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Quiltations

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Nancy's Notes

At the very heart of Quilters' Connection are the people who have ideas and follow through with those ideas. Thankfully we have a huge number of volunteers on various committees who exemplify this. But... one of the most important committees is the Nominating Committee. The Committee nominates the officers. The officers, along with 4 other Committee Chairs, meet monthly to address issues and keep QC an active, forward-thinking guild. Please contact nancy@nancy-howard.us if you will serve on this 3 member committee. Once the Nominating Committee is formed, they can start the process of finding a Vice-President and Secretary for 2007-2008. Ann Bonset, the current Vice-President, will take over as President, and Barbara Degan will continue on for her 2nd year as Treasurer.

There are 8 members of the Executive Board and we need members to fill three important jobs for 2007-2008. The vacancies to be filled are Quiltations Editor, Quilt Show 2009, and Membership. Any one interested please contact nancy@nancy-howard.us if you want to volunteer.

The Executive Board has been trying very hard to come up with ideas to make every member—new, old, regular, associate, International, student, and art or traditional quilter—feel included. Let us know any more ways we can make this happen.

I hope your season has been wonderful and I know that our next year will be very special.

—Nancy Howard
QC President

Quilter's Connection Executive Board Meetings

January 20, 2007 deadline for submissions to February *Quiltations*.

The following dates are set for the QCEB. Please notify Nancy Howard (617-491-9881 or nancy@nancy-howard.us) for you plan to attend or have agenda items; January 3, February 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, and June 13.

All the meetings are scheduled to be held at 7:00 PM at *The Knittin' Kitten*, 93 Blanchard Road, Cambridge, MA. If you need directions please call 617-491-4670 before 5:00 PM on the day of the meeting.

QC Meeting Dates 2006-2007

All meetings this year will be held on Monday at 7:30 p.m.

- January 8
- February 5
- March 12
- April 9
- May 14
- June 1-3 Quilt Show

January Free Workshops

The January Free workshops will be held at the First Parish Unitarian Universalist Church located at 630 Massachusetts Avenue in Arlington on Saturday, January 27, 2007.

The all day and morning workshops will start at 9:00 A.M. and the afternoon workshops will start at 1:00 P.M. We will break for the traditional lunch feast at 12:00 to keep our stamina going for the remainder of the day. Lunch will be salad, chili and potato leek soup with all the trimmings. If you have dietary issues please bring what will work for you. Many participants of the day have volunteered to bring a desert so be prepared to share also the culinary talents of our members.

If you have any questions or would like to check the status of the wait list for the workshops please contact me at nodiscount@comcast.ent. The team of the January Free gals are looking forward to spending a great day together furthering the tradition of QC members sharing, laughing and starting the New Year together in quilting!

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Raffle Quilt Design 2008	Carolyn Rabson
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President	Nancy Howard

News and Notes

Nancy Crasco's Red Tide—HABs has been accepted into Quilt National 07. Two of her quilts, *Withering Wetlands*, which is part of the permanent collection at the NEQM, and *Summer Solstice* will be included in the Contemporary MASSters from January 13 through March. One of her smaller works, *Connectors* was selected for the Members Show at the Arsenal Center for the Arts and is currently on exhibit until January 7.

Sandy Donabed's show "Quilted Collages/ Collaged Quilts," is at the Acton Memorial Library, 486 Main Street, Acton, MA. The show will run November 1 through December 27.

Miriam K. Sokoloff will have a number of her quilts based on Israeli stamps included in an exhibit at the Spellman Museum of Stamps and Postal History, located on the campus of Regis College. The exhibit, "Quilts & Stamps-Art by Design," runs from January 13-April 2007. Opening Reception January 20th (not the 13th as originally announced in Quilt Fun), 7 to 9 PM. Please call the museum at 781-786-8367 for more information.

Leah Allman and Miriam K. Sokoloff had quilts on exhibit at the Quilt Museum in conjunction with the City of Lowell's "Destination World—Israel" held on December 7th.

Please send your News & Notes items to me at wnwasserman@aol.com. —Nancy

Changes to Membership Book

Please note the following changes and/or corrections to our 2006-2007 Membership Book:

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Calendar of Quilting Events

March 24-25 Hands All Around XI Quilt Show
—A Biennial Show presented by Hands Across the Valley Quilters at LeFrak & “The Cage” gymnasium at Amherst College, Amherst, MA. For details send a SASE to Carolyn Croteau, 71 Rocky Hill Rd., Hadley, MA 413-584-0845 or go to www.handsacrossthevalley.org.

