

Dear Ladies,

As I prepare to step down after four years as your president, my heart is as full as a scrap bin after a big project. When I first took this role, I knew we shared a love for fabric and thread, but I didn't realize how deeply these threads would connect us as friends and creators.

Looking back on these four years, I am incredibly proud of what we have stitched together. From our three quilt shows in four years, to donating over 310 quilts to charitable organizations to many speakers and workshops, to fun bus trips to the quiet moments of "show and tell" where we cheered for every finished binding, this guild has been a constant source of inspiration. We have navigated and come out stronger, proving that our community is as durable by coming back after Covid and rebounding our finances because of your support of The Boutique. Thanks to you, The Boutique has done its job and will happily retire after our May meeting.

I want to extend my deepest thanks to the Board and the many volunteers who keep our guild humming. **No** president works alone, and your dedication has made my job a joy. To every member: thank you for sharing your talent, your patience, and your stories with me.

While I am done by the bylaws, I am not going far. I am looking forward to sitting in the audience, finishing my own "UFOs," and simply enjoying the company of people who understand that "stash enhancement" is a legitimate hobby. Thank you for the honor of serving as your president. I can't wait to see the beautiful things this guild will create next.

With stitches and love,
Gail Macera
NBQA, President
2022-2026

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

May 14

We meet again in September!

6:30 pm

Please sign up now, applications must be in by July 1st to ensure your spot in membership. You can also fill it out and bring it with your check for \$35.00 to the May 21st meeting or mail it to Pat Hendrickson

NBQA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - September 1, 2026 - August 31, 2027



ALL MEMBERS:

- Receive an emailed membership list & membership card which may entitle the member to discounts at local quilt shops. You will need to ask at the quilt store.
- Receive five bimonthly newsletters via email & summer edition. * May submit quilts to the biannual quilt show.
- Access to Members only NBQA Facebook group. * 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. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May attend 2 meetings per year.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May enroll in all workshops and trips. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May be wait listed for unfilled workshops and trips.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New full members will receive a membership card along with a lanyard to wear at meetings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: **Pat Hendrickson, 13 Greenwich West Dr., West Greenwich, RI 02817**

- I AM A CURRENT MEMBER RENEWING MY MEMBERSHIP** (Payment due by July 1, 2026)
- Full membership \$35.00 (check enclosed if mailed) Associate Membership \$15.00 (check enclosed if mailed)
- I AM A NEW MEMBER**
- Full membership \$35.00 (check enclosed if mailed) Associate Membership \$15.00 (check enclosed if mailed)

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY – ESPECIALLY THE EMAIL ADDRESS AND EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

MEMBER NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT

NAME _____ PHONE _____

RELATIONSHIP TO YOU _____

What type of programs or speakers would you be interested in? _____

MEMBERS: Would you like to be more active by helping on a committee?
Please check your choice(s) and the appropriate committee chairperson will contact you.

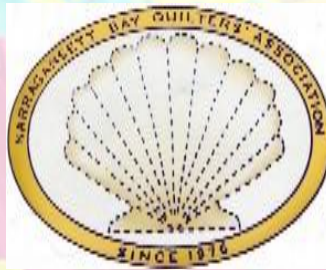
- Hospitality Door Prizes NE Quilt Museum Block of the Month Programs Comfort Quilts
- Membership Publicity Quilts of Valor Newsletter Quilt Show Educational Historian
- Other: _____

To be completed by NBQA.

Amount Rec'd _____ Check# _____

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Signature: _____ Date: _____



Narragansett Bay Quilters Association

Total of Comfort Quilt donations over the past four years =

Central Falls Children's Foundation/Jenks Park Residence -51

DCYF (Department of Children, Youth and Families)- 77

Day One, Nicole Purcell -10

East Providence Police Department- 5

Elizabeth Buffum Chace House-20

Honor Walk/Rhode Island Hospital -5

Hope Alzheimer Center -9

MAE Organization -26

Meeting Street -10

Mother of Life Pregnancy Center -44

Operation Standdown- 26

St. Vincent De Paul Society - 22

Westerly Elks Veterans' Pantry- 5

TOTAL – 310 QUILTS DONATED BY YOU!!!

Programs 2026

May 2026

- Strawberry Social on the 21st
- Election of Officers
- Preview of programs for 2026-2027



Golden Threads

50th Anniversary Quilt Show

Well ladies, it was a wonderful show! Thanks to all of you who contributed in so many ways.

