug Mats

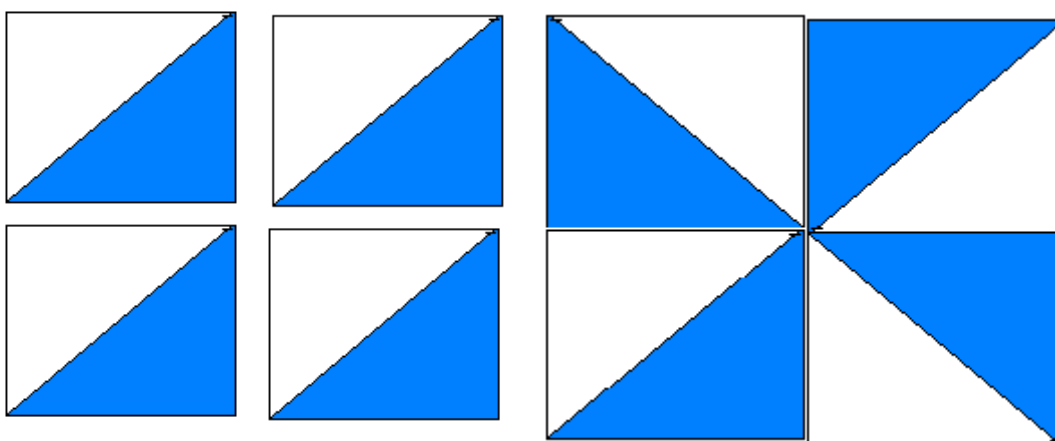
PINWHEEL SQUARE MUG MATS

Cut 2 coordinating pieces of fabric $3\frac{1}{2}$ by $6\frac{1}{2}$. Place the 2 pieces of fabric right sides together and pin to the paper grid.

GRID



Make sure the grid covers both pieces of fabric. With the paper side up and a small stitch length (1.5 setting) sew on the dash lines. Cut on the solid lines. Remove the paper. Press to the dark side fabric and trim points. You now have 4 half square triangles that measure $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches square. Assemble the according to the diagram below to make a pinwheel.



Call or email Ginny Perry for questions. (401) 397-9998 virginiaperry@cox.net
 Directions courtesy of Julie Bellingham www.bellaonline.com

2008 Quilt Show Evaluation Form

For your advanced information, this is an example of the form that our Quilt Show judge, Holice Turnbow, will use.

NBQA Evaluation Form		
2008	<i>Roads We've Traveled</i>	2008
OVERALL IMPACT: 15 POINTS MAXIMUM * Overall impact (max 15 points) _____ DESIGN: 40 POINTS MAXIMUM * Use of pattern and design (max 20 points) _____ * Effectiveness of color in overall design (max 10 points) _____ * Suitability of quilting design (max 5 points) _____ * Border treatment (max 5 points) _____ WORKMANSHIP 45 POINTS MAXIMUM * Precision of work, top & back (max 25 points) _____ * Quality of quilting and/or needlework (max 15 points) _____ * Binding and edges (max 5 points) _____ <div style="text-align: right;">TOTAL _____</div>		Judge: Holice Turnbow Quilt # _____ <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 150px; margin-top: 10px;"></div> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;">Judge's Comments</p>
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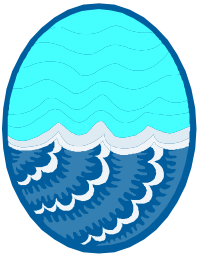


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<input type="checkbox"/> Door Prizes	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Library
<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Block of the Month	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

Suggestions for speaker or programs: _____

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