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Newsletter of the Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild

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From our President

Happy Spring! Today - Monday March 19 - is the official last day of Winter. This winter, we experienced weather-related cancellations of two Board Meetings and the January Monthly Meeting, as well as an abrupt ending to the Retreat in Falmouth. Hopefully, Spring will be calmer - we have so many great programs scheduled and a great deal left to accomplish.

Our Comfort Quilt effort continues with the monthly nine patch block challenge. Check the banner at the top of the Website for specifics....the color for March is Purple! On Saturday May 5, there will be a Comfort Quilt Sew-a-Thon at the American Legion in Canton. Additional details and a sign-up sheet will be at the Membership/sign in table at the March meeting.

It's the time of year when we nominate and elect next year's Board. Descriptions of the tasks associated with each Board position are being reviewed and, as needed, edited and updated. Open positions for the 2018-2019 Guild year will be announced, position descriptions will be distributed at the April meeting (as well as posted on the Website), and the nomination process will begin. Mary Peterson, who graciously took on the duties of VP, will be our Guild President for 2018-2019. There will be several open Board positions - please consider volunteering. It is a truly rewarding and enjoyable experience.

To all - Happy Spring, Happy Quilting and NO MORE SNOW!!!! Helen

Fuller Craft Museum Exhibit of Interest

Adrienne Sloane
"The Unraveling"

Come see a new, provocative work on view at #fullercraft -- The Unraveling by local fiber artist Adrienne Sloane. Sloane's hand-knit flag partially obscures ...

Until May 20, 2018

More info on the Fuller website – www.fullercraftmuseum.org



Let me know if a group wants to go together.
I'd love to meet you there, or come on your own.
BUT DO COME.

Laura Rosenspan

Our guild is always seeking new members, new ideas and new volunteers. In an effort to increase our exposure the board is suggesting a new strategy. We would like to have several small displays of our members quilts in local libraries (or other gathering places in our towns). We hope such displays, with accompanying newspaper articles, will serve to advertise our guild and attract other quilters to join us.

I have divided us into smaller groups of contiguous towns for this purpose. You may be asked to contribute a quilt or two for display in your local library or in a library of a town close to you. More information regarding this endeavor will be forthcoming. If you have any suggestions to promote this idea, please contact me.

Jane McClellan



QUILTED COMFORT - SPRING INTO ACTION (EVEN IF THE WEATHER WON'T)

This year we are making 9 patch blocks. Please make one or more of any or all blocks. Finished blocks will be 12½". For each block, you will need:

- #4 4 ½" solid (or small prints that 'read' as the color) , and
- #5 4 ½" white or tones of white blocks

A different color will be requested each month...with turn-in at the following month's meeting.

September	Any color	Turn	in
October.	Dark blue solids/small print	November	
November.	Dark green solid/small print	January	
January.	Brown solid/small print	February	
February.	Red/white/blue/patriotic	March	
March.	Dark purple solid/small print	April	
April.	Quilter's choice /solids/small print	May	
May.	Yellow/gold/mustard/small print	June	



Also, if you know of someone that is in need of a comfort quilt please let me know at mfsew222@gmail.com If anyone has suggestions for comfort quilts I would love hear from you.

Thank you,
Marie Fowler



RNQG Quilt Bees

Last year 19 of our members signed up to join 6 different quilt bees so that they could spend time sewing with other members and get to know them. We have not heard from them and are wondering how the bees are doing. We would love to have each of the bees share what they have been up to at our next meeting.

One of the suggestions that I had made at the time the bees were created was that each bee decide on a theme and create quilts that could be hung together at the next quilt show. Our bee, yet to be named, has decided to work on Ann Shaw patterns.

We know that there are new members who have since joined the guild. If anyone would like to join a bee or create a bee, please don't hesitate to contact me, Terry Greenstein

Happy New Year fellow quilters!

I've heard it said by many guild members, "How can we get the next generation interested in sewing & quilting?" My daughter, Kathleen, Founder and Principal of Jefferson RISE (Public) Charter School in Gretna Louisiana, has a teacher in her school that is trying to do exactly that! Jefferson RISE services a working class community that, like New Orleans only 15 minutes away, was ravaged by Hurricane Katrina. At the beginning of this school year Kathleen asked for proposals to bring 'the arts' into the school, and Ms. Blunt proposed a Sewing & Design Program.

