

Quiltations

Newsletter Deadlines

March	02/20
April	03/19
May	04/16

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**The 2008 QC Quilt Show
Registration form is
available on pages 5 and
6 of this newsletter.**

**The Boutique Volunteer
form is on page 7.**



A Message from the President:

As I write this article I find myself thinking about the glorious weekend I've just had; I planted daffodils in January, the Patriots won another football game (17th), and now we're gearing up for what may be the biggest winter blast of the year so far! It's the same exhilaration that I'm feeling with QC! We have fabulous speakers this year; enough to keep each of our souls nourished and inspired with the talent and work they show us.

QC has a diverse membership, each with its own talent. I eagerly look forward to our annual quilt show – hoping that each member is planning to exhibit a creation in one of the categories; a quilt, a wearable or our special, "It's All About Pearls" challenge. Wouldn't it be GREAT if we have 100% participation this year!

It's also time to begin thinking about next year's QC Board. If you're interested in chairing the QC Nominations Committee, please look me up or let any other board member know that you're interested. This is a great way to get involved and a very important volunteer role that is a definite asset to the guild. How would you like to get involved in next year's organization? Each of us helps to shape QC through our active participation and involvement.

The response to our Winter Free Workshop has been fabulous! A special thanks to our instructors! We have only a few spaces left in the afternoon. If you're interested in taking a Winter Free Workshop, please contact me at abonsett@rcn.com.

We also have a few remaining spaces at the Get-Away Weekend at Cape Cod and would love to get those filled at or before the February meeting. We have opened it up to non-QC members if you would like to bring guests. Please contact Jessica Leger or Ann Bonsett.

See you at February's meeting where Carol Anne Grotrian will be speaking.

- Ann Bonsett

Feb 2008

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Executive Board Meetings

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
2 year - Barbara Crane
3 year - Carolyn Rabson
Past President - Nancy Howard
President - Ann Bonsett

QC Schedules for 2007-2008

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS:

Mosesian Theater and Lobby/Gallery:
7:30pm
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

2008

RESERVED WORKSHOP DATES:

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

Appointed Committees

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Membership Updates

Please make these changes in your 2007-2008 QC Membership List.
Diana Svahn (correct spelling)
Betsy Abbott (new e-mail) bdabbott@verizon.net
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Any more corrections, please e-mail nancy@nancy-howard.us.

- Nancy Howard

Resources

WWW.QUILTERSCONNECTION.ORG

News and Notes

Ethel Shulam will be the artist of the month at the New England Quilt Museum in Lowell for the month of February. Also, her quilt "Ode to K and K" will be traveling throughout the U.S. with a group of founders quilts (New England Quilt Guild) and will appear at the Machine Quilters Show.

The following Quilters' Connection members have quilts that were accepted into the New England Quilt Museum's current exhibition titled *Puzzled & Board*, a juried exhibit of quilts inspired by puzzles and board games:

Jennifer Beaven - "Spinners, Squares & Snakes"

Alison Carroll - "Tic-Tac-Toe"

Nancy Crasco - "Playing For Oil and Construction Consumption"

Nancy Halpern - "O Snail" Nancy Howard - "Sudoku"

Pamela Manahan - "The Diet Game" designed and pieced by Pam Manahan and machine quilted by Barbara Malek

Melissa Radzyminski - "Saturday Cartoons & A Poodle"

Susan Tata - "Pre-computer Childhood Games Tic-Tac-Toe, Hopscotch & Pick-up-sticks"

Elizabeth Warner - *La Mystere du Ciel et de La Terre*

Ruth B. McDowell is pleased to announce 2 new 5-day Designing From Nature Workshops for 2008 in beautiful Western Massachusetts. DEERFIELD July 9-13 and COLRAIN September 10-14. You can find complete descriptions and a registration form online at www.ruthbmcowell.com under Western Massachusetts Workshops.

