



The Newsletter of Quilters' Connection
Arlington, MA

Quiltations

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Notes from Nancy

Welcome Spring! We had a wonderful turnout and a spell-bound audience for last month's lecture. I was privileged to see Gerald Roy's cherished orange quilts and I felt I was having a special lecture of his personal favorites.

OKAY! We have a fabulous guild with 400 members. In order to continue our mission "to explore the world of patchwork and quilting and to provide a meeting place for beginners as well as the experienced to exchange ideas, designs, techniques and workmanship" we need volunteers to lead. And we especially need the Executive Board members of Vice President and Secretary to keep our guild moving on the same wonderful tract. It is your time, so please step up and take a leadership role. We all will be grateful.

Nancy

QC Executive Board Meetings

May 1, 2007 is the deadline for submissions to the April *Quiltations*.

The following dates are set for the QCEB: 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.

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

QC Volunteering

This is the time of year when QC members renew their membership and, as part of that procedure, consider what volunteer activities they would like to be part of next year. If want a better idea of what the various QC committees do, check out the documents on committee functions and activities posted on our website. Here's how to access this information:

Go to the home page of our website (quiltersconnection.org), then click on Membership. At the end of the text, you will see the sentence, "For documents and forms of interest to members, click here." Now click on the word "here." This will bring you to an index of QC documents (Column 1), forms (Column 2), and information on Committee Functions (Column 3). Click on the committees and activities in Column 3 that interest you and find out more about what it takes to keep QC running smoothly, through the 100% volunteer work of members.

—Carolyn Rabson

QC Officers 2006-2007

Executive Board

President	Nancy Howard
Vice President	Ann Bonsett
Secretary	Carolyn Rabson
Treasurer	Barbara Degan
Assistant	Mary Gillis
Quilt Show 2007	Marie Cotton
Quilt Show 2008	Irene Dwyer
Programs 06-07	Ann Manzelli
Membership	Sheila Toomey
Newsletter Editor	Caron Guigli

Appointed Committee

Adopt-a-Fabric	Rosemary Koch Nancy Maher Ellen O'Sullivan Nancy Crasco Laurel Miller Marie Geary Ethel Shulam Joan Gulovsen Tina Reinhardt Beverly Fine Steffi Karp Sandy Gregg Deborah Rocha Rose Ann Yap
Arsenal Center Liaison	Claire Leone
Bulletin Board	Martha Supnik
Calendar	Diana Dow
Caring Committee	Carol Telsey
Comfort Quilts	Martha Supnik
Donations	Sheila Toomey
e-communications	Nancy Wasserman
Equipment Manager	Ellen O'Sullivan
Historian	Connie Eddington
Assisant	Steffi Karp
Information Table	Jenny Peace
Library	Sandy Gregg
NEQM Liaison	Ethel Shulam
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Raffle Quilt Design 2008	Suzanne Knapp
Raffle Quilt Quilting	Donna Jean Downer
Sales Table	Jeanne Williamson
Scholarship	
Webmaster	
Workshop Registration	
Workshop Helper	
Yahoo	
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

QUILTS CROSSING BORDERS new and recent work by NewWrinkle: *PamGoody, Lucy Nims-LaFleche, Susan McCraw, Gladys Perkins, Sue Polansky, Ferne Weissman*, at the Kniznick Gallery, Brandeis University, Women's Study Research Center, 515 South St, Waltham. April 19 to May 25; Reception April 24th 5:30 to 7:30.

Judy Hughes took First Place in Small Bed Quilts at the Piecing in Paradise Quilt Show (Paradise Quilters Guild), Sugarloaf Key, Florida, on February 17, 2007.

Pat Delaney was recently named "Artist of the Year" in the first annual award by the town of Abington Cultural Council. Each town in the Commonwealth is awarded a grant to support the arts. Pat writes that she "was pleased that a quilter would be recognized in their first ceremony." Also, Pat won a ribbon for Best Color at the Mid-Atlantic Quilt Festival in Virginia in February.

Jessica Leger's will be exhibiting in the Material Girls Quilt Guild's Quilt Show "...from simple cloth", May 11-12, at the National Plastics Museum and Center, Leominster MA. For directions and information www.materialgirlsquiltguild.org.

