

Hello Ladies,

Are you getting excited yet? Our quilt show is just a few weeks away....so much is going on with the planning of this great event. The Board members met March 7th and what a great group of ladies! So much laughter and we all left with a good feeling that this is going to be a wonderful show with well over 200 quilts to display.

Let me try to fill you in with some of the details. We will have all new signs (which you can pick up at the guild meeting on March 21st) to display the information about our show. I will be putting mine on my front lawn because we are situated where there are three stop signs and you have no choice but to see the sign. Yay!

Publicity is going strong as well with many outlets being contacted. Flyers and bookmarks will be available at our March 21st meeting for you to pick up. Please be sure to share the poster on your Facebook page. Small quilts and small items for the Silent Auction to benefit the New England Quilt Museum can now be dropped off at Island Creations by Louise, 74 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, if you cannot bring them to the March meeting.

We will have many more options for you to volunteer at the show so please sign up! The sign-up sheet is still at Island Creations and we will have it on display at the March meeting as well. It really will be so much fun and it's a great opportunity to get to know each other.

Now let's get back to our sewing machines and make magic!

Best regards,

Gail Macera

NBQA President

General Meetings

**March 21
April 18
6:30PM**

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

NBQA Orphan Block Workshop

Saturday, April 20, 2024 - 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
United Methodist Church, East Greenwich RI
 guided by Missy Smith, Blaire Gagnon and Paula Weston

Moda Block Heads 2 Sample Layout



In this workshop, Missy, Blaire and Paula will provide guidance on how to take blocks that are different sizes, shapes, and colors and turn them into finished projects. These can be UFO projects that you want to reimagine such as orphan blocks from test patterns, project rejects, a collection of vintage blocks, a set of blocks won through a guild Block of the Month, or a t-shirt project. If you do not have a project, we will have orphan blocks donated to the guild for you to work with.

SPACE IS LIMITED FOR THIS NO COST WORKSHOP!! Please sign up today with Carol Ann Robertson carobertson562@gmail.com

PERIWINKLE WORKSHOP...

Due to member focus on our upcoming Spring Fest Quilt Show in April, the Periwinkle Scrap Quilt workshop with Barbara Chojnacki, Six Gables Designs, scheduled for Saturday, March 23 will be rescheduled to a later date.

NBQA UPCOMING PROGRAMS 2024

MAR 21

"OPM" OTHER PEOPLE'S MATERIAL
w/BARBARA CHOJNACKI @ UNITED METHODIST EAST GREENWICH

KICK IT UP A NOTCH - LECTURE
w/BARBARA GRACEFFA @ UNITED METHODIST EAST GREENWICH

APR 18

APR 20

ORPHAN BLOCK WORKSHOP
@ UNITED METHODIST EAST GREENWICH

STRAWBERRY SOCIAL / NO LECTURE
@ UNITED METHODIST EAST GREENWICH

MAY 16

MAY 18

KASSIE & BILLIE WORKSHOP
@ UNITED METHODIST EAST GREENWICH

FIDGET QUILTS WORKSHOP
@ UNITED METHODIST EAST GREENWICH

JUN 1

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<https://www.nbqa.org>

ORPHAN BLOCK WORKSHOP

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We will begin the workshop with inspiration, layout ideas, terminology, and techniques. Then we will demonstrate how to use a design wall, sort through a set of blocks and begin to play. Next, you will sort through your items and play with them on your design wall. Throughout this process, Missy, Blaire and Paula will come around and discuss individual projects, ideas and concerns. Your fellow workshop participants are also your design consultants. We also encourage you to consider swapping blocks etc. with workshop participants. Some of the things we will discuss are:

- 1) whether to choose a color scheme or go with a kitchen sink idea for your project;
- 2) how to combine smaller units such as log cabin, half-square triangles & broken dishes blocks to create larger units;
- 3) how to use coping strips to make blocks uniform;
- 4) how to work the math to determine final size, piecing units and filler strips.

