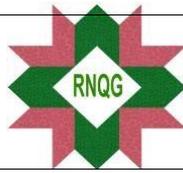


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Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild Newsletter

May/June 2023

President's Message

Hello Fellow Quilters!

What a year it has been! I marvel at all the work we accomplished preparing for the quilt show mostly remotely and while it did not go off without a few glitches it was a great success. Thank you to Chairs Mary Peterson and Terry Greenstein, all our committee chairs and to all who came out to help. Congratulations to all who entered. I am awed by the diverse talent in our guild.

This year we will resume our scholarship and library donation. We have chosen Norwood as the receiving town.

It has been my pleasure to act as your president this year and as the year ends and we prepare for next year it pleases me to announce that we will be starting the year with nearly a full board. We will be presenting them to you next week to vote them in. The new board is as follows:

President: Nancy Pond
V. President: Abby Sullivan
Treasurer: Karen LeBlanc
Programs 23/24: Venera Emmi
24/25: Cathy Kelliher
Historian: Gail Williams
Membership: Margaret Rolph
Quilt Show: ???????
Raffle Quilt: Carla Keen
Raffle Tickets: Carol Coakley
Meeting Raffle: Sonia Giandominico
Comfort Quilts: Terry Ruta
NEQM Rep: Anita Loscalzo
Facebook: Venera Emmi
Instagram: Karen LeBlanc
Quilt Racks: Billie Klegraefe
Connecting Threads: Deb Bonano
Publicity: Maura Woodard
Newsletter: Diane Bell
Website: Carla Keen/AnneMarie Freitas

Thank you to all who have stepped up and welcome to all the members who are new to the board.

Happy Quilting,
Lisa

Quilt Show Update

Total Gross Ticket Sales were \$4,058.00.

Current balance as of 4/30/23 is \$31851.27

Karen LeBlanc RNQG

Treasurer

Programs: 2023

Please mark your calendars.

Wednesday, May 17 Business Meeting - Introduce new board.

Member Show 'n' Tell - Please bring your finished quilts.

Diana Annis Presentation - How Do I Quilt This?

Remember to let Diana know if you would like your quilt evaluated for a quilting recommendation.

Knights of Columbus Hall, 137 Stone Street, Walpole 7 PM to 9 PM

Saturday, May 20

Diana Annis Workshop - Machine Quilting on Your Domestic Machine **This workshop is full.**

All About Quilts 958 Main Street, Walpole 10 AM to 4 PM

The supply list for this workshop is available on our website.

<https://www.rnqq.org/images/RNQG/calendar/DA-WSSupplyList.pdf>

***Please make note that the next two events are the fourth week in June rather than on the third week in June.

Business Meeting Wednesday, June 28

Member Show 'n' Tell - Please bring your finished quilts.

Tracy Szanto Presentation - "A Trip to Dreamland" Tracy's quilting journey.

Knights of Columbus Hall, 137 Stone Street, Walpole 7 PM to 9 PM

Thursday, June 29

Tracy Szanto Workshop - The Painted Loon

\$40 for members / \$45 for non-members

\$25 for kit payable to Tracy by check or Venmo

All About Quilts 958 Main Street, Walpole 10:30 AM to 2:30 PM

There is no supply list for this workshop. All materials are provided in the kit.

Saturday, September 9 - A second Diana Annis workshop has been scheduled.

Diana Annis Workshop - Machine Quilting on Your Domestic Machine

\$65 for members / \$75 for non-members

All About Quilts 958 Main Street, Walpole 10 AM to 4 PM

Participants in this 6-hour class will learn the keys to successful free motion quilting!

The supply list for this workshop is available on our website.

<https://www.rnqq.org/images/RNQG/calendar/DA-WSSupplyList.pdf>

Zoom Sew-Alongs

Tuesday, May 9 6 PM to 9 PM Zoom

Tuesday, May 23 6 PM to 9 PM Zoom

Wednesday, June 7 6 PM to 9 PM Zoom

RNQG Survey **May 2023**

We got lots of information about your goals for the guild and your reasons for joining the guild. A Survey Summary Report will be temporarily available on the website in the top right scroll if you are interested in seeing the results.

Venera Emmi

Program Coordinator

Summer Challenge

Quilted Hearts for Veterans



Quilted Hearts for Veterans will be distributed at the Irreverent Warriors Silkies Hike in Worcester on September 30, 2023.

