

May-June 2017 Newsletter Article from our President

I don't know about all of you, but for me this year has really flown by. I can recall planning for my first RNQG Board meeting and last night was my last as your president.

My goal this year was community and communication and I believe that we can say that it was a successful year. One of the first things we did this year was a survey to see what we could do to build on creating a sense of community. Kathy Graves worked with me on the survey and put it into Survey Monkey. Thank you Kathy. We had 47 members complete the survey. Below are some highlights of the survey.

- Wanted to join a community of people with similar interests – 72%
- Percentage of guild members that you know – 30%
- Since joining this percentage have become friendly with other members of the guild – 78%
- Our membership was split evenly when asked the question if they get together with guild members to quilt with others in the guild –yes and no – 39%
- Sadly this number had not made friends (hopefully they have this year) – 22%
- The favorite part of the meetings are the speakers – 76%
- Do you enjoy when our meetings have community interaction – 87% yes
- Our members were mixed on the type of speakers and workshops they would like to see brought to the guild – each category got between 54-65%
- RNQG is the only guild membership for 62%
- When asked what type of a quilter they are we had a wide variety, hence our fabulous quilt show
- When asked if you ever served on the Board the response was 55%
- When asked if you would serve on the Board 48% responded no. 14% yes and 12% maybe.
- When asked how often you work on quilt projects
 - Most days 37%
 - Weekly 35%
 - Couple of times a month 11%
 - Monthly 7%
 - Few times a year 11%
- When asked some ways we could interact with others the following were the top responses
 - Bus trip to Vermont Quilt Festival 65%
 - Quilt retreat 62%
 - Charity quilting 62%
 - Block of the month 51%
 - Guild challenge 49%

I have tried to address your interests this year. We did ask for a volunteer to run the bus trip to VQG but did not have anyone step forward to run it. Maybe next year it will happen. Without volunteers we can't do some of our desires. The quilt retreat was a success for the second year and we now have 39 quilters signed up for next year. It was such a success that we got 5 new members sign up to the guild from the retreat!

We decided to create an opportunity for members to get together and sew and we now have 6 new Quilting Bees. We will discuss a Bee Challenge next year, which will be displayed at the following years Quilt Show.

Marie Fowler stepped forward this year and we are revitalizing our Comfort Quilting as a group. There is a large group of members meeting on May 6th to create comfort quilts and we already have a date scheduled next year during our meeting night to have another. We are building our fabric and batting supplies back up and as you have heard at meetings, please bring in any fabric that you no longer will be using.

I want to thank all of the Board members who volunteered and served this year. Without our volunteers we cannot continue to have our programs and events. Lisa shared a quote with us all at our Strut Your Stuff evening that I think is worth quoting. It is by Sherry Anderson: "Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they are priceless."

I have already thanked everyone who volunteered for the incredible Quilt Show but want to especially thank Diana Richard and Jane McClellan who did an outstanding job. A huge thanks goes to Abby Sullivan and friends who designed and created a beautiful Raffle Quilt and who raised the most our guild has ever raised for a quilt!

We began the year with 77 members and I am pleased to state that at this point we have gained 10 new members. I hope that we as a community continue to grow and to continue to get to know each other and enjoy our love of quilting together.

Happy Quilting,
Terry



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.



2017-2018 PROPOSED BOARD POSITIONS

Below please find the slate of Board positions for the 2017-2018 quilting year. As you can see, we still have some major positions open and hope that you may want to step forward to fill the slot.

Thanks,
Terry

RNQG 2017-2018 BOARD POSITIONS

President	Helen Curtis
Vice-President	
Secretary	Sue Crane
Treasurer	Karen LeBlanc
Program	2018 - Terry Greenstein 2019 - Jacqueline Fleishman
Membership	Mary Peterson
Newsletter	
Hospitality	RuthAnn Seck Joanne Beaupre
Comfort Quilts	Marie Fowler
Rack Keeper	Diana Annis
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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.



Hello from Hospitality

Thanks to everyone who provided refreshments this year. You did a great job. We truly enjoyed all the delicious treats. For the month of **May** the following quilters are asked to bring a savory or a treat:

- Ann Thomas
- Marci Toma
- Teddi Webber
- Monique Whitten

For the month of **June**, the following quilters are asked to bring a savory or a sweet.

- Gail Willians
- Susan Wilson
- Kathleen Yorkis
- Mary Ann Zonenshine

RuthAnn Seck and Joanne Beaupre will be taking over as refreshments coordinators for next year.

