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Happy New Year!

The cozy months of winter are upon us! Friends and family have gathered for the feasts and spirits! I have managed to pull off a quick and inspiring trip to NYC to see the Jean Paul Gaultier exhibit at the Brooklyn Museum - fantastic! My New Year resolution is MORE ART!! I hope that some of you too will be able to pull off more inspiration, relaxation and of course creation!

Like winter is the time for the earth to go dormant and slowly quietly regenerate, our guild too is in our season of regeneration. This is a year of quiet subtle activity that is all about preparation. As a guild and individuals we are always seeking ways to grow creatively and in preparation for the RNQG 2015 Show. I am sure there are more than a few seeds of quilt ideas out there slowly gathering the fabric nutrients they need to grow into stunning fields of brilliant craftsmanship for all to enjoy. We have new and returning members that are stepping into positions on the board and throughout the guild that will bring new bloom to some traditional activities: the March 2014 Auction, a block swap idea, A member's book of hints and tricks...and more.

I encourage all of you to find the ways this winter to quietly subtly grow creatively and to bring it to your fellow members for we are your kindred spirits!

Stay warm my friends,

Vicki

Editor's Note:

Please send submissions for the next newsletter to Lhancock42@aol.com no later than February 20, 2014

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 – 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.

January 8, 2014
 March 5, 2014

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.

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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 2013-2014

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.

JANUARY 15, 2014 GUILD MEETING RNQG Members' Round Table Topic: Our Favorite Quilting Things

Learn techniques and tips from fellow Rhododendron members during this mini demonstration night. Each speaker has up to 10 minutes to cover the topic of their choice.

The January meeting theme of “My Favorite Things” will include six roundtables for member sharing and a little entertainment. We are asking everyone to bring **3 fat quarters** for one of the roundtables. Everyone in attendance will need these. Thank you.

FEBRUARY 19, 2014 GUILD MEETING**Kathleen Murphy****Lecture: "It's a Small World! The World of Inchies"**

Question: "What is an inchie?"

Answer: A quilt (all 3 layers: top, batting and backing) that measures 1" on each side.

"Invented" by Nadine Ruggles in 2009, inchies are fast and fun to make. When embellished with beads, crystals, fibers, and found objects, each is a miniature work of art. Inchies are perfect for trading, collecting, Christmas ornaments, jewelry, and art quilts big or small...and likely numerous applications waiting to be discovered! During the evening's presentation, Kathleen Murphy will introduce our guild members and guests to the wonderful world of inchies, including the steps involved in their construction. Her trunk show contains works created by the members of a local guild after organized inchie swaps.

Kathleen is an artist at heart. She received formal training in many aspects of art: oil/acrylic paint, clay, ink, pencil, screenprinting, graphic design -- but not fiber. She began using fiber as her medium in 1993 after joining a quilt guild. She fell in love with the possibilities and limitations. She ignores the strict guidelines imposed by the quilting world and is comfortable using any artistic means to create her work.



MARCH 1, 2014 SATURDAY WORKSHOP**Janet Elia****“Inchie Quilts”**

During this Saturday workshop, Janet will show you how to have fun with beads, embroidery, and found objects while you make the tiniest quilts yet! You'll learn the tools, tips and techniques for quilting, cutting, edging and embellishing these diminutive works of art, as well as various methods for attaching them to a quilt.

An active member of RNQG, wife, and mother of two who is also school nurse at Taunton High School, Janet began sewing when she was still in grade school. She took her first quilting class in 1984 but wasn't stung by the quilting "bug" until 2001. During years spent teaching at a local quilt shop, the embellished bags she created earned her the nickname, "The Bag Lady." She now spends time sharing her expertise with local guilds, lecturing and teaching her favorite topics: sashiko, appliqué and Hawaiian quilting (and bag making!)



**MARCH 19, 2014 GUILD MEETING
RNQG Auction**

Get your bidding paddles ready! The RNQG biennial blast of bidding and bargain-buying returns to the Italian-American Club in 2014! Both silent and live auction segments are planned for the evening. Be sure to bring your checkbook and your friends or anyone who loves a great deal to this gala event! Remember, guest fees are waived on auction night.

Join our Auctioneer for an evening of fun, fundraising, and fantastic finds! One quilter's stash becomes another quilter's treasure!

