



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Spring is in the air and I can't wait to see the flowers bloom and the longer days! Which would mean I will be spend more time in my garden, and less time quilting. I am trying to make some Alzheimer Fidget Mats Samples from all the stash leftovers, for the Hope Center. Why not try whipping one up with pieces you may have hanging around between projects. Check Pinterest for ideas. Comfort Quilts will be collecting them.

Please note that our April's General meeting is being changed, due to a Church conflict, to Miller' Crossing In Cranston.

At the April meeting we will be voting on changing some bylaws. One is to change the term of officers (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary) to no more than two consecutive two year terms. You will be receiving a separate email with the details, as required by the by laws. The other change is to clean up a few old wording and positions. Thank you for supporting me in my position with some of the changes I have made. I appreciate everyone's input and help in my first year as your President. Our quilt show is next year and we need a

Publicity Chair which is so important to making our quilt show a success. Contact Joan Potter if interested as soon as possible. An organization meeting for the quilt show is coming up soon. Let all work together to secure our future. Think of the Possibilities, they are Endless... Geri

MEETINGS

March 21, 2019

6:30 PM

East Greenwich United Methodist Church

Please Bring:

- Your nametag
- Cash or checkbook for workshops and NEQM monthly raffle
- Library DVDs, Show & Tell and Snacks

April 18, 2019

6:30 PM

MILLER'S CROSSING in Cranston, RI The address is 43 Bald Hill Road, Cranston, RI 02920 – across from Blaine's Sewing Machine

Programs

Hello Quilters! We have a few workshops left in the year with a few openings. It's not too late to sign up! For those of you attending the May workshop with Karen Kay Buckley your kits will be arriving next month. You will need to pick them up at the programs table and do your homework before the big event. The kit fee will be \$21. The programs team will be announcing the line up for the next year at the April meeting. You don't want to miss this! We have some really exciting speakers and workshops planned. We will be opening the sign ups for the fall events at the May meeting. Be sure to be prepared and secure your spot! Happy Quilting!

Membership

Please welcome our new guild member Barbara Beauregard 28 Beechwood Hill Trail Exeter, RI 02822 4012-932-2508 email rbeaur@cox.net

The following people have renewed their membership.

Virginia McCormack 111 Beach Ave Warwick, RI 02889 401-738-4322 email ginnymcc48@gmail.com

Cathey LaBonte 21 Snake Meadow Hill Road Moosup, CT 06354 860-608-2650 email catheyelabonte@gmail.com (associate member)

Membership applications for 2019-2020 will be available at the April meeting.



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2019 Schoolhouse Shop Hop Bus Trip

Sponsored by Narragansett Bay Quilters Association

Saturday March 23, 2019

Bus leaves at 7:00 AM

From Route 117 Park and Ride

(Exit 10 off Interstate 95 in Warwick, RI)

Returns at 8:30 PM (ish)

Shops open from 9 AM to 7 PM on Saturday

We will visit

The Quilted Crow

Bolton, MA

Cobblestone Quilts

Townsend, MA

The Bunkhouse Quilt Shop

Lyndeborough, NH

Quilted Threads

Henniker, NH

Red Barn Sewing & Yarn Center

Merrimac, MA

Cost is \$58.00

(Price based on 35 Riders)

Includes Transportation, Driver Tip and \$8.00 Passport

(Passport includes Tote Bag Gift, free pattern at each shop.

Completed passports receive diploma, graduation gift and a coupon for 20% off shopping spree to be used at a later date)

Visit www.schoolhouseshophop.com for further details

Each shop will provide snacks. Lunch break in Townsend MA

Bring your own or visit Dunkin Donuts or order from the local diner (menus provided).

Make Checks Payable to: NBQA

Send Checks to: Louise Pankiewicz, 55 Island Drive, Coventry, RI 02816

Or NBQA, PO Box 614, East Greenwich, RI 02818

Any Questions? Call Louise at 401-323-0255

Or Email her at Louisebpd@yahoo.com

Board and Committee Chairs 2018 - 2019

President - Geri Bergreen
 Vice-President - Celia Schnacky
 Secretary - Nina Ashworth
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 Membership - Anne Sabatini and Missy Smith
 Block of the Month - Louise Pankiewicz
 Comfort Quilts - Brenda Starble and Linda Maslanka
 Door Prizes - Missy Smith, Caryn O' Connor and Dyann Casala
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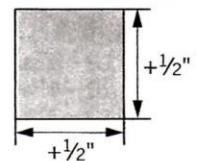
Education Committee

We hope this chart will be helpful for planning your quilts! Source American Patchwork and Quilting Magazine.



HOW MANY CAN I GET?: SQUARES

Use this chart to determine the number of squares that can be cut from various precuts. Yardage figures include 1/4" seam allowances. The figures on this chart are mathematically accurate.



