

Hello Ladies!

Well, it is finally May! Love seeing all the beautiful trees budding, lilacs abound and warmer weather. The warmer weather is truly a godsend when you are blessed enough to have four grandchildren and they ALL play sports. It can get mighty chilly in those aluminum stands, but I truly enjoy watching them play and develop so life is good.

Now let's catch up on what is happening with our guild.

Comfort Quilts distributed a total of forty-one quilts to the following organizations – Central Falls Children's Foundation – Jenks Park Residence, the Department of Children, Youth and Families, Hope Alzheimer Center, Mother of Life Pregnancy Center, Operation Standdown and St. Vincent de Paul Society. We also donated a quilt as a fundraiser for a young lady who is undergoing cancer treatment. All quilts were well received and so very thankful. Remember to turn in your comfort quilts at the May meeting so you can receive credit for what you have accomplished and over the summer it will be tallied, and winners will be announced in September.

The big announcement of Programs for next year will be at our May meeting. You will be as excited as I am with the line-up of teachers. Remember to bring your check(s) when you sign up for a class. If you do not date your check, there will not be a problem when we deposit it. The Strawberry Social will be held in Fellowship Hall from 6:30 to 7 p.m. We will not be hosting The Boutique this month because of space issues.

We will be voting on whose quilt will be going to the New England Quilt Museum. When you check in at the membership table you will receive your ballot so, please remember to vote. The voting will take place starting at 6 p.m. and will close at 7 p.m. You will need to let Alice Hourihan know if you are bringing a quilt so she can assign a number to your quilt.

Quilt show racks – the Board decided to purchase ten more racks, now we have a total of twenty and yay! This will be a major factor in helping to expedite setting up for the quilt show.

Renewal of membership – The bylaws state renewals must be done by July 1st. Please get your renewal in as soon as possible.

As we close out my third year as your president may I just say how much I enjoy working with such a great bunch of ladies. You all make NBQA what it is – outstanding!

Gail Macera

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

May 15, 2025, 6:30 pm May 17 Raffle Quilt Workshop United Methodist Church 1558 South County Trail East Greenwich, RI

> Michele Varin, Paula Weston, Maybeth Cost e-mail: nbqamail@gmail.com

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NBQA Bus Trip

Bayberry Quilters of Cape Code 42nd Annual Quilt Show "Old Is New Again" (Held at Cape Cod Tech, 351 Pleasant Lake Avenue, Harwich, MA) Wednesday, July 30, 2025 The cost is \$55.00 per person (Make checks payable to NBQA)

We will leave the Warwick Park & Ride, Route 117, 292 Centerville Road in Warwick at 8:00 AM Exit 27 off Interstate 95 (old exit 10) And return at approximately 6:00 PM

For additional information about the quilt show, visit the guild's website at: Bayberryquiltersofcapecod.com

> Questions??? Contact Special Events Chair Louise Pankiewicz-DiCarlo Cell: 401-323-0255



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Education

On April 2, the Education Committee visited the Narragansett Public Library Children's Room to present an activity which we called 'Spring Chickens.' Six boys and girls and their Librarians made chicken bean bags by stuffing and sewing preprepared chicken bodies. A good time was had by all!

On May 9, we will be returning to the Library to work with Girl Scout Troop 1009, a 21-member group and their three leaders. The activity we will offer to them is to learn how to embroider summer bandanas.

On June 27, the Committee will be visiting the Warwick Public Library's day camp to work with several groups of campers on sewing activities.

If you would like to join our Committee, please contact me: Peggy Ann Lane, at <u>drpalane@cox.net</u>.





I would like to thank NBQmembers Natalie, Mary, Susan and Pamela, who have volunteered to be 'on call' if we need them for our bigger projects. We appreciate your help!

HOSPITALITY

We are planning on a delicious **Strawberry Social** at our May meeting! This Social will be to honor members we have lost this past year

COMFORT QUILTS

Keep them coming! Last month we took in some gorgeous quilts. The Comfort Quilt Committee will be meeting the first week in May to decide on further distribution. Also, please remember - you must turn in whatever you have completed by the May meeting so the tally can be done over the Summer and prizes will be awarded at the September meeting.

