

Quiltations

May 2011

2010-2011 Schedule

MEETINGS:

(DOORS OPEN @ 6 AND THE

MEETING STARTS @ 7:30)

MONDAY, MAY 16

GERI BARR

WORKSHOPS:

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.

Annual business meeting details on page 2

President's Letter

Last but not least.....

Someone recently commented that it was so nice that the QC President called them personally about an issue. I had to think about that. What makes a President different is the fact that we've each said "Yes!" to being QC's President. That's all. We are just QC members. I am glad I said yes, it has been inspiring!

This is my last President's letter but it is not really a "goodbye" - just an "until we meet again" (at our quilt show, at September's Show and Tell, at the next workshop...)

Thank you to Elaine, Deborah, Irene, Sharon, Ann, Faye, Stephanie, Susan, Ellen, Melissa, Karen, Rosemary, Nancy, Pam, Leah, Susan, Ethel, Tina, Jane, Rita, Barbara, Diane, Susan, Claire, Judy, Kiala, Sylvia, Carol, Nancy, Sandy, Denise, Mary, Nancy, Ellie, Marla, Robin, Beverly, Calie, Anne, Anna, Diana, Carrie, Christina, KD, Carolyn, Margaret, Fern, Verena for writing Visions and Voices, the history of QC and Lynda, Jane and Nancy who had the vision and the voice to start QC. Thanks also to all Past Presidents, past Chairmen, past volunteers and past speakers. The problem with listing names is that you always forget some and I thank you too! Thanks to all who volunteered, made comfort quilts, and volunteered in other ways throughout my 2 years.

I belong to QC because of members like these and all of you who come to meetings, take workshops and share your talents to help all of us move forward creatively. Our accomplishments are many but our love of the art keeps us enamored of why we started in the first place.

We just can't help ourselves.

- Jessica

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UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS
CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER FOR
MORE DETAILS.

Board of Directors

1 YEAR - BEVERLY FINE
2 YEAR - SANDY GREGG
3 YEAR - SYLVIA EINSTEIN
PAST PRESIDENT - ANN BONSETT
PRESIDENT - JESSICA LEGER

Annual business meeting: May 16th

On Monday, May 16th at our annual business meeting, our membership will vote on next year's slate for the Executive Board and Board of Director positions.

If anyone is interested in adding his/her name to the slate, please contact Ethel Shulam (equilts@mac.com) and Ann Bonsett (abonsett@rcn.com) to express interest.

On behalf of the Nominations Committee, we would like to present the following candidates for next year's slate of officers:

2011-2012 Executive Board Nominees:

President: Elaine Stone
Vice President: Christina Inge
Secretary: Deborah Rocha
Treasurer: Irene Dwyer
Program Co-Chairs: Linda Hicks and Ann Bonsett
Membership Co-Chairs: Susan Stemporzewski and Stephanie Laurin
Quilt Show Chair: Margaret Rolph
Member at Large: Carolyn MacLellan

Board of Directors:
Sandy Gregg 2011- June 2012
Sylvia Einstein 2011- June 2013
Ethel Shulam 2011- June 2014
Past President: Jessica Leger
Current President: Elaine Stone

Newsletter Editor: Melissa Radzyminski

Doors open at 6:00, the meeting starts @ 7:30.
- Ann Bonsett

Mark your calendars for 2011-2012's meeting schedule

September 19th
October 10th
November 7th
December - No Meeting
January 23rd
February 13th
March TBD
April 9th
May 14th
Quilt Show: May 31- June 3rd

Program Update

Geri Barr, Port Melbourne , Australia

May's Speaker is one of our own! We welcome Geri Barr, now living in Port Melbourne, Australia, will present to us "Art Quilt Creativity Blueprint." Geri is full of energy and has a fabulous creative style. Please join us to learn more about how she used her Journal Quilt series as inspiration! It's sure to be loads of fun and inspirational! You won't want to miss this meeting!

25th year Recognitions

The following members will receive a 25 year pin at the May meeting in recognition of 25 years of uninterrupted membership: Ann Manzelli, Martha Supnik, and Bobbie Ward. If there are any other members who joined QC in 1986 and whose names do not appear above, please contact Nancy Crasco, 617-254-1952 or ncrasco@gmail.com

Treasurer's Report - April 26,2011

Checking Account Balance 03/28/11 \$ 25,462.28

Deposits:

04/14/11	
Membership	\$3,730.00
Getaway Deposits	1,885.00
Raffle Tickets	340.00
Program Fees	65.00

Subtotal: \$6,020.00

Expenses:

Speaker Fees, Expenses	(\$3,590.00)
Newsletter	(101.67)
Sales Table	(96.00)
Sales Taxes, Commonwealth of Massachusetts	(\$1,355.00)*

Subtotal: \$ 5,142.67

Balance 4/26/11 \$26,339.61

* \$646 erroneously paid twice but sales tax for 2011 Show will be due soon; corrected figures will be posted after Show.

