

# Laurel Wreath

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## From our President

Rain, Rain, Go away.....

Yes, I long for warm sunny Spring days. I must admit however that I have happily found myself more time than usual to work on my quilting projects. I will always try to find the silver lining!

I have had a wonderful year serving as president of our guild! I am thankful to the generosity of time and talents of our many board members. "Many hands make light work"! I am just as thankful of the positive spirit of a shared commitment to learn more about and enjoy quilting and the company of other guild members, speakers and visitors. We have such a warm and friendly group. I am proud to say I belong to RNQG and to invite others to visit and join.

Venera Emmi will be our president next year. Lets continue to work together and sustain our strong guild Board of Directors. The board meets the first Wednesday of September, November, January, March and May. We meet at 6:30 at the Walpole public Library.

The following board positions are open for next year:

Publicity: First, I would like to thank Judy Schmidt for efforts. She has done much to get our name out there! This would be a nice position for a newer guild member. Please speak to Judy if you want to know more about this position.

Vice President: This is a 2 year commitment as you will serve as VP for the first year then move to the position of President the following year. This position is made enjoyable and fulfilling by our positive and energetic board.

Program Chair for 2020-2021:

This is also a 2 year commitment. The first year you attend the "Meet the Teachers" workshop at the NEQM then line up speakers and workshops for the following year (usually 5 as it will be a quilt show year).

The second year involves presenting a slide show for the year at the September meeting, maintaining class lists for workshops and hosting the speakers.

\*I had agreed to be program chair but have since committed to be quilt show chair for 2021. If anyone would prefer to be show chair, I am happy to serve as program chair instead.

Thank you again for allowing me to serve as the RNQG president this year. We are a wonderful, welcoming and amazingly talented group of ladies.

MaryPeterson

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### RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP TIME!

Please take a moment to print and complete the RNQG 2019-20 Membership Application and Service Form. If you have a problem printing these out, I'll have some spare applications at the check-in table.

We will be accepting forms at the May and June meetings. Then, we will have a drawing for a free membership (for 2020-21) from all forms submitted in May and June. The membership fee is \$45.00 payable by check (to RNQG) or cash.

We are looking to involve everyone on committees so that no one will be overburdened.

We have great speakers lined up for the rest of this year and next year has another great line-up!

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### WANTED For Guild Storage ---

I'm looking for a set of heavy duty shelves that can be used for the storage unit we have our racks in. We also store all of our show items there. The show items are what I'm looking to store on the shelves. If you might have something your willing to let go of please contact me.

Thank you!

Diana Annis

[Institchesquilts@aol.com](mailto:Institchesquilts@aol.com)

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## Comfort Quilt Update –

Comfort Quilt Update! Thank you again to members who have given me quilts to donate to people and organizations - they are all so grateful and touched. I do have plenty of material and batting at my house if you would like to make a comfort quilt on your own to give to me. If you would like me to bring supplies to you at our next meeting, please email me at [t.ruta@comcast.net](mailto:t.ruta@comcast.net). Again, thank you to everyone for helping out! Terry Ruta

Thank you!! Terry Ruta

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## RNQG & FRIENDS RETREAT 2020



**WHERE:** Sea Crest Beach Hotel North Falmouth, Ma  
**WHEN:** Wednesday February 28 – Sunday March 1, 2019  
(You can start arriving 2/27/2020 after 12 noon)

**Costs: 2 Night Package Only**  
**Single Occupancy - \$416.26**

**Double Occupancy - \$292.43 per person**

**Triple Occupancy - \$258.19 per person**

**For those quilters who want to come early or stay later the room rate, not including meals is \$103. Per night**

**Join us for a fun weekend filled with quilting, sewing, puzzles, messages and many surprises.**

**DEPOSIT: \$25.00 will hold your table**  
**Don't forget to invite a friend**

Sarah Brewin

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## Stash Buster Tables

Are you interested in reducing your stash? Duplicate or triplicate items? Why did I buy "this" or "that"? Are your stash bins overflowing???

Please sign up to sell your stash prior to the guild meetings! The "rental" fee for each table is only \$5!!!

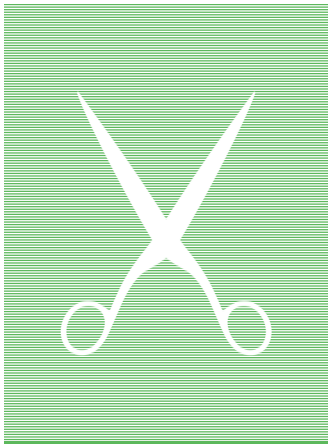
The "sellers" will change each month so all who are interested will have a chance to reduce their stash! And doesn't someone else's stash always look better?

Jacqueline Fleishman  
[trufztoo@gmail.com](mailto:trufztoo@gmail.com)

\*\*\*\*\* ALL ABOUT QUILTS \*\*\*\*\*

We are pleased to announce that All About Quilts is under new ownership. Helene Monroe, Peg McGowan, Karen Whiting and Venera Emmi would be thrilled to welcome you when you visit the shop. Please let us know that you are a member of RNQG so we can extend a 10% discount to your purchase.