Along with a small amount of \$\$ from the school budget, Ms. Blunt (see link below), is hoping to fund a more robust program through donations via the non-profit organization, www.DonorsChoose.org. Donors Choose 'vetts' all teacher-applicants and their proposals and, once approved, puts their proposals onto the Donors Choose website, where donors (like you and me!) can choose which projects to support. Once a project is FULLY FUNDED through donations, supplies listed in the proposal are purchased 'wholesale' by Donors Choose thereby making donations through Donors Choose go a VERY long way. The IS FULLY FUNDED. Here's how you can help support the love of sewing in the next generation in a community that would be so very grateful:

1. Now that Donors Choose project above is fully funded... and you would like to contribute \$\$ to Ms. Blunt's Sewing Program, [make your](#) check, payable to "Jefferson RISE Charter School" and write, "For Sewing Program ONLY", in the check Memo section. Mail to Ms. Kathleen Sullivan, Jefferson RISE Charter School, [501-B Lapalco Blvd., Gretna, LA 70056](#).
3. I'll collect donations of Sewing Supplies (i.e., Fabric/Thread/etc.) at upcoming guild meetings.

Any donation of \$\$ and/or Sewing Supplies of any size is much appreciated!! Please contact me with any questions at dottie@sullivancrew.com – thanks!

Dottie Sullivan

Are you interested in reducing your stash? duplicate items? why did I buy 'that' or 'this'? or someone else's stash always looks better? Since we no longer can offer beverages or snacks prior to the meeting, we'd like to set up some selling tables for \$5 each for you to sell your items at each guild meeting. The 'sellers' will change each month so all who are interested have a chance to reduce their stash! At the February guild meeting, we will discuss the details and get input from you of how to do that!

see you at the meeting and stay warm!
Jacqueline -trufztoo@gmail.com

BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Board meetings are held 6:30 - 8:30PM at:
Walpole Public Library
143 School Street
Walpole MA

ALL Members are Welcome to attend.
All board members are highly encouraged to attend
The next Board meeting is scheduled for **May 2, 2018**
Always check website for updates!



BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2017- 2018

President	Helen Curtis
Vice President.	??
Secretary.	Sue Crane
Treasurer.	Karen LeBlanc
Programs 2017-2018	Terry Greenstein
Programs 2018-2019.	Jacqueline Fleishman
Membership.	Mary Peterson
Newsletter	Vicki Pariyar
Hospitality.	RuthAnn Seck
	Joanne Beaupre
Monthly Raffle.	Lisa Steinka
Comfort Quilts	Marie Fowler
Rack Keeper.	Diana Annis
Connecting Thread.	Deb Bonanno
NEQMA Liaison.	Anita Loscalzo
Auction/Fundraiser.	??
Quilt Show 2019.	Jane McClellan
Historian.	Kathy Graves
Raffle Quilt 2017.	??
Webmaster.	AnneMarie Freitas
Facebook Guru.	Deb Woodhams
Publicity.	Judy Schimdt

RNQG Meeting Dates 2017 - 2018

Mark your calendars~

- March 21, 2018
- April 18, 2018
- May 16, 2018
- June 20, 2018

RNQG MONTHLY MEETINGS

RNQG meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, from September through June.

MEETING SPACE for 2016-2017:

Norfolk County Agricultural High School
 400 Main Street
 Walpole, MA

Social time starts at 7:00 PM and the business meeting at 7:15 PM.

Getting to know each other is important.

Please remember to wear your nametag to meetings. If you do, you'll receive a raffle ticket for a fun prize

RNQG FACEBOOK

Please "friend" us on our Facebook page,
Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild.
 Invite your friends to join our page as we step
 into the world of Social Media. Check it out and
 see what is happening in our community

The Facebook Guru is Deb Woodhams

CONNECTING THREADS

This year the RNQG contact person for Connecting Threads is Deb Bonanno.

