



Ladies,

It's been almost a year since we were all together face to face and hand to hand. I never thought this "virus" would have lasted so long and affected all of us in so many ways. From Easter and the 4th of July, to Thanksgiving and Christmas, things were low key with our family and friends. We are relying on "zoom" for personal contact. This new way of communication has allowed our guild to have new life. From our monthly meetings, to board meetings and workshops and "sip and sew", it has been a joy to "see" everyone's faces, homes, works of art and even their PJ's!

My board and committee chairs have worked so hard at keeping this guild running for the last 3 years. Now it's time to "pass the torch". We are looking for some "new blood" to carry this great guild forward in our 45th year. As I have been saying throughout my years as President, YOU make our guild great. So if you are interested in any of the board positions or committee chairs, please contact me or the current board.

We have had so many great projects and events as a group, even with this "pandemic" lurking around us. We will be working on our 2022 Quilt show soon, so we hope to see a lot of quilts made during the pandemic. Spring is almost in the air. I hear the birds singing as they try to find their new homes. I can't wait. I'm sure we are all looking forward to the spring. It has been a long Winter.

On a personal note, my older sister Eileen, from Hilton Head Island, SC., had been staying with me since the beginning of December.

It was getting a little lonely down there, so she decided to stay for a bit. She had been great company and a comfort during the quarantine. I have gotten her into quilting, and she has been helping me with my rebus puzzles for you all. I hope this pause has opened the door to some new experiences in your life.

Please continue to stay safe, and keep on quilting. It keeps us sane during all these times. We are in this together.

See you on "Zoom"

Geri Bergreen

President

*Friends are flowers in the garden of life*



## MEETINGS

**Board Meeting March 4, 2021, 6:30 p.m.**

**General Meetings March 18, 2021, 6:30 p.m.**

**April 15, 2021, 6:30 p.m.**

**ZOOM meeting format until further notice**

**Invitation for Zoom meetings to be emailed the week the meetings will be held**

## PROGRAMS AND WORKSHOPS

At our March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting we will have Karen Echmeier from the *Quilted Lizard Fiber Arts Studio* via zoom presenting *Wiggles and Waves* (her most recent book) and a trunk show. On Friday morning she will be teaching, via zoom, a 3 hour class on *Color Twists and Leaves*. This class will start at 9 a.m. with student log in time beginning at 8:30 a.m. Karen has also donated and signed four of her books that will be given out as prizes during the workshop.

At our April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, Eleanor (Elly) Levie, author of several books and patterns, will be presenting "*A Magical History Tour*", and will lead us on a rollicking journey through quilt making in our time. Elly will share many secrets and stories about the explosion of fabrics and designs, the ground-breaking tools and techniques, and the larger-than-life personalities. On Saturday morning, April 17<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 – 1 p.m. her class will be "*Weave a Quilt with Me*". This workshop is now full and a waitlist has been created. Elly also suggests, for *Show and Tell*, we share a picture of the first quilt we made. Please send pictures of your first quilts to Geri ([tbgeri@aol.com](mailto:tbgeri@aol.com)) for a presentation to be shown at the April 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Indicate that this is your first quilt, to distinguish from our regular PowerPoint Show and Tell presentations.

And last but not least, to end our program year will be Sherri Noel from *Rebecca Mae Designs*. Her recent book – "*Text IT! Quilts and Pillows with something to say*" will hopefully be incorporated into her presentation entitled "*Finding My Quilt Voice*". A workshop is to be determined because she is doing a "100 blocks in 10 months program" and is not sure if she can fit in a workshop, but I am working on this and will report back. If she cannot, we have a backup plan....



To sign up for workshops, please email Gail Macera ([igmacera@cox.net](mailto:igmacera@cox.net)) to check for availability.

Gail Macera and Tina Zuffoletti



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## PRESIDENT'S FACEBOOK CONTEST

### Rebus Teaser

Try and solve this rebus puzzle  
and email Geri with your answer.  
([tbgeri@aol.com](mailto:tbgeri@aol.com))

Hint: It is a fun quilting saying.

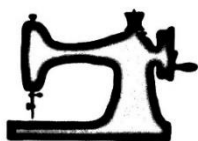
This is good practice for the weekly President's Contest posted on Facebook, which begins on Sunday of each week. The weekly President's Rebus Contest has puzzles of quilting blocks to guess. It's really not hard if you follow each block, just like piecing a quilt block together. Check Facebook or, if you don't use Facebook, Geri can send you the puzzles of prior contests to try and solve. Each answer includes what the block looks like and instructions for a block if you want to make a sample quilt. So here is your test sample to try.

I hope I get Responses. Good luck.



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## **COMFORT QUILTS**

We hope you are well and busily sewing as the snow swirls around us!

As we look forward to better weather, we are planning a *Comfort Quilts* get together on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at the classroom of Island Creations by Louise, 74 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI. 02817. We will be there, outside, from 9 am - 12 pm, rain (with a canopy) or shine. There will be kits available, from tops to completed quilts, for all to pick up.

You will also be able to drop off any completed tops, quilts or material. We look forward to seeing lots of people – it will be wonderful to see people in person instead of on a computer screen!

