

Quiltations

November 2008

A Message from the President

The Arsenal Center for the Arts is a great place for QC to call home. Our own Nancy Crasco is the ACA Liaison and in her role she does a great job promoting the art of quilting within the facility. I hope each of you has taken time to enjoy the work of Diana Galson-Kooy currently on display on the third floor. The quilts are displayed for a few months, and then the work of another QC artist is hung. This month, Nancy is going to be the featured speaker at our November meeting.

For me, Autumn is a time to stop and give thanks for many things in my life - among them, I am reminded that New England is surrounded with opportunity for Quilters. Several weekends during the fall we are blessed with guild quilt shows including in November, 'A Quilter's Gathering.' For QC, the Gathering will be the first time that our new raffle quilts will be on display. I have had a chance to visit a few different guild shows and I've enjoyed seeing our own QC member work on display as I have traveled about!

For those of you who plan to attend the Gathering, please contact Nancy Howard to let her know what time you would like to sit with our Raffle Quilts. Selling tickets for the raffle quilts is one of our biggest revenue streams for the entire year, and it all starts in November! Are you excited to see the response to the two fabulous quilts; traditional and art at the same time! Quilters' Connection will definitely create a buzz! I am so looking forward to seeing them in the limelight!

Please begin working on our President and Vice President's Challenge for 2008-09 "Leaves that Keep on Giving." Jessica and I hope that each member will plan to make one or two small format quilts (not to exceed 20" on any side). Each quilt must have the use of leaves. You can utilize any technique desired; traditional, or art - anything goes. The small quilts should be finished, bound and have a sleeve in the back, ready for hanging. This way the purchaser will be able to take it home and hang it up immediately. These quilts will be displayed and sold through a silent auction that will be held at our quilt show (May 28-31st). The minimum bid will be set at \$25 with increases in \$5.00 increments. Proceeds will be split between the Arsenal Center for the Arts and the New England Quilt Museum. Leaves that Keep on Giving, brought to New England by Quilters Connection 2008-09.

I am thrilled to let you know that the Executive Board has selected a Raffle Quilt design for next year! The entry for 2010's design is called

2008-2009 Schedule

MEETINGS:

(DOORS OPEN @ 6 AND THE

MEETING STARTS @ 7:30)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH

NANCY CRASCO

MONDAY, JANUARY 19TH

AMY ROPPLE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH

LOUISA SMITH

MONDAY, MARCH 16TH

LINDA CANTRELL

MONDAY, APRIL 27TH

LAURA WASILOWSKI

MONDAY, MAY 18TH

GAYLE FRAAS &

DUNCAN SLADE

QUILT SHOW:

MAY 29 - 31

WORKSHOPS:

NOVEMBER 15TH & 16TH

NANCY CRASCO

JANUARY 17TH & 18TH

AMY ROPPLE

FEBRUARY 7TH & 8TH

LOUISA SMITH

MARCH 14TH & 15TH

LINDA CANTRELL

APRIL 25TH & 26TH

LAURA WASILOWSKI

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DECEMBER: WED, DEC 3RD, 7:00 P.M.
JANUARY: WED, JAN 7TH, 7:00 P.M.
FEBRUARY: WED, FEB 25TH, 7:00 P.M.
MARCH: NO MEETING
APRIL: WED, APR 1ST, 7:00 P.M.
MAY: WED, MAY 6TH, 7:00 P.M.

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINES
January due on December 31st
February due on January 21st
March due on February 25th
April due on April 8th
May due on April 29th

Modern Linoleum and was submitted by Denise Konicek - it features a medley of beautiful colors. We had such a great response that a choice was also selected for 2011 - from Mary Walter. Best of all, we will be able to provide some great selections that should appeal to our traditional and art quilters along with our hand quilters. I am sure QC will continue to feature beautiful raffle quilts that will be a great source of income for our guild.

Finally, I must let everyone know, that we will not be having the Holiday Boutique in December as was anticipated. The ACA is not going to be having a facility-wide open house and scheduling did not work out with the different partners on one specific day. Perhaps we will be able to work something out next year.

Best wishes to each of you and your loved ones for a very special and safe Thanksgiving Holiday. This November, I am reminded to let you know it is a pleasure getting to represent QC as President. I am grateful for the opportunity you have given me. Thank you -

P.S. Coming Soon: Comfort Quilt Workshops: January 31st and February 21st, Trapello Road in Waltham, 9:30-3:30, Jane Norberg and Tina Reinhardt - Burlington Guild is joining us for a day of fun! Don't miss out! More details next newsletter.

Gobble, Gobble!

