The NIMBLE THMBLE

Hello Ladies,

Well, for me this summer has been rather eventful. Let me tell you why....

In July I finally got my left knee totally replaced. You will remember, I walked like a pirate with a peg leg for two years...lol. It took a good amount of physical therapy, but I am making progress so that is good.

At the end of August, I celebrated a milestone birthday, and it really was lovely. I am okay with the number because I feel so blessed to have the life that I have, family that I have, and all of you, friends.

So now, let's talk about our guild. Over the summer we celebrated eleven new members joining us and just recently two more (total thirteen). What a great group of ladies! We met for new member orientation and made a great pin cushion together and played Left, Right, Center where one of the new members won 27 fat quarters! Everyone had a really nice time and special thanks to all the Board members who were able to attend and explain what their role in the guild is.

Another great project is soon to take place. One of our new members had volunteered for *Quilts of Valor* (QOV) in her previous community (Alaska) and is looking to join a committee here. She will speak briefly at our October meeting to explain what QOV is all about, and perhaps you can think about this wonderful opportunity. For our September meeting we will be voting on the *Summer Challenge*. Remember, over 40 of you picked up bags of fabric and we can't wait to see what you have come up with. The Boutique will be up and running from 5:20 to 6:20 p.m. and hopefully we can also get some of the quilts set up on the pews for viewing as well during that time frame. But no worries if you cannot get there at that time, we will officially start the voting process at 6:30. We also have Jane Ahles from DCYF who will be speaking and is so looking forward to meeting all of you.

So much to look forward to as we begin our new year together.

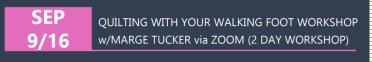
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NBQA President

<u>GENERAL MEETING</u> SEPTEMBER 21, 2023 6:30 pm Boutique 5:20 pm East Greenwich United Methodist Church, 1558 South County Trail, East Greenwich, RI

Paula Weston, Maybeth Cost & Missy Smith e-mail: nbqamail@gmail.com

NBQA UPCOMING PROGRAMS 2023-2024



ROPE BOWL WORKSHOP w/MISSY, MARY & CAROL ANN @ UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



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NOV 18 IRON GARDEN WORKSHOP w/COLLEEN McFARLIN @ UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

NBQA MEMBERS QUILT IN @ REFUGE CHURCH 130 FRANKLILN ST WARREN RI 02885

JAN 20

WORKSHOP TBD

DISAPPEARING BLOCK SAMPLER w/BRITA NELSON via ZOOM (2 DAY WORKSHOP)

> Visit our website for more upcoming programs https://www.nbqa.org



MAINTAINING YOUR MACHINE October 19, 2023 General Meeting

Anthony Ferranti is a third generation, experienced mechanic who repairs all sewing machine makes and models. In this lecture, Anthony will discuss the proper maintenance of your domestic machines, along with common issues and troubleshooting.

NBQA PRESENTS ROPE BOBU BOBU

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH - COST \$40

The Nimble Thimble Volume 48, issue 1 www.nbqa.org Paula Weston, Maybeth Cost & Missy Smith e-mail: nbqamail@gmail.com

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

The Block of the Month for **September** will be a 12 1/2 inch (unfinished size) hour glass in autumn colors. The Block of the Month for **October** will be 12 1/2 inch (unfinished size) half square triangle in autumn colors.

We are not doing strips at this time. We have an abundance of them right now.

RAFFLE QUILT

Our 2025 maple leaf raffle quilt based on Timna Tarr's *Mass Maples* pattern has been pieced, quilted, and hopefully will be ready to show you by the September meeting. Raffle tickets are in the works and will be distributed as soon as possible. We are calling the quilt "*Colors In the Wind*."

Joan Potter

2024 SPRING QUILTFEST QUILT SHOW AT THE WEST WARWICK CIVIC CENTER

Our application for a show on April 27-28, 2024 has been approved! Setup will be Friday, April 26. Mark your calendars and get those UFOs finished. For this show we will be doing judging a bit differently. We will have two categories for your entries, Master and Artisan. Master is for people who quilt professionally or are highly skilled, and Artisan is for everyone else. You can decide where you fall. There will be separate ribbons for each category, with a few others that include both groups (e.g. exceptional workmanship ribbons). Judging is optional, but only judged quilts are eligible for ribbons (excluding Viewer's Choice), so if you haven't considered getting your quilt judged before, give it a try this time.

