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Newsletter of the Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild

May-June, 2015

Happy Spring,

I have sincerely enjoyed my time as president. We have a great group of talented quilters. I have made many friends and I have learned a lot. I feel terrific about Diana and Terry taking over for next year. We still need help so if you can help out we would love to get all the board positions filled.

I also want to give a special thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make our quilt show a success.

This month our meeting on Wednesday will be followed by a workshop on Thursday. Please attend the workshop. It is an opportunity to acquire new skills and to really feel a part of RNQG.

Happy Sewing,
Zelayna Rauch, President



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!

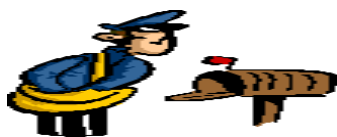
WEBSITE

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.

If you have a problem with the website, be sure to describe the issues you are having in an email to webmaster@rnqq.org. If the webmaster doesn't know there is a problem, you can be certain that it will never be fixed!

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.



SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are held 6:30 – 7:55 at the Walpole Public Library, Pinnacle Room, 143 School Street, Walpole. All members are invited to attend. All board members are encouraged attend.

September 3, 2014
 November 5, 2014
 January 7, 2015
 March 4, 2015
 May 6, 2015

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2014-2015

President:	Zelayna Rauch
Vice President:	Diana Richard
Secretary:	Rita Partridge
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Newsletter:	Linda Hancock
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Library:	Lisa Steinka
Monthly Raffle:	Vacant
Quilted Comforts:	Paul Burega
Rack Keeper:	Diana Annis
Connecting Threads:	Joanne Beaupre
NEQMA Liaison:	Tara Lynch
Auction/Fundraiser:	Vacant
Quilt Show 2015:	Sarah Brewin
Historian:	Terry Greenstein
Raffle Quilt 2015:	Joanne Beaupre Karen LeBlanc
Webmaster:	AnneMarie Freitas
Publicity:	Vacant

RNQG PROGRAMS 2014-2015

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 20, 2015**7:30 - 9PM Italian-American Club, Walpole****Guest Speaker: Kathie Beltz****Lecture: Studio 180 Tool Demonstration and Trunk Show**

Do you struggle to get all of your quilt blocks the perfect size? Are you looking for a way to eliminate mathematical calculations when changing the size of a block? Do you want to forget the theorems you learned in high school geometry?

If the answer to any of these questions is "Yes!" then this program is perfect for you. The focus of the evening is the set of quilting tools created by Deb Tucker of Studio 180 designs. Each tool was engineered to simplify measuring, cutting and trim down of basic quilting blocks -- half square triangles, flying geese, and square-in-a-square units among others -- making it easy to create beautiful quilts without a lot of fuss.

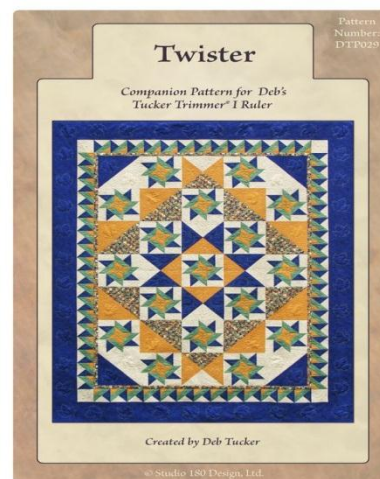
Kathie Beltz is a Certified Instructor of Studio 180 Design FUNdamental Tools who is "totally addicted to quilting." Her quilting addiction began in 1995, advanced to teaching in 2004, and became critical when she took the final leap into judging in 2007. Her own quilts have won numerous awards around the country.

The presentation will demonstrate use of Studio 180 Design tools and include a trunk show of quilts.

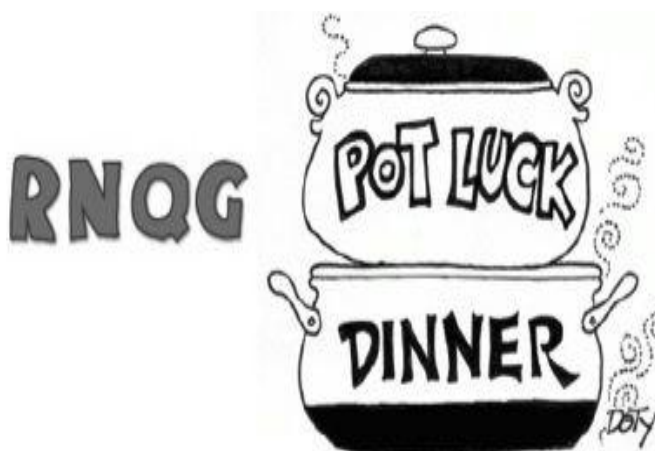
May 21, 2015 9:30AM – 4 PM
All About Quilts

Kathie Beltz
Project: Twister

This project constructs the pieced border units at the same time as the pieced block units - definitely a two for one deal! Deb's construction methods and Tucker Trimmer I and Tucker Trimmer III tools let you construct all units without cutting or piecing triangle shapes and then gives you the added benefit of trimming down for super high precision. The large setting pieces can easily be trimmed with the Tucker Trimmer III tool. A very simple project to make!



