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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I was so interested in the responses to the ballots asking preferences for the January Meeting. While the overwhelming majority voted for the change, there were some responses saying that it was a tradition.

Traditions are so very important. They mark our milestones. They anchor our calendars and help us know what to do and where to go for the holidays. They give comfort and pull us together. But life happens, change happens, and sometimes our traditions have to change.

My family was able to celebrate over 50 years of holidays at my parents' house. This was the central place for seven grown children living in five different states to join up. That all changed in 2011, and we are still trying to figure out how to make the holidays work for us.

I think it's important that the new activity keep the best of the old one. That means socializing—something interesting and hopefully fun to do—and good food.

I hope you will find that at all our meetings, as well as at the January one. Who knows? Maybe we will start a new tradition!

Warmly,  
Hope

## NEXT MEETING:

Nov. 20, 2014 at 7:00 PM

East Greenwich United  
Methodist Church

### Please Bring:

- Your nametag
- Show & Tell items
- Fat Quarter of the Month — *50 Shades of Gray / Blacks, whites and... shades of gray*
- Refreshments (*if you signed up to bring*)
- Magazines to swap
- Any checked out library DVDs
- Cash or checkbook to sign up for workshops



## NBQA Membership Meeting September 18, 2014

**President:** Hope Barton called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. She introduced the committee chairs and board members and asked them to give their reports.

**Newsletter** – Sara Crocker: For the postal mailing of the Sept newsletter, the post office inadvertently applied incorrect postage. As a result, the newsletters were returned to NBQA for inadequate postage. Members who receive postal main newsletters can pick up their copy tonight or contact Sara Crocker.

**Membership** – Diane Roman: Please check your information in the new membership book and let Diane know of any corrections needed.

**Library** – Maria Lage: We have a wonderful DVD library. Members may borrow DVDs for a month. If you have suggestions for new DVDs please let Maria know.

**Special Events** – Louise Pankiewicz: We are partnering with Ninigret Quilters of Westerly/Pawcatuck for this year's trip to the Gathering. Cost is \$27.00. There are still a few spots on the bus. Sign-up with Louise.

**Block of the Month** – Louise Pankiewicz: A 12" block design has been selected for each month. You may participate in the monthly drawing by entering your block or you may choose to keep your blocks and make your own quilt. Designs and instructions are on the website. NBQA members Sharon Mayers and Louise have scheduled weekly time at Sharon's new shop where members can work on their BOM together for fun or to get help as needed.

**Historian** – Maribeth Traer: NBQA photos are on Shutterfly <https://nbqaphotos.shutterfly.com/>. Sign in with your own shutterfly password or use NBQA all caps.

**Publicity** – Cathey LaBonte: At each meeting, Cathey sets up a table in the lobby with fliers and other information about quilty events. Cathey is also the new member social contact. If you have a question or are not sure what to do, or just need someone to sit with, find Cathey.

**Comfort Quilts** – Mary Padbury: Mary has lots of donated fabric. If you want some to make comfort quilt blocks, see Mary. She thanked those who have already made many blocks. She will schedule a Quilt-a-thon in February.

**Website** – Joany Rebecchi and Maria Knight: Lots of great information about the guild and its activities is there.

**Program** – Joan Johnson: We have 6 great workshops this year, the first in October. Kindred Quilts will be teaching how to make quilted bags. There are 3 styles to choose from. In November, Jane Sassaman will be here. That workshop is full with a waiting list. Visit our website for descriptions, pictures and supply lists for all the classes.

**Secretary** – Melanie Johnston: Minutes of the May general meeting were voted on and accepted.

**Treasurer** – Lisa Champlin: The budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year was voted on and accepted. Expenses YTD: \$2,868; Income YTD: \$4,857.

