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Newsletter of the Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild

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Dear Quilters,

We had a wonderful Sew-Along today. Eleven of us showed up at different times during the four- hour time frame. We were all so happy to see each other. We talked about everything from gardening to Covid to our personal joys and troubles. And of course, we discussed many different aspects of quilting.

There will soon be another pattern for making comfort quilts on our website. Brought to us courtesy of Joanne B and thanks to the excellent computer skills of AnneMarie

I am happy to say that my quilting room is coming together nicely. I asked Santa for a TV. I rearranged things so I could fit a chair and an ottoman and a small rug. It provides me with a lovely spot to do my handwork, bindings and applique. I'm not finished yet but it functions better and makes me happy. My hope for all of you is that you have a permanent place to work so you don't have to break down and set up every time you want to quilt!

Due to the Omicron Variant we have decided it is preferable to return to Zoom meetings. They allow more of our members to attend meetings and no one will have to brave the winter weather or drive in the dark to get to meetings. I know it isn't ideal for those who prefer in person meetings, but it is our best choice under the circumstances. Besides, everyone gets a front row seat.

We are making progress on the raffle quilt- nearly ready to arrange the Dresden Plates on the background half square triangles. -there will be more on that from Carol C.

I am very concerned about the future of the guild because it is so very difficult to fill leadership positions. At this point I'm not sure what the future will bring if we cannot recruit new members or find long term members who are willing to fill positions. As it stands, we need members who have served in board positions to serve again because we need experienced leaders as well as new blood. My big sister is fond of telling me that 20% of the people in organizations do 80% of the work. That means that 80% of the members do 20% of the work. Let's try to turn those numbers around so we can continue to have a vibrant guild for all to enjoy!

With great respect for your talent, creativity and artistry,

Venera

Save The Date for the RNQG Quilt Show at Blue Hills Regional Technical High School March 18 & 19 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

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

MEETINGS:

WEDNESDAY January 19, Adele Scott
"Rulers Rule"

THIS IS NOW A ZOOM MEETING

SATURDAY January 22

Adele Scott Ruler Round Robin Workshop-

THIS HAS BEEN POSTPONED- A NEW DATE WILL BE SET WHEN IT IS SAFER TO MEET IN PERSON

WEDNESDAY February 16, Zoom

Phyllis Cullen

"Quilting in Paradise"

WEDNESDAY March 16, TBD

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 you haven't joined one yet, please consider doing so!! They are a great way to connect with your 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:

January 23

February 6, 20

March 6, 20

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	Carol C
Raffle Tix	Sonja G & RuthAnn S
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

BOARD MEETINGS

First Wednesdays 7-9pm via Zoom

March 2

May 4

Any RNQG member may attend a board meeting.

To request an invitation, please email

president@rnqg.org

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!](mailto:SocialMedia@rnqg.org)

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

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@rnqg.org

Comfort Quilts

Cold weather and a lingering pandemic make it a perfect time to work on a comfort quilt! I have a couple of quilts that need binding and I also will have some project quilt kits. I have a few bags of 2.5" strips and directions for making a 1600 quilt. We were also donated a large stack of completed blocks that I have separated into bags to be joined together.

Since we are not meeting in person— please contact Terry R if you are interested in working on any of these projects.

Once these bags are distributed I will work on putting together some 3-yd comfort quilt kits using beautiful fabric that has been donated to the guild

I have plenty of small pieces of fabric on hand, if anyone would like to donate large pieces, appropriate for backing, they would be greatly appreciated.

Also, look at the comfort quilt page on our website- there are some free patterns posted for you to try out! Thank You to everyone who is helping out with comfort quilts!! Terry R comfortquiltchair@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.

NEWS FROM THE NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM

Hours: Tuesday through Saturday, 10 AM - 4 PM
 Special closings: January 1 -17, 2022 for maintenance projects & improvements

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

CURRENT EXHIBITS:

January 18 through April 9, 2022

FOR THE LOVE OF GAIA

FLYING HIGH: OUR FINE FEATHERED FRIENDS

BARB VEDDER: MY LIFE IN QUILTS

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

2023 Raffle Quilt

The Raffle Quilt Project is coming along very well. To date, almost all the Dresden Plates have been finished and are ready to be hand appliquéd to the background blocks of half-square triangles. The deadline for that part of the project is February 16.