PROGRAMS

Get ready! The 2025-2026 line-up of Programs will be announced at the May meeting. We will also be in the foyer for sign ups! Just remember to bring your checkbook. This is going to be a great year for NBQA!!!!

GUIDELINES FOR DONATION QUILTS!!

When piecing a quilt for donation, be sure quality is part of the job!

- Check for accurate ¼" seams to ensure seams stay together securely!
- Backs are pieced, if needed, and large enough for the long armer. A rule of thumb is at least 4" extra backing material on each or the four sides

• It is helpful if the raw edge of the quilt is stay-stitched all around These guidelines will help ensure all our donated quilts are of the highest quality possible!

-FUN WITH FIDGET MATS-

FREE WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, MAY 31, 2025

10 AM – 2 PM

EAST GREENWICH UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 1558 S. COUNTY TRAIL, E. GREENWICH, RI



SIGN UP FOR A FREE WORKSHOP WITH

GERI BERGREEN

ON LEARNING TO MAKE FIDGET MATS FOR

Dementia / Alzheimer's Patients

What You Will Need to Bring to Event:

-Sewing Machine – Notions - Different Types of Textured Fabrics--Any Kind of Fidget Items You May Have (See Above for Examples) -

-And Your Creativity-

THERE WILL BE A STASH OF MISCELLANEOUS TYPES OF FABRICS, AND FIDGET ITEMS, LACE, ZIPPERS, ETC, TO CHOOSE FROM AT EVENT TO HELP WITH YOUR FIDGET MAT CREATIONS.

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Michele Varin, Paula Weston, Maybeth Cost e-mail: nbqamail@gmail.com

New England Quilt Museum Summer Celebration

Bring your favorite quilt to the **May15th** guild meeting. We will vote on our favorite quilt made by an NBQA guild member to represent our guild at the New England Quilt Museum's Summer Celebration.

The quilt must be:

- Made in 2022 present
- No kits
- No larger than 80" wide x 88" long
- No smaller than 24" wide x 24" long
- Have a 4" hanging sleeve sewn to the upper back of the quilt.

Winning quilts (other guilds are involved as well) will be on view from August 12 - September 6, 2025, at the museum.

We will need you to contact me so I can put you on the list and assign you a number for voting purposes. <u>amhourihan@verizon.net</u>.

Quilts of Valor RI

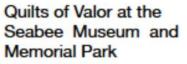
We will be starting a new group in northern RI (Cumberland area). I am looking for volunteers who would like to help in the following areas: cutting fabric for kits, piecing quilt tops, quilting (longarm, domestic or free arm) and binding/adding label.

Contact Sandy White at <u>sandylyn.esw@gmail.com</u> or 401-524-8635 (please leave a voice message and I will return your call), with questions or a response.

Quilts of Valor











Welcome to our neighborhood. Can it be true? It is hard to believe that we have been embedded in the Seabee neighborhood for a year now! We are thrilled to be welcomed so warmly by the Seabee crew and visiting tourists each time we meet. Our goal is to educate the public of the organization, both NBQA and QOVF. In addition, and more importantly, we strive to cover veterans of all services in order to thank them for their service to us all.

Our schedule will change in May and we will be able to sew on Wednesday and Friday. If there is an interest Saturdays can be added through the summer. Typically we sew from 9:30 to 1:00ish. We have some machines available but if you prefer not to sew you can cut fabric, iron, bind, sort our bins or help use the Accuquilt to create kits for others.

Contact Karen Iris if you have questions or nominations for us.



Upcoming Events

May 17th at the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park QOVF Award Ceremony at Noon. We will sew as well Please join us if you are able.

Memorial Day is the only day of the year when there are no Quilts of Valor awarded in respect for those who served and are no longer with us. May they rest in peace.

June 14th at Dare to Dream Ranch in Foster, Rhode Island QOVF Award Ceremony Time to be determined This will be a large presentation coordinated by the QOVF Regional Coordinator. More information soon.



Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 11 AM Gallery Talk: Mary Kerr on "Make-Do Quilts"



The NEQM is pleased to welcome guest speaker Mary Kerr for a gallery talk in her exhibition, which features her vintage collection of "Make-Do" quilts and the contemporary versions they inspired her to create. *This public program is free to members and included in the price of admission for nonmembers.*

About Mary Kerr

Kerr is an award winning quilter and an American Quilters Society certified appraiser. She is a quilt historian whose lectures and workshops focus on quilt history and the preservation of antique textiles. Her current work marries her love of all things vintage with the freedom of expression that is encouraged in the art quilt community.

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Craft Supply Swap

at the Westerly Armory

Drop-off dates: May 15 and 16, Thursday and Friday between 10 and 4

"Shopping": May 17, Saturday from 10 to 4

What is a Craft Supply Swap?

Donations of your *new and gently used* craft supplies are brought to the Armory on the take-in days. (Sometimes people donate unfinished projects, too.)

On the "shopping" day, you arrive and find things that you can use. There is no money exchanged, just the supplies and lots of smiles.

What can I donate?

Here are some ideas: quilting supplies, yarn, string, paints, brushes, canvases, craft papers, calligraphy pens, stickers, buttons, fabrics, knitting and crocheting supplies, markers, beads, pipe cleaners, holiday craft supplies, wrapping paper, tissue paper, woodworking tools, soap making, candle making, weaving, scissors, crayons, pens, clay, ink, stamps, stencils, scrapbooking supplies, drawing pads, sewing supplies, glue guns and glue, jewelry making, mosaics—Actually, there may be too much to list, but you get the idea.

Can I "shop" if I don't donate?

Yes, take whatever you need. Remaining items will be donated to local charities. There will be a time in your life when you DO have something to donate, so no worries.

The Westerly Armory is located at 41 Railroad Avenue, Westerly, RI.

Any questions?

Please contact Ellie at EllieBCoffey@gmail.com.

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

One Day Getaway for Quilters and Crafters

Westerly Armory

Saturday, June 7, 9am to late night (like 9pm)

Enjoy a day with old friends and new and sew or craft to your heart's content.

A Roomy Place to Create

Because there is a limit of outlets in an historical building like the Armory, we have to be judicious about the power.

A. Forty people will be allowed to have a socket for the day. You will also be entitled to half of a table that is 8 feet by 30 inches. (Nice and roomy so you can layout a project very well.) The cost will be \$30 for a day of uninterrupted sewing and chatting.

The "electric" tables will be around the perimeter of the room. There will be four ironing stations as well.

B. In the center of the room will be round tables that seat up to six people. These are for people who are working on handwork or any craft that does not require electricity. Because crafts take space, there will be two or three people to a round table (you choose). The fee for one of these stations is \$20. There is a limit of 40 for the non-electric table tickets.

Snacks and Meals

As we have to keep up our strength, there will be a table for snacks that people have brought to share. (optional.)

Catered boxed lunches from Wild Side Market of Pawcatuck. Choice of a salad AND a sandwich for \$9. Options for sandwiches are: roast beef, vegetarian, turkey, chicken salad, grilled chicken. Salads will be either grain, veggie, pasta or rice. There will also be a choice of chips or fruit. Ginger Acosta is the chef/owner and her food is super fresh and the flavor combinations are always delicious. (Ellie will ask for specific choices closer to the event.)

Slices of Vesta cake will be available for dessert. (\$3 each)

Dinner will be a Vetrano's pizza party and salad bar. (\$8)

Please note: You can bring your own lunch and dinner; a refrigerator and a microwave are available.

Education

At 11am, Ellie Coffey will demonstrate how to take a boring (or damaged) piece of clothing and turn it into something special. Supply kits will be available for a nominal fee.

Entertainment

ESTERLY

While we'll be entertaining ourselves all day, if people want to, we can hold a show-and-tell after dinner.

Tickets available at https://westerlyarmory.com/events

Join the fun and get things done!

