

Quiltations

Newsletter Deadlines

January	12/19
February	01/16
March	02/20
April	03/19
May	04/16

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Quilt Show 2008

An Update: Next year's quilt show was posted inaccurately in the July newsletter. The actual dates will be: Friday – Sunday May 30th, 31st and June 1st. (Set-up Thursday, May 29th)
Note: Memorial Day is Monday, May 26 and our annual show takes place the first weekend after Memorial Day.



A Message from the President:

Over the years I have come to realize that Quilters Connection is a global group of artistic, creative and inspiring individuals who shine in the world of quilting. When I first become a member I was awe-struck by the variety and complexity of work that came from the membership. We have a fabulous gallery at the Arsenal Center for the Arts to show New England what QC is all about. If you haven't been to a meeting for awhile, please put it on your calendar and make it a point to join us. We'd love to welcome you back. You've been missed.

This is the year to make it happen. Please participate in the President and Vice President's challenge "It's All About Pearls" to help recognize the continuing growth of QC. Who can believe we've been here for 30+ years! This is the opportunity to show the artistic side of everyone! Wouldn't it be fabulous to have 100% participation! Wearables and quilts galore – everything coming up pearls; as long as they're visible to the viewer they can be stitched, painted, beaded, fabric – you decide the medium. The guidelines are in this newsletter on page 5.

The "Winter Free Workshop" is back! Please mark your calendars the date will be Saturday, February 23rd. More info in the next newsletter.

We're having a QC Get-Away Weekend! Jessica and I went and checked out the facility and it looks fabulous! The Sea Crest Oceanfront resort in April! We are limited to 30 this year – it looks like it should be great fun. Please read below for details. Please signup for the Getaway Weekend with your deposit at 6:00 pm before the November 12th meeting.

Get-Away Weekend Details:

When: Friday night, April 11th and Saturday night, April 12th
Location: Sea Crest Oceanfront Resort, Cape Cod, North Falmouth, MA
Who: QC Members
Cost: \$128 per night for a Single or \$76 per night for a Double
Total Cost for two nights: Single: \$256 Double \$152

The price includes breakfast on Saturday, Brunch on Sunday, Beverage Break on Saturday afternoon and all taxes and gratuity. No other meals are included. We will have access to the pool and health club. A restaurant is on site and several are within driving distance.

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Executive Board Meetings

November: Wed, Nov 28th, 7:00 p.m.
December: NO MEETING
January: NO MEETING
February: Wed, Feb 27th, 7:00 p.m.
March: Wed, Mar 26th, 7:00 p.m.
April: Wed, Apr 30th, 7:00 p.m.
May: Wed, May 21st, 7:00 p.m.

Board of Directors

1 year - Joy Rosettos
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QC Schedules for 2007-2008

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:

Mosesian Theater and Lobby/Gallery:
November 12, 2007
January 7, 2008
February 4, 2008
March 10, 2008
April 7, 2008
May 5, 2008

WORKSHOPS:

3rd floor Rehearsal Hall
Classroom and 3rd floor Lobby
9 AM to 4 PM

2007 - MAY 2008 RESERVED WORKSHOP DATES:

November 10th, 11th
January 5th
February 2nd, 3rd
March 8th, 9th
April 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th
May 3rd

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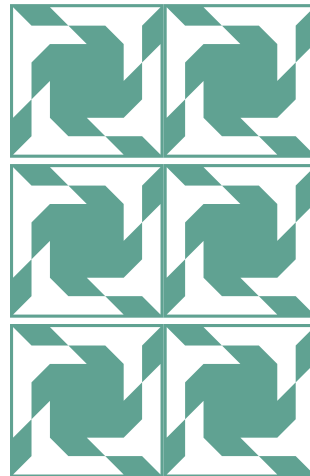
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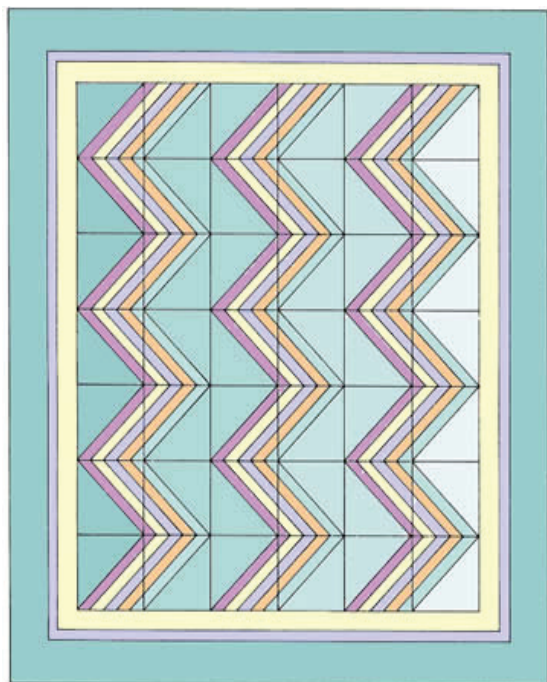
News and Notes