Thanks for all your support.
Venera



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

2017 Quilt Show - That's a Wrap!

With lots and lots of work by many people, I can say our 2017 Quilt Show was a great success. I want to thank all of you who volunteered to help with one (or two or three,) of the committees. I hope you all had a chance to attend and are feeling proud. It was a great show. Our appraiser, who attends many shows, even told us our show is always one of the best of the local shows around. So, pat yourself on the back, feel proud of your guild, and start thinking about what role you might like to take for our 2019 show!

Our quilt show is the prime money maker for two years of programs, workshops, school rental, storage unit, etc. etc.! Every member benefits from the show, whether they have entered a quilt or not. This year our profit for the show was approximately \$8200. This is double our profit of our last show, so you can see, it was very successful financially. Hopefully this means we will not have to do an auction in our 2017-18, but instead will get to have another wonderful speaker!

A few of the financial successes were the raffle baskets which netted \$1700, well over \$1000 more than any previous year; the raffle quilt which netted \$4082 which is about 4 times more than any previous year; and admissions which brought in more people and dollars than any previous year other than the year we brought in the Last Supper quilt. Each of these committees were headed by a chairperson who took their jobs to a new level by thinking outside the box. Many thanks to Angela Dubuc and the baskets helpers, Abby Sullivan and the raffle quilt crew and ticket sellers, and to Judy Schmitt for her outstanding work with publicity. Each of these members came up with new ways to enhance the way their job functioned.

I am proud to have been one of the show chairs
Diana Richard



2017 Quilt Show Raffle Baskets

Dear Quilters,

We wanted to thank everyone who contributed to the raffle baskets with items and cash. You helped to make the baskets a record breaking success this show year. To all who were so generous with cash contributions, you allowed us the opportunity to hunt for bargains and special touches. All our baskets were enhanced by your support.

You helped make the raffle baskets an overwhelming success that exceeded all our expectations!

Thanks so much,
Angela and Venera



2017 Quilt Show Ribbon Winners

- A. Art/Contemporary
 - 1. Sami (Tree Kitty) – Lisa Steinka
 - 2. Paradise At Last! – Anne Marie Freitas
 - 3. Tree of Life – Jacqueline Fleischman and Tanzania Adventure 2014 – Terry Greenstein
- B. Pieced Wall
 - 1. The King – Sarah Brewin
 - 2. Winter Wonderland – Evelyn McStowe
 - 3. Coquelicot – Jacqueline Fleischman
- C. Pieced Bed/Lap Quilt
 - 1. With Love for Lina & Brian – Anne Marie Freitas
 - 2. Winter Days in Shades of Taupe – Janet Elia
 - 3. Hunter’s Star – Evelyn McStowe
- D. Applique Wall Quilt
 - 1. Memory Quilt – Nancy Pond and Petal Pusher – Abby Sullivan
 - 2. A Rose Grows in the Mad Hatter’s Garden – Diana Richard
 - 3. Six A.M. – Sue Goldstein
- E. Applique Bed/Lab Quilt
 - 1. Love at First Sight – Terry Greenstein
 - 2. Lovebird Lane – Monique Whitten
 - 3. Birthday Butterflies – Mary Peterson
- F. Other
 - 1. Bitty Bowler Bag – Vicky Pariyar
 - 2. Batik Tote Bag – Sue Crane
 - 3. Flowers For Baby Wall Art – Angela Dubuc
- H. Summer Challenge
 - 1. Look...Don’t Touch – Abby Sullivan
 - 2. That’s What Happens – Anne Marie Freitas
 - 3. Gloves Only – Don’t Touch the Quilts – Debbie McManus

Best of Show: With Love for Lina & Brian – Anne Marie Freitas
Favorite Hand Quilting: French Revolution – Sue Goldstein
Favorite Machine Quilting: With Love for Lina & Brian – Anne Marie Freitas



RNQG Programs 2016-17

Our **May** guest is Riane Menardi, a writer and modern quilter from Des Moines, IA. She will present her lecture:

Zooming In; Exploring cropping and scale in modern quilts.

In this lecture, Riane Menardi discusses how to "zoom in" on part of a *traditional* quilt block and transform it into a modern quilt of any size. She discusses the differences between traditional and alternate grid work, and some of the foundational elements of modern quilt design, including negative space, minimalism, modern color palettes and more.

Then on Thursday morning, workshop participants will learn about **High Contrast Hand Quilting**. In this three-hour workshop, students will try their hand at planned and improvisational hand quilting using large stitches and thick threads like sashiko or perle cotton. They will learn how to apply high-contrast quilting designs to quilts with large amounts of negative space to create movement, motion and focus in a quilt. The technical aspects of hand quilting will be discussed as well as larger design planning and techniques.

