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President's Message

Hello RNQG members!

Regretfully the long sunny summer days are behind us. I hope you enjoyed a vacation, sticking your feet in the sand, ripe tomatoes, and a cool breeze. Although I do love fall which is so conducive to fondling your fabric stash while planning your next project., think about your next quilt and what brings you JOY and makes you go Ahh.

I'm terrible with names, so my apologies if I forget yours and have a lapse of memory forgive me. Please wear your nametags we have a large group, although there is always room for one more. Please introduce yourself, invite someone to sit with you and introduce them to your friends... Lets unite this quilting circle. Venera was so clever last year to print out quilting pins with the town we live in... that could start a conversation or initiate a new sewing circle. Make new friends!

The Guild has reaped many financial benefits due in part to the efforts of Maura Woodard to whom we are all very grateful. The grants will help fund our speakers and any events RNQG hosts in the next two years, until the next quilt show fundraiser .

Speaking of which we still need a show chair... Step right up by yourself or with a group to make our next show the best ! We need a show chair for the show to happen .

Please visit the New England Quilt Museum in Lowell. There are many beautiful quilts on exhibit and consider supporting the museum and joining as a member. We are so fortunate to have a museum nearby.The exhibits change frequently and are amazing.

With so many talented members please bring your show n' tell to the monthly meeting to inspire us all with our RNQG trunk show. I am looking forward to a great year and always open to suggestions for making it better for all:

"I will not buy anymore fabric until I use up the stash I have at home," I said. And then I laughed and laughed.

Warm Regards,

Nancy Pond

Summer Challenge



Please remember to bring any hearts you may have made for the "Hearts for Veterans" project to the September meeting. The pattern information is on the website.

<https://www.rnqg.org/images/RNQG/Misc/2023SummerChallenge.pdf>

The project manager is asking for volunteers to help hand out the hearts at the “Irreverent Warriors” March on September 30th. If you are interested please see me. They try to keep the exact location of the ceremonies private. Thank you.

One more item!

Pinking Shears Sharpening

For those of you who were generous enough to make the Hearts for Veterans for our summer challenge and had difficulty with your pinking shears, here’s a fairly local sharpening service that sharpens them.

Eric’s Sharper Edge
3 Evergreen Drive
Franklin, Ma 02038
774-571-8700



Venera

Comfort Quilts

Welcome back everyone!! Over the summer I delivered quilts to the foster teens in the Worcester area, the foster care agency in Fall River, the hospice agency in Westwood and Brother’s Keeper in Easton. Everyone was VERY appreciative!

I do have 3 quilts ready to be bound that I will bring to our next meeting. Please let me know if you need any fabric or batting. Thank you to everyone who helps out!

Terry Ruta

Programs: 2024-25

Just a few things to add from Programs 2024/25

I have been in touch with the Seacrest Hotel for a possible Retreat. We will want to poll members for interest and time of the year looking ahead. We have an opportunity to display and possibly sell quilts at an exhibition in Canton at the Paul Revere. December 2. More information coming

The quild is planning a **Block of the Month Mystery** for 24/25. No cost as you will supply your own fabric .

David Sirota will be doing a “No More Tears” paper piece workshop 2025.

We will start 2024/25 off with a September Social event.

A members teaching techniques is in the planning stages. More details later.

Zoom Sew-Alongs

Please mark your calendars. Some of the dates for the Sew-Alongs have been canceled. Some have been rescheduled. They are all on the website. rnqg.org

9/11 6-9
10/2 6-9
10/15 10-2
11/28 1-4 and 6-9
12/6 6-9
12/10 10-2
1/7 10-2
1/9 1-4 and 6-9
2/5 1-4 and 6-9
2/11 10-2
3/3 10-2
4/15 6-9
5/21 6-9
6/5 6-9

Presentations and Workshops

All in-person presentations are on the third Wednesday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 137 Stone Street, Walpole from 7-9. Doors open at 6:30. The Zoom presentations and workshops are in January and February.

9/20 Tina Craig, "30 Years & Counting: My Quilting Journey"

10/18 Barbara Graceffa "Keeping You in Stitches: Quilter's Comedy Café"

10/21 Saturday Workshop, 10-2, "Welcome to Wonky Town," Walpole Public Library Community Room.