June 17, 2015 6:30 - 8PM Italian-American Club, Walpole



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 get the pre-season scoop on programs scheduled for the 2015-16 quilting year.



New Monthly Raffle

We are going to add a new raffle in addition to the two monthly raffles we have in place. No money involved on this one. It is a Fat Quarter Raffle. Each month there will be a theme. Donate as many fat quarters as you wish as long as they fit the theme. Each fat quarter entered gets you a ticket. **Please make sure each fat quarter measures 18x22 and is of good quality fabric.** Winning ticket takes the bundle.

The monthly themes will be:

- May - Batiks



Dear RNQG Members

The 2015 Raffle Quilt “Under the Leaves” has already been to All about Quilts in Walpole, a Quilt Retreat down the Cape, A Quilters Gathering in Manchester, New Hampshire, Mad about Quilts in Mansfield, Emma’s Quilt Cupboard in Franklin, Ryco’s in Rhode Island, the MQX Quilt Festival – New England 2015 and currently at Homestead Quilts in Lakeville,

The 2015 Raffle Quilt “Under the Leaves” Ticket Drawing is scheduled for May 20, 2015, at the RNQG meeting. So any member who has not returned their tickets, please bring them that night or you can mail them to my address.

Thank you for your support.

Karen LeBlanc



RNQG Quilt Show 2015

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the quilt show chairs and the member volunteers for all their time and hard work before, during and after this year’s show. I also want to thank all RNQG members for entering their quilts and sharing them with the other members and the public who came to the show.

To the 2017 show co-chairmen – start new traditions, be innovative and embrace technology. Come with fresh new ideas and enjoy the process.

Sarah Brewin

Auntie Flo's Towels

Our project for 2015 is in full swing with a projection of doubling the number of kits we bring to Kenya this year.

I will have packets at the May & June meetings for people to sew over the summer. All of the kits will have everything you need (other than thread). Anyone is welcome to help with this project, we only ask that you have your packet complete and returned at the September meeting.

Even if you are unable to sew for the project this summer we still need your help. As you travel around the country and possibly the world this summer please collect bars of soap for us. We include a bar of soap in every kit for the girls to wash their pads and we will need 200 bars this year. If any soap finds its way into your suitcase please bring them to the September meeting as we will put the kits together later that month.

I don't want to leave anyone out who wants to help – we also need – gallon zip lock bags, washcloths and girls underwear size 14.

For those of you who are unfamiliar with Auntie Flo's Towels – we make and send reusable sanitary supplies to young girls in Kenya. Each kit will last approximately 3 years with proper care. If you have any questions or would like more information please contact me at either sbrewin@comcast.net or 508 733 6377.

Happy Summer, Happy sewing,
Sara Brewin



Hi Everyone,

It's time to start thinking about your next year's membership in the Guild. Membership forms can be found on the website at www.RNQG.org. The dues are \$45.00.

Please, please complete both forms and give them to me at the May or June meeting or mail them to my home. Last year I typically received only one form and had to chase down the other one, or I got a check and no forms. It takes so much more time to chase you for the dues and forms when you know I need them. Please take pity on me and give this your prompt attention.

Thanks –Jane McClella

BOARD NOMINATIONS

Nominations for our 2015-16 board are presented below and will be discussed at the May meeting. The official election is held during the business meeting at our June Pot Luck dinner. Below are the nominated candidates, but you will see there are still some openings. The most crucial being the Newsletter chairperson. Several of the other openings are for “co” chairs and only one of the two positions have been filled. We would like each of you to consider one of the open positions. We rely on our volunteers to do their part in making our guild the great guild that it is. You may notice we have a new position, Facebook Guru. We are hoping that establishing a Facebook page will help us in the future with our publicity. We will have more information on this at our May meeting.

Here are the nominations:

President:	Diana Richard
Vice-president:	Terry Greenstein
Treasurer:	Helen Curtis
Secretary:	Karen LeBlanc
Programs 2015-16:	Anne Marie Freitas
Programs 2016-17:	Vacant
NEQM Rep:	Teddi Webber
Monthly Raffle:	Nancy Pond
Rack Keeper:	Vacant
Raffle Quilt:	Abby, Marcie, and Nancy
Auction:	Mary Sandison and _____
Comfort Quilts:	Paul Burega and Cris Crawford
Membership:	Jane McClellan and _____
Newsletter:	Vacant
Hospitality:	Venera Emmi and _____
Library:	Lisa Steinka
Connecting Threads:	Vacant
Quilt Show 2017:	Diana Richard and Jane McClellan
Historian:	Terry Greenstein
Publicity:	Vacant
Webmaster:	Anne Marie Freitas
Facebook Guru:	Deb Woodhams

ITEMS OF NOTE

Membership: your membership renewal forms were sent out recently in a separate email. If you did not receive it please be sure to contact Jane McClellan to make sure we have your email address correct. The forms will also be available to download off our website. Our membership year runs from July 1-June 3, so renewals should come in to Jane by the June meeting .

