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Presidents Letter

Cathy Kelliher

Hello Everyone,

Hopefully, you are all enjoying our beautiful Autumn!
RNQG is having a very busy exciting Fall.

We welcomed our new Vice President, Lisa Monroe. Lisa has wonderful quilting experience and is spearheading the beautiful ribbons for our upcoming show.

The Kid's Program is flourishing under the leadership of Jessica Walls. The kids are delighted and more are signing up. Please consider volunteering to assist in this growing program! We are educating the next generation of fabric enthusiasts/sewists/quilters! Contact myself or Jessica.

Quilt Buddies entered the second year thanks to Margaret Rolph and Kathleen Yorkis.

Thanks to Jacqui and Jacqueline for exciting workshops preparing for the show boutique. More to come!

Maureen is hoping for a successful fabric sale this weekend. Her husband is praying for it!!

Our meetings are well attended, and we still have openings for most of the upcoming RNQG workshops through Spring.

Finally, included are our plans for the 2027 Quilt Show in April under Terry Ruta's strong leadership. A show like this takes many hands. PLEASE consider volunteering to help!!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the November 18th meeting. Doors open at 6:30

Cathy and Lisa

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

2026-2027 Membership dues are due: cash, check and Venmo are accepted as payment

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2029 Raffle Quilt	**VACANT**		Youth Outreach	Jessica W.
Comfort Quilts	Terry R.		Bread and Thread	Anita L.
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Show Chair 2027	Terry R.			

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Note: day changed to Tuesday
Meeting held at Walpole Library 7 – 9 pm

JAN 5	Tuesday	Walpole Library
MAR 2	Tuesday	Walpole Library
MAY 4	Tuesday	Walpole Library

Members are welcome to attend board meetings

UPCOMING GUILD MEETINGS

7-9 PM Congregational Church of Canton
` 1541 Washington St, Canton, MA 02102

NOV 18	Wednesday	in person
JAN 20	Wednesday	ZOOM
FEB 17	Wednesday	ZOOM
MAR 17	Wednesday	in person
APR 14	Wednesday	in person
MAY 19	Wednesday	in person
JUNE 16	Wednesday	in person

Bread and Thread Lunches

Panera Bread, Walpole Mall

Anita Loscalzo
Wednesdays 12 - 2 p.m.
11/11
12/9
1/13
2/10
3/10
4/7
5/12
6/9

Zoom Sew-Alongs

Nancy St Laurent

Thursday	11/12	5-8 p.m.
Tuesday	12/1	2-5 p.m.
Thursday	12/10	5-8 p.m.
Tuesday	1/5	2-5 p.m.
Thursday	1/28	5-8 p.m.
Tuesday	2/2	2-5 p.m.
Thursday	2/25	5-8 p.m.
Tuesday	3/2	2-5 p.m.
Thursday	3/25	5-8 p.m.
Tuesday	4/6	2-5 p.m.
Thursday	4/29	5-8 p.m.
Tuesday	5/4	2-5 p.m.
Thursday	5/27	5-8 p.m.
Tuesday	6/1	2-5 p.m.

November 18th Guild Meeting — It's All About the Quilt Show!



Join us at the November meeting to learn how you can help make our 2027 Quilt Show a success. Explore the committees, discover ways to get involved, and enjoy raffles throughout the evening, you may even win a prize!
We'll begin with our regular business meeting, then move on to Quilt Show activities.



We hope you learn a lot and have fun <u>ALONG THE WAY</u>, just pay attention to your popsicle stick and look for the balloons:

<u>Discover Ways to Help</u>

- **Volunteer:** Explore the jobs available during show weekend and learn how to volunteer.
- **Raffle Baskets:** Find out what goes into the baskets, how they're filled, and how you can contribute. You may even take home an empty basket to fill!
- **Show Vignettes:** Discover how quilted décor throughout the venue will help make the show inviting and festive. Maybe you have some of the items we will be looking for.

<u>Get Ready for the Show</u>

- **Quilt Registration:** Watch a demonstration of the online quilt-entry registration form.
- **Quilt Central:** Learn where to drop off your quilts, how they're bagged and identified, and when and how to pick them up after the show.
- **Quilt Judging:** Have you ever had your quilt critiqued by a professional certified quilt judge? Now is your chance! Learn how you can have your quilt reviewed by a certified judge. Judges provide written evaluations noting specific strengths and can point out technical areas for improvement.
- **The Boutique:** Learn how to donate or consign gently used items for sale at the Boutique booth. See examples, learn how to complete the forms and drop off items, and pick up guidelines, inventory tags, and inventory sheets.
- **RNQG.org:** Watch a quick demonstration of how to navigate our website, sign up for workshops, and find the Quilt Show pages.

