

Hello Ladies

Well, we did it. We made it through the Blizzard of 2026, I hope you were able to do some sewing and are ready for our quilt show. Are you getting excited? It is going to be the best show ever. Hats off to the planning committee for this show; they have done a phenomenal job putting it all together. But we still need your help setting up and taking down so please be sure to sign up at the March meeting - the sign-up sheet will be in Fellowship Hall. Remember, many hands make light work.

The speaker for March is Beth Helfter and she will be vending before the meeting. She has requested to be the only vendor so we will not be hosting The Boutique this month but will hopefully in April. We will still open the doors at 5 ish so we can set up and you are welcome to pop in any time after that. We will start the meeting promptly at 6:30 as always.

I have been asked, why are we not utilizing our members only Facebook page and that got me to thinking - what can/should we post? How about this - "Whatcha working on?" During the blizzard I finished three Comfort quilts and made 106 (and counting) mug mats. I will be sure to post pictures and let's see what you have. Come on, let's make this fun and everyone join in.

One more pitch for filling the Board positions - we need you to continue the success of this guild. We are 175 members strong and I know we can do this easily. I will mentor/work alongside you as my four years are up in May. The Nominating Committee has started their phone calls and we have one candidate for Secretary but that still leaves President, Vice President, Historian and Membership.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in-person at our March 19th meeting.

Best regards,
Gail Macera
NBQA President

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

March 19

April 16

6:30 pm

Announcements and Reminders

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>

New England Quilt Museum

For guild members to be admitted to the museum at no charge they need to present their guild membership card.

Board Vacancies

There are a number of vacancies on the Board this year:

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Historian

Please contact Robin Gardner at (401) 935-1802

Announcements and Reminders

Quilt Show Silent Auction

Please consider making a small quilted donation to the silent auction for our April quilt show. Alice Hourihan will be collecting items at the March meeting.

If you would like to help out with set up of the auction or determining winning bids, collecting payment or helping deliver winning items to people who are not present to pick up their items at the end of the show, please sign up on the quilt show volunteer sheet. Your help is most appreciated.

Remember proceeds from this auction will go to the New England Quilt Museum.

Golden Threads Quilt Show

At the March meeting I will have the sign-up sheet for the show. We need many volunteers to make it a success. Unfortunately, we can't begin setup on Thursday as we had planned, so we have to do it all on Friday. It will be all hands on deck, so please sign up to help with that if you can, and we welcome friends and family at setup and takedown. Please add their names to the sign-up sheet so we know they are coming and can thank them afterwards.

I will be bringing some of our earliest scrapbooks to the March meeting. Make time to have a look and you will be amazed at some of our early teachers, a real who's who of the quilting world. I will continue bringing scrap books to the rest of the meeting this year, in honor of our 50th anniversary. If you see a picture of a quilt or person who is not identified in the book and you know who it is, please add their names so our future members will have a fuller history.

At the March meeting I will also have the yard signs. If you live on a busy street or have access to a good spot, please take a sign to put out and help promote our show. If you still have a sign at your house from our last show, please change the date to April 18-19, and put it back out. The flyers and bookmarks files were distributed via email last month. Please print them down and post around your town. We will have some at the meeting if you can't print your own.

Please bring any raffle baskets or items for baskets to the March meeting and give them to Geri Bergreen.

Please bring a small quilt for the New England Quilt Museum silent auction to the March meeting and give it to Alice Hourihan. Table runners, pillows, bags, and small wall hangings are all welcome.

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Please make and bring some mug mats to the March meeting and give them to the Membership table when you sign in. You can also bring them to the April meeting or to setup for the show. Any shape or technique is fine, about 4"-5" big or bigger.

Lori Lambert is still looking for people to demo a skill or technique at the show. Please reach out to her if you would like to do that.

Don't forget that judging will take place on Saturday, March 14. If you are having a quilt judged, you must bring it to Pat Harrison's house on Thursday between 4 and 6 pm or Friday between 1 and 4 pm. Her address is 59 Reuben Brown Lane, Exeter, RI. Her phone is 401-257-5217. Judging will take place Saturday at the Exeter Public Library, 773 Ten Rod Road (Rt. 102), Exeter, RI. You must pick up your quilt after judging completes at 4 pm.

All quilts must be brought to the show on Friday, April 17, between 9 and 11 am. The West Warwick Civic Center Thomas Lamb Fieldhouse is located at 100 Factory Street, West Warwick, RI. You will be given a receipt for each quilt you bring. The receipt must be presented after the show ends when you come to pick it up. Pickup is Sunday, April 19, between 4:30 and 5 pm. When you come to pick up your quilt, you will be given a number (like at the deli) for the order in which your quilts will be returned to you. If you send a delegate to either drop off or pick up for you, please make them aware of the receipt requirement. Any quilts not retrieved will be held by Nancy Mercado, whom you can contact to make arrangement for retrieval. Her number is 401-688-8293.

Please make sure your quilt has a 4" sleeve on it if it is more than 60" wide. Even quilts 48" - 59" would be helpful to have a sleeve in case we want to hang them on a rod.

Joan Potter, Show Chair

Education

The Education Committee is scheduling its activities for the Spring and Summer.

In mid-March we will meet to prepare for our visit to the Hope Alzheimer's Center which will occur at the end of the month. During May and early June we will be hosting a two-session quilting class for adults at the Narragansett Public Library. The Warwick Public Library has asked us to offer two patriotic-themed quilting projects at their summer daycamp as part of their "America 250" Celebration.

The Education Committee table at our Quilt Show will offer free take-and-make kits, needlework activities for kids and adults, and a sale table of vintage quilts that have been donated to NBQA over the past two years. We will also be preparing an Irish-themed raffle basket for the Show.

