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Ladies,

I miss your faces and hugs. This virus and the heat are kicking our butts. Going on 6 months I can say we all have learned a lot, with creative ways of getting together, shopping for fabric and notions, talking to friends, having quilting bees and cool drink ideas....

Our Guild will be having our monthly meetings, board meetings, speakers and workshops via Zoom. We know there will be a learning curve for all, but it really is interesting, fun, and exciting. Once you get the hang of it, there are so many options you can personally use.... friends, family, or anyone you want to contact. You should be able to use your iPhone, iPad, tablet, desktop or any other electronic device. There are lots of websites and videos on line to help you through the process.

Please at least try it once and see if you like it. Going forward this will be the NBQA WAY OF LIFE until at least January, 2021. The Program Committee has been working very hard to obtain speakers for meetings and programs. It has been a real challenge to find presenters. We do have a few lined up. If you know of any quilt professionals, locally or nationally, who are set up as a Zoom presenter, please contact Gail Macera, as she is looking for speakers and workshops. Also, if any member is willing to do a workshop or a presentation during a Zoom meeting, please let Gail know.

Through these past months I have tried to keep our members together through Facebook, emails and newsletters. I appreciate your support in my Facebook Weekly President's Contest. I wanted it to be fun, and be a way to stay connected to our membership. Thanks for all the support and posts. I will be continuing this as long as I can think of questions. If you have any you think might be fun, just email me. I'm running out of them, but I have lots of prizes to send out thanks to Missy our Door Prize Chairperson.

Also, thanks to Paula for doing additional newsletters during these times. I hope you have enjoyed them, as it is a lot work, but Paula and I work great together to make it fun. And thanks, to Louise for checking our Gmail and sending out notices of updates to all when needed. I don't know what I would do without Louise.

Speaking of volunteers, please consider helping out on a committee or a board position this coming year, as our board will be stepping down in May 2021, and a few committees will be open. The current board will remain in their positions, due to the pandemic, for 3 years, which is the maximum term for those positions. So if you are interested in any of the positions, please contact me or a board member as soon as possible, so you can be mentored in their final year. You all make up the guild, and we need your help to continue it.

On the issue of volunteers, we are looking for a member or members interested in the 2021-22 Raffle Quilt Committee. A Quilt will be needed for our 2021-22 Year. Vice President Celia was the committee chair for the 2019-21 raffle. She would like to pass this on. If anyone or a group is interested in doing this *major fundraising* project for the guild, please contact Celia or me as soon as possible.

If you have friends or family who quilt, please talk to them about NBQA. It will be an exciting year, even though we may not "see" each other. There will be so much to experience and learn. Remember, we are all in this together, and together we can make it happen.

Keep Healthy and Safe and I will "SEE YOU SOON ON ZOOM"

President, Geri Bergreen

Good friends are like stars, you don't always see them, but you know they're always there

MEETINGS

September 17, 2020 through May 20, 2021
3rd Thursday of the month 6:30 p.m.
Board Meeting September 3, 2020

ZOOM meeting format until further notice

ZOOM MEETINGS

Beginning in September, NBQA will be using the Zoom format for our meetings. We hope you will try to tune in to our scheduled events this year. The Board is proposing that there would be Zoom monthly meetings from September to November with speakers. Conditions will be reassessed for January 2021 concerning Covid-19, on whether to continue with a Zoom format, or hold physical meetings. Thank you to all who attended the Zoom format meeting on Thursday August 20th. It went very well as a test .

Since we will be using Zoom this year for many of our meetings and speakers, you will want to be able to participate. If you are new to using Zoom, it would be helpful for you to view a YouTube video by Marcia Chadly, which gives a good introduction to Zoom. Go to YouTube.com and, in the search bar, type *Marcia Chadly Zoom tutorials*. The suggestion for her "Joining a zoom call for the first time" tutorial should pop up in this process. She also has other tutorials which seem to be good. Watch the tutorial and download Zoom prior to our meeting. That way you will be able to just click the link in the meeting invitation that you will receive from NBQA on the meeting night. The invitation will come from our Gmail account so it is good to have NBQA set up as an acceptable address in your contacts folder.

One other caution and a request...