### **BREAK – for refreshments, Summer Challenge voting and SAQA Trunk Show**

**BOM** drawing – 12 blocks were entered; Dottie Calvano won them!

**Fat Quarter** of the month – Carol Kaufman: Drawing was won by Carmen Hanson.

**New England Quilt Museum** – Chris Bagley: Current and upcoming programs: Down by the Old Mill Stream, Rhode Island Quilts & Historic Fashions, On View through October 5, 2014. Colonial Revival Quilts AQSG 2012 Quilt Study, in small gallery through October 25, 2014, HUMOROUS QUILTS Keeping Us In Stitches, October 9 - December 31. See Chris if you would like a pass.

**Hospitality** – Peggy Lane: Thanks to all who brought snacks tonight! There was a drawing for the centerpieces.

**Summer Challenge:** Each person spoke briefly about her piece based on the theme, Old Made New. There were many moving stories of items and memories included in the works. Winners were: 1st - Phyllis Cayer; 2nd – Denise Greenlund, 3rd – Sharon Mayers and Jeanne Goyette (tie between these 2) and honorable mention – Barbara Roberge and Judy Lang-Chiarella.

**Door Prizes** were drawn. **Show and Tell** was fabulous with many members participating.

Adjournment.

Submitted by Melanie Johnston, Secretary

## NBQA Membership Meeting October 16, 2014

**President:** Hope Barton called the meeting to order at 7:06pm. She introduced the evening's speaker, quilt designer Beth Helfter of EvaPaige Quilt Designs. Beth gave a lecture and trunk show titled, "Perfection is Overrated." Beth's program was a funny and inspiring tale of her quilting journey. She certainly got her message across: Quilting should be fun, your friends and family will love your work and you should love doing it; don't make it stressful!

**Special Events:** Louise announced that the Ninigret/NBQA joint bus trip to The Gathering in New Hampshire was full. If you signed up but have not yet paid, please do so by November 7 or your spot will go to someone on the waiting list.

### REFRESHMENT BREAK & VOTING FOR JANUARY MEETING FORMAT PREFERENCES

The meeting resumed at 8:25 PM

**Secretary:** The minutes of the September 14 meeting were accepted without change.

**Treasurer:** September income- \$2,656; YTD income - \$7,512.73. September expenses - \$869.89; YTD expenses - \$3,738.36. Checking account balance as of September 30: \$28,283.14. Additional financial details are in the attached report.

**Door Prizes** were distributed.

**BOM** was Dutchman's Puzzle – white background, black and grey geese. The blocks were won by Dottie Calvano.

**FAQ** – Juvenile prints – was won by Dottie Calvano.

**Program:** Joan reviewed the 4 programs with spots still open: Kindred Quilters - Urban Trilogy Bag, Oct 18 @ 9:30 am – 3:30 pm, "Fabric Frenzy" with NBQA members Billie Bunnewith, Kassie Randall, Denise Greenlund - Feb 21 @ 9:30 am – 3:30 pm, "Meet Me at the Bar" Designing Linear Motifs with Patricia Delaney of Crabtree Lane Studio - Mar 21 @ 9:30 am – 3:30 pm and Fast & Fabulous with Leaves Galore" with Sue Pelland of Sue Pelland Designs - Apr 17 @ 9:30 am – 3:30 pm.

**NEQM** – Chris Bagley announced that the current show "Humorous Quilts – Keeping us in Stitches" will run until December 27.

**Hospitality** – Peggy Lane: Only 3 or 4 people have signed up to bring snacks for November. Please bring something if you can.

**Show and Tell** was inspiring with many beautiful member quilts! Jeannine Hicks showed an example of placemats one of her quilting groups is making for Meals on Wheels clients. Over the next year, they are hoping to make one for each RI MOW recipient – over 1,000!. If you would like to help. Please contact Jeannine.

**January Meeting** – Hope announced that members had convincingly voted for a change of format for January. Instead of the 6:30 Potluck, the meeting will start at 7PM, appetizers and desserts will be served and we will have several demonstration stations by NBQA members. If you would like to help with the planning, please contact Hope. She will have a planning meeting in early November.

