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Happy New Year Ladies!

So another pandemic year under our feet. Kind of happy and sad to see it behind us. It certainly has been a year of many memories, some happy, some sad and some we would like to forget, but I do cherish all in my heart and mind. They have made me laugh and cry. They have made me frustrated, lonely, frightened, and a lot more, but you in this guild have guided me through it all. I thank you all for that and for always being there for me.

It is with a heavy heart that I must tell you the NBQA Board of Directors has decided to postpone indefinitely our 2022 Quilt Show. We feel that the ever-changing covid climate presents too many uncertainties. We must consider ongoing changes in social restrictions. There is also the possibility that the Quilt Show venue, North Kingstown High School, may not continue to be available. Our general meetings for January and February will be via Zoom format, and formats for March, April and May 2022 will be determined at a later date. We will discuss some ideas for alternative activities at the January 20th meeting. Thank you for understanding that health and safety are of paramount importance.

On a lighter note, I recently had a special event of my Presidency when visiting my sister in South Carolina during Thanksgiving this year. I had the opportunity to meet some of the *Savannah Quilt Guild* for lunch. They were so welcoming to a “northerner”. It was so great to share our love of quilting and our Covid experiences and solutions for our guilds. It was a lovely time and a great experience.

Wishing you all my best in 2022, and check on page 6 for a fun President’s Challenge to all members.

Geri Bergreen
President 2018-22

MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETING, January 20, 2022 6:30 pm
via Zoom

GENERAL MEETING, February 17, 2022 6:30 pm
via Zoom



PRESIDENT Geri and her sister Eileen having lunch with the *Savannah Quilt Guild*



QUILT SHOW NEWS

It is with sadness that the NBQA Board of Directors decided, on January 6th, to postpone our Quilt Show until next year or later. In the current environment of the virus surge, it is just too uncertain to be able to plan a large event a few months out. We don't know what government mandates may be in effect and how they could impact use of the high school. If you have already submitted a show application and you want your pictures back, we will return them as soon as we can meet again in person. Fees for judging will also be returned.

Joan Potter

Quilt Show Chair

WE ARE STILL ON! 2022 FABRIC CHALLENGE

NBQA members and associate members are eligible to participate.

The entries will be presented and voted on at the February zoom meeting. It will be handled the same as the summer challenge with each member having one vote for their favorite. Photos should be emailed to Geri Bergreen to be included in a power point presentation. The deadline has been moved forward to allow her time to do this. *Thanks for your understanding!*

Deadline: February 13, 2022 email photos to Geri Bergreen tbgeri@aol.com

Include your name, the name of the item, the size and any information you would like included in the presentation.

There is still fabric to purchase if needed. Contact Louise or Diane.

Two challenge fabrics were chosen.

Hoffman Bali Batiks
poppy Q2202-224

Hoffman Trapezium
Blossom M4218-448

Both fabrics must be used and recognizable on the front of the quilt. They must be used within the design, not just as border, sashing, or binding.

All items submitted must have three layers (top, batting, back) held together by stitching. A qualifying item may be a quilt, clothing, purse, tote, or other accessory.



The size must be at least 10" x 10" (or a total of 40" for all four sides) but not more than 24" x 36" (or a total of 120" for all four sides).

OPTIONS FOR OBTAINING THE FABRIC

HAVE THE FABRIC MAILED TO YOU:

Contact Diane Roman to set aside the fabric. Cell: 321-917-0307 email: DDRoman@att.net
Mail a check (made out to NBQA) for \$7.00 (this includes postage) to:

Diane Roman 61 Beech Tree Place, Wakefield, RI 02879

Include your mailing address, phone, and email. You will be notified when your check is received and the fabric mailed.

IN PERSON PICK-UP (two locations). Cost \$5 cash or check made out to NBQA.

Wakefield, RI

Contact Diane Roman to arrange a time. See above information.

West Greenwich, RI 74 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich 02817

Contact Louise Pankiewicz cell: 401-323-0255 email: IslandcreationsbyLouise@gmail.com

Fabric will be available during business hours in the classroom side of Island Creations.

