

March/April 2014

# The NIMBLE THIMBLE



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## President's Message

At the February meeting we had a spirited discussion about whether the treasurer should be bonded in accordance with our bylaws, or whether we could change the bylaws to remove that requirement. The overwhelming opinion expressed was that bonding was an important protection of the guild's funds, and the vote to change it was tabled while we investigate the bonding process. I appreciate the thoughts expressed and all the suggestions. It was made clear that you also want the books audited regularly. So we will pursue these things. We have been fortunate for a long time to have had excellent Treasurers, but the guild has significant cash flow which we all work hard to generate, and so it must be protected. Regarding the audit, if anyone would like to volunteer for this task (or can volunteer a friend or relative), please let me know. I hope that as we approach the end of our guild year and the end of the current officers' terms, that each one of you will reflect on the contributions you make to the guild and how you can step them up to make the guild stronger than ever.

Which brings me to the Quilt Show! It's just around the corner. Here is our TO DO list:

- Sign up to volunteer at the show.
- Make sure our entries have sleeves as required.
- Post a few flyers around town, and tell all our friends.
- Buy a ticket.
- Make a small quilt or bag for the auction, and mug mats for the door prizes.
- Put together a basket for the raffle.

Don't forget that this time the judging is being done two weeks in advance, so you must get your entries for judging to Pat Harrison by April 11. If you can help with the judging process, please contact her at [pharrisoncj@verizon.net](mailto:pharrisoncj@verizon.net).

I'm so glad it's finally springtime. Go Sox!  
Joan

## The Next Meeting:

**March 20, 2014 7:00 PM**

*BOD* meets at 6:00 PM

## East Greenwich United Methodist Church

### Please Bring:

- Your name tag
- Show & Tell items
- Fat Quarter of the Month (Theme "Sports")
- Money for Raffle Tickets
- Money/Check for workshops
- Magazines to swap
- Refreshments if you signed up

**Reminder** "Touching Stars" Quilt Show April 26 and 27 at North Kingstown High School.



**NBQA General Meeting  
February 20, 2014**

**President:** Joan Potter called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM, with the sad news that member Don Munsey had passed away. A \$50 donation will be made to NEQM in his memory. Fon's and Porter's Love of Quilting subscriptions can be purchased at the reduced price of \$15 until March 30. The Boston MFA will be showing the quilts of Pilgrim and Roy 4/6 – 7/27. The IRS has accepted our non-profit status application; thanks to all who worked on it especially Diana Funke and Kaye Johnson. Melanie Johnston is heading up the Nominating Committee. All the officer positions are open.

**Program:** Hope Barton mentioned the next month's workshop was with Karen Combs, called Patchwork Illusions. Susan Brubaker Knapp from Charlotte, NC, gave an informative lecture and slide show on taking better photos and how to turn them into quilts.

**Quilt Show:** Joan Potter reminded everyone to sign up to volunteer for the show, especially for receiving and returning the quilts, setup and take down, hostesses, the auction, and the children's table. Tickets for the show go on sale tonight for a reduced admission price. Limit one member's only ticket per member. Show pins are also available for sale. If anyone has an ad for the show booklet please give it to Judy Chase ASAP. Still looking for completed baskets for the raffle. Joan Johnson needs an assistant on publicity; Sara Crocker volunteered. Judged quilts must be dropped off at Pat Harrison's house by April 11. Ginny Perry needs donations of small quilted items and bags and volunteers for the auction; also mug mats.

**Secretary's Report:** The November minutes were accepted. One hundred ten members were in attendance. A vote on a change to the bylaws to replace bonding the Treasurer with a criminal background check, and to replace two signatures on checks with one, was tabled so that the process of bonding the Treasurer could be investigated.

**Treasurer's Report:** Joan Potter reported: Income for January \$754.00, YTD Income \$8,571.00, Expenses for January \$2,251.50, YTD Expenses \$8,983.57. 1/31/14 Checking Account Balance: \$22,916.30.

**Fat Quarter Drawing:** March's theme is sports. Anne Sabatini will be covering for Sharon for the rest of the year.

**Historian:** Maribeth Traer reminded members to check out the guild pictures on Shutterfly. The password is NBQA (case sensitive).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Submitted by Joan Potter, President.

**New England Quilt Museum**

The Lowell Quilt Festival is going back to being a biennial event. The next show will be in 2015. The dates will be announced in two months. The quilt show committee felt that in order to have a quality show they needed to have more time to prepare.

On April 12, 2014 between 9am and 11 am the museum will hold it's annual "Text & Textile Extravaganza". The cost is \$25 and you can fill a 13"x13"x5" tote bag with as much as you can fit in it. There will be fabrics, yarns, books, notions and more. The supplies keep changing throughout that time. No need to be there early.

The museum store is looking for items on consignment. They are looking for quality hand made items to be sold at the store. Contact the museum for details.

The current classroom exhibit is "Embellishment: Constructing Victorian Detail Dresses from 1870 to 1910". It has been extended until March 29th,

The next exhibit in the classroom will be "Picture Perfect" from April 23rd until May 31st.

The next exhibit in the main gallery is "Charmed Every Piece Is Different". It will be exhibited from April 17th until July 6th. The current main exhibit is "Quilt Japan: The 11th Nihon Exhibit". This exhibit will be at the museum until April 12th.


Remember the museum will be closed April 15 & 16, July 4, 8 & 9, October 8 & 9. This is when the museum prepares the next exhibit.

Please remember we will be having an auction to raise money for the museum during our quilt show. I badly need items. I know you all have your quilts to finish for the show but please set aside some time to make an item for the auction. You have always been very supportive of this cause, please continue to do so. The museum does appreciate our support. Last year we had almost 70 items. A record amount. It would be nice to do that again.