We made a profit of \$2,135.38. Attendance was lower than usual, which I attribute to the AQS show in Hartford the week before, and the lousy economy in general. We can thank the basket raffle and Peggy's sale of vintage quilts for our profitability. Nevertheless, historically \$2000 is about what we usually make at a show. If anyone has any outstanding expenses for the quilt show, please submit them to Marylou ASAP.

If anyone still has yard signs, please bring them to the May or September meeting and give them to me.

We will have the volunteer raffle at the May meeting. You get one ticket for each hour you volunteered at the March judging event, or the Thursday-Sunday days of the show. Winners do not need to be present.

If anyone has ideas for things we could do differently next time, please email, call or text me while it's still fresh in your mind. I am always open to suggestions, and I value your opinions. We will start planning in April 2027 for an April 2028 show.

I will bring some more NBQA albums to the May meeting for your perusal.

Thanks again to everyone for your efforts to make our show a success!

Joan Potter

**Narragansett Bay Quilters' Association
2026 Judged Quilts Awards
Artisan**

BEST OF SHOW - JA115 – Linda Iannuccelli Last Day of Summer

Exemplary Applique	1 st - JA325	Harriet Simoneau	Daffodil Garden
	2 nd - JA96	Harriet Simoneau	Homeward Bound
	3 rd - JA115	Linda Iannuccelli	Last Day of Summer
Exemplary Art	1 st - JA327	Karen Ouhrabka	Flower Show Dressed to Impress
Exemplary Embel/Emb	1 st - JA325	Harriet Simoneau	Daffodil Garden
	2 nd - JA241	Harriet Simoneau	Wallflower Madeby
	3 rd - JA120	Gail Macera	Jingle All the Way
Exemplary Innovative	1 st - JA115	Linda Iannuccelli	Last Day of Summer
	2 nd - JA331	Harriet Simoneau	Sewcialites #2
	3 rd - JA145	Ellen Fillion	Stars & Stripes Forever
Exemplary Modern	1 st - JA168	Robin Gardner	Picnic Petals
	2 nd - JA210	Danielle Carlson	Sailing into Marriage
Exemplary Pictorial	1 st - JA146	Gail Macera	Rippling Colors
	2 nd - JA87	Peg Nickerson	Mirror, Mirror
	3 rd - JA158	Gail Macera	Daring Spirit
Exemplary Piecing	1 st - JA116	Linda Iannuccelli	Last Day of Summer
	2 nd - JA240	Harriet Simoneau	Hearts of Hope
	3 rd - JA171	Mary Elizabeth Slinko	Indigo Way
	HM- JA77	Karen Ouhrabka	Blue Bliss
Exemplary Quilting DSM	1 st - JA241	Harriet Simoneau	Wallflower Madely
	2 nd - JA96	Harriet Simoneau	Homeward Bound
	3 rd - JA 240	Harriet Simoneau	Hearts of Hope
Exemplary Quilting LA	1 st - JA146	Karen Iris/Gail Macera	Rippling Colors
	2 nd - JA77	Missouri/Karen Ouhrabka	Blue Bliss
Exemplary Scrap	1 st - JA173	Mary Elizabeth Slinko	Mile A Minute
	2 nd - JA96	Harriet Simoneau	Homeward Bound
	3 rd - JA141	Lori Lambert	Harriet's Journey

Singles:

Exemplary Edge Finish: JA146	Gail Macera	Rippling Colors
Exemplary Hand Quilting: JA166	Linda Iannuccelli	Winter Solstice
Exemplary Use of Color: JA175	Mary Elizabeth Slinko	Kaffe Strings in Blue & Yellow

