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Presidents Letter

Carla Keen

Dear RNQG Members,

Happy New Year! We are off and running into a new year with lots of fun things to look forward to! There are several things we'd like to call to your attention!

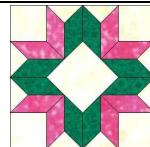
Thanks to all who signed up for our Exploring Leadership Ops meeting on Wednesday Jan 14 at 6 Heritage Lane in Canton at 6 pm. There are still a few seats available if you are interested in learning about roles or jobs available or being part of a team. If you want to park in the driveway stay to the left and no one will get trapped in. There is also lots of on-street parking. Please let Carla know asap if you would like to attend. carlabkeen@gmail.com. If you are a new or existing member who has not been active recently this is a good way to find something that works for you and to get to know people.

Secondly, about the newsletter, please have any submissions in this month to Susan Krantz susankrantz56@gmail.com by noon on Friday January 9. By-the-way this would include any newspaper write-ups about guild members you might come across or other items of interest. (Sorry, the newsletter came out too late for members to act on this. Please keep in mind for the future).

Thirdly, about the Knight of Columbus building, there are several updates. We are actively gathering information about a larger venue to see if it's feasible to move the location in the fall. In the meantime, we would request anyone who can to carpool to the March - June meetings. Perhaps you and a few others might like to grab a quick dinner before the meeting or just meet up in a public parking lot locally to carpool. Be sure to look at the membership list to see who else lives in your area that you might contact for this.

Regarding the Quilting Buddies program - if you are bringing something for your Buddy to the March - June live meetings be sure both the inner and outer

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bags are clearly labeled as to the recipient! If you are mailing items to your Buddy, please feel free to use the Guild return address on the envelope/package.

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P.O. Box 806
Walpole, MA 02081

We look forward to January and February meetings on Zoom. We will welcome Sheri Cifaldi Morrill in January and Mary Cannizzaro in February as our speakers...more info on the website as always. Ines will be sending the Zoom links before the meetings. Be on the watch for some exciting new events to be announced soon! And we look forward to "seeing" you on Zoom on Jan 21!

Carla and Cathy

Website

AnneMarie Freitas and Sarah Sullivan

Important RNQG Website and Email Communication Changes – Action Required!

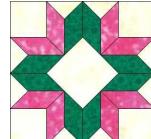
We've modernized our website and email communications. Please read the following important changes to ensure you don't miss any guild announcements, newsletters, or Zoom invitations.

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.

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

The old email addresses (e.g., president@rnqg.org) are no longer active.



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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: rngmembers@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

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

***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; date is changed to May 20.

THIS DATE IS A WEEK LATER THAN USUAL.



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Note: day changed to Tuesday

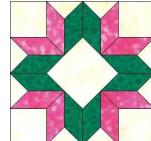
Meeting is from 7 – 9 pm

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.
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>



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NEQM Rep	Laura R.	Fabric Sale	Maureen Mc.
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 will take isolette quilts and juvenile pillowcases 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!

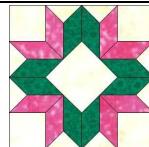
2027 Quilt Show Update:

The dates for our next quilt show are April 3rd and 4th at Walpole High School! I am in the process of recruiting committee chairs and will be sending out open positions at the end of the month. Please consider joining our team to make this a great show!

We do need a show theme. Please send your suggestions to me as soon as possible and we can vote on them at our February meeting.

Looking forward to a great show!!

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PROGRAM CHAIR

Lisa S.

2025-2026 PROGRAMS!

You can always contact Lisa directly for more information. Sign-ups have begun!

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

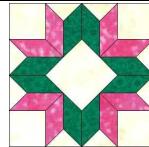
JUNE 17 & 20 - Marge Tucker will speak to the guild about “My Life in Quilts” and on Saturday will present her ”Improv Dresden Plate” workshop

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.



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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-Along

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.

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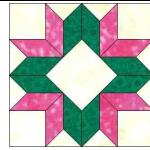
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All those who applied are partnered up with a buddy. If you are part of the program, you can look for a little something from your quilting buddy at each meeting. If you have a buddy, remember to bring a little something to brighten their day to every 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.