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Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild Newsletter

March 2024

President's Message

It's Spring.... officially on March 19th. The weather is changing, the sun is shining, and the tulips are poking their heads through the earth being warmed by this amazing sunshine. The sun feels so good and is energizing and invigorating. Spring is finally here and well worth the wait.

Our January and February meetings were on zoom. Venera did an outstanding job of selecting the speakers. The presenters had great photography and the evening lectures were interesting and informative. Thank you!

It is exciting to have our March meeting in person and to see everyone, but also because we have show and tell. I can't wait to see what everyone has been working on all winter. Our guest speakers for the evening are Nancy Sullivan and Lynn Thibault. The topic is "Quilt Clinic".

Speaking of Spring, the RNQG 2025 quilt show is just a year away. The quilt show will need your help and will be looking for volunteers. The show is only as good as it's members and we are so fortunate to have such an abundance of talent within our guild. We will need all the members to contribute their time and labor to continue to make our show as outstanding and successful as they have been historically. Sign up sheets will be coming your way soon. As in the past it will be mandatory to volunteer if you would like your quilt in the show.

Our April meeting will begin the process of nominations for board member positions that will be available next year 2024-2025. The vacancies will be posted and we will be seeking volunteers to fill the positions in the upcoming year.

March 17th is St. Patrick's Day and everyone is Irish for 24 hours!

" May you have all the happiness and luck that life can hold - and at the end of your rainbow may you find a pot of gold".

Respectfully,
Nancy and Abby

Programs: 2024-25

Wednesday Evening Member Meetings

Knights of Columbus Hall, Walpole 7-9

3/20 "Quilt Clinic" The Nurses - Nancy Sullivan & Lynn Thibault

4/17 "Organize Your Quilting Space" Jennifer Watchorn

5/17 "Finding My Creative Voice" Colleen McFarlin

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

Members Teaching Members

Knights of Columbus Hall, Walpole 10-2

Saturday, March 23

Over 20 members will be attending and enjoying a BYO lunch after the demonstrations.

Roll up Layering - Sue Crane

Tool Use - Diana Annis

Braided Rug on a Frame - Maura Woodard

Westalee Rulers - Carla Keen

Folded Fabric Blocks - Lisa Steinka

Kawandi, Joining Strips, Batting Joints, Quick Cuts - Venera Emmi

Purchasing Opportunities

Quilting Tools - Diana Annis (Cash, Checks, PayPal)

Watercolor Cards - Janet Elia (Cash or Checks)

Seashell Crafts - Maura Woodard (Cash Checks, Venmo & Credit Cards)

Bonding Rhodies

All are welcome.

Panera Bread, Walpole Mall, 12 PM

Wednesdays

4/10

5/8

6/12

Zoom Sew-Alongs

Evenings 6-9 PM

Monday, 4/15

Tuesday, 5/21

Wednesday, 6/5

Disappearing UFOs Event

Join us for a day of sewing to complete some of those UFO's you have lying around.

Saturday, June 8, 2024; 9AM Arrival and Set-up; 3:45 Break-down; 4 PM Departure. BYO Snacks, Beverages and Lunch.

Generously hosted by Terry Ruta.

* Space is limited so RSVP from the website's "programs" to sign up .

Thank you. Venera

Comfort Quilts

The guild donated 16 quilts in February to the foster care agency we're affiliated with Read the thank you note I received:

Hi Terry,

Rebecca gave me the quilts! Thank you so much! First two quilts going to 5 year old twins coming from a 5 week stay at Children's Hospital. Severe Neglect... I'm sure they will love the quilts they get.

"Programs Thanks so much! Bob

Robert Costa Jr. MSOL, LSW/ Director of Foster Care Programs

Justice Resource Institute

99 South Main Street, Suite 301

Fall River, MA 02721

Please let me know if you need any batting or backing for a comfort quilt you may be making. I'm hoping to have some quilts done by the April meeting that will need binding.

Thank you for all you do for our guild's charity work!

Terry Ruta

Publicity

Maura has a great supply of postcards promoting the Raffle Quilt and the April 5 and 6, 2025 Qui It Show! Contact her at publicity@rnqq.org or pick postcards up at All About Quilts! Please bring postcards to any quilt shows you will be attending over the next year

Maura Woodard :)

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THE AFTER QUILT

Kits will be available at March 20 meeting and March 23 at Members Teaching Members Workshop.

