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Newsletter of the Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild

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## September - October 2017 Newsletter Article from our President

Welcome to a new and exciting RNQG Guild year!

As we begin, we should all be very proud of what our guild accomplished last year. The Quilt Show, the Raffle Quilt, the many wonderful program speakers and workshops, and the rejuvenated Comfort Quilt effort (just to name a few) were unbelievably successful. Congrats and sincere thanks to all the dedicated and committed Guild members who led and/or participated in these and all of last year's amazing Guild activities.

Our members are exceptional – in the scope of their interests and expertise, their dedication and commitment, and generosity of time and talents. The success and the future of our Guild depend on the participation and support of every member. To that end, the Board has been working throughout the summer to make it another memorable year. However, two very important Board positions remain open and those vacancies will have repercussions unless someone comes forward and volunteers to serve. We need both a Vice President and a Raffle Quilt Chair (or two). The VP will be next year's President; the Raffle Quilt is a critical element in the ongoing financial stability of the Guild. I am asking each and every member- please consider stepping up to take on the responsibilities of these positions.

Finally – just a reminder... our first meeting will be on Wednesday September **27th** at the Aggie... See you then.

Helen Curtis

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## Summer Challenge



Hi and welcome back.

I hope you've been enjoying your summer and have all been working on your summer challenge. It's been cool so sitting under a quilt hasn't been too big of an issue. My quilt is ready for binding. Remember, the challenge was to take a step into the world of modern quilts, maybe trying your hand at large stitch hand quilting- or maybe quilting it on your machine. Riane Menardi also showed us how to rethink the grid on a traditional quilt by enlarging it and chopping it up and reassembling it to get some interesting negative spaces. I hope there are pictures of all your wonderful work since I will not make the meeting.

See you all in October,  
Lisa

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BOARD of DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Board meetings are held 6:30 - 8:30PM at:  
Walpole Public Library  
143 School Street  
Walpole MA

ALL Members are Welcome to attend.  
All board members are highly encouraged to attend  
The next Board meeting is scheduled for **September 6, 2017**



BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2017- 2018

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**RNQG Meeting Dates 2017 - 2018**

**First meeting of the year is **September 27, 2017** (that is the 4TH WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH)**

Mark your calendars~

- September 27, 2017**
- October 18, 2017
- November 15, 2017
- January 17, 2018
- February 21, 2018
- March 21, 2018
- April 18, 2018
- May 16, 2018
- June 20, 2018

RNQG MONTHLY MEETINGS

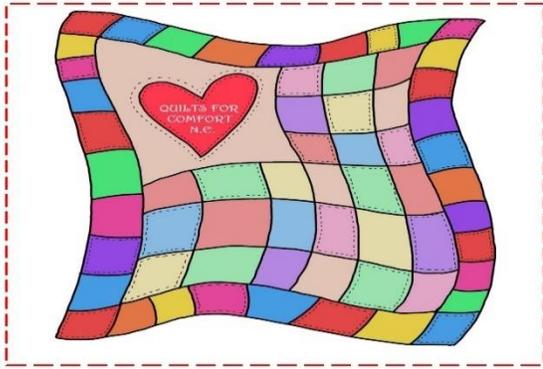
RNQG meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month, from September through June.

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

**Quilted Comforts**



This summer has been busy with quilting and completing our sew a thon quilts. As you are going through your stash keep comfort quilts in mind that we are still in need of male fabric but any and all donations are much appreciated. Don't forget we take orphan blocks and unfinished tops. Also, if you know of someone that is in need of a comfort quilt please let me know at mfsew222@gmail.com If anyone has suggestions for comfort quilts I would love hear from you.  
Thank you,  
Marie Fowler

**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. Check it out and see what is happening in our community

The Facebook Guru is Deb Woodhams

**CONNECTING THREADS**

This year the RNQG contact person for Connecting Threads is Deb Bonanno.

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.

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**FROM MEMBERSHIP**

Thank you to the 61 members who have submitted their membership application, service form and dues so far. It is a great head start! I encourage all who were not at our last meeting to send the forms to me by mail. This will make September check in go more smoothly. I will have 2017-2018 membership cards at the table.

I would like to continue the Big Sister program for new members. A big thank you to all who volunteered last year. This welcoming gesture was warmly received.

I will have a new sign-up sheet at the membership table in September.