There are still spaces available for this class.

If you are already signed up, PLEASE look at the supply list. There is prep work to do. Remember this is only a morning class so we all want to be ready to start on time.

Our **June** guest is Dr. Peter Kevorkian.

A Doctor of Chiropractic, he will speak to us about how to avoid injury and strain as we quilt. He has asked that quilters take pictures of themselves as they are working. He will use these photos during his lecture to talk about posture and body position in relationship to the machine both while seated and standing. Also, how to relieve the stress of working in one position for hours.

If you are willing to send a photo of you at your machine or while hand quilting or piecing, email the photo to me (lsteinka@verizon.net) and I will forward it to the Doctor.

Lisa Steinka

Comfort Quilts

On Saturday May 6th we had our first RNQG sew a thon. It was a sewing success. We had more than 20 talented quilters sorting, sewing and ironing quilt tops. At the end of the day we had more than 10 quilt tops ready to be put together.

We want to thank the American Legion Post 24 Canton for giving us the use of their hall. It was very spacious so we has plenty of room to spread out.



I want to personally thank each and every one of these ladies for supporting Comfort Quilts. To the members who were unable to attend maybe you will be able to attend our next one. We are still collecting fabric, orphan blocks, and half finish projects to make into comfort quilts. Left over batting (or new packages) are welcome. Remember this is a group effort and everyone is needed to make this a success.

Summer is coming and I would like to challenge each member to make a comfort quilt this summer and we will show them off in September.

Thank you,
Marie Fowler

New England Quilt Museum

18 SHATTUCK ST., LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS 01852

www.nequiltmuseum.org

CURRENT EXHIBITS & UPCOMING EVENTS

IN THE MAIN GALLERIES:

May 2 - July 30, 2017

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

August 3 -27, 2017

Summer Celebration of New England Quilts: The Best of the Region’s Quilt Guilds

August 31 – December 30, 2017

Gilding the Lily: Embroidery in Quilts Past and Present

IN THE CLASSROOM GALLERY:

May 3 - July 9, 2017

Twisted: Modern Quilts with a Vintage Twist

July 11 – September 9, 2017

Quilts of Resistance, Presented by The Artist Circle

September 12 – October 29, 2017

Favorites from the Permanent Collection

BROWN BAG LECTURE WITH MINI-WORKSHOP

Thursday, June 1 at 12:30 pm

Willow Bascom on “The Beauty of the Indian Sari”

Explore the history, culture, designs and colors of the Indian sari and its relative the salwar kameez. In the hands-on portion of this program, participants will choose a sari to sew into a luxurious three-foot-long scarf using Willow's pattern and techniques for working with silk.

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 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

From guild member, Laura Rosenspan:

I will be leading a discussion at the **Fuller Craft Museum** on Sunday May 21 at 2:00 PM.

I will be speaking on specific quilts and methods that are part of Nancy Crow's Exhibit, Bullseye Quilts.

See more info below. I would love to see you there and please share the info with others.

Love & Hugs,

Laura

Circular Abstractions Discovery Day

Sunday, May 21, 2017, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

Join us at Fuller Craft Museum to celebrate the opening of our new exhibition *Circular Abstractions: Bull's Eye Quilts*. Come enjoy hands-on activities for all ages: story times, gallery talks, weaving activities, and more. Watch our website (<http://fullercraft.org/>) for an updated schedule of the day's events. Space is limited. Purchase your ticket today.

The Day's Schedule:

In the galleries:

Museum Educator, Laura Rosenspan, “Circular Abstractions” gallery talk at 2:00 pm

In the Café:

Ellen Schiffman, The 52 Box Project Demo

Laura Petrovich - Cheney wood puzzles

Storytimes (11:30 am; 1:00 pm; 3:00 pm)

In the Great Room:

- Modern Quilters Guild Community Quilting Demo
- Make & Take Bull’s Eye Quilt Project
- Artmaking activities: color spinners, quilt puzzles

Film screening in the Craft in America video viewing area

Fuller Craft Museum
 455 Oak Street, Brockton, MA 02301
 508.588.6000

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.

You can go online to find more information about AQSG at: americanquiltstudygroup.org

Local Quilts Shows and Events

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/>

June 23–24 , 2017

Materials Girls Quilt Guild Quilt Show - 20th Anniversary

(see flyer attached to the newsletter email for more specifics)

St. Leo’s School Auditorium

120 Main Street

Leominster, MA

www.materialgirlsqiltguild.org

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