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From our President

Happy New year to all! RNQG has a very busy Winter and Spring planned!

This month we will be enjoying our own Kathy Graves as she gives us a talk on Modern Quilting and a trunk show that should not be missed!

In February, we will again host a RNQG member demonstration night. It is a wonderful night highlighting the many talents of our members. It also gives us chance to enjoy the company of other members who you don't usually sit or socialize with. Also in February, Janet Elia will teach bag making class. If you have not seen the example, go to the website for the workshop. I am excited to make mine and am hoping it comes out as beautiful as hers. There is homework required for this class and there are still some seats available.

Our Cape Cod quilt retreat starts on February 28 and goes through first weekend in March. There are still spots available. Please see Sarah Brewin's Retreat notes below and contact her with any questions. It is a wonderful time of sewing, quilting and camaraderie in addition to great food!

Happy New Year and thank you again for all you do!

Mary

RNQG at Westwood Public Library - Mini Show -January 2019

Long time RNQG members Joanne Beaupre, Carol Devlin and Judy Schmitt met the challenge of getting the word out about RNQG and put together a great mini-show!

Quilts are representative of members of the RNQG that live in Westwood, Norwood and Medfield and other local towns - Joanne Beaupre, Sue Burgess, Carol Devlin, Brenda Fraser, Carol Meglan, Vicki Pariyar, Zelayna Rauch, Nancy St. Laurent, and Judy Schmitt all contributed! Great diversity ladies!

Many of the quilters represented in this mini show are quilt lovers that meet at the Westwood Library on last Monday of the month - check out the Library website www.westwoodlibrary.org

RNQG & Friends Quilt Retreat Update 2019

Have you been thinking about what you want to bring to work on?

Just a few reminders for you -

- Did you participate in the Survey Monkey, if not please complete right away
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V9S9B5C>
- If you are attending the retreat you need to contact Lauren Tyler at 508 356 1259 to book and pay for your retreat weekend. **This needs to be done no later than January 28, 2019.** After the 28th of January your retreat price is subject to the current rates.
- **New this year** - if you would like to attend the retreat but are unable to stay overnight all you need to do is -
 1. Call or email myself and let me know what day(s) you want to come.
 2. Send me a check for \$52 which includes your dinner and sewing room fee
 3. Pack your projects

There still is room available to join in what will become known as the best weekend of the year! Don't get left out. Thanks, Sarah Brewin

PS - I will send out an email once the menu is decided.

WHERE: Sea Crest Beach Hotel North Falmouth, MA

WHEN: Thursday February 28 - Sunday March 3, 2019

Stash Buster Tables

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!

see you at the meeting and stay warm!

Jacqueline -trufiztoo@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 -

March 6 2019

May 1 2019

Always check website for updates!



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**RNQG Meeting
Dates 2018 – 2019**

Mark your calendars~

- January 16
- February 20
- March 20
- April 17
- May 15

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.

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!!



2018-2019 RNQG Programs

Happy New Year! January and February are filled with a great lecture by Kathy Graves on modern quilting (hopefully Mother Nature will co-operate this time!), the member demo mini workshop where we’ll learn different techniques and Janet Elia’s jam-packed bag workshop! It’s not too late to sign up for Janet’s workshop. There is still room in Sarah Ann Smith’s multi-technique surface design workshop and David Sirota’s “No More Tears” Storm at Sea workshop, so please sign up at the meetings!

January 16, 2019**7:15pm – 9:00pm****Norfolk County Agricultural HS****Kathy Graves****Website: www.nextgenerationquilting.net****Topic: “Modern Quilting Lecture and Trunk Show”**






Although modern quilters vary in their style, all modern quilts are constructed using a group of techniques and characteristics that identify them as “Modern”: minimalism, negative space, improvisation, use of bold colors and graphics, modern traditionalism, and alternative grid structures. During this lecture, Kathy explores the Modern Quilt movement. Her presentation includes quilt photos from QuiltCon, the Modern Quilt Show. The subsequent trunk show features her personal quilts as visual examples of various Modern techniques.

