



## Board of Directors 2023

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## President's Message

Brrrrr! It's sweater weather and that means it's the best time to snuggle up with a quilt and plan your next project. How fun!

**Show & Tell** update: Please provide your quilt information for show & tell. Gail (historian) will be collecting your name, the name of your quilt pattern and designer when you sign in at the desk prior to the meeting on November. Sorry, but we will not be doing show and tell during the zoom Jan and Feb meetings so plan accordingly. Looking forward to an amazing show & tell in March when we resume our social get together.

Hope to see everyone at the next meeting, doors open at 6:30 for chit chat. Our guest speaker is Linda Pearl discussing Contemporary American Quilting History. Thanks to all for help with the chairs. In the meantime enjoy a brisk walk shuffling through the piles of leaves.

We need a member or "team" to join the board for **Show Chair** position in order to have a quilt show in 2025. The venue is pretty much locked in, so there is already a head start in the planning.  
Fondly,  
Nancy and Abby

## Comfort Quilts

Welcome back everyone!! Over the summer I delivered quilts to the foster teens in the Worcester area, the foster care agency in Fall River, the hospice agency in Westwood, and Brother's Keeper in Easton. Everyone was VERY appreciative!

I do have three quilts ready to be bound that I will bring to our next meeting. Please let me know if you need any fabric or batting. Thank you to everyone who helps out!

I made two quilt donations on behalf of the guild since our last meeting. Six quilts went to Pathways Hospice Agency in Westwood and six children's quilts were donated to the

Taunton children's drive through Homestead Quilting. I have a full bag here of children's quilts ready to be dropped off to Project Linus or My Brothers Keeper.

An email was sent out with theme ideas for the three quilts that we will be donating to the new family chosen for the Habitat for Humanity house in Norton. The house is expected to be completed in early spring. I heard from two people who are making a quilt for the mom and the son. I now have more details on what the daughter likes. Her favorite color is purple. She is obsessed with Harry Potter and she loves stitch, softball and she played soccer and field hockey. If someone would like to be make a quilt for this girl, please let me know. Thanks to everyone for all you do for Comfort Quilts!  
Terry Ruta

## Programs: 2024-25

*Just a few things to add from Programs 2024/25*

I have been in touch with the Seacrest Hotel for a possible retreat. We will want to poll members for interest and time of the year looking ahead. We have an opportunity to display and possibly sell quilts at an exhibition in Canton at the Paul Revere Historic Site on December 2. More information coming!

The quild is planning a **Block of the Month Mystery** for 24/25. No cost as you will supply your own fabric .

David Sirota will be doing a **“No More Tears”** paper piecing workshop in 2025. We will start 2024/25 with a September Social event.. A members teaching techniques is in the planning stages. More details later.

## Zoom Sew-Alongs

Please mark your calendars. Some of the dates for the Sew-Alongs have been canceled. Some have been rescheduled. They are all on the website. [rnqq.org](http://rnqq.org)

11/28 1-4PM and 6-9PM

12/6 6-9PM

12/10 10AM-2PM

1/7 10AM-2PM

1/9 1-4PM and 6-9PM

2/5 1-4PM and 6-9PM

2/11 10AM–2PM

3/3 10AM-2PM

4/15 6-9PM

5/21 6-9PM

6/5 6-9PM

Please mark your calendars and join us at any time for any reason for as long as you like. We usually have at least nine members join us on any given day. Most come to sew, but some just come to visit and say hello. All dates are on the website. [rnqq.org](http://rnqq.org)

## Presentations and Workshops

All in-person presentations are on the third Wednesday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 137 Stone Street, Walpole from 7-9PM. Doors open at 6:30. The Zoom presentations and workshops are in January and February.

11/15 Linda Pearl, "Ten Quilters You Should Know about and Why: Contemporary American Quilting History"

1/17 Zoom, Lisa Shepard Stewart, "Quilting with African Fabrics"

1/18 Thursday Zoom Workshop, 6-9, Lisa Shepard Stewart, Corded Cabin Quilt Block

2/21 Diane Harris, "Make Extraordinary Scrap Quilts"

2/24 Saturday Zoom Workshop, 10-4, Diane Harris, StarQuar Scrap Quilts

3/20 Nancy Sullivan and Lynn Thibault, The Nurses "Quilt Clinic"

4/17 Jennifer Watchorn, "Organizing Your Quilting Space"

5/15 Colleen McFarlin of Beyond the Bolt Quilt shop and Five / Five Studio will be presenting, "Finding My Creative Voice."

6/19 Janice and David Jones, "See the Everyday in an Abstract Way"

We had fun creating Wonky houses with Barbara Graceffa. It was a bit of a challenge for some of us, especially me, but I will have a fantastic Halloween quilt to give to my three granddaughters when it is finished.

I'm trying to plan a workshop with Tina Craig because there was a great deal of enthusiasm surrounding her presentation. I will be taking a vote at the November meeting to see if members would prefer taking a workshop in the temperature quilt or the selvage quilt. Please pretty please with fabric on top, sign up for workshops.