Please use your full name when setting up your account, or when asking to be admitted to a Zoom meeting. We check the names against our paid membership list before admitting you into our Zoom meetings. This extra step on your part will help us keep unwanted visitors from "crashing" our meetings. Remember, your membership fee has paid for the Zoom account and any speakers we have this year, so please don't share our invitation emails with non-members, or post the link on any public social media account you may have. This is a primary benefit of membership this year!

If you have any questions, please contact Louise Pankiewicz.

TECHNICAL REMINDER FOR THIS COMING GUILD YEAR....

Because of an increased reliance on our gmail account for communicating with members, we are asking all members to please put "Narraganset Bay Quilters Association" and our email address, NBQAmail@gmail.com into your contacts folder. Some email services will send NBQA emails to a spam folder, and you may not ever see it unless you go looking for our emails. We will be sending newsletters, Zoom meeting notices and other emails to you this year. We hope you will be able to see them and join us as we navigate this virtual world.



PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

Weeks Ringle from the Modern Quilt Studio will be our presenter for our September 17th meeting! She will be discussing "Rethinking Color." Starting on September 11th you will be able to view her lecture on YouTube. Please see her directions below (copied from her webpage)....

Online Lectures

Our new two-part online lectures will be in a different format than you may have seen before. They are designed to give your guild members the flexibility to watch on their schedule while offering a personal connection with live Q&A sessions. When your guild books a lecture, we'll provide a link to a special YouTube page where your members can view the 45–60 minute lecture anytime within a one-week period prior to the live Q&A session. Members can watch it right before the live Q&A or they can enjoy the lecture any time during the week.

At the end of the seven day viewing period, Weeks or Bill will host a live Q&A session on Zoom, giving us the opportunity to discuss the lecture, answer your questions and give you a sneak peek of what we're working on. While access to the lecture and Q&A is limited to your guild only for the seven-day period, there is no limit to the number of members who can watch or join the Q&A session. Each lecture is tailored to online learning with carefully lighted, recorded and edited videos which allow your members to see details of our quilts that wouldn't be possible in a meeting hall. The lectures are accessed with just a click of a link and the live Q&A uses basic Zoom. Having seven days to watch the video also enables members to work out any technical issues they might have if they are new to virtual classes. The lecture link will expire at midnight after the live Q&A.

Technical Requirements

To watch the prerecorded lectures all you'll need is an internet connection and computer, phone or tablet capable of streaming YouTube videos. The live Q&A sessions will be held on Zoom. Members will need to be capable of running Zoom on a computer with webcam, or a phone or tablet. Zoom can be accessed via web browser or by installing the Zoom application on your device. If you're new to Zoom, we suggest you practice with a friend or [try a test meeting](#) on Zoom. System requirements for Zoom can be [viewed here](#). We cannot provide I.T. support to guilds or individual students. It is each student's responsibility to make sure they are able and know how to stream YouTube videos and use Zoom prior to the lecture and Q&A.

After viewing the lecture, please prepare some questions for the Q&A session. We are all looking forward to this new adventure...

Gail & Tina
Programs

The October speaker and workshop is pending. Please look for an email shortly.

NBQA BLOCK OF THE MONTH 2020-2021

This will be in conjunction with the *Comfort Quilts* project. Themes are children's items, and use 10" blocks. Any pattern you can find of these items pieced, embroidered, appliquéd, etc. is acceptable.

Ball – September 2020

Doll - October 2020

Dog - November, 2020

Cat - December, 2020

Zoo Animals- January, 2021

Teddy Bear - February, 2021

Duck - March 2021

Butterflies-April, 2021

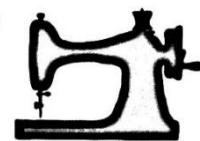
Farm Animals - May 2021

If meetings cannot be held due to COVID -19, hold on to completed blocks for scheduled Comfort Quilt drop off /pickup and Quilt-a-Thons through the year.

STRIP EXCHANGE: The strip exchange has been suspended for this year.

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SUMMER CHALLENGE

Please email or text photos of your Summer Challenge to Geri at (tbgeri@aol.com, 401-523-6240) so they can be viewed at the September 17th meeting. All quilt sizes are accepted, but must have been started prior to COVID- 19, and finished during the quarantine period of March 2020 to August 2020. Please include your name, and the date the project was begun and finished. You may include a brief description as well. **Deadline for submission is September 10th**. Members will be forwarded a PowerPoint presentation of all entries. Please email your 1st, 2nd and 3rd choices to Geri to be counted. Awards will be given at the September 17th meeting.

