RNQG 2023 Fundraiser: Mini Quilts

For the 2022 Summer Challenge, all RNQG members were asked to make one or more "Mini Quilts". These are small quilts (roughly 5" X 8") mounted on heavy-weight stabilizer. All designs are acceptable: traditional, modern, abstract, pictorial, fussy-cut, embellished, thread-painted, beaded, buttoned, lace-edged, painted or *anything* that suits the fancy of the quilt maker! The quilt edges can be bound or stitched.

This project is an exercise in creativity! The mini quilts are so easy and fun to make that after finishing your first, you may have inspiration for a dozen more...don't resist the urge to make them -- all are welcome!

Mini quilts will be sold for \$10 each at the Boutique Table during the RNQG Quilt Show, March 18 – 19, 2023. The more the merrier! Proceeds will be used to help fund guild programs for next year.

Mini Quilt Instructions

Materials needed:

- Fusible Web: Pelon Wonder-Under, Misty Fuse or Steam a Seam 2
- Heavy Weight Stabilizer:
 e.g., Pelon 72F Peltex Two-sided Fusible Ultra Firm Stabilizer, Pelon 70 Peltex Sew in Firm Stabilizer
- Fabric scraps

Quilt Design / Construction:

The process for making the quilt front is the same as that used for making "postcard quilts". There are numerous online tutorials and videos that are available for you to read or watch. Here is one: fabric-postcard-tutorial The major differences between postcard quilts and mini quilts are the size, batting is not required, and there is no limit on the thickness of embellishments.

- 1. Cut a 5" x 8" piece of stabilizer.
- 2. Create your quilt. You can sew or fuse together a scene and then fuse it or iron it onto the Pellon.
- 3. If creating a scene, each piece that you put onto the background needs to be fused on using a fusible web.
- 4. Once the design is created, it is time to do some quilting (if you choose). You may want to embellish it with buttons, beads, colorful threads etc.
- 5. Fuse a piece of fabric onto the back of the mini quilt.
- 6. Either sew a binding, finish the edge of the mini quilt with a zigzag stitch, or fuse a binding on the quilt.
- 7. Please sign your name on the back.

When creating the mini quilt think about designs that <u>you</u> would be tempted to purchase! Your design will likely appeal to someone else.