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Newsletter of the Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild

March – April 2017

MARCH – APRIL 2017 NEWSLETTER

The month of March is an exciting month for our guild, as we get ready for our Quilt Show on March 18-19th. We have 148 quilts entered and it will be wonderful to get to see everyone's beautiful work. A special thanks goes out to Jane McClellan and Diana Richard for co-chairing our bi-annual show. It takes a lot of work to make it happen and they have many, many volunteers helping.

In April our program will be a celebration of the quilters who have won ribbons. I hope that we all come and celebrate their hard work. It is also the time when we will be voting on which quilt we want to send to NEQM's summer guild show.

This is the time that the Nominating Committee begins to fill open slots on the Board. Below I am listing the positions that we currently have open. In order for our guild to function properly we need to have members volunteer to help out. Helen Curtis, our VP and next year's president, and I are looking for people to please step forward and join the Board by taking on a position. As one new member to the Board shared with us at our last meeting, she did not know many of the members of the guild and by being on the Board she got to know what is going on and became friends with those members on the Board.

Here are the positions that are open:

- Vice-President
- Program Chair for 2019-2020
- Newsletter Chair
- Hospitality Chair
- Connecting Thread Chair
- Quilt Show Chair(s) 2019
- Raffle Quilt Chair 2018

If you have any questions about what each of these positions entail, please ask the Board member that currently holds the position.

Thanks in advance for stepping forward and volunteering.

Happy Quilting,

Terry Greenstein
President, RNQG

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2016-2017

President	Terry Greenstein
Vice President.	Helen Curtis
Secretary.	Jane McClellan
Treasurer.	Karen LeBlanc
Programs 2016-2017.	Lisa Steinka
Programs 2017-2018.	Terry Greenstein
Membership.	Mary Peterson
Newsletter	Mary Sandison
Hospitality.	Venera Emmi
Monthly Raffle.	Nancy Pond
Comfort Quilts	Marie Fowler
Rack Keeper.	Diana Annis
Connecting Thread.	Diana Richard
NEQMA Liaison.	Anita Loscalzo
Auction/Fundraiser.	TBD
Quilt Show 2017.	Diana Richard Jane McClellan
Historian.	Kathy Graves
Raffle Quilt 2017.	Abby Sullivan
Webmaster.	AnneMarie Freitas
Facebook Guru.	Deb Woodhams
Publicity.	Judy Schimdt

RNQG MONTHLY MEETINGS

RNQG meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, from September through June.

MEETING SPACE for 2016-2017:

Norfolk County Agricultural High School
400 Main Street
Walpole, MA

Social time starts at 7:00 PM and the business meeting at 7:15 PM.

Getting to know each other is important.

Please remember to wear your nametag to meetings. If you do, you'll receive a raffle ticket for a fun prize

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Board meetings are held 6:30- 8:30 at:

Walpole Public Library
143 School Street
Walpole, MA

All members are invited to attend. All board members are highly encouraged attend. The next board meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2017.

RNQG FACEBOOK

Please "friend" us on our Facebook page, **Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild**. Invite your friends to join our page as we step into the world of Social Media.

CONNECTING THREADS

This year the RNQG contact person for Connecting Threads is Diana Richard.

If you know of a guild member who has been ill, had a death in the family, was recently married, had a baby, or needs a friendly greeting for any reason, please contact the [Connecting Threads Coordinator](#) on our guild website.

When we are having a tough time due to any reason, it is very nice to have those well wishes come to us from the guild.



Hello from Hospitality

Refreshments:

We will be providing some snacks for your enjoyment at our meeting. We will also provide cups if anyone would like to get some water at the Bubbler. Otherwise, our meetings are now BYOB. If you are unable to bring a treat to your assigned meeting, please just bring something to any meeting of your choice. I will be sending out an email as a reminder about a week before the meeting. If I have listed anyone below who is a member of the board, please forgive the error and ignore the request.

The following quilters are asked to bring something for the **March** meeting:

Heather Pezold, Diane Piechowski, Zelayna Rauch, Antoinette Riskalla, Bonnie Ritchie, Margaret Rolph, Laura Rosenspan, Linda Sandella, RuthAnn Seck

The following quilters are asked to bring something to the **April** meeting:

Celine Spader, Joy Sudduth, Dottie Sullivan, Judy Swaim

The following quilters are asked to bring something to the **May** meeting:

Ann Thomas, Marci Toma, Teddi Weber, Monique Whitten

The following quilters are asked to bring something to the **June** meeting.

Gail Williams, Susan Wilson, Kathleen Yorkis, MaryAnn Zonenshine

Thank you, Venera

QUILT SHOW NEWS RNQG 2017 QUILT SHOW - March 18-19 2017

Volunteer Help Needed!

