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A Word from our President

Dear Members,

I hope that all is well and that you have had a good summer, enjoying family, quilting and relaxing. This summer, RNQG did somethings we have never done. We held Sew-Alongs and an outdoor community event called Quilting in the Park (QiP). The board wanted to provide members with ways to gather both virtually and in-person. The Sew-Alongs have been a wonderful experience for participants. We meet twice a month for quilting and conversation. There is so much to learn from our fellow guild members and the Sew-Alongs are a chance to quilt while enjoying each other's company. AnneMarie F. did an amazing job organizing the QiP event. We got wonderful, positive, complimentary feedback from both members and from people in the community. I'd like to thank all of the members who volunteered to make the QiP such a wonderful success.

Mary Peterson has planned a wonderful year ahead with a mix of in-person and Zoom meetings, as well as interesting workshops. The Zoom meetings allow us to provide you with programs from quilters who live in Hawaii and California. They also provide members the opportunity to watch programs from the comfort and safety of their homes during winter months when driving can be dangerous. Zoom meetings save the guild money and provide us with an extra measure of protection as this pandemic continues to affect our lives. We are beginning to plan for our next quilt show, so keep on quilting. We need your quilts to display and wow the crowd. We also need your help in volunteering for leadership and support positions. Please jump in with two feet when asked to help. Please refer to the website for a wealth of information about the guild. We would love it if members could refer quilting friends to join us in the guild. Looking forward to a new year of learning and exploring the art and craft of quilting.

Venera

RAFFLE QUILT 2023

HELP!!!! The Guild is once again planning a quilt show, scheduled for 2023 and with that comes making the Raffle Quilt. The process truly requires **EVERYONE'S** help, insight, and valuable assistance. There are many opportunities to **GET INVOLVED** and **PITCH IN** from design choice to creating the label. As quilters, you know not only the process but the time and energy that goes into a finished project. Think, **MANY HANDS** make light work.

As much as I am the Quilt Construction Chair or Project Manager, the finished product needs to represent the values and vision of the **GUILD MEMBERS**. So, I ask all of you to join me in some aspect of this quilt project over the next year. By next week, I will have a better sense of activities and timeline. I will have a sign up sheet at the meeting on Sept. 14th. - or use the CHAT feature to message me. In the meantime, think of how **YOU** can contribute to this biennial project- a major fundraiser for the guild, and the creation of a beautiful **QUILT**. I not only look forward to hearing **YOUR IDEAS** but also taking this **GREAT OPPORTUNITY** to work closely with and get to know members, learn some new techniques and see your **MANY TALENTS** in action. Feel free to email me at cacoakley@gmail.com. I welcome input from **EVERYONE**.

Carol Coakley

Names to know

RNQG Board Members 2021-22

President	Venera E
Vice President	vacant
Secretary	Sue C
Treasurer	Karen L
Programs	
2021-22	Mary P
2022-23	vacant
Historian	Lisa S
Membership	Margaret R & Judy S
Quilt Show Chair	Mary P
Raffle Quilt	vacant
Comfort Quilts	Terry R
NEQM Rep	Anita L
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Facebook	Venera E
Instagram	Karen L
Twitter	AnneMarie F
Quilt Rack Rental	Diana A
Connecting Threads	Deb B
Publicity	Maura W
Newsletter	Lisa S
Website	AnneMarie F

Places to Go...

RNQG on Social Media

Click the icon to reach the RNQG page



or reach our private Facebook Group by clicking [<here>](#).

Want something added to the RNQG social media pages? Email request to SocialMedia@rnqg.org!

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Who? What? When? Where? WEBSITE !!!

Whenever you have questions about RNQG activities, the fastest place to find answers is on the RNQG website!

The “**Welcome**” page (the place you land when you go to rnqq.org) has two menus. On the left side of the page is the “main” menu. The contents of this list may change from time to time, but an item that is *always* available is “**Calendar**”.