Kathy is a prolific quilt maker. Her quilt won “Best in Show” in the first show she entered. Kathy loves exploring Modern Quilting including improv, taking traditional quilts and making them modern, curved piecing, paper piecing, unique rulers, and longarm quilting. She longarms for others as part of her Next Generation Quilting business. Kathy is the President of the Rhode Island Modern Quilt Guild, as well as a member of the RNQG!



February 20, 2019 7:15pm – 9:00pm Norfolk County Agricultural HS Topic: Member Demo / Mini Workshop Night

RNQG has many talented members with expertise in a variety of areas associated with quilt making. During this guild meeting, several have agreed to share their knowledge by demonstrating techniques they use in their works.

Demonstrator	Skill	
Diana Annis	Batting Know How	
Kathy Graves	Webbing a Quilt Top	
Maryjo McLaughlin	Zippity Doo Dah!	
Jacqui O'Brien	Clothesline Bags, Bowls and Baubles	
Abby Sullivan	Ruched Roses	
		
		

February 23, 2019 9:45am – 4:00pm Ann's Fabrics, Canton
Janet Elia website: www.janetanncreations.blogspot.com
Saturday Workshop: Tote Bag Making Member Fee: \$65 Non-Member Fee: \$75

Ever wanted to make your own tote bag – but just wasn't sure what goes into it all? In this workshop, you will learn from start to finish how to create your very own *customized* bag! The bag you create features an outside slip pocket, zippered top closure, and purse feet on the outside and inside – easy inset zippered pocket and many slip pockets for all the necessities of life! Our instructor for the day is RNQG's own Janet Elia who describes herself as "wife to a wonderful guy, mom of two grown children and avid quilter with way too many projects!" She's also known as the "Bag Lady"!

Be forewarned: there is **HOMEWORK** required before the workshop!!! The supply list is on the RNQG website.



March 20, 2019**7:15pm – 9:00pm****Norfolk County Agricultural****HS Julie Brown Neu****Topic: “Quilts in U.S.****History” website: www.julieneu.com**

Quilts often reflect the lives of their makers. Wedding quilts and baby quilts track the events in our lives... We use quilts to express our grief and loss, to help us cope with cancer or acts of violence, or to demonstrate political feelings. However, quilts don't just track personal events; they also mirror the course of history in the United States. In this lecture, Julie Brown Neu discusses the history of quilting in this country and how it reflects the history of the U.S. itself from the colonial period until today.

April 17, 2018**7:15pm – 9:00pm****Norfolk County Agricultural HS****Sarah Ann Smith****website: www.sarahannsmith.com****Topic: “Inspiration in the Ordinary” and Trunk Show**

"Color. Line. Texture. Imagery. Stories. Being part of the tradition of quilting and part of the future of quilting and art. The act of creating. Making the pictures in my head become real.... These are some of the things that spur me to create" are the words that begin Sarah Ann Smith's "Artist's Statement".

Sarah wants to share her passion to create and, although each of us creates in a different way, to show people that they, too, can be creative. Her lecture shares how you can find inspiration for your quilts and art in your everyday world. Whether you are an art quilter, modern quilter, crazy quilter or traditional quilter, you'll find nuggets of inspiration from Sarah's photography. Learn about inspiring images, color and color palettes, and imagine how you can translate the things you love about the world around you into your quilts and art.



Sarah's work has been juried into shows around the world including the inaugural Rising Stars exhibit at International Quilt Festival 2017 and is in public and private collections. She authored *Threadwork Unraveled*, has been published regularly and internationally in magazines, online and in books. She

teaches nationwide, appeared on Quilting Arts TV and has a video workshop *Art Quilt Design, from Photo to Threadwork*. Her article *"Use Your Camera as a Design Tool"* appeared on page 80 in the August/September 2018 issue of *Quilting Arts* magazine (issue 94).



April 17, 2019
Sarah Ann Smith

9:45am – 4:00pm

Ann's Fabrics, Canton

Wednesday Workshop: (SAME DAY but PRIOR to Guild Meeting)

Project: "The Nest", a new approach to surface design

Member Fee: \$65 Non-Member Fee: \$75 Kit: \$20 payable to Sarah day of class

Supply list is on the RNQG website.