If you know of a guild member who has been ill, had a death in the family, was recently married, had a baby, or needs a friendly greeting for any reason, please contact the [Connecting Threads Coordinator](#) on our guild website.

January – February Program Report

RNQG AND FRIENDS QUILT RETREAT

On February 28th a number of us made the journey with all of our "quilting stuff" to Sea Crest, in Falmouth, for our third annual Quilt Retreat. As the week moved along each day a number of quilters joined us until Friday we reached the number of 37 quilters in our fabulous sewing space. The annual trip to Tumbleweeds was made by many of us and as the week went on, many were planning additional trips to the quilt shop to pick up a piece of the fabric that their friend has purchased. And quilts were being created each day. Marie finished one prior to even moving into her room!!

Friday morning, I began to hand out comfort quilt kits to all who were there. My calculation was that by the end of the weekend we would have made 9 quilts along with the two that were made by some of us prior to the weekend. As the day went along, the quilts grew and I was hopeful that we were making the goal. By 5:00 we had 6 done. As many of you know, we were expecting a Nor'easter and we got it. The wind came and the rain along with it. I really don't know how those who came on Friday got across the bridge because of the wind but quilters are dedicated. But at around 5:00 pm the lights went out.

Yup, we were on the Cape for a Nor'easter and we got to experience it full force with 92 miles an hour winds and some flooding in the hotel. We kind of had an inkling during the day as some of us had to ask for a room change because water was coming into our rooms. I woke up that morning to the sound of drip drip at 5:48 am and finally had to get out of bed to find the leak and most importantly the sound. Many of the quilters got room changes to the second floor because the water was flooding their rooms. But still we were in good spirits. How could you not be since we were all together doing what we love: QUILT.

Lucky for us, when the lights went out, the timing was right by dinnertime and we were served our dinner that evening to the light of lanterns. After dinner many hung out either in their rooms or the sewing room but I am sure many got an early night sleep as the hotel began to get very cold. We could not leave the hotel to go home since the bridges were closed!!

The next morning the hotel greeted us to a breakfast from Dunkin' Donuts as we still had no power. We were told that we needed to pack up and leave the retreat as there were trees and power lines down everywhere and there was no guarantee when we would get power back. The positive thing was that the hotel comped us for our rooms for Friday night and has informed me that they will get in touch with me to set up a quilt weekend in the future on them for us since they value our business. We live in New England and when we go to the retreat we all know that it is offseason and anything can happen. That is why, when we set up the retreat, I chose the Cape since it is close for most of us. And, we were lucky, if we had snow, it would have been at least 30 inches.

Terry Greenstein, Program Chair



MARCH 21 - Kathy Graves - Modern Quilting Lecture and Trunk Show

Kathy will be here to explore the Modern Quilt movement with us. Modern quilts are constructed using a group of techniques and characteristics that identify them as "Modern", although Modern quilters are varied in their style. Kathy will explore the various techniques used by Modern quilters including minimalism, negative space, improv, use of bold colors and graphics, modern traditionalism, and alternative grid structures. Her presentation will include quilt photos from QuiltCon, the Modern Quilt Show. Kathy will also present a trunk show, using her personal quilts as examples of various Modern techniques

MARCH 24 - Kathy Graves – Metro Rings Workshop: A Contemporary version of Double Wedding Ring Quilt - Ann’s Fabrics-Canton



Together we will explore and learn the fast, fun way to sew curves (without clipping or pinning) using the Quick Curve Ruler by Sew Kind of Wonderful. Their clever pattern allows for making oversized blocks and squaring up for improved accuracy and take the stress out of making seams exact. You will use 2.5" stripes either from precuts or fabric to make the curved -section. You will be amazed how easily your design will come together.



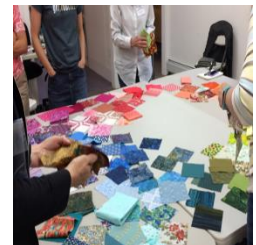
APRIL 18 - Timna Tarr – Trunk Show – Flying Colors

Timna is known for making fun, colorful, award-winning quilts. Join her for this trunk show of her quilting journey. She talks about her design and color choices, as well as the personal stories behind the quilts.