Sandy Gregg was awarded a red ribbon at the 2007 Vermont Quilt Festival for her quilt "Spring Greens." Her quilt "Elements of Lowell: Winter 2007" has been juried into the upcoming exhibit "Lowell: Inside - Out" at the New England Quilt Museum, November 15, 2007 - January 12, 2008 and she made one slice of the group quilt by the Coastal Quilt Artists "Canal Walk" which also will be featured in that show. Sandy also had three of her quilts pictured in Louisa Smith's new book "A New Twist on Strips and Curves." Quilt titles are "Renewable Energy," "Many Moons," and "Summer Delight."

Both Carolyn Rabson's quilt "Safe Harbor" and Nancy Wasserman's quilt "The Pond on Snow's Mountain" were accepted for the Quilters Gathering show in Nashua. The Quilters Gathering runs November 8-11.

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

- Nancy Wasserman



QUILT HAPPENINGS

2007

November 2-4: Quilting in the Berkshires – all inclusive week-end retreat with meals, lodging, door prizes, and quilting fun with experienced teachers to assist you. More info at www.BerkshireQuilts.com and info@BerkshireQuilts.com

November 3-4: Quilts for all Seasons presented by Cape Cod Quilt Guild, Cultural Center of Cape Cod, Yarmouth, MA. www.capecodquiltguild.com for more info.

November 8-11: A Quilters Gathering at the Radisson Hotel in Nashua, NH. Classes with Internationally known teachers, Lectures, Exhibits, more. www.aquiltersgathering.com

2008

March 29 & 30: Thimble Pleasures Quilt Show, Nimuc Regional High School, Upton, MA. Free Parking - \$5.00 Admission www.thimblepleasures.org

April 4-6: Pioneer Valley Quilt Show, Castle of Knights, 1599 memorial Dr. Chicopee, MA. Demos – Food – Vendors. \$5. Admission. www.Pioneervalleyquilting.com

April 19 & 20: Narragansett Bay Quilt Show. North Kingstown, RI High School. Over 300 quilts. Vendors, Raffles. For information call Ginny Perry, 401-397-9998

QC Yahoo Group

QC has an email group on Yahoo, and you are encouraged to join it. We have about 150+ members signed up.

The QC/Yahoo group is set up so you can send email and read it on your computer's email program. You can also go to the QC/Yahoo home page to read older emails, send photos of quilts, and many other options.

Anything QC, quilt, art or member related is fine to discuss. You should feel free to send info about any shows you are in, that you suggest others see or apply to, good fabric stores, member news, etc. Members are asked to please avoid getting off topic about personal/family/health/political issues.

If you are not already signed up but would like to be, please email Jeanne Williamson at jeanne@jeannewilliamson.com, with your email address, so she can send you information about signing up.

A Message from the President

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1. You must sign up for both nights.
2. We will take sign-ups in person only beginning at 6:00 pm at our November 12th meeting.
3. There are three options at time of registration:
 - a. You may reserve no more than one double room – includes both room-mates. You must have \$100 deposit per person at time of registration in order to reserve an entire room. If you choose to reserve an entire room – please have both names listed on the registration form with the \$200 deposit.
 - b. You also have the option of reserving ½ of a double room. A \$100 deposit is required at time of registration. A room-mate will be assigned.
 - c. You may reserve a single room. A \$100 deposit is required at time of registration.
4. The balance will be required at the March 10th meeting.
5. In all options, you may pay the entire balance at time of registration.
6. We are limited to the first thirty participants with deposits.
7. We will not accept any deposits prior to the November 12th meeting.
8. Questions? Please call Ann Bonsett or Jessica Leger