Quilt Show News

Another year has flown by and we are once again approaching the final month before the quilt show! The show committee has been working diligently to provide another wonderful display of your creativity and works of love. However, we still need more volunteers to fill all the positions necessary to make this a great show. If you haven't committed yet, please give Nancy Howard a call!

Members' Night is Friday, June 3rd, from 6 - 8:30 pm. We are charging \$3 a person at the door but this means you can bring as many guests as you'd like and they will see the show for half price!

And, don't forget, you may purchase advance tickets for any day of the show (\$5 instead of \$6) from Irene Dwyer at the May meeting. I hope you've been talking up the show and encouraging friends and acquaintances to attend (how about Mother's Day gifts of advance tickets?). Our show is always beautiful, stimulating, so interesting in its diversity and educational as well. And don't forget our fabulous members' Boutique!

Take a moment this month to put the final touches (labels!) on your entries, whip up a challenge quilt and offer to help out! It's YOUR show. Thanks!

- Sharon Monahan
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QC Philanthropy...

we, as a group, support the Arts in important ways every year.

Show time is just a short time away! If each QC member donates a piece or two of their work to our silent auction challenge this year, we will raise money important to support three of our favorite art groups....last year we were able to share \$3000 among those three. We would like to increase our contribution this year. The enthusiasm to bid on QC's interesting fabric work is there. With more pieces we can solidify the fact our group has the best quilters/artists in New England! People come to the annual QC show hoping they can find an original work for a reasonable price. I know we all have a small piece that with just a bit of tweaking, could help QC realize a good outcome for our quilt world and the arts....it feels great to find your work being seriously bid on...all work donated can be deducted from your 2012 taxes as a charitable donation for the amount sold. I challenge you to take an unfinished block and repurpose it into something spectacular. Expect to be asked to share your work. Let me know if you plan to donate a piece...

-Rita Robinson
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P.S. The "Where in the World" theme is quite fun. Just say "In The" before each piece's main idea. I have heard "In the Garden", "In the Sea", "In The Refrigerator" so far and that has made me more able to think of ideas for small work of art. Try it.

Quilters' Connection Boutique 2011

If you have any questions relating to the Boutique please call or email
Diana Dow, Boutique Co-Chair ddow613@aol.com 617-823-2795
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The Boutique will accept for consignment sale any hand crafted item made by current members. Pre packaged kits are acceptable, not individual pieces. Patterns you have developed are acceptable. It does not have to be fabric related: painted wooden items, jewelry, pottery, etc. whatever our members are crafting. If in doubt please call to clarify.

We would appreciate your notifying the Boutique Committee by May 1, 2011 of your intention to be a vendor. A general idea of your items would help us plan our boutique which ultimately helps the vendors in their sales. (i.e. jackets and vests, placemats, stuffed pillows) . Quantities are not necessary at this time.

INVENTORY PRICING : Pricing is your decision completely. Q.C. deducts a 15 % commission from your set price. You receive 85 % of your set price.

INVENTORY SHEETS : Two identical inventory sheets are needed. (see check in and check out) Like items of the same price may be grouped together on one line.

LABELING : Each item submitted for sale must be labeled. Please try your labeling technique ahead of time, stick on labels don't stick on fabric, string tags might be better or safety pinning tags.

Each label should have :

1. Your name
2. Your price
3. Optional : a description or code of items (i.e. note cards, gift cards, baby toy.)

If you want to use anything other than your first initial and last name you must register with the boutique committee first to avoid duplicates. All labels must have the same name or initials or title. You can use anything you wish as long as we know who you are. (i.e. J. Smith or J.S. or Quiltmaker) We have many members with hyphenated names, abbreviation makes a smaller easier label but we must have consistency. We will not accept any unlabeled items.

LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS: The Quilters' Connection cannot be responsible for lost or stolen items. We will take reasonable precautions to protect all items submitted.

DISPLAY

Please consider how your items should be displayed. If they require baskets or any special props you are responsible to provide them. (i.e. wall hangings must have a casing and dowel, clothing best shown hung up will need hangers.) Please label any prop with your name and "not for sale."

You are responsible for packaging your items if they need to be protected. We will do our best to see that your items are displayed to their best advantage.

There will be two or three coat racks available such things like wearables that are hung up (have those items on hangers when you submit them). All tables are provided.

Any display for table top use does not need pre approval. Please consider that all tables are shared spaces and try and condense props, etc.