You've heard of the "after birth", now here is the "after quilt"! Stargazing, our 2025 Hunter's Star raffle quilt is now finished. It looks fabulous and has already begun traveling to venues where it will be seen by many and hopefully generate lots of ticket sales!

In the meantime, we have some blue and white fabric left over due to members' generous donations, and are in the perfect position to use it to make comfort quilts. We thought it might be fun to incorporate social events into the creation of the after quilts!

Please look over the following information and let us know if you would like to participate! After Quilts Kits will be available until we run out at future meetings or by making arrangements for pickup.

Workshops and /or smaller pod meetings at peoples homes will be scheduled in the future depending on interest. Everything will be posted on the website.

OPTIONS FOR PARTICIPATION:

BLOCKS

Make a 12 1/2 inch square block in any pattern or technique you choose with the fabric provided. Feel free to add your own blues or whites to amplify what is what is in your kit. Blocks made in this category will eventually become a sampler quilt.

OR Make a set of 4 Hunter's Square Block 8" blocks on your own or in a larger workshop or smaller pod setting. Blocks made in this category will eventually become a hunters star quilt or the center of a scrap quilt depending on how many are made.

QUILTING

Donate your block without doing any quilting. Participate in quilt as you go...any style quilting you choose. Ruler work will be demonstrated at Members Teaching Members on March 23 by Carla. There will also be workshops or smaller pod meetings depending on amount of interest.

Participate in assembling the blocks into a quilt. We will be using a Quilt As You Go technique which will be demonstrated by Venera at Members Teaching Members on March 23rd. There can be a workshop /pod meetings on this as needed.

OTHER WAYS TO PARTICIPATE

Host pod meetings in your home. You decide how many members you can comfortably seat with their sewing machines. Help will be available if needed providing electrical cords, etc.

Donate backing or batting. Share any relevant expertise as teacher or assistant at workshop or pods.

HOW TO SIGN UP

Please join in the fun! This project offers lots of social and learning opportunities! Just let us know as soon as possible what activities you are interested in by sending an email.

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Carol Coakley cacoakley@gmail.com

CROSSROADS QUILTERS AUCTION

APRIL 16, 2024

Living Hope Church of the Nazarene
556 Cabot St. Beverly, MA

6:15 Preview – Doors Open
Silent Auction and On-the-Spot Items to purchase
7:00 Live Auction Begins

Fabric bundles, Kits, Unfinished Projects, Quilting Supplies!

Raffle tickets available for 2024 Raffle Quilt
Winning Ticket to be drawn at end of auction!

Free Admission Light Refreshments Served

Plenty of Free Parking – Handicap Accessible

Cash or Checks only, Please

NEWS FROM THE NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM

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

NOTE: Closed for winter maintenance January 1 through January 15, 2024;
reopening on January 16, 2024

A parking lot behind the museum is available for free parking ON WEEKENDS ONLY. A free parking option when the Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center is open can be viewed at:
<http://www.nps.gov/lowe/planyourvisit/directions.htm>

CURRENT EXHIBITS:

Now through March 23, 2024

IMPROV AND ABSTRACTION IN ANTIQUE QUILTS

Curated by Marge Tucker Now through April 27, 2024
THE QUILTED CANVAS PART IV: WORKS BY RUTH MCDOWELL,
JUDE LARZELERE, TAFI BROWN, AND JO DIGGS

March 26, 2024 through June 15, 2024
DOMESTIC PARTNERS: DAWN ALLEN'S FIBER ART PORTRAYALS OF THE
HUMAN-ANIMAL BOND

April 30 through July 13, 2024
STITCH PUNK: THE WORLD PREMIERE OF SAQA'S MOST IMAGINATIVE
WORKS INSPIRED BY SCIENCE FICTION

Also on view now
WHAT'S IN A NAME? INSCRIBED QUILTS FROM THE PERMANENT
COLLECTION

EVENTS:

Saturday, March 30, 2024 at 11a.m. -- Gallery Talk with Dawn Allen

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

