



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy (almost) Spring to all!

When you receive this newsletter, the daylight hours will be lengthening, and the end of the 2016-17 guild year will be approaching. The election of officers and committee chairs takes place in May, but now is a good time to help a committee (or officer) and see what happens “behind the scenes” at NBQA.

We can always use your assistance at our monthly meetings with Refreshments, Library, Publicity table, Workshop sign-ups, Membership enrollment, and the Magazine swap. Block of the Month, Comfort Quilts, and Fat Quarter Exchange can use help with the collection of items at the monthly meeting, and the Door Prize committee can always use help too!

Our New England Quilt Museum representative, Historian, Special Events, Youth Programs, web site and Quilt Show (there will be one in April 2018) are always

2016-2017 MEETINGS

East Greenwich United Methodist Church

March 16, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Please Bring:

- Your nametag
- Magazines to swap
- Cash or checkbook for workshops
- Block of the Month for March – Hashtag quilt block in Greens
- Fat quarter is jewel tone batik
- Library DVDs
- Show & Tell
- Snacks (if you agreed to bring)

April 20, 2017 at 7:00 PM

- Block of the Month for April – Hashtag quilt block in Yellows and/or Golds
- Fat quarter exchange is animals

looking for assistance. If something sounds interesting, try helping the committee one month (or two!) You may find a pleasant way to contribute to the growth and vitality of our guild in the coming years!

Happy Quilting!
Louise Pankiewicz



Youth Quilting Committee

The Youth Quilting Committee needs your help!

The committee reports a successful first quilting series for beginners which was held at the North Scituate Public Library. Paula Edwards, Barbara Hartford, Lois Salisbury and Barbara Stetson presented the 4 part series to 14 girl scouts of Troup 127 Scituate lead by Sharon Johnson, a former member of NBQA. This NBQA project was featured in the Valley Breeze newspaper.


We have evaluated the series and decided a box of quilting supplies should be put together for future series planned state wide. We expect to have 8 – 10 participants in each series.

We are requesting donations from the membership to this quilting box: cutting mats (any size), rulers, rotary cutters, small scissors, fabric and any other quilting supplies you can spare. Please bring to the next quilt meeting. You may contact. Barbara Stetson 401-647-3616 stetsonlabs@cox.net, with questions or to have supplies picked up.

If you are interested in participating on the committee please contact Barbara Stetson or Paula Edwards 401-714-5759 or phedbat@Verizon.net.

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Mother's Dream Quilt Project www.MothersDreamQuilt.org

Laura Abbasi visited our Quilt Guild meeting in February to discuss the Mother's Dream Quilt, the work being done in Rhode Island to make gun violence survivor quilts and to ask our members for help with the project.

Every mother dreams that her child will grow up safe, healthy and happy. Unfortunately, too many American mothers see their dreams for their children shattered by gun violence. Moms Demand Action has created the Mother's Dream Quilt Project to symbolize the human toll of gun violence in America, as well as mothers' shared commitment to make our country safer for our children.

Laura was very pleased with the response of the guild to her presentation and sent this thank you:

"I am writing to thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving me the privilege of presenting to the Narragansett Bay Quilters Association this evening. I enjoyed meeting your members and had some really wonderful follow-up conversations during the break. 10 members showed interest in helping us to complete the Rhode Island Survivor Quilt, which is truly tremendous. With their help, I feel confident we can complete the quilt this year, which will mean so much to the survivors who contribute to this project."

Please contact Laura Abbasi at 347-443-3308 if you want to help with this project.

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Workshops & Quilt Shows of Interest

Hands Across the Valley Quilter's Guild presents **Hands All Around Quilt Show** April 1 – 2, 2017 UMASS Amherst Campus Center Amherst MA 10:00AM – 4:00PM each day.

Quilters' Connection Quilt Show June 10 – 11, 2017 at Bentley University 175 Forest Street Waltham MA



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IMPORTANT NOTICE

Important information for NBQA Members with Cox email addresses:

In the fall of 2016, Cox email added a spam preventing feature to their Email accounts. If you have **NOT** been receiving NBQA mail from our Gmail account, such as the newsletter and meeting reminders, you will need to set your email preferences to accept our Email account (nbqamail@gmail.com). If you do not know how to do this please contact Cox customer support.

Quilt-A-Thon

MARCH MADNESS QUILT-A-THON. DATE-MARCH 11, 2017, TIME -10:30 am to 3:30 pm. PLACE- Blaine's Sewing in Warwick. We will be putting together the dog blocks and block of the month blocks. Bring your sewing machine, rotary cutter etc. Lunch and quilting friends provided. For more information contact Mary Padbury

Special Events

NBQA Bus Trip to "A World of Quilts" Quilt Show, sponsored by the Northern Star Quilters' Guild, will take place on **Saturday May 6, 2017**. The cost is \$50.00 per person. We will leave the Park and Ride Route 117 in Warwick at 7:15 AM (Exit 10 off of Interstate 95) and return at approximately 7:30 PM. We will be stopping at Quilting by the Yard, Vernon CT after the show. Rein's Deli is available in the plaza for a dinner break.

The 2017 Schoolhouse Shop Hop Bus Trip for March 25, 2017 is full!!
Please contact Louise Pankiewicz if you want to be placed on the wait list.



