



The Newsletter of Quilters' Connection
Arlington, Massachusetts

Quiltations

www.quiltersconnection.org

May 2006

Press Release from Nancy:

I need your help! As you come into the meeting on May 15 to hear Jette Clover, please fill out a survey asking your opinion about our first year at the Arsenal Center. I'd love to know and address any issues which will enhance your QC experience next year. Before you leave, please deposit the survey in the Creative Solutions box.

Tina Reinhardt, Program Chair, has been working hard on getting speakers and workshops for next year. At the next meeting she will unveil the great line up.

I am really getting excited about the QC show on June 2-4. Check In and hanging of our quilts will be Thursday, June 1, and QC Member's Night will be Friday, June 2 from 6-9. That night we will have the whole Center to ourselves, to get a chance to know each other, to pat ourselves on the back, and to revel in all our wonderful quilts. There will be six viewing areas and a huge room for our Boutique. Be sure to mark your calendars, come to the show, come to Member's Night, and bring a friend to join in the celebration.

Also, remember to renew your QC membership for 2006-2007 by May 31 so you can continue to enjoy the traditions of excellence we have established over the past 30 years.

I especially want to thank the Board of Directors—**Barb Evans, Cathy Berry, Joy Rossettos, and Beverly Fine**—and the EC Executive Board—**Gail Willett, Heidi Fieldston, Carolyn Rabson, Sheila Toomey, Tina Reinhardt, Caron Guigli, and Lucy Loveridge** for their support, wisdom, encouragement, suggestions, and guidance in helping QC make the transition to the Arsenal Center.

Nancy Howard
QC President

Next Board Meetings

May 24 and June 14, 2006

The next two Quilters' Connection Executive Board meetings are

- Wednesday, May 24, 2006 at 7:00 PM at the Knittin' Kitten, 93 Blanchard Road, Cambridge, MA.
- Monday, June 12, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at Fabric Corner, 783 Mass. Ave., Arlington, MA

Please call Nancy Howard, 617-491-9881 if you plan to attend.

Upcoming QC Events

Quilters' Connection will hold their meetings on the following dates between now and the summer break:

- QC Meeting—Monday, May 15
- Quilt Show—June 2-4

QC Volunteer Opportunities

We have a wonderful line up of Chairs for the appointed committees next year, but there are still opportunities to volunteer to fill one of the following spots:

- Quilt Show Assistant 2006-2007,
- Raffle Quilt Designer for 2008, and
- Sales Table.

Step forward and join the fun.

2005–2006 Quilters' Connection Officers and Committees

Executive Board

President	Nancy Howard	617-491-9881
Vice President	Gail Willett	617-876-7665
Treasurer	Heidi Fieldston	781-329-8488
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Secretary	Carolyn Rabson	978-373-2918
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Quilt Show Assistant	Marie Cotton	508-529-9923
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	Tina Reinhardt	781-275-8129
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Appointed Committees

Adopt-a Fabric	Rosemary Koch, Nancy Maher, Joan Loewenberg
Calendar	Marie Geary
Caring Committee	Ethel Shula m
Comfort Quilts	Ann Manzelli, Joan Gulovsen, Tina Reinhardt
Donations	Beverly Fine, Steffi Karp
e-Communications	Jeanne Williamson
Equipment Manager	Robert Donaghey
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Library	Martha Supnik, Diana Dow, Carol Telsey
NEQM Liaison	Martha Supnik
New Members Coordinator	Elaine Appelbaum, Carol Bikofsky, Marcia Grey, Sandy Keller, Takako Masamune
Newsletter Assistant	Sheila Toomey
News and Notes	Nancy Wasserman
Nomination	Open
Raffle Quilt	Sylvia H. Einstein, Mike McNamara
Raffle Ticket Sales	Janet Popp, Melissa Radzyninski
Sales Table	Diana Couture, Patti Karp, Kiala Reich, and Susan Staecker
Scholarship	Nancy Crasco
Webmaster	Suzanne Knapp
Workshop Coordinator	Pat Ross
Workshop Registration	Donna Jean Downer

Board of Directors

Barbara Evans (1 year)	Joy Rossettos (3 years)
Cathy Berry (2 years)	Beverly Fine (Past President)
	Nancy Howard (President)

News and Notes

Jeanne Williamson's "Stitched Monoprints," is currently at the Danforth Museum of Art, Framingham, MA, April 5–June 4, 2006.

Judy Marble, Judith Berlo-Tucker, Wen Redmond, and Linda Wickey are participating in the Maine Fiberarts 2006 Open Studio Tour, August 4, 5, & 6. The Seacoast Association of Fiber Artists(SAFA) is hosting the gallery exhibit at the Red Barn Gallery in York Beach, ME. Hours are 10am-5pm, with fiber related demos each day. For more info and directions, contact: Linda Wickey at dlwickey@yahoo.com. The Seacoast Association of Fiber Artists will also have a special exhibit, "Seeking Answers From Art" at The World Quilt Show-New England in Manchester NH, August 17-20. For more info: www.quiltfest.com.