**Narragansett Bay Quilters' Association
2026 Judged Quilts Awards
Master Division**

Best of Show:	JM191	Denise Greenlund	Kathy's Garden
Exemplary Applique	1 st - JM128 2 nd - JM195	Brenda Devine Denise Greenlund	Little Brown Bird Flower Power
Exemplary Art	1 st - JM312 2 nd - JM317	Blaire Ort Gagnon Pat Harrison	Rage Quilting Eclipse
Exemplary Embel/Emb	1 st - JM31 2 nd - JM332	Blaire Ort Gagnon Lisa Bagian	Waning Light Promise Ring
Exemplary Innovative	1 st - JM228 2 nd - JM224	Pat Harrison Pat Harrison	Fractured Paperclip
Exemplary Modern	1 st - JM227 2 nd - JM226	Pat Harrison Pat Harrison	Virion Slice Wibble
Exemplary Pictorial	1 st - JM189 2 nd - JM153	Denise Greenlund Pam Pereira	Work in Blue and White New England Shines
Exemplary Piecing	1 st - JM75 2 nd - JM229	Lisa Bagian Pat Harrison	Petal & Lace Toile de Jouy
Exemplary Quilting DSM	1 st - JM76 2 nd - JM312	Lisa Bagian Blaire Ort Gagnon	Clam Shells and Feathers, Oh My Rage Quilting
Exemplary Quilting LA	1 st - JM154 2 nd - JM74	Lisa Bagian/Tina Z. Lisa Bagian	Barn Star Sampler Growing Wild
Exemplary Scrap	1 st - JM193 2 nd - JM74	Denise Greenlund Lisa Bagian	More Flowers Growing Wild
Singles:			
Exemplary Edge Finish:	JM229	Pat Harrison	Toile de Jouy
Exemplary Hand Quilting:	JM219	Blaire Ort Gagnon	Modern Yellow Ware
Exemplary Use of Color:	JM191	Denise Greenlund	Kathy's Garden
Additional Awards:			
Judge's Choice:	JA116	Linda Iannuccelli	Winter Solstice
NACQJ CJ Award of Merit:	JA240	Harriet Simoneau	Hearts of Hope
Viewer's Choice: Sat	JM154	Tina Zuffoletti	Barn Star Sampler
Viewer's Choice: Sun	JM128	Brenda Devine	Little Brown Bird

PROPOSED NOMINATIONS

Positions via the Bylaws

Effective June 1, 2026 – May 31, 2027

Officers of the Corporation

*President- Louise Pankiewicz *** *louisebpd@gmail.com*
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*= Chair

** New to the position

Announcements and Reminders

MEMBERS ONLY FACEBOOK GROUP

We have a Facebook group for members of NBQA. You can search for the Narragansett Bay Quilters group or click the following link to request to join:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/810516923289299>

New England Quilt Museum

For guild members to be admitted to the museum at no charge they need to present their guild membership card.

Board Vacancies

There are a number of vacancies on the Board this year:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Historian

Please contact Robin Gardner at (401) 935-1802

Education

The Education Committee was very busy at our Quilt Show. As far as our usual projects, we offered kids' activities to 15 young participants, gave a quilting demonstration for adults, handed out 50 strawberry pincushion take-and-make kits, and answered questions on NBQA and gave out new member applications. In addition, this year we also sold donated vintage quilts and quilt tops and supervised the silent auction for the "50 States Embroidered Quilt," all to raise additional money for NBQA.

Our summer months will be filled with activities, as well. We will be offering three sets of patriotic projects at the Narragansett and Warwick Public Libraries to adults and kids during the months of June, July and August. If you have free time during the summer, please consider joining us. Thanks! - Peggy Ann Lane, Chair



Quilts of Hope: Rhode Island



QUILTS OF HOPE, RHODE ISLAND

It is hard to believe that another year is coming to a close for the guild. The good news for us is that we keep marching along, meeting in Hut 3 every Wednesday unless the temperatures are just unbearable. The better news is that we are now able to sew on Friday and Saturday as well. The next Friday/Saturday dates will be May 15 and 16, 29 and 30 and into June: 5 & 6, 19 & 20. Wednesday sewing will continue as always.

On June 5th and 6th we are participating in the QOVF National Catch Up event. There are hundreds of veterans who have been waiting for 2 years or more to receive a quilt because there are so many veterans in their area that the groups can't keep up. We will have block kits to sew along with panels and log cabin blocks and borders to use to complete quilt tops. If you are able to participate please let me know. karen.iris@QOVF.org



In addition, QOVF has created a quilt challenge for anyone interested in participating. I have been given a quilt block that represents the state of Rhode Island. It is to be used within a quilt. It can be enlarged, used once or multiple times to create a quilt of 60x80. It can be traditional, modern, scrappy, appliqué, whatever works for you and your design. All quilts need to be completed and a picture sent to me by September 5th. I will have a committee to choose 3 quilts to be submitted to the organization and one will be chosen to send to QOVF. They are going to create 2 traveling quilt displays that will travel the country in honor of our 250th celebration. Copies will be available at the May guild meeting.