Once that step is complete, we will need some volunteers to trim the blocks to the appropriate size. Sue Crane has generously offered to sew the blocks together. The piano key border is pieced and ready to be sewn on once the top is assembled. By our March meeting, we hope to be able to show you the finished quilt top.

Volunteers are still needed to make the backing, sew on the binding, make the label, make and attach a hanging sleeve, and complete the binding. The overall target deadline is March 23rd, about 10 weeks away. That deadline includes getting it out to a quilter and getting it back.

We have come very far in the process with the design work and Dresden construction completed, so I am very optimistic we can finish this on time. Many hands have made lighter work. More hands will make lighter work still so don't be shy about helping out. All skills are needed and welcomed. I am in Florida and since it is on Zoom now, I will be at the January meeting. You can always email me if you want more info about next steps or want to volunteer. Carol C. rafflequilt@rnqg.org

*****THIS LECTURE IS NO LONGER BEING HELD AT THE NORFOLK AGGIE***
PLEASE JOIN US ON ZOOM. LOOK FOR YOUR LINK TO COME EITHER THE
DAY BEFORE OR THE DAY OF THE MEETING**

January 19, 2022

7 – 9 PM

ZOOM Meeting

Adele Scott

Website: adelescott.com

Topic: "Rulers Rule"



Do you have a drawer full of rulers that you don't know / never knew / or have forgotten how to use? Are you tired of purchasing a ruler that will only do one job? If (like most quilters), your answer to either of these questions is an enthusiastic, "Yes!", then this program is *perfect* for you.

At the tender age of 9, Adele Scott realized that she had a love for designing and sewing things that other people wanted. Over the years and through the evolution of her career choices, this love morphed into a passion for teaching others about sewing machines, innovative techniques and products, all with one goal: showing others how to do things *more easily* and with *better results*.

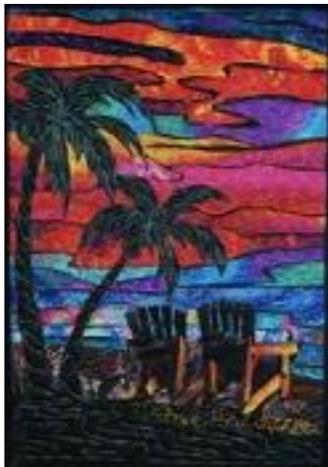
During tonight's lecture, you will learn which rulers can "multitask" and which ruler is the best option for a specific task. Adele includes information about notions that help rulers do their job more easily. The program includes a trunk show of specialty ruler sample quilts. The **Ruler Round Robin** workshop (described on the website) is a perfect opportunity to learn about how to use the rulers gathering dust in your sewing room as well as providing a hands-on opportunity to "try before you buy" your next ruler.

February 16, 2022 7 – 9 PM**Phyllis Cullen****Topic: "Quilting in Paradise"****ZOOM meeting****Website: phylliscullenartstudio.com**

Phyllis Cullen is a fiber artist and painter. Her perpetual goal is to recreate the color and light of the subject as well as bring out the story and soul of her subject in a medium -- whether she is painting **on** fabric, canvas or paper, or **with** fabric or paper (in mixed media and collages). Her program is a personal story / slide show of how living in the "land of aloha" has influenced her art. It features many images of Hawaii with insights from the island, and many quilts with their stories from a long career.

She has shown, sold, and taught photography, painting, mixed media, fabric, beads, and clay all over the world. She now lives and works on the Hamakua coast of Hawaii's big island, and enjoys sharing her studio and knowledge with others.

The presentation is also an invitation to the islands. She looks forward to a time when visitors can come over and play once more. In fact, her lecture fee will go to help Hawaii's people and the animals devastated by the loss of the tourist economy.



RNQG Quilt Show March 18-19, 2023

After losing the 2019 quilt show due to construction and then missing 2021 show due to the pandemic, I am excited to start planning for our 2023 quilt show.

Although we are a smaller group than we were in 2017, many members have already signed up to coordinate committees. How awesome because it will take all of us to pull together for a successful show. Below is a draft list of committees and members who have offered to chair them. I know the list is not complete so please email me at showchair@rnqq.org with any updates or corrections.

Now, if you are considering a committee to “chair”, let me know, because we have a binder that explains each job and how it’s been done. If you are not able or willing to “chair”, each committee needs a support staff. There are opportunities for all members to contribute leading up to and right on through the weekend of the show. Remember: Many hands make light work!

