

# The NIMBLE THIMBLE

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Hello Ladies,

Happy and healthy New Year to you all!

So much to share with you –

**Programs** are all set for this guild calendar year, but we want to start thinking and scheduling teachers and workshops for our next calendar year, 2025-2026, and present this to you at our May meeting. We are scheduling a Zoom meeting for Thursday, January 23, at 6:30 p.m. to brainstorm. Please feel free to join us and give your input so the research can be done. The Zoom link will be sent out on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> to all.

On that same note – **more** input from you – on a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being the least interesting, 5 having the most interest – tell us what you would like to learn. Just copy and paste below and send it to the [nbqamail@gmail.com](mailto:nbqamail@gmail.com) account.

Ratings from 1-5

Art Quilts \_\_\_\_\_

Skill Builder \_\_\_\_\_

Modern \_\_\_\_\_

Traditional \_\_\_\_\_

Technique \_\_\_\_\_

Surface Designs \_\_\_\_\_

Embroidery on Quilts \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Quilt Show Set Up Zoom meeting** – This meeting will be via Zoom, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m. The Zoom link will be sent out on January 27<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to this meeting to discuss quilt show set up and new ideas that we are looking to implement.

We need your feedback. Please join us.

**Scarlett Rose Workshop** – on Zoom, Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup> from 9-12. There are still openings for this great class to learn Celtic applique. See the flyer in this newsletter for more information, and sign up! We can take this class in our jammies.

So, as you can see, we are a busy, happy group and as always, I am very thankful for each and every one of you and what you bring to our guild.

Best regards,

Gail Macera

## GENERAL MEETINGS

**January 16, 2025  
6:30 p.m.**

**February 20, 2025  
6:30 p.m.**

**Both Via ZOOM**

# PROGRAMS

## CAMELLIAN STAR WITH SCARLETT ROSE

VIA ZOOM SATURDAY, JANUARY 18<sup>TH</sup>, 9-12 NOON

Basic Celtic Applique teaches students how to make their own bias tape. The pattern we will use is the [Camellian Star](#) - A Celtic knot with a six-point star and fussy cut insets. This class involves machine applique.

- **CLASS SUPPLY LIST**
- **Clover** 6mm Art No. 4011 ¼” bias tape maker
- **Clover** 5mm Art No. 4031 roll of fusible web
- **Download** the digital pattern #CS-236 for \$10.00 on the website <http://www.ScarlettRose.com>
- The rest is your choice of fabric, clear polyester thread, basic sewing supplies and a sewing machine that zigzags, has a blind hem stitch or the invisible applique stitch. Nice to have - the Clover mini-iron to press (without steam) the bias tape.



To sign up for this zoom class please send your check **by January 10<sup>th</sup>** for \$30.00 made out to **NBQA** and mailed to Blaire Gagnon, Treasurer, 53 Spring Hill Rd., Kingston, RI 02881.

## CITY IN A CIRCLE WITH MICHELLE BANTON VIA ZOOM SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 9-12 NOON

A fun class based on Persimmon Dreams Dresden Neighborhood Pattern. Make it your own – scrap friendly. You’ll finish the top in class. Refer to the link below to purchase a downloadable pattern directly from the designer as well as information on options for creating or purchasing a template.



<https://kimlapacek.com/product/Dresden-neighborhood-mini-quilt-pattern>

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## QUILTS OF VALOR



A picture is worth a thousand words! On December 11, 2024 our small but mighty group awarded *Quilts of Valor* to six very deserving veterans. This was our final “Hut Day” for the year. What a wonderful climax to our first 6 months of working at Hut 3 on the grounds of the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park. It was monsoon weather, with smiles all around. It was our honor and pleasure to drape these humble men who served in the Army, Navy, Marines and Navy Seabees.

We started sewing on May 19<sup>th</sup>, and since then we have completed over a dozen quilts. With the help of many members there are several quilts and blocks in process so that our inventory is growing. Thank you to each one of you who have contributed your time, energy, fabric and skills of piecing, long-arming, binding and attaching labels to make this a success. If you are interested in becoming a member of the *Quilts of Valor Foundation*, please contact Sandy White ([sandylyn.esw@gmail.com](mailto:sandylyn.esw@gmail.com)) or Karen Iris ([kareniris@yahoo.com](mailto:kareniris@yahoo.com)) We will walk you through the membership process.

We will start sewing again at Hut 3 in the middle of January. Wednesdays and Fridays for sure from 9:00 to noonish. New England weather may add challenges, and we will adjust and adapt as needed. The schedule will be posted soon.

We all wish you a Happy 2025 filled with happiness, good health and full bobbins!



On December 4th, the Education Committee traveled to the Hope Alzheimer's Center in Cranston for a holiday craft activity. Eight of the center's members and two aides participated in making holiday pillows for themselves. There were even several left over to donate to the Center. A good time was had by all.

- Peggy Ann Lane, Chair



## **2026 NBQA QUILT SHOW MEETING**

On January 30, 2025 there will be a meeting, via Zoom, for all members interested in participating in comprehensive planning for the 2026 NBQA Quilt Show. This will include a general discussion regarding the many needs that must be met to ensure a successful show. Thoughts and ideas from all members are encouraged. Comments regarding past and future shows are welcome. Your participation will also help with a plan to document setup/take down procedures, instructions and guidelines to ensure efficiency for the 2026 show and beyond.

A ZOOM link will be emailed to every member January 27th. Directions for those new to ZOOM are found below.

This should prove to be an exciting and informative meeting!

## **ZOOM MEETINGS FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2025**

Due to the possibility of cold, inclement weather, we will be holding our general meetings via Zoom for January and February 2025. If you are new to Zoom, it would be helpful for you to view a YouTube video by Marcia Chadly which gives a good introduction. Go to YouTube.com and, in the search bar, type *Marcia Chadly Zoom tutorials*. The suggestion for her "Joining a Zoom call for the first time" tutorial should pop up in this process. Watch the tutorial and download Zoom prior to our meeting. You will be able to click the link in the meeting invitation that you will receive from NBQA on the meeting night. The invitation will come from our Gmail account so it is good to have NBQA set up as an acceptable address in your contacts folder.

Please use your full name when setting up your account, or when asking to be admitted to a Zoom meeting. We check the names against our paid membership list before admitting you into our Zoom meetings. This extra step on your part will help us keep unwanted visitors from "crashing" our meetings. Your membership fee has paid for the Zoom account and any speakers we have this year, so please don't share our invitation emails with non-members, or post the link on any public social media account you may have. This is a primary benefit of membership.

If you have any questions, please contact Louise Pankiewicz.

## **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>

## Quilter's Question....

### **What are you doing when you aren't quilting?**

Do you have hobbies, work, volunteer projects, family activities, grand children!? Share with us what keeps you busy when you aren't quilting.

You will be getting an email posing this question. Answer, offering as many details as you would like.

Your contributions will appear in the March/April 2025 NBQA newsletter.

## FOR SALE

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*By car:*

Lowell is located 28 miles north of Boston off Interstates 93 and 495 and Route 3. From Route 3 take exit 30B northbound or exit 30A southbound onto I-495 towards Lawrence. From I-495 take exit 35C onto the Lowell Connector. Continue about 2 miles to Exit 5B onto Thorndike St.

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](http://nequiltmuseum.org).*