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President's Message

Hello Quilty Members!

Wow what an amazing year. It was so exciting to see all the beautiful quilts at the last meeting. I am blown away by all the abundance of talented members we have in our guild. Please bring your quilts to share for show and tell, it's so exciting to see what other members have been working on.

Venera has worked endlessly to secure speakers for the rest of this year. Cathy Kelliher is working to establish the preview line up for next year which sounds very interesting. The May meeting will be very exciting. We will have the energetic Colleen McFarlin in the house presenting "Finding My Creative Voice".

The board has been working to organize mini groups for the different projects that need to be manned for a successful show next year. The to do list is long, so please speak to the show chairs, Abby, Terry, or Carla if you have some time and would like to be a part of the team. There is plenty to be done and the help is welcome. Many hands... besides it will be fun and satisfying to be part of the show and make new friendships. There is a mandatory obligation to work the show when a quilt is entered into the show. Quilt show set up begins Friday April 4th, 2025 and the show will take place on April 5th and 6th 2025.

Please review the calendar on the website. AnneMarie has multiple items listed for May activities that you are welcome to participate in. Please speak to any board member if you have any questions regarding these activities.

Terry Ruta, comfort quilts program coordinator, has worked with the Habitat for Humanity and members of the guild who have lovingly made quilts. Habitat is honoring the guild for participation in their program.

The board has confirmed the town of Westwood as the recipient of the 2024 scholarship which will be awarded to a student interested in the arts. There is also a monetary donation or quilt books which will be donated to the Westwood town Library from RNQG.

We will also be discussing the nomination of the upcoming board members and positions still available continuing our strong success.

Thank you to everyone for your support making this guild special.

Respectfully,
Nancy Pond

Community Accolades

Guild president Abby Sullivan (representing Terry Ruta) and guild members Gail Williams, Diana Annis, Maura Woodard and Lisa Steinka were honored at the Old Colony Habitat for Humanity "Celebration of Philanthropy Award Ceremony" on May 8, where Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild received the "Random Act of Kindness" award.



Kimberly Thomas CEO of Old Colony Habitat for Humanity received a call from Terry Ruta offering quilts for new home owners. They were all grateful to receive our gift of warmth, comfort and beauty for their newly built homes. As Abby walked past the recent homes from Attleboro the children expressed their gratitude to her. The event was heartwarming and the given awards reflect on all of our comfort quilt creators. Bravo ladies!

2025 Raffle Quilt

The 2025 Raffle quilt will be promoted on Saturday, May 11, at Walpole Day, probably a few days before you read this. We raised \$319 at Walpole Day in 2022. We hope to raise at least \$400 in 2024.

The quilt will also be presented at Canton Heritage Day, Saturday, May 18, probably a few days after you read this. So please consider lending a hand by volunteering to work a few hours (two or less) to promote the guild and the raffle quilt. Sign up with another Rhodie having a fun day and meeting someone you haven't gotten to know quite yet.

Mark your calendars for September 7, for Norwood Day and September 28, for Medfield Day. Along with Walpole, Norwood and Medfield day celebrations together brought in over \$1,000 in ticket sales in 2022, nearly 25% of the total raffle quilt revenue from 2022-2023. These amounts are crucial to the support of our programs and supplies for our comfort quilt philanthropy. Ideally, I would like to have a few residents from each of the towns named above to participate in their hometown celebration as they know the town and the players. Since we have more than four towns represented in our membership there are more opportunities to participate.

To make a commitment to promote the raffle quilt and guild on any of the three remaining days, email Carol Coakley at cacoakley@gmail.com. Put Raffle Quilt

in the subject line. Over the course of the summer, the quilt will be displayed at various quilt shops in the area.

Carol Coakley

Programs: 2024-25

May

Wed. May 15 • Colleen McFarlin, "Finding My Creative Voice"

Sat. May 18 • Labels Workshop, Diana Annis, All About Quilts 10:30-1:30

Sign up today.

Tues. May 21 • Zoom Sew-Along 6-9 PM

June

Wed. June 5 • Last Zoom Sew-Along for the year 6-9 PM.

Sat. June 8 • Disappearing UFOs, 9-4, Norton, MA

9AM Arrival and Set-up

3:45 Break-down

4 PM Departure

BYO Snacks, Beverages and Lunch

Generously hosted by Terry Ruta

Wed. June 12 • Bonding Rhodies, Panera Bread, Walpole Mall, Noon

Join fellow members for lunch.

Wed. June 19 • Mystery Quilt Show and Tell

Janet and David Jones, "See the Everyday in an Abstract Way"

The 2024 Summer Challenge

The 2024 Summer Challenge will consist of an umbrella of options! Since it is the guild's 40th anniversary all options should encompass "40", Ruby, Red, or Scarlett.

Sizes can be up to 24" x 24" and/or postcard size. They will be shown or sold at the Quilt Show April 2025.

Option A: Purchase a pattern from Venera and incorporate ruby color fabrics of your choosing

Option B: Make postcard quilts for sale, creatively using "40", red, ruby, scarlett. - like ruby slippers, ruby throated sparrows, robins, cardinals, Scarlett O'Hara, The Scarlett Letter! Have fun with it!

Option C: Freeform create a block of your choice and imagination up to 24" x 24" with Ruby related colors.

Option D: present it to Venera!

After Quilt Block Contest

You've heard of the after birth. Now here is the "after quilt"!

"Stargazing", the 2025 RNQG Hunter's Star raffle quilt is now finished. It looks fabulous and has already begun traveling to venues where it will be seen by many and likely generate lots of ticket sales!