Sue's Creations
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2016 – 2017 NBQA Block of the Month Program

This year members can make blocks to donate to the Comfort Quilts program. Of course, you can always make a block for yourself. We ask members to make blocks in suggested color ways with backgrounds in a neutral color to complement the main color:

March - Greens

April - Yellows and/or Golds

May – Blues



Hashtag Quilt Block Directions

From Background Fabric: Cut Three (3) 2.5 inch strips by at least 8 inches

From Color or Print Fabric: Cut Two (2) 2.5 inch strips by 10.5 inches

AND Cut Two (2) 2.5 inch strips by 8 inches

Sew 2.5 inch strips by 8 inch strips of background and color/print together as follows:

Sew Background to Color/Print to Background to Color/Print to Background

This strip set should measure 10.5 inches wide by the length of your strips (8 inches)

Press this strip set and then, cut Three (3) 2.5 inch segments from the strip set.

Place the two (2) 2.5 x 10.5 inch Color/Print strips between the pieced strip sets as shown in the picture above.

Sew strip sets and color/print strips together to make one “Hashtag Block” measuring 10.5 inches square (unfinished).

Picture above from Patchwork Posse and the blog tutorial found at

<http://www.patchworkposse.com/hashtag-quilt-block-tutorial/>

Or visit youtube.com and search for a video from Jenny Doan of Missouri Star Quilt Company describing how to make the Hashtag Quilt.

However, please remember that we are using 2.5 inch wide strips for our blocks, and NOT 1.5 inch wide strips that Jenny uses in the video.



LIBRARY



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

DVDs are checked out for one month intervals. There is no limit as to the number of DVDs you may borrow. If you do not return the DVD when due there is a fine of \$1/month per DVD.

The following items have been added to the library:

The Quilt Show - Series 7, 8, 9, 15, 17 Alex Anderson and Ricky Tims

The following DVD was donated by Cathey LaBonte:
Machine Quilting Fun – Bobbinpalooza! Michele Scott

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PROGRAMS

All NBQA workshops are held at:

Blaine's Sewing Machine Center, 1280 Oaklawn Ave, Cranston RI

Saturday March 18, 2017 9:30AM to 12:30 PM

Quilting as a Design Element with Alison Wilbur

This workshop complements the Quilting as a Design Element Lecture. Students bring quilt tops or patterns and we will discuss design options to suit the use, style and design of the quilt.

Saturday April 21, 2017 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Basic Bag Making with Janet Elia

In this workshop, you will make a 12" (w) x 4" (d) zippered tote bag. Tote includes outside patch pocket, purse feet, inside slip pickets and an insert zippered pocket. Different styles of handle making will be reviewed.

You can contact Hope at cbarton6580@charter.net or 860-377-3718 to register.

NBQA Fat Quarter Challenge 2016-17

This is a great way to reduce your stash of fat quarters and/or take a chance that you will take home all the themed fat quarters brought in to the meeting. This is how it works...

You can bring in 1-5 fat quarters per meeting. You will receive a ticket for each fat quarter you bring in. Near the end of the business meeting there will be a drawing. You must be present at the meeting to win. We will continue to draw numbers until we get a winner.

Here are the themes for each month:

March	Jewel in the Crown – Jewel tone batiks
April	Animal Planet – Animals of any type
May	Trash or Treasure – Clean out your stash!

NEQM NEWS

We will hold our annual fundraiser for the New England Quilt Museum at the May NBQA Meeting. We are looking for donations of anything hand/home made: baked items, jewelry, knitted & quilted items, clothing, bags, painting, sculpture....the possibilities are endless!

Please bring your donations to the May meeting and give them to Allison Wilbur in the lobby. If you would like to bring quilting supplies, please make sure they are securely bundled, bagged or tied.

This is always a festive evening and a good time to shop for all your gifting needs. Please be creative in locating items to sell and remember to bring your checkbooks!!

The Museum is sustained through our ongoing generosity and support.

Thank you, Allison Wilbur



NEQM 2017 exhibits

January 11 - April 29, 2017

THE QUILTED CANVAS / The Crit Group: 30 Years and Still Quilting

May 2 – July 30, 2017

THE QUILT TAKES A PRIZE / Award winners from the National Quilt Museum

August 3-27, 2017

SUMMER CELEBRATION OF NEW ENGLAND QUILTS / The best of New England Quilt Guilds

August 31 – December 30, 2017

GILDING THE LILY / Embroidery in Quilts Past and Present

Also on View:

February 15 - April 29, 2017 – WATER IS LIFE / A Quilts for Change Exhibition

May 3 – July 9, 2017 – TWISTED

July 11 – September 25, 2017 – AQSG BASKET QUILTS



Please make a point of saying hello and welcoming the following new members to our guild:

Linda Maslanka

Deborah Luhrs

Renewal:

Betty Combs

Board and Committee Chairs 2016-2017

President – Louise Pankiewicz

Vice President – Joan Potter

Treasurer – Patricia DelPadre-Myers

Secretary – Celia Schnacky & Kathy Esposito

Block of the Month – Lisa Champlin

Comfort Quilts – Mary Padbury

Door Prizes – Barbara Hartford

Fabric Challenge – Billie Bunnewith

Historian – Maribeth Traer

Hospitality – Edna O'Rourke

Librarian – Maria Lage

Membership – Judy Chase, Diane Roman, Anne Sabatini

NEQM Rep – Allison Wilbur

Newsletter – Sally Cooper, Sara Crocker, Maybeth Cost

Programs – Hope Barton & Cathey LaBonte

Publicity – Barbara Hartford

Quilt Show – Joan Potter & Sandy Pare

Special Events – Louise Pankiewicz & Geri Bergreen

Website – Joan Blade-Johnson & Joan Rebecchi

Youth Program – Barbara Stetson



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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.