11/15 Linda Pearl, "Ten Quilters You Should Know & Why: Contemporary American Quilting History"

1/17 Zoom, Lisa Shepard Stewart, "Quilting with African Fabrics"

1/18 Thursday Zoom Workshop, 6-9, Lisa Shepard Stewart, Corded Cabin Quilt Block

2/21 Diane Harris, "Make Extraordinary Scrap Quilts"

2/24 Saturday Zoom Workshop, 10-4, Diane Harris, StarQuar Scrap Quilts

3/20 Nancy Sullivan & Lynn Thibault, "Quilt Clinic"

4/17 Jennifer Watchorn, "Organizing Your Quilting Space"

5/15 Michelle Banton, "If MacGyver was a Quilter" **Cancelled.** More later.

6/19 Janice & David Jones, "See the Everyday in an Abstract Way"

Mystery Quilt

This year we will be introducing a Mystery Quilt. It will be a project that will take several months to complete. You will be receiving instructions on a monthly basis and we will arrange meetings at a coffee shop to discuss the quilt, answer any questions and show off our progress. This project was planned as a result of the survey answers that included your requests for more social gatherings. We will be planning one daytime meeting and one evening or weekend meeting to accommodate different schedules. Our member, Stephanie Valanzola, did a wonderful job planning and creating this project.

Wednesday, October 11th, 7 PM, Panera Bread, Walpole Mall
Monday, November 6th, 7 PM, Panera Bread, Walpole Mall
Saturday, December 2nd, 10 AM, Panera Bread, Walpole Mall

Members Teaching Members

We will have a Members Teaching Members session which we are planning for a winter Saturday when the Community Room at the Walpole Public Library is available. I'm seeking members to volunteer to teach and/or demonstrate a skill.

Venera Emmi
Cathy Kelliher
Programs

An RNQG limerick:

Say the members of RNQG
"The newsletter's perfect for me!"
But the up-to-date view
Of all guild things to do
Are found on the WEBSITE for free!

**Please keep in mind — the guild newsletter is published every other month. The website is updated whenever needed!

AnnMarie Freitas

Raffle Quilt 2025 Updates

Given the success of the 2023 raffle quilt ticket sales, the guild will once again sell tickets at various 2024 Town Pride Days. No need to go reinvent the wheel when it worked so well and we learned and improved as we went. We target those towns where our members reside, with a fairly large turnout, and where we don't have a cumbersome application process. Each town charges a rather nominal fee to participate yet the "return on investment" was several fold.

We participated at Canton, Medway, Walpole, Norwood, Medfield, among others. We cancelled Sharon due to weather. We also were present in Middleboro at a community's holiday craft fair.

Keep in mind it is a best practice to have the guild members who reside in a town be present and represent the guild because they know the folks and neighbors who attend but any guild member can volunteer for any day. We had the assistance of a few husbands/partners to help with set up and break down the tent, tables, chairs, etc, too. They are more than welcomed back.

Plus, it was a great way to socialize and get to know other guild members.

I will provide tentative dates in the next newsletter.

Carol Coakley

2025 Hunter's Star Raffle Quilt

We are happy to report the Hunter's Star quilt top is finished! It is beautiful and ready for quilting! Many thanks to so many of our members who participated! As always many hands make light work! We will show the quilt top at the September 20 Guild Meeting!

Carla Keen

Publicity

The guild, represented by Lisa Steinka and Nancy Pond, awarded a scholarship to a Norwood High School student, Meredith Graham who will be attending Mass College of Art, and a donation to the Norwood Morrill Memorial Library for the purchase of quilting related books or dvds. The Norwood newspapers and Franklin Observer covered the story.

Kicking off our 40th anniversary year, a fun group of quilters gathered for a casual picnic at Medfield State Hospital on a lovely Sunday afternoon in August. The ladies shared treats they had baked or made, had a mini Show & Tell and enjoyed chatting with each other.

Maura Woodard :)

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Facebook Information

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 who is on Facebook can request 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 F. 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

NEWS FROM THE NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM

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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:

Through September 30, 2023
THE QUILTS OF TIMNA TARR

Through October 14, 2023
DESIGNING WOMEN (AND MEN) OF THE EARLY TWENTIETH CENTURY

September 12 through December 30, 2023
ANIMALIA: THE ANIMAL KINGDOM IN QUILTS AND TEXTILES
and PERSONAL EXPRESSION: THE LEGACY OF GWEN MARSTON

October 3 through December 30, 2023
MEDALLION QUILTS: AMERICAN QUILT STUDY GROUP
and MEDALLION QUILTS FROM THE PERMANENT COLLECTION

SPECIAL EVENTS:

Saturday, September 23, 2023 at 1pm
Artist Susan Kapuscinski will give the talk “Art Meets Nature: The Spirit Books”
(Lecture is free to all thanks to the Moses Greeley Parker Foundation. No advance reservations are required.)

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