Resources to bring:

- 1) blocks, pieced sections, sewn together strip units left over from other projects. Anything you can think of that you might want to use. If you are interested in working on a t-shirt quilt, either have the shirts already stabilized and cut to block size before you arrive or plan on discussing just layout and design.
- 2) some additional fabric that you might want to play with for coping strips and spacers (think variety over yardage so you can play more with ideas and options rather than doing a lot of cutting and sewing)
- 3) Pencil, paper, notebook, calculator for doing layout and sizing calculations. If you have a computer program at home, you can transfer what you learn and design in the workshop later. But, learning to do these types of calculations in the moment will expand your creativity and confidence.
- 4) A piece of flannel, batting, or flannel backed tablecloth to use as a design wall. Having and using a design wall is central to working these types of projects as is letting the design develop as you go. You may find you want to pin your blocks to the design wall so that you can roll it up to take up to work on at the end of the day.
- 5) Camera is also very important. A cell phone camera works great to save layout ideas. In addition, a camera helps to give you a view that is farther removed from the project.
- 6) Sewing machine, rulers, rotary cutter, pins etc. The normal workshop/sew in supplies you think you might need if you get to the point where you can begin sewing together sections of your layout or putting together smaller units into larger units before puzzling them together.

EDUCATION

The Education Committee is holding several working meetings to prepare for our activities at the Quilt Show in April. At the Show, we will be handing out “take and make” patchwork pillow kits to adult visitors to our tables, and offering children’s sewing and craft activities to those kids who would like to sit with us for awhile. We will also be assembling a “learn to quilt” basket to donate to the Show’s basket raffle. If you would like to help us prepare for the Show, or if you would like to sign up to sit at our table to help out during the Show, please contact Peggy Ann Lane (drpalane@cox.net). Thanks!

P.S. - I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mary Padbury - a former member of our Committee, who has moved to CA but remains an NBQA member - for her generous donation of several quilts to be auctioned at the Quilt Show, and many bags of fabric to be sold at our boutique. Many thanks, Mary!

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Bring, to the March 2024 meeting, ORPHAN BLOCKS of any size, pattern or color. One ticket per two blocks will be given for prizes. An *Orphan Block Workshop* will be held on April 20, 2024. More details in this newsletter.

MEMBERS ONLY FACEBOOK GROUP

We have a Facebook group for members of NBQA. You can search for the Narragansett Bay Quilters group or click the following link to request to join:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/810516923289299>

**Here is a list of vendors for our upcoming quilt show.
We may still add a few so please stay tuned!**

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NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM

SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2024

AT 11 AM

Gallery Talk with Dawn Allen

Join fiber artist Dawn Allen as she shares her inspiration for creating *Domestic Partners*. Allen will also discuss her unique “digital painting” technique that has earned her coverage in *Quilting Arts* magazine and numerous museum exhibitions throughout New England.



ITEMS NEEDED FOR THE SILENT AUCTION TO BENEFIT THE NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM

A silent auction will be held at the quilt show. Items accepted to be auctioned off should be small and can include wall hangings, table runners, place mats, bags, pocket books or any small quilted piece. These can be brought to the next meeting or dropped off at Louise's *Island Creations by Louise*, 74 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich. For more information contact Karen Stanley at kaenstanley@mac.com.

COMFORT QUILTS

We will be having our quilt-a-thon on April 20th. This will be held at the United Methodist Church, 1556 South County Trail, East Greenwich, RI. This gathering will be combined with Missy Smith, Blaire Gagnon and Paula Weston on how to use your orphan blocks. Be prepared for a great day!

Comfort Quilts recently delivered 10 quilts to the Elizabeth Buffum Chase Center. Also, we delivered quilts to the Pregnancy Center. Ten quilts, with matching pillow cases, were donated and so very appreciated by DCYF.

We could not do this without your help with piecing and quilting of our kits.

Thank you,
Barbara Hartford, Gail Macera

QUILT SHOW

If you chose to have your quilt(s) judged for the quilt show, don't forget that judging takes place on March 16th at the Exeter Public Library. You will be responsible for dropping your quilt(s) off with Pat Harrison in advance (see dates, times and address on show application) and retrieving them the afternoon of March 16th.

