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Newsletter of the Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild

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Dear Fellow RNQG Quilters,

Happy 2013!

I am very excited to begin the new year. Our Quilt Show is just around the corner. I've entered my 3 quilts on-line. It wasn't hard so please enter yours too. More quilts makes for a better show. This time of year is perfect for quilting. You can stay inside and warm. Seems like there are a lot of sales at the shops as well.

Hope to see everyone soon at our January program. Missed you all in December. Hope you had wonderful holidays and that the new year will be a healthy and happy one for you and your loved ones.

Happy Quilting,
Zelayna

Editor's Note:

Happy New Year to one and all. I just know that 2013 is going to be a great year. With that said, our quilt show is coming in March. Quilt entries are due no later than January 16, 2013, and can be completed online at www.rnqg.org. Just follow the links and submit your quilts. Remember that we also need a color photo and fabric swatches. This makes it easier to create a pleasing layout for the show.

There's lots of information included in this edition of the newsletter, so pour yourself a cup of tea, coffee, or a glass of wine and enjoy some reading for pleasure.

Linda Hancock

Please send submissions for the next newsletter to Lhancock42@aol.com no later than February 20, 2013.

MEETING INFORMATION

All RNQG meetings are held at 7:30 pm at the Italian-American Club, 109 Stone Street, Walpole, MA. Getting to know each other can be difficult. Please remember to wear your nametag to meetings. If you do, you'll receive a raffle ticket for a fun prize!

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are held 6:30 – 8:00 at the Walpole Public Library, Pinnacle Room, 143 School Street, Walpole. All members are invited to attend. All board members are encouraged attend. Future board meetings will be held on the following dates:

January 2, 2013 March 6, 2013
 May1, 2013

WEBSITE

AnneMarie Freitas continues to work her magic to make the RNQG website both full of information and very user friendly. If you have anything you'd like her to post, you can reach her at webmaster@rnqg.org. If you need to check the date of a meeting or what events are coming up, please remember to visit the website at www.rnqg.org.

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CONNECTING THREADS

This year the RNQG contact person for Connecting Threads is Joanne Beaupre. If you know of someone who could use a greeting card on behalf of the guild, please contact Joanne at Jcb124@aol.com or by calling her at 781-326-4138.



RNQG PROGRAMS 2012-2013

Guild meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month at the Italian-American Club, 109 Stone Street, Walpole, MA. Unless stated otherwise, all workshops are held at All About Quilts, 958 Main Street, Walpole, MA and run from 9:30AM to 4 PM.

Workshop fees: \$60 for RNQG members, \$65 for non-RNQG members. Additional costs (if applicable) are listed in program description. Any non-RNQG member registered for a workshop may attend the guild meeting preceding the workshop free of charge.

Workshop fees are due at the time of registration. If you register for a workshop and find you are unable to attend, there are NO refunds from RNQG. You may find a replacement for your spot and have that individual pay you directly.

JANUARY 16, 2013 GUILD MEETING

Diana Annis Workshop "1600 quilt"

Question: What is 1,600 inches long when it starts and finishes to 48" x 64"?

Answer: The Jelly Roll 1,600 Quilt!

This popular quilt pattern is a breeze to put together in a day! The guild's own Diana Annis will teach you the fun-fast-and-furious technique.

If you participated in the fabric strip swap option from the Summer Challenge, you likely have everything you need. Didn't do the fabric swap? No problem -- just bring forty (40) 2-1/2" X 42" fabric strips (and the rest of the workshop supply list) to the meeting!



FEBRUARY 20, 2013 GUILD MEETING**Diana Annis Workshop
“Finishing School”**

With the RNQG Quilt Show only a month away, it is likely that several (many?) guild members have some finishing touches to put on their show pieces. During this hands-on guild meeting, you will learn how to

- cut a quilt binding strip,
- attach a binding with perfectly mitered corners,
- make your binding ends join perfectly,
- cut and attach a hanging sleeve and
- design a label for your quilt.



Each topic will be described and demonstrated. Participants will then be given the opportunity to work on their own quilts for a short period of time before instruction for the next topic begins.

Each participant will receive a reference sheet to bring home

so they can complete their projects with confidence.

Diana is a familiar face at RNQG meetings, having held several board positions over the years.

She is a professional machine quilter who “loves [her] job.” An experienced teacher of piecing and quilting techniques, Diana started a longarm quilting business in 2007. Customer quilts have appeared in national magazines and many have received prizes. Though she has little time left to complete her own projects, she has received awards for some of her creations.

Always modest, she is “currently working on improving my skills.”



MARCH 20, 2013 GUILD MEETING

Show & Tell: RNQG Quilt Show Winners

With the show behind us, it's time for the makers of the winning quilts to take a bow!

Use this opportunity to

- take a close look at the quilts deemed “best” by the judge and show-goers...
- hear the stories behind the quilts...
- ask those, “how did you...” questions...

and simply celebrate the art that binds us together!