<u>More to Learn and Pick Up</u>

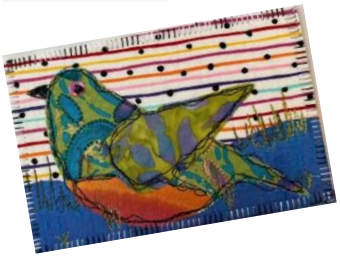
- Learn how to attach a hanging sleeve to your quilt for the show.
- Pick up more raffle quilt tickets to sell
- Buy a Rhody Bag ($30).
- Pick up bookmarks to share with friends, family, senior centers, houses of worship, and other quilt guilds.

Quilt Show Boutique



Calling all Mini Quilts, Calling all Mini Quilts!







The Boutique needs 50–70 mini quilts to sell during our Quilt Show. We want a full wall of mini quilts for the Boutique display. The Mini Quilts have brought in approximately $2,000 in revenue for the guild over the last 3 years and it would be wonderful to push that number up to $3,000 for 2027. Together we can make that possible.

Remember after the show any unsold minis travel around to our local town days, retreats and special events to be sold throughout the year. Our coffers are close to empty! We need your help!



Visit our website for the instruction document on how to make an RNQG mini quilt and see 'Dottie's helpful hints' document for lots of good information.

Mini Quilt Instructions & Dottie's tips

Need fusible Pellon but don't want to purchase a large quantity. Pick up some Pellon fusible interfacing at the November member-to-member night or contact Jacqui O'Brien for more precut Pellon interfacing.

Boutique Free Workshops

The Boutique workshops have been quite successful. Thus far, we have had 5 workshops that included instructions for 7 different items. We have one more workshop planned for 2026 and there are still a few spots left for the pillowcase and jar opener workshop being held November 14th at Ann's in Canton. Sign up on our website (**Pillowcase Workshop Registration**).

Stay tuned for 2–4 more workshops to be held after the New Year!

2027 Common Threads Quilt Show Updates

Terry Ruta

Get ready to learn all things quilt show at our November meeting! Jacqueline and Jackie have put together a fantastic program that will get us all excited to have an amazing show! Please continue to publicize the show by word of mouth and our bookmarks!

Raffle Quilt

Terry Ruta

The 2026-27 Raffle Quilt was featured at both Canton Day and Norwood Day and will be going to Medfield Day on 9.26 and the Fabric Sale on 9/27. It will then begin its time being hung in local quilt shops. Please continue to sell tickets and let us know if you need more! All proceeds from the raffle quilt come directly back to the guild.

Comfort Quilts

Terry Ruta

Since our last meeting we donated 12 quilts to Pathways Healthcare Hospice in Westwood for their Thanksgiving baskets. These baskets go to their patients that may not have much family support and they were extremely grateful. I have a thank you note I'll read at the next meeting, and they said they will send pictures after the baskets are delivered.

We also donated 9 quilts to our new connection with Women's and Infants hospital in Providence. They would like quilts that are a minimum of 24"x30" to cover the bassinets to keep out the light. Remember these quilts need to be 100% cotton material, batting and thread and come from a smoke free house.

Thank you as always for your support in our work!

Post Show Raffle for Members

Terry Ruta

It's back: the post-Quilt Show raffle! We did it two shows ago and it was a hit!
Your participation is totally voluntary. The idea is that any member who wishes to participate brings in a spool of thread and a fat quarter of fabric to any guild meeting before the show, beginning with our first meeting in September and going through to March.
I (Brenda Fraser) will collect all, and create a basket filled with threads and another filled with fat quarters of fabrics. We will hold a drawing at the May guild meeting to see who wins either the entire basket of threads or the entire basket of fat quarters. Just a little something fun for us to celebrate another successful show and year.

Rhody and Friends Quilt Retreat



Come join us at the Second Annual Rhody and Friends Retreat at the Seacrest Hotel in Falmouth! There are only 3 remaining spots! This fun retreat is from March 11-14, 2027. Registration forms are on the RNQG.org website.
For any questions, contact Jacqueline Fleishman at truflztoo@gmail.com or Jacqui O'Brien at jacquio136@aol.com



The Highlights:

- The Cape, even though it's March the weather is mild and walking on the beach is always great no matter what time of year. We are staying at the Seacrest Resort in Falmouth, right on the beach.
- 4 days, 3 nights
- 3 breakfasts, 2 dinners, cookies, brownies, coffee and teas available during the day
- Large banquet hall outside the hotel lobby, plenty of room for all retreaters, everyone gets their own table.
- Bring a friend from outside the guild, who knows, maybe they will join the guild.
- Games and several daily raffles for some nice prizes

PROGRAM CHAIRS

Jacqueline Fleishman and Jacqui O'Brien

Programs

Outlined is the rest of the RNQG line-up for the remaining guild year, we have also illustrated the remaining openings we have in the workshop. Recall that 6 weeks prior to the class we will be advertising the class with our local 'sister' guilds to fill our classes.