Create and use your own screen-printed fabrics to create this project (and a second piece of cloth) of a mixed-media nest. You'll receive a kit with your own take-home thermofax screen of Queen Anne's Lace and Sarah's hand-dyed cheesecloth and perle cotton, and use class paint supplies. In most surface design classes, the goal is the cloth. Here you'll learn to use the cloth as a supporting player for your own art. It's like getting custom-made (by you!) batiks, but with paint.

May 15, 2019
David Sirota

7:15pm - 9:00pm

Norfolk County Agricultural HS

website: www.quiltmavendave.com

Topic: "What Makes a Quilter Tick? A Humorous Look in the Mirror"



Join David Sirota for a fun-filled, interactive, eye-opening look at quilters and all the little quirks, passions and obsessions we all share. We'll hold a mirror up to ourselves and see what others see when they look at us. Maybe it will help explain, to you and them, why they look at us the way they do.

May 15, 2019**9:45am – 4:00pm****Ann's Fabrics, Canton *Wednesday*****Workshop: (SAME DAY but PRIOR to Guild Meeting)****Project: Storm at Sea****Member Fee: \$65****Non-Member Fee: \$75 Supply list is on****the RNQG website. *HOME PREP* required before the workshop!**

Are you curious about paper piecing? Do you and paper piecing already have a love/hate relationship? Do you love the accuracy you achieve, but hate the process of getting there? Well, this class will change that to a LOVE relationship. Students will be using the versatile Storm at Sea pattern to learn David's "No More Tears"© method of paper piecing. Although you won't finish the entire project in class, you'll have at least one full block, and the tools you'll need to finish it at home, in half the time you'd expect from paper piecing.



In this one-day class we'll take the mystery out of:

- The basics of paper piecing
- The "No More Tears"© method
- Storm at Sea basics
- *Precise* block and quilt top construction

David challenges you: "Don't believe me? You'll just have to come and see for yourself!"

June 19, 2019**7:15pm – 9:00pm****Norfolk County Agricultural HS Elizabeth****Sylvan**website: www.sylvanquilts.com**Topic: "Constructing a Landscape Using Raw Edge Applique" and Trunk Show**

A quilter for over 20 years, Elizabeth (Betzi) Sylvan specializes in fiber collage art quilts. Her unique landscapes are intended to delight the eye and quiet the mind while capturing the moment of solitude when the observer feels connected to the natural world. Her quilts use raw edge appliqué, hand-coloring and machine stitching.

This lecture/demo covers the basic principles of design as Betzi demonstrates her technique for laying out a sample landscape, working from back to front after the style of a watercolor painting. She reviews contrast, value, movement, texture and scale, and brings samples of her quilts.

There will be ample opportunity for questions and discussion! The following photos show the progression of one of her landscape quilt designs.



TERMS and CONDITIONS

FEES: RNQG members pay \$65 per workshop; non-RNQG members pay \$75. *Fees are due at time of registration; you are not considered registered until payment is received!* Additional costs for kits or supplies (if required) are listed in the program description found on the RNQG website. These are paid directly to the teacher during the workshop.

Please note: Any person who is not a member of RNQG and has registered for a workshop is invited to attend the guild meeting (free of charge) at which the teacher lectures.

CANCELLATION POLICY: If you are registered for a workshop and are unable to attend, RNQG will issue a refund if and only if there is a wait list and someone claims your space. If there is no wait list, you are advised to try to find your own replacement. In this case, the person taking your spot should pay the workshop fee to you directly.

Name _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

_____ David Taylor Floral Turned Hand Applique
Saturday October 20, 2018; 9:45am - 4pm **WAITLIST ONLY!!!!**

_____ David Taylor Rhythm and Hues Free Motion Machine Quilting
Sunday October 21, 2018; 9:45am – 4pm **WAITLIST ONLY!!!!**

_____ Janet Elia Basic Bag Making (Homework required before class!!!!)
Saturday February 23, 2019; 9:45am – 4pm

_____ Sarah Ann Smith “The Nest”, A New Approach to Surface Design
Wednesday April 17, 2019; 9:45am – 4pm
Please note this workshop meets the day of the guild meeting!!!!

_____ David Sirota “Storm at Sea” (Homework required before class!!!!)
Wednesday May 15, 2019; 9:45am – 4pm
Please note this workshop meets the day of the guild meeting!!!