Thank you for all you do for *Comfort Quilts*. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Maslanka or Brenda Starble.

## **HELP WANTED**

### **LOOKING FOR MENTEES**



NBQA is still looking for Mentees for the board positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for the upcoming 2021-22 Elections in May 2021. Please, if there is anyone interested in these positions now would be a great time to talk to the board and start the mentoring process. These board members have been in their positions for 3 years, and these terms are up per the bylaws.

There are a few committee chair positions also available if interested, or you might also like to join a committee.

Please, we need YOUR HELP to continue this great guild in our 45<sup>th</sup> YEAR!!

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

We are looking for 2 or 3 members to serve as a nominating committee to identify candidates to fill officer positions for the 2021-2022 year as soon as possible. Please contact either Geri ([tbgeri@aol.com](mailto:tbgeri@aol.com)) or Louise ([louisebpd@yahoo.com](mailto:louisebpd@yahoo.com)) if you are interested.

## **“SALE” on Membership Dues for NEW Members for the 2020-2021 year**

NBQA membership dues for the current year (2020-2021) for NEW members have been reduced from \$35 to \$20. This price will remain in effect until August 31, 2021. See amended application form at the end of this newsletter.



## RESULTS FOR QUILTER'S COLUMN QUESTION, JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2021:

### WHAT QUILT PATTERNS OR DESIGNS ARE ON YOUR "BUCKET LIST" ?

**Alice Hourihan...**I would say Compass Star and maybe Double Wedding Ring.

**Barbara Hartford...**Bargello

**Joan Potter...**I have a couple patterns I want to make from Elizabeth Hartman (Lepidoptera) and Yoko Saito (Good Night), and someday I want to make a Giant Dahlia quilt. I have a collection of American Album Blocks of the states that I would like to make some day. So many patterns, so little time.

**Brenda Starble...** My bucket list of quilt patterns includes Log Cabins, Dresden's, anything in red and white, and whatever else catches my eye!

**Paula Weston...**My bucket list includes Dresden Plates (the rounded edge style), and a challenging paper piecing project like NY Beauty or Mariner's Compass.

## QUILTER'S COLUMN QUESTION for MARCH/APRIL 2021

**What is (are) your favorite quilting ruler(s) and why?** Any type of ruler qualifies: square, long, specialty, template etc. Please include as many as you want. It will be interesting to see why everyone likes their favorites.

**Bonus Question: I Press seams A) Always open, B) always to one side, C) Whatever is best for the block/project.**

You will be getting an NBQA email with these questions within the next few days. Just answer the email with your contribution.



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## UPDATE ON THE GOVERNOR'S QUILT

Joany Rebecchi is transferring newspaper headlines to fabric. Following this, Celia will assemble the blocks and photograph the quilt. The project will then be ready for quilting.



## RAFFLE QUILT

PLEASE KEEP ON SELLING RAFFLE TICKETS. Money and stubs from ticket sales **must be sent by May 1, 2021** to Treasurer Sue Ellis at 1291 Middle Road, East Greenwich, RI 02818. Please **convert cash to a check payable to NBQA**. 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. **Tickets will also be available at the Spring Comfort Quilt drop off on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

## 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 the *Comfort Quilt* drop off /pickup scheduled for April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

## NBQA Vests Available

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## **NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM**

The New England Quilt Museum is open and following Covid protocols to ensure the safety of everyone. Here are some exhibitions currently featured

### **EDGES: STUDIO ART QUILT ASSOCIATES**

On View January 7 through March 27, 2021

### **YELLOW AND ORANGE: QUILTS FROM THE PILGRIM/ROY COLLECTION**

On View March 3 through May 22, 2021

### **THE CONSTANT QUILTER: QUILTS OF WENDY REED**

On View March 3 through May 22, 2021

For more information visit the museum website at <https://www.neqm.org/>

## **2022 QUILT SHOW NEWS**

Planning is underway for the 2022 Quilt Show. If you are interested in shaping the show, please contact Louise Pankiewicz or Joan Potter for an invitation to the kick off meeting on April 10, 2021 from 1 to 2 PM, via Zoom ([joanpotter1@cox.net](mailto:joanpotter1@cox.net) or [nbqamail@gmail.com](mailto:nbqamail@gmail.com)).



## **SHOW AND TELL**

Keep on texting or sending photos and descriptions of your *Show and Tell* items along with your name to Geri, at 401- 523-6240 or [tbgeri@aol.com](mailto:tbgeri@aol.com)

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



**DISCOUNTED PRICE FOR NEW MEMBERSHIP**

**JANUARY, 1, - AUGUST 31, 2021 ONLY**

**\$20.00**

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**NBQA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - September 1, 2020 - August 31, 2021**

**ALL NEW MEMBERS:**

- Receive a membership booklet and membership card which may entitle the member to discounts at local quilt shops.
- Receive bimonthly newsletters via email.

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In what type of program or speaker would you be interested? \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW MEMBERS: Would you like to help out by working on a committee?**

**Please check your choice(s) and the appropriate committee chairperson will contact you.**

- ☐ Hospitality ☐ Door Prizes ☐ NE Quilt Museum ☐ BOM/Strip Exchange ☐ Programs ☐ Comfort Quilts  
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