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President's Message

Hey it's September! That means the start of a new quilt guild year. What fun we are going to have. In workshops we are going to be making dimensional butterflies with Joan Shay, trying our hand at indigo dyeing with Carol Grotrian, creating landscapes from fabric and paint with Esterita Austin, going digital using Electric Quilt with Pat Harrison, making a fun project with our own Kassie Randall and Denise Greenlund, creating fun pieces with color and strip piecing with Judith Larzelere, and playing with circles and strip sets with Carol Taylor. For details, check out the [NBQA Workshop page](#). Sign up for the September class by contacting me or sending and email to NBQAmail@gmail.com. Sign up for all other classes at the September meeting.

And of course, it is a quilt show year. Our quilt show is "famous!" Really, it is. A thousand people look forward to coming once every two years, to be inspired and wowed. I have had two people ask me already about the show and I am in Connecticut. I'll bet you have had inquiries, too. If you have not already made a quilt or two for the show, please get started!

Welcome to our new members! Please look for them wearing pink ribbons on their name tags and say "hello."

Lastly, I want to thank Joan Taylor for her enormous contribution to NBQA. If you have been a member for even a year, you know Joan. She has been an officer, chaired the Quilt Show and Comfort Quilt Committees, and contributed in many other ways to ensure the success of our guild. In July, Joan moved to Ohio to be near her family. I know you join me in wishing her much happiness and quilt friends in her new home.

Melanie Johnston

Next Meeting:

September 15, 2011

7:00 PM

East Greenwich United
Methodist Church

Please Bring:

- ☐ Name Tag
- ☐ DVDs you borrowed
- ☐ Show & Tell Items
- ☐ Summer Challenge Items
- ☐ Block of the Month
- ☐ Fat Quarter of the Month
- ☐ Magazines to Swap
- ☐ Refreshment, if you signed up to bring one
- ☐ Money/checkbook for workshops



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Narragansett Bay Quilter's Association
GENERAL MEETING
May 19, 2011

President: Melanie Johnston called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

Treasurer: Beginning balance \$13,413.19 in the General Fund, GF Income \$535.00; GF Expenses \$618.89; General Fund ending balance \$13,329.30, Quilt Show balance \$8,000.

Comfort Quilts: Quilts were presented to Mary Cline on behalf of Wood River Health Clinic. One quilt is ready for Ronald McDonald House and two tops were given out to be quilted. Joan Taylor thanked everyone for their support of the Comfort Quilts program. Donna Woodworth announced that help would be needed to retrieve stored material from Ruth Batchelor's cellar.

Vice President: Billie Bunnewith announced the Summer Challenge theme of Seed Packets, with a maximum size of 24" per side. The 2012 Raffle Quilt will be quilted by Sharon Mayers.

Hospitality: Dotty Calvano thanked everyone who had provided refreshments during the year or helped out in the kitchen. Mary Padbury will be succeeding her next year.

Publicity: Joan Johnson announced the Quilters Connection Show on June 3-5 in Watertown, MA.

Membership: Renewal forms were being accepted tonight, and **must** be returned by the end of May. If not returned in time, your spot will be given to someone on the waiting list.

NEQM: Ginny Perry thanked everyone for their auction donations and Sue Stedman for her help.

Newsletter: Diana Funke thanked everyone for their feedback.

Quilt Show: Joan Taylor announced the dates, April 21-22, 2012, with setup beginning on Thursday the 19th. The show title will be Garden of Quilts. Admission will be \$8. Advanced tickets will be sold: \$5 for members, \$7 general admission. The Hoffman Challenge will be exhibited in the Fashion Show, and there will be a special exhibit of Fat Quarter Challenge quilts. Joan is looking for someone to coordinate quilt displays in North Kingstown shops and/or local libraries, to advertise the show. As usual, there will be a raffle drawing for volunteers.

Program: Barbara Chace asked attendees from the Hawaiian appliqué class to bring their projects in September for Show and Tell. Signups are being accepted for the September workshop with Joan Shay, Dimensional Monarch Butterfly, and for October, a 2-day workshop with Carole Ann Grotrian on Indigo Dying, to be held outdoors at Pat Harrison's home in Exeter (weather permitting). Other workshops for 2011-12 are November – Esterita Austin, waterside landscape; January – Pat Harrison on Electric Quilt; February -- Denise Greenlund and Kassie Randall; March – Judith Lazalere, art strip quilting; May – Carole Taylor, 2 day color workshop.

