

Laurel Wreath

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Newsletter of the Rhododendron Needlers' Quilt Guild

May - June, 2011

Presidential Musings...

Dear Members of RNQG:

As a child I loved the coming of May, since we participated in the fun custom of creating and delivering May baskets to our friends on May Day (May 1). Additionally, it meant school was coming to a close (our school year always ended before Memorial Day in the midwest so the kids who lived out on farms would be available to their families), the weather would warm, and summer days could be spent doing whatever it was we loved best.

As an adult, things are not quite as idyllic, but this May we have much to celebrate. Our highly successful quilt show is still fresh in our minds (as are our special thanks to everyone who led the way...yay Jane & company!...and to all of you who pitched in!) and a fulfilling year is coming to a close. We'll be electing our Board for next year, celebrating all good things with good things (AKA the potluck), and still having the opportunity for one more program (Karen Eckmeier in June). With weather not as much of a factor, I hope we'll have a great turnout for both the potluck (do you remember the tantalizing food from last year?) as well as the June program before we adjourn for the summer.

*Best regards,
Linda Newberry*

The deadline for the next issue of the Laurel Wreath will be July 15. Please send articles and items of interest to Linda Newberry

RNQG ADMINISTRATIVE NOTES

From the Editor:

I've said it before, I'll say it again - BIG thank you to everyone that donated to the raffle baskets! Please see the Treasurer's Report listed in this newsletter to see how much your efforts paid off!

Again, thank you to everyone that donated a block or blocks to the raffle quilt. I came up with a layout (took me all day to fit them all in) and now I get to sew them all together! The final size will be approximately 82 x 70. If anyone has batting or backing fabric they can donate, again, I would truly appreciate it!

As this will be my last newsletter I'd like thank everyone for their kind words and for allowing me to report the guild's happenings. I've enjoyed it very much.

Deb Woodhams

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

May 11, 2011 at 7:00 pm

Board meetings are held at All About Quilts, 958 Main Street, Walpole. All members are invited to attend. All board members are encouraged to attend.

Future board meetings will be held on the following dates:

May 11

RNQG WEBSITE

- I am delighted to announce that a photo album has been added to the RNQG website - just select "Photos" from the left menu. Currently, the only choice on this page is an album labeled "RNQG Memories 2010-11". It contains all the photos taken by our guild's photographic historian, Avis.

If you click on the album cover, you will be brought to a page where you can choose from a list of "chapters" to view which includes our quilt show, featured speakers at our meetings and all of this year's show & tell. If you click on your choice, the photos you see next are thumbnails. When you click on an image, a frame pops up that shows a larger version of the photo. The bottom of this frame contains information about the photo - typically the quilter's name and/or quilt title. Once in the frame, you can use the navigation arrows in the frame to move to other photos. You can even start a slide show!

I encourage everyone to look at the album. If you participated in Show and Tell this year, I would appreciate if you look at that chapter and let me know if your creations are labeled with your name and the quilt name. If these are missing or inaccurate, please send the correct information to webmaster@rnqg.org. Remember to include the number displayed at the bottom of the frame so I can make the correlation!

- Another addition to our website is a display of quilts which won awards at our show. Just click on "Quilt Show Awards" from the menu bar on the left. The first version of this page contained text with links to photos (which was annoying to navigate). The new version contains thumbnails of the winners - a click on any thumbnail brings up a larger view of the quilt!

- As always, if you have any suggestions for or problems with the website, please send them to webmaster@rnqg.org. If I don't know something is broken, I guarantee it will not be fixed!

RNQG Board for 2010 - 2011

President:	Linda Newberry
Vice President:	Linda Hancock
Secretary:	Rita Partridge
Treasurer:	Diana Richard
Programs 2010-11:	Sarah Brewin & Celine Spader
Programs 2011-12:	Celine Spader & Diana Annis
Membership:	Vicki Pariyar & Betti Hayes
Newsletter:	Deb Woodhams
Hospitality:	Jacqueline Fleishman & Ann Thomas
Library:	Lisa Steinka & Marsha Thompson
Directory:	Barbara Becker
Monthly Raffle:	Deb McManus
Quilted Comforts:	Paul Burega
Rack Keeper:	Diana Annis
Connecting Threads:	Deb Woodhams
NEQMA liaison:	Patty Sawyer
Quilt Show:	Jane McClellan
Historian:	Avis Davidson
Raffle Tickets:	Venera Emmi
Block-of-the-Month:	Linda Hancock & Joanne Beaupre
Webmaster:	AnneMarie Freitas



Hospitality Reminder

Don't forget that wednesday May 18th at 6:30 p.m. is rnqq's annual pot luck dinner and meeting!!! Please bring a dish to delight all with an appropriate serving utensil!