Thank you to all of you who have helped this year.



NBQA Bus Trip

To

New England Quilt Museum, Lowell, MA

&

Bits 'N Pieces Quilt Shop, Pelham, NH

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

The cost is \$60.00 per NBQA Member

(Make checks payable to NBQA and bring to NBQA Meeting or
send to Louise Pankiewicz, 55 Island Drive, Coventry RI 02816

We will leave the Warwick Park & Ride, Route 117,
292 Centerville Road, Warwick, RI 02886 at 8:30AM

Exit 27 off Interstate 95

and return at approximately 6:00 PM.

At the Museum,

we will be treated to a guided tour and also have time to view the exhibits on our own.
There is a café across the street from the Museum where you can purchase a light lunch.

Or bring your own lunch.

Water, compliments of NBQA, will be provided.

Questions??? Contact Special Events Chair

Louise Pankiewicz-DiCarlo

Cell: 401-323-0255

Or Contact Alice Hourihan,

NBQA Quilt Museum Liaison at a meeting

NBQA SUMMER CHALLENGE

★ 2026-2027 ★

Celebrating Freedom



Celebrate America's 250th birthday!

Celebrating Freedom with a quilted creation inspired by freedom. This challenge encourages imagination and creativity across our guild!

★ CHALLENGE THEME

Celebrating Freedom

Create a quilted item inspired by freedom, independence, or the spirit of America. Your interpretation can be patriotic, symbolic, historical, modern, or abstract.

★ WHAT CAN YOU MAKE?

Your entry can be anything quilted, including:

- ★ Quilt
- ★ Tote or purse
- ★ Pillow
- ★ Table topper
- ★ Accessory
- ★ Or anything else you can dream up!

✓ THE RULES (JUST A FEW!)

- Your entry must have three layers (top, batting, backing) and be quilted.
- No color rules. Patriotic colors or anything that inspires you.
- No size limits. Mini quilts or large projects are welcome.

★ VOTING & PRIZES

Members attending the September meeting will vote for their favorite entries.

Prizes will be awarded during the September meeting.

**ALMOST
NO RULES!**

Let your imagination
run free!



★ Celebrate freedom, creativity, and quilting together! ★



New England Quilt Museum

Artists' Talk - Soul Stories: Threads of Existence

Guest speakers An Marshall and Luana Rubin

Saturday, May 16, 2026

1:00 PM 2:00 PM

Join us for an entertaining hour of storytelling and artistic discovery as we explore the creative processes of 23 quilt and textile artists represented in ***Soul Stories: Threads of Existence***, currently on view in the NEQM Genre Gallery.



In addition to guest speakers An Marshall and Luana Rubin, nearly half of the featured artists will be present to answer your questions and share personal insights about their work. To learn more about the exhibition, [visit our preview page](#). **Registration is required**

Upcoming Quilt Shows

Amoskeag Quilters Guild Biennial Quilt Show Manchester, NH



Admission: Multi-Day Admission \$10; Under 12 Free

Email: nh.aqq.publicity@gmail.com

Website: <https://www.amoskeagqg.org/>

May 16 – 17, 2026

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Amoskeag Quilters Guild presents: Tomorrow's Heirlooms "It's a Block Party!"

*beautiful quilts exhibited

*diverse vendors

*raffle baskets — net proceeds benefit New England Quilt Museum

*sewing machine raffle

Drawing for the featured raffle quilt, with net proceeds benefiting Kidneys for Kindness, takes place on Sun., May 17.

BAYBERRY QUILTERS OF CAPE COD

QUILT SHOW

join our Garden Party!



2026 Raffle Quilt "Morningside"

Quilt Exhibit
Merchant Mall
Quilt Raffle
Lectures & Demos
Kids Sewing &
Scavenger Hunt
Quilts for Sale
Handmade Boutique

July 29 - 31, 2026

10 am - 4 pm Wednesday and Thursday

10 am - 3 pm Friday

ADMISSION \$12 MULTI-DAY \$20

Children 12 and under are free

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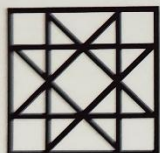
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At the 4th light, Thorndike Street merges into Dutton Street. Go to the 2nd light and turn right onto Market Street.

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