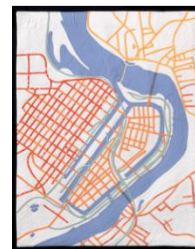
APRIL 19 - WORKSHOPS

Designing with Flying Colors (2-3 hours, no sewing)

Are you stuck in a color rut? Or are you afraid that you might make a color “mistake” in your quilts? In this workshop, students try out new color combinations and learn how to use color placement as a major design element. Participants should bring 10, 6" squares of different fabrics from their stash to the workshop.



Map Quilts (3 hours, sewing) In this three-hour workshop participants learn to make a quilted map based on a paper map. Everyone in the group works from the same map, which will be a map of Cape Cod.



MAY 16 - Pam Weeks – “Jane Stickled Revealed”

Pam Weeks, the Binney Family Curator of the New England Quilt Museum, will lecture on her newest topic. In the 150th anniversary year of the making of the Jane Stickle quilt, she was invited to examine and do further research on this iconic Civil War quilt. Her lecture reveals the results of her research and sheds light on the life of this Vermont farm wife who made an incredible quilt.

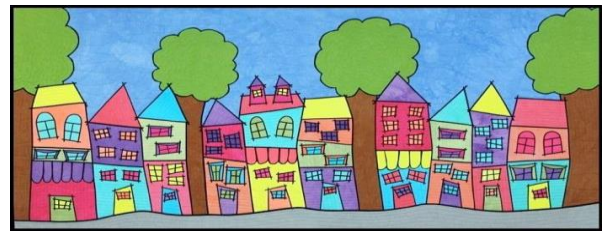


There are a number of guild members who have been working on a Dear Jane quilt for a number of years. We invite all members who have made a Dear Jane quilt to bring them to the meeting this evening.



JUNE 20 - Sue Bleisweiss – Trunk Show

Sue, an award-winning full-time fiber artist will provide us with a trunk show for our final evening. Working with her own hand dyed cotton she creates vibrant, whimsical colorful art quilts intended to delight the eye of the viewer and draw them in for a closer look.



So Many Great Programs – Please participate in as many as you can – Grow your skills , make new friends and you might even get a quilt out of it!!



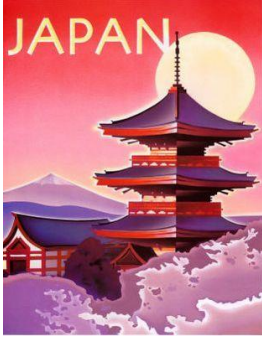
NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM

18 SHATTUCK ST., LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS 01852

nequiltmuseum.org

NEWS FROM THE NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM CURRENT EXHIBITS & UPCOMING EVENTS

PUBLIC PROGRAM RESCHEDULED



Saturday, March 17 at 1 pm

Guest Lecture by Allison Wilbur

Japan: Tradition and Inspiration

Japan is home to the world's second largest quiltmaking community and honors a rich history of textile traditions like shibori dyeing and sashiko stitching. This informative and entertaining lecture is offered by award-winning quilt artist, Allison Wilbur, who has lived and taught in Japan.

This program is free to members

and included in the price of admission for non-members.

IN THE MAIN GALLERIES:

January 10 - April 21, 2018

Quilts Japan: The 13th Quilt Nihon from Tokyo

April 25 – July 8, 2018

THE QUILTED CANVAS II: Featuring Molly Upton, Susan Hoffman, Beth and Jeffrey Gutcheon

July 11 – Sept 23, 2018

H2Oh!: Studio Art Quilt Associates

GENRE EXHIBITIONS ALSO ON VIEW

January 10 - April 29, 2018

**THE HAND QUILTED
WORKS OF GLADI PORSCHE**

May 1 - July 15, 2018

**BEYOND THE BORDER WALL
*The Migrant Quilt Project***

July 18 - September 30, 2018

MATERIAL GIRLS QUILT GUILD

Winner of NEQM Summer

Celebration 2017

Interested in teaching a class or workshop at NEQM?

