

Quiltations

March 2010

2009-2010 Schedule President's Letter

MEETINGS:

(DOORS OPEN @ 6 AND THE

MEETING STARTS @ 7:30)

MONDAY, MARCH 15

CHERYL REZENDES

MONDAY, APRIL 12

WEN REDMOND

MONDAY, MAY 17

JESSICA LEGER

WORKSHOPS:

MARCH 13

CREATING WEARABLE

ART THROUGH YOUR

ARTISTIC INTUITION

WITH CHERYL REZENDES

APRIL 10 AND APRIL 11

THREE PETITE COLLAGE

INSPIRED ART PIECES

WITH WEN REDMOND

QUILT SHOW:

JUNE 4-6, 2010

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

Everyday you need to get dressed, but it is just as easy to put on something great as it is something convenient! This is a family mantra! I will go one step further and say you can dress the way you think you should and the way you want to. Everyday I dress for myself and don't care what others think. Do you think that you portray your inner voice? Can someone see your quilts or go into your sewing room and know something personal about you? Do you want them to? I think we quilt to project our inner feelings and, sometimes, what we want people to understand. I know I work on personal issues that need to be seen and moved on from them. You will see some of these quilts in May. What else would you like me reveal?

My mother was major influence, even though, she sometime forgot I was there since I was the last of 3 girls. She sewed; my father sewed; my grandmother sewed but not my 2 older sisters because she did it for them ...but not for me, who came 7 years later. She gave me a gift, forcing me to take lessons at 9 years old. I thank her everyday!

I thought Ami Simms was wonderful and insightful. My mother had Alzheimer's for 10 years, lived with me for 5. I loved the way Ami did not take herself and her quilting too seriously. Maybe we all need to let our inner doubts go and just create. If you were to take a piece a fabric and place it somewhere on the vertical part of your body, where would you place it? It doesn't matter where, but it does matter that you recognize and own it.

I hope many of you go to the Comfort Quilts workshops or make them at home to donate. I hope many, more than the 72 quilts we had last year, make the "Green" Challenge Quilts to benefit NEQM, ACA and QC. This is an easy way to "pay it forward". I hope more of you come on the Get-away and have a great time and meet new friends and I hope you make and submit quilts to our annual Quilt Show. I hope all of you sell or buy your raffle tickets, this is another easy way to help your guild and hope all of you feel inspired, as I do, every month by the speakers and workshops.

Everyday is an opportunity to create, to change, to research, to discover, to add a new quest to your quilting addiction. Yes, it is because I need to sew and I think you do too.

See you next month,
Jessica

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UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS
7PM AT 11 BRYANT RD, LEXINGTON
EVERYONE IS WELCOME.
MARCH 11
APRIL 6

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Next Newsletter Deadline

APRIL: WED, MARCH 24TH
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Quilt Show Update

Here we go! Quilt Show entries and volunteer forms are due this month, specifically March 15! Please send them to the appropriate persons by this date. Calie Koso will collect entry forms at our meeting if you cannot get them in the mail.

Once again a call for Advertising and Publicity! We have useful info available and would also like to advertise the businesses and services of our membership. I am willing to work with someone who is more computer savvy than myself and able to organize and update materials for this very important (but not full-time!) job! Our show attendance was down last year - let's be proud of our guild, give a big shout-out and turn that around!!

Sharon Monahan, Quilt Show Chair
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News & Notes

Five members of QC have their work included in the new book "500 Art Quilts" published by Lark Books. Nancy Crasco, Sylvia Einstein, Sandy Gregg, Carol Ann Grotrian, and Susan Polansky submitted quilts that were selected by juror Karey Bresnahan for inclusion. There are 347 quilters represented in this beautiful book. Congratulations to all of them.

Springhouse Art Gallery: several members of QC are exhibiting their quilts at this retirement community in Jamaica Plain: 44 Allandale St. The dates are Feb 19-Mar 26. Includes work by Judy Becker, Mary Gillis, Gladys Perkins, and Ferne Weissman.

Send your News & Notes to Nancy Wasserman wnwasserman@aol.com

QC Weekend Getaway April 16-18

The Getaway is now open to non-QC members! Rooms are now available at The Valley Inn, with all meals served in The Silver Fox Inn. We have the top floor of The Silver Fox Inn to our set up machines Grab a family member or friend and come join us in Waterville Valley, NH. Contact Nancy Wasserman, 781-729-3326 wnwasserman@aol.com

Upcoming Guild Shows

Thimble Pleasures Quilt Guild on March 13 & 14, 10am to 4pm
Blackstone Valley Regional Voc-Tech High School
65 Pleasant Street (off Rte. 140), Upton, MA

Maple Leaf Quilters on March 27, 9am-5pm & March 28, 10am-4pm
At the College of St. Joseph, Rutland, VT

Showers of Quilts XIII on March 27, 9am-5pm & March 28, 10am-4pm
Trumbull Marriott Merri tt Parkway, 180 Hawley Lane, Trumbull, CT
www.ctpiecemakers.org

New England Quilt Museum News

The next exhibit at the NEQM is called: Kinder Komforts: Amish Crib quilts

March 4 - May 9, 2010

An exhibition of Amish quilting unlike any other, curated by Bettina Havig, Kinder Komforts shows a new facet of the tradition to explore. Made for hard wear, these antique quilts, though crafted with exquisite workmanship and traditional Amish color palettes, are much more free in their style and composition than full-scale works from Mennonite communities, since they were not intended to be heirlooms. Indeed, part of the significance of the exhibition is the rarity of these quilts, most of which were demolished with use.

