

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"We do not stop playing because we grow old, we grow old because we stop playing." (Benjamin Franklin) This also applies to trying new things.

Spring is coming. Is it time to try something new, stretch your brain, push your creativity? Feeling in rut? Nothing like a great workshop to get your juices flowing! There are still a few spaces left in Maria Lage's appliqué class in May. If you can't get out, there are amazing Internet sites, the Academy of Quilting for one. You can find beading classes, fabric dyeing lessons, Gelli plate classes, and ever so much more online.

Maybe you would like to be part of making our world a little better? The Quiltathon is on March 12, and the focus is on baby/children's quilts. Another idea is to get involved with Quilt for Change and have your quilt be seen internationally as part of a focus on a world issue.

As the end of the year approaches, I am thinking of the need for nominations for next year's Board. Five years ago, I joined NBQA because of the amazing workshops. Wanting to meet people, the next year I joined the Program Committee, and the year after that, I did the Programs. When I was approached about becoming President, my first thought was that it was too overwhelming, and I couldn't possibly do it. But I was promised a lot of help, and I got it. There is such a good system in place it was easier than I thought. I have gotten to know and appreciate so many more people, and we've had a lot of good laughs along the way. I hope you will be willing to try something new and volunteer to keep our wonderful guild going.

See you all soon,
Hope

NEXT 2015-2016 MEETING

East Greenwich United Methodist Church

March 17, 2016 at 7:00 PM

Please Bring:

- Your nametag
- Completed membership renewal form (see pg. 9)
- Refreshments (if you can)
- Magazines to swap
- Cash or checkbook to sign up for workshops
- Comfort quilts to drop off
- Fat Quarters for February (glitz/sparkles/metallic) and March (leaves-vines-flowers)
- BOM for February (Heart) and March (Bow tie)
- Items for Quilt Show: filled raffle baskets, auction items and mug mats
- Library DVDs due back from past two months
- Show & Tell

New Members

FULL Members

Wendy Overly

Evelyn Pallotta

ASSOCIATE Members

Elizabeth Bray

Caroline Murphy

NOTE: Full contact info on new members included in mailed/emailed newsletters

NBQA Membership Meeting

February 19, 2016

Vice President – Cathey LaBonte called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and asked Program Chair, Peggy Murphy to introduce the speaker.

Program – Modern Quilting with Tara Coogan and Jenn Galloway/Boyce.

Tara and Jenn from the RI Modern Quilt Guild gave an overview of “Modern Quilting” including some of the top designers in the field. This was followed by a terrific and inspirational trunk show of Modern Quilts. The RI Modern Quilt Guild is a chapter of the National Modern Quilt Guild. The RI guild meets on the 1st Saturday of the month 2-4 PM at the Cumberland Library. Dues are \$35/yr. You may attend up to 2 meetings without becoming a member. Additional links of interest: Design Seeds (an interesting site for color inspiration); Angela Walters’ Craftsy class on Quilting for Modern Quilters.

Barbara Stetson announced there will be a meeting of the Youth Quilting Committee on Thursday, March 3, 6:30-8:30 pm at Piecing with Poppers, 70 Nooseneck Hill Rd (Rt3), W. Greenwich, RI. Bring ideas to inspire quilters ages 7-19. Questions? Contact Barbara.

During the Break:

- Take a look and vote for your favorite pieces from the fabric challenge. Winners will be announced at the quilt show.
- Turn in money and ticket stubs for any quilt raffle tickets sold.
- Sign up to work at the quilt show – sign-up sheets in the lobby.

Social & Refreshment Break

Secretary - Melanie Johnston

The General Meeting minutes from January were voted on and approved without change.

Treasurer - Lisa Champlin

Jan income: \$35. YTD Income: \$9,584. Jan Expenses, \$420.81. YTD Expenses, \$5,510.50.

Quilt Show – Joan Potter

- Show pins will be available next month
- We need models for the fashion show (Sat 2pm)
- Please give small quilt auction items to Chris Bagley
- If you live in the NKHS vicinity, please take signs tonight to be put out on show weekend.
- If you wish to place an ad in the show booklet, contact Louise Panckiewicz

Comfort Quilts - Mary Padbury

We have been asked to make comfort quilts for those on board the Harry Truman aircraft carrier. We will make quilts for their babies born while they were away on duty.

The Quilt-a-thon is scheduled for March 12 from 9 to 3 at the church. Bring: your sewing machine; rotary cutter; notions; baby quilt books, etc. Bring your friends and make a team! Lunch, fabric, batting will be provided.

Block of the Month – Remember that blocks you make for the BOM will be used to make comfort quilts.

Snack & Door Prizes – Prizes were drawn.

Show and Tell was excellent! Pat Harrison is featured in *On/Track* Magazine.

Adjournment 9:02 PM

Submitted by Melanie Johnston, Secretary



QUILT SHOW NEWS

Quilt Show Update

The show is just around the corner! Please pick up some flyers and bookmarks at the March meeting to post in the places you frequent or give to your friends and coworkers. We'll also be selling discounted tickets to the show that night and handing out yard signs to put out in April. Also, the show pins are in, and we will have them for sale at the meeting. We still need baskets for the raffle, but we must have them by the March meeting.