Betsy Abbott has been invited by Quilter's Newsletter Magazine to display her quilt, "Luna Eclipse," designed in a Ruth McDowell workshop a year ago, in a forthcoming issue of the magazine, how and when to be determined. "Luna" has been juried into several shows in the past year including the Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza, 2005, the Quilter's Gathering 2005 in Nashua, NH where it won a 3rd place ribbon in color coordination, and the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival in Williamsburg, VA, this past February. Many Thanks to Ruth McDowell for her teaching and encouragement!

Wen Redmond's quilt "Emergence," was featured on the NH Women's Caucus for Art postcard, and "Petunia" is in the Open Doors Exhibit at the Millyard South Studios, Langer Place, 55 Commercial St., Manchester NH, April 25–May 30, 2006.

At 100 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH April 28 -July 17, Wen has 6 pieces: 2 art quilts, "Turn Around Tree" and "Beyond Gender," and 4 mixed media and fiber pieces, "NC Tree," "Seapoint Rocks," and "Ocean Cairn" (a 3-piece piece) and "Ancient View." The mixed media pieces are presented on stretcher bars like oils.

Wen's quilt "Beach Rocks" will be at the Crafts National 40, an all media show at the Zoller Gallery at Penn State University during the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts. The piece is a multi-level surface design—original digital image printed on silk and organza, curved piecing, stitching, glass bead medium, linen and acrylic paint.

Wen's quilt "The Rookery" is included in the NHPTV Virtual Gallery Spring Auction (on-line), it can be seen in the virtual gallery at <https://secure.nhptv.org/auction/vdetail.asp?pid=91700>

—Nancy Wasserman

Quilt Show News from Lucy Loveridge, Show Chair

The Quilt Show will soon be upon us so I hope everyone is working busily at finishing their quilt entries. It'll take a miracle for me to finish mine although, as someone pointed out, if I could just get it assembled and quilted, I'd have plenty of time to finish the binding and sleeve at my many doctors appointments in May—something to shoot for!

As usual, I want to remind you that we still need volunteers for the quilt show. Marie tells me we are short on Friday (12:30 and 3:00 shifts and help for Diana Couture on acquiring supplies for the Members' Reception), Saturday (10:00 and 12:30 shifts), and Sunday all day. We are especially short on the breakdown crew Sunday between 3:00 and 5:00–5:30. We could use either 5–7 people *or* one person with a really brilliant plan on how to dismantle a 200+ quilt show and distribute said 200+ quilts to their owners all in the space of 2 hours with only 13 people. Since most of the 139 people with quilts in the show will have to be in Watertown to pick up their quilts Sunday afternoon anyway, perhaps a few more can come a few hours early to help ready the quilts for pickup. If you can help with any of these volunteer shifts, please contact Marie Cotton at 508-529-9923. To help Diana Couture with the Members' Reception, please contact her directly at DianaCouture@comcast.net. To quote an old ad, “thanks for your support.”

I also want to reiterate that pre-show tickets will be for sale before the next meeting for \$4 each, a savings of \$2 for most people, \$1 off for seniors. Also available at the next meeting will be a fresh batch of quilt show bookmarks to distribute to your favorite gathering places or quilt stores to promote the show to your friends and neighbors; please grab a handful and take them around your neighborhood. If someone lives in the Watertown area, please see me before the next meeting to collect some of the posters as well to distribute for posting in businesses close to the ACA.

Raffle tickets can be turned in to **Melissa Radzyminski** before the May meeting and can also be turned in during the quilt show until the actual prize drawing on Sunday afternoon so keep selling those raffle tickets. Remember, for every \$10 in raffle tickets sold, you get a raffle ticket for the *member's raffle quilt* so, again, keep selling those raffle tickets to your friends, family and work colleagues.

Full details on procedures for dropping off your quilts on Thursday, June 1, between 8:00 and 9:00 am, will be available at the May meeting or on the website by May 15 but here are a few things to keep in mind while you finish your quilts:

- You should sew a label with your name and town to the back of your quilt.
- A sleeve, at least 4" wide, should be sewn across the full length of the top of the quilt back. If your quilt is more than 50" wide, split the sleeve in the middle to allow another support wire.
- You will need to supply a crosspiece, a wooden board, the exact width of your quilt to fit into your 4" sleeve that is strong enough to support your quilt without twisting, sagging or breaking.

If you have any other quilt show questions, please feel free to contact **Marie** at MCL23@aol.com or myself, **Lucy Loveridge**, at lucyllama@hotmail.com. We're looking forward to the show and hope you are, too. Happy quilting!