Also I will need help in the afternoon on the Friday, April 25th to prepare the exhibit of items for the auction. I will also need help at the auction on Sunday afternoon. If you are available to help please let me know at: virginiamperry@cox.net or 397-9998.

Thank you.

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## Quilt Show Reminders

### Raffle Tickets

Raffle ticket reminder - please bring the money from the sale of raffle tickets and filled in ticket stubs to hand in to Allison Wilbur at the March meeting. The raffle quilt is now being displayed at Folk Art Quilts and will then move on to Knit One Quilt Too. Thank you to the Sewing Room and Ryco for displaying it earlier. Remember, the ticket sales go to support two great causes - the New England Quilt Museum and Solar Sister. We appreciate all you do to sell tickets.

Allison Wilbur



### Having your quilt(s) judged?

Judged Quilts must be dropped off at Pat Harrison's house, 59 Reuben Brown Lane, Exeter, RI on Thursday, April 10 from 6-8 pm OR on Friday, April 11 from 10am - 5pm. You will receive a receipt for your quilt(s) at drop off that you will need to present to pick-up your quilt(s) at the close of the quilt show at North Kingstown High School on Sunday, April 27. Please cover your name on the quilt label with masking tape or a stitched-on piece of muslin before drop off.

Contact Pat at 401-667-0214 or [oceanwavesqc@verizon.net](mailto:oceanwavesqc@verizon.net) with additional questions.

### Mug Mats

#### For the Quilt Show

We still need many more mug mats for the show. Remember the top three producers will win a prize. If you have any questions please contact me.

Virginia Perry

### Quilt Show Program Advertising

The prices for ads in the program are as follows:

Full Page \$50

½ page \$30

¼ page/(business card) \$20

It would be appreciated if you could send your ad/payment to Judy Chase before the March meeting. Judy Chase 634 Tourtellot Hill Road Chepachet, RI 02814

If you would like to email your ad as a jpeg and pay at the March meeting, my new email address is [dancingdog1@verizon.net](mailto:dancingdog1@verizon.net)




**Mark your calendars**

**July 10 - October 5**  
**DOWN BY THE OLD MILL STREAM**  
*Rhode Island Quilts*

There will be an exhibit of Rhode Island Quilts at the New England Quilt Museum this summer from July 10- October 10.

The opening will be on July 10 and the Rhode Island Quilt guilds have volunteered to supply refreshments. On opening day curators Margaret Ordonez and Linda Welter will give a talk which gives the background and highlights of the exhibit. We hope you will consider attending the opening and bringing a goody to share. What a great way to celebrate the quilting history of Rhode Island!

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If you have a "Classified" you would like to run in the next newsletter, e-mail it to [nbqamail@gmail.com](mailto:nbqamail@gmail.com).

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**NBQA Workshops**

Karen Combs, a nationally known quilt teacher is coming for our March meeting and workshop. The lecture is "Quilts of Illusion" and the workshop is "Patchwork Illusions". 3D effect in art has fascinated artists over the centuries, as it has fascinated Karen. She has developed techniques to make it easy to have floating blocks with depth. There are still some openings for the workshop. Karen has made fabric choice easier by having packets of gradated color for sale if you don't want to choose your own.

Our April meeting will be on the fourth Thursday of the month, just before the Quilt Show, and held at the North Kingston HS. Christine Bagley will be talking about and showing her "Metamorphic Quilts". This is the same presentation she will be doing on Sat afternoon at the show, but because it is so special and most of us will be too busy to see it again, we persuaded her to do it just for us.

Maria Lage's Applique Class filled so fast, we have a waiting list. Just a reminder, if you signed up and can't go, let me know as I can fill your spot very quickly.

Hope Barton



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 ☆ **Comfort Quilts** ☆  
 ☆ After the last meeting, our count of completed quilts is 32 ☆  
 ☆ and growing. I just picked up more baby fabric and will ☆  
 ☆ make more kits to have at March meeting. ☆  
 ☆ At the May meeting we will be distributing the quilts to ☆  
 ☆ social organizations. ☆  
 ☆ Thank you for sewing on these cold days. ☆  
 ☆ Mary Padbury ☆  
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**LIBRARY**

Our collection of CD's/DVD's is available for members to borrow at our monthly meetings. To check out these items, please sign the index card located in each CD/DVD with your name and date and give it to the librarian. When returning CD's/DVD's give the librarian your name and she will pull your card and check off your name.



CD's/DVD's are checked out for one month intervals. If you do not return the CD/DVD when it is due there is a fine of \$1 per month per CD/DVD.

A list of all CD/DVD's in the NBQA library is on the web site <http://www.nbqa.org/resources/dvds/>


**The following titles have been added to the library.**

*Art Quilt Design from Photo to Threadwork with Fabric Collage & Machine Quilting* – Sarah Ann Smith (Quilting Arts)

*Fabulous Finishes: Seven Techniques for Binding, Facing, Framing, and Hanging a Quilt* – Susan Brubaker Knapp (Quilting Arts)

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## **New England Quilt Museum**

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[www.nequiltmuseum.org](http://www.nequiltmuseum.org)



Lowell is located 28 miles north of Boston off Interstate 93 and 495 and Route 3. Take the Lowell Connector from either Interstate 495 (Exit 35C) or Route 3 (Exit 30N Northbound or 30A Southbound) to Thorndike Street (exit 5B). Go the 6th light and turn right onto Market Street.

Park at street meters, the Leo A. Roy Market Street Garage, or on weekends ONLY, the lot behind the museum on Middle Street.

To drive up to the door, go into the next light into Palmer Street. Go to the next light and turn left onto Merrimack Street. Go to the next corner and turn left onto Shattuck.

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