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It has been an honor and a privilege to be your president for the past three years. The Board worked hard to keep the guild vibrant during a difficult time in our history. We used our “think tank” to come up with “outside the box” ideas. We learned how to conduct meetings on Zoom and we found that they had their place in our guild. We enjoyed having a close-up view of our presentations and the fact that we didn’t have to go out on cold, dark winter nights. We enjoyed an outdoor event at Bird Park in Walpole, “Quilting in the Park.” We joined the “Global Quilt Connection” to learn from quilt teachers who were Zoom ready, and to get a peek into the studios of some nationally known quilters. One of my favorite new events has been the Zoom “Sew-Alongs”. It has afforded long-time members and new members a chance to get to know each other better. It has given us a chance to sew, chat and learn. These meetings had an intimacy that allowed for in-depth social interaction. Something we all greatly needed during a time of isolation.

Please renew your membership and bring a friend with you. We can’t survive without increasing our membership. It is essential to our continued existence to have new members, as well as willing and able volunteers. Click [here](#) to access the Membership Application/ Renewal form.

The board received some very happy reviews of Trudy Cleveland’s presentation. Members reported that they learned a lot about photographing their quilts, and that it would change how they did so in the future.

We have some amazing presentations coming up and a very worthwhile workshop with Susan Cleveland, an internationally known quilter. Please sign up for Susan’s “Ringie Dingies” workshop as soon as possible. Don’t miss out on learning something new from this award- winning quilter. We need guild support for these events to continue having them in the future. **We still need five more participants to break even on the cost for this class.** It would be so wonderful to have several quilts featured in the show as a result of this workshop. Workshop and program details appear on pages 9 and 10.

We hope to see you all in-person on May 18th at the Blessed Sacrament School cafeteria for Susan Cleveland’s presentation of “My Eclectic Quilt Pageant.” We will have our final meeting of the year on Zoom. It will be a presentation by Karen Brow-Meier that sounds very interesting and will help each of us to increase the beauty of our quilts. It is called, “Movin’ On!” This program is described on page 11 of the newsletter.

Please mark your calendars for the next Sew-Alongs: May 15th, June 5th and June 26th. We’d love for you to join us.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help in any way. Without you we could never have accomplished all that we did.

Quilt On...
Venera

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

Thank You to all our board members past and present for their dedication to keeping our guild vibrant and active. Many have been board members for multiple years sometimes staying in one position or shifting to new endeavors as needed. I also want to say, "Welcome!" to new members who have stepped in to add their enthusiasm and ideas. This is what keeps us going. We are still looking for a VICE PRESIDENT! The President is only expected to remain in that office for ONE YEAR! Thank You to Venera for her generous commitment of 3 years! Our Guild benefits in so many ways when members step up to share responsibilities. As we get set to gear up for our quilt show year, please consider ways you can help.

Here's to a great year!

Thanks. Lisa S

MEETINGS:

WEDNESDAY May 18th **Susan Cleveland Workshop- IN PERSON** at the Walpole Public Library Community Room 9:45-4

WEDNESDAY May 18th **Susan Cleveland Program- IN PERSON** at the Blessed Sacrament School Cafeteria 7-9pm. Parking lot entrance is at 10 Diamond Street

WEDNESDAY June 15th **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 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 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:

May 15
June 5, 26

New Names to know

RNQG Board Members 2022-23

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| President | Lisa S |
| Vice President | VACANT |
| Secretary | Judy Sw |
| Treasurer | Karen L |
| Programs | |
| 2022-23 | Terry G & Venera E |
| 2023-24 | Venera E |
| Historian | Terry G |
| Membership | Margaret R |
| Quilt Show Chair | Terry G & Mary P |
| Raffle Quilt '25 | Carla K |
| Raffle Quilt Tix | Carol C |
| Raffle Tix | Sonia G & RuthAnn S |
| Comfort Quilts | Terry R |
| NEQM Rep | Anita L |
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| Quilt Rack Rental | Diana A & Diana R |
| Connecting Threads | Deb B |
| Publicity | Maura W |
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| Website | AnneMarie F |

BOARD MEETINGS

First Wednesdays – Sept, Nov, Jan, Mar,
May 7-9pm via Zoom or at the Walpole
Public Library

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

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.*

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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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

Website News

There have been a couple of additions / modifications to the website since the
March / April newsletter was published:

- Photos have been posted through April
- The Raffle Quilt page has been updated to show our completed quilt and
information on tickets

Whether or not you attended the Trudy Cleveland ZOOM lecture on “How to
Photograph Quilts” at our April meeting, I encourage you to take a look at the
photos from that evening. Trudy gave permission to include her slides – I took
the liberty of rearranging them and adding text so the context was clear. It
would be wonderful if all of us put this new knowledge to use when submitting
our Show & Tell photos for our next ZOOM meeting!

