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Newsletter of the Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild

May-June 2013

Dear Quilting Friends,

This being the last newsletter as president I wanted everyone to know how impressed I am with our guild. The talent and hard work are noteworthy. Our Quilt Show had over 900 attendees. Thanks go to Linda, our Quilt Show chair, and thanks to all the members who volunteered.

I hope you enjoyed our April speaker who shared Judy Niemeyer's designs. Please be sure to attend Ami Simms in May with her workshop the following day, as well as the potluck in June.

A big thank you to all of those who held board and committee positions this year and thanks to those who have signed up to help next year. The guild provides inspiration and friendship but it does not run itself, so if you are getting a lot from the guild do try to give back.

It has been a pleasure serving this year as president- thanks to all the helpful guidance of past and future presidents and others knowledgeable in guild workings and who so generously shared. Enjoy the summer-- God bless Boston and all those who were injured and those who take care of them.

Happy Quilting,
Zelayna

Editor's Note:

I would like to say "WOW". I am always impressed and amazed at the talent possessed by our members. The quilt show was a resounding success. Special thanks go to Vicki for hosting all our meetings, as well as to all those members who committed their time and expertise to producing a great show.

Information about upcoming meetings and workshops for the remainder of this year, as well as information about the upcoming year are included in this edition of the newsletter. Take the time to check out what we have to offer.

Linda Hancock

Please send submissions for the next newsletter to L Hancock42@aol.com no later than April 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.

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@rnqq.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.rnqq.org.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2012-2013

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Raffle Quilt 2015:	
Raffle Tickets:	Sarah Brewin
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Block of the Month:	Suspended
Publicity:	Vacant

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. Until payment is received, you are not considered registered. If you register for a workshop and find you are unable to attend, there will be no refund from RNQG. You may find a replacement for your spot and have that individual pay you directly.

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!

RNQG PROGRAMS 2013-2014**September 18, 2013 Guild Meeting****Lecture: We've Bonded****Joan Shay and "Petal Play"****Website:**www.petalplay.com

Quilt designer, author and teacher from Summerfield, Florida, (transplanted from the Cape). She has developed an exciting and easy appliqué technique called Appli-bond. It is the fusing of 2 or more layers of fabric together with a bonding material. The pieces are attached to the background fabric with embroidery stitches and the edges remaining free, creating a realistic 3-d appearance. This will appeal both to beginners and as well as experts.

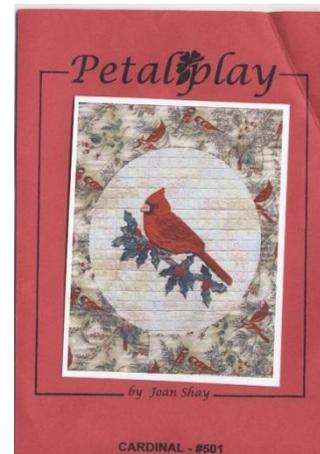
She has written 3 books, has published article in many magazines and has an extensive pattern line called "Petal Play". She has taught nationally and internationally, made many TV appearances and is featured on many quilt cruises. Joan offers an exciting trunk show featuring approximately 60 quilts.

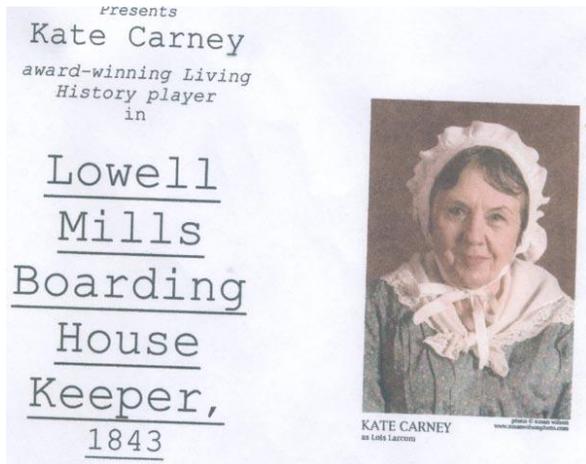
**September 19, 2013, Workshop
Joan Shay's Petal Play Workshop****Cardinal**

This Appli-bond Cardinal looks real! You will construct the bird, holly leaves and berries from the bonded fabric, and a demonstration is given for the oval setting. A supply list will be provided or a pre-ordered kit may be purchased

Class is capped at 16 seats.

SPECIAL RATE: \$45



**October 16, 2013 Guild Meeting
Kate Carney Presents: Lois Larcom**

Kate Carney presents: Lois Larcom, Lowell Mills Boarding House Keeper, 1843. Step back into New England's historical textile manufacturing past and listen to the stories of the Lowell Mill Girls. Hear the stories of life in the mills and the boarding houses and how these girls went a long way in reforming the working conditions for women all over New England. Their action paved the way for rights and dignity for female worker all over the US.