Size: 3 to 4 inches. Recommended Colors: red, white & blue, Military branch specific colors or prints are(navy, olive)..

Front should be pieced, appliquéd, embroidered, or embellished . The back should be one solid piece of fabric.

A 2" to 3" ribbon, twine, or fabric loop should be attached to the top of the heart so it can hang from a pack. No personal message.

Attach a small paper string tag pinned with a small safety pin stating something like, "Lovingly made by Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild. That would be welcome.

Deadline: all hearts are due at our first meeting - September 20th and no later.



Irreverent Warriors, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization (EIN:47-4789126) whose mission is to: bring veterans together using humor and camaraderie to heal the mental wounds of war, through therapeutic events and entertainment, in order to reduce PTSD and prevent veteran suicide. According to the VA's Suicide Data Report, 2012 study, 22 veterans a day are taking their own lives. This statistic, however, may be a gross underestimate as only 23 of the 50 states participated.

The Silkies Hike was created to fit an unmet demand for veterans to bond with other veterans, to relive the sense of brotherhood and family felt while in the military. During the 2023 season, over 90 hikes will bring thousands of veterans together across the United States. Veteran and military participants hike anywhere from 8-14 miles, some carrying heavy packs, some in wheelchairs, but all in a spirit of support and camaraderie with a singular mission - to eliminate veteran suicide. Veterans normally hike wearing only their combat boots and "Silkies", traditional military physical training shorts full of nostalgia that help promote an environment of humor and camaraderie.

Venera Emmi
Program Coordinator

Did you know...

that the description of responsibilities for each of the RNQG Board positions has been on the RNQG website since 2013?

If you have questions on the duties for a particular job, first go to the website home page (the page that opens when you type rnqg.org into your web browser), then click on the "Get Involved!" tab found in the line above "Welcome!"

Item 2 on the "Volunteer Opportunities" page is "Take part in the governance of the guild." Clicking on any of the entries in the list of board positions (**Officers** and **Standing Committees**) will open the page that describes the duties associated with that role.

AnneMarie Freitas
Webmaster

Raffle Quilt 2023 and 2025 Updates

BLUE PLATE SPECIALS

The "Blue Plate Specials" raffle quilt drawing will be held at our guild meeting on May 17. To date, our gross revenues exceed \$4000 and our net proceeds hover around \$3450. We have about 25 books of tickets (\$125 worth) to be sold. If you would like any tickets to sell please contact me at raffletix@rnqg.org.

As you know, each member is entitled to two books of tickets for each year of guild membership since the last raffle.

- Seven members have not picked up their tickets for the 2022-2023 membership year.
- Six members have not picked up their tickets for both the 2021-2022 AND the 2022-23 year.

I will have these tickets available at the May guild meeting. If you believe you are one of those who have to pick up your raffle tickets, please see me (Carol) at the beginning of the meeting or contact me at raffletix@rnqg.org.

In 2021, member Jacqueline Fleishman won "Flying Blues". So it could be you who will win our beautiful 2023 raffle quilt, admired by many, complimented by all, but only one lucky person will take it home.

Good luck to all!

2024-2025 RAFFLE QUILT -- HUNTER'S STAR

For those of you who might not know, our next raffle quilt it will be the Hunter's Star! It is a beautiful quilt that can be constructed with or without a Deb Tucker RapidFire Hunter's Star ruler. We are asking for donations of fabric from members. Then there will be kits with fabric and instructions provided for guild members who sign up to make blocks. We are hoping for at least 30 members to participate.

Here's how you can help!

- DONATE FABRIC** We are looking for 1/2 yard or larger medium or dark blue cotton or batik fabrics to be brought to the May meeting. If you cannot attend but want to donate please email us for an alternate plan. Please wash the fabric before donation. Please label the fabric if you would like it back in the event it is not used for the quilt; otherwise it will be donated for comfort quilts.
- SIGN UP FOR A KIT** If you haven't already done so at the March meeting or via email, please sign up for a kit. Just respond to emails sent out or email directly to HunterStar@rnqq.org. to let us know if and when you want to participate. Kits will be given out at the June meeting and at all of the workshops.
- SIGN UP FOR A WORKSHOP** We have 4 workshops scheduled and will schedule more over the summer if needed. You may attend more than one workshop if seating is available. As above, you can sign up via email to HunterStar@rnqq.org directly or by responding to emails we have sent out. Please bring usual sewing supplies, sewing machine and optionally a cutting mat, a rotary cutter, an iron and ironing pad. There will be cutting and ironing stations available. Optionally bring potluck appetizers to share. At the workshops there will be demos and time to get started, on (perhaps finish!?) your kit.

