

Quiltations

February 2012

2011-2012 Schedule

MEETINGS: (DOORS OPEN @ 6;

MEETINGS START @ 7:30)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

MAGGIE WEISS

MONDAY, MARCH 12

KATIE PASQUINI MASOPUST

MONDAY, APRIL 9

CAROL ANN WAUGH

MONDAY, MAY 14

BUSINESS MEETING,

PROJECT RUNWAY,

ROUND ROBIN UNVEILING

WORKSHOPS:

FEBRUARY 11 & 12

THERMO FAX 101

MARCH 10 & 11

COMPOSITION IN COLOR

& VALUE

APRIL 7 & 9

SELF PORTRAITS

QUILT SHOW:

MAY 31-JUNE 3, 2012

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

President's Letter

Thank you Diane Hire...and Ann Bonsett our Program Chair for arranging it all...three full days of workshops and a great lecture and trunk show from Diane and then to top it off many of us were lucky enough to buy one of Diane's quilts. Amazing!! Just around the corner we have Maggie Weiss with thermo fax...the inspiration just keeps coming. I'm amazed at the wonderful programs Ann has arranged over the years...we're now looing for someone to take over the Programs Committee. Are you that special person? We're also looking for someone to take over being our Web Master...after many years of doing a wonderful job Karen Bettencourt would like to step down. Anyone with computer experience want to fill those shoes? QC is run by VOL-UNTEERS and we need you all. A Nominations Committee is being put together, please call or email me if you would like to become more involved - or we may be calling you to jump on board.

Two more quick reminders - please wear your nametags to all meetings and workshops. And lastly we discussed instead of a raffle quilt challenge this year, we would put together gift baskets as our fundraiser. We'd like everyone to donate one fat quarter (we'll have a box at every meeting) for a jumbo 1st prize gift basket. Then we will need several smaller baskets to be organized and put together by a group of friends, folks in the same town, round robin groups, crit groups, or donated by a store/shop/salon you frequent and can get a donation. Baskets do not have to be quilt related...think spa items, wine, dogs or cats, chocolates, knitting, books...use your imagination. How about it, Lexington girls? Want to join me and put together a basket?

- Elaine Stone

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Newsletter Deadline

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22
SEND ARTICLES TO
MRADZYMINSKI@YAHOO.COM

Winter Free Workshop Feedback

Every year the WFW amazes me. I can't wait until next year! See comments from other members below.
-Elaine

Thanks to everyone who made the comfort quilts such a success! We got tons started, finished, and everything in between. So many of you stopped by to see our quilts! ... and so many stopped to help for a while! Lunch was fantastic. I can't wait to be back next year! Great job, everyone!
-Jane Norberg

Just wanted to thank you again for taking the time to do the class on velvet stamping. It is always more fun to see a technique done in person to really get the idea. You didn't think it was a three hour class but we appreciated the kits and examples and ideas and I also got to give a little time to the comfort quilt table. So everyone won! Nice to meet you and thanks again.
-Pat Delaney

My first free winter workshop day was lots of fun. Thanks to Elaine, Carolyn, Erin and all the instructors, organizers, cooks and other volunteers who made it possible.
-Gretchen Greene

Ditto. The food was fabulous, the teachers went way out of their way...and lots was learned. What a fabulous group.
-Linda Hicks

Also ditto! What a terrific workshop experience!!!! Thanks to all who made it possible!
-Sue Bennett

I join in this accolade. The food was terrific, the workshops looked interesting and, it was brilliant to add the comfort quilt project. Thank you all.
-Sylvia Einstein

Also agreed! Everyone did an amazing job. I was busy, just what I needed. Comfort quilt gathering peaked my interest. I felt 'mom-med. Thanks all. Kudos to lunch makers, esp. to potato leek soup and lemon salad! This day rocked!
-Laura Cahalane

Quilt Show Notes

Deadline for Quilt Entries

APRIL 1, 2012 is the deadline for quilt entries. So, you still have plenty of time to get your photograph(s) of your entries and, of course, to finish those gorgeous quilts! The entry forms will be on the website soon. Note that the quilt show application has two parts - one section for describing your quilt(s) - you can enter one or two quilts, the first is guaranteed acceptance; the second will be taken depending on available space. The second section is the volunteer form, where you specify which shifts and jobs you'd like to do at the show. Don't forget to fill out BOTH sections!

