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Ladies,
Happy May!

This is a special month for me as I turn 65 years old at the end of the month, and my 4 years as your President are coming to a end. Throughout these 4 years we have all endured so much together from cancelling 2 quilt shows, cancelling meetings, learning to be virtual via Zoom, wearing and making masks, to getting shots and sadly losing some dear members, family and friends to Covid. We have been able to cope with all this together as a guild. And I thank you from the bottom of my heart for all your support, patience, understanding, and the love you have given me and this guild.

I am so happy that, at our May meeting this month, we will be able to see each other in person. It has been long in coming. Masks are not required at the meeting, however, if you would like to wear a mask, please feel free to do so.

Our "*Welcome Back Meeting*" will be full of fun and smiles. We will be having our annual *Strawberry Shortcake Social*, so bring your appetite. Also bring (2) items for *Show and Tell*, if you wish, your *President's Challenge* Fitbit Mat (a thank you will be given to you if you participated so don't forget to sign it), your name pin for door prize entry, and *Block of the Month* and *Strip of the Month* fabrics (info in this newsletter).

Elections for the new board will be held. If you have any interest in the open positions or committee chairs listed in this newsletter, please contact Louise or me with your intent. We all make up this guild. Volunteer for a position or help on a committee. We need you to make this guild continue on with the great work we do.

Our Guild has some great events being planned for our next year. I can't wait to see what the NBQA future has in store.

Again, thank you for all your support. It has been greatly appreciated, more than you will ever know.

Keep Calm, and Quilt On!
Love and Thanks,

Geri Bergreen
President NBQA

2018-2022

GENERAL MEETING **IN PERSON**

Thursday, May 19, 2022
6:30 PM

East Greenwich United Methodist Church
1558 South County Trail
East Greenwich, RI

Please Bring:

- Your nametag
- *Show & Tell* (please limit to 2 quilts)
- *Block of the Month* and *Strip Exchange*
- Finished *Comfort Quilts*
- Finished *President's Challenge* Fidget Mats
- Fee for membership renewal

PROGRAMS

May 21st, 2022, 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM — Kassie Randall and Billie Bunnewith will teach the Laura Heine method of collage quilting at Island Creations Studio, 74 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI. No sewing machine necessary, just bring lots of scrap fabric.



FOR ALL WORKSHOPS, PLEASE CONTACT GAIL MACERA AT jgmacera@cox.net FOR REGISTRATION. THERE IS A \$35 FEE FOR EACH WORKSHOP.

Gail Macera

NBQA Programs

EDUCATION

This past month, the Education Committee focused on the Cranston Public Library's main branch for its activities. In early April, the Committee installed a Ukrainian Easter egg tree exhibit in the Library Reference Room to honor the struggles of the people of the Ukraine. In early May, we held a red work embroidery activity for pre-teens on a Saturday morning in the Children's Room. And our efforts continued to arrange a month-long NBQA exhibit in the Library this December, to include a reception and other activities to publicize our association. The Education Committee is always in need of more help, and we would welcome any new members who would like to join us in our year-'round efforts. If you are interested, please contact Peggy Ann Lane (drpalane@cox.net)



Timna Tarr's **Mass Maples** (used with permission)

For this quilt we need 287 classic maple leaf blocks, finished size is 4 1/2". The stem portion is paper pieced. The pattern was previously published in the Oct/Nov 2014 issue of *Quilter's Newsletter Magazine*.

Colors

Timna suggests using complementary colors for the leaf and background fabrics, including secondary and tertiary colors. Complementary colors are opposed to each other on the color wheel. Secondary colors are: orange, purple and green. Tertiary colors are the colors between the primary and secondary colors: red-orange, yellow-green, blue-violet, etc. You can Google "color wheel" if you don't have one to see which colors are complementary. **Please make 4 or more blocks** using different color combinations, and feel free to get creative. Any leftover blocks will be used to make mug mats for the next quilt show.

Block Construction

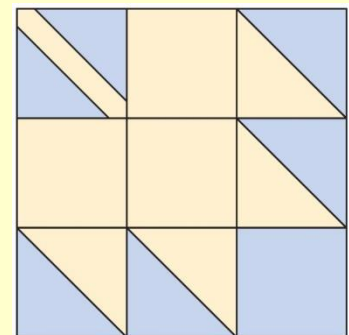
For each block, cut (1) 2" square of background fabric, and (3) 2" squares of leaf fabric. Cut (2) 2 3/8" squares of background fabric and (2) 2 3/8" squares of leaf fabric for the half square triangles. Layer (1) 2 3/8" square of background fabric over (1) 2 3/8" square of leaf fabric right sides together. Draw a diagonal line corner to corner, then stitch 1/4" away from both sides of the diagonal line. Cut in half along the line, and press open, with seam allowance towards the dark side. Repeat to make 4 half square triangles.

