

Quiltations

March 2011

2010-2011 Schedule

MEETINGS:

(DOORS OPEN @ 6 AND THE

MEETING STARTS @ 7:30)

MONDAY, MARCH 21

SYLVIA NAYLOR

MONDAY, APRIL 11

URSULA KERN

MONDAY, MAY 16

GERI BARR

WORKSHOPS:

MAR 19 AND MAR 20

FLORAL AND ORGANZA

APR 9 AND APR 10

BUGS AND FLOWERS

MAY 14 AND MAY 15

JOURNAL QUILTS

QUILT SHOW:

JUNE 3 - 5, 2011

ALL EVENTS ARE HELD AT
THE ARSENAL CENTER FOR
THE ARTS, 321 ARSENAL
ST, WATERTOWN, MA.

President's letter

Happy spring! ... Whenever it arrives. The weather outside is lousy, but the fabric inside is delightful, and since there's no place to drive, let me create, let me sew, let me try find a project to start for the June Quilt Show with the April 1st deadline to enter!

What a great lecture and workshop with Jennifer Beaven! I'm not a painter but I had so much fun with stitches and stuff that you can't see the painting mistakes! As I was driving home from the meeting, I was reliving my day and found that the lecture and my day's volunteer activity at the Fitchburg Art Museum, FAM, were similar. Jennifer talked about themes of mending and also working with old clothing fabric. At FAM, I was repairing an older African costume from Ghana depicting an aging mother. The hand-embroidered costume was embellished with threads but needed mending so that it can be put on display in our April exhibit. The headdress, made up of 6 figures is awesome, but coming apart at the seams and threads and missing flags needed to be recreated. The best part of the project was also the strangest request that I have ever had, but I did it! I made 2 pieces. Using flat, red fabric and black yarn couched on with taupe thread in cocentric circles ... pointed breasts to represent an aging earth mother to complete the costume. Almost a self portrait!

I hope that all members get a chance to visit the NEQM current show with many QC members exhibiting - I have free tickets if you are going. It's so great to walk through and realize you know these quilters. Also, Nancy Crasco was mentioned in a current quilting magazine article about Korean quilting. I think it is great that so many QC members represent their art and us, by reaching the non-quilting community with their inspirations. Please exhibit in the QC Quilt Show and show your perspective. Make your quilt for the "Where in the World" Challenge for this year's quilt show silent auction for NEQM, ACA and QC. What a fun place to imagine, reminisce about or look forward to! Buy those raffles tickets! Just do it all.

The deadline to add your name to the next Nominations of QC Officers is drawing near. Please consider volunteering and you won't be disappointed or overwhelmed. You will be enlightened and awed by a group that works together for the benefit of QC to create an informed, cooperative direction for its members to thrive, be inspired and be creative. Please consider and volunteer. We need you! Many mentioned

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MORE DETAILS.

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Newsletter Deadline

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23RD
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on the survey, that it seemed to be the same people talking all the time at meetings or as speakers but it's those members who consistently step forward. It is great to have new people in the mixture but we need to know their names or they need to take that hard, but wonderful step, forward.

If you have any news of a member's sickness or death, please contact Ethel Shulam with information so that she can send a card to the member or family.

Thanks to all who coordinated and sewed at the Quilt-a-thon this month. Others will appreciate the quilts they receive but we appreciate the dedication with which you sewed.

Another month of being inspired and grateful to be a member of QC...see you very soon.

Jessica

Quilt Show Update

Have YOU decided what you're putting in this year's show?? Quilt Show entries and volunteer forms are due by April 1! Please fill out the forms completely and include your town newspaper if possible. Calie Koso will be available to collect entry forms at our next meeting, March 21, IF you cannot get them in the mail.

Start talking up the show! Convince your friends this is a "must see" event! Bookmarks are available at the members' table in the entry and we will have fliers for you to drop off at your favorite shops, post at the local library and supermarket and take to work.

We need your involvement to make this show a success. My thanks to Anna Oberlander, who has done much work behind the scenes to provide us with posters and fliers, and the members who have responded to my requests online and in the last newsletter!

Sharon Monahan, Show Chair
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News and Notes

Sarah Griffin's quilt, Blooming Nine Patch, was one of the quilts featured in Quilt Inspiration: Blooming Nine Patch: A Perennial Favorite (February 23, 2011) <http://quiltinspiration.blogspot.com/2011/02/blooming-nine-patch-perennial-favorite.html>

Diana Galson-Kooy has a quilt in the Bonnar show sponsored by the Newton Art Association at the New Art Center from March 9-23, with the opening reception on March 13 from 7-8:30.

Send your News and Notes to Nancy at wnwasserman@aol.com

Getaway Update

On April 1st, the QC Getaway (scheduled for May 20-22) at The Silver Fox Inn in Waterville Valley NH will open up to non-members. We have just a few spots left, so if you haven't signed up yet, now is the time to do so! Registration forms can be found in the January and February newsletters.

If you have any questions, please contact me, Nancy Wasserman, wnwasserman@aol.com or 781-729-3326

Comfort Quilt Update

We had a wonderful comfort quilt workshop - 43 quilters attended and we had a very productive day! We tied 13 quilts and passed them off for binding! We stuffed and finished almost 100 teddy bears and they are ready for delivery! We started lots more quilts and experimented with some wonderful new patterns!

