



The Newsletter of Quilters' Connection
Arlington, MA

Quiltations

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March 2007

News from Nancy

On January 27th at 7:30 AM **Cathy Berry** and her crew were irate at the fact that the note on the back door of the Unitarian Church (to which she had the key) had a note proclaiming that the door was broken and not to be unlocked. Don Berry, with two blow torches, a wrench, and **Barb Degan's** De-Icer forced open the door and the day was saved. The Arlington Police, the contact for the Church security, and the Minister were obviously relieved when they got the return call that "The door is open." You can only imagine what their thoughts were when they were told that potentially 75 quilters might be locked out of their January Free Workshop.

Most of us at one time or another, have taken a class at one of these annual Saturdays. The day included learning new techniques, socializing, sharing stories, playing and keeping warm with soup or chili. The January Free Workshop, was started 9 years ago by Cathy, when she was the QC President, as a "Thank You" to the QC members. Cathy, **Kate O'Leary**, **Tina Reinhardt**, **Carol Symonds**, and **Karen Bettencourt** have handled the planning, executing, recruiting, scheduling and cooking for all of us the past years. Their attention to detail made the day run smoothly.

Sadly their tenure as JFW mavens has come to an end this year. They will pass the torch of this wonderful and unique QC institution on to others to carry forth.

THANK YOU Cathy and crew for your continued dedication to QC.

Nancy

QC Executive Board Meetings

March 25, 2007 is the deadline for submissions to the April *Quiltations*.

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

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.

- March 12
- April 9
- May 14
- June 1-3 Quilt Show

Weather Cancellations

Meetings are cancelled or postponed due to weather when Watertown Public schools are closed. Meeting cancellations will also be announced on our website by midafternoon of the meeting day.

Quilt Show Publicity

Dee Mallon and Janet Popp are coordinating publicity for the show. There will be 8.5x11 color posters and push pins available at the meetings. Members are encouraged to take posters for their local community bulletin boards located at libraries, banks, coffee shops, schools, art supply/fabric stores etc. There are also plenty of bookmarks and postcards available. Please help to increase public awareness of the June show.

QC Officers 2006-2007

Executive Board

President	Nancy Howard
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Sales Table	
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Workshop Registration	
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Yahoo	Jeanne Williamson
Board of Directors	
1 year	Cathy Berry
2 year	Joy Rosettos
3 year	Barbara Crane
Past President	Beverly Fine
President	Nancy Howard

News and Notes

Miriam K. Sokoloff's collection of Israel Postage Stamp Quilts will be on display in the *Quilts & Stamps—Art By Design* exhibit at the Spellman Museum of Stamps & Postal History Jan 13-April 2007.

Michele David was pictured with her quilt, "Mango Tree," in this months edition of the Boston Haitian Reporter. She was part of the exhibit, Haitian Art Now. You can read the article via the following link:
<http://www.bostonhaitian.com/BHR%202-07web.pdf>.

Wen Redmond's "And The Hand Was Female" has been selected for the JWAN exhibit words within. The exhibit, February 12 to March 29, 2007 is at the Kraft Center for Jewish Life at Columbia University, New York City. The Artist's Reception and panel discussion is Sunday, February 18, 3:30 PM. The exhibition will then travel to the Rubin-Frankel Gallery BU Hillel, Boston University, April 12-June 30, 2007. Wen will also be opening a solo show called *After All These Years, A Retrospective*. It opens Feb. 9th at 5:00 to 8:00 and lasts until March 18th.

—Nancy

Treasurer's Quilt Show Tips

The annual quilt show is approaching and we're all busily preparing. I just want to take this opportunity to remind those members who are making purchases on behalf of their committees, that QC is tax exempt. It is necessary to present the guild's tax exempt forms to the vendors at the time of purchase in order to have the taxes waived.

Please go to the Show Chair, your committee chair, or contact me directly to get copies of both the ST-2 and ST-5. The ST-2 is the actual Certificate of Exemption; and the ST-5 is a Sales Tax Exempt Purchase Certificate. The vendor is required to keep the ST-5 as their proof of complying with tax laws. You need only to sign and date this form. Some vendors may ask to keep a copy of the ST-2; however, this is not required. Taxes will not be reimbursed.

