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President's Message

This is our final newsletter of the year. Looking back, the quilt show was a smashing success and profitable too! But you knew that!

Our next meeting is on May 21, 2025 . Doors open at 6:30 p.m if the person with the key is on time! (that would be me) 7 – 9 PM Walpole K of C Hall.

Our guest speaker is Michelle Banton. Website: www.littlepupdesigns.com
Topic: "If MacGiver was a Quilter".

The guild is gathering info for our next quilt show forming a new committee to scout out possible locations. If you know of a great space or even one with decent lighting and parking please share. Terry Ruta will be emailing all guild members soon. When you get her message reply with your suggestions. (Bonus points if the venue has bathrooms!)

Exciting things are ahead! We'll be voting on our new board at the May 21st meeting. Get ready to welcome Carla Keene as our new president! No pressure Carla. We're only expecting greatness and maybe some snacks. And don't forget the winning ticket for the raffle quilt will also be drawn that night. If you haven't returned your ticket stubs yet, now's your chance!

June 18th Guild Meeting features speakers Diana Annis and Anita Loscalzo. Their topic: "Documenting Your Quilts."

Please participate in the Summer Challenge. We will be making pillow cases for kids. Have a wonderful summer. Here's to creativity, camaraderie, and well-organized chaos in the year ahead! I love you guys!

More news! Janet Elia has sent her quilt to the NEQM representing RNQG for the summer celebration!



Abby Sullivan, CPP, CR

Treasurer's Report

RNQG is grateful for the grant money received from the Town of Canton, \$500.00, The town of Westwood sent \$265.00, Sharon Cultural Council gave \$250.00 and Dedham Savings Bank sent along \$100.00.

Karen LeBlanc,
RNQG Treasurer

Programs

1. The May meeting 5/21 features Michelle Banton presenting "If MacGiver was a Quilter".
2. The June meeting 6/18 brings our very own Diana Annis and Anita Loscalzo discussing "Documenting your Quilt"
3. The rescheduled T-shirt workshop with Mary Cannizzaro will happen on Sunday October 5 from 10-3 at Cannizzaro Creations in Rockland. Carpooling is encouraged.
4. The Mystery Shop Hop TBA, probably 2026
5. 2025 summer challenge is totally for charity...

The Isolette quilts will be distributed to Boston hospitals and the Franciscan Children's Hospital by a neighbor of Stephanie Valanzola.

The requirements are the following.

The quilts must not be smaller than 18 x 24". Stephanie actually takes bigger quilts as well. Fabric must be cotton only including cotton thread. Flannel is acceptable but plush or minky are not.

Terry Ruta ordered a bolt of 100% cotton batting so please let her know if you need some.

Catherine Kelliher

Comfort Quilts for the Taunton Habitat for Humanity Family

There's a lot going on with comfort quilts! Abby and I will be attending the Habitat for Humanity breakfast this month that recognizes organizations that assist in the new house building/preparation. The house in Taunton will be turned over to the owners on June 16th and some of us will be there to present the family members with quilts.

We donated quilts to the Westwood Pathways Healthcare hospice organization and I received back a lovely thank you note that I'll bring to our meeting. I shared the information in an email to everyone about the isolette quilts and the pillowcases we are adding to our repertoire! I'm excited to start receiving these from you all!

Lastly, we have a new affiliation with an organization in Attleboro called [Abundant Hope](#). It is an organization working with families supporting children under the age of 2 with food, diapers, clothing, etc. I brought a bag of quilts to

them yesterday and the director was thrilled. She said they will be very popular in the fall and winter so get busy making crib sized quilts for this great agency. I do have a large roll of 100% cotton batting (required for isolette quilts) so please let me know if you need some. Thank you!!
Terry Ruta

Raffle Quilt

The winning ticket will be drawn at the end of the May 21 guild meeting. While you don't have to be present to win, you do have to make sure I have your ticket stubs! If they aren't in the pile of stubs, I guarantee you won't win. You can bring your ticket stubs to guild meeting. Alternatively, you can mail them to me ASAP at 42 Springdale Ave, Dover, MA 02030 if you will not be at the guild meeting. We sold lots of tickets over the last year. Be on hand to see if you are the winner of Star Gazer! More info about how much we raised from ticket sales at the June meeting and in the September issue of this newsletter. I can't thank you all enough for a tremendous effort t selling tickets and raising funds for our charity quilts.

