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Hello Quilters,

The board has been busy planning for the quilt show in March of 2023. The show now has co-chairs. Mary Peterson and Terry Goldstein have agreed to work together to make our first show in six years a great success. The show's theme is "A Community of Quilters." We are all looking forward to the excitement of putting together a show to exhibit the creative efforts of our members.

We will need quilts of all types and sizes, modern and traditional, colorful and neutral, and from beginning quilters to experienced professionals. So, sit down at those sewing machines and make magic.

Save the Dates: March 18 and 19, 2023.

In other news, we are looking forward to our regular March and April meetings. They will both be on Zoom. You will receive an invitation via email the day before the meetings. In March, our business meeting will focus on nominating officers for next year and discussing plans for the show. And then, we will have the pleasure of viewing each other's quilt projects in Show 'n' Tell. Please be sure to send your photos to Lisa S. for the slide show. In April, we will all learn to take better photographs of our quilts using our smart phones. Our guest speaker is Trudy Cleveland and the title of the topic for the evening is "Shoot the Quilt."

Our raffle quilt is looking more and more beautiful with every progressive step. I'm positive you will be very proud that we, as a community of quilters, created such a lovely quilt.

We have the opportunity to watch another Global Quilt Connection Sampler Platter Event. It's a great way to learn new techniques and get a feel for how each teacher struts her stuff. It takes place on the 19th and 20th of this month between 3PM and 6PM on Zoom. If you can't watch it when it airs, you will be able to watch it for 24 hours afterwards. The guild has paid the fee, so it is free for members.

In May, we have a big treat coming. Susan Cleveland, an internationally famous quilter, will be teaching a workshop, "Ringie Dingies" and presenting, "My Eclectic Quilt Pageant," at our meeting. The meeting/presentation will be held at the Blessed Sacrament School Cafeteria and the workshop will be at the Walpole Public Library Community Room. Susan is a very entertaining speaker and we encourage you to bring a friend to the lecture. Please consider signing up for the workshop, as soon as possible. Susan limits the number of students and we anticipate a full workshop. We will be advertising the workshop to other guilds in the area, so be sure to sign up early. Check out Susan's website <https://piecesbewithyou.com> You can find more information on our website at [http://www.rnqg.org/joomla1\\_5/may](http://www.rnqg.org/joomla1_5/may)

Happy Quilting,

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 March 16<sup>th</sup> **ZOOM** This will be a business meeting to nominate officers and plan for next year and the Quilt Show

WEDNESDAY April 20<sup>th</sup>- **ZOOM** Trudy Cleveland will share how to photograph your quilts

WEDNESDAY May 18<sup>th</sup> Susan Cleveland Day- **IN PERSON** Workshop and meeting are both held today

WEDNESDAY June 15<sup>th</sup> **ZOOM** Karen Brow-Meier will share the magic of movement in quilting

More about these programs and a plethora of other interesting tidbits can be found on our website [rngg.org](http://rngg.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 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:

March 20  
April 3  
May 1, 15  
June 5, 26

## 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
Social Media	
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

### MEETINGS

First Wednesdays 7-9pm via Zoom  
May 4

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

Quilt Show Planning Meeting  
April 6 7-9pm via Zoom

*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)!

Comfort quilt efforts continue strong! I can pick up completed quilts at AAQ or arrange to have them dropped at my house in Norton. I still have some partially completed quilts and project bags for people interested in helping out. As always, I have fabric and batting if you need some. Thank you for all your help!

Thank You, Terry R

*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 for more information or to find drop-off locations closer to your home.*

*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

## **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 22, and Jan, Feb, Mar, April and June of 23.

**NEWS FROM THE NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM**

Hours: Tuesday through  
Saturday, 10 AM - 4 PM  
Special closing: April 12 for

**installation**

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

**CURRENT EXHIBITS:****Now through April 9, 2022**

*FOR THE LOVE OF GAIA*  
*FLYING HIGH: OUR FINE FEATHERED FRIENDS*  
*BARB VEDDER: MY LIFE IN QUILTS*

**Now through April 23, 2022**

*SELECTIONS FROM THE NEQM COLLECTION: TREE MOTIFS FROM THE 19<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY TO TODAY*

**April 13 through July 16, 2022**

*THREE-DIMENSIONAL WORKS BY DOMINIQUE EHRMANN*  
(opening date may change – check [neqm.org](http://neqm.org) ahead of visiting)

*STRING THEORY: QUILTS OF STRIPS, STRIPES & STRINGS*

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**Saturday, March 19, 2022 at 11 a.m.**  
**NATIONAL QUILT DAY: GUIDED TOUR OF *FLYING HIGH***

**Saturday, April 9, 2022 at 1 p.m.**  
**LUANA RUBIN FROM E.QUILTER.COM ON THE LATEST TRENDS IN QUILT TEXTILES AND TOOLS**

For more information on membership, exhibitions, and events, see: [www.neqm.org](http://www.neqm.org)

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](mailto:treasurer@rnqg.org)

## Quilt Show Update

We have great news. We are having our Quilt Show next year on March 18 and 19, 2023. Mary has been in touch with Blue Hills Regional Technical High School and they are in the process of getting us the final costs for the weekend and we are ready to sign the contract.