April 11-14 Machine Quilters Expositio—at the Center of NH/Radisson Hotel, Manchester, NH. Classes begin April 11 Public Quilt Show April 12-14. \$20,000 in quilt competition prizes. See www.MQXShow.com for complete details.

May 4-5 Hannah Dustin Quilters Guild Show
—Judged show, Raffle Baskets, Raffle Quilt, Refreshments, Merchant Mall. Send inquiries to: Rita Wahl, 52 Hazelwood Rd. Hudson, NH 03051 Att: Quilt Show.

May 10-12 Springtime Shop Around—Eight North of Boston quilt shops are participating in this fun event. Purchase your \$7.00 passport and get a Tote Bag (while they last). Registration begins March 1st. Shops are offering valuable prizes and gift baskets full of quilting treasures, and exclusive Shop-Around quilt patterns. For complete details check out www.quiltshoparound.com.

Raffle Quilt 2008

It's time to get started on the QC Raffle Quilt for 2008, “Dancing Diamonds,” designed by Carolyn Rabson.

All QC members are invited to contribute their skills to this annual fund-raising effort. Instruction packets for raffle quilt blocks will be available at the January 8 guild meeting. Be sure to take one home. If you can't come to the January meeting, we'll be happy to mail a packet to you. Contact Carolyn Rabson: 978-373-2918 or gusrabson@comcast.net.

Finished blocks may be returned at the February meeting or mailed in by March 1, 2007.

Quilt Displays at Arsenal Center

The Arsenal Center for the Arts and the Quilters' Connection are seeking a closer collaboration, and to foster this, several ideas have been generated and two are currently underway. The initial initiative is a year-round display of quilts in the third floor exhibition space outside of the large classroom. The space can accommodate a maximum of 6-8 quilts and The Center is looking for quilters who are interested in displaying their works for 2 to 3 month periods. The dates of exhibition will be coordinated with the dates of QC meetings for ease of delivery and return of quilts to the members. Quilts will be insured while they are displayed in the Center and a contract will be signed between individual quilters and the Center. The Center wishes to exhibit a broad range of work, both traditional and contemporary. Members who wish to display work should send images (slides, digital files on CD's, or photographs) available to show and an accompanying list with Title, Size, and Price (works do not have to be for sale) to Nancy Crasco, 78 Fairbanks Street, Brighton, MA 02135.

The Center wishes to have the first exhibit up in January and it will run until the March meeting, and the second round of quilts will go up in March and be returned at the May meeting. If you are interested send the information to Nancy as soon as possible. This is a great chance to expose our work to a wider audience as the New Rep Theater empties into the space during intermission.

In addition, the Center also requested that QC Members submit work to be juried into its December Store and four (out of a total of 40 artists) members had work for sale. The Store was open from November 18 until December 24 on Wednesdays through Sundays, noon until 8PM.

—Nancy Crasco

Sandy Gregg and **Rosemary Hoffenberg** are the first two members whose works have been selected for exhibition in the third floor vestibule area of the Arsenal Center for the Arts. Their works will be on display from January 10-March 11. Members will have an opportunity to see them at the February 5th meeting, or anytime during the day when the Center is open. The New Repertory Theater is producing two plays during that interval and members of the audience frequent that space during intermission, which widens the exposure of quilt appreciation for those members who choose to participate in this exhibit opportunity.

If you wish to exhibit your quilts in this area, please send digital files, slides or photographs to Nancy Crasco and include dimensions, prices and any other pertinent information. The Center wishes to display larger pieces in this area. All pieces must be at least 36".

Library News January 2007

Library open in January

It seems like a very long time since the QC library was open in October. Please find the books you have at home and bring them back so others can use them. Then take home lots of books again so we'll have room to store everything after the meeting.

New Volunteers

Martha will be training new library volunteers before the meeting. If you're willing to help us, please arrive by 6pm and I'll show you where the books are stored and how to help members borrow and return them. Many hands make light work!

New Magazines since our last meeting

American Quilter Winter 2006 has articles on liturgical quilts, Lynette Jensen's country lifestyle, reproducing an antique appliqué quilt, a fiberart quilt challenge, Arbie Williams' britches quilts, yarn weaving, contest winners from the AQS show in Nashville, guild challenge quilts, landscape quilts, hand piecing, storing fabrics by value instead of color, 1/8th inch binding for small quilts and a comfort quilt story from Massachusetts.