Adjournment: 8:55PM

Submitted by Melanie Johnston, Secretary

## NBQA Board Meeting Minutes October 16, 2014

In Attendance: Hope Barton, Melanie Johnston, Lisa Champlin, Maria Lage, Chris Bagley, Joan Rebecchi, Maribeth Traer, Noreen McGeary, Joan Potter, Susan Chace, Diane Roman

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 by President Hope Barton

The first order of business was a review and discussion of the current bylaws – Section 9 which describes the duties of the Treasurer; Article X Miscellaneous – Section 1 which states which officers have to sign checks. They also reviewed the new policy and procedure draft which will be entitled Financial Management of NBQA Corp.

Article VI Section I in the by-laws is the only reference to an Assistant Treasurer. The intention of the Assistant Treasurer wording being put in the by-laws is unclear. The wording needs to be clarified or removed from the by-laws. No one attending the meeting knew why the wording was put in the by-laws.

Article X- Miscellaneous: The reference to the requirement for 2 signatures might be removed because the bank doesn't care if there are 2 signatures. Discussion of requiring 2 signatures on a large check came back to it doesn't increase financial safety as the bank will cash all checks with just one signature. Discussion about large checks being brought to the board and possibly to the membership was held. The budget which has been approved by both groups should be covering our expenses. More clarity about donations was discussed with an emphasis on how to make sure that all the membership understood exactly what they were voting on at the business portion of the meetings so there were no misunderstandings about disbursement of funds.

The Treasurer procedures might include wording that will have a check amount approved by the board if it is over a certain dollar amount (to be determined). The larger checks would generally be for donations, NWQM, workshops and guest lecture travel, etc. The Board or the President can elect to take the approval for the issuance of an exceptionally large check to the general meeting.

A motion was made and carried for the Board to recommend a change to Article X to remove the requirement for 2 signatures.

A motion was made and carried to remove the assistant Treasurer wording from the by-laws as the Treasurer is ultimately responsible for the money.

The Raffle Quilt was a fund raiser for the guild in the past. Most members would like to keep the money in the guild as we did previously, and not give it away to a charity.

The policy/ procedures for the Treasurer should be amended to include; that all expenses outside the budget should be brought to the Board by the Treasurer for approval; the Treasurer is responsible for alerting the Board that spending is tracking ahead of budget. Spending in excess of the budget must have the Board approval.

The amount of money donated to NEQM can change at any time. We can change it annually based on the membership level. NBQA mission is to educate quilters. NEQM has a list of speakers that will come to a guild for a presentation and Chris Bagley will review the list to see if we can get a speaker for next year.

Early online voting for the January meeting was in favor of starting at 7, having demonstration tables and serving snacks and dessert in lieu of the potluck meal. Further discussion of the plan for the January meeting was tabled until next month so the results of the voting at tonight's meeting can be tabulated.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:53.

Submitted by Susan Chace



## NBQA 2014-15 Block of the Month Program

November's Block of the Month is Windblown Square. The requested colors are tan or beige background, with dark brown (I used a batik here) for the center pinwheel and a lighter brown for the four outer flying geese. The directions for constructing this 12" block are on the website.



You can make one or more blocks to enter into the monthly raffle. You will receive one chance for each block you bring to the meeting for the raffle and a chance to win all of the blocks brought into the meeting that month.

If you are making the larger quilt (in your own chosen colors), just bring a photo or some evidence of your work to the meeting to be entered into an additional drawing for a fat quarter. If you work on your blocks each month, you can have either a 72 inch by 96 inch quilt or an 84 inch by 84 inch quilt by the end of this BOM quilt year.

Since December is not a meeting month, there is no BOM for that month. But you can get ahead and begin working on the following months. Just access the Block of the Month tab on the NBQA website to find the directions for each of the blocks for the following months. The suggested layouts for the large quilts are only available to members at the meeting. Please ask for it at the Block of the Month table.

If you have any questions, please email me at [Louisebpd@yahoo.com](mailto:Louisebpd@yahoo.com).