Terry Greenstein has agreed to co-chair the Quilt Show with Mary Peterson and we are currently going over all that needs to be done to create the best show ever. We are in the process of creating our budget and looking to fill out positions that haven't been filled yet. We are asking everyone to step up and help us. If one of our committee chairs calls for help, please consider saying yes. The committee chair openings are:

Photographer

Quilt Design and Floor Plan Layout (2017 floor plan is available)

Raffle quilt tickets and Quilt Travel Coordinator

Ribbons and awards

Signs: Set up/coordinate signs for both inside and outside (most already made)

Our Quilt Show has always been a high point for the guild. This is when we as quilters get to show our family, friends and other quilters what we have been creating. Since we have not had a show since 2017 we certainly have a lot of quilts to show. For that reason we are not going to bring in any special exhibits. This show is going to focus on our members and all of their wonderful quilts. That is why we have titled it "A Community of Quilters."

At the show we intend to have a section for those quilts that you learned how to create in the various classes that you have taken. It is a great reason to go into your quilting rooms and find those UFO's that are stashed away. We are going to call it "Look What I Made In Class."

Raising money for the guild is very important right now as we have not had a Quilt Show in 5 years and we have used our money to pay for speakers, renting the meeting space and even zoom. One way to raise money is to make Mini Quilts which we have decided that we will have as our summer challenge. We have purchased the Pellon necessary to make the Mini Quilts. Kits along with the instructions will be handed out at the May meeting. The instructions will also be posted on our website. These little quilts are 5" x 8" and will be a lot of fun to create. If we all make a few of them, we can hopefully raise some money for the guild. We are planning on selling them at the Quilt Show for \$10/piece. We will also be selling the 12" x 12" quilts that were made back 2018. We also hope that some of our members will choose to create something for the boutique and have all of the proceeds go to the guild.

Upon reviewing the "Quilt Show Binder" we found that in the past the guild had members create small quilts with which we held a Silent Auction at the Quilt Show.

This is an additional means for our guild to raise money. If there are members that would like to help us out and create a quilt, please let us know.

Maura Woodard has created a temporary Save the Date card which was left at two quilt shows over this last weekend. Once the Raffle Quilt has been quilted we will print up our official Save the Date card with the quilt on the front of the card.

Diana Richard is working on soliciting and organizing our vendors which is also a critical part of our show both for raising funds for the guild and for our members and visitors to find items, fabric, etc. for their enjoyment.

As you can see, we are beginning the process of creating a fabulous Quilt Show.

Terry Greenstein and Mary Peterson

### RNQG Quilt Show - "A Community of Quilters"

March 18-19, 2023

Although the 2023 Quilt Show is more than a year away, it is time to fill coordinator positions. As a coordinator you are NOT responsible for completing the tasks yourself but working with the others on your committee and being the liaison to the board. Starting early, we will move along at a steady pace. Please e-mail us with any questions, to confirm you will coordinate a committee or to sign up as a coordinator.

We understand we are all busy filling many roles at home and/or at work. Some of us may have more free time than others. We are a very talented group and there is a place for everyone! No-one will have to reinvent the wheel. Our guild has members with years of quilt show experience to assist you. There are past quilt committee reports and other materials outlining responsibilities that you can use as resources so everyone succeeds and no-one is overburdened. You can also team up with someone as a co-coordinator.

Mary Peterson - [marypeterson96@yahoo.com](mailto:marypeterson96@yahoo.com)

Terry Greenstein - [terry23@comcast.net](mailto:terry23@comcast.net)

Quilt Show Chairs - Terry G, Mary P

Admissions - Sue Cr

Booklets - Ines A, Carol C

Boutique - Jacqui O', Dottie S, Judy Sw

Buck a Block - Karen L

Comfort Quilts - Terry R

Donations/Raffle Baskets - Stephanie V

Framed Quilts - Joanne B, AnneMarie F

Food - Mary P  
Judging - Terry G  
Membership - Margaret R  
Photographer - **OPEN**  
Publicity - Maura W Facebook - Venera E  
Quilt Central - Anita L, Zelanya Ra  
Quilt Design and Floor Plan Layout (2017 floor plan is available) **OPEN**  
Quilt Entries - AnneMarie F  
Quilt Labels - Janet E  
Racks - Diana A  
Raffle Quilt Creation - Carol C, Sue C, Venera E, Laura R  
Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales/Quilt Travel Coordinator - **OPEN**  
Ribbons - **OPEN**  
Show Set Up - Lisa S  
Show Take Down - Venera E  
Signs - **OPEN**  
Treasurer - Karen L  
Vendors - Diana R  
Venue Contact - Mary P  
Vignettes - Maura W  
Volunteer Coordinator - Lisa S

