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President's Message

A hearty welcome for the New Year and well wishes to everyone. At this time of year it's nice to look back and celebrate and look

forward and get excited about all the possible challenges ahead this coming year.

I am looking forward to the lectures that are planned for us and the accompanying workshops, especially the members teaching members event. We are fortunate to have talented quilters to inspire, educate and encourage challenge.

When you are snuggled in your cozy home this winter, I would encourage anyone to make a donation to the comfort quilt program. You'll feel good about giving a hand up to our community. You won't be sorry. I promise.

May all the snow fall up north... sorry all you snow lovers!

Friendship is sewn with love and measured by kindness.

Fondly,
Nancy and Abby

Programs: 2024-25

Tina Craig will be doing her "Salvage Your Selvages" workshop at All About Quilts on September 28th, from 10-4. Start saving your selvages today. Remember to cut 1/2" of the fabric above the selvage edge. Sign up information to follow. If you don't intend to take the workshop, please consider collecting your selvages for a member who is.

Our Members Teaching Members session is planned for Saturday, March 23rd at the Knights of Columbus Hall from 10 to 2. We will have six demonstrations and a BYO lunch afterwards. Sue Crane, Lisa Steinka, Maura Woodard, Carla Keen, and Venera Emmi will be demonstrating roll up layering, folded quilt blocks, rug braiding on a frame, Westalee ruler work, Kawandi quilting, and a quilt as you go technique. We will be asking for an RSVP, so we know how to set up the room for lunch. Please save the date. It will be a wonderful opportunity to learn and socialize.

Hello quilty friends.

Last chance to sign up for the Lisa Shepard Stewart Zoom workshop, Corded Cabin Quilt Block on Thursday evening, January 18th from 6-9. The sign up form and the supply list are on the website. Her Zoom presentation will be the evening before on **Wednesday, January 17th** at our regular meeting. It will be about "Quilting with African Fabrics." **Our February 21st** meeting "How to Make Extraordinary Scrap

Quilts" is on Zoom from 7-9 with Diane Harris as our presenter. The Zoom workshop, "Maps for Scraps: Star Quar & Beyond" is the following Saturday on February 24th from 10-4. Sign up for the workshop today. The sign up forms and the supply list are on the website.

The next few Zoom Sew-Alongs are: Sunday, January 7th from 10 to 2; Tuesday, January 9th from 1 to 4 and 6 to 9; Monday, February 5th from 1 to 4 and 6 to 9; Sunday, February 11th from 10 to 2, and Sunday, March 3rd from 10 to 2. The final three Sew-Alongs for year will be after our March meeting. Please mark your calendars and join us if you can.

The next Mystery Quilt installment will be delivered at the March meeting. It will be instructions for assembling the quilt top. Until then participants can finish the 27 blocks needed for the body of the quilt. We are hoping that participants will at least finish the quilt tops for the June Show 'n' Tell. If you would like to join in the fun the instructions are on the website. Our next few Panera Bread socials are open to all members. They are: Tuesday, January 23rd at noon; Tuesday, January 30th at 7PM, and Wednesday, February 7th at noon.

We are planning a Disappearing UFO event sometime in the Spring. One of our members has graciously volunteered the room above her garage. She volunteered her husband to carry up our projects and sewing machines, too. We are going to gather to work on a UFO from an RNQG workshop or perhaps one that you have stored for many, many, many years. ;-) Details to follow.

Our Summer Challenge this year will be announced in March or April. Guild members will be introduced to the pattern and asked if they want to participate. Participants will be asked to purchase the pattern. Any finished quilts can be entered into our next quilt show under the special category of 40th Anniversary Challenge.

Calling all techies!!! If anyone has a Social Media expert in their circle of friends or family, we would appreciate some help linking Facebook to Instagram. We tried, succeeded and then it stopped working. Please let me know if you know anyone who might be able to help. Presentations and workshops are in January and February.

11/15 Linda Pearl, "Ten Quilters You Should Know about. Why: Contemporary American Quilting History"

1/17 Zoom, Lisa Shepard Stewart, "Quilting with African Fabrics"

1/18 Thursday Zoom Workshop, 6-9, Lisa Shepard Stewart, Corded Cabin Quilt Block

2/21 Diane Harris, "Make Extraordinary Scrap Quilts"