President: The proposed change to the bylaws regarding composition of the Executive Board was voted on and passed unanimously. The slate of officers was announced. No volunteer yet for Program Chair. Due to the difficulty in finding someone to fill the position, the position was changed such that the chair only has to book programs/speakers and take signups for workshops. She could recruit volunteer hostesses for each workshop to handle support services for the guest speakers. In addition, the Program Chair would be entitled to one free workshop of her choosing. No nominations were made by the floor, so Secretary Joan Potter cast one ballot for the following:

President: Melanie Johnston; Vice-President: Billie Bunnewith; Secretary: Joan Potter; Membership: Susan Ellis and Karen Crosby; Treasurer: Cheryl Martin; Hospitality: Mary Padbury; Block of the Month: Christine Bonin; Newsletter: Diana Funke and Linda Gardner; Door Prizes: Kassie Randall and Denise Greenlund; **Program: OPEN**; Quilt Show: Joan Taylor; Comfort Quilts: Donna Woodworth; NEQM: Ginny Perry and Sue Stedman; Publicity: Joanne Martino; Library: Pat Cole; Special Events: Louse Pankiewicz; Historian: Mary Ann Laprise and Karen Stanley

Special Events: Louise Pankiewicz gave out prizes to the winners of the Shop Hop and Bus Trip drawings.

Fat Quarters: 35 were awarded. The program will continue next year with Batiks in September.

Block of the Month: Carmen Hanson won the Butterfly appliqué blocks.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. Submitted by Joan Potter, secretary.

Newcomer's Corner

Welcome to the NBQA! If you were not able to attend the orientation meeting, please visit the membership table at the September meeting to pick up a membership booklet, muslin nametag blank and membership card. If you are unable to attend the first meeting and would like these items mailed to you, please send your request and \$1.00 to:

Susan Ellis and Karen Crosby
NBQA Membership Chairpersons

P. O. Box 614
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Check your information as printed in the membership booklet and contact Susan or Karen with any corrections.

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Mug mats

Do you like to make mug mats? Here is your chance to help out in a big way for the April 2012 NBQA Quilt Show. When you buy a ticket for the show, you are given either a mug mat or a Yo-yo pin.

Ginny Perry, our "Mug Mat Queen", has a huge quilted coffee mug that she places on a table at the entrance to our meeting room. That is where you put your mug mats that you have made.

The mug mat pattern is on the NBQA website (www.nbquilts.org) under the Forms & Bylaws section. What a great way to use up your scraps!

Fall Quilt-a-thon

Donna Woodworth

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! Our Fall Quilt-a-thon will be held on Saturday, October 22nd from 9:30 am until 3:30 pm.

I will have sign-up sheets at the September and October meetings. You can either sign up as an individual or, if you have a group that works together, you can sign up that way.

Fabric and Pizza will be available.

If you are aware of groups or people who could use a Comfort Quilt, please let me know.

The Quilt-a-thon will be held at the East Greenwich United Methodist Church (same location as the general meetings and workshops.) HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

Donations of fabric and batting will be greatly appreciated for our Comfort Quilt Program!

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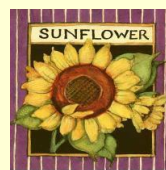
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Summer Quilt Challenge: Seed Packets



The theme for this year's summer challenge is "seed packets". Create your own seed packet quilt project! Designs can be based on traditional seed packets like pansies or carrots, or choose something non-traditional like family photo "seeds" that when planted grow into a family tree. Use your imagination and let your creativity "grow" during the warm weather months when inspiration is all around. Challenge quilts should be no larger than 24 inches x 24 inches - there is no minimum size. Entries must be brought to the September meeting where members will vote for their favorite. Prizes will be awarded that evening based on the members' votes.

September Workshop

Our first workshop of the season is: Thursday, September 15th, from 10AM until 4PM (please arrive at 9:30AM).

Instructor: Joan Shay (also known as the Petal Play Lady)

Website: <http://petalplay.com/eshop/>

The project is: **Monarch Butterflies at Play**



Learn to make VERY dimensional butterflies, leaves and flowers. The wings of the butterflies are separate and flap in the summertime breeze. The white accent markings are done with fabric paint.

Joan Shay is an award winning quilter from Cape Cod, Mass.

See the NBQA website for the supply list:

<http://www.nbquilts.org/MemberServices/Workshops.htm>

October Workshop

An Introduction to Indigo with CAROL ANNE GROTRIAN

Please note this is a 2 day workshop to be held on FRIDAY, October 21 & SATURDAY, October 22, 2011. This workshop will not be held at the East Greenwich Methodist Church. The location of this 2-day workshop (weather permitting) is:

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Carol is an award winning fiber artist from Cambridge, MA

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Special Events

Louise Pankiewicz

NBQA will be hosting a bus trip to "A Quilter's Gathering" on Saturday, November 5, 2011. We will visit the show and then make a stop at Candlelite Quilts in Chelmsford, Massachusetts. The cost is \$35.00 and includes transportation, admission to the show, and the driver's tip. Lunch is on your own at the show. We will leave the Route 117 Warwick Park and Ride at 8:00 AM and return by 6:00 PM. Deadline for payment is the October 20, 2011 NBQA meeting.
Hope you can join us!