Comfort Quilts

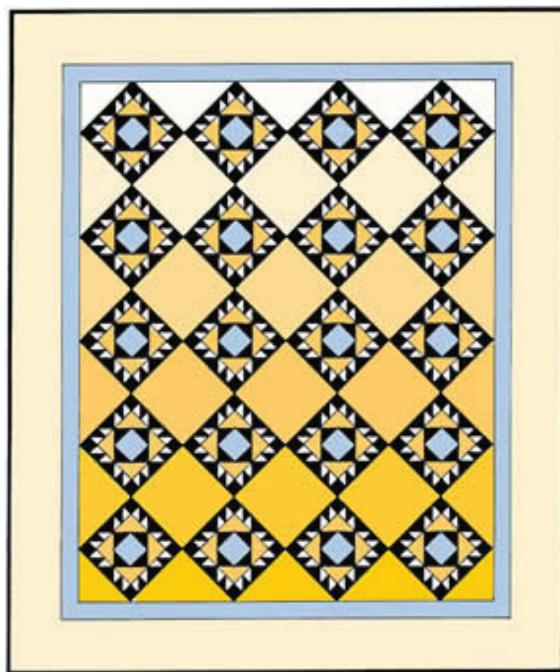
Thank you to all who donate time and materials to create comfort quilts that bring so much joy and security to those who receive them. As mentioned in last month's "Quiltations," our quilts will be received by children in transitional residences, veterans living at the Bedford VA Hospital Geriatric and Hospice Unit, and others in need.

When making quilts for children, plan a quilt size of roughly 40 x 60 inches, whereas an adult bed quilt may be 60-70 by 80-90 inches. Small wall quilts are welcomed by the shelters and veterans, and lap quilts are also appreciated by the adults.

Jane Norberg has reserved a date for a comfort quilt workshop on Saturday, January 12 at the Winchester Recreation Department, 263 Main St, 9:30 to 3:30. Quilts in all stages of creation will be available to complete. You may choose to bring UFO's for rescue and completion (guilt-free!), fabric to share, or simply a readiness to pitch in where needed.

Dates are not yet firm for further workshops, but look for news of workshop for early February and March .

Tina Reinhardt



From the Program Committee

You've heard the announcements and read it in the newsletter. Members of Quilters' Connection are so lucky to be offered opportunities to learn from amazing visiting instructors.

Our next visiting presenter is Rachel Clark, whose amazing, multi-colored wearables may be seen at www.rdkc.com. Rachel is presenting on Monday night, November 12, 2007. She is teaching two workshops for us the weekend before.

The 40 participants in the Christine Fries-Ureel workshops in October were just floored by all they were able to learn from a marvelous artist and lovely instructor. Here are a few of their comments, extrapolated from QC members who participated in the Christine Fries-Ureel workshop days.
--Steffi Aronson Karp
Program Committee Chair

"Awesome technique..."

"Great workshop. Instructor very encouraging, patient, etc.

Have been looking forward to the workshop for a year, since hearing Christine at The Gathering [in 2006]... I appreciate the fine points taught about threads, machine embroidery—it's been very exciting."

This has been a wonderful class. Christine is unflappable, encouraging, supportive and a good teacher. Even though I have been in the class both days I wish for more time! ...Next time I think we should do it just as a two day class!

Excellent! Enjoyed this workshop very much—she was clear about directions and willing to repeat and share knowledge, as necessary. Having the "common use" threads was very helpful—no one has all of the colors necessary for something like this.

Great fun—Christine is very willing to share her tips and tricks

Lots of techniques—lots of fun. I wish there was more time.

This was a wonderful mindbending class. No rules—just many different ideas to try. Everyone was able to use their own color ideas and mesh them with Christine's teachings.

A wonderful class with lots of information clearly presented. Christine's generosity of spirit gave us the ability to tailor to our own needs. Being able to use her incredible selection of threads

made all the difference! Would have been a great 5-day workshop -- so glad we had 2 days!

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FYI—The Program Committee is always open to suggestions and comments. Have you taken a class from someone wonderful lately? Would you like to? Send your program suggestions for 2008-09 to: Steffi Aronson Karp, shula@comcast.net

Workshop Schedule

RACHEL CLARKE

Saturday, November 10: Monster Purse with (FULL)
Sunday, November 11: Monster Purse (repeat)

CAROL ANNE GROTRIAN

Saturday, February 2: Shibori Sampler
Sunday, February 3: Shibori Sampler (repeat)

KAREN STONE

Saturday, March 8: New York Beauty
Sunday, March 9: New York Beauty

VELDA NEWMAN

Friday, April 4: Texture & Form
Saturday, April 5: Texture & Form (day 1 repeat or day 2) (full)
Sunday, April 6: Texture & Form (day 1 or day 2 repeat) (full)
Monday, April 7: Texture & Form (day 1 or day 2 repeat)

Saturday workshops will be held at Watertown Center for the Arts. Other locations are TBA.

Cost is \$35 per workshop.

Each workshop is all day, 9:00-4:00.

Each workshop will be open to non-members of QC one month before the date of the workshop. Non members are invited to apply on a wait list basis.

