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President's Message

As we kick off the new year, I'm filled with excitement for all the fabulous things we have planned. We've got our quilt show coming up and I know we're all counting down the days until we can show off our masterpieces. So, if you haven't started that quilt yet—no worries. There's always a little "creative stress" that comes in the final month, right?

I'm excited for the challenges, the laughs and of course the inevitable -- "Where did I put my rotary cutter?" These are moments that we'll share. We have some great events lined up and I'm sure there will be even more opportunities for laughter, learning, and maybe a bit of fabric hoarding. But hey, we're quilters. Stash-building is practically a sport.

Quilting is a journey, not a race unless of course we're talking about the upcoming Quilt Show, in which case, let's all pretend we're racing to finish that last project - or at least the last sleeve - before the deadline, Feb.3, 2025.

Please submit your quilts online at RNQG.org. If you need help registering your quilts there is a UFO quilt workshop at *All About Quilts* on Jan 25th. Feel free to come for help. Or you can call me!!

Turn in your ticket stubs for the raffle quilt.

Pease help us in any way you can. Many hands make light work!

In the meantime, join us on zoom scheduled meetings:

*January 15, 2025:

Guest Speaker: Mary Cannizzaro,

Topic: "Beyond the Tee"

Time: Jan 15, 2025 at 6:30 PM

*February 19, 2025:

Guest Speaker: Linda Pearl

Topic: "Your Capsule Stash"

Time: Feb 19, 2025 at 6:30 PM

Invitations will arrive in your email a few days before the meeting.



Happy Quilting and Happy New Year!

Abby Sullivan, CPP, CR

president@rnqg.org

Sign Up to be Show Volunteer!

A detailed email will be sent out next month with information on how to sign up to be a volunteer at the RNQG quilt show. Per quilt show guidelines, a member must work for at least two hours per quilt entry. It takes a lot of volunteer hours to help make the quilt show successful. Thank you and we look forward to your help!

Jacqueline Fleishman

trufztoo@gmail.com

Boutique Update

The Quilt Show Boutique is a significant source of guild revenue so *please* participate!

- As soon as possible please let us know if you plan to sell items in the Boutique and give us a ballpark idea of what you plan to donate or consign along with item types and quantities.
- For those of you participating in the Boutique by either consigning or donating items, you may want to stay on the ZOOM guild meeting call after our regular Feb 19th meeting for a Boutique tutorial. We'll do a similar tutorial at our in-person RNQG guild meeting on March 19th. We'll show you how to package, tag, and list your items on the Donate/Consign Inventory sheets followed by question and answers. Help us keep the Q and A sessions brief by reading the Boutique documentation beforehand, specifically the two guideline documents and the two Inventory documents from the guild website or get hardcopy from the Boutique Box at *All About Quilts*.
- Thanks to everyone who attended, taught, or hosted a Boutique workshop. All items made in a Boutique workshop (except for Mini Quilts (MQ's)) should be listed on your Donation Inventory sheet and handed into the Boutique along with the other items that you want to donate or consign on Set-Up day, Friday April 4th 2025.
- All your unsold items, donated or consigned will be returned to you at the end of the show (except for MQ's).
- MQs can be given to Dottie or Jacqui at any time, preferably sooner rather than later. No need to tag them or list them on an inventory sheet as they are priced by the Boutique chairs and become the property of the guild. Having MQ's asap will help us plan how to display them at the show.
- Between now April, look for emails with additional Boutique updates, including alternate ways to drop off your saleable items and information on item drop-off during the show set-up (Friday April 4th).

Your Boutique Co-chairs, Jacqui and Dottie

Email: QSBoutique@RNQG.org

Programs

Please sign up for workshops ASAP to reserve your spot.

Zoom Meeting - January 15 featuring Mary Cannizzaro with her fresh/innovative approach to T-shirt quilts

Zoom Meeting - February 19th featuring Linda Pearl helping you organize with her "Capsule Stash"

Quilt Show Baskets

Meeting at *All About Quilts* on Sunday February 9th at 10am to start assembling raffle baskets. All are welcome, especially bow makers!

Cathy Kelliher programs@rnqq.org

Bonding Rhodies - All are Welcome!

Upcoming events:

- Saturday, January 25th**Disappearing UFO Event**
All About Quilts 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM. RSVP: Venera
- Wednesday, February 5th.....**Zoom Sew Along** 6 PM - 9 PM
- Wednesday, February 12th ...**Bread and Thread.**
Lunch 12 PM at *Panera Bread* - Walpole Mall
- Wednesday, March 12th**Bread & Thread.**
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- Sunday, March 16th**Zoom Sew Along** 12 PM - 4 PM
- Wednesday, April 9th **Bread & Thread.**
Lunch 12 PM at *Panera Bread* - Walpole Mall
- Tuesday, May 6th **Zoom Sew Along** 6 PM - 9 PM
- Wednesday, May 14th**Bread & Thread.**
Lunch 12 PM at *Panera Bread* - Walpole Mall
- Tuesday, June 3rd**Zoom Sew Along** 6 PM - 9PM
- Wednesday, June 11th**Bread and Thread.**
Lunch 12 PM at *Panera Bread* - Walpole Mall

Hope you will join us!
Venera Emmi

Publicity

"A Ruby Celebration" quilt show is less than 3 months away! Continue to distribute postcards to friends, family, and neighbors. If each guild member had ten people come to the show, we would have **over 700 attendees** and **\$7000!** Each invitation makes a difference. Halls, libraries, senior centers, living communities and grocery stores will spark an interest with people we haven't met yet and maybe to recruit them to the guild. If a location asks, answer, "Yes, we are a nonprofit organization." This is usually asked by the libraries.