All quilts will be due at the West Warwick Civic Center on Friday, April 26 between 9 and 11 AM. The quilts must be picked up at the Civic Center on April 28 between 4 and 5 PM.

Please remember to make mug mats, small quilts for the New England Quilt Museum auction, and baskets for the basket raffle, and bring them to either the March or April general membership meeting.

We will have yard signs available to take home at the March meeting. If you live on a busy street, please consider displaying a sign to promote, on your lawn, our show. You can sign up to volunteer at the show at Louise's shop in West Greenwich prior to the March general meeting. The quilt show signup sheet will be at the March meeting. For setup on Friday and take down on Sunday, we welcome the assistance of friends and family, so talk to anyone you think might enjoy the hands on feeling of working with many beautiful quilts, to see if they might like to help with our show. I am also looking for volunteers who can meet at the storage unit in Cranston (Public Storage, 71 Freeway Drive) on Friday morning April 26 at 8 am to help load the truck, or Sunday afternoon following takedown of the show, to help unload it.

If you have any questions about the show, please contact Joan Potter at joanpotter1@cox.net, or call 401-241-0029.

Joan Potter

A Message from the Basket Raffle Committee

Hi NBQA Members:

I would like to touch base with members concerning the donations of gift baskets/ items for our Quilt Show in April of this year. To make this fundraising event for our Guild a success, your help is needed. I'm reaching out to our members for help with these baskets to raffle off at the show.

Here is what is needed:

- Do you have any new items in your stash (fabric, notions, books, kits, etc.) just sitting around gathering dust that you would like to donate to make a basket ?
- Would you or a group of friends like to get together to make a basket (or 2) any theme (it doesn't have to be quilt related) to raffle off ?
- Do you have any large baskets or an item to use in a basket type to donate?
- Do you know of a store that might donate a gift basket or even a gift certificate?

If you have items or if you receive a donation, you can contact Joan Halley or me to drop off items prior to our March meeting. It would be appreciated. I'm in Cranston and Joan is in North Kingstown.

Any completed baskets or items can be brought to the March or April meetings. Baskets should be in clear wrap, and there should be a list of items attached to it. We appreciate your support of this fundraising event for the guild. With your help, the Quilt Show will be a success.

My email is tbgeri@aol.com and Joan's is Joan-halley@cox.net. Please contact either one of us to arrange a convenient time to drop off or pick up items; or if you have any questions regarding the Basket Raffle.

Again, we appreciate your support and hope this will help you clean your sewing room!
Can't wait to see the finished baskets. Be creative!!

Geri Bergreen
Joan Halley
Basket Raffle Cochairs

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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
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May attend all meetings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May attend 2 meetings per year.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May enroll in all workshops and trips.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May be wait listed for unfilled workshops and trips.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New full members will receive a name pin to wear to meetings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will be given a priority position on the waiting list for full membership.

Membership dues are not prorated for a partial year.

Bring this completed form with cash/check to a meeting or mail this completed form with a check made out to NBQA.

(DO NOT MAIL CASH) to: **Pat Hendrickson, 13 Greenwich West Dr., West Greenwich, RI 02817**

- ☐ I AM A CURRENT MEMBER RENEWING MY MEMBERSHIP (Payment due by July 1, 2024)
- ☐ Full membership \$35.00 (check enclosed if mailed) ☐ Associate Membership \$15.00 (check enclosed if mailed)
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- ☐ MAIL MY MEMBERSHIP LIST TO MY HOME ADDRESS (include an additional \$3.00 for postage).
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MEMBER NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS

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EMERGENCY CONTACT

NAME _____ PHONE _____

RELATIONSHIP TO YOU _____

What type of programs or speakers would you be interested in? _____

MEMBERS: Would you like to help by helping on a committee?

Please check your choice(s) and the appropriate committee chairperson will contact you.

- ☐ Hospitality ☐ Door Prizes ☐ NE Quilt Museum ☐ Block of the Month ☐ Programs ☐ Comfort Quilts
- ☐ Membership ☐ Publicity ☐ Quilts of Valor ☐ Newsletter ☐ Quilt Show ☐ Educational ☐ Historian

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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.