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Newsletter of the Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild

May-June 2016

Spring has sprung..... Somewhere?

We have not had great spring weather yet, but before you know it, summer will be here. (I think it is true that the older we get, the faster time flies!) That means, with only two meetings left, the end of our guild year is fast approaching. This month Rami Kim will be our speaker and will be doing a workshop for us. I highly encourage you to look at her web site www.ramikim.com and to sign up with AnneMarie for Rami's workshop.

Our June meeting will be our annual pot luck, which starts a little earlier, at 6:30pm. Bring your favorite pot luck meal. We will have a short business meeting including voting in your new board, show and tell, and the news of our summer challenge. And of course, lots of time for visiting.

I have enjoyed being your President this past year, and look forward to our next year.

Diana Richard

MEETING INFORMATION

RNQG meetings are held on the 3rd Weds. of the month. As of Sept 2016, the meetings have moved to the Walpole VFW Post at 109 Robbins Rd, Walpole, MA. Social time starts at 7pm and the business meeting at 7:30pm. Please share this info with any members you know just in case they didn't read their newsletter!

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

SCHEDULE OF BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are held 6:30- 8:30 at the Walpole Public Library, Pinnacle Room, 143 School Street, Walpole. All members are invited to attend. All board members are highly encouraged attend. The next board meeting should be Sept 7, 2016

The love of quilting is our common tread

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Slate of nominees for 2016-2017

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CONNECTING THREADS

This year the RNQG contact person for Connecting Threads is Anita Loscalzo. 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. I can tell you from my own personal experience, that 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.

Snippets

Remember to show your RNQG membership card for a discount on your purchase when you shop at All About Quilts and Ann's Fabrics. *You might save enough to buy more fabric*

WEBSITE: www.rnqg.org

Our RNQG website has been updated and is up and running. Anne Marie has done extensive work on our site keeping it up to date with much of the information that our members use. Please check the site whenever you are looking for information concerning the guild.

If you find anything that does not work – such as broken, missing or incorrect links, please let AnneMarie know ASAP via email to webmaster@rnqg.org Also, if you have any suggestions for additions to the website please let her know.

In an effort to support and network with our members, we encourage members to advertise personal businesses on our links page. The business does not have to be a quilt related business. Please contact AnneMarie to add your business information.

Whenever you have a guild-related question, we sincerely hope that the first place you go to find an answer is the guild website, www.rnqg.org.

RNQG FACEBOOK Please “friend” us on our new Facebook page Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild. Invite your friends to join our page. We are stepping into the world of Social Media.

One yard of fabric, like one cookie, is never enough



Kudos to Janet Elia and Diana Annis for having quilts shown in Paducah and to Diana Annis and Anna Oberlander for quilts at MQX where Diana won a ribbon!

Teddi Weber also recently won a 2nd place ribbon using quilt hoops in a flower arrangement at the Boston Flower show!

Janet was also notified that her quilt has won another ribbon at the HMQS in Salt Lake. Way to go Janet!!

Comfort Quilts

RNQG members have donated 22 quilts to the Power of the Quilt Project, either completely finished, or quilted tops that others made, or donated tops that were then quilted by others. In addition, at our retreat in March, members assembled six large quilt and beautiful tops that will be donated to the Martha's Vineyard project. ,and 3 tops donated at MQX for wheelchair patients. Useful lengths of flannel backing and fabric were generously donated by guild members to the Power of the Quilt Project. Two of our members attended a class in April to learn how to use a longarm quilting machine to finish quilts, and two quilts have already been quilted as a result of that class. I would like to add that if anyone has quilts out that they volunteered to finish, please return them to Cris Crawford at the May or June meeting. There are still a few sandwiched quilts that I could hand out over the summer. Please contact Cris at crawford.cris@gmail.com if you would like a quilt to finish over the summer, or if you would like flannel or batting to make a quilt from a top that you provide."

This year the Power of the Quilt Project conducted three quiltathons which were attended by members of RNQG, the Unitarian Universalist Area Church in Sherborn, and quilters from the surrounding community. We were able to donate nearly 40 quilts to the Harvard Vanguard Cancer Treatment Center in Kenmore Square, the Martha's Vineyard project, and over a dozen quilts that were requested by individuals who had a family member or friend undergoing cancer treatment. As always please contact Cris Crawford if you know someone who could use a quilt in this manner. She keeps a number of quilts on hand for this purpose.

Thank you one and all ...

In addition to working on their own projects, several RNQG retreat participants worked together at the most recent quilting retreat on Cape Cod (March 11 – 13) to make six comfort quilt tops which were then donated to the **Power of the Quilt Project**.

Cris Crawford, PQP coordinator, had volunteers finish these quilts at the April 2nd Power of the Quilt Project quilt-a-thon. The completed comfort quilts will be donated to a shelter for homeless women on Martha's Vineyard.