When you click on “**Calendar**”, the next page that appears is the main calendar page. It contains a set of tables, one for each month of the quilting year. The table for September 2021 is shown below.

September 2021

1	Board Meeting	7 - 9PM	ZOOM
3	Deadline for Newsletter Submissions		No exceptions!
12	RNQG Open Sew-Along	10AM - 2PM	ZOOM
14	Guild Meeting	7 - 9PM	ZOOM Topic: "2021-22 RNQG Programs Unveiled" AND Summer Challenge quilt contest
26	RNQG Open Sew-Along	10AM - 2PM	ZOOM

From left to right, the columns in the table specify: date; event type; time; and details. The lines that have background colors highlight events of interest to all guild members – Open Sew Dates have a pink background; a cream background is used for Guild Meetings.

The “detail” column for a Guild Meeting includes the location, the name of the guest speaker, and the topic of the program. If you want to read a full program description, speaker bio, or see pictures of quilts made by the speaker, you need to navigate to the website page for that month.

There are three ways to get to the website page for September from the main calendar page

- Click on “September” in the menu going across the top of the page,
- Click on “September 2021” above the table for the month, or
- Click on the program topic.

No matter which method you choose, the next page you will see has a wealth of information – including a link to the speaker’s website, and (if applicable) the workshop description and link to a workshop supply list.

So rather than call or email the guild president, program coordinator or historian when you have a programming question, hop over to the website -- you might even enjoy the ride!

In The News....

Anita Loscalzo was awarded a Blue ribbon for her quilt "Up or Down" at the 2021 (virtual) Vermont Quilt Festival.

Anita will be featured in a Quiltside Chat on Sunday, September 19 at 3:00pm with Carolyn Ducey, Curator of Collections at the International Quilt Museum discussing two quilts in the IQM collection. The program will stream free live on the Facebook and YouTube channels of the American Quilt Study Group.

RNQG Member Perks

Show your RNQG membership card to receive a discount on purchases at the following stores:

All About Quilts, 958 Main St, Walpole
Ann's Fabrics, 235 Turnpike St, Canton
Emma's Quilt Cupboard, 319 E. Central St,
 Franklin
Franklin Mill Store, 305 Union St, Franklin

Got a Fundraising Idea?

It doesn't need to be "fully hatched"...

QiP started as a summer guild get together!

Email any inspirations/thoughts to

president@rnqg.org

Did you know?

All of your fabric scraps, no matter how small, can be donated for recycling! Rather than sending selvages and pieces too tiny for piecing or appliqué to the landfill, put them in bags and drop them into the white collection boxes at Walpole H.S.! Click [here](#) for more information or to find drop-off locations closer to your home.

IMPORTANT DATES

Meetings for the 2021-22 year are going to be a mix of Zoom and in person (Wednesdays 7-9pm)

MEETINGS:

PLEASE NOTE:

Our first meeting will be held via Zoom

**TUESDAY- SEPTEMBER 14----Mary P will present
 this year's awesome list of programs and
 workshops**

WEDNESDAY October 20 via Zoom
 Patricia Belyea

**SATURDAY November 13, Please note that this is the weekend
 BEFORE our meeting**

Debbie Wendt
 Workshop 9:45-4, All About Quilts

WEDNESDAY November 17 Debbie Wendt
 IN PERSON at NCAHS

**More about these programs and a plethora of other
 interesting tidbits can be found on our website rnqg.org**

OPEN SEW-ALONGS

Have you been enjoying our virtual sew-alongs? If not, please consider joining us! We hope you are, and if you haven't, please join us! They are a great way to connect with our fellow quilters. We always learn about new tricks and tools.