- Fees may be paid by credit card at any guild meetings.
- To register without attending a guild meeting, please mail this form with check to:
Jacqueline Fleishman, 20 Kings Road, Sharon, MA 02067

Checks should be made payable to: RNQG

Check # _____ I have renewed my membership with RNQG for 2018-19 _____

Comfort Quilts

We have approximately 25 quilts ready to be donated to people or organizations that need them! Please contact Terry Ruta through the website if you know of anyone or a group that would be appropriate to be a recipient of a beautiful quilt. I have many different colors and styles!

I have been gifted some quilts already to people in different situations. One man is home bound due to anxiety and recently diagnosed with Hodgkins Disease, one woman recently lost both her son and husband, students at Wheaton College who are having a difficult time and are affiliated with the Counseling Center, and an 11 year old girl who attempted suicide. Our hope is that our quilts bring these people some comfort

I do have a LARGE amount of 100% cotton fabric that was passed to me by Marie that I am happy to make up a bag for if you would like to make a comfort quilt to be donated. Please let me know if you would be willing to work on a quilt.

From Marie I also received the 9 patch squares that members worked on last year. I have put them into packages of 12 along with coordinating material for sashings and backing and batting. I will bring these packs to our next meeting for people to bring home to complete.

Unfortunately I do not have a long arm machine to do the quilting on. If you do have a long arm and are willing to quilt our comfort quilts, please contact me and I will coordinate getting the supplies to you.

Also please let me know if you are willing to quilt them on your home machine and I can give you the top, the batting and the backing.

Thank you so much!! Terry Ruta

New England Quilt Museum

18 SHATTUCK ST., LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS 01852

nequiltmuseum.org

**The Museum opens Tuesday, January 15 with three new exhibitions.
There's something for everyone this winter!**

**JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT
Quilts from the Pilgrim/Roy Collection
MORE**

Guest Curator, Gerald E. Roy, presents quilts from the Pilgrim/Roy Collection that have never been shown before.

**Gallery Talk and Reception with
Gerald E. Roy
Saturday, February 9 · 1 pm**

**Guns: Loaded Conversations
Studio Art Quilt Associates
MORE**

An enormous divide exists between people who cherish their heritage of gun ownership and others who are concerned that guns contribute to the rising tide of violence in America. This exhibition from SAQA seeks to engage viewers of differing opinions in a thoughtful way.



The Museum And Store Are Open

**January - April
Tuesday through Saturday
10 AM - 4 PM**

**May - December
Tuesday through Sunday
10 AM - 4 PM**

Please visit nequiltmuseum.org for the most up to date information.

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

School House Shop Hop - March 22, 23, 24, 2019, Fri & Sat 9am-7pm, Sun 10am-5pm

Complete details in our shop - **The Quilted Crow**. Hop to all 5 "Schoolhouse" shops. There will be: Daily Door Prize Gift Certificates in each shop; Demos all day in each shop; Fabulous Food; Six FREE Patterns to collect; a FREE Fat Quarter from each shop; Fantastic Food; over \$5000 in gifts & prizes; and did we mention GREAT FOOD!! **TOTE BAGS AND BOOKLETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR SALE JAN 8TH!**

Quantities are limited so get your bag while supplies last! Booklets may be purchased with cash or check only, made out to **The Quilted Crow**. Show your fully-stamped booklet at the last shop you visit and receive a Graduation Gift and a coupon for a 20% shopping spree to be used at a later date. A portion of booklet sales will be donated to a Local Food Pantry in each shop's area. The Quilted Crow will have a kit for "Box Step", the FREE pattern given to all Registered Shop Hop Attendees.

CLASSIFIED ADS - FOR SALE

Item for Sale: **30" X 60" Martelli Cutting Mat**

Description : **Used with a couple of pen marks**, I don't know how those got there.

Asking Price: **\$125.00**, original price - \$249.99

Contact Information: Antoinette Riskalla @ antoinetterisk@comcast.net or 774-254-5565

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).

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.

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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 –
The way to help get your information into the RNQG - email me at vpariyar307@gmail.com with RNQG -NEWSLETTER in the subject line (that way I can find your email in the frey of emails)!!
