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## President's Message

Fellow Quilters,

Wow! Time flies and it's already November. It has been great seeing everyone in person at our first two meetings, but as we head into the winter our meetings are returning to Zoom. This is in response to our members who do not want to venture out on dark evenings with possibly treacherous roads.

This month our own Janet Elia will share her quilts and talk about her quilting journey. Be on the lookout for your Zoom invite. With the next four months on Zoom, we will need to be vigilant to keep our quilt show planning on track. Mary and Terry and all the committee chairs are working hard to make that happen. They will be sending out updates and planning their own Zoom meetings. In addition, AnneMarie has done a great job getting the show info on our website. It is a great resource for the show as well as meetings, programs and contact info. Margaret has been sending out updated membership lists- a great resource if you need to contact another member. Any committee chair sending out email reminders, please include RNQG in the subject line. Happy quilting!

Lisa

## Quilt Show Volunteer Sign Up Information

Thanks to everyone who signed up at the October meeting. Moving forward, sign ups will be via emails and phone and I will send an email that will include photos of the sign up sheets. I will follow up with a phone calls to gather your volunteer time and day choices. It is expected that you volunteer at least a two hour shift for each quilt entered up to three shifts. If you are not available to work the show weekend, we ask that you make arrangements to help in advance of the show. There are many jobs to be done. Let me know if that is an issue and I will find a way for you to help.

Lisa

## 2022-23 Raffle

Consistent with the theme of the upcoming quilt show *A Community of Quilters*, our members have been instrumental in helping to raise nearly \$1600 in raffle ticket sales thus far. The beautiful "Blue Plate Specials" were displayed in five local communities including Canton, Medway, Walpole, Norwood, and Medfield as well as in few quilting shops, Hard-working members promoted not only the raffle quilt and 12" square blocks,

but also our guild and its philanthropy, inviting quilters and sewists to come join us. Due to high winds and wet weather we pulled out of Sharon.

With six and a-half months to go until the winning ticket is drawn on May 17th, we are halfway to our goal of \$3,000 in ticket sales. I am indebted to those who have helped at every step of this project from design concept to publicity and beyond. It does take a community.

Speaking of design concept, we now must start to think about the **raffle quilt for 2025**. To that end, Carla Keen and I are asking all of you to provide your ideas about the pattern for the next masterpiece. What have you seen that you like? Do you have ideas about size, colors? Modern or traditional? Classic colors or trendy? Complex or simple? We are taking all suggestions. We invite you to think about this passionately. All ideas are good ideas. No idea is a bad idea. So please participate in the Nov 16th guild meeting via Zoom and let us know what you envision for the next quilt. Better yet, [email raffletix@RNQG.org](mailto:emailraffletix@RNQG.org) (put 2025 Quilt in the subject line) with your suggestions. By January 20, we'd like to have all the design submissions. During February and March, we'll look at the various designs and with the help of a few of you, choose one that will work for the guild. At the April meeting we will reveal the design. Plans and instructions will be available before our last meeting in June. So please don those creative thinking caps and help us out.



Carol Coakley

## Quilt Show Update

It will be 6 years since RNQG has held a Quilt Show and we can't wait to see everyone's beautiful quilts hanging for the public to enjoy. We have a talented guild of quilters and we can't wait to show them off.

We know that that this show is so important to the health of the guild and we want to get ourselves back into the position of offering fabulous speakers and teachers again. We realize that since we haven't had the show in so many years we hope that we can have a true celebration after the show.

We also know that some of you are new members who haven't participated in our show before, and you might have many questions. One of the best places to start to learn about what to do is to go to our website [RNQG.org](http://RNQG.org). Once there, look at the left column and click on "Quilt Show". Below we discuss some of the information that you will find on the website. If you still have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We are so pleased to state that all of our committees are actively working to make the quilt show as successful as possible. In this article and in future newsletters we will update you on their efforts.

**Raffle Baskets:** Stephanie Valanzola has been busy collecting items for the raffle baskets. This is her first time working on the baskets and based on all of our members who have signed up, we know that it is going to be a huge success. Stephanie would

like to receive all of the items for the baskets prior to Christmas so that she and her team of basket creators can put them together for us. At the last meeting we suggested that if you had not signed up to create a basket but would like to donate some funds to help with them that would be truly helpful.

**A note from Stephanie:** *I am so grateful for all the support and donations already received for the raffle baskets. It takes all of us to make this a great event and I am certain that we will have a very successful show in March. So many of you have stepped forward to do baskets and I truly appreciate it. It makes my job a little easier and a lot more fun. I passed around an envelope at our previous meeting and was overwhelmed at how many of you contributed to this cause. Thank you for all you have done and continue to do. If you have baskets that are ready and would like me to get them, please let me know. I am more than happy to drive to your home and pick them up. Also if you would like to be in the raffle for members please get a fat quarter and a spool of thread to me. I am usually at AAQ on Mondays if that is easier for you. Thanks again and have a wonderful Thanksgiving!*

**Vendors:** Diana Richard has contacted her list of vendors from the past as well as some new ones. We are thrilled that we already have 12 vendors with a total of 13 booths sold. This is a wonderful way for the guild to raise money for the show and to attract people to come to our show. In the past our vendors have been very busy selling their products.