Thanks, Jacqueline Fleishman Ann Thomas
Hospitality Co-Chairs

MEETING INFORMATION

All RNQG meeting are held at 7:30 pm at the Italian-American Club, 109 Stone Street, Walpole, MA. You'll receive a raffle ticket for a fun prize when you wear your name tag!



Library Notice

Have you checked a book out of the RNQG library. Books are allowed to be checked out for two months. Please be sure to bring them back so other members can enjoy them as well. Don't forget we have newly acquired books for all to enjoy! Check one out now and get inspired!



Connecting Threads

If you know of someone that should have a card sent to them, please feel free to contact me by [clicking here](#).

Deb Woodhams

Comfort Quilts - Paul Burega

All are welcome to attend! which can be a lonely time for those who are terminally ill. The hospice patients love quilts with big prints and bright colors, and with a number of the patients with dementia, they also loved the juvenile prints on the fabrics which remind them of a happier time in their childhoods.

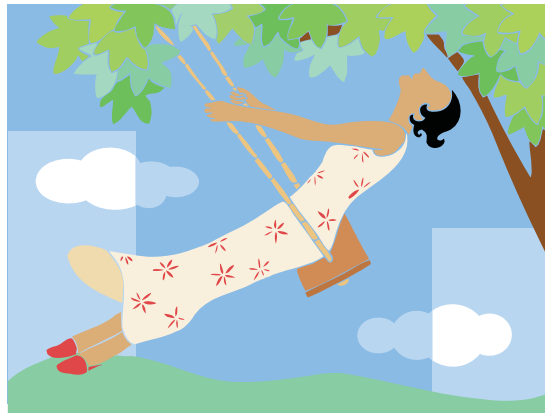
You can help out by making a top, cutting fabric for a kit, quilting a top, or helping out at a quilt-a-thon. We are always looking for batting, as the lap quilts are less than 45" x 60", and you can make a tax deductible donation through the UUAC and direct the funds for the Power Of The Quilt Project, and those funds will be used to purchase batting and other supplies to complete the many quilt tops that are made each year.

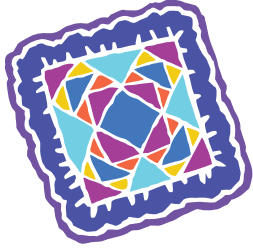
Contact Paul Burega or Craig Cohen at any RNQG meeting.

Following are other upcoming quilt-a-thon dates and their locations.

Saturday June 11th, 2011 in Easton

Last event of the year to finish up a lap quilt for someone or to start a lap quilt for next year. We are just over 100 completed quilts for the year, and are hoping to get closer to last year's 200+ quilts. Everyone welcome, from beginner to experience quilter





Block of the Month

Block of the Month is an opportunity to try out some new techniques and designs, showcase your skills and use up some scraps. If you are a lucky winner, you will go home with the beginning of a nice quilt or wall hanging. Block of the Month is a unifying activity - a chance to see different approaches to the same block and to admire each other's work.

This is how it works: Each month any member who chooses to participate makes a block (or several) using a predetermined design and color scheme. At the monthly meeting they are turned in and displayed for all to admire! Each maker puts his/her name on a slip of paper and into a basket - one slip for each block made. (If you really like a particular block, make several so you have more chances to win them all.) At the conclusion of the business meeting, a name is drawn from the basket and the lucky winner takes home ALL the blocks.

I am assuming a 1/4" seam allowance. Please use 100% cotton, prewashed for color stability. The size given in the instructions include the seam allowance to join the blocks together. "Finished" size does not include the seam allowance.

All directions can be found at the RNQG website at www.rnqg.org.

Good luck and enjoy!!!



May Block of the Month - Applique Floral Wreath

For this block, we will use a white or white on white for the background and scraps for the applique.

Any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Linda Hancock
Block of the Month Coordinator

Quilt Workshop!

Karen Eckmeier
Scrappy Layered Log Cabin

June 16, 2011
9:30 am - 4:00 pm
All About Quilts



This Log Cabin really has an attitude! Relax and enjoy topstitched seams, curved edges, no measuring, blocks of different sizes and raw-edge prairie points embellished with beads.

Finished size: Wallhanging / Lap Quilt or Bed Quilt (student's choice).

QUILT SHOW NEWS!

Below, please find the final numbers from the quilt show - great job everyone!!!