Jo Ickler will have a couple of pieces in the Country Line Quilters Guild Show, March 24-25, in the St. Joseph Parish Hall, Medway MA.

QC members, *Karen Bettencourt, Linda Dunn, Margot Stage, and Laura Gawlinski*, along with Maxine Farkas, Sharon Sawyer, Gwen Stith and Gay Tracy (all members of the Lowell Fiber Studio) had an exhibition of collaborative work during the month of March titled "Quotations Beautiful from Minds Profound" at Lesley University's, Cambridge MA.

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

—Nancy

Corrections to Membership List

Ruth McDowell ruth@ruthbmcdowell.com
Jacqui James 978-257-5058, jacquiajames@bitu.com

Change of Address:

Irene Dwyer
115 Winthrop Street
Winthrop, MA 02152 same phone and email

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.

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 Member

Meetings

- Sales Table
- Adopt-a-Fabric
- Information Table

Communications

- Website
- Yahoo Groups

Library

- Coordinator
- Library Table Asst.

Boutique Committee

- 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.**

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

Library News April 2007

Thanks for the Feedback

Thanks for Betsy Abbott for donating a copy of "The Joy of Quilting" by Laurie Swim, a well-written early book by a Canadian art quilter.

Newly Purchased Books

I put off buying the books that members have suggested for several months because I was traveling, etc. Finally, in early March I had time to order a whole stack with items that will appeal to all sorts of quilters. Here's what I thought when I briefly looked them over:

- "Quilts in a Material World: selections from the Winterthur collection" by Linda Eaton uses an 1815 white-work quilt and many letters by a Rhode Island woman to discuss additional items in the Delaware museum's collection of 19th century textiles. The close-up photography of fabrics and stitching are wonderful and the text is extensive.
- "Kaffe Fassett's Kaleidoscope of quilts" features his new line of bright bold large-scale prints and woven stripes in quilts with simple piecing to show off the fabrics. The featured quilter is Mary Mashuta and she provides several pages about her design process.
- "Three-dimensional embroidery" by Janet Edmonds reminded me of Fiberarts Magazine and the Fiberarts Design books. The work is really abstract textile sculpture including a few boxes and other containers.
- "Mixed media explorations: Blending paper, fabric and embellishment to create inspired designs" by Beryl Taylor was published by the same folks as Quilting Arts Magazine. The author is originally from England but now lives in New Jersey. She spells out exactly how she used each material and technique.
- "Fabric Memory Books: techniques, projects,

inspiration" by Lesley Riley will also appeal to art quilters who want to tell a story with paper and fabric. She shows several ways to bind pages into books and uses photos and flea market finds for embellishments.

- "The Book as Art: artists' books from the National Museum of Women in the Arts" by Wasserman, Drucher & Niffenegger may intrigue us because art books, like art quilts, straddle the divides between art and craft and between women's public and private lives. This book gives us a peek at 108 out of the more than 800 art books in this Washington DC museum's collection.
- "Symphonic Poem: The Art of Aminah Brenda Lynn Robinson" from the Columbus Museum of Art is the catalog of a 2002-3 retrospective exhibition by this multi-media African-American artist in Ohio. She does painting, drawing, sculpture, art books and some highly embellished quilts. All reflect her community and culture and the quilts in particular are truly exuberant!
- "Variations on a theme: Quilts with easy options" by Terry Martin gives many examples and clear rotary cutting and machine piecing instructions for quilts that feature larger scale novelty fabrics.

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

QC 2007-2008 Appointed Committees—There’s a SLOT for YOU!

I believe current committee members have been contacted at least once and some folks have had more than one message sent regarding next year’s cast of Appointed Committees. I was thrilled at the outpouring response from so many of you. Your willingness to volunteer in support of the Quilters’ Connection Appointed Committees is really the backbone of what makes QC tick. We need the membership to be involved in order for us to continue to flourish. We do have some open positions—Adopt-a-Fabric has some openings for next year and we also are in need of a Workshop Helper. There are a few slots that we’re waiting for responses. If you’re interested in a particular area, please, do let me know. My email is: abonsett@rcn.com.