SIZE OF SQUARE		PRECUT TYPES				
Finished	Cut Strip Width	5" sq.	10" sq.	2 1/2 x 42" strip	fat eighth (9x21" piece)	fat quarter (18x21" piece)
1"	1 1/2"	9	36	28	84	168
1 1/2"	2"	4	25	21	40	90
2"	2 1/2"	4	16	16	24	56
2 1/2"	3"	1	9	0	21	42
3"	3 1/2"	1	4	0	12	30
3 1/2"	4"	1	4	0	10	20
4"	4 1/2"	1	4	0	8	16
4 1/2"	5"	1	4	0	4	12
5"	5 1/2"	0	1	0	3	9

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Strip Challenge

This is a great way to reduce your stash of left over 2 1/2" WOF (width of fabric) pieces and you could go home with a Jelly Roll! You would need to bring in 3 or more strips per meeting. You will receive a ticket for every 3 strips you bring in. Near the end of the business meeting there will be a drawing. **You must be present at that time to win.** We will continue to draw until we get a winner. This is how it works: Check the month and bring 3 or more strips representing the flower or the flower colors. Here are the FLOWERS and colors for each Month:

March	DAFFODIL	White, yellow, orange and green
April	SWEET PEA	Soft colors, pink, yellow, purple & blue.
May	LILY OF THE VALLEY	White in color with a hint of green.

Comfort Quilts

The outpouring of support for the Comfort Quilts program is amazing. During the past month we have delivered a total of 10 quilts to Blackstone Valley Advocacy Group (Women's shelter), Holly Charrette Wounded Warrior Project, and Crossroads Homeless Shelter. We also have an additional 18 quilts that will be donated once our NBAQ labels are on them.

To keep things rolling, we have planned two more Quilt-a-Thons: Saturday March 30th, and Saturday May 18th. Both will be held from 9 am to 3 pm at The Classroom, 74 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI. It's right by Piecing with Poppers Quilt Shop. Many thanks to Louise Pankiewicz for making the space available to us. We have kits available at meetings – quilt tops, quilts to be quilted, and/or bound. Anyone turning in a quilt top or quilt receives a ticket for the monthly drawing.

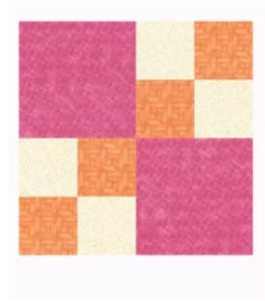
If you have any questions, please contact Linda Maslanka or Brenda Starble

Block of the Month

March – Double Four Patch Quilt Pattern

Use 2.5 inch strips or squares and make two (2) four patches that measure 4.5 inches unfinished.

Pair them with two 4.5 inch squares and your 4 Patch in a 4 Patch block should measure 8.5 inches unfinished.



The colors in the picture above are only a suggestion.

<https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/double-four-patch-quilt-block-pattern-2821200>

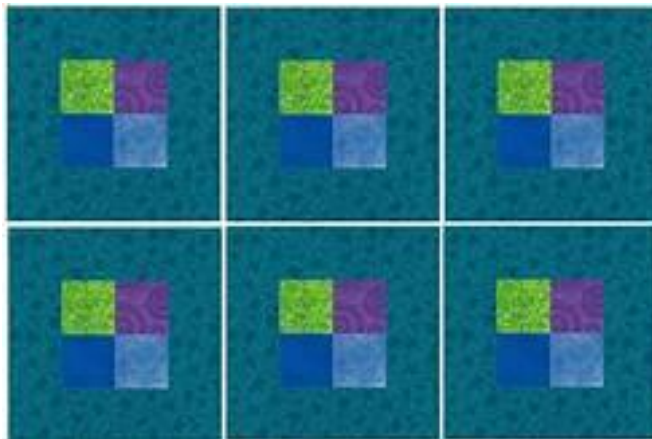
April – Contemporary Framed 4 Patch

Picture shows 6 Framed Four Patch Blocks

Visit the link below for specific directions to make these blocks.

Use 2 ½ inch strips to make 8 ½ inch unfinished block.

<https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/quilt-from-four-patch-quilt-blocks-2821164>



Member News



This is a picture of "The Year of the Rooster" quilt by Christine Bagley. It received the Best in Show ribbon this month at the "Fabulous Fakes" exhibit at the Spring Bull Gallery in Newport, RI. It is a fiber copy of a watercolor, of the same name, painted in 2016 by Betty Sarantos .

This exhibit consists entirely of copies of famous artists' paintings, themes and styles.

This quilt also toured with the Hoffman Challenge in 2017.

Nearby Quilt Show

Hands All Around Quilt Show April 6 – 7, 2019
 UMASS Amherst Campus One Campus Center
 Way Amherst MA 10:00 – 4:00 Admission \$10

NORTHERN LIGHT'S QUILT GUILD

Quilt Show

April 27 & 28, 2019

9-4 Sat, 10-4 Sun

Richmond Middle School

63 Lyme Road,
 Hanover, NH

For more information about our guild and the show, please visit <http://www.nlqg.org/> and find us on Facebook! Proceeds benefit our guild and its mission for community and service projects.



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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.