All purchases presented for reimbursement must be accompanied by an Expense Report. Again, this form is available on our web-site or by contacting me directly. Please identify the committee and the nature of your purchase, for example, postage for the Advertising Committee. To save time, please have your committee chair sign your expense report prior to submittal.

I want to thank everyone in advance for their cooperation in following the above guidelines.
—Barb Degan

Quilters' Connection 2007-2008 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

I prefer to receive the Newsletter by Email Regular mail (check one).

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.

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| Programs | Donations | Treasurer | Meetings |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Reviewer | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax Reporting | <input type="checkbox"/> Sales Table |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facilitation | Nominations | <input type="checkbox"/> Budget/Finance Mgmt | <input type="checkbox"/> Adopt-a-Fabric |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts | <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Member | Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Information Table |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Workshop Registration | Quilt Show | <input type="checkbox"/> Calendar | Communications |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hosting Lecturers | <input type="checkbox"/> Data Entry | <input type="checkbox"/> News & Notes | <input type="checkbox"/> Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> January Free Workshop | <input type="checkbox"/> Show Book | <input type="checkbox"/> Article Contributor | <input type="checkbox"/> Yahoo Groups |
| Comfort Quilt Projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Show Tickets | Membership | Library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Advertising | <input type="checkbox"/> Proofreader | <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Coordinator | <input type="checkbox"/> New Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Library Table Asst. |
| Scholarship | <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | | Boutique Committee |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reviewer | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer |

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

**Membership is from September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2008.
Completed renewal forms must be received no later than May 31, 2007.**

Library News February 2007

Thanks for the Feedback

Since a few members have said that they enjoy knowing what's in our new books and magazines, I'll continue telling you what I've read.

New Magazines since our Last Meeting

The February/March 2007 issue of *Quilting Arts* has articles on texture, shape and line as design principles, series quilts based on the same theme, one theme used by two different artists, linoleum block print collage, an interview with Tim Gunn of Project Runway, designer labels for wearable art, needle felting by machine, layering transparent fabrics like scrim, pricing your work for sale, a contemporary quilt inspired by an antique, the "Metro-Textural" quilt exhibit which will be coming to NEQM in Fall 2008, more results of their abstract art quilt reader challenge, a portrait quilt, wearables made from large-scale hand-printed fabrics, and a fun essay by Robbi Joy Eklow on knitting.

American Quilter for Spring 2007 has articles on impressionist landscape quilts, a profile of Mary Lou Schwinn, quilts featuring circles in their design, reproduction antique medallion quilts, two appliqué floral quilts, piecing circles by Ricky Tims, floral appliqué on a woven strips background, accuracy in rotary cutting, husband and wife quilting couples, a reversible drunkard's path variation, sources of inspiration in everyday life, quilting with silk, new fabric trends, beaded embellishment away from home, an antique reproduction appliqué quilt made for the MAQS fundraising auction in Paducah, KY.

Publishers Promotions

I received a mailing from That Patchwork Place encouraging guild members to buy lots of their quilting books at local quilt shops instead of online or from large chain stores. They are offering quilters a free frequent shopper card. You can read about it on their website at www.martingale-pub.com/Information/aboutssconsumer.htm. The deal is "buy 9 of their books at a participating quilt shop and get the 10th book free from them."

We also get catalogs and order sheets every month from American Quilters Society, which is a publisher in Paducah, Kentucky. We are members because we subscribe to their American Quilter Magazine. Some guilds get together and order books from them as a group to get the maximum discount. Maybe someone in QC would like to take charge of that if there's enough interest.

I try to buy books for QC at the New England Quilt Museum shop where I get a 10% museum member's discount or a 20% museum volunteer's discount. I hope you've all been there recently and seen the great fabrics, notions, and gift items also available.

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

Carol Telsey 978-369-7366

Diana Dow 617-624-6114

Scholarship Funds Are Unused!!

In order to fulfill the mission of the Quilters' Connection to provide its members with opportunities "to explore through educational workshops (which are) designed to assimilate and exchange ideas and designs in the world of patchwork and quilting" scholarships in the amounts of \$250 or \$500 are awarded annually. So far, we have received only one application. I know that there are more of you who are planning to enroll in a multi-day, traditional or contemporary, quilt related course that will expand your knowledge of quilting. Courses in design, color, surface design, innovative fiber, textile construction, textile or quilt history, quilt appraisal, and textile conservation are eligible for scholarship awards.

