

Presidents Letter

Carla Keen

Dear RNQG Members,

As we enter the Holiday Season this year, I cannot help but reflect how grateful I am for RNQG and all of you in my life. I wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving and hope you enjoy the upcoming Season.

We have gotten our year off to a fantastic start thanks to all of you.... Some highlights are that we were able to make and donate over 200 pillowcases and many isolette covers to the Comfort Quilt Program. Incredibly, you have already created enough 9 patches for our next raffle quilt as well! Thank you, Marci Toma, for coordinating. We had a lively fun meeting to orient new members - much appreciation to Gail Williams on that! We were invited to participate in a Quilt of Valor program for the Marshfield Fair next August and that quilt is already underway as well! Thanks to Stephanie Valanzola for spearheading the Q of V quilt. Jacqui O'Brien and Jacqueline Fleishman have the retreat planned and filled and it promises to be a lot of fun next March. And last, but not least, the October Meeting was unanimously hailed as huge success with the Yankee Swap...Thank you Lisa Steinka for a great job on that.

The November Meeting will be held on Wednesday Nov 19 at the Knights of Columbus building on Stone St. in Walpole as usual. Doors will be open by 6:15 for set up and extra socializing time. Our speaker will be Linda Warren, who is also offering a workshop on Sat Nov 22 at All About Quilts. Hope to see you all there!

We have lots to look forward to in the New Year! Many thanks to Jessica Walls for stepping up to organize a Youth Outreach Pilot program for us. Maureen McEntee will be organizing a Fabric Sale for us as well. Also, we will soon be announcing an evening event for those members who are possibly interested

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in leadership roles (board or committee) or just helping. There would of course be no obligation, but it would be a way to find out what is involved in our various projects. We want to match people up with volunteer activities that match their interests and would be fun for them. Stay tuned for details on these two new programs.

We also have some terrific presentations scheduled for our meetings and workshops. If you haven't already, be sure to check them out on the website. RNQG.org

We have the retreat coming up and some other things in the works!

Looking forward to seeing you at the November Meeting!

Keep on Quilting!

Carla

PLEASE TAKE NOTE – all content in this newsletter can be found on www.rnqg.org

Website Update

AnneMarie Freitas and Sarah Sullivan

Important RNQG Website and Email Communication Changes – Action Required!

We've modernized our website and email communications. Please read the following important changes to ensure you don't miss any guild announcements, newsletters, or Zoom invitations.

1. Updated website - www.rnqg.org

Our website address is still the same! You will notice a more modern look and feel. Please continue to use the website to get the latest information, events, and resources.

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2. Change to "Contact Us" for members and non-members

The old email addresses (e.g., president@rnqg.org) are no longer active. If you need to contact a board member, please use the Contact Form on the new website: [Contact Us – Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild](#). Using the Contact Form ensures your message is sent to the right person and to their correct email address. Non-members will also use the Contact Form on the website to contact the guild.

3. Change to Guild Member Email Distribution List

We've launched a new official email list: rnqgmembers@googlegroups.com.

- Only board members will use this email list to provide official RNQG communications (newsletters, announcements, Zoom links, etc.) to RNQG members.
- Only invited members can join this group and the list is not visible to anyone outside the group.
- If you need to contact a board member, use the Contact Form on the website.

Action Required: If you haven't received or accepted an invitation to join the Google group email list, please reach out to one of the board members ASAP.

We want to ensure every member is connected and informed.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation as we improve our communication tools.

UPCOMING GUILD MEETINGS

7-9 PM Walpole Knights of Columbus unless *noted*

NOV 19	Wednesday	in person
JAN 21	Wednesday	ZOOM
FEB 18	Wednesday	ZOOM
MAR 18	Wednesday	in person
APR 15	Wednesday	in person
MAY 20	Wednesday	in person*
JUNE 17	Wednesday	in person

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***PLEASE NOTE CHANGES FOR GUILD MEETING SCHEDULE AND LOCATION**

There is a date and venue change for the May membership meeting.

The May meeting will be at the Walpole Library.

The May meeting is changed to May 20.

THIS DATE IS A WEEK LATER THAN USUAL.

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Note: day changed to Tuesday

Meeting is from 7 – 9 pm

JAN 6 Tuesday ZOOM

MAR 3 Tuesday Walpole Library

MAY 5 Tuesday Canton (Carla's house)

Members are welcome to attend board meetings.

RNQG Board Members 2025-2026		COMMITTEES / ACTIVITIES	
President	Carla K.	Connecting Threads	Nancy P.
Vice President	Cathy K.	Quilting Buddies	Stephanie V.
Secretary	Ines A.	Quilting Buddies	Venera E.
Treasurer	Karen L.	Shop Hop	Cathy K. Jean R.
Programs 2025-26 2026-27	Lisa S. Jacqueline F.	Social Events and Social Media Zoom sew-along Bread and Thread Community Posts Facebook Instagram	Venera E.

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Membership	Gail W. Stephanie V.		Retreat	Jacqui O. Jacqueline F.
Raffle Quilt Organizer Marketing	Marci T. VACANT		Studio Tour	Terry R. Diana A.
Comfort Quilts	Terry R. Gail W.		<u>Youth Outreach</u>	<u>Jessica W.</u>
NEQM Rep	Laura R.		<u>Fabric Sale</u>	<u>Maureen Mc.</u>
Quilt Rack Rental	Billie K.			
Newsletter	Susan K.			
Publicity	Maureen M			
Website	AnneMarie F. Sarah S.			
Historian	Zelayna R.			
Show Chair 2027	Terry R.			