I encourage all members to express interest. This is a great way for new members to get acquainted with those who know their way around the guild. It’s also a great way for a seasoned member to spread some knowledge with some of the newer members. Let’s all get involved! You may even have a little extra fun in the process! ☺ -Ann Bonsett-

Appointed Committees	2006-2007	2007-2008
Adopt-a-Fabric	Rosemary Koch	POSITION OPEN
Adopt-a-Fabric	Nancy Maher	Waiting for response
Adopt-a-Fabric	Ellen O’Sullivan	POSITION OPEN
Arsenal Center Liaison	Nancy Crasco	Yes
Bulletin Board	Laurel Miller	Waiting for response
Calendar	Marie Geary	Waiting for response
Caring Committee	Ethel Shulam	Waiting for response
Comfort Quilts	Joan Gulovsen	Yes
	Tina Reinhardt	Waiting for response
Contracts	Sandy Gregg	Yes
Donations	Beverly Fine	Yes
	Steffi Karp	Yes
e-Communications	Sandy Gregg	Yes
Equipment Manager	Deborah Rocha	Yes
Historian Assistant	Rose Ann Yap	Susan Sapolsky?
Information Table	Claire Leone	Yes
Library	Martha Supnik	Yes
	Diana Dow	Yes
	Ginny Such	Sub
	Gail Dwyer	Yes
	Jo Ickler	Yes
	Carol Telsey	Yes
NEQM Liaison	Martha Supnik	Yes
Newsletter Assistant	Sheila Toomey	Yes
News and Notes	Nancy Wasserman	Yes
New Members Coordinator	Ellen O’Sullivan	No
Program Committee 07-09	Connie Eddington	Yes
	Steffi Karp	Yes
	Jenny Peace	Yes
Program Contracts	Sandy Gregg	Yes
Raffle Quilt 2007	Ethel Shulam	N/A
Raffle Quilt 2008	Patti Karp	Yes
Raffle Quilt Design 2008	Margaret Rolph	Yes
	Carolyn Rabson	Yes
Raffle Quilt Quilting	Mary Walter	Yes
Sales Table	Robin Fan	Yes
Sales Table	Susan Staecker	Waiting for response
Scholarship	Barbara Evans	Yes
Webmaster	Suzanne Knapp	Yes
Workshop Registration	Donna Jean Downer	Yes
		POSITION OPEN

Membership Wait List

1. Mary Shore	31. Vicki Burris
2. Maggie Mattson	32. Diane Gardner
3. Anne Sullivan	33. Anastasia P. Warden
4. Susan Tata	34. Dawn Lostaf
5. Elana Schreiber	35. Linda Katz
6. Elizabeth O'Connell	36. Catherine St. John
7. Elizabeth Pappius	37. Ellen Zellner
8. Margaret Ryding	38. Gwen Stith
9. Bonnie Newman	39. Rhonda Galpern
10. Susan Messinger	40. Connie Mattox
11. Martha Wishart	41. Deborah Holmes
12. Julie Wolkoff	42. Barbara Taylor
13. Diana Svahn	43. Julie Simmons
14. Joan C. Smith	44. Lynda Simmons
15. Eva Eckles-Wingard	45. Sara Glenfield
16. Barbara Makris	46. Katherine M. Elias
17. Ellen Osgood	47. Gretchen Clements
18. Coral Barry	48. Penny Sander
19. Janet Cummings	49. Nina Cheever
20. Kathleen McCormick	50. Sara Gravestock
21. Amy Garber	51. Katie Menard
22. Jennifer Podesky	52. Marion Diener
23. Pamela Hoh-Kane	53. Maryanne Boberg
24. Susan Middlebrook	54. Ellen Hoffman
25. Kathleen Skelly	55. Geri Barr
26. Glenda Hadaya	56. Janet Wilhelm
27. Zita Monett	57. Abby Sullivan
28. Darlene Butler	58. Marie Saulnier
29. Elizabeth Warner	59. Penny Faich
30. Cecelia E. Vaughan	

Update on the Quilt Show

Bad news first! I am very disappointed in the lack of response to the advertising for the Program Book. We offered all of our quilters an opportunity to support the QC Show Book and to advertise their unique skills. We have many quilters who are teachers, who do long-arm quilting and are involved in the quilt world in many different ways. The result of this opportunity has yielded only 4 ads to date. Nowhere else could someone advertise their products for such low prices. There is still time to alter this disappointing showing. If you wish to advertise, please contact Stacy Humphrey at sdhumphrey@comcast.net.