APRIL 17, 2013 GUILD MEETING

To Be Determined...

The program for this evening is in the works -- check the website (rnqg.org) periodically to learn what is in store!



MAY 15, 2013 GUILD MEETING**Ami Simms****Lecture: "Living With Quilts: A Survival Guide"**

This tongue-in-cheek presentation teaches creative coping strategies for quilters. Topics include how to:

- pad your house (quilt display and storage);
- appropriate more studio space (why stop with the spare bedroom);
- eliminate pesky distractions (cooking and cleaning);
- increase storage capacity (batting goes in the oven);
- the best way to deal with the guilt of UFOs (ignore it)!

Ami is the author of eight books on quilting, creator of *The WORST Quilt in the World Contest*® and founder/executive director of the Alzheimer's Art Quilt Initiative. She has lecturing and leading workshops on quilting across the United States and internationally since 1982. In 2005, *Professional Quilter Magazine* selected her as Quilter of the Year.

She has made more than 200 quilts of varying sizes, in traditional and contemporary designs, both hand and machine quilted. Her quilts have been featured in several national magazines and a few books. They have also been exhibited in juried competitions across the US.

MAY 16, 2012 THURSDAY WORKSHOP**Ami Simms****"Twisted Sisters"**

In this pattern, light and dark fabrics are stitched or "sistered" together, sliced, and recombined to make twisting pinwheel-type blocks that fit together with or without sashing strips. Other options include floating the pinwheels, folding 3-dimensional block centers, and experimenting with leftover chunks, bits, and pieces to create more quilts. You'll have a lot of choices. Ami is shown above wearing a sample of the pattern.

Skill Level: Beginning, Intermediate

June 19, 2013 GUILD MEETING

Mingle with guild friends and feast on their favorite dishes at this end-of-the-quilting-year celebration. There's always great variety! Be among the first to learn the details of the guild "Summer Challenge" and get the pre-season scoop on programs scheduled for the 2013-14 quilting year.

The annual business meeting will also be held at this meeting, so make sure to come and cast your vote for next year's board members!



Comfort Quilts

The next Quilt-A-Thon will be held on Monday, January 21, 2013, at UUAC in Sherborne. Please contact Paul Burega at paulburega@gmail.com if you have any questions.

MUSEUM NEWS

What's happening at the NEQM:

The museum will also be closed for winter break from December 30, 2012 through January 16, 2013. There will be no Brown Bag lecture in January.

Join us on **January 17** for the opening of **MASTERS II, an international quilt event** from the artists of Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA).

Looking for a fun class in 2013? We've got great workshops for you!

- *Shibori Dyeing* with Carol Anne Grotrian
- *Collage Quilting for Kids & Teens* with Amy Ropple
- *Judy Niemeyer Seasonal Table Runner* with Brenda Hall
- *Hand-Hooked Handbags* with Phyllis Poor
- *Art Curriculum for Quilters*, a multi-week workshop with Bea Grayson
- *Beginner Sashiko* with Miho Takeuchi
- *Rock the Block*, a quilt design class with Joe Cunningham.

For more details and to register, go online or call 978-452-4207 ext. 16.

For more info please visit <http://www.neqm.org> .

Help Wanted: Quilt Show Volunteers

Looking for volunteers for a successful quilt show weekend, March 16th and 17th! Sign up early to have your choice of volunteer position. We have many different slots to fill. We will need volunteers for set-up on March 15th, also, which will take place 12 pm to 9pm.

We will be looking for volunteers in the following categories: Floaters, Handbag Sales, Comfort Quilts, Membership, Admissions, White Gloves, Set-up, Take-Down, Quilt Central, Raffles, Boutique, and Put Me Where You Need Me.

We are asking each guild member to volunteer at least two hours of their time for each quilt submitted. Jan Schwarzer and Karen Ivas are heading the volunteer committee. They will have the volunteer lists available at the January and February meetings for all members to sign up. You may come to the volunteer table prior to the start of the meetings. The lists will be available during the entire meeting. If you have any questions, feel free to email us at jansch@comcast.net or kivas1@verizon.net.

QUILT SHOW NEWS

I hope everyone is beginning to think about which quilts they will finish to exhibit at our show the weekend of March 16-17. Entry forms are available on our website at www.rnqg.org. The deadline for entries is January 16, 2013. Your quilt need not be "completed" at this time, but it needs to be finished enough to have a good representation of the finished quilt for submission. Entries for the antique exhibit and the children's exhibit can use the same entry form. We are also requesting that anyone submitting a quilt volunteer time to help with the show. It takes many hands to make this a success. Please contact Karen Ivas at kivas1@verizon.net or Jan Schwartz at janschw@comcast.net for additional volunteer information.

We are still in need of a couple people to chair committees. Specifically, we are looking for someone to co-ordinate donations and the raffle baskets and the children's exhibit. Please let me know if you are able to help in these areas at lhancock42@aol.com. Our next committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 9, at Vicki Pariyar's home, 307 Forest Grove Avenue, Wrentham, at 7 p.m.