**November 20, 2013 Guild Meeting
Sharon Mayers
Piecing with Poppers
Website: www.piecingwithpoppers.com**

Sharon Mayers from Coventry, Rhode Island, has recently developed a line of quilt patterns called "Piecing with Poppers". These patterns feature a narrow sashing, called a Popper, which borders each individual quilt piece. This results in a showcasing of each fabric and seems to make the designs of the fabrics "pop". Sharon offers an uplifting informative lecture on her life's journey towards the development of her Piecing with Poppers line of pattern designs. The lecture includes a slide show as well as a trunk show featuring quilts made with the Piecing with Poppers technique

**November 23, 2013 Workshop
Sharon Mayers
Piecing with Poppers Table Runner**

**January 15, 2014
Members Round Table**

**February 19, 2014 Lecture
Kathleen Murphy
It's a Small World! The World of Inchies.**



Discover the small world of Inchie quilts. They are perfect for trading, collecting, Christmas ornaments, jewelry, art quilts big or small, and endless possibilities.

Kathleen will show what can be done with samples from her guilds round robin. She will teach us the basics and here's a little hint -- think summer challenge!!



Comfort Quilts

Comfort quilts are progressing well this year. Between the volunteers at RNQG, the UUAC in Sherborn, the seniors in Easton, and friends, we have 170 completed lap quilts, and a number of tops in progress. I hope to bring some kits to give out at the pot luck dinner that you can work on over the summer or fall. Besides the kits from before, we have added 1600 quilt kits - from a jelly roll of 40 - 2.5" strips, you can make 2 comfort quilts at 32" x 50", and by adding a 4" border it finishes as 40" x 58". So in the time it takes you to sew 1 quilt top, you have completed 2 comfort quilt tops!

You can bring your completed tops and quilts to any RNQG meeting. If I am not around, both Zelayna and Carol Devlin have volunteered to collect the quilts and I will pick them up from them. Also, if you make a comfort quilt for a friend, please ensure to let me know so we can count the quilt in our totals for the year. Likewise, if you need a quilt for a friend, please let me know and you can pick up a quilt to give.

-- Paul

QUILT SHOW NEWS

All I can say is "WOW." I am always in awe of the talent that is abundant within our guild. Our quilt show was a success and it's all due to you, our members.

We had a two-day admission of 929 visitors. The show brought in an approximate net income for the guild of \$7,600. This provides us with the funds to offer quality speakers and workshops that our guild has been known to present. The special exhibit of the Martha Howard Quilt was well received and beautifully coordinated. The speaker from the Canton Historical Society was entertaining and provided a wealth of information. The quilts created by our members and artfully displayed were simply astounding. The vignettes provided a whimsical touch. Special congratulates to all the ribbon winners. A complete list can be viewed on our website at www.rngq.org.

I cannot say "thank you" enough to all those who helped out. The Quilt Show Committee members were generous with their time and talent. Coordinating the show is a rewarding experience, but it could not have been done without the efforts of all who volunteered their time. That being said, we are looking for someone to take over the helm for the 2015 show. If anyone is interested, please let Vicki know. The next show has been scheduled for March 21-22, 2015, and will again be held at Blue Hills. We are also looking for suggestions for a special exhibit. The past two shows have shown that this is something that provides an additional incentive to draw people in who may not have visited otherwise.

Linda Hancock

Membership

We are accepting applications and renewals for next year. Please be sure to fill out both the application and service forms. All forms can be found on the website or picked up at the membership desk at meetings. All renewals are due by June 19th, the date of our last meeting. If your application is received after that date your information will not be included in our membership booklet and the renewal fee increases to \$55.

Have a lovely Spring filled with lots of quilting.

Venera and Bev

Hi RNQG members

It is almost time to pull the winning 2013 Raffle Quilt ticket which will be on May 15, 2013. There are still many members who have not returned their Raffle tickets to me. If you cannot bring them to the meeting, they can be mailed to Karen LeBlanc, 97 Anderer Lane, # 307, West Roxbury, MA 02132. Raffle ticket chairperson. #617-469-3076

The 2013 Raffle Quilt "My Heart is in the Garden" has been displayed at the Images Quilt Show in Lowell, MA, Ryco's in Lincoln, RI, Quilters Stash in N. Attleboro, MA, All about Quilts in Walpole, MA, Heart in Hand in Weymouth, MA, Emma's Quilt Cupboard, Franklin, MA, the MQX Show which is now called the New England Quilt Festival and presently at the Button Box in Wellesley, MA

Also if anyone is interested I received information about the Boston Modern Quilt Guild has organized a quilt block project for the Boston Marathon victims. Their website has information about specific colors and block sizes.

Karen LeBlanc

NEW QUILT SHOP

I am a fairly new member of RNQG and I just purchased a quilt shop in New Hampshire. I will be taking over a pre-existing shop currently called Country Heart Quilters in Plymouth, NH. I will be changing the name as of May 1 to the North Country Quilters. The shop will stay in Plymouth for the next few months. I just wanted to let everyone know that there is a new shop and any members who want to come visit, just show their RNQG membership card and I will offer them a 20% discount.

Thanks so much.