MARCH 2011 QUILT SHOW BUDGET

	Income	Expense	Donated Value	Donated by:
Venue (Blue Hills)				
Cafeteria \$500 per day			1,500.00	
Gymnasium \$500 per day			1,500.00	
Custodians and Security			1,039.00	
Billboard Sign(2)		96.00		
Total Venue		4,039.00	0.00	
Vendors				
AKD Beads	170.00			
Amelia's Garden	100.00			
Ann's Fabric	300.00			
Berkshire Quilts	320.00			
Button Box	170.00			
Calico Alley	340.00			
Charlton	150.00			
Emma's	150.00			
Fabritique	320.00			
Follow That Thread	160.00			
Friends 4 Kenya	150.00			
Friends of Fabric	170.00			
G & J Company	150.00			
Mad About Quilts	75.00			
Mainly Sewing	150.00			
Notion To Quilt	300.00			
One of A Kind	150.00			
Quilt Essentials	170.00			
Rainbow Dyes	150.00			
Studio 55	225.00			
We Got The Buttons	150.00			
Total Vendor Rental Fees			4,020.00	
Show Book Ads				
Abby Sullivan	45.00			
Diana Richard	25.00			
Emma's Quilt Shop	50.00			
Heart in Hands	35.00			
All About quilts	75.00			
Pat Ferguson	35.00			
Mad About Quilts	50.00			
Border to Border Quilting	75.00			
Jill Wiffen	25.00			
Total Show Book Ads			415.00	
Vendor Sandwiches @ 5.09 ea. (Crowells/Tedeschi Market)				237.44
3 cases Water		12.00	McClellan	
Name Badges & Stamps			78.69	Swaim
Sunday table pick-up charge		50.00		
22 Tables @ 10.50 ea.	190.00	285.44		
Total Vendors	5,040.00	572.88	90.69	

Admissions	\$7/day, \$10 for 2 days	1532 attendees	10,667.00
	plastic tablecloths	10.00	Richard
Total Admissions	10,667.00	10.00	

Display Lobstah to Green Monstah Display (84.34 Capital Expense)			
	1 bolt black drape fabric	\$150	
	paper and Black Ink Cartridge		44.00 Freitas
Total Display	44.00		

RNQG Boutique	Total Sales - \$2553.18
Donated Items	922.18 Guild Members
10% Commission on Sales	163.10
Total RNQG Boutique	1,085.28

Bags Boutique	felted bag w notions	25.00	Annis
	top	15.00	Beaupre
	3 bags	83.00	Braconi
	1 bag	15.00	Constantini
	Small Clutch Bag	20.00	Crane
	Tote	25.00	Croft
	Four items	170.00	Elia
	out	35.00	Garfunkle
	Needle Case	60.00	Giblin
	Small Purse	16.00	Grey
	Drawstring Bag	16.00	Herman
	4 items	39.00	McClellan
	Felted pouch bag	8.00	Mcmanus
	Tote and purse	25.00	O'Brien
	Turtle pouch	15.00	Rauch
	6 jewelry bags, purses	84.00	Rolph
	Bag, Tote	55.00	Steinka
	Inside pockets	25.00	Steverman
	1 Bag	30.00	Swaim
	2Totes, cell phone pouch	48.00	Thomas
	Jewelry Bag	18.00	Whiffen
Total Bags Boutique	60 items donated, 36 sold	827.00	827.00

Ribbons & Labels	Fabric	25.40
	Ribbon Fabric	15.00 Woodhams
	Ribbons	29.62
	Ribbons	54.88
Total Ribbons and Labels		109.90

Judging			
	RNQG Member's Fees \$5/Quilt	270.00	
	Judging Fee -Holic Turnbow	222.28	
	Paper products for Lunch for Judging Volunteers		20.00 Woodhams
	Wrentham Senior Center Rental	50.00	
Total Judging	270.00 272.28 20.00		

Special Exhibits			
	Supper Quilt		
	Dr. Locke's Air Fare	577.00	
	3 nights @ Holiday Inn Express	299.19	
	3 nights @ Guild member's home	299.19	McClellan
	Dr. Lockes Meals		



RHODODENDRON NEEDLERS QUILT GUILD

Dear Member,

It is once again time to renew your RNQG membership! Please take a moment to reflect on the great quilting year we have had and ponder the one ahead. RNQG has it all from traditional hand quilters to professional long-armers. The talent in our guild was showcased in the April 2011 show and the compliments are still coming in. Each guild is as vibrant and diverse as its members and I for one am thrilled to be part of such a vibrant guild.

We hope you will keep in mind the benefits of guild membership:

- presentations and workshops given by nationally recognized quilters
- access to an extensive lending library of quilting books
- opportunity to showcase your works in the biennial quilt show
- quilting challenges
- a bi-monthly e-newsletter
- free raffle quilt tickets
- access to other quilting enthusiasts.

Cost of membership is \$45.00 for full members and \$25.00 for associate members.