If you would like to join us in any of these activities, or if you have any items that you'd like to donate to support the Committee's efforts, please contact Peggy Ann Lane at drpalane@cox.net. Thanks!"

Quilts of Hope: Rhode Island

Winter has slowed down our sewing time at Hut 3, but our machines have continued to hum at home. We have been working diligently to rebuild our inventory while at the same time creating pieces to share at the Golden Thread Quilt Show. When miracles are needed quickly it is good to know busy women who jump into the fray to help. The “girls in the hut” have been following in the footsteps of Rosie the Riveter. We have a ‘can do’ philosophy to get things done but sure have fun in the process.

On March 4th we awarded Quilts of Valor to 3 veterans in the Chapel in the Pines on the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park. We had one vet, Francis who served in the Navy during the Korean War and one, Scott who began his career in the Navy from '82-'88 and then went Army from 2006-2016 during the Iraqi Freedom era. Last, Bruce served in the Navy Seabees. He trained in Quonset and was a Construction Maintenance Petty Officer and an instructor at the Navy School of Construction.

On March 5th, 1943, the Seabees were officially created and connected to the Navy. Prior to our award ceremony we helped the Seabees celebrate their Seabee birthday with a cake. The value of their contribution to various locations across the world is priceless, and, needless to say, they are very special to us as they allow us to use their facility.

Programs 2026

March 21, 2026

Beth Helfter's "Now You Give it a Scrap Slap" workshop United Methodist Church from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

Beth is with Eva Paige Quilt Designs. You can learn more about her here: <https://evapaigequilts.com/pages/about-us>.

In this three-hour hands-on workshop, we put some concepts discussed in the "Consistency in the Chaos" lecture to the test by reworking a given block entirely in scraps. While all the class members will work with the same block design, each person will be given different directions on color, value, contrast, and fabric placement to be used in their block as they sew. All fabrics are brought to the class as 3" squares and are put into a "scrap pool", upping the scrappy fun of the completed blocks immensely!

Participants will be taught the importance of value and creativity when choosing block fabrics, and in the end will be amazed by how one block can be transformed into so many different looks simply with fabric choices and placements.

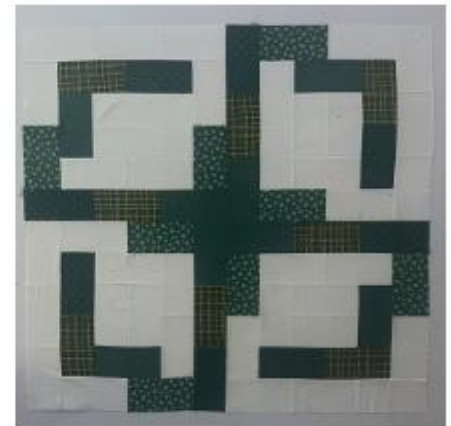
Seats are still available! - to sign up, send your check for \$30.00 to: Lisa Bagian at 244 Smith Street, Warwick, RI 02886 to confirm your seat.

Programs 2026

May 23, 2026

Potato Chip workshop with Guild members Kassie and Billie at the United Methodist Church from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Explore the possibilities of the Potato Chip Quilt! Homework and supply lists will be shared closer to the workshop so that participants have time to prepare. Here are examples of some of the things you can do:



Their workshops always fill quickly, so don't miss your chance! Seats are still available - to sign up, send your check for \$30.00 to Lisa Bagian at 244 Smith Street, Warwick, RI 02886 to confirm your seat. Seats will be opened to non-Guild members on May 1st, so don't delay!

NBQA Bus Trip

To

New England Quilt Museum, Lowell, MA

&

Bits 'N Pieces Quilt Shop, Pelham, NH

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

The cost is \$60.00 per NBQA Member

(Make checks payable to NBQA and bring to NBQA Meeting or
send to Louise Pankiewicz, 55 Island Drive, Coventry RI 02816

We will leave the Warwick Park & Ride, Route 117,
292 Centerville Road, Warwick, RI 02886 at 8:30AM

Exit 27 off Interstate 95

and return at approximately 6:00 PM.

At the Museum,

we will be treated to a guided tour and also have time to view the exhibits on our own.
There is a café across the street from the Museum where you can purchase a light lunch.

Or bring your own lunch.

Water, compliments of NBQA, will be provided.

Questions??? Contact Special Events Chair

Louise Pankiewicz-DiCarlo

Cell: 401-323-0255

Or Contact Alice Hourihan,

NBQA Quilt Museum Liaison at a meeting



New England Quilt Museum

Upcoming Events:

One of the current exhibits at the New England Quilt Museum is "**Blue on Blue: Quilts from 1825 to 2025.**" This will be on exhibit through April 11, 2026. On Saturday, February 28th, Hollis Chatelain will present an artist's talk.

In **April** at our membership meeting, **Pam Weeks** will be our guest speaker. Pam is the curator for the museum.

From May 11-16th any NBQA member can visit the museum for free. Free admission is limited and is on a first come first served basis. Just give them your name.

"**Soul Stories: Threads of Existence,**" will be on exhibit at that time. This exhibit comes to the museum from the International Quilt Show in Houston.

Upcoming Quilt Shows

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Upcoming Quilt Shows

New England Quilt Expo 2026

SHOW DATES:

Classes: Start Wednesday April 8TH 2026

Quilt Show and Vendors Hours:

Thursday April 9th, 9am-5pm

Friday April 10th, 9am-5pm

Saturday April 11th, 9m-3pm

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2026 Information: coming soon



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**
- **Stacycation**
- **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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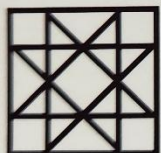
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The museum's changing exhibitions, Brown Bag Lectures, gallery talks, and special events are updated weekly at nequiltmuseum.org.