2/24 Saturday Zoom Workshop, 10-4, Diane Harris, StarQuar Scrap Quilts

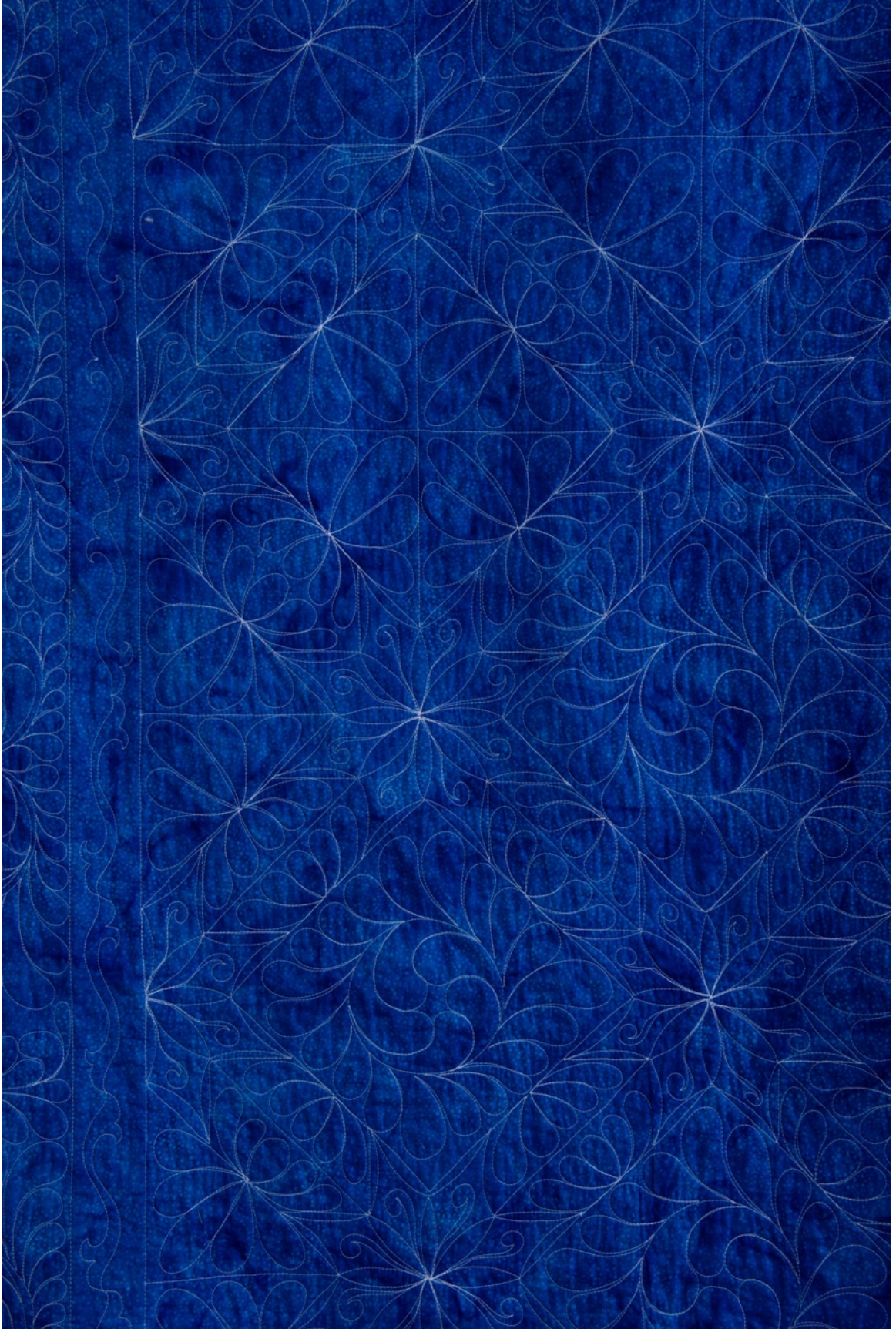
3/20 Nancy Sullivan & Lynn Thibault, The Nurses "Quilt Clinic"

4/17 Jennifer Watchorn, "Organizing Your Quilting Space"

5/15 Colleen McFarlin of Beyond the Bolt Quilt shop and Five / Five Studio will be presenting, "Finding My Creative Voice."

6/19 Janice & David Jones, "See the Everyday in an

Abstract Way”
Thank you. Venera



Publicity



The "Star Gazing" Raffle Quilt is in final preparations for making the Town Days circuit this spring and more! Stay tuned for more details.

The next Quilt Show is tentatively scheduled for April 2025 - stay tuned for exact details in the fall.

Thanks to everyone who has stepped up to help with the Raffle Quilt as well as the upcoming show! We are an amazing village.

See you on Zoom in January and February for meetings, workshops and sew alongs. Isn't it great to stay in touch without having to go out on the dark cold days.

One More Notice...

NEWS FROM THE NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM

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Hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 AM - 4 PM; Closed Sundays and Mondays NOTE: Closed for winter maintenance January 1 through January 15, 2024; reopening on January 16, 2024

A parking lot behind the museum is available for free parking
ON WEEKENDS ONLY.

A free parking option when the Lowell National Historical
Park Visitor Center is open

can be viewed at: <https://www.nps.gov/lowe/planyourvisit/directions.htm>

----- CURRENT EXHIBITS:
January 16 through April 27, 2024



THE QUILTED CANVAS PART IV: WORKS BY RUTH
MCDOWELL, JUDE LAZELERE, TAFI BROWN, AND JO
DIGGS

January 16 through April 27, 2024

IMPROV AND ABSTRACTION IN ANTIQUE QUILTS

Curated by Marge Tucker

Opening January 16

WHAT'S IN A NAME? INSCRIBED QUILTS FROM THE PERMANENT COLLECTION

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and events, see: www.neqm.org

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