The Armory is located at 41 Railroad St., Westerly, RI

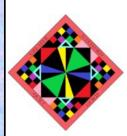
Any questions? Please contact EllieBCoffey@gmail.com



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The Greater Hartford Quilt Guild Presents Every Quilt Tells a Story Quilt Show – Manchester, CT June 7: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Admission: \$10.00 <u>Email</u> <u>Website</u> June 7 – 8, 2025 9 am – 5 pm **Raffle Quilt**



Hundreds of quilts, Raffle Quilt, Raffle Baskets, Vendors Handicap accessible. Front and side entrances Parking: Easy parking, large lot Food: Food is not permitted inside, but there will be a list of local nearby

Threads of Time presented by Capital Quilters Guild – Concord, NH June 27: 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Admission: \$10; children under 12 free Email Website

June 27 – 28, 2025 9-4 2025 Capital Quilters Guild Show Handicap accessible



Hands Across the Valley Quilters Guild presents our 19th



Hands All Around **Quilt Show** May 3 & 4

Hampshire College 893 West St. (Route 116) Amherst, MA

10 am – 4 pm each day (opening for physically challenged at 9:30 am)

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SPECIAL EXHIBIT "From Lobstah to Green Monstah: What's Best About New England"

from the New England Quilt Museum

Plus: Mini-Quilt Sale **Raffle Quilt**

Demonstrations **Raffle Baskets**

Vendors Food **Quilt Appraisals**

Adults: \$10; age 12 and under: free Students and Military: \$5 (must show ID)

Visit www.handsacrossthevalley.org for details.

Raffle Quilt detail above: "Frolic" Design by Bonnie K. Hunter

FREE PARKING

NBQA Summer Challenge 2025/2026: "Second Chance Stitches" *

Reimagine. Recycle. Create! 🐕

Join our 2025/2026 Summer Challenge: "Second Chance Stitches" and bring new life to old clothing!

Challenge Details:

- Theme: Transform an old clothing item into a quilted creation.
- Materials: Use at least 50% of the fabric from the recycled item.
- * Project Ideas: Create a quilt, purse, tote, pillow, or accessory (No wearable clothing entries).
- Size Requirements:
 - Minimum: 10"x10"
- Construction: Must have 3 layers and be quilted.
- / Find an old item of clothing from your closet, a thrift store, or a friend's donation.
- / Reimagine it into a quilted item you would use today.
- / Submit your creation along with a photo of the original item at the September meeting.

Vote & Win! 🎉

- 📅 Attendees at the September meeting will vote for their favorite entry.
- Y Prizes will be awarded to the winners!

Let's give old fabrics a new purpose and stitch a sustainable future together!

📩 Questions? Contact Tina Zuffoletti for more details!

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Dear Members,

At each monthly meeting, starting In March 2025 until March 2026, I will be collecting items to put together theme baskets for the 2026 Quilt Show Basket Raffle.

A single theme has been selected for each *in person* meeting. Members may bring in items associated with that month's theme. Categories are listed below. A basket will be available for you to drop in your donation.