Flyers are available on the website. Or reach out to Maura for more postcards.

<https://www.rnqg.org/images/RNQG/QuiltShow/2025ShowFlyer.pdf>

Maura Woodard :)
She, her

Words from the Webmaster



The final date to register quilts for our April show is February 3rd. There are currently 82 quilts in the registration database. FYI, there were 153 quilts in our 2023 show.

With all the beautiful quilts brought to meetings for Show and Tell, it's hard to believe our membership has produced fewer quilts over the past two years!

Through the grapevine I've heard that individuals are having problems with quilt registration. If you have questions that can't be answered by friends that have completed the process, the best person to contact is me. Please email registrar@rnqg.org describing the problem(s).

If the issue is photo size, a link to an online article about resizing photos can be found on the "Quilt Show Q & A" tab of the website. This article includes instructions for Windows, Mac, iOS and Android devices. If these don't make sense to you, please email the picture to me and I will add it to your registration. It is important to include your name and the name of the quilt in your message so I can put it in the right place!

AnneMarie Freitas

Comfort Quilts

The guild made a last-minute holiday donation of six quilts and two afghans to the Norton Human Services coordinator to be included in Christmas baskets. Besides that, I continue to work on finishing up quilt tops that I've received. If anyone has any sports or animal fabric that they would like to donate, please bring it to the next meeting.

Thank you!!
Terry Ruta

JANUARY SHOW REMINDERS

Here's a quick update for reference. Please read carefully each of the detail sections here in the newsletter on each topic!

- * Registration: Deadline Feb 3rd. Help is available Jan 25th if needed at AAQ during the UFO workshop.
- * Quilt Show Baskets: Meeting at *All About Quilts* is on Sunday, February 9th at 10am to start assembling raffle baskets. All are welcome, especially bow makers.
- * Prep your boutique items and update committee asap!
- * Sell ads or Quilt Raffle tickets whenever possible!
- * Finish up your quilts...this is promising to be a wonderful show!

Cathy Kelliher

Thank you from the Westwood Library

Dear Members of the RNQG,

On behalf of the trustees, patrons, and staff, please accept my sincere thanks for your donation of \$150 that will be used to purchase books on quilting and the art of quilting. The community of Westwood benefits greatly from your donation as we enhance the collection with new quilting books that will bring joy to many avid readers and crafters.

Please know how much your donation is appreciated by all here in the library and the community. Each new book purchased with your donation will receive a commemorative book plate in honor of the Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild.

Thank you for your continued support of the Westwood Public Library.

Yours Sincerely,
Elizabeth McGovern
Library Director, Westwood Public Library

News from the New England Quilt Museum

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

The 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 found at: <https://www.nps.gov/lowe/planyourvisit/directions.htm>

CURRENT EXHIBITS:

Now through March 29, 2025

- **JUST WANNA COPYRIGHT FOR MAKERS**
Lessons on Copyright relating to quilting and other fiber art.
- Selections from the permanent collection

Now through May 3, 2025

- **FIERCE PLANETS**
A SAQA and Johns Hopkins Wavelengths Global Exhibition

EVENTS:

When: Saturday, March 14, 11 a.m.
Guest Speaker: Dr. Sabine Stanley
Topic: "What's Hidden Inside Planets?"

For more information on membership, exhibitions, and events, see: <http://www.negm.org>

ALSO... **YOUR** quilt could be chosen to represent RNQG!

The Summer Celebration of New England Quilts features a gallery exhibition of exceptional quilts made by the New England Quilt Museum's supporting guilds. These will be on view in the museum from August 12th to September 9th, 2025.

Our guild is invited to submit one quilt (selected by our membership at the April meeting) for inclusion in this special exhibition. The quilts will not be judged at the Museum exhibit, but a Viewers' Choice Award will be presented. The winning guild will be invited to display its members' quilts in the Genre Gallery of the New England Quilt Museum in 2026.

Holliston, MA Staycation

Yankee Quilters will hold a weekend “staycation” for all interested quilters and crafters who enjoy sewing in a beautiful space with friends new and old. Bring your machine and projects. Bring a sister, a friend, or come as a group!

This three-day quilting event will be Friday, February 28th to Sunday March 1st at Christ the King Lutheran Church, 600 Central Street, Holliston. In addition to giving yourself the time and space to work on your own quilts in a well-lit spacious hall, we provide ironing and cutting stations, your own 6-foot table, and wagons to unload equipment. An elevator is available. Hours are Friday 1:00 to 9:00 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Sunday Noon to 6:00 pm.

Yankee members will provide Friday supper, Saturday soup lunch and supper, and bagels and cream cheese on Sunday morning. Coffee, tea, water and snacks are offered throughout. A refrigerator and microwave are available for those who bring their own food.

Participants may register now for the full weekend with pre-payment of \$150 including all weekend meals. To register, contact Anita Stolle at anitastolle@gmail.com. Our capacity is 24 for this event. First come, first served.

Please note: Accommodations are NOT included. If you are coming from out-of-town, please book your hotel in advance.

This event is a fundraiser for Yankee Quilters, a 501-c-3 charity based in Franklin, MA. For information about other events, please contact YankeeQuilters11@gmail.com.

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