Draft a pattern for the stem. Draw a 2" square. Draw a line diagonally across the center, then draw a line 1/8" from each side. Erase or ignore the center diagonal line. The 1/4" section down the middle is the stem, and the triangles on each side are the background. Label the stem piece 1, and the triangles piece 2 and 3. To construct the stem square using the David Sirota method, crease the paper toward you (pattern facing right side up) along the lines between 1 and 2 and 2 and 3. Cut a 3/4" x 3 1/4" rectangle of leaf fabric. On the back of the pattern, center the stem piece over the area for piece 1, right side up, wrong side towards the paper. Pin in place or use a small dot of a glue stick to hold it. Fold back the paper along the crease between piece 1 and piece 2. Align the background fabric right sides together with the raw edge of piece 1. Make sure you have at least 1/4" seam allowance, and that piece 2 is completely covered by the background fabric, then stitch along the crease, all the way to the edge of piece 1. Open up the paper and fold the background fabric open. Press the seam and trim the background fabric generously around piece 2. Secure piece 2 in place with a pin or dot of glue stick. Repeat steps for piece 3, again using the background fabric. Using a rotary cutter and ruler, trim the square along the paper edge to 2" square. Remove the paper. You can use the same paper to piece additional blocks.

Assemble the Maple Leaf block according to the diagram.

Block should measure 5" square with the seam allowance.

Turn completed blocks into Joan Potter at the October 2022 meeting, or mail to her at 264 Sutton Avenue, East Providence RI 02914.



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Quilt Show News

Good news everyone, the 2022 Quilt Show is back on!

It will be held at the United Methodist Church in East Greenwich where we have our in-person meetings, on Friday, October 14, and Saturday, October 15, with setup the evening of Thursday, October 13. Due to the smaller venue we will be limiting the number of entries from each person, but we still plan to display a large number of quilts and we hope everyone will participate. A planning meeting will be held at Louise's shop on Wednesday, May 18 at 6:30 PM, with all welcome to attend, and more information will be available at the May meeting. Currently we are in need of someone to chair quilt registration for the show, as well as a publicity chair. I am also looking for a co-chair for the show. Please contact Joan Potter at 401-241-0029 or joanpotter1@cox.net if you are interested. Or come to the planning meeting with your questions. The meeting will be Wednesday, May 18th, 6:30 PM, at Louise's Place, 74 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich. Show applications will be due at the September meeting on September 15th.

ELECTIONS FOR NEW BOARD POSITIONS

At the May meeting, the Nominating Committee will present the following slate of officers and committee chairs:

President - Gail Macera
 Vice President - Joan Potter
 Secretary - Mary Ann Laprise
 Treasurer - Blaire Gagnon
 Comfort Quilts - Geri Bergreen / Barbara Hartford
 Education - Peggy Lane
 Hospitality - Joany Rebecchi (needs assistance)
 Programs - Carol Ann Robertson (Gail Macera will mentor)
 Website - Pat Andraka
 Quilt Show - Joan Potter
 New England Quilt Museum – Karen Stanley
 Newsletter- Paula Weston
 Membership - Ann Sabatini
 Special Events - Louise Pankiewicz
 Publicity - Barbara Stetson (in need of a photographer)
 Librarian - **Open**

Please contact Geri or Louise prior to the May meeting if you can fill one of the open positions.



NBQA SUMMER CHALLENGE 2022

"FABRIC CHALLENGE"

To Benefit the Needy

Rules:

1. The Comfort Quilt committee will assemble bags of fabric for this challenge. Bags will have various colors and amounts given. No two bags will be alike, and we will keep a list of participants whereas there will be surprise prizes as well.
2. From the fabric, members are asked to assemble a Comfort Quilt, (suitable for donating). Use of members own stash fabric will be necessary to finish the quilt for this challenge.
3. Sizes of this challenge must be a minimum of 25" x 30" (crib size) and no larger than 40" x 75" (twin size).
4. Bag pick up will be at the May 19, 2022 General Membership meeting at the church.
5. Finished quilts will be judged at the September 2022 meeting with 1st, 2nd and 3rd places given. Voting will be based on the membership present picking viewer's choice.
6. When the challenge is over, the quilts will be given to the Comfort Quilts Committee in collaboration with the Education Committee for a special exhibit at the Cranston Central Library in of December 2022. After the exhibit the Comfort Quilts will be distributed to the needy.