The NEQM is currently seeking instructors to rent their Classroom Gallery for classes and workshops. Please email Pam Weeks at curator@nequiltmuseum.org or call 978-452-4207 x.11 to express your interest. If you

have a great idea for a class or workshop or are an instructor with a current repertoire, they would love to hear from you!

NEQM Library

Everyone can visit the library to: browse and research thousands of reference books in person or at online; read current issues of quilt magazines; find information on quilt guilds and quilt shows in New England; try quilt software; and print fabric labels on our computer.

Individual Museum members can also: borrow from the circulating collection, which contains thousands of items for adults and children including quilt and textile history, contemporary quilt design, quilt fiction, and videos; and have books and videos mailed to them anywhere in the U.S. for the cost of postage.

For more information on exhibitions and events, see: nequiltmuseum.org

Local Quilts Shows and Event

Thimble Pleasures

March 17-18, 2018, Saturday & Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Blackstone Valley Technical School in Upton, MA

65 Pleasant Street (off Rt. 140), Upton, MA

Ample parking and handicapped accessible

Admission is \$7, children 18 and under are admitted free

Quinobequin Quilters Guild

Friday, March 23-, 2018; 10 am to 8 pm

Saturday, March 24, 2018; 10 am to 4 pm

check website for details

**Amoskeag Quilters Guild Quilt Show
Tomorrow's Heirlooms: A Passion for Quilting
Manchester, NH
March 24 - 25, 2018**

**Wayside Quilters Guild
Auction - Free Admission
Sudbury, MA
April 2, 2018 - 7 - 9 pm**

CLASSIFIED ADS - FOR SALE

Please send the following information to editor@rnqg.org, if you have a quilt related item you would like to advertise:

Item for Sale:

Description: *(include condition of item - new, used, etc.)*

Asking Price: *(also include if price is firm, negotiable, or best offer)*

Contact information:

Advertising is free for RNQG members and \$1.00, per newsletter, for non-members (\$5.00 for the year).

RNQG Member - Geri de Lellis has the following items for sale – contact her directly

email: gdelellis@yahoo.com or home phone: [508-668-7114](tel:508-668-7114).

1. A used, but well kept, blue quilting tote bag, 26" by 20", that can accommodate all your supplies needed for a class, such as an 18" by 24" cutting mat and a large cutting ruler. It has optional length carrying straps. Inside it has at least 12 pockets of varying sizes to store everything you need. I originally paid \$70 for it, but willing to let it go for \$20, firm.



2. A seldom used wooden hand quilting hoop that sits on the lap, 14" diameter, 6.5' high,. Like new. \$15, or best offer.



3. Petal Play kit by Joan Shay, Nantucket Hydrangea Basket, full size pattern with fabrics included. For sale on Internet for \$52. I will sell for \$20.

Nantucket Hydrangea Basket Kit



Our price: **\$52.50**

Support RNQG members and local businesses

Do you have a business you would like to advertise? Please send an email to editor@rnqg.org for information.

A business card for Next Generation Quilting. The card has a dark background with a vertical pink stripe on the left side. The text on the card reads: "Next Generation Quilting", "long arm quilting, design consulting, teaching, reasonable turn around", "Kathy Graves", "NextGenerationQuilting@gmail.com", "508-818-2332", and "North Attleboro, MA". The pink stripe contains the text "Your Quilts Finely Finished" written vertically. There is a small "+" symbol at the bottom left corner of the card.

Visit Kathy's website at <http://nextgenerationquilting.net>



REMINDER

Always show your RNQG membership card to receive a discount on your purchases at **All About Quilts, Walpole, MA** and **Ann’s Fabrics, Canton, MA** and **Franklin Mills**

Useful links to quilt related events and information are:
<http://www.quiltersresources.net> and <http://quiltnewengland.com/>

Note from your Newsletter lady –

I apologize for the delayed newsletter this month. Deadlines are not my thing!
Way to help get your information into the RNQG - email me at vpariyar307@gmail.com with NEWSLETTER in the subject line (that way I can find your email in the frey of emails)!!

Heads up – I will be out of the country for the month of February – your March/April newsletter will be delivered mid-March