Quilt Events In and Around New England

June 2, 3 & 4—Quilters Connection presents its 29th Annual Quilt Show and Sale, Arsenal Center for the Arts, 321 Arsenal St., Watertown, MA. For further information contact quiltshow@quiltersconnection.org.

June 2, 3 & 4—Quilters Unlimited 33rd Annual Quilt show, Gainesville, Virginia. Full conference with nationally known teachers, exhibits, vendors, and more. For full information check www.dullesexpo.com/guestinfo.

June 8–10—New Jersey Quilt Convention with 500+ quilts, Vendors, Lectures, etc. Presented by The State @Quilt Guild of NHJ, Inc. For Info: www.NJQuilts.org or Deb Stanley 732-591-0257 and NJQuilts2006@aol.com.

June 10 thru October 31—Shelburne Museum present *Art and Illusion* an exhibit of dazzling kaleidoscope patterns in 19th and 20th century quilts; includes American, French, Canadian, and Native American examples. This new exhibition is the first of its kind and is displayed in newly renovated galleries. Sponsored by the Vermont quilt Festival. Museum is on US Route 7, Shelburne, Vermont. All details on www.shelburnemuseum.org.

June 30, July 1 & 2—Vermont Quilt Festival. New location—Exhibits and Vendors at Champlain Valley Exposition Center, Essex Junction, Vt. Workshops @ St. Michael's College, Colchester, VT. All information at www.vqf.org or info@vqf.org.

July 28–30, 2006—Maine Quilts, Augusta Civic Center, Augusta, Maine. Workshops, Exhibits, Lectures. Presented by Pine Tree Quilters Guild. For full information check web site at www.mainequilts.org.

August 3–6, 2006—Lowell Quilt Festival presented by New England Quilt Museum Auxiliary. At the Tsongas Arena (Lowell) and the Chelmsford Radisson Hotel (Chelmsford). Juries Quilt Show, Merchants Mall, Classes, Workshops, Lectures. For all information check web site at www.lowellquiltfestival.org or email Info@lowellquiltfestival.org.

Name Tags

Have you ever wanted to put a face with a familiar name? Or remember when YOU were a new member and wanted to meet new people? PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE wear your name tag from the moment you enter the meeting and let's make getting to know each other easier and the meeting friendlier.

RAFFLE QUILT UPDATE

Ethel Shulam has finished the 2007 Raffle Quilt and will show "Heavenly Stars" it at our May 15 meeting. The back is ready and Mary Walters is lined up to do the machine quilting. The Second public showing of the quilt will be at the Lowell Quilt Festival at the Paul Tsongus Arena on Saturday, August 5. As part of the responsibility of showing the quilt, we need to provide 10 white glove hostesses for the quilt show on the day of our ticket sales. Admission to the show is not included. We will also need people to sit with Ethel and sell the tickets. Call Nancy (617-491-9881) or email Nancy (nancy@nancy-howard.us) and let me know that you can help show off our quilting skills and promote QC.

Congratulate Patti Karp and Margaret Rolfe for volunteering to coordinate the Raffle Quilt for next year. Any one interested in designing the 2008 quilt?

Library News—February 2006

New Books

“Creating your perfect quilting space: sewing-room makeovers for any space and any budget” by Lois L. Hallock looks like a book we can all use. The author is an industrial engineer and a quilter. She covers ergonomics, work triangles, optimal tables for sewing, cutting and pressing, design walls, fabric and project storage. The illustrations show before and after photos of real quilting studios from tiny to a whole garage shared by a husband and wife.

New Magazines

American Quilter for Summer 2006 includes articles on longarm quilting machines, 3 quilts from floor tiles, photo quilts for soldiers’ kids, bobbin work by Ellen Anne Eddy, the quilts of Lura Schwarz Smith, slice quilts for the Gilda’s Club in Milwaukee, a paper-pieced sailboat quilt, series abstract quilts by Janet Steadman, the life of a quilter’s husband, and binding tips.

Books Donated by Members

Hearts and Hands: The Influence of Women & Quilts on American Society by Ferrero, Hedges and Sieber is a beautiful way to learn about 19th century America, abolition, temperance, women’s suffrage, etc.

Tiny Treasures by Virginia Enright has lots of miniature quilting projects both traditional and contemporary.

The Crazy Quilt Handbook by Judith Montano has instructions, history and projects from small fashion accessories to clothing and quilts. The stitch diagrams are very clear.

Quilt Projects by Machine from the Singer Sewing Reference Library covers all the basics of quilt design, piecing, appliqué, and finishing by various machine methods. This is a good book for those who are new to quilting and need help with any of these steps in the process.