Fat Quarter of the Month

Sharon Bibeault

Here is how the Fat Quarter of the Month works:
 Members can bring in a fat quarter, or two or three....and so on. They will receive a raffle ticket for each fat quarter they bring. At the end of the meeting one ticket will be drawn to win the whole stash of fat quarters.

Below are the monthly themes:

September-batiks

October-plaids and stripes

November-black and white

January-flannels

February-dots and circles

March-children's novelty

April-**Quilt Show**-nothing planned for this month

May-landscape fabrics

Magazine Swap

Diana Funke

Do you have any quilting magazines that you don't want anymore but can't bear to throw away? Bring them to the next meeting and swap them out for quilting magazines you haven't read yet. There will be a table area with a "Magazine Swap" sign on it where you may drop off and pick up magazines. Any magazines left at the end of the meeting will go to a book and magazine recycling center.

NBQA Library

Pat Cole

The majority of NBQA books are housed at the Cranston Public Library as a "Special Collection." You may use your regular town library card to take these books out or use the "CLAN" interlibrary loan system to search the collection and request a book be sent to your local town library.

Our collection of DVDs can be signed out at our meetings.

New England Quilt Museum

Virginia Perry

Thank you to all for making the Silent Auction to benefit the museum a success. We raised \$1,379.00. Thank you to all of you for participating by either a donation or purchasing or both. You all made this a very successful event. A special thank you to Sue and Irene for all their help making the auction run as well as it did.

The new exhibit at the museum is MAINE'S QUILT HERITAGE. This will be on display until Oct. 11th. The next exhibit, starting on Oct. 20th, is **Patience to Raise the Sun: Art Quilts of Haiti & Their Power to Change Women's Lives**. This will be at the museum until Dec. 31st.

The tentative 2012 exhibit schedule is:

Jan. 19 - March 24 Campaigns and Commemoratives: Quilts for Presidents

March. 29 - July 8. Play Ball! Baseball Quilts by Rosemary Bawn in Honor of 100 Years at Fenway

July 12 - Oct. 14 Back Stitch: A 25 - year Retrospect of Advances & Milestones in Quiltmaking

Oct. 18 - Dec. 29 Great Quilts, Great Stories.

Members in the News

More congrats to **Pat Harrison** whose quilt, "Pineapple Patience," won a 1st place ribbon at Vermont 2011, a Third Place Ribbon at Paducah 2011, *and* is a *finalist*- to be exhibited at the 2011 International Quilt Festival/Houston in the annual IQA fall Judged Show, *Quilts: A World of Beauty* 11/3-6, 2011.

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The Ninigret Quilters Guild is an organization for quilters of all abilities in the Rhode Island and southeastern Connecticut area. We meet monthly at the Pawcatuck Neighborhood Center to share each other's quilting successes and quandaries and to enjoy our common passion of quilting. Some members are beginners and some are expert, and even the advanced quilters feel there is so much to learn.

Quilt Show 2012

Joan Halley

Mark your calendars for the NBQA Garden of Quilts Show April 21 and 22, 2012 at North Kingstown High School. Set up will be on April 19th and 20th.

Now is the time to finish those gorgeous creations you are working on. Look for registration forms in the next newsletter. The forms will be due February 16, 2012 with a photo of the at least mostly finished quilt. We will again offer the opportunity to have your quilts judged by a professional quilt judge.

Don't forget to make a small quilt for the fabric challenge. The finished challenge quilts will be shown at the regular meeting, February 16, 2012 and judged for ribbons. These quilts will be hung at the show as our special exhibit and the ribbons awarded. Also please make a small quilt for the auction to benefit the New England Quilt Museum.

Other activities going on at the show will be the Hoffman Challenge fashion show, demonstrations of quilting techniques, hands on activities for children and adults, and vendors. In past years we have had very successful and profitable basket raffles, but unfortunately we have no one to chair this event presently. If you are interested in doing this, please contact me.

In October, look for the sign up sheets for volunteers for both preparation for the show and working during the show. There are jobs both large and small, standing and sitting, working at home or at the school – something for everyone.

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The NBQA Quilt Show 2012 Committee is looking for someone to volunteer to chair the **basket raffle committee**. The basket raffle brings in quite a lot of income for our guild and is a fun and important part of our quilt show. Contact Joan Halley if you are interested.