**Venue:** Mary Peterson has been working with the venue and we are anticipating a contract from Blue Hills Regional Technical School soon. The location of the school has been wonderful in the past since it is close to Route 128. Formerly we have had buses coming up from Connecticut. Let's hope that they come for this show as well.

**Website:** AnneMarie Freitas has worked on the website and has updated it for the 2023 Quilt Show. On the site we have a Q &A that answers all questions that you might have about the quilt show and submitting a quilt.

There is section on the Quilt Entry Rules which discusses the different categories that you then would choose which best fits the quilt that you are entering. An example: Pieced Wall Quilts: Quilts must be predominantly machine pieced and can have a mixture of embellishments. The perimeter must not exceed 300". The show setup has all of the quilts in each category grouped together that will help people vote on the Viewers Choice awards. We have 8 different categories this year including "Look What I Made in Class." Please finish up those quilts that you started in a class over the last 5 years. It should be a great category to see!

The registration deadline date for the Quilt Show is January 18, 2023.

The website also has a section on the Boutique with all of the necessary information about the Boutique (which will be discussed in a separate article below) .

Please review the other articles on the show as well. And thank you for everyone's participation in helping us create the BEST SHOW EVER!!

Terry Greenstein or Mary Peterson.

## Mini Quilts

I want to thank all of our members who have worked on our Summer Challenge. At this point we have collected 61 mini quilts. As I have mentioned in the past, these quilts are fun to create and don't take that much time. We are selling them for \$10 each and have decided to begin selling them prior to the Quilt Show as we have an incredible opportunity to begin selling them at a Holiday Fair where Diana Richard lives. Hopefully we will be successful at the fair.

There have been a number of Quilt Shows this fall and many of the guilds are selling the mini quilts for the same price. Rising Star just had their show and were able to sell 220 mini quilts bringing in \$2200 to their guild. Quinebequin had their show a few weeks ago and sold 60 the first day of the show. When Lisa Steinka and I went on Saturday morning they had 2 quilters busy making more to sell that day.

If you have not had a chance to complete the mini quilts, there still is time to do so. If you choose not to make them and have the kits, please contact me as I am sure that there will be members who would want to make additional quilts. It is an inexpensive way for someone to leave our quilt show with a little piece of artwork and we hope that this will be one way to bring in income to the guild. The more quilts we have, the greater the opportunity for us to raise income for our guild.

A few years ago we had another fundraiser over the summer which were the 12"x12" quilts. They were originally created to be sold at the next Quilt Show but as we all know, it did not happen. Last night at the Board meeting Karen LaBlank announced that we have raised around \$800 so far in selling these quilts. They were sold at the Quilt in the Park last summer and Carol Coakley has been bringing them along with the Raffle Quilt at each of the venues where it has been shown. Let's create enough mini quilts so that we can be equally successful in raising money for the guild!!

Below please find the instructions for making the mini quilts. I hope that some of our members will decide to make additional quilts for us.

Thanks in advance for helping us have a successful fund raiser.

Terry Greenstein

## Mini Quilt Directions

Materials needed:

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

Heavy Weight Stabilizer:

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

Pellon 70 Peltex Sew in Firm Stabilizer

Cut a 5" x 8" piece of stabilizer. If using Pellon 72F each side is fusible.

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.

If creating a scene, each piece that you put onto the background needs to be fused on using a fusible web.

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.

Fuse a piece of fabric onto the back of the mini quilt.

Either sew a binding, finish the edge of the mini quilt with a zigzag stitch, or fuse a binding on the quilt.

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 me Terry Greenstein.

## Boutique Update

It's time to clean out your sewing room and consider donating/consigning to the Boutique the items you no longer use/want. We encourage all members to make hand-made items to be sold in the Boutique as they will be an excellent addition to our other "gently used" sale items. All the documents that you need to participate in the Boutique are now posted on the guild website [www.RNQG.org](http://www.RNQG.org) (click on "Quilt Show", then "Boutique"). These same forms and guideline documents are also available at All About Quilts (AAQ) in Walpole, along with the 'Sales Tags' which must be used to mark each of your items for sale (these sales tags are free if you get them from this Box). Ask an AAQ employee for the "Boutique Box". You can purchase the Sales Tags, but they MUST conform to this tag size and type (w/string) or be this exact tag: "Avery Strung White Marking Tag (w/string attached) size: 1 3/4" X 1 3/32". Amazon has these tags (quantity: 100) for \$6.66: <https://smile.amazon.com/Avery-White-Marking-Strung-11062/dp/B000MIO9DO> . Although the guild member is paying for these sales tags, for those that are not located near AAQ, this may be a better option. Either way, **ONLY THESE SALES TAGS ARE ACCEPTABLE!**

Have a few questions about how to fill in the Boutique Inventory Form or mark the Sales tags appropriately? Still not sure about what you can consign/donate? After the January 18, 2023 and February 15, 2023 Quilt Guild (ZOOM) meetings, a Boutique Chairperson

will stay on the ZOOM call after the regular meeting ends for a Q&A period. Alternatively, the Boutique email: [qsboutique@rnqg.org](mailto:qsboutique@rnqg.org) can be used to ask questions and/or send photos of potential sale items. You can contact Dottie Sullivan or Jacqui O'Brien by cell using the Membership contact information available to Guild members. Can't wait to see what treasures you bring to the Boutique on "Drop-Off Day" – Friday March 17th!

