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Hello Summer!

Keeping this short -

Yes, it is finally here, heat waves- and all. Check out the motley crew from our annual family reunion (over 65 years coming together) to Ocean City, New Jersey. This year we had 101 relatives, from all over the United States and one family came in from London. Before we left, we watched the weather and knew we were going to be in a heat wave. My daughter suggested I bring my sewing machine knowing I do not tolerate the heat very well! Great idea! I was able to sew some log cabin blocks for Quilts of Valor and work on a Comfort Quilt. I was quite happy and comfortable. However, one family member was missing, my granddaughter Abby. She was on a school trip (mission) to Kenya. Can you imagine Kenya? In my school days we were lucky to go to a museum. Life is good.

I hope you enjoy your summer, get some rest, eat good food, and sew to soothe your soul. As the song goes, *I'll see you in September.*

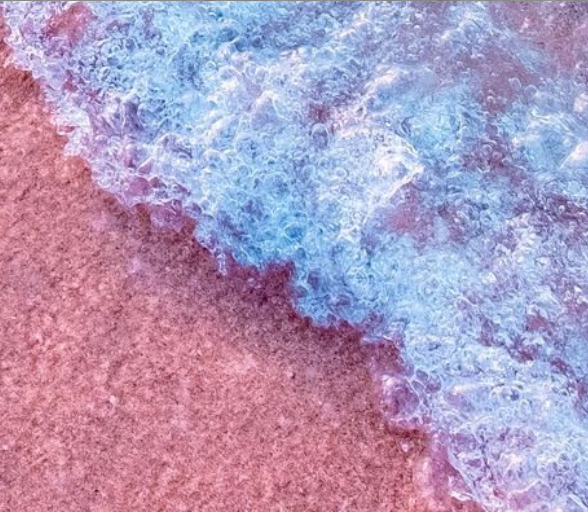
Best regards,
Gail Macera
NBQA President

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

No Meeting Until September!
United Methodist Church
1558 South County Trail
East Greenwich, RI
6:30 pm



**Gail's Family Reunion
Ocean City, New Jersey**



Education

The Education Committee spent two busy Friday afternoon sessions in May at the Narragansett Public Library, working with twenty scouts, ages ten to eleven, from Girl Scout Troop 1009.

We had the girls work on embroidering summer bandanas in order to earn their sewing badge. They all worked very hard on their projects, and their troop leaders were very impressed with our ability to keep the girls enthusiastic and engaged. In fact, we have been invited to return in the fall to work with the troop on other sewing activities.

Our Committee's projects for this summer will include two Friday afternoon visits to the day camp at the Warwick Public Library. At each session, we will be working with 20 girls and boys, ages eight to thirteen, on various sewing projects.

If any of you would like to help our Committee out this summer and have some fun, please email me, Peggy Ann Lane, at drpalane@cox.net.





Programs 2025-2026

Reminder

- Workshops are usually \$30.00 per person but may vary by teacher
- Seats are limited to 20 per workshop
- You're not registered without both the sign-up sheet and payment
- Student buys pattern, special tools
- The Guild has irons, ironing boards, and extension cords for use during workshops

August 2025

•28th

- New Member orientation
- 6:30 pm
- At the United Methodist Church (UMC), 1558 S County Trail, East Greenwich, RI 02818
- New members encouraged to attend

September 2025

•18th

- Summer Challenge Results
- Announcement of Programs for 2025-2026

•20th

- Sew-in 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
- Work on your own project or on comfort quilts
- At the United Methodist Church (UMC), 1558 S County Trail, East Greenwich, RI 02818
- New members encouraged to attend
- Refreshments provided

NBQA Bus Trip

Bayberry Quilters of Cape Cod

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





Quilts of Hope, Rhode Island started our second year in action with a bang. We had a presentation on May 17th, Armed Services Day, held at the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park. Quilts were awarded to some of our Seabee friends and other veterans who have served honorably. On June 14th we participated in an award ceremony as a part of the Open House held at The Dare to Dream Race in Foster, Rhode Island. 16 veterans were awarded with Quilts of Valor. There was another presentation earlier that day to a 103-year-old WWII Army veteran. To date we have created over 40 quilts and awarded close to 30.



We look forward to being present at the annual Wickford Art Festival on July North Kingstown on July 12 and 13 that will be held at Wilson Park where we will share space with the Seabees and later in August will be at the Washington County State Fair.

Our schedule remains steady on Wednesdays from 9:30 to 1:00 at Hut 3 at the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park. Please drop by if you are able. We would love to see you.





New England Quilt Museum

Artist's Talk

Saturday, August 23, 2025

11:00 AM 12:00 PM



Pat Pauly on Unfolding Years

The NEQM is pleased to welcome guest speaker Pat Pauly from her studio in Rochester, New York. This gallery talk in her exhibition, *Unfolding Years*, features some of her most recent work.