A Community of Quilters Quilt Show Update

The quilt show date has been confirmed with the Blue Hills Vocational Technical High School for March 18-19, 2023. It will be here before you know it!

Please continue to finish up those UFO quilts and half-finished class projects. There should be plenty of "Covid quilts" to show as so many of us were confined for more or less two years as well as quilts made while Blue Hills was under construction. We will also be showcasing the quilts we have made during our workshops. There will be a section at quilt show called, "Look What I Made in Class".

We are excited to report that we have filled all of our quilt show leadership positions. Thank you to all who have come forward. As a Community of Quilters, we will support you when you request volunteers as there will be tasks for all skills and abilities. We have met as a show committee and will continue to meet as needed and in smaller groups on Zoom. All chairs have been asked to submit budgets as soon as possible. Mary and Terry will work with Karen LeBlanc on a developing a comprehensive show budget in June.

As our members are attending area wide quilt shows they are coming up with new ideas for our show. At a recent show we saw a new way to attach our labels to the black curtains which will protect our curtains for the future. We also have an idea to have an I Spy Contest for children visiting the show to keep them involved. At another show we saw a way to cut down on filling out raffle basket tickets to save time for people purchasing tickets. If, during your trips to see other guilds quilt shows you see a new idea, please let us know about it.

Summer Challenge: We will be creating 5" x 8" mini postcard quilts. Terry Greenstein has purchased and pre-cut the pelon and made kits with instructions for all. These can be picked up as you check in for the May 18th quilt meeting at the Blessed Sacrament School cafeteria. There will be several examples of these postcard quilts to see at the meeting. These are quick to make and we will be selling them for \$10. It will be an inexpensive way for someone to leave our quilt show with a little piece of artwork. This is one of many ways we can build up our depleted bank account and ensure we will have monies available for exciting speakers in the future!

Publicity: Maura Woodard has already been working on getting the word out and has created a beautiful "Save the Date" card featuring our stunning raffle quilt. There will be opportunities to share these by bringing the cards to area quilt shows and shops. There will also be an on-line version to share virtually.

Diana Richard has started to receive confirmations from vendors after sending out letters to previous vendors and personally speaking to new vendors at quilt shows.

As you can see, we are well on our way to our best quilt show yet! Please continue to look for ways you can contribute.

Terry Greenstein and Mary Peterson

Postcard/Mini Quilt Directions

Materials needed:

Fusible Web: Pelon Wonder-Under, Misty Fuse or Steam a Seam 2

Heavy Weight Stabilizer:

Pelon 72F Peltex Two-sided Fusible Ultra Firm Stabilizer (Provided by RNQG)

Pelon 70 Peltex Sew in Firm Stabilizer

1. Cut a 5" x 8" piece of stabilizer. If using Pellon 72F each side is fusible.
2. Then begin to create your quilt. You can sew together a scene and then fuse it or if using a background, iron it onto the Pellon.
3. If creating a scene, each piece that you put onto the background needs to be fused on using a fusible web.
4. Once the design is created, it is time to do some quilting (if you choose). You may want to embellish it with buttons, beads, colorful threads etc.
5. Fuse a piece of fabric onto the back of the mini quilt.
6. Either sew a binding, finish the edge of the mini quilt with a zigzag stitch, or fuse a binding on the quilt.
7. Please sign your name on the back.

When creating the mini quilt think about what might be sellable.

If you have any questions, please contact Terry Greenstein at her home phone or by e-mail.

Quilt Show Raffle Basket Update and Needs!!!!