COMMITTEE REPORTS

TREASURER

Karen L.

A report will be available for the next newsletter.

COMFORT QUILTS

Terry Ruta

I was so proud to let our contact person at the Westwood Hospice Agency know that we were able to fulfill her request for 12 quilts for the Thanksgiving baskets for their clients! They are so grateful to us all and their clients really appreciate our efforts. I will bring the thank you note I received to our meeting for all to see. Thank you to all who stepped up to the challenge!

I will take isolette quilts and juvenile pillow cases throughout the year. Please let me know if you need any of the 100% cotton batting.

Thank you to everyone for participating in our charity work!

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2027 Quilt Show Update:

Time to start thinking and planning for our next show!! The date is not set yet but will be soon for spring of 2027. We need a theme for the show. I'd like to vote on the theme at the beginning of the new year so start sending me your ideas. We should have plenty of time to create quilts based on our theme!

PROGRAM CHAIR

Lisa S.

2025-2026 PROGRAMS!

You can always contact Lisa directly for more information. Sign-up has begun!

NOVEMBER 19

Guest Speaker: Linda Warren

Website: www.lindawarrendesigns.com

Topic: Successful Fabric Selection

We all know the trick of choosing a “focus fabric” and selecting coordinating fabrics that match the colors in the focus fabric. As Dr Phil says, “How’s that workin’ for ya?” It works fine for a pattern calling for 3 or 4 fabrics, but what if you want to make a quilt with fat quarters or scraps? What if you want your quilt to look more dimensional? This lecture includes many practical pearls you can take home and use to take your quilts to the next level

Linda began quilting in 1999 and quickly discovered a love of designing machine-pieced quilts. She has taught quilting classes since 2004. She teaches workshops, publishes her own line of quilt patterns, and offers lectures and trunk shows.

NOVEMBER 22

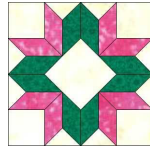
Instructor: Linda Warren

Website: www.lindawarrendesigns.com

Topic: The Learning Curve Disappearing 9-Patch

Member Fee: \$65

Non-Member Fee: \$75



Learn to use The Learning Curve Ruler for adding circles to your machine-pieced quilts. Bring your sewing supplies and some fat quarters, and learn how to use the TLC ruler to make the units that create perfect circles in your machine pieced quilts.

PLEASE NOTE: The Learning Curve Ruler is required!!! Rulers will be available for purchase in class for \$15.95.

[Download the Workshop Signup Sheet](#)

[Download the Workshop Supply List](#)

JANUARY – Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill will present

“Content, Concepts & Quilts: Approaching Quilting as a Graphic Designer”
ZOOM

FEBRUARY – Lecture by Mary Cannizzaro

“Designing your own Quilt”

Zoom

MARCH 18 - Sarah Sullivan will present “Patchwork and Perseverance” A
Dear Jane Adventure

March 21 - Janet Elia will present her “Spiffy Bindings” Workshop

APRIL 15 & 18- Pat Delaney will speak to the guild about “What a Judge Looks For” and on Saturday will present her ‘Meet me at the Bar” workshop

MAY 20 & 23 - Heidi Proffetty will speak to the guild about “Making Mosaic Art Quilts” and on Saturday will present her “Moroccan Quilt Tile” workshop

JUNE 17 & 20 - Marge Tucker will speak to the guild about “My Life in Quilts” and on Saturday will present her ”Improv Dresden Plate” workshop

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NEQM NEWS:

Laura Rosenspan

This is a fabulous museum and we should go more often!

We share the belief that quilt making is an important artistic legacy that must be advanced, respected and celebrated.

Guild passes are now electronic:

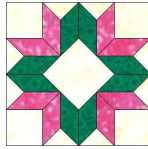
8 complimentary admissions are now stored in our membership record at the admissions desk. Bring your membership card. Janet Elia's beautiful quilt is now up and part of the NE Guild's exhibit. I noticed so many more details like the fussy-cut pieces. Sensational, Janet. And you will all certainly find inspiration from the other wonderful quilts in this display.

COMMUNITY POSTINGS

Venera E.

Zoom Sew-Alongs

Tuesday	11/11	1 - 4 p.m.
Monday	11/17	1 - 4 p.m.
Monday	12/1	10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Tuesday	1/6	1 a.m.-4 p.m.
Monday	1/12	6 - 9 p.m.
Wednesday	1/28	1 - 4 p.m.
Wednesday	2/4	10 a.m-1 p.m.
Tuesday	2/24	6 - 9 p.m.
Monday	3/2	1 - 4 p.m.
Tuesday	3/24	10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Wednesday	4/1	10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Wednesday	4/22	6 - 9 p.m.
Monday	5/11	6 - 9 p.m.
Wednesday	5/27	1 - 4 p.m.
Tuesday	6/2	6 - 9 p.m.
Wednesday	6/24	10 a.m.-1 p.m.



Bread and Thread Lunches

Panera Bread, Walpole Mall

Wednesdays 12 - 2 p.m.

11/12

12/10

1/14

2/11

3/11

4/8

5/13

6/10

Quilting Buddies

All those who applied are partnered up with a buddy. If you are part of the program, you can look for a little something from your quilting buddy at each meeting. If you have a buddy, remember to bring a little something to brighten their day to every meeting. If you can't come to a meeting, ask a friend to bring your gift or wait until the next month and bring two. You will find your surprise in a plain brown bag with your name on it. This should be lots of fun.

Remember, this is a, "Don't ask. Don't tell" program. You will find out who your Quilting Buddy is in June. In the meanwhile, enjoy the process.