Quilting Arts #24 Winter 2006 announces that they'll be publishing 6 times per year from now on. It has articles on the color wheel, "painting" with yarn and fabric, puff paints, a profile of Deidre Adams, sheer organza landscape quilts, layering translucent fabrics, a small art quilt group in Maine, water-soluble stabilizers, choosing a title for your art, cuffs for coffee cups, embellished card cases, art quilt reader challenge results, and a 3 page index of past articles so you can go back to your favorites.

Notes from Martha

I've been reading and telling you about the contents of new books and magazines each month but I don't know if anyone is reading and using this information. Please let me know if this is worth the space it takes up in our newsletter. Also, if there's an article you want to read in a back issue, remember that the New England Quilt Museum library keeps magazines for reference on file. Come see us if you need information and know which issue it's in.

Book Order Suggestions

Title _____

Author _____

Source _____

Suggested by _____

Date _____

give to Martha Supnik at meeting or mail to me at 601 Heald Rd., Carlisle, MA 01741

Martha Supnik 978-369-7292 Martha@Supnik.org
Diana Dow 617-624-6114

Information Board

Laurel Miller (aka Communication <aster) will start the "take notice" board at the January meeting. She'll be in the lobby with the notice board before each meeting. Categories of information that can be put up on the board are:

- QC, NEQM & other guilds' notices (events, workshops, raffle quilts)
- Library notices
- Member discount vendor list
- Upcoming classes (when a member is the teacher)
- Business cards/brochures of featured speakers
- Fabric locator/exchange—do you have any? Where can I find? digital swatches would be preferable
- Fabric/textile finds
- Articles of interest
- Members' business cards
- Members' product & service directory

I'll compile a members' product & service directory as a natural extension of this effort. There are many folks in QC who are self-employed and this is networking at its best.

The deadline for submissions at laurelmiller@comcast.net is one week before each meeting and everything posted must fit criteria set by the QC Board.

Quilt Show News

The Quilt Show is now just 5 months away. The Committee has been at work to make this year's show a memorable one.

It is time now to get those needles out and start or finish your quilt for the show. At the January 8th meeting, I will be handing out to each of you the instructions for submitting a quilt or quilts for the show. **Remember, we need to have color pictures of all quilts.** There will also be your entry form and your volunteer form. Please read these carefully, as there are new instructions and questions included. You may remember, last year's show was a fabulous event, because of the quilts that were shown and the large number of volunteers, who assumed responsibilities even if they did not have a quilt in the show.

We are very excited about the potential of our 30th Anniversary Show. We expect to have more visitors than ever before (as now people can find us more easily) and our volunteers will be the quiet wheels that will keep our show running smoothly and successfully.

We are also introducing another new opportunity for individual members to advertise in the program book at special member rates. That information will also be in the packet. Please read all the information carefully, and if you have any questions, please contact either Marie Cotton or Irene Dwyer. **The deadline for entries is February 20th.** The Committee looks forward to receiving many entries for exhibition of your quilts and equally many volunteers.

Chair: Marie Cotton, MLC23@aol.com,
508-529-9923

Co Chair: Irene Dwyer, Irene-dwyer@hotmail.com,
617-846-0055

Treasurer's Update

Quilters' Connection continues to be in a healthy financial situation. Total assets, as of December 15, 2006, are approximately \$36,650. This consists of \$17,950 in the checking and savings accounts, \$1000 security deposit with the ACA, and \$17,700 in a certificate of deposit.

These are our assets after our recent donations of \$2,500 to the New England Quilt Museum and \$500 to the Massachusetts Quilt Documentation Project, as recommended by the Donations Committee and approved by the Executive Board.

Of the remaining funds, we have expected outflows for the following expenses: \$6,000 for rent, \$2,500 for speaker fees, \$4,000+ upfront costs for the annual quilt show which we anticipate to earn back, and \$2,000 in miscellaneous expenses. Some of the miscellaneous/hidden expenses consist of postage for Quiltations and other communications, Library purchases, equipment purchases/maintenance, domain name registration, banking fees, regulatory filing fees and permits, postal box rental, and insurance.

QC has more than enough to cover these costs, and then some. As a non-profit organization our treasury should not be "too plump". The Executive Board has been discussing ways to responsibly spend down some of the excess. For this fiscal year, we have increased our donations by \$2,000. Other considerations the Executive Board is exploring, to implement over the next few years, are continued increased donations, more member scholarships, additional high profile speakers, and lower workshop fees.