January hours: Tuesday – Thursday 11AM – 4PM Friday, Saturday 11AM – 2PM

February hours: Tuesday – Saturday 11AM - 4PM


PROGRAMS

The **January 15, 2022** workshop with Pat Harrison, **Binding 101 - Basic Bindings**, has been **postponed**. New date is to be determined.

January 20, 2022 "Batting: What's Inside Matters"- Stephanie Hackney/Director of Sales and Marketing, Hobbs Bonded Fibers. There will also be an opportunity for someone to win batting. This lecture will be offered via Zoom.

February 17th, 2022 – "Flora & Fauna: The Embroidered Bed Rugs and Quilted Petticoats of New London County, 1750-1810" – Lynne Bassett lecture. New London County has an extraordinary needlework heritage that will be explored in an exhibition at the Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme, CT., for which Bassett is the guest curator. (The exhibition will be on view from February 12 to May 1, 2022.) This lecture will focus on two groups of objects---distinctive quilted petticoats from the mid-18th century and embroidered wool bed rugs---to explore design inspirations, technique, and family connections. This lecture will be offered via Zoom.

February 19th, 2022 – "Diamonds can be a girl's best friend" - Saturday from 9:30- to 2:30 **in person** workshop with certified Eleanor Burns instructor, Louise Pankiewicz. After taking this workshop you will have a better understanding of how to cut and piece 60 degree diamonds and 120 degree setting triangles. Students will work with their stash or instructor provided kits and the Creative Grids 60 Degree (CGR60DIA) Diamond ruler to create the "Diamond Party Quilt" from the Quilt in a Day company. Louise is working on two different color versions and will send pictures out when they are done.



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EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The January activity of the Education Committee is an exciting one! Thanks to Committee member, Myra Paull, we will be holding an in-person activity *Makers Meetup* at the Cranston Public Library's Central Library on Saturday morning, January 22nd, at 10:00 am. We will be making winter ornaments from 50 kits the Committee has put together to use for that morning. Up to 12 patrons will need to pre-register in order to participate on 1/22/22. The remainder of the kits will be available for patrons who register for a *Take and Make* kit to complete at home.

The Library is located at 140 Sockanosset Cross Road in Cranston. Our Committee will be there, and we invite any NBQA members (including new members) who would like to join us. Please contact me at: drpalane@cox.net if you are interested in participating. Thanks and Happy New Year!

- Peggy Ann Lane, Education Committee Chair

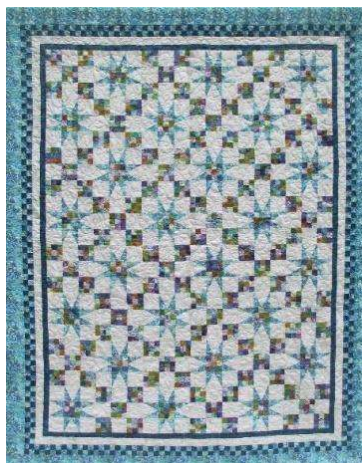


Raffle Quilt News

The "Sea Stars" raffle quilt is currently at Blaine's Sewing Machine Center, 1280 Oaklawn Avenue, Cranston, until March, when it will go back to Louise Pankiewicz's Island Creations shop. Raffle tickets will be distributed to members to sell either at the next in-person meeting, or by mail in the coming months.

We need to start planning our next raffle quilt. If you have an ideas for a design, or want to help with the quilt, please contact Joan Potter at joanpotter1@cox.net.

Joan Potter



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PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

As the last months of my 4 year Term as your President are coming to an end in May '22, I would like to promote a challenge to all members. I do know there is a lot going on with the quilt show in April 2022, but I thought this small project might be a nice break. As you may know, Alzheimer's Disease is close to my heart, as my Mom passed from this 12 years ago. I am challenging all the members of this guild to make a "Fidget Mat" by our May 2022 meeting. That would be a wonderful tribute to me and my Mom, and my 4 years as your President.

A "Fidget Mat" is easy to make with any left over scraps and notions you may have on hand. There are lots of patterns on line. Just google it, or try the one I have below .