The workshop dates are as follows.

Tuesday, May 30 at AAQ at 6 pm-9 pm

Friday, June 9 at AAQ at 4:30 -7:30 pm

Tuesday, June 13 at AAQ at 6 pm - 9 pm

Monday, June 19 at 42 Springdale Ave in Dover, 10-2pm

Questions, or to sign up please email us at HunterStar@rnqq.org.

We're looking forward to working with all of you! Making the Hunter's Star quilt promises to be a fun and rewarding experience!

Here's the OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE DEB TUCKER'S RAPID FIRE HUNTER'S STAR RULER
For anyone interested in owning their own RapidFire Ruler, we are able to offer them for purchase at 27\$ plus tax. Please send email to HunterStar@rnqq.org. to order. You may also order one at a workshop after you have seen a demo. There will be rulers to share at the workshops in case orders have not come in yet.

Carol, Diana, Venera, and Carla

Publicity

Maura's three hats:

Thank you to each and every guild member who shared postcards, flyers and personal invitations to the Quilt Show. You made the difference in the number of folks who attended. Didn't we all put on a great show? Take a bow!

If you have anything guild or quilting related that you would like to see in your local paper, let me know and we can write a story. Stop by the Norfolk Aggie Expo on Sat May 20 from 11am-3pm to see the guild booth; bring a friend, neighbor or family member. We are a sponsor and exhibitor, so we should be listed on the t-shirt, how exciting!

Membership Renewal Time

It's time to renew your membership for the 2023-2024 year! Options for renewing: You can renew in person at the May 17 or the June 28 meeting. Membership application forms will be available; just bring a check or cash, or request a VENMO payment. Print: fill out and send the membership application with your payment to Margaret Rolph. The application is available on the RNQG.org website.

The deadline for payment is July 1.

Margaret Rolph
Membership Chair

Fundraising

For the quilt show the guild has been awarded a \$2500 grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, \$500 from the Canton Cultural Council, \$250 from the Sharon Cultural Council and \$50 from Roche Brothers.

Fortieth Anniversary of the Guild

RNQG was chartered as the 47th chapter in the New England Quilt Guild and had its first meeting September 28, 1983. Let's celebrate this 40th anniversary over the next guild year! If you have any ideas and/or would like to help make some fun happen, please reach out via the membership list or at publicity@rnqg.org

Maura Woodard
Publicity Chair

Facebook Information

There were questions on the RNQG 2023 Survey about posting on the RNQG FB page and setting up Notifications. The RNQG FB page is public and open to anyone who has a FB account.

The RNQG FB group is private and only open to RNQG members and interested former members. It is restricted to members only by an administrator who must approve entry into the group. Any member of the guild, who is a member of the group can post on the page.

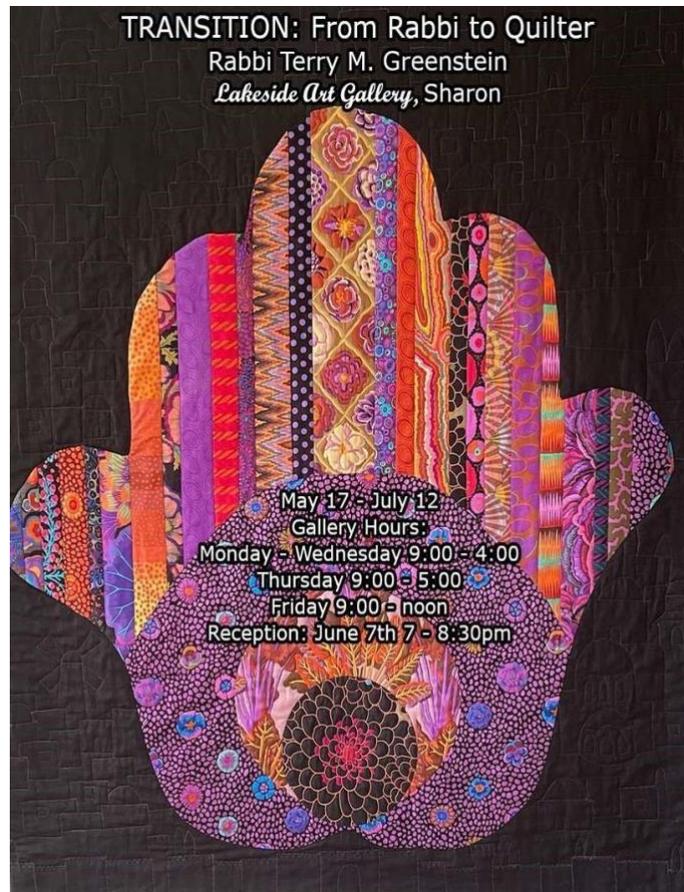
Posting on the group page is similar to posting on your personal page. Look for the RNQG symbol in the feed. In the space that asks, "Write something..." write your message. You can add a photograph by clicking on "Photo/video". You can add a link, as well. In order to know when something new has been posted on the RNQG FB page or RNQG Group page you must turn on notifications. These