On **November 21st Rita Partridge** returns for a wonderful Collage workshop. Attendees will learn her technique for working on the Teeny Tiny Laura Heine Collages. *There is 1 opening*

On **January 20, 2027, meet David Owen Hastings** via Zoom, where he'll show us 20 Modern Quilts from Around the World. He is retiring from the teaching/lecturing circuit in May so we're lucky to experience his expertise.



February 17th, 2027 Julia McLeod joins us via Zoom where she'll show us quilts made from everything but cotton. On Saturday Feb. 20th, she'll teach us how to make 3D paper pieced items. We are sharing this class with Quilters Connection. It should be a fun class! *There are 6 openings in this class*.



March 17, 2027, our lecture is our in-person meeting at the Congregational Church of Canton to learn all about color for quilters with **Kathie Beltz**.

On **Saturday March 20th, Pat Harrison** will teach us how to use EQ8. *There are 6 openings for this workshop*.



April 14, 2027 Amy Friend returns to discuss the Modern Quilting Aesthetic and on April 24th, she'll teach us how to do improvisational Paper Piecing. *There is room for 5 more quilters*.

On **May 19, 2027** we meet **Tina Craig** who will discuss the differences between English Paper Piecing and Foundation Paper Piecing. She will teach us the Little Lucy Boston EPP technique on May 22nd. *There are 9 openings*.



June brings us the end of our Guild year, but we will the year with a Pot Luck Dinner and the presentation of the Summer Challenge!

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.

RNQG QUILT BUDDIES PROGRAM FOR 2026-2027

Margaret Rolph

The quilt buddies' program is starting up! If you participated last year, we hope you had fun and will do it again. If you are new to the guild, here is the basic information.

What is QUILT BUDDIES?
A fun program which matches you with a secret buddy. You give small, inexpensive gifts to your buddy to brighten their day. You can bring the gift to the guild meetings or mail it to your buddy. You will be matched to another member, who will give you small gifts which will bring a smile to your face! Your buddy will be "revealed" at the last meeting of the quilt year.

Boutique Newsletter Entry

Jacqui O'Brien and Dottie Sullivan, Boutique Co-chairs, are excited to share some updates about the Boutique, the "booth" in the Quilt show where guild members sell their new/handmade/gently used quilting/sewing items. Documents will be available starting at the Oct 2026 Guild meeting (handouts available at every in-person meeting **beginning in Oct,** at All About Quilts in the "Boutique Box", and online at www.rnqg.org).
NEW for this show:

- We'll use ONE INVENTORY SHEET for Consigned and Donated Items.

- "Drop-off" of items you want to sell will ONLY BE done DURING MARCH 2027, performed with you by an "At-home intake checker". We're eliminating "Drop-off" during the Friday show set-up day to expedite the Booth set-up process.

- No check-out for unsold DONATED items. Unsold DONATED items will be returned to you w/o rectifying against the Inventory sheet. Simply return to the Boutique on Sunday, after the show and sign the Inventory take your box of unsold donated items and GO! If you consign items, you will need to work with a Boutique checker to have your items checked out.

- AFTER your checkout, there will be bins for you to donate back to the guild any of your unsold fabric & books. Fabrics will go to Comfort quilts and books will eventually make their way to the New England Quilt Museum.

SO…how can you join the fun? Participate in the Boutique Workshops to help us stock the Boutique with lovely, handmade items; We need your help to get lots of saleable items made! These workshops are running now through November, announced as their details are available. **Also, see the attached document for many ideas of items that may sell well at the Boutique, click the link and watch and learn from the YouTube videos. Get creative and look around for other items to make and donate.**

Finally, Jacqui and Dottie are retiring after the April 2027 show, so we're seeking replacements! PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR THIS FUN, EXCITING OPPORTUNITY for our 2029 Show – it is an important and substantial source of Guild revenue so it's imperative to find replacements ASAP to keep the tradition of having a GREAT Quilt Show Boutique going.

RNQG Tote bags for sale!

Take one home at the next guild meeting,
Available at November, March, May Meetings



Boat Style tote:

- Heavy Duty Canvas
- 20” W x 16” H
- 25” Handles
- Deep outside pocket
- Inside drop pocket.
- closure

Bags are $30.00.
*Pay by cash, check (made out to RNQG) and Venmo