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Newsletter of the Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild

January 2021-February 2021

From our President

Dear Members,

As we head into winter, I'm preparing for the indoor months by purchasing ski pants. I have no intention of skiing. I am afraid of going downhill at high speeds on ice and snow. No, I intend to wear them for outdoor activities throughout the winter, like sitting around a fire pit or walking with a friend to stay in shape. It will be a very different kind of winter than the kind to which we are accustomed. I hope it will provide all of us with many pleasurable and calming hours of sewing and creating. Take care of yourselves. Take care of your friends and family. Keep in touch with the people you love. This is a difficult time for everyone. We are the fortunate ones because we have a passion for quilting that keeps our minds and hearts engaged. It allows us to produce works of art and craft that will surround family, friends and even strangers with warmth, beauty and love. Keep up the good and gracious work quilters.

I hope you are all looking forward to Beth Sullivan's presentation on January 21st about T-Shirt and Clothing Quilts. Remember on the 31st there is a workshop with Beth. She will help anyone who ever thought to make a Clothing Quilt get a start. If you hope to make something with t-shirts, or ties, or a child's clothing this is the workshop for you.

We had great fun at the Sew-Along. I hope you will join us for the next one on Sunday, January 17th from 10-2. We talked about everything from quilting to what we watched on Netflix, and we got some quilting done too!

You can still purchase more tickets and drop off your ticket stubs, cash or checks at All About Quilts. You can also send your stubs and checks made out to RNQG to our post office box – RNQG PO Box 806, Walpole, MA 02081.

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About Comfort Quilts –
From Terry, our Comfort Quilts Coordinator

Hi Everyone! Thank you again to those who have donated completed quilts or tops to our Comfort Quilt group. We continue to donate quilts to many organizations across the state that are in need. Here are some comments I've received since our last meeting:

"OMG Terry!! The horse quilt was absolutely perfect for one of my seniors who was involved in a horse therapy program with me last year. I can not wait to give it to him tomorrow!! "

"Dear Terry,

Hope you are well. I wanted to thank you very much for the quilts. They are beautiful! I can feel the love and affection that went into making each one of them. I will be giving them away in the next few weeks, and hope to send you pictures.

Please thank your volunteer for me. On behalf of all the kids that will be getting them, I thank you very much."

It's always nice to get these emails and so how much our quilts mean to others. If you have completed quilts or tops that you would like to donate, please contact me and we can arrange a pick up. Thank you as always!!

From Comfort Quilts Coordinator –
Hi Everyone!

As always, I do have material and batting here if you need it. Just email and I will pull it together for you and arrange a pick-up time. I hope to get some kits made up soon for people to do. Thank you to everyone who is in our efforts! They are very appreciated!!

Terry Ruta

Thank you !! contact:Terry Ruta (t.ruta@comcast.net)

CONNECTING THREADS

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.

This year the RNQG contact person for Connecting Threads is Deb Bonanno.

Meet One of Our Quilters

CAITLIN STAHL, age 26

I have been quilting since summer 2018. I made my first quilt with my mom to take with me to graduate school in Edinburgh, Scotland. I was hooked.

My mom taught me the basics of how to put a top together, how to hand-quilt, and how to bind. So one of the first things I did when I had free time was find a quilt shop and buy some fabric. I initially planed to hand quilt every single part of the quilt as I didn't have a sewing machine and wasn't sure I was going to buy one in Scotland. But that October, I decided to look for a cheap machine. I found a shop and bought my first beauty, a 50th year anniversary edition of a Janome. I made several small quilts as gifts through out that year in Edinburgh.

When I came home in 2019, I made several smaller projects and got my sister hooked on quilting as well.

This past year, I finally got a step-up step-down converter for my Janome and started using it again. I also learned several new things from YouTube videos, online classes for GenCon, and just taking a leap of faith. I now know how to free motion quilt on my mom's Viking, how to English Paper Piece a quilt, and some nifty tricks about how to cut better. I've made several larger quilts and even

started to design quilts for myself. Overall, I've been hooked and the longer time goes on, the more I'm hooked on quilting.

RNQG Meeting Raffles

Despite the strange times and the remote circumstances, we will continue to offer a raffle to those who attend our Zoom meetings. At the start of the meeting we will announce a random number; the member who "occupies" that number in the Zoom list of participants will win a small, quilting-related prize.