Meeting cost for associate members attending any meetings beyond the two to which they are entitled is \$10.00. Please note: *you may **only** renew at the associate member level if you are **currently** an associate member!*

Guests are always welcomed. We encourage members to bring an interested friend! The fee for a guest attending a meeting is \$10.00. The \$10 cost will be deducted for their membership fee if they join the night of the meeting! If you decide to join RNQG, before the next meeting, then your \$10.00 guest fee will be deducted from your yearly dues of \$45.00

Everyone should recognize that membership participation and teamwork are key to the successful running of the guild. Our by-laws clearly state that it is the responsibility of each full member to “attend and support Guild functions including but not limited to various committees such as hospitality, quilt show, monthly raffles, charity projects, etc”. For this reason, this letter is accompanied by a Membership Service Form. **Your membership will be accepted once we receive both the membership renewal and a completed membership service form.**

To make things as easy as possible, we have enclosed an addressed envelope in which to return your membership information. Renewal forms are due by the May 2011 meeting. Forms received after June 1, 2011 will not appear in the 2011-12 RNQG Membership Directory.

Sincerely,

Vicki Pariyar
Membership Chair



RHODODENDRON NEEDLERS QUILT GUILD MEMBER SERVICE FORM (2011-2012)

PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP FORM

Below is a list of opportunities under many our committees. Please sign up for at least one activity of interest. If you know the month you would like to sign up for, please write it in next to the activity. We will pass your name onto the chairperson who will be in touch with you.

Your Name: _____

Phone #: _____

E-mail: _____

Auction

___ Help with collection/set up

Historian

___ Take pictures at an event (i.e. quilt show)

Library

___ Mail out preprinted overdue notices

___ Write book reviews for newsletter

Membership

___ Be a buddy to a new member

Monthly Raffle

___ Purchase raffle items

___ Staff raffle table

Newsletter

___ Manage payment/mailing of paper copies

Publicity

___ Market guild and programs

Pot Luck Dinner

___ Help with set up

___ Bring cream, water, sodas (items as assigned)

___ Provide decorations/centerpiece

Programs

___ Host a speaker

___ Take a speaker to dinner

___ Pick up a speaker at the airport

___ Return a speaker to the airport

___ Entertain speaker while in town

___ Set up/Take down

Quilted Comforts

___ Help with Power of the Quilt Project publicity

___ Turn donated quilt top into a completed quilt

___ Provide home baked goodies for Quilt-a-thon

___ Cut donated fabric into useful sizes for quilt kits

Quilt Racks

___ Pick up/Drop off of Rented racks (physical)

Raffle Quilt

___ sell raffle tickets for Quilt at scheduled location.

**Do you have a set of skills RNQG needs? Computer savvy? Super Organized?
Please Write-in your special area of talent:**

NOTE that you will be reimbursed for any pre-approved expenses incurred – give receipts to the Treasurer.



RHODODENDRON NEEDLERS QUILD GUILD

MEMBER RENEWAL FORM

2011-2012

(This information may be listed in our Membership booklet.)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, ST, Zip: _____

Phone No. W/Area Code: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

(Please ✓ appropriate box)

- \$45.00 Full Member Renewal
- \$25.00 Associate Member Renewal
- \$15.00 Paper copy of E-Newsletter - Mailed
- \$25.00 Advertisement (include Business Card)

Make checks payable to RNQG

**Mail to: Vicki Pariyar
307 Forest Grove Ave
Wrentham MA 02093**

RNQG use only:

Date Paid: _____ Check No: _____

Note(s): _____

Please note: You may only renew at the associate member level if you are currently an associate member

We would like to get to know our members a little better, so if you wouldn't mind answering a few simple questions for us that would be helpful.

How long have you been quilting _____

What kind of quilter are you?

Occasional/ Obsessed/ _____

Paper pieced/traditional/art _____

Professional longarmer _____

Your occupation? _____

What would you like form the Guild? _____

Hobbies & Favorites? _____

Thank you.



34th Annual Quilt Show and Sale
Friday, June 3, 2011, 10-6
Saturday, June 4, 2011, 10-6
Sunday, June 5, 2011, 10-3

Arsenal Center for the Arts
321 Arsenal St. Watertown, MA 02472

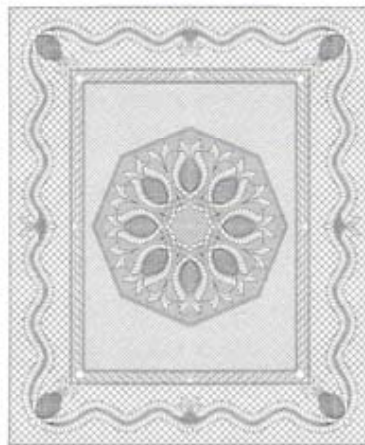
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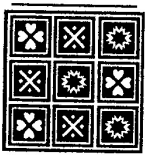
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