Hi folks,

I could really need some more help for the Friday Set Up. We need people to bring ladders and we need people to climb ladders to set up the quilts.

Shifts are:

- 11-1 - Taping the floors for the vendor booths and the rack lay out.
- 12- Setting out the racks on the tape marks and getting the quilts organized.
- 1-3, 3-5, 5-7 - I need 4 teams of 3 people each to hang the quilts.

At 1 pm we can get into the cafeteria and the same thing happens. I need tapers to mark vendor booths and teams to set up the Hoffman Challenge racks and then hang those quilts. Same shifts apply- 1-3, 3-5, 5-7. If we fill those shifts we can get this done quickly.

Saturday and Sunday still need helpers too.

If you email me, Lsteinka@verizon.net I can fill in the slots. I will have the sheets at the meeting and we can fill them in there too. Looks like it's shaping up to be a great show again. Let's all do our part to help out

Thanks,
Lisa Steinka

Important Information from Quilt Central

By now I suspect your quilts are ready or almost ready for the show.

Please read the following check list:

- You have a 4" sleeve on the back of your quilt.
- You have printed your quilt entry Label (from your email) and pinned it to the back of your quilt.
- You have remembered to write the name of the person picking up your quilt on your label if you personally are not going to pick it up. We can only release it to the person listed as quilter or designated pick up person.
- You will fold your quilt with the label facing the outside in a sturdy plastic bag.
- Ziploc Big Bags are the preferred choice. They can be purchased at the supermarket, Target, Lowes, Home Depot, etc.
- Your quilt should be dropped off at the March guild meeting prior to the show, or at Jane McClellan's house by appointment during the week prior to the show.
- Jane lives at 4 Redman Rd., Canton 781-828-7264.
- Do NOT plan to bring them to the show on Friday! If you can't bring them to the two locations above, then have a friend drop them at these two locations.

Quilt Central heartily thanks you for following the above steps for preparation and drop off; and for following the directions below for pickup:

- You may pick up your quilt at the conclusion of the show between 5-6 pm NO EARLIER
- You can access Quilt Central through the outside double doors between the gym and the cafeteria. Early birds will be able to wait in the warmth of the cafeteria prior to picking up their quilts. A designated guild volunteer will direct you to the gym location at 5pm
- No one will be allowed access to the gym through the door by the lobby - that exit will be in use by vendors exiting the show with their goods.

Quilt Category: For those that were not at the Feb meeting, I did announce that the "group" category did not meet the minimum number of entries to be awarded ribbons. Just don't want any surprises.

Still in need: We could still use a few more tripod easels to hold posters. For those that have volunteered theirs, please bring them on Friday. If anyone else has one, please let me know. I would like a couple more.

Volunteers: We still need to fill spaces for workers for Friday set up, and of course during the show. If you can contribute more time than you are signed up for, or if you have not taken on any jobs and would like to do so, please contact Lisa Steinka at lsteinka@verizon.net

Membership Drive: We will be actively promoting memberships for RNQG at the quilt show. In an effort to make those who join feel welcome, we need more of our current members to sign up to be "big sisters". Our hope is that the new

members name will be given to a current member who would call that new member in the week or so after the show. Make the call; introduce yourself; tell her about the guild; make sure she has the info about our next meeting; and that is the extent of what we are asking of you. The signup sheet will be at the March meeting. Please help us in the effort to make new members feel welcome.

FROM MEMBERSHIP

We will be actively recruiting new members at the quilt show. We will staff the membership table with some of our warmest and friendliest members to showcase our guild. This year we are initiating a Big Sister Mentor Program. Each new member that joins at the show will get the usual 3 free meetings for the rest of the 2016-2017 year AND be assigned a big sister with that quilter’s contact information that day. They will also receive a name tag (thank you Joanne Beaupre for making them ahead), be sent the latest newsletter, and directory within the following week. They will receive a call from the assigned big sister within a week to make contact and welcome the new member. The big sister should also make a point of inviting the new member to the April meeting, meet up with her there, and be ready to introduce the new member at the meeting. Some of our current members have signed up to be a big sister mentors. There will continue to be signup sheets at our show table at the guild meeting.

BUCK A BLOCK

New for the 2017 Quilt Show, Karen LeBlanc is the Chairperson and will be working together with the Comfort Quilt chairperson, Marie Fowler.

- 1) I want to encourage visitors to sit and sew a block whether they are non-sewers or professional sewers.
- 2) There will be a 12 ½ inch square and two small squares with the line drawn on the diagonal to be sewn on opposite corners. For \$1.00 visitors can sit and sew a block to take home or sit and sew a 6 ½ inch and two small squares to be incorporated into a Charity Quilt for the RNQG Guild. Also, I will have fabric pens available for personal messages.