During the Kinder Komforts exhibition, the museum will also feature the work of Dorothy Bosselman. The late artist set out to recreate 60 historic Amish quilts, most of which were originally made in the early 20th century, in miniature. Her replica quilts, some no larger than 6" square, were originally created for the exhibit Beacons from a Darkened World, Amish Life-Amish Quilts at the New England Quilt Museum in the spring of 1990, of which she was guest curator. They were hand-quilted by her friends and by NEQM volunteers, in precise, traditional designs. The Bosselman quilts were recently acquired by the museum and will be exhibited for the first time in many years.

Gerald Roy will give a talk on the Amish use of color in conjunction with the exhibition on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at 1pm.

More information about the NEQM and these activities will be on their website: nequiltmuseum.org

NEQM Member Guild Challenge

"From Lobstah to Green Monstah: What's Best About New England"

Images 2010, the Lowell Quilt Festival, and the New England Quilt Museum have issued a First Annual Challenge to member guilds. Challenge entries will be featured in a Special Exhibit at the Images Quilt Show, August 12-14, 2010. Entries will then be donated to the New England Quilt Museum for a fund-raiser event to take place at a later date.

Challenge Rules: One (1) quilt from each NEQM Member Guild. The guild's entry may be made by multiple guild members or by one person representing the entire guild. The quilt's perimeter must measure no more than 144 inches and no less than 96 inches. The quilt must include one or more "Mariner Compass" and/or "Delectable Mountains" blocks. Your quilt may be original or traditional in design, pieced or appliquéd, and embellished in any way you choose. Due Date: June 30, 2010.

If you are interested in leading a QC effort, please contact Jessica Leger.

Leah Allman, QC Guild Representative to the NEQM

2010-2011 Membership Renewal

We are now accepting membership renewals for the 2010-2011 QC year. Renewal forms are available in this newsletter or on the QC website at quiltersconnection.org. Please submit your form along with payment to either of us at a QC meeting or by mail before May 31. QC currently has 400 members and 56 individuals on the waiting list. We ask that you get your renewals to us in a timely manner as it takes significant time to collate the information and determine how many invitations we can extend to those on the waiting list so that we remain 400 members strong. We hope you plan to join us for another exciting year of activities and programs at QC and await your renewal information.

Susan Stemporzewski & Stephanie Laurin, Membership Co-chairs

Quilters' Connection 2010- 2011 Membership 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

- Regular: All Meetings, exhibit in show, take workshops, *Quiltations* by email \$40
- Associate: 2 Meetings, exhibit in show, take workshops, *Quiltations* by email \$30
- International: Living overseas, exhibit in show, *Quiltations* by email \$40
- Student: 2 Meetings, exhibit 1 quilt in show, *Quiltations* by email \$20
- Quiltations* by mail \$10

Payment enclosed Cash Check # _____ \$ _____

Please volunteer for one or more of the following committees:

- Comfort Quilt Projects (coordinate workshops, donate quilts)
- Communications (website, yahoo group, email newsletter)
- Donations (review annual donations)
- Get-Away Weekend (plan & coordinate weekend quilt retreat)
- Holiday Boutique (organize holiday boutique)
- Library (oversee use & maintenance of library)
- Meetings (adopt-a-fabric table, sales table, information table)
- Membership (membership & wait lists, membership booklet, renewals, reception, IDs)
- Newsletter (editor, quilt happenings, news & notes, mailings)
- Nomination (coordinate nominations for various QC positions)
- Programs (host lecturers, transport, assist workshop signup, workshop assistance)
- Quilt Show (advertising, publicity, layout, set-up & take down, white glove, reception, hospitality, front gate, show book and tickets, boutique)
- Raffle Quilt (design, assembly, quilting, raffle tickets)
- Scholarship (oversee the process of awarding grants for education purposes)
- Sunshine/Caring (send greeting cards)
- Winter Free Workshop (coordinate workshops, instruct, plan luncheon)
- Your Special Talents _____

Membership is from September 1 to August 31.
Return completed forms with payment by May 31 to
Susan Stemporzewski or Stephanie Laurin

Library Notes

A Word about the QC Library

For those who are new to QC, we have an extensive library of books and magazines available for borrowing before each meeting on tables set up on the 2nd floor in the hall outside the auditorium entrance until 7:15pm. New books are purchased each year with a budget from your dues. Please note any books you think many of us would enjoy and call us or give us a note at our meetings.

We hope all our members will make use of the library every month because we have many more books and magazines on hand than space to store them between meetings. You may take as many items home as you like but please return them at the next meeting for someone else to enjoy. If you can't attend the next meeting, send your materials back with another member.

Our budget is severely limited this year yet the demand for the newer books is high and often other members are waiting for them to be returned. Please help us by returning your books when the month loan is up.

Generous Donations

We wish to thank Elin Noble, last month's presenter for the donation of her excellent book, Dyes & Paints: A Hands-On Guide to Coloring Fabric. Thanks as well to Gwen Marcelline for her generous donation of Paula Nadelstern's Kaleidoscope Quilts. Both books have been added to the library and will be available for loan at February's meeting. We encourage other members to think about donating their unwanted quilt books--particularly recent titles--to the library. We will be happy to acknowledge your generous donations.

Used Book Sale

Our used book sale conducted at the September and October meetings raised \$85.00--not a huge sum, but enough to buy a few titles. Please let us know what new books you would like to see in the library and over time we will try to respond to some of your requests.

Book Order Suggestions

Quilters' Connection Library
Book Purchase Suggestions

Title _____
Author _____
Source _____
Suggested by _____
Date _____

give to Judy Botsford at meeting or mail to me at 45 Bartlett Avenue, Arlington, MA 02476

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QC Email Group

QC has an email group on Yahoo, and you are encouraged to join it. If you are not already signed up but would like to be, please email Jeanne Williamson at jeanne@jeannewilliamson.com

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