FLOOR DISPLAYS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Library News May 2011

Summer Inventory

Please search your coffee table, bedside table, bookshelves, tote bags, etc. for books that belong to QC and bring them to our last meeting of the year on May 16th so others can enjoy them over the summer. Remember, our books have a yellow sticker on the spine so they should be easy to spot. If you will not be attending, get a friend to return them for you. Or mail them to Judy at home at the address below. If all else fails, please contact Judy to renew them until September. That will save us from sending overdue notices to those who already realize what books they have at home. Please feel free to borrow an armload of books so you can explore new quilting techniques over the summer. The remaining library books will be stored at Judy Botsford's home over the summer months so we can complete an inventory and identify books that need withdrawing. If there is something you need during that time, please contact her by email at the address below.

New Magazine

Quilting Arts Magazine April/May 2011 issue 50 is the Nature issue. There are feature articles on Zen doodling, Free motion stitched wildflowers, making floral quilt collages from digital images and collages from quilting scraps to name just a few.

The Last New Books for This Year

Organizing Solutions for Every Quilter: An Illustrated Guide to the Space of Your Dreams
by Carolyn Wood

Ricky Tims' Kool Kaleidoscope Quilts: Simple Strip-Piecing Technique for Stunning Results
by Ricky Tims

Freemotion Quilting by Judy Woodworth

Fanciful Stitches, Colorful Quilts: 11 Easy Applique Projects to Embroider by Hand
by Laura Wasilowski

Quick Little Landscape Quilts: 24 Easy Techniques to Create a Masterpiece by Joyce Becker
International Sunbonnet Sue by Debra Kimball

Book Order Suggestions

Quilters' Connection Library Book Purchase Suggestions

Title _____

Author _____

Source _____

Suggested by _____

Date _____

give to Judy Botsford at meeting or email to me at Judy.botsford@gmail.com

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News and Notes

Nancy Crasco will have work in the following exhibits this summer: Wrapping Traditions: Korean Textiles Now, June 17th - October 22, 2011 at the Museum of Craft and Folk Art, 51 Yerba Buena Lane, San Francisco, CA. THE ArT-QuILT ExPERIENCE, June 12 - July 31, 2011 at the Stone Quarry Hill Art Park, Cazenovia, NY

Please send your News & Notes to Nancy Wasserman, wnwasserman@aol.com

Comfort quilt update

We have had a wonderful and very productive comfort quilt year. We had 4 workshops and all were very well attended. We are working on next year's schedule. Workshops give us a wonderful day to work together, a great sense of accomplishment, and lots of space to tie and baste quilts. We have donated over 120 quilts this year, and over 200 Teddy Bears. We continue to support hospitals, shelters, VA hospitals, and our list of recipients keeps on growing. In addition, this year we have donated several quilts to be auctioned to help raise money for organizations like the Avon Walk for Breast Cancer, and for the Supportive Living Centers (homes for adults with brain injuries.) We also donated quilts to be kept in houses that are run by hospitals for the families of the patients undergoing treatment in the Boston Area. Two of these include the Yawkey Family Inn, run by Boston Children's Hospital, and the Fisher House, a veterans Inn next to the VA hospital in West Roxbury. The list goes on and on. Thank you all for the support of this program. We could never accomplish so much without all your help.

- Jane Norberg

Antique Quilt Workshop

Here's a workshop with former QC member, Pattie Chase, which may be of interest.

Caring for Antique Quilts: Rescues, Restorations & Remakes

Sunday, May 22, 2011 from 2-5PM Cost: \$40.00

Instructor: Pattie Chase

Location: Loring-Greenough House, 12 South Street, Jamaica Plain 02130

Bring an antique or vintage quilt to be examined and discussed. We will talk about its design elements and about the era in which it was likely made, and hear suggestions for its care, restoration or remake. We will demonstrate simple techniques to preserve quilts when possible and repair them when necessary. There will be hand-outs on caring for old quilts and a resource list for local quilt restorers and appraisers. Quilting gatherings have always been community socials as well as practical gatherings. In that spirit, this workshop will be both informative and fun. Bring an antique or vintage quilt. Information at www.eliotsschool.org

Nancy Crasco

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Magnetic Nametags?

Every year QC has to invest in expensive plastic badge id covers...now it's time to discuss a permanent solution to the name tag/id badge problem. Listen to one of our ideas...do you think this would encourage you to put something in the challenge and get something back. We have investigated 1 1/4 x 3 inch magnetic nametags from Kay Cee Engraving. We could have your name printed in large letters with Quilters Connection and a little quilt logo. **THEY DO NO PUT HOLES IN YOUR SHIRTS AND FIT IN YOUR WALLET** so you always have it with you. With 400 members it would be nice to know who's who and avoid the embarrassment of not knowing someone's name. We would like to ask our members if you are willing to pay \$5.00 towards your nametag and have QC subsidize the remainder as a gift to all members...The subsidized money would come from our QC challenge...this way people will know where the money is going and that all members are benefiting. Another thought is to ask all our members to bring in all their old plastic holders hanging around their house, stuffed in their drawers and tote bags in order for us to recycle and reuse...GO GREEN!!!!