March 2025 - Fat Quarters & Notions

April 2025 - Quilting Books

May 2025 - Patterns

September 2025 - Kits

October 2025 - Knitting

November 2025 - Holiday

March 2026 - Jelly Rolls

Here are some suggestions for additional theme baskets

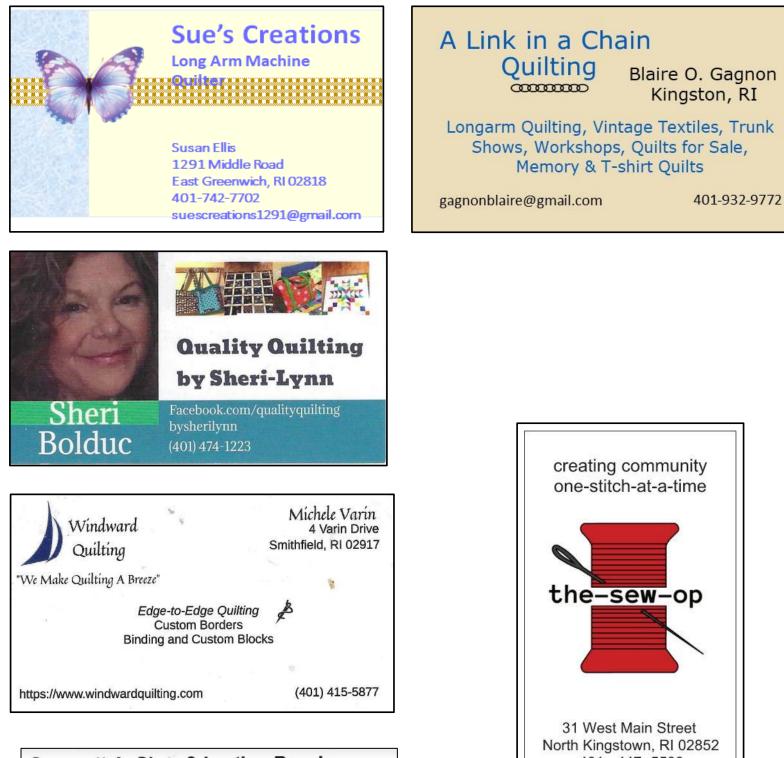
- Cooking
- Staycation
- Pet Care
- Movie Theme
- Coffee/Tea
- Italian food
- Beach Bag
- Chocolate Lovers
- "You Bring Sunshine to My Life" (filled with all yellow items)
- Scrapbooking
- Gardening
- Car Care

If individuals or groups of members would like to make a full theme basket for the 2026 show, please let me know.

I am also looking for a few members to be on the *Basket Raffle Committee* to help with arranging baskets, deliveries to basket winners, and setup and take down of the booth at the 2026 Quilt Show. Please contact me at <u>tbgeri@aol.com</u> if interested.

Thank you in advance for supporting the guilds' fundraiser.





Cayouette's Shoe & Leather Repair

Bob Fontaine

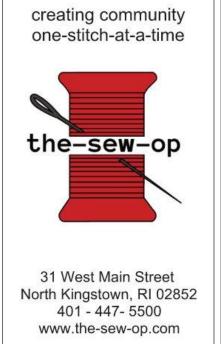
Owner/ Craftsman

100 Archambault Avenue West Warwick, RI 02893

Phone: (401) 828-7240

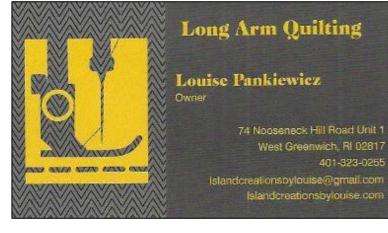
Hours: Tuesday - Friday 8:00am - 4pm Saturday 8am-1pm

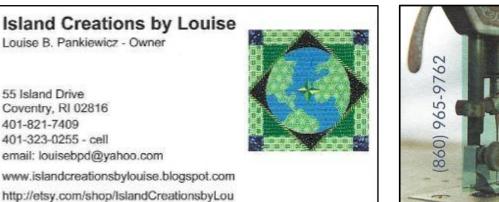




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FULL name ____

please print clearly

Size: (Sm, Med, Lg, XL, 2XL, 3XL)

CONTACT	INFO:	

NAME TO BE EMBROIDERED:

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS OUT TO EMBROIDERY SEWING CO.

EMBROIDERY SEWING CO. DENISE GREENLUND 74 CLUBHOUSE ROAD WEST GREENWICH, RI 02817

ANY QUESTIONS: 401-480-6567



NBQA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2026

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		
 May attend all meetings. 	 May attend 2 meetings per year. 		
 May enroll in all workshops and trips. 	 May be wait listed for unfilled workshops and trips. 		
 New full members will receive a name pin to wear to meetings. 	 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, 2025)

 Full membership \$35.00 (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).

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY - ESPECIALLY THE EMAIL ADDRESS AND EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

MEMBER NAME	DA	ATE
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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 o	n a committee?	
Please check your choice(s) and the appropriat	e committee chairperson will contact you.	

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