Michelle Vanasse

Address of North Country Quilters:

12 Yeaton Road
Plymouth, NH 03264
603-536-6320

STORE HOURS

Mon, Wed, Fri,
9:30 am - 5:00 pm
Thurs, 9:30 am - 8 pm
Sat 9:30-4:00
Sun, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Proposed Board Members 2013-2014

The RNQG Annual Meeting will be part of the program at the Potluck Dinner on June 19. Please remember that this meeting starts at 6:30 instead of 7:30. At that time, we will need to vote to approve the proposed board members for the 2013-2014 guild year. As you can see, we have some openings. If anyone is interested, please contact Zelayna, Vicki, or Linda. We always welcome new members to participate. The guild does not run without the help and dedication of those who become involved. We know that everyone has busy lives and other commitments, but some of these positions require very little time. Think about giving back and helping to move the guild forward.

President – Vicki Pariyar
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Quilt Show 2015 Chair -
Programs 2013-2014 – Diana Richard
Programs 2014-2015 -
Rack Rental – Diana Annis
Historian -
Monthly Raffle – 50/50 – Deb McManus
Publicity -
NE Quilt Museum Liaison -
Connecting threads - Joanne Beaupre
2015 Raffle Quilt –
Tips and Tricks Booklet -

NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM NEWS**Opening April 18th, "Silk" Luxurious Antique & Contemporary Art Quilts.**

This exhibit will close on July 7, 2013

A gorgeous retrospective on silk quilts from the past 200 years, as well as a few pieces made from lustrous alternatives.

Saturday June 15, 2013 Sue Reich "Silk in America" 10:00 a.m.

On Saturday Sue Reich will lecture on Susie C. Walker: Her Life & Quilts in a 19th Century Connecticut Silk Mill Company Town. Walker was a quiltmaker with incredible piecing and embroidery skills. Lecture Free with museum admission. For more information on this lecture and other upcoming events go to www.nequiltmuseum.org/events.

Upcoming workshops using Silk as a medium.**Saturday, May 4, 2013, 10am-4pm
THE SECRETS OF SEWING ON SILK
with Diane Loomis**

In this workshop you will learn about silk care, handling and how to successfully sew with silk. You will sew and press silk seams while piecing a four-patch block for machine quilting that you can easily turn into a pillow cover! Learn tips and tricks for machine quilting on silk and silk-like fabric. visit www.nequiltmuseum.org/classesworkshops

**Friday, June 7, 2013, 10am-4pm
SILK RIBBON EMBROIDERY & CRAZY QUILT WORKSHOP
with Marianne Hatton**

Crazy Quilting provides a wonderful canvas on which to embroider and embellish with a range of pretty threads and versatile embroidery stitches. If you enjoy handwork, you are sure to love spending some time working with beautiful fabrics and thread and creating a special piece of needlework. Next the focus will turn to the embroidery embellishment using silk ribbon and other embroidery threads. For more information on these and other workshops, visit www.nequiltmuseum.org/classesworkshops.

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

The Ladies of the Lakes Quilters' Guild (LLQG), a 501c3 nonprofit organization, proudly presents its 2013 Quilt Show, "**Cheers for 35 Years.**" The show will be held at Kingswood High School, 396 South Main Street, Wolfeboro, NH on **Friday August 2, 10-5 and Saturday August 3, 10-4.** Proceeds help offset the cost of making quilts for sick children residing at David's House, located on the Dartmouth Hitchcock Campus, and for local families who have suffered personal tragedies.

Over 100 quilts will be on display with many for sale. This year we have a "Presidents' Invitational" which includes thirty-five years of quilts from past LLQG presidents. Many raffle items will be offered including a display of the Guild's 2013 raffle quilt, "**Rubies in the Snow.**"

The Boutique will feature items made by LLQG members, plus numerous quilting notions and supplies. The Penny Sale will have additional items from which you may choose and lunch will be available for purchase at our Café. Classes will be available both days for the beginner and experienced quilter. Check our website www.llqg.net for class schedules. At the Merchant Mall, vendors from New Hampshire, Maine, and Massachusetts will display everything from sewing machines to buttons.

Advance tickets are \$6.00 per person or \$8.00 at the door. Advance group rate is \$5.00 per person for 10 or more. For further information, please visit our website www.llqg.net. To order tickets in advance contact: *Mary Waters, Ladies of the Lakes Quilters' Guild, PO Box 552, Wolfeboro, NH 03894*

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Silver City Quilt Guild
4th Biennial Quilt Show
September 21st and 22nd
10am to 4pm
Admission: \$7; Multi-day: \$10

Friedman Middle School
Oakland Educational Complex
500 Norton Ave
Taunton, Ma 02780



Over 120 Quilts on display

**Members may have quilts
Judged by Pat Harrison**

Viewer Choice voting on Saturday

**“Initial.ly Mine”
Challenge Quilts Display**

Variety of Venders

Guild Boutique Table

**Raffle Baskets
Quilting and Non-Quilting**

**Catered Food available for
purchase**

Ample Parking

Handicapped Accessible

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RAFFLE QUILT



Tickets \$1 each or a book of 6 for \$5

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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