May meeting: Please bring your batik fat quarters for the fat quarter raffle. You get a raffle ticket for each fat quarter you bring. Also, May is the meeting when we will draw the winner of the raffle quilt. If you have not turned in all your tickets, please remember to bring them.

June Meeting: June is our business meeting and Pot luck. The meeting starts at 6:30. Bring your favorite dish to share. If your dish contains anything that may cause an allergic reaction, please make a note to set beside the dish as to its contents. Please be sure to bring serving utensil for your dish if it needs one. Also please label all utensils and dishes with your name.

We would also like to ask the folks who have finished their 9-Patch Block Swap quilts but did not show them in our show to bring the quilts for a show and tell at the pot luck. The block swap produced some beautiful and interesting quilts and we would like to see the rest.



To: Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild

The Quilters' Connection is pleased to announce our 2015 Annual Quilt Show, Friday, May 29, 2015 through Sunday, May 31, 2015. We would appreciate your support for our upcoming show by forwarding the show information and the attached flyer to your members. We would also like to ask that you announce the information about our show at your next meeting and/or include the information about our upcoming show in your next newsletter.

Quilters' Connection 2015 Quilt Show
Friday, May 29, 2015 - Sunday, May 31, 2015
Arsenal Center for the Arts, 321 Arsenal Street, Watertown, MA

More information at www.quiltersconnection.org

Program Updates

May 20th & 21 Kathie Beltz, a certified Instructor of Deb Tucker's Studio 180 design tools, will be presenting a demo and a trunk show. The next day May 21 she will be teaching a Workshop, "TWISTER", where we will be learning how to construct the pieced border units, at the same time as the pieced blocks. There are still spaces available at this workshop.

Wednesday May 20: Please bring your quilt to be voted on and possibly be entered in A SUMMER CELEBRATION OF NEW ENGLAND QUILTS, sponsored by the New England Quilt Museum. The museum has invited all the supporting guilds to submit one quilt, selected by their membership for inclusion in this special exhibition. Entries must exemplify excellence in design, construction and finishing. If you would like to loan a quilt for this event please bring your quilt to the May 20th meeting at 7:00. We will set up the quilts on stands or tables for the membership to look over, and vote on the most representative for RNQG.

Title: A summer Celebration of New England Quilts

Exhibit Dates: July 30 through August 16, 2015

Location: The New England Quilt Museum, 18 Shattuck St., Lowell, MA

Entry DEADLINE: June 1, 2015

Delivery Deadline July 15, 2015

Hand-deliver to NEQM between 10:30 am - 3:30 pm

Quilt Return Dates: Pick up in person at NEQM between 10:30 am & 3:30 pm, August 17-19, 2015

Return shipping from NEQM takes place August 17-19, 2015

1. Entries must consist of two layers of fabric with a middle layer of batting. It must display quilting by machine and/or hand. Quilting is defined as a running stitch that passes through top, batting and backing. Tied quilts are not permitted.
2. NEQM reserves the right for whatever reason to reject any quilt submitted.
3. Due to limitations in the Museum's gallery space, quilts should be no larger than 80" wide and 88" long, but no smaller than 24" wide and 24" long. Quilts will be hung as space permits, but all accepted entries will be displayed.
4. You must grant NEQM permission to use an image of your quilt for promotional purposes. The winning quilter must be able to deliver and pick up the piece at the date and time specified above. I will give a copy of the entry form to the winning quilter which specifies other details for quilt prep that will need to be done (label, sleeve, etc.)

June 17, 6:30 Pot Luck Dinner,

Please bring your dish & utensil labeled with your name on both items. If your dish has any ingredients, that others would be allergic to (ie. peanuts, chocolate, or if gluten free, dairy free, etc.) please list them on a 3 x 5 card to be placed next to your dish.

At the Pot Luck Dinner we will have a Show and Tell of the Nine Patch Block Swap. That's right if you entered the Nine Patch Block Swap, but didn't finished it, in time to get

it in the Quilt Show, there is still time to finish it and bring it to the Pot Luck. Other quilts that you have finished and want to show are welcomed also.

"BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE" A Charming Summer Challenge

Our summer challenge this year will be using 6 inch charm blocks to create patterns of light, medium and darks. The reason these squares are called "Charms" is because no two are alike, there is a different pattern in each square. Quilters from the past used to exchange squares of different fabrics (aka. charms) to create a quilt in which each square was different, thus creating a complex pattern, through careful placement of fabric. Please bring to the Pot Luck Dinner Six, 6" Squares, 2 lights (same material) 2 Mediums (same material) 2 darks (same material). We will be sharing 1 light, 1 medium, & 1 dark, with our neighbor, and there will also be a supply at our place on the table to complete a charm quilt. This is the material requirement for the challenge, the rest of the challenge will be revealed at the Pot Luck Dinner.






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