In the meantime, we have some blue and white fabric left over due to members' generous donations, so we have decided to use it to make comfort quilts. The remnants have been assembled into After Quilts kits. Each kit contains a variety of fabrics to make one quilt block. Until they run out, kits will be available for members to claim at all guild meetings and directly from the raffle quilt coordinators.

Members have already signed up for 26 blocks and 7 have been completed!
They are all beautiful!

Please return all blocks before or at the September meeting.

In addition, we thought it might be fun to award prizes for the best blocks we receive for the After Quilt! Categories are listed below.

- Best Overall Workmanship
- Best Ironing
- Best Design
- Most Creative
- Happiest Block (gets a smile from viewer)
- Best Piecing
- Best Applique
- Most Blocks Made

Prizes will be selected by Sonia G and awarded at the October guild meeting

Project Description

Make a 12½ -inch square block using any pattern or technique you choose with the fabric provided. Feel free to add your own blues or whites to augment what is in your kit. Blocks in this category will be joined to make scrappy sampler quilts.

OR

Request a Hunter's Star block kit and make a set of four 8-inch Hunter's Star blocks. Depending on the number of blocks made in this category, they will be joined to make a Hunter's Star quilt or become the center for a scrappy sampler quilt .

*ANY QUESTIONS OR TO ARRANGE FOR KIT DROP OFF PLEASE EMAIL
carlabkeen@gmail.com*

Carla Keen and Carol Coakley

[RNQG Projected Schedule for 2024-2025](#)

September 18
planning a social -- more details to follow

October 16
Jerrienne Ouellette—Quilt Books

November 20
Diana Annis—Antique Quilts

January 15 Zoom
TBD

February 19
Linda Pearl—Your Capsule Stash

March 19
David Sirota—What Makes a Quilter Tick
A Fun filled look in the Mirror

April 16
Janet Elia—Spiffy Bindings

May 21
Michelle Banton—If MacGiver was a Quilter

June 18
Diana Annis & Anita Loscalzo—Documenting Your Quilt

Workshops

October 5 at AAQ
Linda Pearl -Color Love from
Sew Kind of Wonderful



January 11 at AAQ
Diana Annis - Labels

April 19 at AAQ
David Sirota—Paper Piecing TBA

May 10 at AAQ
Janet Elia—Sashimi Table Topper

Looking to have Kathy Graves do a Modern Log Cabin Workshop
There will be a Mystery Quilt – Starlit Cluster

Membership Renewal

We are heading into a quilt show year! So, make sure to get your renewal in and keep your membership current. The deadline is July 1, 2024. Application forms will be available below, at the May 15 meeting, and on the website.

Anyone renewed by the June 20 meeting will be entered into a drawing to receive a free membership for the next year.

Any questions about your membership, please email to:

membership@rnqg.org

Margaret Rolph

Membership Chair

Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild Membership Application 2024-2025

Name: _____

Street _____

Address: _____

City, State, _____

ZipCode: _____

PhoneNumber: _____ Cell: _____

Email Address: _____

MEMBERSHIP FEE \$45.00 Cash _____ Check # _____ Venmo _____

CHECKS: Make payable to "RNQG". Mail check and application.

VENMO: The Treasurer will send the link to your email.

Mail the application.

Mail to:

Margaret Rolph

8 Patty Ann Place

East Walpole, MA 02032

Membership fee due by July 1, 2024

For questions, email membership@rnqg.org

Membership cards will be mailed to you upon membership renewal/receipt of payment.

News from the New England Quilt Museum

Hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 AM - 4 PM; Closed Sundays and Mondays

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:

Now through June 15, 2024

DOMESTIC PARTNERS: DAWN ALLEN'S FIBER ART PORTRAYALS OF THE HUMAN-ANIMAL BOND

Now through July 13, 2024

STITCH PUNK: THE WORLD PREMIERE OF SAQA'S MOST IMAGINATIVE WORKS INSPIRED BY SCIENCE FICTION

Now through July 13, 2024

HUMACHINE SCULPTURE BY BRUCE ROSENBAUM

Now through July 13, 2024

YELLOW QUILTS FROM THE PERMANENT COLLECTION

July 16 through October 19, 2024

THE ELECTRIC NEEDLE: 160 YEARS OF QUILTING INNOVATION

Co-Curators: Anita Loscalzo and Pamela Weeks

September 17 through October 19, 2024

WORKS FROM THE BAYBERRY QUILT GUILD, WINNERS OF SUMMER CELEBRATION 2023

For more information on membership, exhibitions, and events, see:

www.neqm.org

Guild Leadership Retreat

Save the Date!

Are you a quilt guild leader working hard to boost and energize your guild? The International Quilt Museum wants to help. In partnership with the Quilt Alliance, the museum is creating a unique, resource-packed virtual retreat just for guild leaders.

Recharge Reinvent will occur online the weekend of October 18-20, 2024, with a mix of practical, inspiring and fun programming. Experienced guild leaders will share solutions to challenging guild issues and you'll have a chance to swap stories with leaders of guilds all over the country. We're currently assembling a great roster of presenters who will share information that is vital to your guild. If your guild is interested in learning more and being notified when tickets are available, as well as helping us refine our programming, click on the link below that will bring you to a survey request. Be sure to change the email address to yours when you fill out the form!

<https://www.internationalquiltmuseum.org/recharge-reinvent-virtual-retreat-quilt-guild-leaders>