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

- Nancy Wasserman

New England Quilt Museum Happenings

January through April – Museum is closed on Sundays
Fourth Fridays, Jan-Apr, open till 8 pm (4-8 free to all)
Beginning Quilting Class with Anne Gallo – Feb 9th, 16th, and 23rd

Visit our web site for details or call 978-452-4207 ex 16

Puzzled & Board, continues through March 29th.

A juried exhibition featuring quilts inspired by puzzles and board games and co-curated by QC members, Nancy Halpern and Anita Loscalzo, it features unique and witty quilts.

On Saturday March 1st, at 1 PM, Nancy Halpern will present her lecture Nancy on Nancy. She'll delight quilters with insights into her own personal style and how she creates her famous breathtaking quilts.

On Sunday March 2nd, 10-4 PM, Nancy will hold her workshop, Amaze Yourself. Nancy created this "No-Sew" design workshop especially for our *Puzzled & Board* exhibit. Students design unique maze blocks that can be twisted and turned several ways to create their individual maze like quilts. Basic pattern and inspiration included.

In the Museum Shop.

The featured quilt artist for the month of February is QC member Ethel Shulam.

The shop is stocking up for the *Puzzled & Board* exhibit with fun and humorous games and puzzles including Chess, Chinese Checkers, Dominoes and Magnetic board games.

For that special person-your valentine sweetheart the shop is carrying a selection of Valentine themed chocolates from Trello Cioccolato: 6 & 10 oz boxes wrapped in red & gold, chocolate bars and heart shaped lollipops. And don't forget - gift certificates and memberships are also available. Enter the Valentine raffle. Take a chance with every \$20 spent. The winner of the valentine basket of romantic items will be drawn on Valentine's day.

Introducing The Merrimack Collection from Marcus Fabrics! The Merrimack Collection is the museum's second fabric series to result from collaboration with Marcus Fabrics. Judy Rothermel has again designed a line of fabrics that feature stunning stripes, geometrics and paisley motifs based on 1850's quilts from the museum's permanent collection in a wide range of colors: chocolate browns, rusty reds, greens and plums. Dating back to the middle of the nineteenth century they reflect the historic region of Merrimack Valley the present-day location of the museum itself. 10-yard bolts of all 33 fabrics in the collection, charm square and fat quarter packets have arrived.

Program Notes

The Program Committee for next year has new volunteers. Please welcome Amy Gerber and Fran Newton, who have graciously volunteered to help research and recruit speakers for next year.

Many thanks to Connie Eddington and Jenny Peace who helped plan the 2007-08 programs.

We would love to have YOU join our committee, too. "Who me?" you may ask. Well, this is YOUR guild. Quilters' Connection cannot run without your participation and input. We need volunteers to help contact next year's speakers, to be the contact person for visiting speakers, to help plan programs, to help implement programs. Have I sold you on Program Committee participation? Contact Steffi Aronson Karp at shula@comcast.net

Congratulations to our first Panera Bread drawing winners! Amy Gerber and Rose Lothrop's names were pulled from the Panera Bread box. May the Panera addition to their meals give them lots of energy to quilt!

The upcoming workshops for Carol Anne Grotrian, Karen Stone and Velda Newman are sold out. However, there's always movement. Please watch the Quilters' Connection Yahoo Groups list for openings. If you are not yet signed up for the Yahoo Groups list, contact Jeanne Williamson (jeanne@jeannewilliamson.com)

We are in for four more fantastic programs this year on the following Mondays:

February 4, 2008 Carol Anne Grotrian (QC Member!)

March 10, 2008 Karen Stone

April 7, 2008 Velda Newman

May 5, 2008 Mickey Lawler

Keep quilting,
Steffi Aronson Karp
Program Committee

QUILT HAPPENINGS

2008

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

March 29 & 30: Quilter's Heritage Celebration, Lancaster Host Resort and Conference Center, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. 21st Annual Quilt Conference with workshops, vendors, exhibits, etc. Full information at www.qhconline.com

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

April 14 thru 19: Machine Quilters Exposition, The Center of NH Radisson Hotel, Manchester, NH. Highlights include – New quilt competition categories; Awards Breakfast, Fashion extravaganza, Breakfast club classes; Charity Challenge, Over 20,000 in Quilt Competition prizes and money. Classes, Exhibits, Demonstrations on Machine Quilting and more – check www.MQXShow.com for full information.