The good and exciting news is that we have 190 quilts from 123 quilters. This is an outstanding contribution. The quilts are magnificent, everyone a masterpiece which will contribute to a unique quilt show experience that we can be proud of.

I am also thrilled with the selfless response from the volunteers in our guild. Nancy Howard, our incredible President, will be organizing the volunteer assignments. For any changes or additional shifts that you can do, please contact Nancy.

I am looking for two volunteers with good cameras and some photographic experience who will be willing to photograph the show either before or after public hours. Please call me and we can arrange the best time to take the photographs.

I know this year has been difficult without a visible Quilt Show Chair, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have supported me with cards, notes and efforts. It has meant a great deal to me and has helped pull through some tough days. Thank you for your help, support and participation, and lets keep it on a roll.

—Marie Cotton

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 Schedules for 2006-2007

Lectures

Monday, April 9

Gabrielle Swain lecture: *Not Your Grandmother's Appliqué*

Monday, May 14

Judy Simmons lecture: *Trunkshow of WearableWearables*

Workshops

Saturday, April 7

Gabrielle Swain: *Designing from Nature for Appliqué*

Saturday, May 12

Judy Simmons: *Woven Fabric Vest*

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.

QC Workshops

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.

To find the supply list for his workshop, visit the QC website, www.quiltersconnection.org.

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: djdquilt@comcast.net
Canton, MA 02021 Workshop: 9:00-4:00

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ email _____

Workshop _____

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.**

QUILT HAPPENINGS

March 29 through June 10, at the New England Quilt Museum, exhibit of 60 quilts, I REMEMBER MAMA, ORGANIZED BY Karey Bresenham to honor the memory of her mother, Jewel Pearce Patterson, who taught thousands of people in Texas to quilt and love quilts.

April 11 thru April 14 at the Center of NH in Manchester, NH—MACHINE QUILTERS EXPO. All information available at www.MQXShow.com or call 866-675-4355.

April 20 is FREE ADMISSION DAY at the New England Quilt Museum in honor of this year 2007 being the Museum's 20th Anniversary. Non-Members take note!

April 21: New England Quilt Museum features KAREY BRESENHAM who will present a lecture on the exhibit, I Remember Mama, which she organized. Lecture will start at 1 pm. No Charge for Museum members. Admission fee for non-members includes exhibit and lecture.

April 27 & 28: Merrimack Valley Quilters Guild presents, A KALEIDOSCOPE OF QUILTS, Timberland Regional Middle School, Plaistow, NH. Quilt Exhibit, Vendors, Raffles, Refreshments. Visit www.geocities.com/mvqguild for full information.

April 28 at the New England Quilt Museum—TEXT & TEXTILES EXTRAVAGANZA. Purchase a bag for \$25 and fill it with fabulous fabrics & books. Buy as many bags as you can carry! Extravaganza starts at 10 am

May 12 at the New England Quilt Museum, MOTHER'S DAY TEA. Come enjoy tea, special treats, and a gallery talk of the exhibit, I REMEMBER MAMA. All included in the event cost which is \$15. for NEQM members and guests and \$20 for non-members and guests. For Tea time and to make Reservations call 978-452-4207 ext 16

May 13—MOTHER'S DAY—Museum is open 12 pm to 4 pm. Admission is free today.

May 18, 19, 20: Northern Lights Quilt Guild present QUILT FESTIVAL 2007 at the Fireside Inn, West Lebanon, NH, Exit 20 off I-89. Admission \$4.00. See www.nlqg.org for all information.

June 29 to July 1—VERMONT QUILT FESTIVAL—Champlain Valley Exposition Center, Essex Jct., Vt. Over 400 quilts, More than 70 vendors, Workshops with nationally known quilt teachers, Special Events and much, much more. www.vqf.org for complete information or email info@vqf.org

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