A special note of thanks to Terry Greenstein, event organizer, who designed the quilts. Terry handed out 24 kits to make the large "O"-shaped blocks. Other quilters joined the blocks together.



A representative from the Vineyard shelter came to our April guild meeting to thank our guild for this gift of comfort quilts. It was so nice of her to make her way all the way to Walpole to give us her thanks. I hope our members can see that your contributions to our comfort quilts are truly welcomed and appreciated.

RNQG 2017 QUILT SHOW Raffle Quilt



Raffle tickets are available for sale. Abby will be discussing the tickets at our May meeting, and we hope you will all take an active role in selling. There are so many opportunities that we may not even think of but we hope you will take some of her hints and sell those tickets!

Our Next Quilt Show committee meeting is scheduled for June 1 at the Walpole library. All committee chairs are asked to please attend.

We are making great progress in filling our chair positions for our March 2017 Quilt show. We had our first show committee meeting in Jan with a great attendance and lot of great ideas and conversations. We have made several changes which we hope will help make our show an even better event. I still have a few very important open chair positions. They are-

Show set up - this person is in charge of a crew of helpers who will put the quilt racks up according to the floor design and hanging the quilts on the assigned racks. You will have several helpers assigned but it would be helpful if the chair person for this has some experience working on this committee at past shows. You would need to be available for this during the set up time period on Friday.

Show Take Down- Leads a crew with taking the racks and quilts down and packing the racks back into their tubs. The quilts are put back in bags and handed over to Quilt Central for quilters to pick up.

Quilt Central- Leads a crew in organizing the collection of the quilts before the show (usually at the Guild meeting before the show), transports the quilts to the show on Friday at the time of setup. Your crew will work in conjunction with the Set up committee in getting the quilts to the correct rack. At the time of take down, quilts are handed out to the quilters after the show is done. We have made a few changes to this process in hopes of making it go as smooth as possible and not blocking the doorway

Preview of our Sept 2016- June 2017 RNQG Programs

9/14/16- Welcome to a new Guild year at RNQG. Reconnect with old friends and meet some new ones. **Lisa Steinka** will be presenting a preview of the programs for the year. Get excited to try new projects, learn and be inspired!

10/19/16 Cynthia England ‘Getting the most out of your Stash’ This lecture explores ways to increase the potential of what we already have in our fabric collections. Cynthia will offer new insights on what to look for in fabrics to get the most out of it; a topic that is near and dear to all of quilters! Organizing and storage of fabrics will also be addressed.

10/20/16 (Thursday workshop) Cynthia England - ‘Picture Piecing Design.- A two-part class where you will learn how to piece a small landscape as well as get a feel for how to design your own project using the Picture Piecing technique.. For the sewing portion, Students can choose from two small landscapes. Irons required.

11/16/16- Pat Harrison will present ‘You Be The Judge’ A 45-minute PowerPoint lecture that presents the steps a quilt judge follows as they evaluate a quilt. Also discusses why you should consider having your quilt judged, the types of judging formats used, and the rationale behind your guild hosting a judged show. A trunk show follows as does a period of questions and answers. Pat is an [NACQJ Certified Quilt Judge](#).

11/19/16 (Saturday workshop) Esterita Austin- Layered Monoprints with Sheers-In this new and innovative monoprinting class you will print on sheer organza by using various marking tools: paint, markers, oil crayons..etc with fusible web and parchment to take the printing process to a new level. By cutting away and layering the sheer prints you can create depth and interest. It's a new technique that will add to your creative arsenal.

1/18/17- Pam Weeks- Everything old is new Again- Quilting is nearly as old as cloth, and I whiz through its history, concentrating on examples from the eighteenth through twentieth centuries. I debunk a few popular quilt history myths, and touch on New England textile mill and technology history. Attendees are invited to bring one quilt for identification. Quilts are arranged in chronological order and used as examples in the lecture.

1/21/17- (Saturday workshop) **Michele O'Neil Kincaid-** Lady Slipper Trapunto
I've always liked linking history with today's techniques and this one works in nicely. In the 16th and 17th centuries quilting and trapunto in particular was used as padding under suits of armor and as decorative clothing accents. My class will include original methods up to and including machine methods. We'll cord 'stems' and pad leaves and generally go with the flow! After stitching you will add color to the flowers using colored pencils, markers, and crayons. My nod to mixed media.

2/15/17- **Michelle Tade Benton-** From Concept to Consumer What is the process of designing fabric, having it printed and delivered to your local quilt shop? Probably much more that you ever considered.

