



Ladies,

Happy Fall! Pumpkins 🍂, Football 🏈, Leaves 🍁
snuggling under your handiwork (quilts) and turning on the heat!

We had two great Zoom meetings and a practice forum, so hopefully everyone is getting used to this way of life for NBQA. It will probably be our way of meetings into the new year. In light of everything, I have enjoyed “seeing “ everyone’s faces on Zoom. During our regular meetings I never get a chance to really sit and see all the members. With Zoom it’s nice to really see who is at the meeting (without masks on). Not sure if that’s good or bad, but it’s nice to see so many using Zoom and participating in the meetings.

The September Zoom meeting started off great with the Weeks Ringle and Bill Kerr- *Rethinking Color* presentation and You Tube video (viewed prior to meeting). We had great Q & A questions sent in by the members. Thanks for so many great questions that added to a wonderful meeting.

At October’s meeting we had the pleasure of having members Allison Wilbur and Tina Craig share their talents regarding UFO’s. It was very helpful and I hope everyone learned a lot about working on those piles of UFO’s just waiting to be finished. Thank you ladies for a great presentation and for sharing with us. If any of our members would like to share their talents with the guild, please contact Gail Macera or Tina Zuffoletti.

There is so much more to come. November should be really fun with David Sirota’s presentation at the meeting and the Zoom workshop *The Chevron Star*. On-line Information and registration instructions will be forwarded to you.

I would like to thank my board and committee chairs for all their work during these trying times. We all had to put

our creative hats on to keep things interesting and exciting for our guild. Zooming, social distancing at comfort quilt drop off/ pick up, newsletters and emailing’s have helped keep us all connected. We are looking for more great ideas as no one knows how long this will continue. I also want to thank all guild members for your support through trials and changes that needed to be made during these times. I appreciate each and every one of you.

Remember we are all in this together, and together we can make this guild stronger by sharing our thoughts and ideas. Please have happy and safe holidays ahead. May you and your families be healthy and spend cherished moments together.

Geri Bergreen
President



MEETINGS

General Meeting November 19, 2020, 6:30 pm
Board Meeting November 5, 2020, 6:30 pm

ZOOM meeting format until further notice
Invitation for Zoom meetings to be emailed the week the meetings will be held

PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

On Thursday, November 19th, at our regularly scheduled meeting, we will have the very charming and talented David Sirota presenting his lecture to us. Be sure to Zoom in to hear David and to enjoy his wonderful sense of humor and love of speaking.



On Friday, November 20th at 9 a.m. David will be hosting an all-day Zoom workshop entitled "Chevon Star", utilizing his *No More Tears* Paper Piecing Method. I was able to take this class in July and was quite pleased with the results. Once you register (David will be sending the link out) he sends you all the information for the class. The fee is \$40 for this all-day class (quite a bargain) and that will be paid through David as well. Just remember, he only takes 24 students at a time so please sign up as soon as you can.

"See" you soon on Zoom....

Gail and Tina Z.

Programs

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.

SHOW AND TELL

Keep on sending or texting photos and descriptions of your *Show and Tell* items along with your name to Geri, at 401- 523-6240 or Tbgeri@aol.com

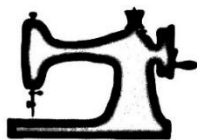
As time permits, we will be offering Power Point *Show and Tell* at the monthly meetings.

PRESIDENT'S FACEBOOK WEEKLY CHALLENGE

Continue to visit NBQA's Facebook page for the President's weekly challenge question. Check each Sunday for the winner and a new contest.

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ZOOM MEETINGS

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 has proposed that there 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.

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.

MEMBERSHIP

A digital copy of the Membership Booklet with names and contact information will be sent via email shortly. For any corrections/omissions please contact Missy Smith or Anne Sabatini.

UPDATE ON THE GOVERNOR'S QUILT

The deadline to send in blocks for the Governor Gina Raimondo Covid-19 quilt has been extended to December 31, 2020. We are looking for someone who might know how to do fabric printing, as we thought we would include headline articles. If you know how to do this and are interested, please contact VP Celia Schnacky as she is coordinating this project.

Please send your blocks to Celia Schnacky, 36 Blackmore Street, East Greenwich, RI 02818. 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 size of blocks should be 9" finished.