Please remember to proudly extend an invitation to your friends to attend an upcoming meeting. We have a fabulous lineup of programs and speakers! I will provide a welcome packet which will include a membership application for all guests.

Thank you,  
Mary Peterson

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**Hello from Hospitality**

RuthAnn Seck and Joanne Beaupre will be taking over as refreshments coordinators for the 2017 -2018 year.

All goodies and serving supplies must be brought in and out each meeting, plan accordingly.

September 27,2017 – Board Members provide the refreshments

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## 2017-2018 RNQG Programs

Terry Greenstein

Based on last year's survey, we have listened to the interests of our members and are providing a range of different types of programming and workshops to satisfy everyone. We hope that you will decide to try some of the workshops as they present different techniques that will enhance your quilting skills.

**SEPTEMBER 27** – Please note that we are meeting a week later due to Rosh Hashanah.  
**Summer Challenge** – please bring in your summer challenge quilts for all to see and vote on.

A **Power Point** presentation of all of the programs and workshops for the year will be presented. We will have samples from some of the teachers this year to illustrate what they will be teaching. Members will have the opportunity to sign up for the programs.

Ann Shaw's patterns will be available for purchase so that you can begin to collect fabrics for next month's workshop.



### **OCTOBER 18 -Workshop – Ann Shaw – Flowers of the Gorge (SAME DAY AND PRIOR to MEETING)**

Flowers have been an enduring source of inspiration for quilters; many traditional quilt blocks feature flower patterns. The remarkable array of miniature wildflowers that can be found in the Columbia River Gorge and surrounding hills of the Cascade Mountains inspired my series of flower designs. Based on the design and piecing techniques of Ruth McDowell, these designs take traditional patchwork a step further through the use of unexpected fabric choices. Join us in celebrating the beauty of flowers. We will learn the basics of Ruth piecing techniques and her fascinating use of fabrics.



### **Meeting – Ann Shaw – Photos and Quilts**

In this presentation, she will discuss the ways in which she adapts photographs in her pieced quilt designs, her approach to taking pictures that inspire her pictorial quilts, and the design choices that affect the look of her quilts. She discusses what inspired the idea of "Gesture" and how she introduced this composition technique into the quilt world in 2015.

**NOVEMBER 15****Carol Anne Grotrian – Quilts with a View: New Landscape Traditions**

American artists, including needle workers have naturally turned to the land for inspiration. This lecture touches on the appearance of landscape in antique quilts, looks at the diverse views and viewpoints of contemporary quilters and, on a personal note, includes a few of my landscape quilts among projected images and in person.

**NOVEMBER 18 and FEBRUARY 3, 2018****Workshop - Snapshot: Start A Picture Quilt**

Create fabric pictures--landscape, still life, etc.-- based on assigned snapshots that you bring to class. Pick your favorite photo and adapt it to quilting, using simple tools like photocopies and tracing paper. Begin selecting fabrics that will bring the image to life. The first day the class will produce designs on paper. We will return in February to fuse the fabric sketches.

**JANUARY 17****Member Demo Night**

This evening a number of our members will share different quilting and embellishing techniques. – Please check out the website for pictures!!!

Diana Annis – English Paper Piecing

Sue Crane – Improv quilting and Binding with Attached Flange

Janet Elia – Hawaiian Applique

Marie Fowler – Mitered Corners

Sue Goldstein – Reverse applique

Kathy Graves – Piecing Technique

Margaret Rolph – Bead Embellishment

**FEBRUARY 21****Comfort Quilt Sew-a-thon**

This evening our guild members will bring their machines to the meeting and we will participate in making comfort quilts. Some of us will be cutting fabric, others sewing, others ironing and at the end of the evening we hope to have a number of quilts created.



**FEBRUARY 24, 2018****Workshop – Bob Harrison – Featherweight Maintenance**

This will be a half-day (3½ hour) workshop covering all the aspects of cleaning, oiling, and polishing of your Featherweight, Singer’s fabulous Model #221/222. All aspects of Featherweight maintenance are demonstrated using a live feed camera for greater visibility and enlargement of the machine’s interior. After demonstrations, students



then perform the same tasks on their own Featherweights so that they leave the workshop confident in their own skills at keeping their little machine humming happily along. Machine parts and accessories are available at the workshop as are simple repairs.