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RNQG MONTHLY MEETINGS

RNQG meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

## RNQG 2018-19 Programs

May 15, 2019

7:15pm - 9:00pm

Norfolk County Agricultural HS David

Sirota

website: [www.quiltmavendave.com](http://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

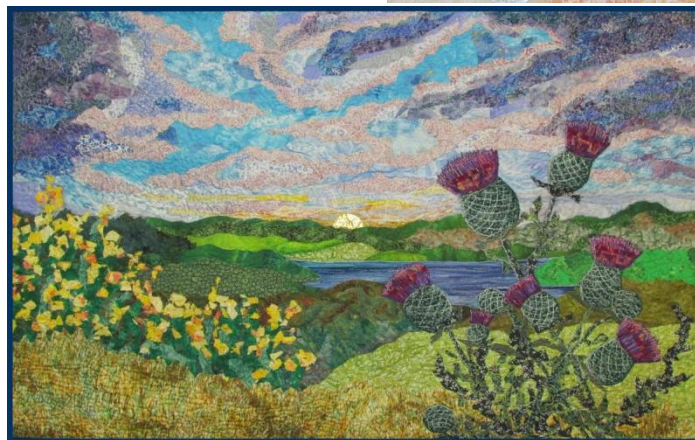
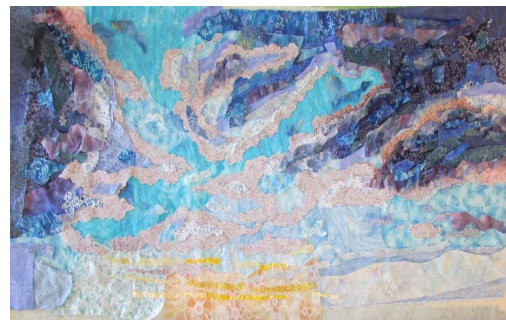


**June 19, 2019****7:15pm – 9:00pm****Norfolk County Agricultural HS****ElizabethSylvan****website: [www.sylvanquilts.com](http://www.sylvanquilts.com)****Topic: “Constructing a Landscape Using Raw Edge Applique” and Trunk Show**

Elizabeth 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 Elizabeth 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.





## RNQG 2018-2019 WORKSHOP SIGN UP FORM

All workshops will be held at Ann’s Fabrics, 235 Turnpike Street, Rte. 138, Canton, MA 781-828-2201. Registration is handled through the guild – please do not call the store with questions regarding class registration.

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Sarah Ann Smith “Thread Coloring the Flower”  
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 **ONLY FOUR SPOTS LEFT!!!!**  
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 \_\_\_\_\_

## **New England Quilt Museum**

18 SHATTUCK ST., LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS 01852

nequiltmuseum.org

### **NEWS FROM THE NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM**

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#### **NEWS FROM THE NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM**

*Hours:*

**January 15 - April 30, 2019**

**Tuesday through Saturday, 10 AM - 4 PM**

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**May 1 - December 30, 2018**

**Tuesday through Sunday, 10 AM - 4 PM**

Free parking is available 2 blocks from the museum in the National Park Service lot on Dutton Street.

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#### **CURRENT EXHIBITS & UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**April 2 - June 23, 2019**

**EXPLORATIONS II: *Inside the Quilt Artist's Studio***

**May 1 – August 4, 2019**

**IN PRAISE OF SILK: *The World's Favorite Fabric in Quilts and Clothing***

**June 25 – August 18, 2019**

**19<sup>th</sup> CENTURY BASKET QUILTS: *American Quilt Study Group Challenge***

**August 7 – September 8, 2019**

**(Free admission for all visitors)**

**SUMMER CELEBRATION OF NEW ENGLAND QUILTS: *The Best of the Region's Quilts***

**Come see Jacqueline's quilt on display! Viewers' Choice winner's guild will get the privilege of having an exhibition at the NEQM in August 2020.**



#### **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](mailto: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!

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**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](http://nequiltmuseum.org)**

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**Local Quilts Shows and Event**



**The Quilters' Connection 2019 Quilt Show - Friday, May 17 and Saturday, May 18, 2019**

The Quilt Show will be located at St. James Armenian Church, 465 Mt. Auburn Street, Watertown, MA 02472.

Hours are from 10:00 am until 5:00 pm for both days.

Admission is \$10.00, kids under 12 free.

Members' Mini Quilt Challenge | Exhibit and Sale  
Boutique | Handcrafted items by Members  
Quilt Raffle | «Conduit» | Fine Line Pieced | 66" x 82"

There is free parking in their lot and street parking. The show is handicap accessible and easily reached by public transportation.

For more information, visit our website.  
<https://quiltersconnection.org/QCQuiltShow.html>



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**CLASSIFIED ADS - FOR SALE**

Please send the following information to [editor@rnqg.org](mailto: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](mailto: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/>

## Coollest Embroidery Class Ever!

presented by Spools Studio

Deb Woodhams will share with us her amazing wool embroidery projects from creator Sue Spargo. She will teach us some of the amazing stitch techniques that bring whimsy to these quilts!



Saturday - May 18<sup>th</sup> 11am - 4pm \$63

**Whimsical Summer Chick! She is as sassy as you want her to be!**

Each participant all supplies!

- \*Wool block
- \*pre-cut bird flower and leaves
- \*Two Milliners Needles
- \*A sampling of embroidery threads in different colors and sizes
- \* how to stitch instruction sheet

We will learn 9 different stitches to complete (or at least get close) a 6" finished block!

- \*Fly Stitch
  - \*bullion knot
- \*woven picot
  - \*drizzle stitch
- \*and more!

Contact – Vicki Pariyar -

[vpariyar307@gmail.com](mailto:vpariyar307@gmail.com) or 781.267.6702

