

Hello Ladies,

Welcome Spring! Love seeing all the beautiful colors coming to life and today it is not raining!

We had impressive results from the Silent Auction. We raised over \$1,700.00 dollars. Fifty percent of that will go to the New England Quilt Museum, twenty-five percent will go to Meals on Wheels, and twenty-five percent will go to the United Methodist Church (they will determine which mission to apply it to). So, thank you to all of you who placed bids and won the item(s). It really was fun and we look forward to doing it again next April. If you have items you want to donate, please bring them to the September meeting and we will start stockpiling.

Our next General Membership meeting will be on Thursday, May 18th where we will have *The Boutique* set up from 5:20 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. All white ticketed items will be half price and you will get another item of equal value for free.

At 6:30 p.m. we will have our Strawberry Social (yum) and our meeting will start at 7 p.m.

Summer Challenge fabric kits can be picked up between 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. We only have forty bags made up so please do not hesitate to get your kit. The rules are listed here in the newsletter and will be emailed prior to the meeting as well.

Remember, the completed quilt will be given to a child in DCYF custody, so if you can buy/make a pillowcase to match the quilt that will help. And thank you, this is such a worthy cause. It makes my heart feel good; I hope it does the same for you.

We are still looking at different venues for the quilt show. If you know of a location that can serve our needs, please contact Joan Potter at joanpotter1@cox.net.

Also, please look at the slate of officers for the upcoming 2023-2024 guild year. What a fabulous group of strong, smart, hardworking ladies. We are very blessed to have a group that works so well together, and is always willing to roll up their sleeves. As your President, I could not be any happier and proud.

Sincerely,

Gail Macera

President, NBQA

General Meeting

May 18, 2023

Boutique 5:20 pm

Strawberry Social 6:30 pm

East Greenwich United Methodist
Church 1558 South County Trail, East
Greenwich, RI



NBQA FEATURED QUILTER LISA BAGIAN

Lisa Bagian is our featured NBQA member for this issue. She is a very talented, award-winning quilter. For the NBQA 2022 quilt show alone, Lisa won First and Second place for Exemplary Machine Quilting, Second and Third place for Exemplary Applique, and the NACQJ Award of Merit Ribbon for her stunning Dear Jane Quilt (more on that later).

Lisa started quilting in 2001. Her mother-in-law was the owner of the Crafty Cat shop at Rolfe Square in Cranston. She made clothespin dolls. She had lots of fabric and asked Lisa if she would like some. Lisa was hesitant but accepted the offer. That was the beginning of her quilting journey.

Lisa has been a NBQA member for 14 years. Her favorite technique is applique, but she is now leaning toward long arm quilting. She bought a long arm recently. Favorite color? She is a "purple girl all the way." She enjoys fabrics by Tula Pink and Kafe Fassett, but her go to is Amanda Murphy. Lisa loves Amanda's ruler work as well, and she highly recommends Murphy's rulers. Lisa does not have a large stash. She buys fabrics as needed.

When asked what it is that she likes about quilting, Lisa answers, "I love to organize. When I start a pattern I will read it over and over again, then take each section and break it down. I cut up the fabric, label everything, and put it in baggies by section or block. I highlight everything that I finish on the pattern. That means I am done with that step, and I don't look back. I love the whole process."

What kind of sewing machine does she like? Without a second's hesitation, Bernina! Lisa believes that once you get a Bernina, you will never look back. She has three; a 570, a 770 plus, and a Q20 long arm on a studio frame.

Is there anything Lisa has not tried yet but would like to? She just took a beginner's class in machine embroidery and is concentrating on making labels for her quilts using this technique. Lisa does quilt her own pieces by machine, and is perfecting her long arm skills with her new machine. Her favorite pattern/block is the wedding ring. She is still working on that one.

Does she have a favorite quilt? Her Dear Jane. "That was an adventure that I learned so much from; paper piecing, reverse applique, freezer paper techniques, scallop binding. When I finished Dear Jane, I felt as though I got my PhD in quilting. It was a big accomplishment."

When asked what one word describes the kind of quilter she is, it would be Adventurous. She loves a challenge. What happens to her quilts? They are displayed throughout her home on a rotating basis. Lisa laughs and says "They are like my kids; I can't give them up."

Lisa has raised 3 boys. She lives in Warwick with her husband Greg whom she refers to as her "rock". Her husband's design talent and precision often help Lisa.

It is a safe bet that Lisa will continue to produce award winning quilts. She gets much joy from quilting.