Thank you,
Mary P

The first Show Committee meeting will be on Wednesday, January 26th at 7 PM on zoom. All committee coordinators are encouraged to attend.

Show Chair: Mary P	Raffle Quilt: Carol C
Admissions: Sue C	Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales: open
Booklets: open	Ribbons/Awards: open
Boutique: Jacqui O, Dottie S and Judy Swaim	Show set up: Lisa S
Comfort Quilts: Terry R	Show take down: Venera
Design/Layout: open FYI, previous layout design can be used!	Signs: open
Food: Blue Hills booster club: Mary P	Treasurer: Karen L
Raffle Baskets: Stephanie V	Vendors: open
Quilt entries: AnneMarie	Vignettes: Maura W
Quilt Labels: open	Volunteer Coordinator: Lisa S
Quilt Racks: Diana A	

And now a word from an already hard-at-work committee chair! **Stephanie V** has volunteered to coordinate the [Raffle Baskets](#)- Thank you **Sooooo Much Stephanie!**

The quilt show is only a year and a half away! Time to start thinking about those raffle baskets and we need your help! We are asking all members to start thinking of items for the baskets. If you have something you want to donate now, let me know. The items must be new. They could be a gift you received and don't need or want. Or the item could be something you saw while shopping. Following the holidays you can find many items on clearance! Here is a list of potential baskets along with some ideas of what might be included:

So put your thinking caps on!

- **Life is Better at the Beach:** towels, suntan lotion, pails/shovels, beach ball
- **Movie Night:** candy, microwave popcorn, gift passes, popcorn bowls
- **Everything's Coming Up Roses** (gardening): garden tools, vegetable and flower seeds, new pair of gloves and gardening decorations
- **Pamper The Chef:** kitchen utensils, small ramekin bowls, apron
- **Baking Day:** measuring cups, towel, potholders
- **Ruler Basket:** quilting rulers
- **Taste of Italy:** ceramic pasta bowls, dipping bowls, pasta, extra virgin oil
- **Who Doesn't Love Chocolate?:** hot cocoa, fondue set, candies, chocolate cooking book
- **Quilt Supplies:** could be fabric, notions, scissors
- **The Cozy Basket:** cozy blanket, fuzzy socks, mittens...
- **Relaxation Time:** face washes, masks, lotion, bath bombs, candles, eye mask, loofah, bubble bath
- **Tea Time:** tea cups, various teas, small dessert dishes
- **Wine Lovers:** wine glasses, wine, wine toppers
- **Kid's Art Basket:** glitter, crayons, paints, construction paper, scissors, play dough, sidewalk chalk
- **Book Worm:** newer novels, book marks, tea, mug, cozy blanket, book light

More possible ideas include sewing notions, scratch tickets, pets, craft beer, cookouts. Obviously we will be looking for donations of actual baskets as well. I will be collecting all items at our monthly 'in person' meetings. If you have donations and are not able to make the meeting, I will be more than happy to come and pick them up. Food items will not be collected until just before the show- will keep you informed of that timeline.

Some ideas for finding bargains: any of the bargain stores, end of season clearance racks, if you receive coupons from a store...

***These are just ideas...your input is more than welcomed. If you have any suggestions or ideas please pass them along to me!

Thanks in advance for your help!

Stephanie V (rafflebaskets@rnqg.org)

HELP IS URGENTLY REQUIRED TO PLAN PROGRAMS FOR OUR 2022-2023 YEAR

I hope you are enjoying the programs so far. It is easy and fun to explore the creativity of hundreds of available presenters you would like to see come to our guild. Due to scheduling conflicts, there are some presenters who have postponed their lectures to next year. As yet, there is no one who has volunteered to chair the programs for next year. In October, Suzi Parron will present on Barn Quilts and in May, Kimberly Einmo will be presenting. We also do not need a presenter for September since that is our "Hello, How Ya Been?" meeting. What we do need is someone or many someones to help continue our tradition of hosting cool and creative speakers. If you have ideas and are willing to help, we are hoping that many will step up and submit/coordinate a presenter for one of the other months—Nov 2022, and Jan, Feb, Mar, April and June of 2023.

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Chuckle of the Day...

*I turn thread and fabric into quilts.....
What's your super power?*