Guidelines and an application for the annual Quilters' Connection Scholarships are available on the website. If you intend to take a workshop, classes, or a longer course of study during 2007 in order to improve your knowledge of quilting, the Scholarship Committee encourages you to take advantage of this funding opportunity.

Applications can be may be emailed to Barbara.evans@umassmed.edu or snail mailed to Barbara Evans, QC Scholarship Chairperson, 4 Jamie Lane, Shrewsbury, MA 01545. Email works best, because it is easier to send out the applications to the rest of the committee. Decisions will be made soon and awards will be presented at the April or May meetings.

News Flash

Marie wants everyone to know that 123 members have submitted 180 quilts (with pictures) for our Quilt Show. Many thank yous for everyone's help.

Emiko Toda Loeb at Rising Star

Rising Star is pleased to announce that it will be hosting Emiko Toda Loeb at its March meeting, 3/27 where she will give a lecture/trunk/slide show on her work and its sources.

Emiko was born and raised in one of the oldest parts of Kyoto where she had contact with traditional Japanese arts from early childhood. In 1977 she emigrated to the US and began teaching extensively in Japan and the US. She has also given lectures and workshops in Taiwan, Korea, Switzerland, New Zealand and Australia and has had eight solo exhibitions in Japan and the US, and has published two books on her work. Many of her more than seventy quilts are based on a reversible log cabin technique which she has developed. Some of these fantastic quilts have been shown in the past at the New England Quilt Museum and have been pictured in art quilt books.

On Wednesday, 3/28/07 she will be giving a workshop on Reversible Log Cabin Quilts at the Rising Star Guild in Lexington. For more information, contact Leonora Feeney at lk-feeney@gmail.com or 781-862-0587.

Questionnaire

Artscope Magazine is doing an article about our Quilt Show.

Please feel free to send your answers to Roanna.

- What do you think accounts for the popularity of the quilt as a craft, in fact an art?
- The reasons people quilt are as many as there are people who do the quilting. Can you give me a couple of reasons why you do quilting, and the types of quilts you make?

If any members of your guild want to answers these is before April 15, they're welcome to email me at roannaforman@comcast.net

Thank you from the Stone Family

The family of Andrew Stone wishes to express our sincere gratitude to the Quilters' Connection Guild for your outpouring of support during our recent tragedy. We were overwhelmed by the thoughtful cards, letters, beautiful flowers, fruit arrangements, considerate visits, emotional support, well wishes, prayers and prepared meals.

We witnessed many of you standing in the cold for hours at the Douglass Funeral Home, waiting to give your condolences and comfort us. We saw even more of you at the funeral mass. We felt your compassion as you cried with us and prayed for us. Looking in your eyes we could see the genuine heartfelt emotion. As a family, we were moved.

Looking beyond the grief we could see and feel the quilting guild doing what it does in a time of need to support and heal itself. A guild demonstrating the strength of its collective value with a higher capacity to share and help each other in a time of need. Through this tragedy we have come to understand the value of friendship. Supporting people in times of tragedy reflects the goodness and caring in us all. It restores our faith in each other. We cannot always control what occurs, but we can respond with dignity and compassion. Our family will be eternally grateful for your support.

We would also like to thank you for the overwhelming support to the Stone Family Adoption Assistance Fund. This fund was created to commemorate the life and spirit of Andrew Stone by providing financial assistance to people who wish to adopt a child but do not have sufficient funds to fulfill their dreams. Your contributions will give the gift of family to loving parents and deserving children.

Ed, Elaine and Alex Stone

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Join the QC/Yahoo group!

The QC/Yahoo group is available for members to communicate with each other on a computer, via email or the QC/Yahoo home page.

Members who are not already signed up but would like to be, should email Jeanne Williamson at jeanne@jeannewilliamson.com, with your name and email address, so she can send you information about joining the group.

QC Workshops

Designing from Nature for Applique

Gabrielle Swain will give a lecture in April and a workshop on Saturday April 7—Designing from Nature for Applique. Use your favorite photo or drawing from nature to create an original appliqué quilt. Principals of color and design, a variety of appliqué techniques and surface design will be covered.