**MARCH 21 - Kathy Graves – Modern Quilting Lecture and Trunk Show**

Kathy will be here to explore the Modern Quilt movement with us. Modern quilts are constructed using a group of techniques and characteristics that identify them as “Modern”, although Modern quilters are varied in their style. Kathy will explore the various techniques used by Modern quilters including minimalism, negative space, improv, use of bold colors and graphics, modern traditionalism, and alternative grid structures. Her presentation will include quilt photos from QuiltCon, the Modern Quilt Show. Kathy will also present a trunk show, using her personal quilts as examples of various Modern techniques.

**MARCH 24 - Kathy Graves – Metro Rings Workshop: A Contemporary version of Double Wedding Ring Quilt**

Together we will explore and learn the fast, fun way to sew curves (without clipping or pinning) using the Quick Curve Ruler by Sew Kind of Wonderful. Their clever pattern allows for making oversized blocks and squaring up for improved accuracy and take the stress out of making seams exact. You will use 2.5" stripes either from precuts or fabric to make the curved -section. You will be amazed how easily your design will come together.

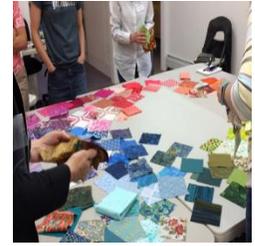
**APRIL 18 - Timna Tarr – Trunk Show – Flying Colors**

Timna is known for making fun, colorful, award-winning quilts. Join her for this trunk show of her quilting journey. She talks about her design and color choices, as well as the personal stories behind the quilts.

## APRIL 19 - WORKSHOPS

### Designing with Flying Colors (2-3 hours, no sewing)

Are you stuck in a color rut? Or are you afraid that you might make a color “mistake” in your quilts? In this workshop, students try out new color combinations and learn how to use color placement as a major design element. Participants should bring 10, 6" squares of different fabrics from their stash to the workshop.



**Map Quilts (3 hours, sewing)** In this three-hour workshop participants learn to make a quilted map based on a paper map. Everyone in the group works from the same map, which will be a map of Cape Cod.



### MAY 16 - Pam Weeks – “Jane Stickled Revealed”

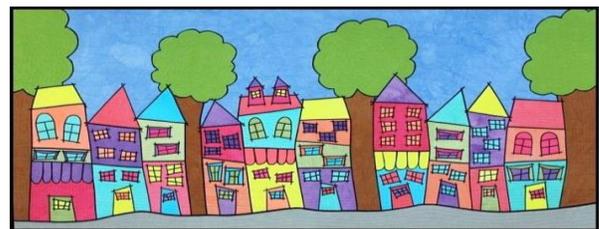
Pam Weeks, the Binney Family Curator of the New England Quilt Museum, will lecture on her newest topic. In the 150th anniversary year of the making of the Jane Stickle quilt, she was invited to examine and do further research on this iconic Civil War quilt. Her lecture reveals the results of her research and sheds light on the life of this Vermont farm wife who made an incredible quilt.

There are a number of guild members who have been working on a Dear Jane quilt for a number of years. We invite all members who have made a Dear Jane quilt to bring them to the meeting this evening.



### JUNE 20 - Sue Bleisweiss – Trunk Show

Sue, an award-winning full-time fiber artist will provide us with a trunk show for our final evening. Working with her own hand dyed cotton she creates vibrant, whimsical colorful art quilts intended to delight the eye of the viewer and draw them in for a closer look.



**So Many Great Programs – Please participate in as many as you can – Grow your skills , make new friends and you might even get a quilt out of it!!**



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**Still Proud and Amazed by the talent of our 2017 Quilt Show Ribbon Winners**

Lisa Steinka, Sarah Brewin, Jacqueline Fleischman, Janet Elia, Evelyn McStowe, Nancy Pond, Diana Richard, Terry Greenstein, Monique Whitten, Mary Peterson, Vicki Pariyar, Sue Crane, Angela Dubuc, Abby Sullivan, Debbie McManus, Sue Goldstein, Anne Marie Freitas



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**NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM**

18 SHATTUCK ST., LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS 01852  
nequiltmuseum.org

**NEWS FROM THE NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM CURRENT EXHIBITS & UPCOMING EVENTS**

**IN THE MAIN GALLERIES:**

*August 31 – December 30, 2017*

*Gilding the Lily: Embroidery in Quilts Past and Present*

**IN THE CLASSROOM GALLERY:**

*July 11 – September 9, 2017*

*Quilts of Resistance, Presented by The Artist Circle*

*September 12 – October 29, 2017*

*Favorites from the Permanent Collection*

**LECTURES & WORKSHOPS****Saturday, September 9 at 11 am*****Threads of Resistance* Gallery Talk with Sue Bleiweiss**

Join Quilt Artist, Sue Bleiweiss, for a gallery talk in *Threads of Resistance*. Sue will discuss what inspired her to help organize the exhibition and what she hopes it will accomplish as it travels to other venues across the country. This program is free to members and included with the price of admission for nonmembers.