Drop off Locations for Quilts

If you plan to come to the Arsenal Center on Thursday morning, May 31, to drop off your quilt(s), and would be willing to take some quilts for others, you can be a huge help to members who cannot get to the Arsenal Center early on a weekday. You can volunteer to collect quilts at your home. We have several drop-off locations: Walpole, Westwood, Lexington, Waltham, Maynard. A few more locations would be good. The specifics of timing are up to you - anytime Sat., May 26 through Wednesday, May 30. Members who want to drop off their quilts will contact you to work out the specific drop-off time. If you can serve as a drop-off location, please let me know (Margaret Rolph, merolph@verizon.net or 508-668-1392).

Quilt Show Publicity - Flyers and Show booklet ads

Please help us to promote our quilt show this year - there are a few small things that every member can do to get the word out. Even if you can't participate in the show this year, you can help with publicity.

Flyers advertising our June quilt show will be available at our next meeting, February 13th. Please post flyers on community bulletin boards at your local school, library, senior center, gym, place of worship, arts center, etc. Show flyers are already being distributed to quilt shops primarily within the Route 495 area. If you plan to travel and visit a quilt shop outside the Route 495 loop feel free to take some flyers to drop off.

Local guilds are also being contacted with information about our show. If you are a member of another guild (and that's likely many of you!), please talk up our show at the meetings.

We are now collecting ads for our quilt show booklet. Ad forms were distributed at the January meeting and will also be available at the next meeting. Note that ads are half price (that's 50% off!) until February 28th. Please consider placing an ad for your business or one for a friend, neighbor or relative. Contact Anna Oberlander, Quilt Show Ads Coordinator, at quiltescapes.anna@verizon.net or at 508.850.9588 with any questions. Keep in mind that revenue from ads contributes to defraying show expenses, so do whatever you can to snag at least one ad for our booklet.

Thanks so much for doing your part to promote our show!

Library News

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 or email us to arrange for their return.

Overdue books

Before our February meeting, Judy and Kiala will go through the book cards and notify library borrowers by e-mail or phone of the books that are long overdue. Please make sure you search for them and bring them to the meeting so others can enjoy them again. It is easy to identify a QC library book that may have become mixed up with your own library. All of our books have a yellow dot on the spine.

Book Sale and New Books

Because of our limited storage space, again this year we are continuing to weed the library of older titles that seldom circulate. We are planning to hold these books for a sale table at this year's show. If you have older quilting books, we also welcome donations to the book sale. Books only please. Any unsold books will be donated to the New England Quilt Museum. In addition, we are always looking for donations to the library of newer titles that members no longer need.

Our thanks this month to QC member, Ellen Katz, who has donated a brand new copy of Miho Takeuchi's DVD called "Sashiko Basics." Many of you may know Miho, who teaches locally. Her DVD is an excellent introduction to this Japanese art form.

Thermofax workshop

I will teach a 2-day thermofax workshop at the Arlington Center for the Arts: two Sundays, March 11 and 18, 1-4 pm. This is a fun class, with plenty of room, time, and opportunity to experiment. We will have screens to work with: geometric, organic and text, which will be available to buy at the end of class. You can also order personal ones though me before class. Seven spots are left. To register, call Arlington Center for the Arts at 781-648-6220, or print out and mail the registration form at acarts.org.

Linda Dunn

<http://lindabrandhdunn.com>

Fabric Extravaganza!!!

Don't forget the Fabric Extravaganza, Feb 2,3 and 4, at the Holiday Inn, Nashua, NH. Take exit 4 off Rt. 3 northbound for a great day in tax-free New Hampshire. We have new fabric, clearance fabric, good deals on equipment and notions, and demos throughout the day. Participants are 5 New England Women-owned businesses - The Christmas Shop, Marianne Elizabeth, New England Quilt Emporium, Fabritique, and Nashua Sew 'n' Vac.

Marian Bressel,
Fabritique and QC Member

Opportunities to Exhibit

At the Winter Free Workshop I provided the following list of exhibits to which members might apply in order to show their work. I thought that it might be of interest to others.

-Nancy Crasco
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PLACES TO LOOK FOR EXHIBIT OPPORTUNITIES

Both the SURFACE DESIGN ASSOCIATION (<http://www surfacedesign.org/>) and STUDIO ART QUILTS ASSOCIATION (<http://www.saqqa.com/>) have opportunities for members and non-members on their websites.