If you haven't yet signed up to volunteer at the show, please do so at the March meeting. If you have any sturdy friends or family members who can help with setup and takedown, please make a note on the signup sheet. We can use any dressmaker forms you might be able to loan us, to display quilted clothing items. Don't forget to sign up to model at the Fashion Show! Keep selling quilt raffle tickets, but if you have any extra unsold tickets, please return them to Cathey LaBonte so we can sell them at the show. If anyone needs more tickets, contact Cathey at cathey.labonte@gmail.com. Thanks!!

Joan Potter
Show co-chair

Small Quilt Auction

I would just like to remind you about the Small Quilt Auction at our quilt show at 2pm on Sunday, April 24. I just had confirmation from our favorite Auctioneer, Bill Spicer!

We are not only looking for small quilts, but purses and totes, clothing, decorative household items, dolls and animals, etc. The common thread is thread! Must be a textile or fiber creation to qualify. Please bring in your donation to any of the upcoming meetings, including the show itself in April.

100% of the profits from this auction will be sent to the New England Quilt Museum and they truly appreciate our ongoing support.

Chris Bagley

NBQA Quilt Show Booklet Advertising

Advertising in the 2016 NBQA Quilt Show booklet is now available! We have ads in various sizes:

FULL PAGE (4.5" x 7.5") Ads for \$50.00

HALF PAGE (4.5" x 3.75") Ads for \$30.00

BUSINESS CARD sized Ads (1/4 Page) for \$20.00

NEW This Year for Members is the opportunity to share your wishes for a great show by purchasing a "Good Wishes" ad for \$5.00. All Good Wishes ads will be combined on one page in the show booklet and will feature your sentiment as well as your "Nom De Plume".

For more information and advertising reservation forms contact Louise Pankiewicz.

QUILT SHOW NEWS (CONT)

Judge bio — Stacy Koehler

I started my first quilt about 37 years ago, finished it 27 years ago, and realized how many problems it had about 20 years ago. Since then I've been working to be a better quilting and gotten deeper into the quilting world.

In addition to making quilts, I teach in shops and adult education programs. I am a member of Undercover Quilters, in Aston, PA., where I've served as president, education chair and show chair. I exhibit my work locally and nationally and occasionally do a commission. I entered NQA's Judging Certification Program in 2002, gained Certification in 2005 and became qualified to judge in NQA's Master Quilt program 3 years later. I continued to go back to NQA's annual show in Columbus every year as long as it was in existence. I judged it in 2012, and served as technology aide for the show judging staff the other years.

Beyond awarding ribbons, my judging goal is to make entering a quilt for judging a meaningful step in the quilting career of each entrant that motivates them to make more quilts and refine our art.

MUG MATS!

Each quilt show visitor is given a mug mat on entry. There are lots of patterns in the internet if you want to get fancy, but simple mats work too! We're also offering prizes: top three makers the most number of mats receive a \$50 gift certificate to a local quilt store. Bring your mats to a guild meeting in a zip lock bag with your name, date, and number of mats included and drop them in the big teacup.

Our goal is 1200 mats, so please make some mats and make our guests feel welcome! Contact Allison Wilbur with questions or suggestions.

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LIBRARY

Our collection of DVDs is available for members to borrow at our monthly meetings. To check out DVDs, please sign the index card in the back of each DVD and give it to the librarian. When returning DVDs give the librarian your name and she will pull your card and check off that you have returned your DVD.

A list of all DVDs in the NBQA library is on the web site under Resources.

Maria Lage

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NBQA March Block of the Month – Bow Tie

The directions for the individual bow tie block will yield a 4 ½" unfinished block. Four blocks arranged as in photo will yield an 8 ½" unfinished block. Additional blocks can be made in various ways to make Comfort Quilts in various sizes.



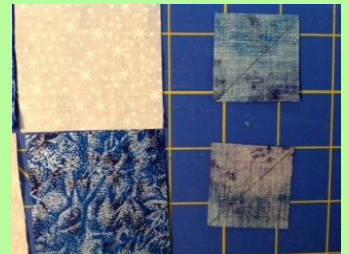
For one block, choose two colors, a main color and a background color.

From main color, cut (2) 2 ½" squares and (2) 1 ½" squares

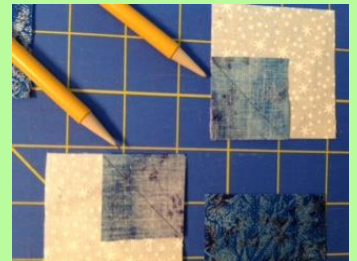
From background color, cut (2) 2 ½" squares



To construct units, first, draw a diagonal line on each 1 ½" square. Next place 1 ½" square in one corner of a 2 ½" background square.