<u>Thank you, Lisa, for being our Featured Quilter for the May/June 2023 NBQA Newsletter!</u>









PROGRAMS

Have Your Cake and Sew It Too with Kassie and Billie at Island Creations, 74 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI May 20, 2023; 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Do you have a layer cake stack you just had to have, but now have no idea what to do with it? Then this is the class for you! We will demonstrate piecing and pressing techniques that will help to get those pesky points to match up, and all your seams to lie flat for ease of construction for this lap quilt. Don't have a layer cake stack hanging around? This pattern works with fat quarters as well. As in all our classes, participation in class shenanigans is mandatory.

Space is still available so sign up today. Cost for the workshop is \$40 payable to NBQA, and mail to Carol Ann Robertson, 14 Sunset Drive, West Kingston, RI 02892. For more information please contact Carol Ann at camartinelli@me.com

Coming September 16, 2023: Marge Tucker Workshop via Zoom.

Contemporary quilting using your walking foot.

SUMMER CHALLENGE DISTRIBUTION:

Joan Potter will have a table at the May meeting to distribute Summer Challenge kits.

<u>FOR SALE</u>: Vintage Singer Treadle sewing machine. Model 29K70. Made to sew leather. Excellent condition. Complete: stand, drawer, removable table, tools, bobbins, snips, thread and manual. For more information contact Joany

at joanyquilts@verizon.net

<u>FOR SALE</u>: Handi Quilter Simply Sixteen Long Arm, purchased 2021. Original assembly instructions, original box for the head. Used regularly with no problems. 8- foot Moxie Loft Frame with 2-foot Frame extension. Frame leader sets: 8 feet and 10 feet. Quilt from the back kit for simply sixteen including laser and rear handlebars.

Supply cart included. For more information contact Karen Iris at kareniris@yahoo.com, 401-402-9168



DID YOU KNOW...

The most expensive quilt ever sold at auction went for \$264,000 in 1991. "Reconciliation Quilt" is a Civil War-era quilt now at the International Quilt Study Center at the University of Nebraska.

NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM

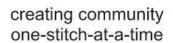
On View
Two Centuries of "Quilt As You Go"

On view until July 15, 2023

In conjunction with the recent publication of her latest book, *Portable Patchwork* (Schiffer Publishing, Ltd), the NEQM Binney Family Curator, Pamela Weeks, presents an array of "potholder quilts" and exceptional "quilt as you go" examples from as early as 1843 to as recent as 2022. This exhibition includes many of the quilts featured in her book along with interesting stories of their makers and history.

COMFORT QUILTS

During our Silent Auction we received 5 completed quilt kits back! I will be showing them at our next meeting. Thank you to all those who returned them. Our quilt-a-thon was a great day (we call it our modern day quilting bee!) that produced at least 5 completed tops. More will be coming in I am sure. At the May meeting, we will be having our normal *Comfort Quilts* table, and those members who pick up any of the kits to be quilted will have the whole summer to complete them!





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RAFFLE QUIILT UPDATE

Don't forget all tickets and money for the "Sea Stars" raffle guilt must be returned no later than the May meeting (5/18), as we will be pulling the winner that night. With any luck I might have the top ready for our 2025 quilt at that meeting. If you are interested in doing the quilting for it, please let me know. So far I have only heard from one person.

A BIG THANK YOU!!

To Anne Sabatini for her many years of service as Chair of the Membership Committee. Patricia Hendrickson and Sheri Bolduc will be the new Membership Co-Chairs, and will be taking renewals and new memberships at the May meeting.

And to Joany Rebecchi for her many years of service as Chair of the Hospitality Committee. We appreciate your hard work and dedication ladies.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee will be participating in the Smith's Castle "Strawberry Festival" on Saturday, June 24, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm on the castle grounds in Wickford. This annual event celebrates the foods of colonists and indigenous peoples, and offers live entertainment, pony rides, craft activities, and, of course, strawberry shortcake! The Education Committee will be offering a sewing activity in which participants will make strawberry pincushions. The Festival is open to the public (free parking) and we invite NBQA members to come by to enjoy the festivities and to say "hello" to us at our table.

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NBQA SUMMER CHALLENGE 2023 FABRIC CHALLENGE To Benefit Children in Foster Care

This year's *Summer Challenge* will kick off at the May meeting. It will be a fabric challenge again, with the quilts to be donated to children in foster care. Quilts can be from crib size to twin bed size, and we ask for them to be accompanied by a matching pillowcase, which can be made from the same fabrics or from a purchased pillowcase embellished with scraps from the quilt. Fabric kits will be distributed by the *Comfort Quilt* team at the May meeting. Complete rules can be found below. The quilts are due and will be voted on at the September 2023 meeting, with cash prizes for the top 3 vote getters.