THE RETURN OF THE STRIP EXCHANGE AND BLOCK OF THE MONTH

For *Strip Exchange*, please bring:

(4) – 2 ½ " x WOF strips of a **solid color or tone on tone** fabric . This qualifies for one prize ticket.

For *Block of the Month* please bring:

(3) - 10" blocks of **children's fabrics**. This qualifies for one prize ticket.

There will be 2 prizes for each category (4 prizes total) to be awarded. All fabrics will go to comfort quilts.




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Advertisements, free of charge, listing quilt related items for sale by NBQA members should include a brief description and contact information only. Pricing information, pictures, or anything else pertaining to the sale should be shared by both parties via their contact information. If you would like to submit an ad, please send it to Paula Weston, pweston528@gmail.com.

FOR SALE: SEWMATE III Koala Sewing Cabinet. Good condition. Slide out caddy for added table top and storage. Flip top opens to both sides and has outback leaf for more sewing/cutting space. Moveable sewing platform that rises and lowers for sewing comfort and storage. Please contact Dianna via email: LEMAL2@cox.net

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COMFORT QUILTS

Saturday June 4, 2022. Please save the date. We will be having a *Comfort Quilt* sewing day at *Island Creations by Louise*, [74 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI](https://www.islandcreationsbylouise.com/), from 9 AM to 3 PM. Bring your sewing machine and we will supply the sewing materials.

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PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

I am challenging all the members of this guild to make a "Fidget Mat" by our May 19, 2022 meeting. That would be a wonderful tribute to my Mom, who passed from this 12 years ago, and to my 4 years as your President.

A "Fidget Mat" is easy to make with any left over scraps and notions you may have on hand. There are lots of patterns on line. Just google it, or try the one I have below .



<https://nancyzieman.com/blog/sewing-2/sew-an-alzheimers-activity-mat/>

Activity Mats are the size of a placemat and include pockets, zippers, buttons, strings of beads, bells, etc. They may also include a textured pocket with a soft toy or vinyl pocket for photos. Making activity mats is a great volunteer opportunity and gift from the heart.

The activity mats are designed to safely stimulate and soothe people with Alzheimer's and other cognitive challenges, while providing a better quality of **LIFE**.....

- L** – Lift spirits and entertain users while relieving caregivers.
- I** – Interest users in items on the mat. This stimulates senses and reinforces memory.
- F** – Focus user's attention during therapy or conversation with a caregiver. Helps visitors and staff find topics of conversation with users.
- E** – Exercise hands and fingers.

So, I hope you will join me in this challenge. I appreciate your support in this worthwhile cause, and can not wait to see what you all will be making.

**President Geri has a thank you gift if you have participated in this President's Challenge.
Please make sure you label your Fidget Mats to receive a gift.**

Thanks again,
President Geri

NBQA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - September 1, 2022 - August 31, 2023



ALL MEMBERS:

- Receive a membership list & membership card which may entitle the member to discounts at local quilt shops.
- Receive five bimonthly newsletters via email & summer edition. * May submit quilts to the biannual quilt show.
- Access to NBQA Facebook page. * Participation in Fabric Challenges and Mystery Quilts.

FULL MEMBERS – GUILD LIMIT 250 FULL MEMBERS	ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May attend all meetings.• May enroll in all workshops and trips.• New full members will receive a name pin to wear to meetings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May attend 2 meetings per year.• May be wait listed for unfilled workshops and trips.• Will be given a priority position on the waiting list for full membership.

Membership dues are not prorated for a partial year.

Bring this completed form with cash/check to a meeting or mail this completed form with a check made out to NBQA.

(DO NOT MAIL CASH) to: Anne Sabatini, 61 Plaza Street, Cranston, RI 02920

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☐ **MAIL MY MEMBERSHIP LIST TO MY HOME ADDRESS (include an Additional \$3.00 for postage).**

☐ **MAIL A PAPER COPY OF THE NEWSLETTERS TO MY HOME ADDRESS (include an Additional \$20.00 for printing and postage).**

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MEMBER NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS

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EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

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NAME _____ PHONE _____

RELATIONSHIP TO YOU _____

In what type of programs or speakers would you be interested? _____

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

☐ Membership ☐ Publicity ☐ DVD Library ☐ Newsletter ☐ Quilt Show ☐ Educational ☐ Historian

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At the 4th light, Thorndike Street merges into Dutton Street. Go to the 2nd light and turn right onto Market Street.

The museum's changing exhibitions, Brown Bag Lectures, gallery talks, and special events are updated weekly at nequiltmuseum.org.