## RAFFLE QUILT

The Raffle Quilt is coming along well. Forty-two Dresden plates have been hand appliquéd to pale pastel half-square triangles by eight to ten members during the month of February. The top was assembled last week including a very colorful piano key border. The backing has been made. It is now in the queue for long-arm quilting. We have one volunteer to make the binding and another member has graciously agreed to help with the quilt label. Join this month's guild's Zoom meeting to see the completed top.

Going forward, the **next major step** will be to show the quilt at various locations such as a farmer's markets and various town Founders' days. Please, please email me with information about your town's annual celebration(s). If we can promote the quilt in each town where our members live, it will go a long way to boosting sales and supporting the guild. This is an opportunity to contribute your time to the guild in a substantive way, perhaps with a quilting buddy.

As always I am indebted to those who have contributed their time and quilting talents to produce a beautiful quilt.

Carol C

April 20, 2022 7 – 9 PM ZOOM

Trudy Cleveland  
Topic: "Shoot the Quilt"

Website: [trudycleveland.com](http://trudycleveland.com)



Many quilters keep a "brag book" of the quilts they have made, often accompanied by photos. But how often are you *satisfied* with your quilt photos? In many cases the answer is, "Never" (unless you chose to hire a professional photographer).

Trudy Cleveland is a professional longarm quilter who felt it was important to document her journey. Taking photographs of customer quilts seemed a logical step. Hoping to improve the quality of her photographs led her to take a class in digital photography at the local community college. This first class opened her to a world of digital photography that (with further education and practice) allow her to achieve professional-grade images on her smartphone.

During the lecture this evening, Trudy shares the tips, tricks and techniques that she uses to photograph quilts with a smartphone.

She also discusses:

- *why* you should photograph your quilts,
- *how* to photograph quilts, and
- *how* to store and organize your photographs.

Trudy's textile art and photography have been on exhibit in juried shows including *Road to California* and *The Hoffman Challenge*. Her photography has been featured in "*Fons and Porter Love of Quilting*" magazine.

*Please note: if there is sufficient interest, we can schedule a workshop with Trudy.*

**May 18, 2022 7 – 9 PM**  
**Susan Cleveland**  
**Topic: "My Eclectic Quilt Pageant"**

**Blessed Sacrament Church, Walpole**  
**Website: [piecesbewithyou.com](http://piecesbewithyou.com)**



This evening, RNQG is thrilled to host Susan Cleveland, one of the world's most enthusiastic personalities for ooo's, aaaah's, and laughter while learning a plethora of tips to increase accuracy and add fresh, interesting details. Susan's name has been recognized in the international quilting community since 1997. Judges often comment on her "fine workmanship" and "original style". Her quilts are loosely based on traditional designs with a fair bit of unexpected surprises and details because she is apt to "include charming, unexpected elements such as specialty threads, prairie points, piping, and great binding techniques." They always showcase precision piecing, thread embellishments and bold color.



Her program will demonstrate how to take show pieces to new levels and add charming surprises to simple pieces. Susan will share real live quilts with close-ups through the projector so you're sure to see oodles of detail. You may recognize many quilts as winners in AQS Paducah shows and International Quilt Festivals in Houston. Don't miss out on this good time!

May 18, 2022

Time: TBA

Walpole Public Library, Walpole

Susan Cleveland

Website: [piecesbewithyou.com](http://piecesbewithyou.com)**Wednesday Workshop prior to guild meeting : Ringie Dingies****Member Fee: \$65****Non-Member Fee: \$75**

Susan puts a contemporary spin on the classic Dresden Plate block by using *double points*! This eliminates the need for the traditional appliquéd circle in the center of each circle and allows rings to interlock. The Dresdens are built on a foundation so background fabrics don't show through and, more importantly, they turn out perfectly flat!

Learn Susan's tips for speedily turning wedge points with the Prairie Pointer Tool. At home, you may finish the quilt by quilting the background, then ditch-stitching the Dresdens onto the quilted quilt. Design possibilities are endless!

Click [<here>](#) for the workshop supply list; click [<here>](#) for workshop registration form. If these links don't work Go to our Website [rnqg.org](http://rnqg.org) and click on the May Calendar Page

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## **The Rules of Quilting**

**By Tina Gonzalez-Holguin**

1. Don't bleed on the Quilt
2. Measure Twice, Cut Once
3. It's not a mistake, It's a Creative Opportunity
4. There are no Quilt Police,
5. Rules? There are Rules?

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