

2023-24 RNQG Programs Listing

SATURDAY September 9, 2023 10AM – 4 PM All About Quilts

Teacher: Diana Annis
Workshop : Machine Quilting (on a domestic machine)

Member Fee: \$65 Non-Member Fee: \$75

Participants in this 6-hour class will learn the keys to successful free motion quilting!

Topics covered include:

- how to mark a quilt top,
- using stencils, and
- a variety of tools available on the market today.



You will experiment with many different design options, fabric choices, battings and threads. Diana will help you learn how to use your imagination, how to find and use design resources, marking tools and stencils effectively and creatively.

September 20, 2023 7 – 9 PM Walpole K of C Hall

Tina Craig Website: seaside-stitches.com/
Topic: "30 Years and Counting: My Quilting Journey"



Join us this evening as Tina Craig recounts a humorous and lively show-and-tell presentation that follows her development and growth as a quilter - from her first lumpy sampler quilt in 1990 to a few local "Best in Show" winners.



Her business, **Seaside Stitches**, was born in 1997 when she moved to a seaside town in southern Rhode Island. Initially, her focus was making and selling hundreds of paper-pieced quilt block lapel pins. She now prefers teaching quilting techniques to others. She specializes in precision piecing (foundation paper piecing and English paper piecing) and domestic machine quilting. She enjoys learning new techniques and has even stepped out of her comfort zone to try art quilting. Her goal is to challenge herself and learn something new with every quilt.

Tina's work has been exhibited at Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival, World Quilt New England, and QuiltCon Together 2021. She was featured in Issue 25 of Quiltfolk. She currently serves as Co-Vice-President of Ninigret Quilters and is a member of Narragansett Bay Quilters Association, and The Modern Quilt Guild.

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Barbara Graceffa is an award-winning quilter with more than 40 years experience who has won many laurels:

- she is a juried member of the NEQM Teachers' League;
- she has been honored with four solo exhibits in the last five years;
- 9 of her quilts were chosen for display in the 2022 AQS Quilt Parade;
- her quilts have been shown in several Boston-area art galleries;
- her quilts have appeared on PBS TV and a local cable network; and
- 3 of her quilts were featured in "The County Register".

RNQG is delighted to host Barbara for both lecture *and* workshop! Be inspired by Barbara's passion for quilting and design as she shares her expertise and showcases her quilts that range from traditional to contemporary as they demonstrate her lecture's lessons.

A quote from Barbara's blog: "When it comes to creativity, there are no mistakes – only bold design choices. Art is knowing which ones to keep."

October 18, 2023 7 – 9 PM Walpole K of C Hall

**Barbara Graceffa Website: sec-interior.com
Topic: "Keeping You in Stitches: Quilter's Comedy Café"**

This presentation is *guaranteed* to tickle your funny bone! We will have "sew" much fun at Barbara's amusing, interactive program of insider jokes, cartoon punch lines, and silly word games on fabric stashes, messy sewing rooms, UFOs, quilters' husbands, and more.



SATURDAY October 21, 2023 10 AM - 2 PM Walpole Public Library

**Barbara Graceffa Website: sec-interior.com
Workshop : "Meet Me at the Corner of Topsy and Turvy: Welcome to Wonky Town"**

Member Fee: \$40 Non-Member Fee: \$45



If you are a buttoned-down perfectionist who longs to let your hair down and leave the rules and rulers behind, this may be the workshop for you. It's a wonky log cabin house block, in which uneven strips and uncommon structures live together under one roof to make a fast and fun, scrap-buster, quilt-in-a-day wallhanging.

According to one of her quilting students, "Barbara's 'super power' is the relaxed, non-judgmental learning environment she creates. Encouraging us to ask questions, share our own ideas and providing helpful feedback are the three pillars of her classes."

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November 15, 2025

7 – 9 PM

Walpole K of C Hall

Linda Pearl

Website: onequiltingcircle.com

Topic: "10 Quilters You Should Know and Why"



Did you ever wonder how we came to have all the wonderful tools and materials that we now have to use in our quilting? The lecture this evening highlights the changes in modern American quilt making over the course of the past 30 years. The presentation tells the tale of ten women who worked together following WW2 to facilitate a resurgence of interest in quilting.