Pauly will share her evolution as a fiber artist, discuss her creative inspirations and reveal her printing process and techniques used in making the hand printed fabrics for which she is renowned.

Announcements and Reminders

There s a new electronic form for the upcoming show for intake
Check it out at: <https://forms.gle/25dSoGqnRF4KKBpZ7>

Below is a first look:



2026 NBQA GOLDEN THREADS QUILT SHOW Saturday, April 18, and Sunday, April 19,

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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>

Summer Quilt Shows

A Vermont Quilt Sampler – Woodstock, VT

June 28 – September 1, 2025

Open daily, 10:00am – 5:00pm

“A Vermont Quilt Sampler” will showcase a beautiful collection of quilts highlighting diverse techniques, styles, and stories from across Vermont. Explore the stunning exhibit and enjoy interactive activities for all ages—join a scavenger hunt, try your hand at a quilt piecing game, and explore a tactile “quilt anatomy” display. Add your creativity to a signature quilt by designing your own paper quilt square, and don’t forget to cast your vote for the People’s Choice Award! Included with admission to Billings Farm & Museum.

Admission: \$12-\$19

\$19: Adults ages 16 – 61

\$16: Seniors ages 62 and over

\$12: Children ages 3 – 15

Free: Children ages 2 and under

[Email](#)

[Website](#)



Bayberry Quilters of Cape Cod's 2025 quilt show – “Everything Old is New Again” – Harwich, MA

July 30: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Our 42nd annual quilt show will feature a display of 200+ quilts, plus special displays of panel quilts, antique quilts and challenge quilts portraying our show theme “Everything Old is New Again”. Other show features include a vendor mall, handcrafted boutique, daily lectures and demos, a quilt and sewing machine raffle, plus sewing projects and a scavenger hunt for kids.

Admission: \$12.00. Children 12 and under admitted free. Discounts for bus groups

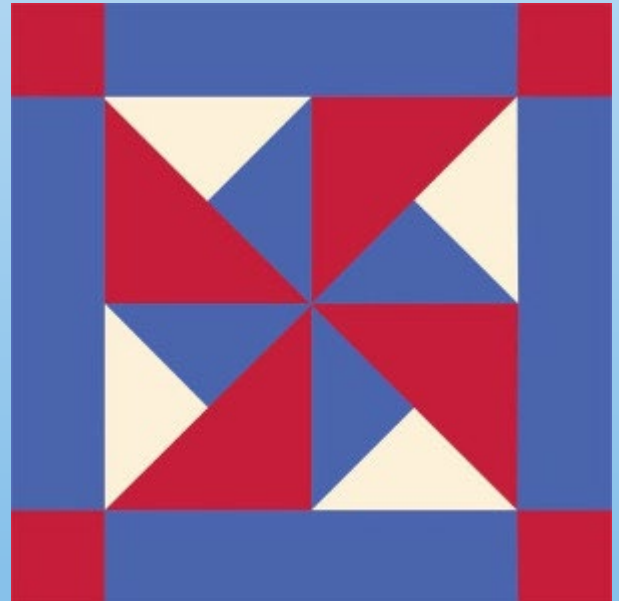
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July 30 – August 1, 2025

10:00 – 4:00 on Wednesday & Thursday

10:00 – 3:00 on Friday



Shoreline Modern Quilt Guild Exhibit Guilford, CT

August 2: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Admission: Free

[Email](#)

[Website](#)

August 2 – 29, 2025

Monday thru Saturday 9am – 5pm



Modern quilt guild exhibit featuring our “Roll the Dice” challenge quilts.

South County Museum Quilt Show – Narragansett, RI September 5: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Come and view our show of diverse quilts. Typically 80+ quilts on show. A morning lecture on the history of crazy quilts and an example of an 1890s Crazy Quilt from the museum’s collection will be on show. The lecture as well as crazy quilt embroidered embellishment techniques will be demonstrated each day beginning at 11:00 am.

The show will feature natural dye demonstrations, a raffle quilt, awards, and a chance to vote for the people's choice award. Entries to the show will be considered until July 31st. See the Museum’s [website](#) for submission details. Admission: \$12; \$10 seniors and children

[Email](#)



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Sept. 5 – 7, 2025

10am – 4pm each day






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:
 - o Minimum: 10"x10"
 - o Maximum: 50"x65"
 -  Construction: Must have 3 layers and be quilted.
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- ✓ 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.

 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 tzuffoletti@gmail.com for more details!





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 tbgeri@aol.com if interested.

Thank you in advance for supporting the guilds' fundraiser.



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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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