The excess was created over many years as a result of successful quilt shows. These funds belong to the membership and should be used to benefit the membership. The Executive Board would solicit your ideas. Please submit your proposal to any Executive Board member.

2006 QC Show on Website

The 2006 Quilt Show is now on-line! To see it, go to www.quiltersconnection.org and click on Quilt Show, then on 2006.

This project couldn't have been accomplished without the hard work and dedication of Gladys Perkins, Barbara Kampas, and Shandal Grayson. Each of them took on a group of 35-40 quilts and did both the photo editing and web page creation. This took a lot of time and patience and I am very grateful to all of them. There's no way I could have done it by myself.

All of the photos taken at the show are on the site, but the only quilts that were photographed were those where the "permission to use photos on website" box on the entry form was checked. Some people who didn't check the box may have simply overlooked it. So if your quilt isn't in the on-line show and you would like it to be, please email webmaster@quiltersconnection.org, giving your name, quilt name(s), and the digital image(s) that you would like us to use.

—Suzanne Knapp

QC Schedules for 2006-2007

Lectures

Monday, January, 8	Judy Becker lecture: " <i>Where Have I Been, Where Am I Going</i> "
Monday, February 5	Clara Wainwright
Monday, March 12	Gerald Roy
Monday, April 9	Gabrielle Swain lecture: <i>Not Your Grandmother's Appliqué</i>
Monday, May 14	Judy Simmons lecture: <i>Trunkshow of WearableWearables</i>

Workshops

Saturday, January 27	<i>January Free Workshops</i>
Saturday, April 7	Gabrielle Swain: <i>Designing from Nature for Appliqué</i>
Saturday, May 12	Judy Simmons—TBA
JUNE 1-3	QUILT SHOW

**Note: All Meetings are held at the Arsenal Center for the Arts in Watertown. Meeting cancellations will be announced at the website by mid-afternoon of the meeting day. Meetings begin at 7:30 pm on the dates above. Workshops run from 9 am to 4 pm and will also be held at the Arsenal Center unless otherwise noted in Workshop descriptions.*

Contemporary MASSters from the NEQM Collection

The New England Quilt Museum will be marking its 20th anniversary in 2007. Three of the five special exhibits in 2007 will celebrate this anniversary. The first, "Contemporary MASSters from the NEQM Collection", features 14 quilts in the Permanent Collection made by Massachusetts quilt artists, accompanied by 19 examples of their recent creations. The exhibition, curated by Anita B. Loscalzo, will be on display at the New England Quilt Museum from January 16 to March 24, 2007.

Quilters from Massachusetts were in the forefront of the art quilt movement of the last quarter of the 20th century, participating in the Quilts '76 exhibition at the Boston Center for the Arts, hailed as a showcase for "a new art form" by one art critic, and the first Quilt National in 1979. The NEQM is privileged to have the works of so many pioneers of the art quilt movement included in its collection: Judy Becker's *Only in New York*; Rhoda Cohen's *A Green Lowland of Pianos*; Barbara Crane's *Tree and Leaf*; Nancy Crasco's *Withering Wetlands Triptych*; Sandy Donabed's *Lotus Eaters*; Radka Donnell's *Demeter's Return*; Sylvia Einstein's *Acid Rain*; Beatriz Grayson's *The Maple Leaves*; Carol Anne Grotrian's

Light of Liberty; Nancy Halpern's *Archipelago*; Suzanne Knapp's *Arabian Gold*; and Ruth McDowell's *Bee Balm Screen and Bloodroot*. *Welsh #1*, by Mary Walter, is the latest addition to quilts made by artists from Massachusetts. These artists continue to create exciting new works, as evidenced by the 19 more recent quilts on display, and to teach and inspire quilters in New England, the United States, and the world.

On Saturday, January 20, at 1 pm several of the exhibiting artists, including Judy Becker, Barbara Crane, Sylvia Einstein, Bea Grayson, Suzanne Knapp, Ruth McDowell, and Mary Walter, will gather to discuss their work and the beginnings of the quilt revival in New England. The event is free with admission to the Museum.

On Saturday, February 10, at 1 p.m. Nancy Halpern will give an illustrated lecture about the art quilt movement, "Last Quarter 20th Century." Admission to the lecture is \$5 for Museum members and \$8 for non-members.

On Saturday and Sunday, March 10 & 11, artists Nancy Crasco and Carol Anne Grotrian will conduct a Gelatin Printing & Stamping workshop.

This exhibition is funded in part by the Narragansett Bay Quilters' Association.

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