I am looking for volunteers for the following positions: co-chair for show, and takedown chair. The co-chair will work with me to do the overall planning and learn what is involved in planning a show. The takedown chair will be responsible for coordinating the taking down of the show on Sunday afternoon. If you are interested in either position please reach out to me. Barbara Stetson is also looking for help with show publicity. Please contact her if interested. If you aren't already on the committee and want to attend the next planning meeting, please contact me.

Joan Potter

SUMMER CHALLENGE

If you signed up for the 2023 Summer Challenge and took a bag of starter fabric, your entry is due at the September meeting. We will be voting on our favorite, and the top 3 vote getters will win a cash prize. The quilts will be donated to DCYF. See me when you get to the meeting and your quilt will receive a number and be displayed on the pew seats in the back of the room. If you do not get your entry done in time for the September meeting, you are still on the hook for a finished top to be donated to *Comfort Quilts*.

Joan Potter

EDUCATION

Due to a severe weather event, Smith's Castle's Strawberry Festival in May was cancelled. However, the Education Committee's planned activity has been rescheduled for next year's Festival, so we will use the 50 strawberry pincushion kits that we made for 2024!

On Saturday, September 23, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm, the Committee will try again (!) by appearing at the Smith's Castle Harvest Festival, on the museum grounds at 55 Richard Smith Drive in North Kingstown. We are currently working on 50 autumnal kits for that activity, and are hoping that the weather gods will cooperate this time! We invite all of you to visit us at the Festival and enjoy the music, food, vendors and crafts at this colonial homestead.

As always, we encourage any current or new NBQA members to join our committee. We are always in need of assistance and ideas for our future projects. We can only do as much as all of our dedicated volunteers can manage. So please feel free to get in touch with me, Peggy Ann Lane, Chairperson (<u>drpalane@cox.net</u>), if you are interested. I would be happy to discuss with you the many different ways in which you could be involved in our committee. Thanks! - Peggy

<u>SEPTEMBER 1 – OCTOBER 31 ALL NEW ENGLAND SHOP HOP</u>

Shop Hop Inc hosts state and regional events that promote the textile arts by bringing together sewing and quilting enthusiasts in support of local stores and communities. Each Shop Hop event features a magazine, exclusive fabrics, giveaways, patterns and prizes.

For more information:

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REALIZATION OPENS MONDAY RIGHT 71

REGISTRATION:

Registration Opens Monday August 21

The REGISTRATION LINK is available on our website: www.projectlinus.org

You will receive detailed, downloadable clues and videos which will walk you through the process to create a beautiful 58" x 70" quilt.

Clues will be revealed each week for 8 weeks beginning Sat Sept 23, 2023

All levels of quilting expertise (novice to experienced) are welcome!

COST: \$20 donation to Project Linus

Please designate our LOCAL Project Linus chapter as the recipient of your \$20 donation.

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THANK YOU! Please join us on our Project Linus Mystery Quilt Facebook Page



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NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM

CIRCUITOUS ROUTES: The Quilts of Timna Tarr On View Through September 30, 2023

Circuitous Routes features a diverse array of quilts by Massachusetts artist, instructor and author, Timna Tarr. Renowned for her originality and experimentation with color and visual texture, Tarr often combines hundreds of different fabrics in a single quilt. She is known to work in series—circles, maps, animals-"some of which were planned, while others turned out to be quite accidental."

DESIGNING WOMEN (AND MEN) OF THE TWNETIETH CENTURY On View Through October 14, 2023

The early twentieth century is a time when many quilt designers were active and a number of quilt related businesses operated. The combination of the Arts and Craft movement and the Colonial Revival inspired a renewed interest in quilting. The eleven quilts and two unfinished projects exhibited here from the New England Quilt Museum collection represent designers from this period.