**APRIL 16, 2014 GUILD MEETING
RNQG Quiltathon hosted by Paul Burega**

Tonite we will be making quilts for our various Quilted Comfort causes. We have a yearly goal of 200 quilts and for each quilt over 100, we receive a \$5 donation to help with the supplies for the quilts. Paul has many "orphan" blocks that need to be joined into quilts. We will have several different opportunities for you to help with cutting, sewing, quilting and binding the quilts. We will also have some added fun with some raffles and of course, a full evening of socializing.

MAY 21, 2014 GUILD MEETING**Vivian Lee Sayre****Lecture: "Quilt Appraisal"**

Have you ever wondered how a quilt appraisal is done? What makes one quilt "valuable" when a similar quilt has only "sentimental value"? How does a quilt appraiser determine the age of a quilt? What are the reasons for having a quilt appraised? Why are there three types of appraisals, and which is the right one to request for my quilt? These questions and more will likely be answered during the course of this evening's lecture.

Vivien is an appraiser certified by the American Quilter's Society, and a member of the Board of Directors of the New England Quilt Museum. She also serves on the Acquisition Committee of NEQM and is a member of the Steering Committee of The Massachusetts Quilt Documentation Project (MassQuilts). Her knowledge of quilts, both antique and contemporary, is extensive. As a member and past Co-chair of MassQuilts, Vivien has seen some of the earliest quilts to arrive on our shores, as well as those made from imported and domestic fabrics. She has appraised and documented everything from very early historic quilts to the latest art quilts.

Jim Sullivan**Lecture: "Family Heirloom Crazy Quilt"**

Jim's treasure was "discovered" by an RNQG member at the 2013 RNQG Quilt Show in March when it was presented at the appraisal booth. The quality of the work, the condition and variety of fabrics, and the knowledge that Jim has of the quilt's history are amazing. Tonight he will share his family heirloom and its fascinating story with the entire guild.

JUNE 18, 2014 GUILD MEETING

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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 2014-15 quilting year.





2014 RNQG Auction Donation Form

The purpose of RNQG is to promote education on, appreciation of, interest in and advancement of the art of quilting. RNQG is a non-profit organization.

On Wednesday, March 19th, 2014, the Guild Auction will be held to raise funds to support the purpose of the Guild.

This is your Guild and your donations are needed to continue the programs and monetary support the Guild provides.

Please fill out the below form and bring it to the January or February meeting, along with your donated items, or contact Mary Sandison at 781-843-5468 (marys252711@gmail.com) to arrange a pickup.

Not sure what to donate? Refer to the list of suggested items. Also, consider checking with your local Quilt Shops for any items they might be interested in donating in exchange for some free advertising at the Auction! Do you have a special talent? Gardening, musical instrument master, data-base wiz – consider donating a couple of hours of your time!

Thank you in advance for your continued support and please look forward to having a great time at the Auction!

Name: _____ **Phone:** _____

I will contribute the following items or services for the RNQG 2014 Auction:

1. _____ **Value:** _____

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A is for... **AUCTION!**

Be **C**reative and **D**onate!