Thanks for participating!

Louise Pankiewicz



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## ARTICLES OF INTEREST

This is a new section of the newsletter devoted to articles and items of interest to members.

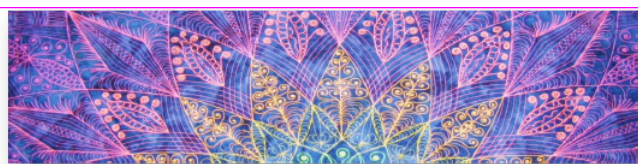
**SCRAP USER'S SYSTEM** by Bonnie K Hunter is a great website about organizing your scraps. Lots of great tips of how to cut up and organize strips and pieces for making scrap quilts. Photos of scrap quilts and info on tools and gadgets.

<http://quiltville.com/scrapusersystempf.html>

The cleaning agent mentioned at September meeting is called **Retro Clean** and is used for soaking stains out of any fabrics including old linens.

<http://retroclean.com/retroclean/>

Sara Crocker will bring samples to the November meeting for those that may want to try it out.



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## NBQA Special Events for 2014-15

The November 7 Bus Trip to the Quilter's Gathering in Manchester co-sponsored with Ninigret Quilters was a success! A full bus took members from both guilds to visit the show and to stop at a Massachusetts Quilt Shop. Thanks to all who participated!

The next bus trip will be for the Schoolhouse Shop Hop on March 28, 2015. Sign up's begin in November with all fees needing to be paid by March 1st. The tote bag is \$7.00 and this deposit is due (and non refundable) by the February meeting. The bus price is \$30.00 which includes transportation, and driver tip. The total for the trip is \$37.00.

The final bus trip for the 2014-15 NBQA guild year will be to Somers, New York for the World of Quilts Quilt Show sponsored by the Northern Star Quilters. Information about this trip will be coming later.

Finally look for your Rhode Island Quilt Shop Hop Passport in the January/February Newsletter. It will be your opportunity to shop local, get great deals and possibly win more quilt related items when you turn in your completed Shop Hop Passport.

Happy Quilting!

Louise Pankiewicz



## new members

Below are new members since the last news-letter:

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## FROM THE LIBRARY



Our collection of DVDs is available for members to borrow at our monthly meetings. To check out DVDs, 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.



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



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



If anyone has CD's or DVD's they no longer want, the library will gladly accept them!



The following titles have been added to the library.



Beyond the Basics, Free Motion & Trapunto by Paula Reid



Stitched, the film



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## Comfort Quilts

Thank you Carol Kaufman for collecting the blocks from the guild members. We will be assembling them at the Quit-A-thon in February, date TBA.

Happy holidays, and may your holidays be filled with family, friends, and peaceful babies.

Mary Padbury



# CLASSIFIED

Each NBQA member is allowed 1 free ad per year. Subsequent ads are \$5.00 each or \$25.00 per year.

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



## POST NEW YEAR'S QUILTERS' RETREAT

January 2-4, 2015 (Fri-Sun) ~ Hampton Inn, Coventry, RI

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## News from the New England Quilt Museum

- The current exhibit will leave you laughing and inspire you to stitch something funny.
- Coming in mid-January 2015 will be an exhibit called Prussian Blue — Vintage to modern use of this color in quilts.
- Later in the Spring there will be a show by the Studio Art Quilt Association (SAQA).
- NEQM members who want to print their own labels onto fabric can do so at the NEQM Library by designing it at home and bringing in their memory stick.
- The big Parking Lot for the Visitors to the Lowell Historic Area can be used for visitors to the New England Quilt Museum, just have your ticket stamped in the Visitor Center.
- Next summer will be a first by NEQM: "A Summer Celebration of New England Quilts" involving a quilt from every supporting guild and 2 weeks of free admission with many special events during those days.

I will provide more information about this new festival as it becomes available. I still have a few more free passes to NEQM, so see me at the meeting if you need one!

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