Cheers!
Carol Coakley

NEWS FROM THE NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM

Summer Celebration of New England Quilts

The Best of the Region's Quilt Guilds August 12 – September 6, 2025

A Free Community Festival

Quilt Entry Form & Instructions for Supporting Guilds Summer Celebration of New England Quilts will feature a gallery exhibition of exceptional quilts made by the Museum's supporting guilds. All supporting guilds are invited to submit one quilt, selected by their membership, for inclusion in this special exhibition. Entries must exemplify excellence in design, construction, and finishing. The quilts will not be judged, but a Viewers' Choice Award will be presented. The winning guild will be invited to display its members' quilts in the Genre Gallery of the New England Quilt Museum in 2026.

Title: Celebration of New England Quilts

* Exhibit Dates: On view August 12 through September 6, 2025

* Location: The New England Quilt Museum, 18 Shattuck St in Lowell, MA

* Entry DEADLINE: Tuesday, June 3, 2025

* Delivery Deadline: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 · Hand-deliver to NEQM between 10:30 am and 3:30 pm

* Quilt Return Dates: Tuesday, September 9, 2025 · Pick up in person at NEQM between 10:30 am and 3:30 pm (Return shipping from NEQM takes place by September 16, 2025).

1.Entries must consist of two layers of fabric with a middle layer of batting. It must display quilting by machine and/or hand. Quilting is defined as a running stitch that passes through top, batting, and backing. Tied quilts are not permitted.

2. NEQM will not accept entries made prior to 2022. No kits please.

3.NEQM reserves the right, for whatever reason, to reject any quilt submitted.

4.Due to limitations in the Museum’s gallery space, quilts should be no larger than 80” wide and 88” long, but no smaller than 24” wide and 24” long. Quilts will be hung as space permits. (The width is due to wall space; there might be wiggle room on length.)

5. All quilts, regardless of size, must have a 4” hanging sleeve sewn to the upper back of the quilt.

6.All quilts must have a label on the back with the title, guild name, quiltmaker’s name, address, and phone number.

7.In addition to the completed Quilt Entry Form, NEQM requires two photo images of the quilt: (1) view of the entire quilt, (2) close-up showing the quality of the stitching, piecing, and/or appliqué. There are two preferred methods for submitting these images:

Method #1: E-mail two JPEG images to director@nequiltmuseum.org

*JPEG images must be identified with the guild name. (For example, “ABC Guild.jpg” and “ABC detail.jpg”)

* Images should be in sharp focus and reflect the true color of the quilt.

* Digital images may be used for educational and/or publicity purposes.

* The completed Quilt Entry Form may be e-mailed as a PDF attachment with your images. If you prefer to mail a hard copy of the form, please indicate that in the e-mail message containing your images.

Method #2: Mail printed photographs (4"x6" or larger) with your completed Quilt Entry Form .

* Mark your guild name ON THE BACK of the photo.

* Indicate – using arrows – the top of the quilt

* Images should be in sharp focus and reflect the true color of the quilt.*

Photographs will not be returned and may be used for educational and/or publicity purposes.

8. All entry forms must be postmarked no later than Tuesday, June 3, 2025

9. All shipping costs to and from the New England Quilt Museum are the responsibility of the guild.

10. Quilts must arrive at the Museum no later than Tuesday, July 15, 2025.

11. No quilt may be withdrawn prior to the close of the exhibition Saturday, September 6, 2025