Thank you
Karen LeBlanc

Raffle quilt update

Please return all ticket stubs and ticket money for our guild Raffle Quilt, "Amish Stars", please. The drawing is almost here ... April 19th is the big day!

Thank you,
Your Raffle Quilt Committee

RNQG Programs 2016-17

March has us with last minute prep for the Quilt Show. In addition to those tasks, I will have the Library at the meeting for the last time. It was agreed that we will not continue with the library because of transportation and storage constraints. Books will be available for purchase. What is not sold will be given to either the monthly raffles or to the Boutique to sell at the show. Lastly I will also be running a short video on the Kentucky Quilt Project - The first group to collect state historic quilts.

April is **Strut Your Stuff** and artists reception celebrating the Quilt Show Winners. Winners- please bring your quilts to show and share stories- inspiration to aggravations! The rest of you, come see the quilts and enjoy the refreshments and social time. This is instead of our pot luck as there is no place to hold it in our new location.

May is for Riane Menardi. At the meeting she will present Zoom In: Exploring Cropping and Scale in Modern Quilt Design. On Thursday, 05/18/17, she will present a Half Day class High Contrast Hand Quilting. **Participants for the workshop should check the supply list, posted on the RNQG website (http://www.rnqg.org/joomla1_5/index.php/may), as there is prep work to do.**

Comfort Quilts

I want to thank everyone who has brought fabric to revive Comfort Quilts. We are in the beginning stages. I would like us to have available at least 20 quilts to give out. We are looking for fabric (men’s, women’s and boys and girls). We can also use backings and batting. (We can piece batting if necessary). We are accepting unfinished quilts, orphan blocks and everything in-between. As far as sizes we are flexible and open to all sizes. (Adults should be a generous lap, teenager’s size should be lap size and children smaller).

Also if you want to make a complete quilt yourself that would be appreciated but any portion will be great. We will be handing out quilt tops to be quilted and bound.

We are planning on having a sew-a-thon on Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 9 am to 3 pm at the American Legion Post 24 (behind the Canton High School) 950R Washington St., Canton, MA to make comfort quilts. We are looking for volunteers for this event. Please sign up at the meeting or e-mail me at mfsew222@gmail.com to let me know what times you will be available. If you can bring a sewing machine, please let me know. If anyone knows of an organization in need of quilts or an individual in need of comfort, please contact me so we can provide this wonderful service.

In closing if anyone has any suggestions; please feel free to contact me because this is a group effort.

Thank you,
Marie Fowler

New England Quilt Museum

18 SHATTUCK ST., LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS 01852

www.nequiltmuseum.org

News from the New England Quilt Museum

Current Exhibits & Upcoming events

IN THE MAIN GALLERIES:

The Quilted Canvas: The Crit Group: 30 Years and Still Quilting

January 11 through April 29, 2017

This exhibit of works by five artists in fiber is a unique insight into the relationships of a critique group. Judy Becker, Nancy Crasco, Sandy Donabed, Sylvia Einstein, and Carol Anne Grotrian have been meeting each month for thirty years to support and sustain each other as artists. Nancy Crasco states, “the focus of our gatherings is always about the work: assisting with aesthetic and construction concerns, sharing opportunities to exhibit, discussing current trends in fiber, and providing the impetus to continue creating.” All of the artists have gained national recognition and have exhibited widely in the United States and abroad. Each of the artists has a distinct style which is acknowledged and encouraged by the others. They agree that the scariest outcome of a critique group would be to have their works be similar. Each artist has a different source of motivation or inspiration and employs a unique manner of working.

PANEL DISCUSSION WITH THE ARTISTS OF THE CRIT GROUP

Saturday, April 22 at 1 pm

Bring your questions for these accomplished quiltmakers, as audience participation is encouraged. This program is free to members and included with admission for nonmembers.

May 2 - July 30, 2017

The Quilt Takes a Prize: Award Winners from the National Quilt Museum

IN THE CLASSROOM GALLERY:

Water is Life: A Quilts for Change Exhibition

February 15 - April 29, 2017

Water is Life is comprised of forty-one quilts made by artists from Europe and North America. This exhibition, which highlights the crucial need for access to clean water for women and their families, opened at the European headquarters of the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland to commemorate World Water Day 2016. *Water is Life* is a joint effort of Quilt for Change (www.quiltforchange.org), a Rhode Island non-profit project dedicated to using quilting to raise awareness of issues important to women, and American Exchange Rome (www.american-exchange-rome.org). The New England Quilt Museum is proud to host this important exhibition.