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LOCAL QUILT SHOWS

Silver City Quilt Guild, Fall Harvest Festival Quilt Show

Saturday, September 23, 10 am – 2 pm

500 Norton Avenue Taunton, MA Cost: \$10



Quilter's By The Sea, Every Quilt has a Story

September 30 – October 1, 10 am – 4 pm

The Pennfield School 110 Sandy Point Avenue Portsmouth, RI 02871 Cost: \$8



Ninigret Quilters 2023 Quilt Show

October 13 – October 15, 10 am – 4 pm

Westerly Armory 41 Railroad Avenue Westerly, RI 02891 Cost: \$5



The Piecemakers Quilt Show

October 28, 9 am – 2 pm

Seekonk Congregational Church 600 Fall River Avenue Seekonk, MA 02771 Cost: \$5



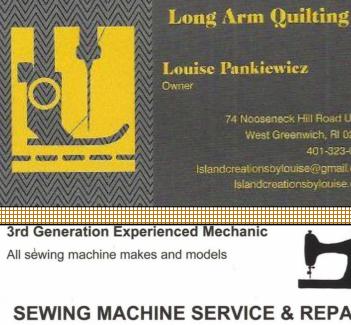
Featured will be the First Four Hundred (Quilter's Newsletter Quilt), and a 1998 copy of the Dear Jane Quilt.

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You can either bring the machine to a meeting, or it can be picked up at your convenience. Please contact: Paula Weston at (401) 829-2997, pweston528@gmail.com for more information or to make arrangements for a drop off/pickup.

Belchertown United Church of Christ 18 Park St., Belchertown MA

12th Annual 2023





QUILT + ART SHOW & SALE

Fri Oct 20 10am - 6 pm Sat Oct 21 10am - 6 pm Sun Oct 22 10am - 5 pm A Thousand Miles of Thread ...the Quilts of Jane Crutchfield ...and Featuring Miniature Prints ...the Art of Beverly Johnson \$5 Admission (kids under 12 enter free)

<u>SEWING TAG SALE (inside show)</u> Sewing Tag Sale continues thru Sat. 10/28 Fabrics, Needlework Books, Kits, Yarn, Trims, Sewing Patterns and whatever else we've rounded up

To exhibit, donate or consign call Jane 413-283-4456 email: ahc60@hotmail.com Quilts with yellow labels will be for sale with price on the label. www.buccquiltshowandsale.weebly.com

Ninigret Quilters Workshop Opportunity

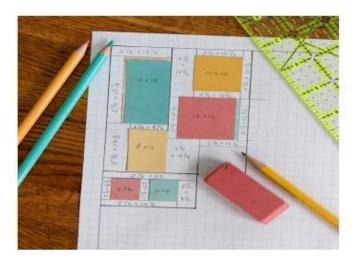
Kitchen Sink Quilt Math Amy Friend (https://duringquiettime.com/)

When: Wednesday, September 13th (9:30am-12:30pm)

Where: St. Andrew Lutheran Church 15 E Beach Rd, Charlestown, RI 02813

Description:

Do you have boxes of blocks from workshops that have never made it into quilts? Have you thought about making a kitchen sink quilt but felt intimidated by the layout and the math? In this class learn how to arrange blocks of different sizes and to organize and pull all the colors together. Students will bring their blocks to class along with simple tools like graph paper and pencils and leave with a quilt top layout plus all the background fabric labeled with cutting dimensions. This is a no-sew class, but having this plan in place will make assembling the quilt top a breeze once you get home to your sewing machine.



Cost: \$40 (payable to Ninigret Quilters)

Please contact Sharon at NinigretQuilters@gmail.com for registration information and supply list. Limited space available.

INCLUDES invitation to lecture / trunk show—Intentional Piecing: Using Fussy Cutting in Quilt Designs Tuesday, September 12th at 7pm at the Westerly Senior Center.

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

ALL MEMBERS:

- Receive a membership list & membership card which may entitle the member to discounts at local quilt shops.
- 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
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May enroll in all workshops and trips.	 May be wait listed for unfilled workshops and trips.
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What type of programs or speakers would you be interested in?	
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The museum's changing exhibitions, Brown Bag Lectures, gallery talks, and special events are updated weekly at nequiltmuseum.org.