Summer Inventory

Please search your coffee table, bedside table, bookshelves, tote bags, etc for books that belong to QC and bring them to the May 15 meeting so others can enjoy them over the summer. If you will not be attending, get a friend to return them for you. If all else fails, please contact Martha to renew them until September. That will save us from sending overdue notices to those who already realize what books they have at home. The remaining library books will be stored at Martha’s house in case you need something over the summer. You can contact me and pick up a book in Carlisle or at the New England Quilt Museum Library where I volunteer on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Book Order Suggestions

Quilters’ Connection Library
Book Purchase Suggestions

Title _____

Author _____

Source _____

Suggested by _____

Date _____

give to **Martha Supnik** at meeting or mail to me at
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Quilters' Connection 2006–2007 Membership Form

Please Print Clearly

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

You may print my telephone number Yes No

You may print my email address Yes No

Can we use your email to notify you of guild updates and meeting/workshop cancellations ? Yes No

Please renew my membership at the following level:

- Regular:** All meetings, exhibit in show, take workshops, *Quiltations* \$30.00
 Associate: Two meetings, exhibit in show, take workshops, *Quiltations* \$20.00
 International: Living overseas, exhibit in show, *Quiltations* \$30.00
 Undergraduate Student: Two meetings, exhibit one quilt in show \$10.00

I have enclosed \$ _____ Cash Check # _____ (Make checks payable to Quilters Connection)

Please indicate your interest in one of the following volunteer opportunities.

Programs

- Planning
 Facilitation
 Contracts
 Workshop Registration
 Hosting Lecturers
 January Free Workshop

Comfort Quilt Projects

- Coordinator
 Assistant Coordinator

Scholarship

- Reviewer

Donations

- Reviewer

Nominations

- Committee Member

Quilt Show

- Data Entry
 Show Book
 Show Tickets
 Advertising
 Volunteer Coordinator
 Publicity

Treasurer

- Tax Reporting
 Budget/Finance Mgmt

Newsletter

- Calendar
 News & Notes
 Article Contributor

Membership

- Proofreader
 New Members
Reception

Meetings

- Sales Table
 Adopt-a-Fabric
 Information Table

Communications

- Website
 Yahoo Group

Library

- Coordinator
 Library Table Assistant

You haven't listed my skills which I would like to use _____

**Membership is from July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2007.
Completed renewal forms must be received no later than May 31, 2006.**

**Return completed form with payment to:
Quilters Connection, PO BOX 1337, Arlington MA 02474**

Quilters' Connection

Wait List as of April 20, 2006

1.	Pat Delaney	41.	Gwen Marceline
2.	Diane Farrell	42.	Yuki Shikichi
3.	Ruth Telvachia	43.	JoAnn Rondelli
4.	Darlene Steel	44.	Margie Mazzucco
5.	Mary-Leslie Davis	45.	Sharon Laughlin
6.	Nancy Messier	46.	Karen Harmin
7.	Kathy Sayre	47.	Michele Chapais
8.	Annette Bender	48.	Julie Flanders
9.	Rebecca Perlo	49.	Jo Barbiarz
10.	Joyce Nelson	50.	Beth Gorman
11.	Geraldine Cummins	51.	Kate Sussman
12.	Jennifer Beaven	52.	Michele Banton
13.	Katherine Hass	53.	Carol Siegel
14.	Barbara Hass	54.	Beth Kurth
15.	Nedra Weaver	55.	Amalie Brown
16.	Barbara Malek	56.	Maureen Braconi
17.	Julie McDaniel	57.	Donna Lundberg
18.	Debbie Kuhlman-Hussey	58.	Wanda McClain
19.	Linda Dunn	59.	Linda Evans
20.	Laurie LaConte	60.	Evy Megerman
21.	Bonnie Wolf	61.	Linda Evans
22.	Molly Eberle	62.	Anita Loscalzo
23.	Liz Fortino	63.	Leah McDowell
24.	Denise Roussel	64.	Irisa Sonnenschein
25.	Suzanne Saarinen	65.	Calie Koso
26.	Joyce Hanlon	66.	Anne Kimball
27.	Tammi Yiakoumatos	67.	Susan Hardell
28.	Kathleen Estridge	68.	Missy Shea
29.	Bonnie Newman	69.	Cynthia Risner
30.	Cynthia Rosner	70.	Dot Medeiros-Bergen
31.	Janice Marcoux	71.	Susan Warchal
32.	Sidney Field	72.	Maggie Matson
33.	Ann Davidson	73.	Sarah Aubry (was #52 – no address supplied)
34.	Louise Cohen	74.	Laima Whitty
35.	Lynne Dichter	75.	Anne Sullivan
36.	Heidi Lacki	76.	Susan Tata
37.	Carolyn Hodges	77.	Elana Schreiber
38.	Margot Stage	78.	Elizabeth O'Connell
39.	Judy Botsford	79.	Elizabeth Pappius
40.	Janice Gould		

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