Again this year, we will be selling bags of all shapes and sizes. This was a successful part of our last show and we hope to continue the trend. With that in mind, Jean O'Neill has agreed to chair the "Bag Lady" Committee. She will be looking for all sorts of handbags, tote bags, carry-alls, etc., to include in this fundraising venture. Jean can be reached at raoneill1@verizon.net. Please think about taking the time to make a bag to donate.

Linda Hancock

2013-14 Programs Note

Our January 2014 meeting will be a share night similar to one we have done in the past. There were several requests for this in the survey we did at the November meeting. I am looking for a few folks who have a technique or project for something that could be a new, different, unusual, or just plain fun that they would be willing to teach completely in 10 minutes. Supplies will be reimbursed other than things we can ask members to bring with them that night.

Two specific projects I am looking for are quilted postcards and inchie quilts. If you have done these and think you could teach them, please let me know. I am looking for a total of 5 projects. Please send any ideas that you are willing to teach to me at dianarichard@comcast.net.



The entry registration deadline date for the 2013 RNQG Quilt Show is January 16, 2013

Please enter online at www.rnqg.org

Full Members of RNQG may enter up to 3 quilts for display; Associate Members may enter 1 quilt for display.

To RNQG members, please return your Raffle Tickets to Karen LeBlanc at the January 16, 2013 meeting. As of 12/26/12 we have raised \$378.00 so far. Any RNQG member who has not picked up their Raffle Tickets please attend the next meeting.

Thanks.

Karen LeBlanc

The Quilt show is coming, The Quilt Show is coming,

LET'S GET THE WORD OUT!

Just like Paul Revere on his famous ride, we need to 'spread the word'. The Quilt Show is right around the corner. We need your help to 'get the word out' about the event. There are so many ways you can help the Guild have a successful show. The more people helping to spread the word, the more successful the show attendance will be.

So, you think, 'Well, what can I possibly do'?

- Do you belong to another guild? If so, ask the Newsletter Chairperson to publish the show information in the next newsletters. Below are all the details, simply copy and paste into an email. *Doesn't get any easier than that.*
- Pick up bookmarks and handout at your other guilds, local quilt shops, historical society's, libraries, senior centers, places of work, friends and family, places of worship, rotary clubs, lions clubs, knitting/beading/art clubs, etc...
- Do you have a Facebook account, or Twitter? Post the information there?
- Send out emails to your friends and family and ask them to invite people to the show.
- Volunteer to assist with publicity releases to local newspapers, articles are written, simply have to send to newspapers (all contact info will be provided). To assist, contact Jacqui O'Brien at jacquo136@aol.com.

**RHODODENDRON NEEDLERS QUILT GUILD QUILT SHOW**

Special Exhibit, 'The Martha Howard Quilt, circa 1786', Oldest known American made whole cloth quilt. Has only had one other public showing. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to view a very special and rare quilt.

- 100's of Member Quilts
- Vendor Mall
- Guild Member Boutique
- Handmade Bag Boutique
- Raffle Baskets
- Refreshments
- Plenty of free parking
- Quilt Appraisals (By appointment), for details www.RNQG.org

March 16 & 17, 2013

Sat, 16th 10am–5pm, Sun, 17th 10am–4pm

1-day admission \$7.00, 2-day admission \$10.00

Blue Hills Regional Technical School, 800 Randolph Street, Canton, MA

www.RNQG.org

Other Activities, just in case RNQG isn't keeping you busy enough!

We want you in London Ontario Canada in June 2013!! We think that the exhibit of over 150 quilts from different countries in Africa is going to be something special. We are working with the Kenyan Quilters guild to bring the wonderful works of art here. A trip to Africa would be a dream for all of us however the 10 hour drive on GOOD ROADS for all of you that have been to Africa know what the roads are like there would be special for everyone. We have a great room rate at the Hilton Hotel where the exhibit will be as well as the daily lecture, demos and viewing of the over 150 quilts reflecting the culture and spirit of the countries from which they come. Please visit our web site www.londoninternationalquiltfestival.com or go to facebook and like us. The Saturday evening Gala dinner is offering dinner, awards, dance, African music and chance to share a evening with everyone. Enjoy the pictures and plan the bus trip here. June 12-15, 2013, Hilton Hotel Grand Ballroom, London, Ontario, Canada.

If I can help in any way please email me garnet@cotton-by-post.com

Regards

Garnet Smalley



Fostering the RNQG Community

Some time ago the Board decided that it would allow guild members who have businesses to put ads in the newsletter for a small annual fee. Your ad will appear in every newsletter of that guild season. It's a great way for guild members to let others know what services they offer and to further foster our sense of community. Guild treasurer, Helen Curtis, receives the check for the fee and you give newsletter editor, Linda Hancock, a copy of your business card for inclusion in the newsletter.



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