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| <p>A <i>Appliqué patterns; angle tools; antique quilts</i></p> <p>B <i>Beads; buttons; boxes; batting; books; baskets; bobbin winders; bookplates; bookends</i></p> <p>C <i>Color tools; circle cutters; cutting mats; chalk; cookbooks; charm packs; fabric calculators</i></p> <p>D <i>Design wall; instructional DVDs; fabric dyes</i></p> <p>E <i>Embellishments; color evaluator tools</i></p> <p>F <i>Fat quarters; fabric lengths; finished quilts; flour sacks; scissor fobs; Fray Check; fork pins; foundation paper</i></p> <p>G <i>Gift certificates; fabric glue; quilting gloves; Golden Threads paper</i></p> <p>H <i>Quilt Hangers; hera markers; hoops; handbags; hand cream; handle for rotary rulers</i></p> <p>I <i>Irons; portable ironing surfaces; Invisi-grip (for rulers); iron cleaner</i></p> <p>J <i>Jelly rolls; journals; quilt-themed jewelry</i></p> <p>K <i>Kits; Kwik Klip (for closing safety pins)</i></p> <p>L <i>Light table; quilt labels; lessons; scissor leash; lint remover</i></p> <p>M <i>Angled mirrors; mugs; micron tip pens; magazines; marking supplies</i></p> | <p>N <i>Needles; needle threaders; needle grabbers; themed notecards; novels</i></p> <p>O <i>O'lipfa (ruler safety shield); Ottolites; organizers; fabric origami</i></p> <p>P <i>Pins; placemats; piping tools; pin cushions; pillows; printable fabric; patterns; photo transfer paper</i></p> <p>Q <i>Q-snap frames; quilt wash; "Quilter's Assistant" (proportional scale); Quilter's pocket reference</i></p> <p>R <i>Rotary cutters; redwork; rulers; ruler stands; Retayne; reducing</i></p> <p>S <i>Scissors; stencils; software; spray adhesive; steam-a-seam; sandpaper board; stabilizers; seam rippers</i></p> <p>T <i>Teflon pressing sheets; thread; table runners; template plastic; templates; thimbles; Tintex (for fabric bowls)</i></p> <p>U <i>UFO's</i></p> <p>V <i>Vacuum attachments (mini); vinyl for appliqué overlay; vintage sewing items</i></p> <p>W <i>Wall hangings; water-soluble thread; wool; wearables; whimsical themed items</i></p> <p>X <i>X-block ruler</i></p> <p>Y <i>Yo-yo makers; YLI products</i></p> <p>Z <i>Zebra fabrics; zippered project storage bags; thread tweeZers</i></p> |
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2015 RNQG Raffle Quilt

Thank you RNQG members for contributing to the 2015 Raffle Quilt. It looks like we still need about 20 or so (Big) 9 ½" sq. and (Small) 5" sq. Maple leaf blocks. If anyone has not yet completed one Big and one Small block, or you just now have the time, the deadline has been extended to January 15, 2014.

MAPLE LEAF BLOCK

Fabric requirements

From your extensive stash of fabrics find:

- One fat eighth of beige for the background;
- One fat quarter of any autumn color for the leaf. Choose a solid, tone on tone, or multi in red, orange, gold, yellow or green;
- One 4"x 6" piece of brown for the leaf stems; and
- One 4" sq. of the same leaf fabric that we will use in the border.

Block sizes

- (Big) Unfinished 9 ½"; and
- (Small) Unfinished 5" .

The Maple Leaf Block assembly directions are located on the RNQG website under Raffle Quilt.

Contact information

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Please note in subject matter, "RNQG raffle quilt".

Please return your Maple Leaf blocks at the next RNQG meeting on January 15, 2014.

Thank you,
Karen and Joanne

New England Quilt Museum News

The Museum will be closed January 1st to 15th. January 16th the museum reopens with a new exhibit!

Quilts Japan**The 11th Quilt Nihon Exhibition January 16 to April 12, 2014.**

The New England Quilt Museum is the only Northeast venue to showcase these award-winning quilts from the 2011 international competition of the Japanese Handicraft Instructors' Association.

Jan.25, 1pm Curator's Reception

January & February Happenings at the Musuem

Jan 22 Classroom Gallery Exhibition trthrough March 22
Victoria detail: Dresses from 1870 to 1890

Feb 1 Civil War Soldiers' Quilts
10 am Lecture/1-4 Workshop with Pam Weeks.
Register at <http://www.pamweeksquilts.com/>

Feb.6 12:30pm, Brown Bag Lecture
Astrida Schaeffer on Victorian Detail

Feb.8 Victorian Trims & Embellishments
10am-4pm Workshop with Astridaq Aschaeffer
register at [www. schaefferarts.com](http://www.schaefferarts.com)

Please visit <http://www.nequiltmuseum.org/> for winter hours and additions to this schedule.

Thanks,
Teddi

What's Happening

Fuller Craft Museum, 455 Oak Street, Brockton, MA 508-588-6000

Bojagi and Beyond

October 13, 2013 - January 26, 2014

Works from RISD students of Chunghie Lee exhibited alongside 10 contemporary, Korean Bojagi artists.

Also Join us for Fashion in Motion, Saturday, November 2, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm FREE
The designs of Chunghie Lee are on human display with professional and special guest models. Feel free to don your own wearable wonders and join us!



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