Linda Pearl is a history buff who is also a blogger, teacher, and pattern designer fascinated by many aspects of the quilting world. She discovered quilting as a teenager and has pursued the art since that time. She made her first quilt over 25 years ago. Her design aesthetic has evolved from traditional to what she now categorizes as contemporary-heading-to-modern.

Linda describes herself as, "An avid collector of fabrics... now drawn into finding ways to incorporate my beautiful stash into new projects, a passion which I find is shared by many quilters today. The good news is that this passion has no calories or expiration date." She loves to meet with quilters and vendors of all genres. She believes she can learn something new (often about herself) everyday. Some of her work has been featured in books and magazines, and her patterns are available for purchase from her website.

One of Linda's *favorite* things to do is talk to and meet with guilds, and she is fortunate to have frequent opportunities to do so. In 2022, she became a Certified Instructor for Sew Kind of Wonderful Quilts. This allows her to share her love of curves with other quilters.

January 17, 2024

7 – 9 PM

ZOOM meeting

Lisa Shepard Stewart

Website: culturedexpressions.com

Topic: "Quilting with African Fabrics"



African fabrics are known worldwide for their bold designs, creative patterns and bright color combinations. When quilters first encounter them in stores and at shows, they may be intrigued but have *no idea* how to use the fabrics effectively in quilts.

Lisa Shepard Stewart graduated from the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City and is a writer and designer based in New Jersey. Her obsession with African textiles began during a trip to Senegal, West Africa in 1986. She now offers classes and events internationally and regularly travels to Ghana to source artists, fabrics and materials.

Her lecture, "*Quilting with African Fabrics*", provides quilters of all skill levels with new ideas and creative insights for using African fabrics in quilts: from cotton prints and handcrafted batiks to pieced mudcloth and korgho projects. A sampling of handbags and accessories, home decor and crafts are also included.

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THURSDAY January 18, 2024 6 – 9 PM ZOOM

Lisa Shepard Stewart

Website: culturedexpressions.com

Project: Corded Cabin Quilt Block

Member Fee: \$ 55

Non-member Fee: \$ 55



This fresh take on classic Log Cabin blocks adds dimension and lends itself to many projects. Learn Lisa's process to create single blocks, multi-block projects, quilt borders and other creative accents! Participants will make a 12" block during this class.

February 21, 2023 7 – 9 PM ZOOM meeting

Diane Harris

Website: stashbandit.net

Topic: "Make Extraordinary Scrap Quilts"

What is a scrap quilt? Who can make a scrap quilt? Why would you create one? How is it done? And most importantly, "How do you make a *successful* scrap quilt?" Guest speaker Diane Harris will share her tips (and a few secrets) during this trunk show that features more than 50 of her quilts made over 30-plus years.

Diane is a quilter who loves everything about the process and enjoys sharing it with others. She has come to be known for her signature bright-and-scrapy aesthetic, with an emphasis on scrappy. "In my trunk shows, I talk about the things to think about when making a scrap quilt: how to tie it together using fabrics from your own stash, and how you can have a lot of fabrics with a unifying element."



Diane was an editor for Quiltmaker magazine for eleven years, where she wrote patterns, product reviews and how-to articles. Her quilt designs can still be seen regularly in the pages of Quiltmaker, McCall's Quilting and Quick Quilts.

Her trunk shows and classes are lively, inspiring entertainment. She is sure to amuse and inspire – you may never be tempted to make an "ordinary" quilt again!