Jacqui O'Brien  
Dottie Sullivan

## Zoom Sew-Alongs

Mark your calendars and join us for sewing in the comfort of your own homes including conversations with your fellow RNQG members.

November 6th - 10 AM to 2 PM  
December 6th - 6 PM to 9 PM  
January 8th - 10 AM to 2 PM  
January 29th - 10 AM to 2 PM  
February 7th - 6 PM to 9 PM  
February 19th - 10 AM to 2 PM  
See you then.  
Venera

**Programs:** November 2022 and January 2023

Mark your calendars. Don't miss out.

**November 16** - Janet Elia Zoom Trunk Show. Janet's work is magnificent. Be there to witness her beautiful appliqué and award winning quilts.

[http://www.rnqg.org/joomla1\\_5/nov](http://www.rnqg.org/joomla1_5/nov)

**December** - Happy Holidays. We will see you again in January.

**January 18** - Comfort Quilt Sew-Along. Please join us to make blocks for our comfort quilt efforts. We donate approximately 100 quilts per year, and if we all work together we can increase our efforts. We will be making 2 finished blocks with 1 red and 1 cream 10" square, not red and grey as pictured below. We are hoping that each participant will make at least 2 blocks. The instructions are on the website. We will be breaking out into small groups for conversation and camaraderie.

**January:** [http://www.rnqg.org/joomla1\\_5/jan](http://www.rnqg.org/joomla1_5/jan)

**Instructions for blocks:** <http://www.rnqg.org/images/RNQG/calendar/ModSqlInSqlIns.pdf>

**Video for Blocks**



Remember to sign up for Diana Annis' Machine Quilting workshop in May. You will want to learn her expert techniques for quilting on your domestic machine. The workshop will be opened to the public soon, so guarantee your space by registering now.

**May:** [http://www.rnqg.org/joomla1\\_5/may](http://www.rnqg.org/joomla1_5/may)

## Blast from the Past

The 2018 Summer Challenge was to make a 12" Block Quilt which was then attached to a Wooden Frame. Several RNQG members created so many beautiful 12" Blocks. Thank you all for your contribution. So far RNQG has received \$769.00 from the sales of these blocks.

Karen LeBlanc

## Website Update

The Quilt Show is rapidly approaching! The RNQG website now has several pages dedicated to information about this long-awaited event. The main menu (found on the left of the website pages) has a new entry: Quilt Show '23. Clicking this option brings up a page that is useful to the general public and guild members alike, since it advertises the show – date, hours, location, features, admission fee, etc. The menu that appears at the top of the Quilt Show '23 page contains tabs that all members should follow. These are: Quilt Show Q &A, Quilt Entry Rules, Boutique, and Publicity. When you read the Quilt Entry Rules, you will note that it refers to an additional tab, E-Form. For our 2015 and 2017 quilt shows, all quilts were registered on-line. Having registrations done digitally makes it easier to distribute quilt information to Quilt Central, the Show Booklet

committee, the Labels committee and the Display committee. Unfortunately, the form used for past shows is not compatible with newer versions of website support software, and I have been working diligently to create a new form. I will notify the membership through email as soon as the new form is ready and available on the website.

## ***Urgent Website Request***

I will be traveling for 8 – 10 weeks (January through mid-March) in 2024, the middle of our quilting season. During this time, it will be impossible for me to manage the website. The guild really needs someone to step forward to learn how the website works and take on the role of webmaster. Ideally this will happen sooner rather than later so the training isn't rushed. I intend to spend whatever time is needed to train my replacement. Please call or email me to discuss the job. My phone and email address are in the membership list, or you can contact me through [webmaster@rnqg.org](mailto:webmaster@rnqg.org).

Thank you!

AnneMarie Freitas

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

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

Special closings: November 25 (Thanksgiving) & December 25

(Christmas) and January 1-27 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>

**CURRENT EXHIBITS:** Now through December 31, 2022

**CELEBRATING MOTHER'S MEMORY:** WORKS BY TOMIE NAGANO

**SUSTAINABILITY:** SOLUTIONS TO IMPROVE OUR WORLD BY SAQA

Now through December 31, 2022

**LOG CABIN QUILTS FROM THE PERMANENT COLLECTION**

Opening January 2023

**THE BEST OF CANADIAN QUILTS:** A JURIED EXHIBITION FROM THE CANADIAN QUILTERS ASSOCIATION SOUTHERN QUILTS

**SPECIAL EVENTS:**

Saturday, November 12, 2022 at 11 a.m.

A Talk and Reading by Linda Hoffman: The Artist and the Orchard, A Memoir

Saturday, December 3, 2022 at 1 p.m.

Artist's Talk with Tomie Nagano

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

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