Fabric Woven Vest

Learn the fascinating technique of fabric weaving to create interesting fabric for a vest with **Judy Simmons** on Saturday, May 12. Using 2-4 fabrics, decorative and couching threads, ribbons and yarn, students will find working with this technique to be easy and fun. The use of machine decorative stitches and couching techniques will add more excitement to the piece.

Workshops will be held at Watertown Center for the Arts. Cost is \$50 per workshop.

Send SASE & check payable to *Quilters' Connection* to:

Donna Jean Downer Telephone: 781-821-4692
 10 Standish Drive Email: djdqilt@comcast.net
 Canton, MA 02021 Workshop: 9:00-4:00

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ email _____

Workshop _____

QC Schedules for 2006-2007

Lectures

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, April 7	Gabrielle Swain: <i>Designing from Nature for Appliqué</i>
Saturday, May 12	Judy Simmons: <i>Woven Fabric Vest</i>

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.

Quilters' Connection 2007 Quilt Show Advertiser—Member Advertising Form

This year QC members can advertise their business or share a personal greeting in the Quilters' Connection 30th Annual Quilt Show and Sale Program Booklet through a new advertising option, Short Ads/Greetings. This is in addition to the standard program advertising. Please use this form and the directions below to submit your ad.

QC Member Information

QC Member Name _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Mailing Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Short Ad/Greetings

A Short Ad/Greeting includes a maximum of 20 words. _____ (\$10.00)

Enclosed is a check for the amount of \$_____ (payable to Quilters' Connection)

Examples of Line Ads/Personal Greetings:

- Greetings from Blueberry Fiber Arts—continuing 25 years of bringing you the best—Alfred E. Newman
- Thank you to Marie Cotton for chairing this inspiring show!—Candy B. Stripe
- Congratulations to Quilters' Connection on your 30th annual quilt show!—Tina's Threads of Watertown

Submit your line ad/personal greeting using this form or via email:

- **Hardcopy:** enter your line ad or personal greeting in the lines below, fill out the QC Member Information section above, and send this form and payment per below.
 - **Electronic:** To submit your ad/greeting electronically, email the text to Stacy Humphrey at sbhumphrey@comcast.net, and send your payment per below.
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Standard Advertising

Full Page___ (\$70) Half Page___ (\$40) Quarter Page_____ (\$20)* QC member discount

Enclosed is a check for the amount of \$_____ (payable to Quilters' Connection)

For standard advertising, you may either enclose your camera-ready ad or business card, or you can e-mail it to Stacy Humphrey at sbhumphrey@comcast.net.

Ad Submission, Payment, and Deadlines

Please enclose this form, with a check made payable to the Quilter's Connection, no later than March 31st, 2007 to:

Stacy Humphrey, QC Show Advertisement
80 Crehore Drive
Newton, MA 02462-1114

If you have any questions, please e-mail Stacy Humphrey at sbhumphrey@comcast.net or telephone at 617-558-5290.

2007 QC Volunteer Registration

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Phone: (D) _____ Phone: (E) _____

How many shifts can you work? () One () Two () Three () Many

Pre-Show Tasks—Thursday, May 31

- () Show prep— 7:30 am-10:00 am
- () Quilt check in—8:00 am-9:00 am
- () Hang Show—10 am until finished

Jobs To Do During The Show Friday June 1—Sunday, June 3

Gate — Raffle Sales — Hostess — Member's Room — Demonstrations

Do you need to have a seated job?

Shift Times: **Friday, June 1** **Saturday, June 2** **Sunday, June 3**

Indicate preference with 1, 2, 3, etc.

	FRI	SAT	SUN
10 am-1 pm	_____	_____	_____
12:30 pm-3:30 pm	_____	_____	_____
3 pm-6 pm	_____	_____	_____

Member's Night

6:30 pm-10 pm _____

After-Show Tasks: Sunday, June 3

Take down quilts, roll, count, and dispense quilts

3:00 pm—5:30 pm _____

Special comments and notes:

Any questions or need additional information regarding the 2007 Quilt Show, please contact: **Marie Cotton at 508-529-9923, MLC23@aol.com.**

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