COMFORT QUILTS

We hope that this finds you well and healthy during our collective battle with Covid-19. We had a great time in June at Louise's classroom with a Pick-up/Drop-off session, and are very thankful for everyone's generosity. It was great seeing all who stopped by, and we really enjoyed the comradery.

We are planning another Pick-up/Drop-off session for Saturday, September 19, 2020 from 9am to noon. We will be in the parking lot of Louise's Classroom at Island Creations by Louise, 74 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI. 02817. We will be available for members to drop off anything that has been finished, when you are ready to *leave* your house! We will have kits available for pick up - from tops to be pieced to quilts to be quilted.

We have also been busy donating completed quilts. Between the quilts donated during meetings before Covid-19 interrupted them, and the Pick-Up/Drop-Off session in June, we have 66 (yes, 66!) quilts to distribute. They are going to Wounded Warriors, American Kids at Meeting Street Healthy Families America, Blackstone Valley Advocacy, the Mae Foundation, Kent Oncology, Veterans Hospital, Care NE VNA, and we are waiting to hear about donating to the Elizabeth Buffum Chase House. Many thanks to everyone who takes part in the Comfort Quilts program. If anyone has a group that could use some of our quilts, please let us know.

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

SHOW AND TELL

Show and Tell will continue via Zoom. Please send photographs of your items to either Geri's email (tbgeri@aol.com), or text (401-523-6240). *Show and Tell* submissions are to be sent by the 10th of the month of each general meeting so that a PowerPoint presentation can be organized. Please send this month's images to Geri **by September 10th**.

CORRECTION-LIBRARY

In the Summer Newsletter, contact information for tape return to Pat Stark gave an incorrect email address. If you have any tapes you would like to return or any new ones to pick up, please call Pat Stark at 401-474-9224, or email her at milosmompat@gmail.com

MENTEES NEEDED

Candidates for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer are needed for 2021-2022 as terms for these positions are coming to an end. Committee chair positions for 2020-2021 are needed as well. Volunteering now will enable a training period and allow a smooth transition to a new term. If anyone is interested, please let Geri know. Please become involved in YOUR GUILD.

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UPDATE ON THE GOVERNOR'S QUILT

The article in the Summer newsletter gave a range of size options for blocks intended for the Governor's quilt, but the board has decided to request a 9 inch finished block size. If you have already made a smaller one, please send it along, We will be accepting and maybe applying a border to smaller blocks.

Please send your blocks to Vice President Celia Schnacky, 36 Blackmore Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818. A quilt will be assembled for presentation from our guild to Governor Gina in the Fall. Don't forget to sign and date your block, in the bottom right hand corner past the 1/4" sewing line, with a fine line permanent black marker.

The deadline for the blocks has been extended to October 31, 2020.

**NEW 2021-2022 RAFFLE QUILT**

We need a group of women who would be responsible for making a **raffle quilt for 2021-2022**. Celia is stepping down as Vice President in May, 2021. She chaired the 2019-2021 raffle quilt project and she would like to pass the torch on to someone else. Please contact President Geri or call Celia if you or a group of you are interested in participating in this event. Please consider this, as it is a major fundraiser for the guild.

Ryco continues to display the **2020 raffle quilt**, and will give a free raffle ticket to anyone spending \$100 or more for a single purchase. If you qualify for a free ticket, please mention it at the register. Also, money and stubs from ticket sales can be sent to Celia Schnacky.



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NEW FEATURE....The Quilters Column

Most of us like to talk about what kind of quilter we are. In an effort to make our newsletter more interactive there will be a new feature. In every newsletter, a question will be posed for you to answer (optional of course). The question will appear in the newsletter, and it will also be sent to you via NBQA email. All you have to do is reply to the email. Answers will appear in the next newsletter edition along with a new question.

The first inquiry....**What is the best piece of quilting advice you have ever received?** You can give more than one answer if you wish. Looking forward to hearing from you. I'm sure this will be a great learning opportunity for all of us.

NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM

The New England Quilt Museum is now open with new safety protocols. The following is a message from Nora Palermo, Executive Director.

As you prepare to visit, please be aware that we are taking measures to ensure that your experience is enjoyable and safe.

- A maximum of 20 visitors are allowed inside the Museum galleries and store at one time
- If we reach capacity, you may be asked to wait outside momentarily
- Face masks are required for everyone inside the building
- Social distancing markers and directional signage are in place to facilitate movement through the galleries and store.
- Hand sanitizer is available at several stations in the galleries and store.
- Our staff regularly sanitize all high-touch areas throughout the day.
- We hope to resume our calendar of public programs and workshops later this year. Please check our website or subscribe to our monthly e-newsletter for future updates.

NBQA has donated \$150 to the museum for 2020-2021. We hope to have basket raffles to send additional donations.

NBQA 2020-2021 MEMBRSHIP

The membership list will be in a downloadable form rather than a booklet, and will be updated every 2 months. The membership list will be emailed to you by the September 17th general membership meeting.

If you know of anyone interested in becoming an NBQA member, please encourage them to complete the membership application attached to this newsletter. It can also be found on the NBQA website.

FACEBOOK WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Continue to visit NBQA's Facebook page for the President's weekly challenge question, which will be posted into the Fall.. President Geri has quite a few items in her tote bag that you could receive if you are lucky. But remember you must be a paid member to participate. It's a great way to keep in touch so check each Sunday for the winner and a new contest.

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SOME ANSWERS TO THE PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY FACEBOOK CHALLENGE.....**HERE'S HOW SOME OF OUR MEMBERS DESCRIBE THEMSELVES AS A QUILTER**

Kathryn LeBlanc	Bright, happy, procrastinating, colorful, friendly
Blaire Ort Gagnon	Patient, creative, challenged, content, peaceful
Leah Joy	Measure twice, cut once, oops!
Myra Paull	Tired of ripping and resewing
Jennifer E Schnell	Part time, color motivated, inexperienced
Mary Elizabeth Palumbo	Still looking for the right shade
Steffanie Windus	Time to modify the pattern
Patti Hoxsie Keuker Finelli	Doesn't know how to follow directions
Cheryl McCoy Martin	Anxious to get it done!
Jaqueline Auclair Menard	Creative, colorful, interested, frustrated and passionate
Carol Capozzoli	Dreamer, snail, measuring, textiles, threads
Phyllis Pirrie Cayer	Yes I need more fabric
Sharon Thomas Bibeault	Do I really need this?
Eileen Straughn	Ambitious, colorful, traditional, maker, peaceful
Paula Weston	Precise, persistent, adventurous, independent, joyful
Geri Bergreen	Hand quilter, treasure maker, gift giver, story teller, care giver
Missy Glover Smith	Piecer, traditional, messy, imperfect, crazy

FAVORITE PLACES TO BUY FABRIC AND QUILTING NOTIONS

Katherine McKiel Faella	Fabric Place Basement, https://www.fabricplacebasement.com/natick-fabric-store-contact/
Geri Bergreen	KEEPSAKE QUILTING, http://www.keepsakequilting.com/
Eileen Straughn	Ryco, Knit One Quilt Too, Cape Cod Quilts and Cottages
Leah Joy	Ryco
Patricia Cole	Blaine's. Karen will get me anything I want.
Anne T O'Grady Sabatini	Ryco, Colchester Mills
Fran Bagshaw	Ryco, Colchester Mills
Karen McNally	Ryco Creative Sewing Center, 25 Carrington Street, Lincoln RI www.rycotrim.com
Pat Murphy Harrison	Ryco
Rosemary Stewart Lightbown	Ryco in Lincoln; Fat Quarter Shop-on line; Missouri Star Quilt Co-on line
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- Receive five bimonthly newsletters via email.
- May submit quilts to the biannual show.

FULL MEMBERS – GUILD LIMIT 250 FULL MEMBERS	ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
● May attend all meetings.	● May attend 2 meetings per year.
● May enroll in all workshops and trips.	● May be wait listed for unfilled workshops and trips.
● New full members will receive a name pin to wear to meetings.	● Will be given a priority position on the waiting list for full membership.

Membership dues are not prorated for a partial year.

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