May 3 - July 9, 2017

Twisted: Modern Quilts with a Vintage Twist

BROWN BAG LECTURE

Thursday, April 6 at 12:30 pm

"Machine Quilting the Art Quilt" with Alison Wilbur

Free to members and included with admission for nonmembers

An active member of Studio Art Quilt Associates, Alison Wilbur is co-representative for the MA/RI regional SAQA group. She enjoys dyeing fabric, creating her own designs, and using surface design techniques and embellishments to create fiber art. Her work has been exhibited in museums, fine art galleries and prestigious quilt shows.

New England Regional Quilt Study Group

April 8, 2017

Quinn Hall, 55 Lower College Rd, University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI

Dr. Margaret Ordoñez and Dr. Linda Welters will present our program featuring materials from the Historic Textile and Costume Collection at the University of Rhode Island. This is a rare opportunity, and we will need to limit the group to 48 attendees. To read more about our presenters, here are the links to their pages at URI:

<http://web.uri.edu/tmd/meet/margaret-ordonez/>

<http://web.uri.edu/tmd/meet/linda-welters/>

9:30 Registration

10:00 Morning program

Lunch - Bring your own bag lunch. Beverages will be provided.

Afternoon Show and Tell - Bring an antique quilt from your own collection. (Dr. Ordoñez and Dr. Welters have promised to share quilts of their own too!)

Fee: \$55.00

The deadline to register with payment must be received by April 1, 2017.

Please send your registration and check made out to Marjorie Farquharson:

Marjorie Farquharson

682 Great Plain Ave.

Needham, MA 02492

Name: _____

Email: _____

Telephone: _____

Local Quilts Shows and Events

March 18-19 2017 ☺

Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild Quilt Show

Blue Hills Regional High School

800 Randolph Street, Canton, MA 02021

www.rnqg.org

March 24 – 26, 2017

Annual Schoolhouse Shop Hop

Various locations in MA & NH

<http://www.schoolhouseshophop.com>

April 1-2, 2017

Hands All Around 16th Biennial Quilt Show

Hands Across the Valley Quilt Guild

University of Massachusetts

One Campus Center Way, Amherst, MA

www.handsacrossthevalley.org/quilt-show

April 5-8, 2017

MQX Quilt Festival – New England
 The Center of New Hampshire/Radisson Hotel
 Manchester, NH
<http://www.mqxshow.com/MQX/East/QuiltShow/>

April 8-9, 2017

Tewksbury Piecemakers Annual Quilt Show
 Tewksbury Senior Center
 175 Chandler St, Tewksbury, MA
tewksburypiecemakers.com
 Denise Sawyer 978-761-7415 dgsawyer1@yahoo.com

May 6 & 7, 2017

Northern Star Quilters' Guild presents:
 A World of Quilts XXXVIII (a judged show)
 Saturday, May 6th – 10 AM – 5 PM
 Sunday, May 7th – 10 AM – 4 PM
 Featured Guest Lecturer: Mary Fons; writer, quilter, designer www.maryfons.com
 O'Neill Center
 Western Connecticut State University
 West Side Campus
 43 Lake Ave. Extension
 Danbury, CT 06811
QuiltShow@Northernstarquilters.com

May 11-13, 2017

6th Annual 2017 BUCC Quilt Show & Sale "Get Your Bow Tie On"
 Thur. 5-8pm, Fri. 9am-8pm, Sat. 9am-5pm.
 Entry fee is \$5 (under 12 free)
 Belchertown United Church of Christ
 18 Park Street
 Belchertown, MA 01007
<http://buccquiltshowandsale.weebly.com/>

May 13 – October 22, 2017

Circular Abstractions: Bulls-Eye Quilts
 Fuller Craft Museum
 Brockton MA 02301
<http://fullercraft.org/event/circular-abstractions-bulls-eye-quilts/>

Useful links to quilt related events and information are: <http://www.quiltersresources.net>
 and <http://quiltnewengland.com/>

CLASSIFIED ADS - FOR SALE

This section is new this year!

Please send the following information to editor@rnqg.org, if you have a quilt related item you would like to advertise:

Item for Sale:

Description: *(include condition of item - new, used, etc.)*

Asking Price: *(also include if price is firm, negotiable, or best offer)*

Contact information:

Advertising is free for RNQG members and \$1.00, per newsletter, for non-members (\$5.00 for the year).

Support RNQG members and local businesses

Do you have a business you would like to advertise? Please send an email to editor@rnqg.org for information.





Visit Kathy's website at <http://nextgenerationquilting.net>

REMINDER

Always show your RNQG membership card to receive a discount on your purchases at
All About Quilts, Walpole, MA and Ann's Fabrics, Canton, MA