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SATURDAY February 24, 2023

10AM - 4PM

ZOOM meeting

Diane Harris

Website: stashbandit.net

Project: StarQuar Scrap Quilts

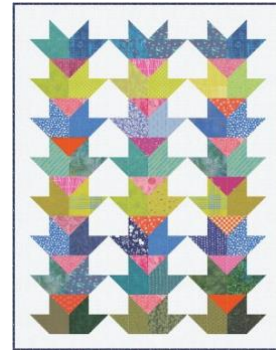
Member Fee: \$65

Non-member Fee: \$75

Learn a fast and simple way to turn your scrap stash into a gorgeous starry sky—and so much more! Most fabrics work into StarQuar quilts beautifully, so you can use leftovers or your favorite fabrics, or both. Concepts include value, contrast, color, scale, difficult prints and more plus many ideas for using these units in a variety of ways. You'll catch a vision for how diverse fabrics can work together and become something much greater than the sum of their parts. StarQuar scrap quilts could not be more fun!!!

Skill level: Confident beginner and beyond.

A former student says, "An awesome teacher—Diane's classes are filled with information and hands on activities. She is patient with beginners; she also challenges those who are attending a class to learn more than they already know."



March 20, 2024

7 – 9 PM

Walpole K of C Hall

Nancy Sullivan and Lynn Thibault

Website: none

Topic: "Quilt Clinic"



Nurses Nancy and Lynn are two long-time quilters / sewers / friends who have put together a unique trunk show. The focus is a "clinical" approach to reviving UFO's (unfinished fabric objects).

The two women have given great thought to all the beautiful unfinished quilts sitting on shelves because their makers believe they have insurmountable problems. It could be complicated math; unfortunate color choices; perhaps just boredom. Nancy and Lynn are convinced that a finished quilt is the *best* reward for the time, money and effort already put into the quilt.

The "stars" of their presentation are quilts that challenged them – Nancy and Lynn are eager to describe why and how they met the challenge. They will answer questions about bindings, blocking quilts, best pressing practices, squaring up, color theory, thread issues, machine tension, quilter's math, pattern reading, how to use all your sewing machine's functions and much more. This information will help each of us move our own quilts from our unfinished pile to the completed pile.

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April 17, 2024

7 – 9 PM

Walpole K of C Hall

Jennifer Watchorn

Website: handcraftsbyjennifer.com

Topic: "Organizing Your Quilting Space"



Have you wanted to organize your workspace but are overwhelmed and don't know where to begin? If so, this is the lecture for you!

Jennifer Watchorn, our guest speaker for the evening, will share an abundance of organizational tips and ideas that make arranging a quilting space easy. The benefits? An organized workspace makes it 1) easier to be productive and 2) helps prevent purchasing duplicate tools and supplies because you know where to look for them.

Jennifer's grandmother inspired her to sew and create from an early age. Though her grandma was a quilter, many years passed before Jennifer decided to follow in her footsteps and try quilting. She took one class and knew she'd found her passion.

Eventually Jennifer discovered that she enjoyed designing. This led her to create a pattern line (Handcrafts by Jennifer), and she began lecturing and teaching. In her words, "I continue to learn and grow and my designs continue to evolve as well."

The tag line that appears on her website is touching: "When I make with my hands, I give of my heart."

May 15, 2024

7 – 9 PM

Walpole K of C Hall

Guest Speaker / Topic: TBD

Life happens, and sometimes it forces a change in plans. The guest speaker originally scheduled for May, 2024 is no longer available.

Check the May page periodically for updated information!



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June 19, 2024

7 – 9 PM

Walpole K of C Hall

Janice and David Jones Website(s): janicemjones.com

davidronaldjones.com

Topic: "See the Everyday in an Abstract Way"



This month we welcome Janice and David Jones to what promises to be a fascinating evening! The husband-and-wife team will tell us about their artistic journeys both individually and collaboratively, touching on how they find inspiration, their work styles and (of course) their stories. They will also present a trunk show demonstrating the diversity of their work.

Janice is an award-winning textile artist who has explored all kinds of stitchery in her quilts. She uses repurposed objects and a variety of embellishments to enhance her pieces.

David's work includes ink drawings and oil paintings. His current work has a graphic / abstract component that seems to invite quilters to be inspired or to interpret. It will be interesting to find out how the couple support one another in their work and how they inspire each other!

Janice's Art



David's Art