QUILTER'S COLUMN

Many Thanks to all who responded to the September/October 2020 Quilter's Question: *What is the best piece of quilting advice you have ever received?* The following are wonderful answers and great ideas sent in by members:

- It's not a mistake, it's a design change....Gail Macera
- Make a sample block first!....Sharon Dziekan
- Learn from your errors, fix them creatively, keep going! Mary Silverman
- Start from the center out.... Kathy Mack
- Practice your 1/4" seam: Stitch, press, measure. If not precise, stitch it again.... Karen Ouhrabka
- When committing to hand quilting a quilt, be sure you love the fabric. You will be looking at it for a long timeTina Zuffoletti
- Do your best, don't sweat imperfection, practice, practice, practice means improvement....Brenda Starble
- Best advice I've received is to SLOW DOWN every step of the process. Quilting is a hobby and is not a race. When I took this advice, my piecing became more accurate, my quilting smoother and my blood pressure went down!Nina Ashworth
- The best piece of quilting advice I have ever received is to think outside the box - don't be afraid to break the rules. ...Alice Hourihan
- Don't go back and fix mistakes after it's done. When it's done it's done. Use what you learned from your mistakes in your next quilt. Sometimes you want to create a work of art, but other times you just want to make a pretty quilt....Celia Schnacky
- To let yourself be creative. It is your quilt, enjoy what you are making.... Patti Finelli
- I started quilting in the 1970's. In the 80's my husband worked with a woman who recommended I join NBQA and buy a rotary cutter and mat. Best quilting advice I ever received.... Joan Potter
- The best advice I received was to "Measure twice, cut once" Sue Caffeso
- My best quilting advise is : Try it, see how it goes, practice....Myra Paull
- Don't quilt alone. Get together with other quilters. They will inspire you. They will help when you need it. Do the same in return. I was given this advice by a wonderful gal that introduced me to quilting 10 years ago in Florida. She was not a perfectionist in her quilting but has a lot of fun doing it. Unfortunately it has been hard following that advice this year but I hope to get back to my quilting groups soon....Diane Roman
- When threading a needle on your machine put a small piece of white paper or a finger nail behind the needle and you will be able to thread your machine easier....Patricia Cole
- Just enjoy making the quilt, if it does not match that is ok. Be adventurous with new color combinations and new techniques....Rosalie Allgair
- Make your pieces oversized and then trim. Your block will be very accurate. I don't like to trim the actual block because that often interferes with the seam allowance and can cause "points" to be cut off.... Paula Weston

QUILTER'S COLUMN QUESTION FOR NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2020:**Who is your favorite *PROFESSIONAL* quilter?**

This can be a fabric designer, pattern writer, long armer, someone with a YouTube channel or quilt centered business etc. Anyone from the past or the present. Even someone local, as long as they get paid for what they do. Please feel free to tell us why they are your favorite.

Bonus Question: Kaffe Fassett or Tula Pink? Who do you prefer? Please expound if you wish.

Answers will appear in the January/February 2021 edition of the NBQA Newsletter, along with another question. You will also be sent this month's via NBQA email so you can respond easily.

COMFORT QUILTS

In September, there was an opportunity to drop off quilts or quilt tops and pick up kits for members to work on. The continued generosity of our members is amazing. We will definitely plan more opportunities for a get together, keeping in mind the need to be safe and socially distanced. It may be a while.....

However, just because it may be a while before we are together as a sewing group, anyone who would like to drop off a project or pick up a kit is welcomed to do so. Please contact Linda Maslanka or Brenda Starble and arrangements can be made.

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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The New England Quilt Museum has reopened to the public. As you prepare to visit, please be aware that measures are being taken to ensure that your experience is both 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.

Current Exhibits:

- BALTIMORE ALBUM QUILTS: October 20 through December 31, 2020
- THE QUILTED CANVAS III – STILL HERE! Judi Blaydon, Rhoda Cohen, Nancy Halpern, Jan Myers-Newbury. November 3 through December 31, 2020
- Virtual Exhibit: SALVAGED: The Stitched Narratives of Jennifer Regan.

NEW COMMITTEE FOR THE 2021-2022 RAFFLE QUILT!!

Celia Schnacky and Mary Hamilton have volunteered to make the **2021-2022 Raffle Quilt!**

The **2020-21 Raffle Quilt** winner will be chosen at the May 2021 meeting. If you need tickets, please contact President Geri to arrange pickup or to receive via mail. It is a beautiful quilt. This is the only major fundraiser for our Guild. Please support this fundraiser. The quilt is on display at Ryco, 25 Carrington Street in Lincoln. If you happen to be shopping there and spend more than you should (\$100) make sure you ask for a free raffle ticket. Thanks to Ryco for their support. 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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