## Mystery Quilt

We have fifteen participants for the Mystery Quilt this year. We designed the project in answer to our members' requests for more social engagement. We have truly enjoyed our get-togethers at Panera Bread at the Walpole Mall. When we meet we discuss the quilt, answer any questions, show off our progress and get to know our fellow members better. We have planned daytime, evening and weekend meetings to accommodate different schedules. Our member, Stephanie Valanzola, did a wonderful job planning and creating this project.

Monday, November 6th, 7 PM

Tuesday, November 21st, Noon

Saturday, December 2nd, 10 AM

Tuesday, December 12th, 10AM

Fabric requirement instructions and cutting instructions can be found on the website at the top of the Mystery Quilt page. At the November meeting, participants will be receiving block assembly Instructions. These instructions will also be posted on the website on the day of the meeting or soon after. In March, we will distribute the quilt assembly Instructions. In April, participants will receive the finishing Instructions. In June, we will be very excited to Show 'n' Tell our finished quilts or at the very least our finished quilt tops. AnneMarie, our web master, has created a link to a printable copy which is available at the bottom of each of the instructions pages. It's never to late to join us...

## Members Teaching Members

We will have a Members Teaching Members session which we are planning for a Saturday sometime during the guild year. Right now we are investigating the possibility of booking the Knights of Columbus Hall so we can enjoy each other's company after the sessions and have lunch together.

Right now we have a terrific line-up which is subject to change.

- Sue C. - Roll-up Layering
- Lisa S. - Folded Fabric
- Diana A. - Tool Use
- Maura W. - Rug braiding on a frame
- Carla K. - Westerly Rulers
- Carol C. - Bias Tape Binding
- Venera E. - Kawandi

## Facebook Information

The RNQG FB page is public and open to anyone who has a FB account. The RNQG FB group is private and only open to RNQG members and interested former members. It is restricted to "members only" by an administrator who must approve entry into the group. Any member who is on Facebook can request entry into the group. Any member of the guild who is a member of the group can post on the page.

Posting on the group page is similar to posting on your personal page. Look for the RNQG symbol in the feed. In the space that asks, "Write something..." write your message. You can add a photograph by clicking on "Photo/video". You can add a link, as well.

In order to know when something new has been posted on the RNQG FB page or RNQG Group page you must turn on notifications. These notifications occur in the application only. In other words, you will not receive a text or email to inform you of new postings. Notifications will be listed under the bell in the top right corner in F. In order to set up notifications, go to the top right, click your Page photo, then click "Settings & Privacy". Click Settings, then click Notifications in the left menu. Select which notifications you want to receive on Facebook. We are currently investigating methods of linking Facebook posts and Instagram posts .

Venera Emmi and Maura Woodard  
FaceBook Administrators

## Raffle Quilt 2025 Updates

The dates aren't set yet but we'll be promoting the guild at several town pride days in 2024! In addition to selling raffle tickets for "Stargazing" we'll likely be selling other items.

Taking place on various but not all Saturdays in May, June, and September, the towns include Canton, Medway, Walpole, Norwood, and Medfield. The town of Sharon's celebration has been on the first Sunday in October in the past. I'll look at other towns based on our current membership list. As soon as dates are set, I will email members who live in those towns. If we don't participate in your town's pride day or your town doesn't have one, we ask you to help out at one of the towns above. Stay tuned!  
Carol Coakley

## Teens and Tweens Quilt Project

We will be inviting teens and tweens from all over the area to participate in a quilt making project. The project will start this spring and hoping to send invitations in January. If any of you know of any places that teach sewing to kids would you let us know as any ideas on where to send invitations. We are already sending to schools and quilt shops.

Please provide email addresses if possible (or snail mail addresses if necessary) on any connections you may think of. Please send to [carlabkeen@gmail.com](mailto:carlabkeen@gmail.com) or call me at (617) 953-1794.

Thanks in advance!  
Carla Keen

## Publicity

I am happy to be continuing to celebrate our 40th year and I am looking forward to showcasing the new raffle quilt at the Canton Heritage Days in December.

Take care,  
Maura Woodard

## NEWS FROM THE NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM

Hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 AM - 4 PM; Closed Sundays and Mondays

NOTE: Closed for winter maintenance December 31, 2023 through January 15, 2024

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A parking lot behind the museum is available for free parking ON WEEKENDS ONLY. A free parking option when the Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center is open can be viewed at: <https://www.nps.gov/lowe/planyourvisit/directions.htm>

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CURRENT and FUTURE EXHIBITS:

Now through December 30, 2023

ANIMALIA: THE ANIMAL KINGDOM IN QUILTS AND TEXTILES

and PERSONAL EXPRESSION: THE LEGACY OF GWEN MARSTON  
Now through December 30, 2023

MEDALLION QUILTS: AMERICAN QUILT STUDY GROUP  
and MEDALLION QUILTS FROM THE PERMANENT COLLECTION  
January 16 through April 27, 2024

THE QUILTED CANVAS PART IV: WORKS BY RUTH MCDOWELL, JO DIGGS,  
and JUDY DALES  
January 16 through March 23, 2024

IMPROV AND ABSTRACTION IN ANTIQUE QUILTS  
Curated by Marge Tucker

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For more information on membership, exhibitions, and events, see: [www.negm.org](http://www.negm.org)

