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Hello Ladies

I hope everyone had a happy and safe Fourth of July. We could not have asked for better weather, that is for sure. It was lovely here, not too hot, and not too humid.

Now, I know this is our summer issue and I need to keep this short so I will do my best to accommodate.

First, the bus trip to the Bayberry Quilt Show on Wednesday, July 31st is filling up fast! Thank you! We have a few more seats available so please reach out to Louise Pankiewicz at louisebpd@yahoo.com to grab those last seats. I am so looking forward to this trip as I was unable to go last year (new knee). **Also, as a side note – no Quilts of Valor sewing on that day, the 31st.**

The Westerly Elks received a generous grant to build a Veterans' Pantry. Comfort Quilts donated six quilts to the worthy effort and Joe (who is an Elk) and I were invited to the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony this past Sunday. We were excited to attend this important event.



Business – Blaire (our treasurer) and I will meet this week to go over the budget, and we hope to plan out a two-year budget to make it easier for the next treasurer (this position is still open and remember Blaire will mentor you so please consider this opportunity).

Programs – Deb and Karen will meet with me this week as well to set up programs for the new year. Look for exciting details to follow.

Finally, note the picture of our annual family reunion in Ocean City, New Jersey. The weather was spectacular (although chilly at night on the Boardwalk). Joe is in charge of the sign and this year he decided to go back to the original patriarchs of the family, Joe's mom (Zubiaga) and her cousin Essie (Dieguez). They started this reunion idea over 60 + years ago. Since Essie lived in Ohio and Joe's mom here in Rhode Island they needed a middle ground and found it in Ocean City. We had eighty-nine family members this year and had a wonderful time.



That is it for now. To keep you in the loop, if I think of anything more I will email you.

Have a great summer!

Best Regards,

Gail Macera

NBQA President

**General Meeting
September 19, 2024
6:30PM**

United Methodist Church
1558 South County Trail
East Greenwich, RI

EDUCATION

Unfortunately, the Smith's Castle Strawberry Festival was, again, cancelled due to inclement weather! So, the Committee has, once more, stored its *take and make* strawberry pincushion kits to use for next year's Festival. However, the Committee has again been invited to participate in the North Kingstown Casey Farm Farmers' Market at 2325 Boston Neck Road, Saunderstown, RI. We will be there on Saturday morning, August 24, from 8:30-12:30 — promoting NBQA, displaying our raffle quilt and selling raffle tickets, and handing out *take and make* kits. Please come to visit us and do some food shopping. And, if you would like to join our group, please contact me at (401) 294-6576. We would be happy to have you!

- Peggy Ann Lane, Chair

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

We will be having New Member Orientation on Thursday, August 29th at the East Greenwich United Methodist Church. Information will be sent out via email to the new members.

2024 SUMMER CHALLENGE

The summer challenge will be based on and inspired by a 1970's vintage Christmas wrapping paper (see below). You will construct a quilted item using fabrics in the same color scheme as the paper. You may add any other fabrics that you wish, but the colors from the paper must be distinguishable in your quilt, and all the colors from the paper must be used. Bring your finished quilt to the September meeting (9/19/24), and we will vote for our favorite. The top 3 vote getters will win cash prizes (\$50/\$30/\$20). You get to keep your item, but if you don't want to and it is a size suitable for a Comfort Quilt, you can donate it to them.

ADDITIONAL GUIDELINES:

The paper colors must be used within the quilt design and not just in the border(s). The minimum size is 10" x 10" and the maximum size is no more than 40" on a side. All items must be constructed to include 3 layers (top, batting, back) and be held together with stitching. A qualifying item may include, but not be limited to, quilts, clothing, purses, totes, pillows, or other accessories, etc.

Any questions can be directed to Missy Smith.
Contact Missy for a paper sample granny4865@yahoo.com,
401-447-5317.





Quilt of Valor Sew Days
Schedule for now: Subject to change

Wednesday and Friday
9:00am to 1:00pm

Seabee Museum
21 Iafrate Way
North Kingstown, RI 02852



Quilts of Valor Update

They say a picture is worth a thousand words so that helps to keep this short. There is so much to say to praise the folks at the Seabee Museum. Hut 3 is pictured above and the logo "We Can Do It!" is hanging on the door! Joe Frigon from the Seabees has been unbelievable! He has provided us with tables and an air conditioner. He is always there with a smile, as are the Seabee volunteers who are on site on Wednesdays.



Our Gail and others have joined us regularly and our first completed quilt top is displayed here with Sarah who pieced it and Gail Frigon who has been our staunch supporter since the very beginning of this adventure. When Gail is on the desk it seems that every person who comes to see the Museum comes to see us because of her.



This has become a project that allows us not only to sew, but to educate and inform locals and tourists about QOV. It has been really interesting to learn that there are many folks out there who have no idea how a quilt is made. "Seabee" Gail and Joe Frigon have invited us to join them at their table at the Wickford Art Festival and an event that will be held at the Seabee property in August.

Spread the word about both NBQA and QOV.
Visit the Seabee Museum with family and friends.



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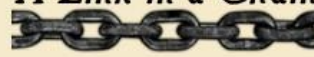
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NBQA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - September 1, 2024 - August 31, 2025



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)
- I AM A NEW MEMBER
- Full membership \$35.00 (check enclosed if mailed) Associate Membership \$15.00 (check enclosed if mailed)
- MAIL MY MEMBERSHIP LIST TO MY HOME ADDRESS (include an additional \$3.00 for postage).
- MAIL A PAPER COPY OF THE NEWSLETTERS TO MY HOME ADDRESS (include an additional \$25.00 for printing and postage).

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MEMBER NAME _____ DATE _____

ADDRESS

STREET _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

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

Other: _____

To be completed by NBQA.

Amount Rec'd _____ Check# _____ Paper copy of newsletter _____ (\$25.00 fee) Member list mailed _____ (\$3.00 fee)

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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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