notifications occur in the application only. In other words you will not receive a text or email to inform you of new postings. Notifications will be listed under the bell in the top right corner in FB.

In order to set up notifications, go to the top right, click your Page photo, then click Settings & Privacy. Click Settings, then click Notifications in the left menu. Select which notifications you want to receive on Facebook .

Venera Emmi
FaceBook Administrator

Terry Greenstein exhibit in Sharon!



RNQG Survey May 2023

We got lots of information about your goals for the guild and your reasons for joining the guild. A Survey Evaluation Report will be available on the website in the top right scroll temporarily if you are interested in seeing the results.

Comfort Quilts

Happy Spring Everyone!! I recently received a donation of fabric so if you need a backing or material for a comfort quilt please let me know. Also, if you know of an organization or an individual who could use a comfort quilt, send me the information and I'm happy to contact them.

In the donation was quite a bit of very nice upholstery material and a large cut of denim. A few members have suggested that it would make sturdy tote bags and these bags could be donated possibly to foster young adults that are ready to move out on their own. Might one of our members be willing to take on this project over the summer? I appreciate everyone's help and support to make our comfort quilt efforts so strong and appreciated!

Terry Ruta
Comfort Quilt Chair

Red and Cream Comfort Quilt Blocks Call for Volunteers.

As a guild we created 145 red and cream blocks. Amazing! Members made anywhere from 2 to 20 blocks. Now they need to be sewn together. There are enough blocks for 3 quilts. The finished blocks should measure 8½". Each quilt will be composed of 48 blocks with 6 blocks to a row and 8 blocks to a column. They should each measure about 51" x 68".

The blocks will be available at the next meeting. If you can't make the meeting, and you want to sew a quilt top together, please let me know and we can arrange for you to pick up the blocks at All About Quilts. What a terrific summer project for anyone who is willing and able!

Thank you for the overwhelming response to this project.

NEWS FROM THE NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM

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

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 & FUTURE EXHIBITS:

*Now through July 8, 2023

RED & WHITE QUILTS FROM THE PERMANENT COLLECTION

*Now through July 15, 2023

PORTABLE PATCHWORK: TWO CENTURIES OF "QUILT AS YOU GO"

*May 10 through August 12, 2023

QUILTS JAPAN: THE 16 TH QUILT NIHON

*July 18 through September 30, 2023

THE QUILTS OF TIMNA TARR

*August 14 through September 9, 2023

SUMMER CELEBRATION OF NEW ENGLAND QUILTS: THE BEST OF THE REGION'S QUILT GUILDS

NOTE: At this event, RNQG will be represented by Nancy Pond's quilt, "Essence of London." Be sure to get to the Museum to vote for her quilt – the Viewers' Choice winner's guild gets to have an exhibit of its members' quilts during August 2024!

*September 12 through December 30, 2023

ANIMALIA: THE ANIMAL KINGDOM IN QUILTS AND TEXTILES

*October 3 through December 30, 2023

MEDALLION QUILTS: AMERICAN QUILT STUDY GROUP

SPECIAL EVENTS:

(Free to members and included with the price of admission for nonmembers. No advance reservations are required.)

See <https://www.negm.org/> calendar-1 for listings (none at time of this newsletter)

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