As of May, 2022 we have the following people putting together raffle baskets:

Lisa – gluten free basket
Karen – cat basket
Sue – Sue Pelland basket
Diana – Knitting basket

I will be putting together the following baskets: Relaxation basket, cooking basket, kid's craft basket, gardening basket and wine basket.

We still have many baskets that need filling! Please consider doing one of the following:

Life is Better at the Beach
Movie Night
It's a Dog's World
Book Worm
Games
Taste of Italy
Rulers Galore
Notions
Craft Beer
Clean Your Car!
Who Doesn't Love Chocolate?
Snap On Tools
Grilling Time

We also need about 5 more baskets to put the items into.

Please consider taking on one of these baskets...you don't have to do it all by yourself...maybe two or three members can work together on one basket. At our next meeting I will send around a sign-up sheet for this so kindly be considering what basket will best suit you.

Much thanks to all who have already started filling their basket!!!!!!!!!!

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!!!!!!!!!! Stephanie

RAFFLE QUILT NEWS

Be sure to attend the in-person guild meeting on Wednesday, May 18th to see the raffle quilt up close and in-person.

Raffle tickets will be distributed to members at this meeting, so be sure to come! We will be looking for members to help staff various locations as we take the raffle quilt on the road to different venues to sell tickets.



COMFORT QUILT NEWS

I'm excited to see everyone at our LIVE meeting! I'm hoping many of you have made comfort quilts that you will bring. I will have some project bags with me if you are interested in a new summer project. Please let me know if you need batting or fabric and I will bring it along with me.

Thank you for all your efforts!!

Terry R

NEWS FROM THE NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM

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

Special closing: July 4

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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 July 16, 2022

TRADITION TO INNOVATION: 3-DIMENSIONAL WORKS BY DOMINIQUE EHRMANN

STRING THEORY: QUILTS OF STRIPS, STRIPES & STRINGS

SLEEPING UNDER THE STARS: STAR PATTERNS FROM THE PERMANENT COLLECTION

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Saturday, May 21, 2022 at 11 a.m.

MARGE TUCKER ON STRING THEORY

Saturday, July 16, 2022 at 11 a.m.

ARTIST'S TALK FEATURING DOMINIQUE EHRMAN

A parking lot behind the museum is available for free parking **ON WEEKENDS ONLY**. A new free parking option when the Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center is open can be viewed at:

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

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

May 18, 2022**7 – 9 PM****Blessed Sacrament School Cafeteria****Susan Cleveland****Website: piecesbewithyou.com****Topic: "My Eclectic Quilt Pageant"**

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 from the International Quilt Festivals in Houston. Don't miss out on this good time!



May 18, 2022

9:45AM – 4 PM

Walpole Public Library Community Room

Susan Cleveland

Website: 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!

Please Note: Students *must* purchase the Ringie Dingie pattern **OR** Susan Cleveland's "Dynamic Dresdens" book for the workshop. Please consult the workshop registration form for more information on purchase options.

Click <[here](#)> for the workshop supply list; click <[here](#)> for workshop registration form.

June 15, 2022 7 – 9 PM ZOOM meeting

Karen Brow-Meier
Topic: "Movin' On!"

Website: javahousequilts.com



Karen Brow-Meier, our guest speaker for June, has been a quilt pattern designer and illustrator for over 20 years. She will tell you unequivocally, that "*movement*" in quilts creates magic.

While color, pattern, and workmanship create beauty, *movement* creates interest and draws people in. It's a guaranteed "wow factor" and adds a certain sophistication. It can be created using appliqué, adjusting a composition, incorporating asymmetrical shapes, and unique border treatments. During her lecture, she promises to show lots of unique ways to create movement often and "with a bit of humor that seems to just delight."

Karen specializes in animal theme quilts with pieced and appliquéd blocks. Her quilts are unique, lively, and happy with a subtle sense of humor. She creates animals with personality over realism. Her work has appeared in national magazines, books, calendars and catalogues, and at AQS, Quilt Market, Quilt Festival, Pacific international and Road To California shows. She regularly collaborates with Hoffman California fabrics for quilt models and new designs.



She has lectured and taught workshops for over twelve years at guilds and conferences across the US, throughout California, and on cruise ships. She relishes the company of other quilters but has found that speaking and teaching virtually have their own rewards and advantages.

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