Rules:

- The Comfort Quilt committee will assemble bags of fabric for this challenge. Bags will have
 various colors and amounts given. No two bags will be alike, and we will keep a list of
 participants. All those accepting a bag will be expected to produce at least a quilt top or
 return the fabric in September. If you can complete the quilt that would be greatly
 appreciated.
- From the fabric members are asked to assemble a *Comfort Quilt*, suitable for donating to a child between the ages of birth to 18 years. Use of members own stash fabric may be necessary to finish the quilt for this challenge. In addition to making a quilt, please also provide a matching standard size pillowcase. This can be constructed from the quilt fabrics, or a purchased pillowcase can be used and embellished with scraps used in the quilt.
- Sizes of this challenge must be a minimum of crib size (approximately 40" x 52") and no larger than twin size (approximately 68" x 93").
- Bag pick up will be at the May 18, 2023 General Membership meeting at the church. If you cannot make the meeting, a limited number of bags will be available at Island Creations by Louise, 74 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI. The shop is open daily from 11-4 Tuesday through Saturday.
- Finished quilts will be judged at the September 2023 meeting with 1st, 2nd and 3rd places given. Voting will be based on the membership present picking viewer's choice.
- When the challenge is over, the quilts will be given to the *Comfort Quilts* Committee, to be donated to DCYF for distribution to children in foster care.

Questions can be directed to Joan Potter, 401-241-0029 or joanpotter1@cox.net.

Newman Church, UCC Announces Sacred Ally Quilt Ministry Exhibition

Newman Church, UCC is excited to announce the arrival of an exhibition of quilts created by the Sacred Ally Quilt Ministry from Jaffrey, New Hampshire. Opening of the exhibition will take place on Saturday, May 20th at 10am with opening remarks and a Racial Equity Storytime. Other events include an 11 am quilt demonstration and a 1pm panel discussion about themes that emerge during moments of racial tension. On Sunday, May 21st, we welcome the community to join us for our weekly worship service at 10am followed by coffee and conversation in the garden. At 12pm, the exhibition will reopen to the public with a closing ceremony beginning at 2:30pm.

Newman Congregational Church, United Church of Christ is located at 100 Newman Avenue, Rumford, RI. For more information, contact Christy Wynveen, Minister for Faith Formation, 401-434-4742; newmanucc.ce@gmail.com

Celebrations and Inspirations Quilt Show – West Hartford, CT.

Greater Hartford Quilt Guild 2023 Quilt Show. Hundreds of Quilts, Vendors, Raffle Baskets, Raffle Quilt, Edyta Sitar's Alaska Star, and Quilts for sale.

June 10, 2023 @ 9:00 am – 5:00 pm; June 11, 2023 @ 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Kingswood Oxford School Field House, 832 Trout Brook Drive, West Hartford CT 06107

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BLOCK OF THE MONTH AND STRIP CHALLENGE FOR MAY MEETING:

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At the May General Membership meeting, the Nominating Committee will present the following slate of officers, standing committee chairs and key contributors. Nominations will still be open if anyone is interested in a board position. If you are, please contact Melissa Smith or Gail Macera prior to the May 18th, 2023 General Membership meeting.

President – Gail Macera

Vice President – Joan Potter

Secretary – Mary Ann Laprise

Treasurer – Blaire Gagnon

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Comfort Quilts – Barbara Hartford

Hospitality - Pending

Membership – Sheri Bolduc and Patricia Hendrickson, Co-chairs New England Quilt Museum Representative – Karen Stanley

Newsletter - Paula Weston

Programs – Carol Ann Robertson

Quilt Show - Joan Potter

Special Events – Louise Pankiewicz

KEY CONTRIBUTORS

Door Prizes – Melissa Smith

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Historian - Diane Roberts

Publicity – Barbara Stetson

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NBQA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - September 1, 2023 - August 31, 2024

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- Receive five bimonthly newsletters via email & summer edition. * May submit quilts to the biannual quilt show.
- Access to Members only NBQA Facebook page. * Participation in Fabric Challenges and Mystery Quilts.

FULL MEMBERS - GUILD LIMIT 250 FULL MEMBERS	ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
May attend all meetings.	May attend 2 meetings per year.
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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.

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