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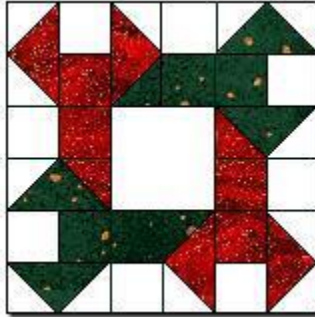
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Block of the Month

Christine Bonin

September Block of the Month – Crab Claws**Colors:** Red and black on white**Instructions:** <http://www.quilterscache.com/C/CrabClawsBlock.html>

I am very excited to be contributing to the guild as the BOM chair person this year. I am hoping that you will all join me in participating. I selected all ocean theme blocks to represent us as a guild and state. BOM will be done each month as it always has been done. My challenge to you is to make an extra block for yourself each month in your own color scheme. At the end of the year you will have almost enough blocks to complete a quilt. For the ninth block you choose your own to personalize your quilt. I think there is great potential for some wonderful quilts. I hope that everyone will join the fun and make their own Rhode Island quilt

Champlain Valley Quilt Guild 29th Annual Quilt Show: "Once Upon a Time"

Location: This is a new venue this year
 The Field House of Shelburne
 166 Athletic Drive, Shelburne, VT

Dates: Saturday, October 8, 2011 from 10 to 5
 Sunday October 9, 2011 from 10 to 4

Information: www.cvqgv.org or contact Barbara Carter at 802-863-5212,
bacarter64@comcast.net

Admission: \$6, children under 12 free

We will offer many wonderful things for quilters and visitors alike, including a display of judged contest quilts and theme challenge quilts. We are also presenting several special exhibits. "Quilts in Bloom" shows the evolution of botanical quilts. We will also exhibit a collection of "Brazieres for a Cure" and the AQSG collection of reproduction "19th Century Star Quilts".

We will have a merchant's mall featuring a wide variety of quilt-related products and services, handmade crafts for sale, a silent auction, and quilt appraisals. Ample free parking.

NBQA 2011 – 2012 Officers and Committee Chairs

PRESIDENT	Melanie Johnston
VICE PRESIDENT	Billie Bunnewith
SECRETARY	Joan Potter
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BLOCK OF MONTH	Christine Bonin
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LIBRARIAN	Pat Cole
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NEQM	Ginny Perry & Sue Stedman
NEWSLETTER	Diana Funke & Linda Gardner
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QUILT SHOW	Joan Halley
PUBLICITY	Joanne Martino
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Classifieds

Here you will find:

- Quilting groups/mini groups inviting you to participate or drop by.
- NBQA members who run groups or are teaching classes that you 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 for the year.

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Income	Budget	Actual	2012 Preliminary Budget
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Door Prizes	0.00	0.00	0.00
Historian	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hospitality	0.00	0.00	0.00
Library	0.00	0.00	0.00
Newsletter	350.00	450.00	350.00
Workshops	7,895.00	7,116.07	7,895.00
Bus trips	2,500.00	2,535.00	1,700.00
Membership	7,500.00	13,208.00	7,500.00
Raffle Tickets	0.00	15.00	0.00
Other Income	<u>0.00</u>	<u>55.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total Income	18,245.00	23,379.07	17,445.00

Expenses

Block of the Month	200.00	158.14	150.00
Door prizes	200.00	281.58	200.00
Historian	25.00	0.00	25.00
Hospitality	250.00	655.60	300.00
Library	200.00	214.42	250.00
Newsletter	600.00	397.32	600.00
Workshops and Programs	10,342.00	10,199.69	10,000.00
Bus trips	2,500.00	2,722.00	2,000.00
Rent - General Meetings	1,125.00	950.00	1,125.00
Rent - Workshops	675.00	1,400.00	675.00
Fees and dues	160.00	188.80	160.00
Membership	500.00	359.38	500.00
Raffle Quilt 2012	250.00	293.10	100.00
Comfort quilts	700.00	909.26	700.00
Capital expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00
Web site	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	<u>350.00</u>	<u>312.57</u>	<u>250.00</u>
Total Expenses	18,077.00	19,041.86	17,035.00

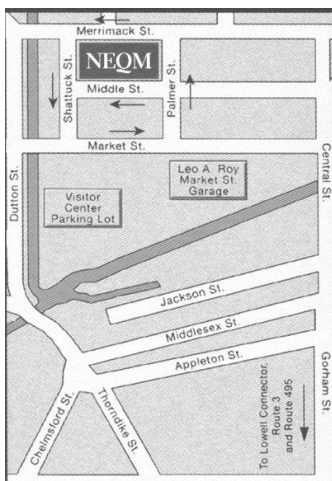


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2011-2012 Exhibition Schedule

Current Exhibition (ending October 16th)

Maine's Quilt Heritage
Quilts from the Maine Quilt
Documentation Project

November and December 2011

***African-American Quilts Today:
A Celebration of Motherhood,
Sisterhood & the Matriarchs***

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