- September's winner was Renie Howard;
- October's winner was Terry Ruta.

So Zoom with us and maybe you'll get lucky!

Ruth Ann Seck & Sonia Giandomenico

Membership Information

🚩 Welcome to Margaret Rolph and Judy Swaim who are taking over the membership chair!

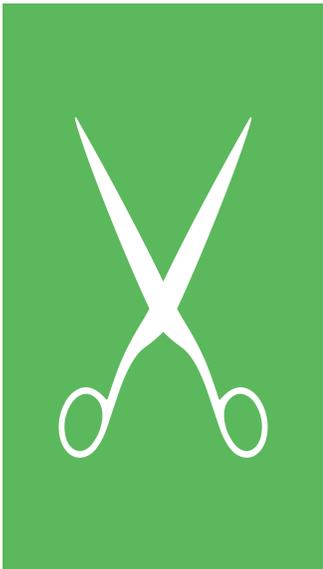
🚩 A reminder going out to those that have not signed up for 2020-2021. Going forward, you'll need to be signed up and have paid your dues to receive the ZOOM link lectures and workshops throughout the year.

If you have not signed up yet, please download the membership application (from the RNQG website) and mail it with your \$35 check payable to RNQG to:

Margaret Rolph
8 Patty Ann Place
Walpole, MA 02032

Or use our Venmo account. Venmo information can be obtained from our treasurer – contact her at treasurer@rnqg.org. If you plan to use Venmo, please note this requires you to download the app to your phone to pay.

🚩 Membership cards will be mailed out to paid members soon.



RNQG MONTHLY MEETINGS

RNQG meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, from September through June.

MEETING SPACE for 2020-2021:

We will be meeting via Zoom. The link for the meeting will go out the week of the meeting so keep your eyes out for it!

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

RNQG SOCIAL MEDIA

We invite you to like, subscribe, and follow us on all our social media pages. Check it out and see what is happening in our community.

- Please “like” us on our Facebook page, [Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild](#).
- Join us in a Facebook Group, [Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild Group](#).
- Follow us on Twitter: [Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild](#).
- Like and Subscribe to us on Instagram: [rhododendronneedlersquiltguild](#).

Interested in posting to our Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, please contact Caitlin Stahl (neiko.stahl@gmail.com)

****January 2021-June 2021 Programs, Meetings and Deadlines****

Because of the current fluid situation with the Covid-19 pandemic program schedules may be subject to change if you have signed up for a program - please check in with Karen LeBlanc through programs@rnqg.org.

CANCELLED – None at this time

RESCHEDULED TO 2021 - Jennifer Watchorn will share her love of quilting gadgets-not from the quilt shop but from your local hardware store!

For more details on the programs and instructor/guest speaker go to the calendar on our website.

January 2021

1	RNQG Open Sew Along	10AM - 2PM	ZOOM
6	Board Meeting	7 - 9PM	ZOOM
8	Deadline for Newsletter Submissions		No exceptions!
20	Guild Meeting	7 - 9PM	ZOOM (current plan) Guest Speaker: Beth Sullivan Topic: "Quilts to a Tee: Using T-Shirts and Unique Clothing in Quilts"
31	Workshop**	10AM - 1PM	ZOOM (current plan) Teacher: Beth Sullivan Project: T-Shirt Quilt Starter

** See last page for signup

February 2021

17	Guild Meeting	7 - 9PM	ZOOM (current plan) RNQG Member Night Topic: "Trunk Show, Tips & Tricks, Show & Tell"
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March 2021

3	Board Meeting	7 - 9PM	ZOOM
5	Deadline for Newsletter Submissions		No exceptions!
17	Guild Meeting	7 - 9PM	Zoom (current plan) Guest Speaker: Beth Helfter Topic: "Perfection is Overrated"

April 2021

15	Guild Meeting	7 - 9PM	ZOOM (current plan) Guest Speaker: Allison Wilbur Topic: "Trip Around the World"
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TBD	Workshop	TBD	ZOOM ½ day (current plan) Teacher: Allison Wilbur Project: Sashiko – by hand
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May 2021

5	Board Meeting	7 - 9PM	ZOOM
7	Deadline for Newsletter Submissions		No exceptions!
19	Guild Meeting	7 - 9PM	ZOOM Guest Speaker: TBD Topic: TBD

June 2021

16	Guild Meeting	7 - 9PM	ZOOM Guest Speaker: TBD Topic: TBD
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DON'T MISS OUT ON THESE GEMS – They are for you!!!