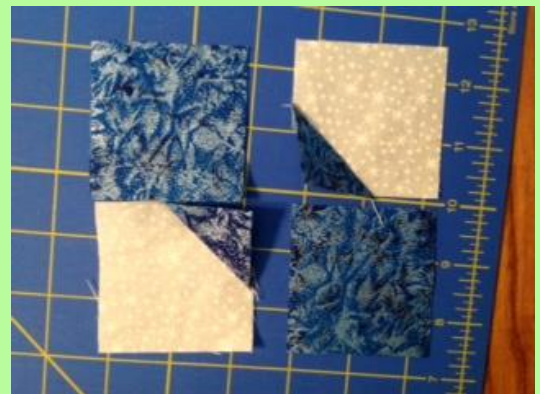


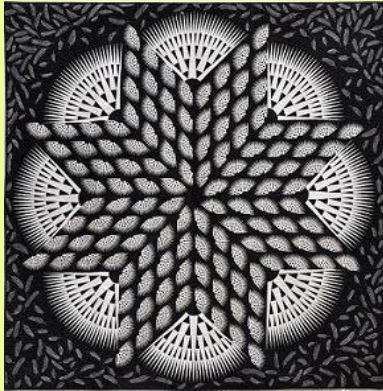
Sew right next to the diagonal line toward the out side of the square. Notice where the pencils are pointing. Sew on this side of the drawn line. Stitching line is next to, but not on, the drawn line. After sewing, trim excess fabric as shown in photo below



Place units and main color squares as shown in photo at right. Sew the pairs together and then sew the two halves together.

If sewing an 8 inch block, make (4) smaller Bow Tie blocks first. Then arrange as shown in the photo above and sew together.





Swan Song • Hiroko Nakayama, Japan

NEQM NEWS

Quilts Japan: The 12th Quilt Nihon
Now through May 1, 2016

Join NEQM for the Curator's Reception and Gallery Talk
Sat, March 5 at 11 am

INDIGO SHIBORI WORKSHOP with Carol Anne Grotrian

Saturday, April 2, 2016 / 10 am - 5 pm

FEE: Museum Members \$60 / Non-Members \$70 (additional \$3 materials fee)

Register in advance with NEQM Visitor Services at shop@nequiltmuseum.org
or 978-452-4207 x 16.

MORE INFO: <http://www.nequiltmuseum.org/programs--events.html>

QUILT-a-THON!

When: Saturday, March 12 9am-3pm

We will be making **quilts for babies and children.**

Where: at the church where we meet.

What to bring:

- your machine
- rotary cutter
- baby quilt books etc.
- your friends and make a team

Lunch, fabric and batting will be provided!

Questions? Contact Mary Padbury

Local Quilt Shows of Interest

Amoskeag Quilters' Guild Presents "Tomorrow's Heirlooms: Quilts for All Time" 14th Biennial Quilt Show

Saturday, March 19, 2016 / Sunday, March 20, 2016 / 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Manchester Memorial High School, 1 Crusader Way, Manchester NH 03103
Multi-Day Admission: \$8

Northern Star Quilt Guild 'Somers' Show has moved their show to Danbury, CT this year on April 30 & May 1st, 2016. For more info: <http://www.northernstarquilters.com/quilt-show/display-our-show-poster/>

Chelmsford Quilters' Guild 35th Anniversary Show

Friday, May 6: 10am - 7pm / Saturday, May 7: 9am - 4pm
Grace Community Church, 275 Billerica Road, Chelmsford, MA

PROGRAM NEWS

Bonnie Hunter of Quiltville.com is coming to NBQA in September 2016, and we will share Bonnie's visit with the Ninigret Quilters of Westerly. Bonnie will teach two workshops: "Narragansett Blues," Wed., Sept. 14 from 9-3:30; and "Pineapple Blossom," Thur., Sept. 15 from 9-3:30. Cost for either workshop is \$45 payable at registration. Please contact Peg Murphy by email (pegmurphy57@gmail.com) if you want to register for one of the workshops, which will both be held at the Mason's Lodge on Rt. 102 in North Kingstown. We will also welcome Bonnie to our guild meeting on Thursday, September 15 for a lecture and trunk show!

Lectures and workshops next year will also feature Michele O'Neil Kincaid, Lynn Kough, and Janet Elia, along with our own Kassie Randall and Billie Bunnewith. Please do some research into these wonderful artisans so you will be ready to register for their workshops as well!

**We want to celebrate your accomplishments!
If you have won an award or prize, or had something
published in the quilting world, let us know
so we can add it to the website!**

NBQA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION September 1, 2016- August 31, 2017

ALL MEMBERS:

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

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:

Judy Chase
634 Tourtellot Hill Road
Chepachet, RI 02814

☐ **I AM A CURRENT MEMBER RENEWING MY MEMBERSHIP.** (Must be received between May 1st and May 31st for the next year.)

☐ Full membership \$30 (check enclosed if mailed) ☐ Associate Membership \$15 (check enclosed if mailed)

☐ **I AM A NEW MEMBER.**

☐ Full membership \$30 (check enclosed if mailed) ☐ Associate Membership \$15 (check enclosed if mailed)

☐ **MAIL MY MEMBERSHIP BOOKLET TO MY HOME ADDRESS** (include an additional \$1.00 for postage).

☐ **MAIL A PAPER COPY OF THE NEWSLETTERS TO MY HOME ADDRESS** (include an additional \$10.00 for printing and postage).

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

FULL 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.

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