They are held usually 2 Sundays per month from 10-2. Join for the entire time or just drop in to say HI! The invitation will appear a day or so ahead of time. Upcoming dates:

September 12 and 26
 October 10 and 24
 November 7
 December 5

BOARD MEETINGS

Wednesdays 7-9pm
 November 3 and January 5

Any RNQG member may attend a board meeting. Please email <mailto:president@rnqg.org> to request an invitation

Quilting in the Park



On the evening of August 18th, RNQG hosted our first Quilting in the Park. It took place at the Music Court in Bird Park, Walpole, MA. Members showed off 30 of their quilts, sharing stories of inspiration, tribulation and love of the craft. We had a table for sales of small quilted items including the framed 12' summer challenge that brought in \$290. Our comfort quilts project also had a table to share our community outreach. This was a fun way to promote our goal of sharing the knowledge of and understanding the tradition, culture and history of quilting.

Bird Park is managed by the Trustees of Reservations – for information about the Trustees go to <http://thetrustees.org/>

Programs

TUESDAY MEETING September 14th 7 – 9 PM ZOOM

Topic: 2021-22 RNQG Programs Unveiled



Choose a comfortable chair, grab your favorite beverage (and snack?) and gather virtually with fellow RNQG members as the new quilting season begins!

Program chair Mary Peterson has done an *outstanding* job selecting speakers and topics to delight and inspire guild members. The year will be a hybrid of in-person and virtual meetings, allowing us to learn from quilters around the world.

Don't forget to mail photos of projects completed during the summer to historian@rnqg.org so you can participate in Show-and-Tell. Photos of your Summer Challenge quilts are a must!

October 20, 2021**7 – 9 PM****ZOOM****Patricia
Topic:****“The****Belyea
Alluring****World****of****Japanese****Website: okanarts.com
Yukata Quilts”**

The focus of tonight's program is an "insider tour" of the 2020 Tokyo Quilt Festival. Patricia presents the highlights of this international quilt event, then continues onto a *chusen*-dyeing workshop to explain the traditional hand-dyeing process. She finishes with a show of her own quilts, made with vintage Japanese cottons, and talks about how these special fabrics inspired her.

Patricia made her first quilt out of old clothes from Goodwill at age 53. Once caught by the quilting "bug", she worked on quilting projects during every free hour (as well as hours she *should* have been working). "I was a fish who didn't know I was a fish until someone showed me the water," she explains.

She discovered vintage yukata cottons during one of many trips to Japan. These hand-dyed fabrics with graphic patterns and luscious colors seemed ideal for making striking quilts. A self-taught quilter, Patricia developed a technique for adding curves to her quilt designs. This piecing approach, called Complex Curves, complements the lyrical designs of the Japanese cottons she uses in her work.

Today Patricia and her daughter Victoria co-own Okan Arts, a cottage business that imports vintage Japanese textiles. Okan Arts offers its remarkable textiles through an online shop and at trunk shows. The company also sells the Sashiko 2—a Japanese sewing machine whose stitches look remarkably like hand quilting.

Whenever she can, Patricia is in her studio creating innovative quilts with Japanese textiles. Currently Patricia is working on a quilt series that incorporates yukata cottons and her newest curved piecing technique—Inserted Curves. The quilt shown in the picture above utilizes this innovative technique.

NEQM**NEWS FROM THE NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM**

Hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 AM - 4 PM

Special closings: Thursday, November 25, 2021 (Thanksgiving)
Saturday, December 25 (Christmas)

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

CURRENT & FUTURE EXHIBITS:**May 25 – September 11, 2021*****QUILTS JAPAN: THE 15TH QUILT NIHON*****Through September 25, 2021*****MOOD INDIGO: INDIGO QUILTS FROM THE PERMANENT COLLECTION*****August 3 – October 2, 2021*****BLENDED QUILTS BY KATHY METELICA CRAY*****September 15 – December 31, 2021*****QUARANTINE QUILTS: CREATIVITY IN THE MIDST OF CHAOS*****&*****SALLEY MAVOR: BEDTIME STITCHES*****October 6 – December 31, 2021*****WOOD QUILTS BY LAURA PETROVICH-CHENEY***

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

www.neqm.org**SAVE THE DATE!**NEQM MEET THE TEACHERS Will be held in person Monday Nov. 15th More info on this will be coming in early October.