FIBERART CALLS FOR ENTRY (<http://fiberartcalls.blogspot.com/>) has a multitude of opportunities in many categories

CAFÉ-CALL FOR ENTRIES (<https://www.callforentry.org/index.php>) is another source for exhibits Also JURIED ART SERVICES (http://www.juriedartservices.com/index.php?content=home_new) SOUTH SHORE ART CENTER, Cohasset, MA (<http://www.ssac.org/>) has several themed exhibits during the year, which include fiber entries.

YEARLY EXHIBITS

ART QUILTS LOWELL The Brush Gallery, Lowell MA
QUILTS=ART=QUILTS, Schweinfurth Memorial Art Galllery, Auburn, NY
ART QUILTS AT THE WHISTLER, Whistler House Museum of Art, Lowell, MA
FORM NOT FUNCTION: QUILT ART AT THE CARNEGIE, New Albany, NY
ART QUILT ELEMENTS, Wayne Art Center, Wayne, PA (International Art Quilts)

BIANNUAL EXHIBITS

ARTIST AS QUILTMAKER XIII, Oberlin, OH
QUILT NATIONAL Dairy Barn Arts Center, Athens, Ohio (odd numbered years)
QUILT SAN DIEGO/QUILT VISIONS, San Diego, CA (even numbered years)

TRIENNIAL EXHIBITS

CRAFT USA, Silvermine Art Center, Silvermine CT
FIBERART INTERNATIONAL, Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, Pittsburgh PA

ART and FINE CRAFT EXHIBITS THAT ACCEPT FIBER

NORTHEAST PRIZE SHOW Cambridge Art Association, Cambridge, MA
BLUE, Cambridge Art Association, Cambridge, MA (Alternate year the theme is RED)
MATERIALS HARD AND SOFT, Denton, TX
CRAFTFORMS Wayne Art Center, Wayne PA (International Juried Craft)
WICHITA NATIONAL ALL MEDIA CRAFTS EXHIBIT, Wichita Center for the Arts, KS

Uncommon Threads

Dear Quilters Connection,

The Peabody Historical Society is seeking quilters to participate in our second annual quilt exhibition Uncommon Threads: A Celebration of Quilts, Old & New. The exhibition will take place on Saturday, April 21, 2012, 10 am - 3 pm and Sunday, April 22, 2012, 12 pm - 4 pm at the Society's Smith Barn in Peabody, Massachusetts.

The theme of Uncommon Threads 2012 is Two Centuries of Tradition: Antique and contemporary quilts inspired by traditional quilting patterns and techniques. If you have made a quilt inspired by a traditional quilting pattern or technique, or if you have an antique quilt that fits this theme, please consider submitting it for exhibition in Uncommon Threads. Quilts made by individuals or groups are welcome. There is no fee to exhibit a quilt.

This two-day exhibition is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your work to quilters, textile enthusiasts, collectors, Historical Society members, and the general public. Uncommon Threads will feature rarely-exhibited quilts from the Society's collection and from museums, private collections, guilds, and quilters from Massachusetts and New Hampshire. Other highlights include vendors from local quilting and sewing shops, heirloom quilt appraisals, a quilt challenge for Uncommon Threads 2013, quilting demonstrations, and more.

We hope that you and other members of your guild will participate in this fun-filled weekend celebration of quilting. If you would like more information about this event, please don't hesitate to contact me at (978) 977-0514 or heather.leavell@peabodyhistorical.org

We hope to hear from you soon!

Sincerely,
Heather Leavell
Curator

Quilt Show Ads

This is just a reminder 50% off on Show Booklet ads ends on February 28th. Please send your information and check to me; I will not be at the February meeting. Ad forms will be on the web.

Thank you,
Anna Oberlander
Ad chairman

NORTHERN STAR QUILTERS' GUILD PRESENTS:
A World of Quilts XXXIII
a judged show
John F. Kennedy High School
Somers, NY
May 5 - May 6, 2012
Saturday 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Quilts, Quilts and more Quilts!

We expect to hang more than 200 fabulous, judged quilts! Featuring NSQG Red and White Invitational Exhibit

* Interested in showing your quilt at our show? Application deadline: March 31, 2012 See website for further information.

Special Guest Lecturers:

- Bonnie Hunter: Founder of www.quiltville.com and author of two books dealing with scrap quilts and using your stash to its full potential
- Tom Hennes: Founder of Thinc Design, the firm that created visual magic in the mounting of Joanna Rose's 651 red and white quilts at Park Ave. Armory last March (Tom will be with us on Saturday, only)

30+ Vendors, Silent Auction, Build-a-Block (Sit and sew and contribute to a charity quilt project.)

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