Local Quilt Shows and Events

Many local shows have been cancelled or postponed -
Reach out to the organizers/ webpages to check in

Fuller Craft Museum

To all RNQG members and friends,
The Fuller Craft Museum has reopened. <https://fullercraft.org>
Love and hugs to all of you and my best wishes for a happy, healthy, and CREATIVE year!
Laura Rosenspan

NEWS FROM THE NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM

- The New England Quilt Museum has reopened after it's closure due to Covid-19.
- **Effective January 7, 2021 until further notice**
 - Wednesday through Saturday: 10 AM - 4 PM
 - Closed Sundays, Mondays, and Tuesdays

- **Special Closings for Holidays in 2021**
 Thursday, November 25 (Thanksgiving)
 Saturday, December 25 (Christmas)

Free parking is available 2 blocks from the museum in the National Park Service lot on Dutton Street.

CURRENT & FUTURE EXHIBITS:

January 13 – April 24, 2021

FROM TRADITION TO INNOVATION: THREE-DIMENSIONAL FIBER ART FROM DOMINIQUE EHRMANN

AVAILABLE FOR STREAMING:

Virtual tour of *DEEDS NOT WORDS: CELEBRATING 100 YEARS OF WOMEN’S SUFFRAGE &*

Virtual tour of *SALVAGED: THE STITCHED NARRATIVES OF JENNIFER REGAN &*

VIRTUAL QUILT GUILDS: RUNNING SUCCESSFUL GUILD MEETINGS ON ZOOM

As you prepare to visit, please be aware that we are taking measures to ensure that your experience is both enjoyable and safe.

- A maximum of 20 visitors are allowed inside the Museum galleries and store at one time
- If we reach capacity, you may be asked to wait outside momentarily
- Face masks are required for everyone inside the building
- Social distancing markers and directional signage are in place to facilitate movement through the galleries and store.
- Hand sanitizer is available at several stations in the galleries and store.
- Our staff regularly sanitizes all high-touch areas throughout the day.
- We hope to resume our calendar of public programs and workshops later this year. Please check our website or subscribe to our monthly e-newsletter for future updates.

For more information on membership, exhibitions, and events, see: www.neqm.org

CLASSIFIED ADS - FOR SALE

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.

ALL ABOUT QUILTS

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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** and the **Franklin Mill Store, Franklin, MA**

Useful links to quilt related events and information are:
<http://www.quiltersresources.net> and <http://quiltnewengland.com/>

SAVE THE DATES – 3rd Wednesday of the month

January 20th, 2021

February 17th, 2021

March 17th, 2021

April 15th, 2021

May 19th, 2021

June 19th, 2021



Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild 2020-2021

**Sunday, January 31, 2021,
10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM**

3 Hour Workshop - No Sewing machine Required

Beth Sullivan will be teaching how to make a Quilt using T-Shirts and other clothing items for example Baby Clothing and Ties, Workshop via Zoom.

You will need a tablet, laptop or desktop device with internet connection.

FEES: RNQG members pay \$30 per workshop; non-RNQG members pay \$35. Workshop Fee can be paid by check made payable to RNQG or via VENMO

Please register AS SOON AS POSSIBLE MAXIMUM OF 12 STUDENTS

CANCELLATION POLICY: If you are registered and are unable to attend, RNQG will issue a refund if and only if there is a wait list and someone claims your space. If there is no wait list, you are advised to try to find your own replacement. In this case, the person taking your spot should pay the workshop fee to you directly.

SPECIAL TERMS FOR ZOOM WORKSHOPS The Virtual Live Events using copyrighted material. No recording of the session will be available for future viewing to any attendee or to attendees who miss all or part of the session. No attendee is allowed to videotape or otherwise record any part of the session on any device including, but not limited to smartphones, laptops, tablets or camcorders.

Participants **cannot** take screenshots or screen captures or otherwise record the session.

Name _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Venmo _____

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