Thanks everyone who could come and give us so much help! -Jane Norberg

Nominations for next Year's Executive Board: Ethel Shulam and Ann Bonsett

As mentioned at our March 1st meeting, Ethel and I are spearheading the Nominations Committee for next year's Executive Board. Would you like to join us? Or, better yet, are you interested in becoming a Board Member for next year? Please email us with your ideas! We would like to present our proposed slate of officers at our April 11th meeting in time for us to vote at our Annual Membership meeting on May 16th. Thank you, Ann

Program Update

Next Meeting: Monday, March 21st - featuring Sylvia Naylor

I hope you were able to participate in one of Jennifer Beaven's recent workshops! The work that our members showed was so much fun! I would like to thank Jennifer Beaven for her wonderful presentation at our last meeting. We were the first to see it! Her work is whimsical and so detailed. I found it quite interesting to learn of her many areas of inspiration. I hope it causes me to look at things in my everyday life much differently. I also plan to carry my digital camera around so that I can always be on the look-out for inspiration! We're winding down the second half our fabulous 2010-2011 QC season with some International guests: Sylvia Naylor - March 21st, Ursula Kern April 11th and Geri Barr on May 16th. We top of the year with our annual quilt show: Set-up June 2nd and the show runs June 3-5.

A little bit about Sylvia Naylor (excerpt from Sylvia's website):

"As a textile artist I like to explore different ways to express my vision. My work usually combines free motion machine embroidery* with dyed and painted fabrics. My realistic pictures using nature as my muse are framed and sold through galleries. Inspiration for some of these works comes from my hikes in favourite parks, Frontenac, Charleston and Algonquin in Ontario and Banff National. I also like to work on other more abstract textile pieces and collages designed to be hung as art quilts rather than constrained with a frame. In these I use all kinds of visual imagery to express my thoughts. I love to garden, I lose count of the hours when I am outside tending flower beds. Wetlands with their myriad of plants and animals are some of my favourite places. Watching birds and amphibians bring me great pleasure. I work at my sewing machine with my binoculars at my side feeling fortunate that I can work at what I love to do."

Check out the April/May 2008 Quilting Arts Magazine Article for more about Sylvia's work.

- Ann Bonsett

Library Notes

Overdue notices went out last month. We urge all of you to return materials you have borrowed monthly. Items can be renewed. Our new materials have a way of disappearing into the homes of members for many months at a time and it is often very difficult to retrieve them as members drop out of QC, move away and change their email addresses.

Our thanks to member Mike McNamara for his donation of Men and the Art of Quilting by Joe Cunningham to the QC Library. Mike is one of the quilters featured in the book. It is autographed by the author, Mike and other of the included quilters. We are delighted to have the title which expands and enriches the collection. Thanks as well to Nancy Howard for her donation of Recipes for Quilters. We welcome all donations of newer and classic quilting books and are happy to issue tax exempt receipts.

Recently several people have sent me the link to the National Film Board of Canada film "Quilt" made in 1996 by Gayle Thomas, an inspiring six-minute film which cleverly choreographs the relationships among traditional quilting patterns. It can be viewed at <http://www.nfb.ca/film/quilt/?ec=en20110209> Thanks to Sandy Gregg and Caroline Kramer for sending us the link.

We have dropped our subscription to American Quilter as we have been finding that it doesn't circulate very much. New issues of Quilting Arts continue to arrive--the latest being February/March, 2011, with an article on collaged maps, resist from the kitchen and several articles on free motion quilting. Make sure to visit quiltingarts.com for more quilting information online.

Books purchased with QC Funds over the past few months are listed below. Please feel free to drop by the library or email me to request these or any titles:

Applique Outside the Lines with Piece O'Cake Designs: No Rules-No Ruler by Becky Goldsmith and Linda Jenkins; Quilting Line+Color by Yoshiko Jinzenji; From Print to Stitch by Janet Edmonds; Paintsticks on Fabric: Simple Techniques, Fantastic Results by Shelly Stokes; Picture This! Applique Pictorial Quilts by Marcia Stein; Zentangle: Fabric Arts, Quilting, Embroidery by Suzanne McNeill; Japanese Taupe Quilts: 125 Blocks in Calm and Neutral Colors by Susan Briscoe; Threads: The Basics and Beyond by Debbie Bates and Liz Kettle; Quilted Symphony by Gloria Loughman; City Quilts: 12 Dramatic Projects Inspired by Urban Views by Cherri House; Threadplay by Libby Lehman and Quilt National 2007: The Best of Contemporary Quilts.

Give the form below to Judy Botsford (1-781-646-9708, judy.botsford@gmail.com) or Kiala Reich (1-781-935-1254, toltecweb@verizon.net) at the meeting or email either of us and we will try to honor your request.

Quilters' Connection Library Book Purchase Suggestions

Title _____
Author _____
Source _____

Suggested by _____
Date _____

Quilters' Connection 2011- 2012 Membership Renewal Form

Name: _____ (as will appear on membership ID)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular: All Meetings, exhibit in show, take workshops, <i>Quiltations</i> by email | \$40 |
| (If received after May 31) | \$45 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate: 2 Meetings, exhibit in show, take workshops, <i>Quiltations</i> by email | \$30 |
| (If received after May 31) | \$35 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> International: Living overseas, exhibit in show, <i>Quiltations</i> by email | \$40 |
| (If received after May 31) | \$45 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Student: 2 Meetings, exhibit 1 quilt in show, <i>Quiltations</i> by email | \$20 |
| (If received after May 31) | \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Quiltations</i> newsletter by mail | \$10 |

Payment enclosed Cash Check # _____ \$ _____

Please volunteer for one or more of the following committees:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Comfort Quilt Projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Nomination |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Donations | <input type="checkbox"/> Programs |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Get-Away Weekend | <input type="checkbox"/> Quilt Show |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Holiday Boutique | <input type="checkbox"/> Raffle Quilt |
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Membership is from September 1 to August 31.

Return completed forms with payment so they are received by May 31 to:

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