The Guild NEEDS someone or some ones to step up and take on Programs for 22/23. It can be lots of fun and is a great way to find the right teacher with a new skill/trick/method.... Please consider helping

Free NEQM admission

In appreciation for our annual monetary donation, RNQG receives 4 complimentary passes to the New England Quilt Museum. Each pass allows 2 individuals to visit the museum exhibits free of charge. To request a pass, contact Karen L.

treasurer@nqg.orgAccording to our treasurer, our balance as of July 31, 2021 stands at \$18,309.88. We started the year at \$18,365. Therefore we survived the Pandemic with a net loss of \$55.57. For a more complete report, please contact Karen L at treasurer@nqg.org**COMFORT QUILTS**

Summer is coming to an end and some of us will be returning to our inside hobbies such as quilting! The guild continues to donate comfort quilts to those who may need them. I delivered 2 bags to the foster care agency in Berkley last week and they, as always, were very appreciative!

Starting off the new year, we'd like to start a new comfort quilt challenge. The challenge is to see if we can increase the number of guild members who participate in our comfort quilt efforts. I will keep a running list of members who help in any way - be it donating a completed quilt, attaching and sewing down a binding, donating a top, delivering some quilts, making up project bags, etc. Each month at our meeting I will announce the number of participants and we'll see if the number grows!

As always, please let me know if you need to arrange a pick up with me or if you need fabric and batting. Thank you to everyone for all your efforts - they are appreciated by many!! Terry Ruta



Connecting professional teachers with quilters and guilds in a virtual world

New Meet the Teacher Format!

We've changed the way we'll be delivering new meet the teacher videos, making it easier for you to view them on your own time. Rather than watching the videos live together, we will drop them all at once on October 4, 2021 on YouTube. Sit back and watch them at your convenience. Each video block will contain 3 minute videos for up to 20 teachers.

We're giving away a HUGE prize basket!

To be eligible for the prize basket giveaway just watch the videos and fill out a scavenger hunt form. We'll be providing the form on the day that the videos become available and you'll have until Sunday October 17th to complete and submit it. On Monday October 18th we will have a live-streamed prize drawing. Sue, Mel, and Lyric will each give short studio tours and then draw the name of the prize winner. [See a taster of what's in the prize basket here.](#)

But that's not all we're doing to celebrate the new meet the teacher videos...

Two Live Teacher Studio Tour Events!

We know that part of the excitement of releasing new meet the teacher videos is the live interactive event. We didn't want to lose that part of the Global Quilt Connection community so we're going to hold two free, live, studio tour events. You and your guild are invited! We'll gather via Zoom and get a peek inside some Global Quilt Connection teachers studios and ask them questions via the live Zoom chat.

Studio tour 1: October 13, 2021 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. (eastern)

Studio tour 2: October 15, 2021 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. (eastern)

[If you'd like to attend one or both of the events click here to register.](#)

There is no charge to attend this event - the event will NOT BE recorded, it is a LIVE event only!

There are three new teacher Spotlights on the GQC website:
globalquiltconnection.com

Natalya Khorover

MJ Kinman

Lisa Walton



RNQG 2021 Summer Challenge

RNQG Members there is still time to create a Summer Challenge Quilt!

Your Summer Challenge should be completed by **October 20, 2021.**



Unfortunately the Fabric called "Nature Walk" which is the Photo on the Left has all been picked up.

The new fabric choices are shown in the Right photo. A Fat Quarter each. They are available for Pick up at All About Quilts in Walpole, MA.

Any beach/ocean fabric in your stash is an acceptable alternative.

You may use any pattern; your quilt can be any size; AND you are not restricted to a blue/white theme – other colors may be added.

Be ready to show off your creation!

Have fun with the project and thank you for a wonderful year.

Karen LeBlanc

Any questions, please contact me at kmlatfdc@aol.com or 617-320-2625

P.S. Your Summer Challenge quilt could always become a Comfort Quilt*

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