3/15/17- TBA 3/18-19/17 QUILT SHOW

4/19/17 Quilt Show Winners

5/17 and 5/20/17- TBA

6/21/17 POT LUCK



BLK H.A.L.O.S Quilts
is a program designed to give a handmade quilt to all children of fallen officers. If you would like to donate a finished quilt OR quilting materials (backings, batting, finished tops, etc) to this program, please contact our National Quilt Coordinator, Erin Edelen Kutter at

Oregon.Auxiliary@wivesbehindthebadge.org
971-832-9282

PO Box 292, Carlton, OR 97111



See Anna Oberlander for more details

Out and About

Local quilts shows, NEQM news and other news of interest to quilters

Shining Tides Quilt Show 2016

*Shining Tides Quilt Guild is proud to announce our plans for our biennial quilt show
Save the dates and join us as we celebrate the Silver Anniversary of our guild.*

*Dates: Friday June 24, 10 am - 4 pm
Saturday June 25, 10 am - 4 pm
Sunday June 26, 10 am - 3 pm
Place: Friends Academy
1088 Tucker Rd
North Dartmouth, MA
Admission: \$7; 3-day pass \$11
family package available
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**Vermont Quilt Festival www.vqf.org
June 24-26
Essex Junction, VT**

Clamshell Quilt Guild Presents "Quilts All Around the Town 2016"
August 6 9am -5pm August 7 10am-4pm
Connecticut Coolet Student Center, Mohegan Ave , New London Ct
Speaker and workshop by Jackie Kunkel
www.clamshellquiltguild.org

World Quilt New England Aug 18-20 Manchester NH
www.quiltfest.com

NEQM HIGHLITES 2016 FEATURE EXHIBITIONS

January 6 - May 1, 2016 QUILTS JAPAN <i>The 12th Quilt Nihon</i>	May 4 - July 10, 2016 BUTTERFLY WHIRL <i>Contemporary Quilt Art</i>	July 14 - October 16, 2016 CONFLUENCE <i>Water's Beauty, Use and Misuse</i>	October 20 - December 31, 2016 AMERICA'S APPLIQUE QUILTS <i>The Christ Collection</i>
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May 18 2016 7:30-9:00 Walpole VFW

Guest Speaker: Rami Kim

Lecture: Fascination

www.ramikim.com

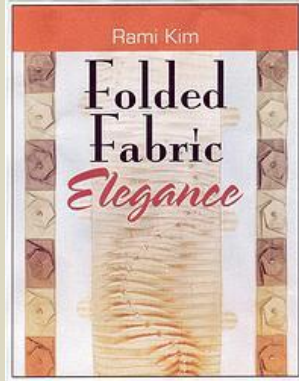
This fashion / trunk show is "Fascination" to those who love wearable arts, quilts, dolls and bags! Known internationally for her distinctive colors and techniques, Rami's special interest is 3-dimensional textures.

Over the course of the evening, Rami will show her award winning art-to-wear garments, quilts and other items created by clearing pathways to imagination. She hopes that sharing her stories, experiences, designs and techniques will encourage viewers to vanquish their fear of experimentation, thus opening the way to personal creativity.

Rami is a former DNA scientist who metamorphosed into a fabric artist / quilter / instructor. She is an 18-time Best of Show winner, distinguished for her innovative art-to-wear. She has authored three books: Folded Fabric Elegance; Quilted Elegance; and 'Elegant Cotton, Wool, Silk Quilts'.

May 19, 2016 9:30AM - 4PM All About Quilts

Rami Kim Workshop: The Fifth Dimension



Go beyond traditional 3-D. In this technique workshop, you will learn five of the exotic and unusual methods that are the trademark of Rami's works including hexagon and biscuit chopkey, mirror-imaged continuously folded prairie points, harlequin tucks, North American hand smocking and lined prairie points. This workshop could be the answer to those who wish to learn about adding 3-dimensional textures and unique touches to art-to-wear and quilts

June 15, 2016 6:30 - 8PM VFW POST, Walpole

Installation of New Board Members and Yummy Delicious Pot Luck



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 2016-17 quilting year and learn the requirements for the RNQG Summer Challenge

RNQG Retreat 2017 (Sorry my cut and paste off set the wording for the rates!)

Last year's RNQG and Friends retreat at Sea Crest this past March was such a wonderful time and success we are going to hold it again next year. It is going to be held next year from February 2-5, 2017. Holding it in February gives us the opportunity to complete the quilts we've been working on for the Quilt Show in March. For those of us who like to have an additional day of quilting, we have added another option which is an additional night's stay. The pricing is as follows:

2 Night Package

Single Occupancy: \$367.66 per person

Double Occupancy: \$258.82 per person

Triple Occupancy: \$237.32 per person

3 Night Package

Single Occupancy: \$551.49 per person

Double Occupancy: \$388.38 per person

Triple Occupancy: \$355.98 per person

If you are interested, please contact Terry Greenstein at rabbi.terry@gmail.com. We already have 30 people who have signed up and spaces are filling up

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