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

May 2 & 3: Hannah Dustin Quilt Guild Quilt Show: Hudson, New Hampshire. More information at rewahl@verizon.net

May 8-10: North of Boston Springtime Shop-Around with seven shops participating. Prizes, Demonstrations, Refreshments, Fabric Sales – more. Lots of Fun! Check out details www.SpringTimeShopAround.com

May 16 & 17: Chelmsford Quilt Guild, Spring Quilt Show. All Saints Episcopal Church, 10 Billerica Road (Chelmsford Center). Friday 12 noon to 8 pm, Saturday 9am-4pm. Admission \$5.00. More info at www.chelmsfordquiltguild.com

May 16 & 17: Souhegan Valley Quilters presents Blooming Quilts, 9-4 at the Messiah Lutheran Church, 303 Route 101 Amherst, New Hampshire. \$5.00 Admission.

PRO CHEM WORKSHOP: Mar 26-30, 2008

INSTRUCTOR: Elizabeth Busch

TITLE: The Painted Quilt: Creating A Series

LEVEL: All

Sewing Machine: Yes

Description:

Participants will use acrylic paints, chalk pastels, textile paints, metal leaf and already painted or dyed fabric from home and combine these with purchased fabric to create three small quilt tops (approx. 15" x 15" each) for a series. I will share how I get inspiration from within, getting quiet and centered before approaching my work, discuss how one piece leads to another. We will focus on experimenting, generally painting half the time and sewing half the time, though each participant will work at her/his own pace. We will also learn how to look at the finished results as a group, establishing a way to be objective about our own and others' work in order to use constructive criticism as a positive tool.

2008 QC Quilt Show Registration

Deadline: Monday, March 10, 2008 Please Note: All entries MUST be accompanied by a photo with member's name and quilt size or wearable art piece documented

Member Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone (D): _____ Phone (E): _____ E-mail: _____

Width = left to right Height= top to bottom

IT'S ALL ABOUT PEARLS CHALLENGE

Dimensions in inches: Quilt Width: _____ Height: _____

If not four sides, please list dimensions: _____

Wearable: _____

Check if item is for sale. Price \$ _____

Check if quilt or wearable is not for sale. Insurance Value \$ _____

Brief Description:

Made by: _____ Hand: _____ Machine: _____ Combination: _____

QUILT OR WEARABLE #1 TITLE: _____

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Year Completed: _____

Dimensions in inches: Width: _____ Height: _____

Check if quilt or wearable is for sale. Price \$ _____

Check if quilt or wearable is not for sale. Insurance Value \$ _____

Brief Description:

Quilted by: _____ Hand: _____ Machine: _____

QUILT OR WEARABLE #2 TITLE: _____

Year Completed: _____

Dimensions in inches: Width: _____ Height: _____

Check if quilt or wearable is for sale. Price \$ _____

Check if quilt or wearable is not for sale. Insurance Value \$ _____

Brief Description:

Quilted by: _____ Hand: _____ Machine: _____

RELEASE

Name and Address of your local newspaper: _____

() I have a dress form for the display of garments.

Release for photographs

1. I have professional photographs of my quilt(s) to be used for show publicity purposes. ()
2. I will allow the QC photographer to use the show photos on the QC web site. Yes () No ()
3. I will allow the QC photographer to use the show photos for a CD to be marketed to QC members as a fund raiser only. Yes () No ()

Signed Name and Date

Any questions or if you need additional information regarding the 2008 Quilt Show, please contact: Marie Cotton at 508-529-9923, MLC23@aol.com

Quilters' Connection "It's All About Pearls" Anniversary Challenge

We hope all of our QC members plan to participate in this year's challenge to celebrate our anniversary; "It's All About Pearls" We have a unique opportunity this year in being able to enter two additional quilts in addition to your "Pearl" entry. Remember we are the premier art and traditional quilt guild of New England – This is our opportunity to show case our work in a fabulous Center for the Arts! (Not just quilts – you folks who do wearables had better step up to the plate too!)