-Elaine Stone

No Adopt-a-Fabric in May

There will be no Adopt-a-Fabric Table at the May Meeting. If you have any monies due you from the sale of items, they will be given to Irene Dwyer to send checks out to each of you. Thank you.

-RoseMary Koch

Reminder 2011 QC President & VP Challenge: "Where in the World"

Thanks to all of you who submitted a challenge entry...where are the rest of you? Make a mini quilt, tote or framed piece under 20" on any side. Think of a place anywhere on earth, beyond, in your magical mind or a place in your dreams. Somewhere in your stash of fabrics you will find "WHERE IN THE WORLD" ideas...let your imagination go wild. Let me or Jessica know if you plan on submitting an entry so we can have a printed bid sheet with your name on it.

-Elaine Stone

Advance Tickets Available

Advance tickets for the upcoming Show are available now for \$5.00. You can order them from Irene Dwyer, Treasurer by mail; Irene will also have tickets at the May meeting.

Yahoo Group

If you want to join the QC-Quilters Connection Yahoo group, you need to do this yourself. First, if you don't already have a Yahoo account, you have to set up a Yahoo account by going to yahoo.com and follow the directions there for setting up an account. Then you have to either go to the Yahoo Groups page and search for the QC-QuiltersConnection group or go directly to http://groups.yahoo.com/group/QC_QuiltersConnection/ and click on "Join." Doing this will generate an email to me. I will then approve your request and you'll be a member of the group. It should take less than 5 minutes.

Let me know if you have any problems. You can contact me at diane.franklin@gmail.com.

-Diane Franklin

2011-2012 Membership Renewal

37% of our members have renewed. This is a reminder to our other 63% that renewals are due by May 31. Renewal forms are available on the QC website at quiltersconnection.org or in this newsletter. Please submit your form along with payment to either of us at a QC meeting or by mail. There are 39 individuals on the waiting list. They are anxious to join QC so please get your renewals to us in a timely manner if that is your intention and assure that you will not miss out on another exciting year of activities and programs at QC. We will begin the process of inviting those on the waiting list in mid June as it takes about 2 ½ months to complete several rounds of invitations.

- Susan Stemporzewski & Stephanie Laurin

Wait List

1	Marguerite	Snow	21	Tracy	Kennedy	
2	Steffanie	Schwam	22	Carmen	Goulet	
3	Dalia	Dainora	23	Quita	Schillhammer	
4	Ellen	Cormier	24	Ann L.	Vivian	
5	Diana	Bailey	25	MaryJo	McLaughlin	
6	Kathleen	Walsh	26	Susan	Parrelli	
7	Deborah	Gonet	27	Amy	Rubin	
8	Valerie	Daniels	28	Barbara	Salamy	
9	Gay	Appleby	Roger	29	Judy	Cotton
10	Joani	Mountain	30	Lauré	Warren	
11	Margaret	Mulcahy	31	Julie	Weinstein	
12	Ree	Fagan	32	Nancy	Reifenstein	
13	Janet	Taylor	33	Pat	Harrison	
14	Judith	Gormley	34	Sarah	Fujiwara	
15	Christine	Halter	35	Suzanne	Abrams	
16	Rachel	Krebs	36	Pat	McGrath	
17	Sue	Burdsall	37	Beverly	McGrath	
18	Bonnie	Cohen	38	Brenda L.	Jones	
19	Emily	Hartvigsen	39	Sandi	Phillips	
20	Barbara	Smith				

Quilters' Connection 2011- 2012 Membership Renewal Form

Name: _____ (as will appear on membership ID)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Do not print in membership booklet

Email: _____ Do not print in membership booklet

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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 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Associate: 2 Meetings, exhibit in show, take workshops, <i>Quiltations</i> by email | \$30 |
| (If received after May 31) | \$35 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> International: Living overseas, exhibit in show, <i>Quiltations</i> by email | \$40 |
| (If received after May 31) | \$45 |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Student: 2 Meetings, exhibit 1 quilt in show, <i>Quiltations</i> by email | \$20 |
| (If received after May 31) | \$25 |
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| <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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library | <input type="checkbox"/> Scholarship |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Sunshine/Caring |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Winter Free Workshop |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Your Special Talents _____ | |

Membership is from September 1 to August 31.

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

(A-L) Stephanie Laurin 10 Slavin Dr Pelham, NH 03076
(M-Z) Susan Stemporzewski 37 Litchfield Cir Pelham, NH 03076

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