<https://nancyzieman.com/blog/sewing-2/sew-an-alzheimers-activity-mat/>

Activity Mats are the size of a placemat and include pockets, zippers, buttons, strings of beads, bells, etc. They may also include a textured pocket with a soft toy or vinyl pocket for photos. Making activity mats is a great volunteer opportunity and gift from the heart.

The activity mats are designed to safely stimulate and soothe people with Alzheimer's and other cognitive challenges, while providing a better quality of **LIFE**.....

- L** – Lift spirits and entertain users while relieving caregivers.
- I** – Interest users in items on the mat. This stimulates senses and reinforces memory.
- F** – Focus user's attention during therapy or conversation with a caregiver. Helps visitors and staff find topics of conversation with users.
- E** – Exercise hands and fingers.

So, I hope you will join me in this challenge. I appreciate your support in this worthwhile cause. And can not wait to see what you all will be making.

Thanks again,
President Geri

NEW LONDON COUNTY QUILTS & BED COVERS, 1750–1825

February 12–May 1, 2022

The domestic textiles produced in New London County from the mid-18th to early 19th-century stand out today as masterpieces of American needle craft. Curated by independent scholar Lynne Z. Bassett, *New London County Quilts & Bed Covers 1750-1825* examines the artistic excellence of these pieces within the context of design inspiration drawn from an array of transatlantic sources and explores the question of how the county fostered such exceptional work. Quilted petticoats with maritime motifs, bold geometric patterns on bed rugs, sophisticated feathers and fruit stitched on elegant whitework quilts, and patriotic appliqués reveal the range and accomplishment of New London County women. The exhibition unites for the first time examples by these makers, whose names are only sometimes known, but whose textiles survive as evidence of the network of connections between teachers, students, and family members.



Florence Griswold Museum

96 Lyme Street

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SHOW AND TELL

Please send a photo (cropped if possible) of any finished *Show and Tell* item, with your name and description, to Geri via email, Tbgeri@aol.com. Send no later than the Sunday prior to a Zoom General Membership Meeting. This information will be put into a Power Point presentation to be viewed during meetings on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

LOOKING FOR MEMBERS TO STEP UP FOR THE UP COMING ELECTIONS IN MAY 2022

There are a lot of positions available from officers to committee chairs. If interested in joining this valuable team to further the NBQA history please contact President Geri or one of the officers or committee chairs.

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COMFORT QUILTS

January 2022

We hope all had a great holiday season and are looking forward to a positive 2022! Linda and I have enjoyed great support with Comfort Quilt sessions held in the fall and people sewing at home. Thank you - we are very appreciative. Tumblers and strings have made awesome quilts. We are planning additional sessions in the spring and additional details will follow.

If you would like a kit to create a top or quilt a top already made, or do the entire quilt, please let Linda or me know and we will work out getting a kit to you. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Maslanka or Brenda Starble.

SELL OR GIVE AWAY YOUR EXTRA ITEMS

Do you have a quilt related item you would like to sell? Any extra notions or fabric to give away? Please feel free to place a free ad in the NBQA Newsletter describing your item and giving your contact information. Contact Paula Weston at pweston528@gmail.com to make arrangements to advertise. Things can be exchanged in person once we have in person meetings. Until then you can make arrangements to exchange goods by whatever way is best for you.

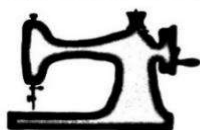
QUILTER'S QUESTION

How do you store your stash?? By Color? By size? You will be getting an email to submit your stash storing ideas. Please let us know what works for you.

All answers will be included in the March/April 2022 Newsletter.



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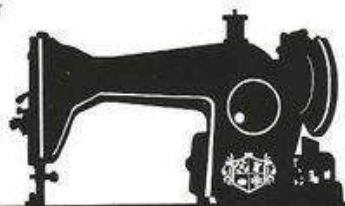
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At the 4th light, Thorndike Street merges into Dutton Street. Go to the 2nd light and turn right onto Market Street.

The museum's changing exhibitions, Brown Bag Lectures, gallery talks, and special events are updated weekly at nequiltmuseum.org.