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President's Message

Hey QB's it's time to sew what you've got! We've been busy piecing together the details for our 2025 RNQG Quilt Show, and it's shaping up to be awesome! So grab your fabric, fire up those sewing machines, and let your creativity take the stage!

Newbie quilters, this one's for you! We've added a special "First-Time Entrant" category for those who've yet to show off their stitching skills. No more hiding your masterpieces. This is your chance to shine! Just remember to submit your quilts online with a photo and dimensions. The final day to enter is **February 3, 2025**. Need a little help with the entry process? We're here for you, so don't hesitate to reach out! Don't forget to add a label to your quilt...inspiration below.

During this month's meeting we are welcoming the mysterious (and very talented) Diana Annis to give us a lecture on Redwork. Who is this stranger, you ask? We don't know either, but we hear she's wonderful!

As always, bring your latest projects for show and tell, and let's see what everyone's been up to. Do you have questions? Check the website!

Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild is grateful to the Massachusetts Cultural Council for its support of our quilt show, "A Community of Quilters"!

Finally, Please note there is **no meeting in December** so you can rest up and get those creative juices flowing.

Join us on *Zoom* for our next gatherings:

January 15, 2025: Guest Speaker: Mary Cannizzaro, Topic: *"Beyond the Tee"*

February 19, 2025: Guest Speaker: Linda Pearl, Topic: *"Your Capsule Stash"*

I can't wait to see what you all bring to the table—and the quilt show!

Happy stitching and Happy Holidays!,

Abby Sullivan

boosters! Info is available at the November meeting and will be on the website before then.

3. BUY OR TAKE A BLOCK OF RAFFLE TICKETS TO SELL Tickets will be available at November meetings and/or let Carol/ Carla know you would like some. If you prepay your tickets you can utilize email to promote them.

4. BOUTIQUE. Help stock the boutique! Lots of inspiration and tutorials on website. Items are generally quick and easy to make and likely to sell. Please sign up or let Dottie Sullivan and Jacqui O'Brien know.

5. RAFFLE BASKET Not too late to sign up to put together a themed basket. Or donate any of the following supplies: baskets, wide ribbon, fat quarters, new or slightly used rulers. Please bring donations to November meeting or contact Cathy Kelliher.

GET TO KNOW OUR WEBSITE IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY!

So much detailed information is posted. Reach out with questions. We need everyone to help!

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Quilt Registrations

All quilts for our 2025 show must be done through the RNQG website. Before you begin, it would be a good idea to review the website pages that can be reached by selecting "Quilt Show '25" from the left menu on our home page.

On the Quilt Show landing page, there are five menu options across the top. You should click and read "Quilt Show Q & A" and "Quilt Entry Rules" before attempting to register quilts.

Quilt registration is accomplished through the "E-Form" menu option. This choice brings up a form. Please **read through the entire form and take notes on what information you should have at your fingertips** before starting to fill in the form. Remember — you must submit a form for each quilt you want to have in the show!

FYI, many of the form fields have “help” information available. The paragraph at the top of the form explains how to access the “help” text.

WARNING - you must “Save” or “Submit” the form option at the end of the form to have your entered information retained! If you leave the page without choosing one, the form will be empty when you return.

You will not be allowed to “Submit” a quilt if any of the “required” fields have been left empty or something you typed isn’t valid (e.g., the phone number field includes something that is not a number). You can “Save” a form with empty unanswered questions, but it is not registered until you “Submit” it.

Any questions or problems? Email registrar@rnqg.org.

AnneMarie

Programs

There is still time to sign up for Raffle Baskets. We want 2025 to be huge. We still need a Christmas theme basket. This funds our speakers and charity work.

The Goal for 25/26 is to bring in a couple of nationally known speakers which is costly. We would like to offer a bigger variety of workshops too.

Please register for upcoming workshops and copy me cathy011349@gmail.com as well as Karen LeBlanc so I can keep track of sign-ups .

We are still looking for fat quarter donations and gently loved rulers for baskets. Also we need EMPTY baskets. You can bring donations to the November meeting. And finally we also will need a small committee to assemble the baskets as the show approaches.

Thanks to All of You!!
Catherine Kelliher

Publicity

Check out the new 2025 Quilt Show flyer on the website!

After the November guild meeting, we won’t meet again in person until March, a few weeks before the show. So be prepared to take home 3-5 flyers and 25-50 of the new postcards from the November guild meeting.

Postcards can be sent with your Thanksgiving, December holiday, New Years and Valentine’s Day cards!!

If you get excited about the show with your friends and family, they will be excited to come as well.

Please ladies when you register your show quilt for the first time, please fill out the online publicity section with info about your quilting journey and let me know your local news source - newspaper, online, etc. The papers, etc. love to cover local peeps! Reach out when you need more postcards! Flyers can be printed off the website.
Take care,
Maura Woodard

Comfort Quilts

After our last meeting I was able to send 10 quilts and bedding to the hurricane victims in North Carolina who suffered such a loss. Thank you to everyone who donated to that cause.

Here is a message from the hospice organization we are affiliated with in Westwood:

I hope you are doing well and cannot believe how fast November is flying by. I just want to thank you and your quilt group for all of your beautiful and comforting quilts. We are putting the remaining quilts in our Thanksgiving baskets that we give to our patients who do not have family. I am hoping to send you a picture of the delivery. I will touch base with you in December to pick up a few more but no pressure at all if you have others to donate too.

*Again, our team appreciates your thoughtfulness.
Meaghan Chapman
Volunteer Coordinator, Hospice
Pathways Healthcare*

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 free parking option when the Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center is open and can be viewed at: <https://www.nps.gov/lowe/planyourvisit/directions.htm>
On membership, exhibitions, and events, see: www.neqm.org
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CURRENT EXHIBITS:

Now through December 28, 2024

GO FIGURE: PORTRAITS IN TEXTILE ARTS

JOE CUNNINGHAM, IN OUR TIMES

POLITICAL QUILTS FROM THE PERMANENT COLLECTION

EVENTS:

Saturday, November 23, 2024 at 11a.m.

Joe Cunningham Lecture

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

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