It is the responsibility of participants to check with the Program Committee regarding QC member waitlists if they cannot attend a class. Only if the waitlist has been satisfied may the space be offered to others.

Supply lists will be posted on the QC website when available. (If you do not have internet access, send a SASE to: Steffi Aronson Karp, 458 Woodward Street, Waban, MA marked ATTN: QC Programs.)

All about Pearls

HERE ARE THE DETAILS ABOUT THE CHALLENGE:

Please plan to create masterpiece; just in year's Quilt Show 2008! exhibit with total guild

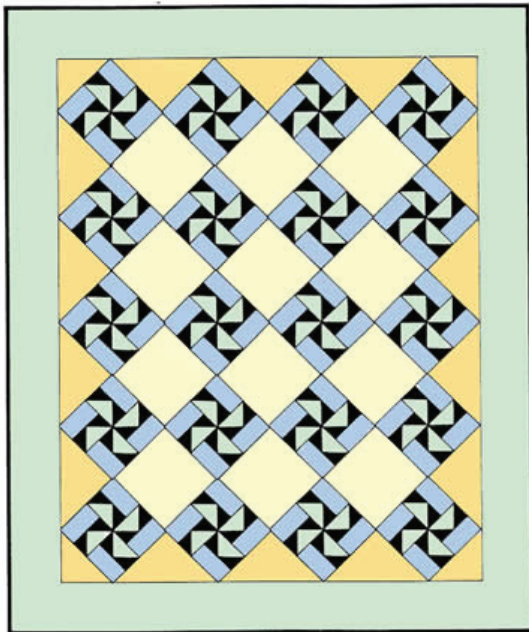


your "All about Pearls" time to display it in this We hope to have a great participation.

The show dates: Friday, May 30th-Sunday, June 1st (Set-up is Thursday, May 29th)

All About Pearls Challenge: Guidelines – Members Only

1. Quilts – No side can be longer than 30 inches. All sides do not have to be the same length. You do not have to have four sides.
2. Wearables – You can create any item that would be considered a wearable garment or accessory item.
3. Quilts or Wearables: All items must visibly use pearls in some medium; painted, fabric, thread, beads, or other. It must be very obvious to the viewer that the entry has the use of pearls in the piece. (Pearls of any color!)
4. Be creative and have fun!
5. Questions? Please contact Ann Bonsett or Jessica Leger



Boutique News

Well, now that you've decided what you're going to make to put into the boutique, have you started yet? Remember it can never be too early but it can be too late! We're looking forward to having items from the veteran vendors but also interested in seeing what new members have to offer.

If all goes well, the guideline and inventory sheets should be on the Q.C. website soon-by the time Quiltations comes in the mail. For those of you without access to a computer, forms will be available at the next guild meeting from Carrie Kramer or Jeanne Funk-Gedies. Everyone planning to be a vendor should review them and see if there are any questions you might have.

Don't forget the end of May will be here in the "wink of an eye" so do what you have to do to get ready!

Carrie Kramer, chair

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Jeanne Funk-Gedies, assistant

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New England Quilt Museum Voucher

The New England Quilt Museum invites you to print the voucher on the next page and join us at a bookfair to benefit the museum at the Barnes & Noble in Nashua, NH on Thursday, November 15th. The museum will get a donation from the store for each item you purchase if you present the voucher when you check out. Come start your holiday gift shopping and help the museum at the same time.

B & N Bookfair

Barnes & Noble Bookstore
235 Daniel Webster Highway
Nashua NH

Thursday, Nov 15, 2007

**Start your holiday shopping
at Barnes & Noble Bookstore
and support the
New England Quilt Museum
at the same time!!!**

Join us at the NEQM B&N Bookfair in Nashua NH on Thursday, Nov 15. NEQM staff, volunteers, and local quilt guild members will be there from 11 AM-8 PM providing demos of hand quilting, hand piecing and hand appliqué. There will also be a postcard "make and take" project for the children.

A percentage of the net sales of purchases* made with this voucher will go to NEQM. Help us meet our goal of at least 600 purchases. This will generate a \$2400 donation, which will go a long way towards the continuance of exhibits and programs at the museum.

(*offer now includes Café consumables and can be combined with B&N Member Card)

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QC Speakers

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12	RACHEL CLARKE
MONDAY, JANUARY 7	BOBBIE SULLIVAN
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4	CAROL ANNE GROTRIAN, REPRESENTING THE CRIT GROUP
MONDAY, MARCH 10	KAREN STONE
MONDAY, APRIL 7	VELDA NEWMAN
MONDAY, MAY 5	MICKEY LAWLER