2008 QC Volunteer Registration

Show and Boutique are separate forms – please read form carefully.

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

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

Best time to call? _____

SHOW VOLUNTEERS:

How many shifts can you work? () One () Two () Three () Available any time ____ Yes! Willing to do whatever needs to be done? ____ Yes!

Please put limitations, if any _____ Do you need to have a seated job?

Pre-Show Tasks - Thursday, May 29

() 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 May 30 - Sunday, June 1

Gate - Raffle Sales - Hostess - Member's Room - Demonstrations Boutique volunteers

Shift Times: Friday, May 30 Saturday, May 31 Sunday, June 1

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 1

Take down quilts, roll, count, and dispense quilts 3:00 pm-5:30 pm _____

Any questions or for additional information regarding the 2008 Quilt Show, please contact: Marie Cotton at 508-529-9923, MLC23@aol.com.
Boutique only Carrie Kramer at KramerKrafts@gmail.com

QUILT SHOW 2008

Boutique Volunteer Form

FOR BOUTIQUE ONLY:

Boutique volunteers:

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

Set up Thurs 8A – 11A _____

Breakdown Sun 3P – 5P _____

Shift Times: Friday, May 30 Saturday, May 31 Sunday, June 1 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	_____	_____	_____

Boutique News

As some of you are aware the quilt show volunteer form for this years' show is in 2 parts. general and boutique. It was left out of the packet so we are printing it in this months' quiltations and it is available on our website under the quilt show forms. You do not have to be a vendor to volunteer for the boutique. Please understand that if your services are not needed in the boutique, your form will become part of the general volunteer list. All exhibitors or vendors need to meet the minimum volunteer requirement but it can be met anywhere.

We're wondering if people are making wearables for the boutique, vests, jackets, coats. If you are thinking of it, please let me know, no commitment just curious.

Any questions contact Carrie Kramer chair person of Boutique 2008 at kramerkrafts@gmail.com

Comfort Quilts

Why am I happy to succeed Joan Gulovsen as QC's Comfort Committee chair? Because, she may now have a bit more time to make the comfort quilts that will bring a gush of pride and the joy of ownership to the recipients of her creative works. With the torch that was passed were some quilts ready to find placement, and I am pleased to report that the House of Hope on 812 Merrimack St. in Lowell, a shelter for women and their children, was delighted to receive 12 quilts for babies, 12 for children, and 3 for adults. The House of Hope helps women find jobs and more permanent housing, and the quilts go with them. Another recipient of quilts is the Bedford Veterans Administration Hospital. The coordinator of volunteers is directing our giving to the mens' Geriatric/Hospice unit, where her goal is to have a quilt on every bed, and maybe a couple of small wall quilts to brighten up the decor. She says that the men love the Red, White and Blue; and my eyes tell me that they love their quilts. Adult quilts should be 60x80 inches, and lap quilts are also welcomed. I am willing to entertain your thoughts about other venues for quilts. Let me know if you have a special interest for directing giving. It is important for us to document our giving for tax purposes. The worth of our comfort quilts is equal to the cost of materials in addition to their human value.

The next Comfort Quilt Workshop to be held at the Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted Church on Saturday, March 8, from 8:30 to 4:00 pm. The church is located on 920 Trapelo Rd, Waltham. Drivers should turn into the school entrance, turn into the lot, were you will see the church. Go into the church through the main entrance. Bring extension cords if you have them.

Lectures

FEBRUARY 4	CAROL ANNE GROTRIAN, REPRESENTING THE CRIT GROUP
MARCH 10	KAREN STONE
APRIL 7	VELDA NEWMAN
MAY 5	MICKEY LAWLER