**Saturday, September 16 · 9 am - 4 pm****Workshop with Adele Scott at NEQM****"Westalee Rulers Sampler Set Workshop - Easy free-motion!"**

After a few basics to get everyone started, the fun begins! It's like bowling with "bumpers", the rulers keep you on track as you create many classic designs. Leave with confidence and enough knowledge to start quilting real quilts without the hours of practice!

Register directly to Adele Scott at [asds@adelescott.com](mailto:asds@adelescott.com)

Interested in teaching a class or workshop at NEQM?

The NEQM is currently seeking instructors to rent their Classroom Gallery for classes and workshops. Please email Pam Weeks at [curator@nequiltmuseum.org](mailto:curator@nequiltmuseum.org) or call 978-452-4207 x.11 to express your interest. If you have a great idea for a class or workshop or are an instructor with a current repertoire, they would love to hear from you!

**NEQM Library** - Everyone can visit the library to: browse and research thousands of reference books in person or at online; read current issues of quilt magazines; find information on quilt guilds and quilt shows in New England; try quilt software; and print fabric labels on our computer.

Individual Museum members can also: borrow from the circulating collection, which contains thousands of items for adults and children including quilt and textile history, contemporary quilt design, quilt fiction, and videos; and have books and videos mailed to them anywhere in the U.S. for the cost of postage.

For more information on exhibitions and events, see: [nequiltmuseum.org](http://nequiltmuseum.org)

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**Call for Volunteers for October 2017—A Major Quilt Event**

The **American Quilt Study Group (AQSG)** is an international organization of quilt enthusiasts and historians and membership is open to all lovers of quilts and their history. AQSG holds an annual **Seminar** and this year it will convene at the Radisson Hotel in Manchester, NH, October 18-22. **Seminar** features classes, tours, special quilt exhibits, and lectures. The organization seeks local volunteers to help with registration, tours, and fund-raising auctions.

**Volunteer benefits:**

- Invitation to attend the presentation of research papers on Saturday and Sunday morning (meals not included.)
- Invitation to visit the on-site exhibits, Vendor Sale, Author's Book Sale, and participate in the Silent and Live Auctions by securing a bid number.
- Cost for tours is complimentary for volunteer tour leaders excepting lunch.

If volunteers wish to be included for meals, a one or two-day registration is available that includes food costs.

RNQG member Anita Loscalzo is also a long-time member of AQSG and can provide more information about volunteering at **Seminar**.

Contact Anita at [aloscalz@yahoo.com](mailto:aloscalz@yahoo.com).

You can go online to find more information about AQSG at: [americanquiltstudygroup.org](http://americanquiltstudygroup.org)

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**Local Quilts Shows and Events**

**September 9, 2017 9am-2pm**

Mary Hamblin Quilter’s Sale – Huge Selection of Quilt Shop Quality Fabrics  
75+ Finished and Unfinished Quilts, Table Runners and Wall Hangings, 100 + patterns, books and notions  
Location: West Barnstable Deer Club, 1800 Old Stage Rd. West Barnstable, MA  
NO EARLY BIRDS – CASH or CHECKS ONLY

**September 16, 2017 10am-4pm**

The Marathon Quilters Guild has a booth at the [PolyArts Festival](#) in Hopkinton, MA. We will be selling a variety of handcrafted items and would love for you to visit. The PolyArts Festival features more than 75 artisans and craftspeople from throughout New England. It is free to attend.

Location: Hopkinton Town Common in downtown Hopkinton, MA 01748

Contact: Dawn Stewart - Webmaster / Publicity - [Marathon Quilters Guild](#)

**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/>

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**CLASSIFIED ADS - FOR SALE**

Please send the following information to [editor@rnqq.org](mailto:editor@rnqq.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@rnqq.org](mailto:editor@rnqq.org) for information.

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



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**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** and **Franklin Mills**

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