Ann

Keep your newsletters coming!

If your email address changes, please notify Nancy Howard so you will continue to get the newsletter. And the newsletter is available on the website about a week before the meeting. Go to www.quiltersconnection.org and click on Newsletter.

Changes to the Membership Booklet

Evy Megerman's new email address is emegerman@gmail.com
Geri Barr's phone number is 781-316-2528.

If your contact information changes during the membership year, please notify Nancy Howard.

Yahoo Group

QC has an email group on Yahoo, and you are encouraged to join it. Anything QC, quilt, art or member related is fine to discuss. Members are asked to please avoid getting off topic about personal/family/health/religion/political issues. To sign up, please email Jeanne Williamson at jeanne@jeannewilliamson.com, with your email address, so she can send you information about signing up.

QC Committees

The following members have volunteered to serve on committees. Thank you!

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Raffle Quilt Design 2010-11: Mary Walter
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Sales Table: Robin Fan
Scholarship Co-Chair: Barbara Evans
Scholarship Co-Chair: Betsy Abbott
Webmaster: Suzanne Knapp
Yahoo Group: Jeanne Williamson

Boutique News

I know it seems early but the boutique for 2009 is going to be upon us before you know it. This year Margaret Rolph is assisting and we are hoping for lots of wonderful items to sell. An important reminder - Items need to be made by our members not just designed by them. Accepting credit cards last year was a plus and we will have it again this year. The guidelines and inventory sheets are on the web site for those interested in getting started. They are listed separately this year hopefully to make it easier to find what you need. If you have any questions please email me, Carrie Kramer or Margaret Rolph.

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Commemorative Quilt

Arlington has a sister city in Japan, Nagaokakyo, a suburb of Kyoto. 2009 will mark the 25th anniversary of the official relationship. Delegations from Arlington have been visiting Nagaokakyo since 1972. I have visited Nagaokakyo three times and was present at the signing of the official agreement in 1984. I have always dreamed of making a quilt, half of it about Arlington and half about Nagaokakyo. I think it would make a terrific gift to commemorate the anniversary during ceremonies in Arlington in March 2009. Or, if we wanted to hang in the annual show it could be presented in Japan in July 2009 when Arlington students will visit Nagaokakyo. At my first QC meeting last month I meet so many talented women it made me think that some of you might be interested in helping with the project, especially with the design process. Textiles are highly regarded in Japan and quilting has become a popular hobby. So I would like to invite you to participate in this project. If you have any questions about the quilt, Nagaokakyo or the student exchange program please contact me. I thank you in advance for considering my proposal.

Donna L Harris, dharris7@partners.org

News and Notes

Mary Gillis' quilt, "Missiles and Oil Wells" has been selected for the "In the News" exhibit at the Pen & Brush Gallery in NYC. The show is curated by Morley Safer of CBS, and will run from Nov 7-30.

Former QC member **Ann Schroeder** now lives in beautiful Cape Breton Island, Nova Scotia and invites you to visit her new website at www.annschroederstudio.com.

Ellen Katz has three quilts juried into this year's A Quilter's Gathering.

"Other Times ... Other Places" New Collage by QC member **Karen Bettencourt** with Andrea Brobroff Peters was shown at The Loading Dock Gallery, 122 Western Avenue, Lowell, MA in October. <http://www.theloadingdockgallery.com>

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

Fabric Connection at NEQM

Seven Swiss Contemporary Quilt Artists will exhibit at the New England Quilt Museum in Lowell, Ma. (<http://www.nequiltmuseum.org>) January 22 to April 18, 2009.

On February 7th, 2009, Sylvia Einstein will teach a new workshop on pieced Spirals.

On April 18th, 2009, Ursula Kern will give a lecture about Color.

[fabric-connection.ch](http://www.fabric-connection.ch), a seven member Swiss art quilt group was founded in 2005. Members Maryline Collioud Robert, Beatrice Lanter, Elisabeth Portmann, Ursula Kern, Ursula Koenig, Katharina Della Chiesa and Sylvia Einstein have worked professionally for many years, each has developed her own style and has exhibited widely. (www.fabric-connection.ch)

Quilt Show Challenge

This year's challenge will feature small format finished quilts, any size up to but not exceeding 20 inches per side. Each quilt must have the use of leaves. You may use any technique to portray leaves; any season (many blooming or non blooming varieties in different parts of the country Florida, New England, etc.) The quilts need to be finished, bound, and have a sleeve in the back, ready for hanging.

These quilts will be displayed and sold through a silent auction that will be held during our spring Quilt Show. The minimum bid will be set at \$25.00. with increases of \$5.00 increments. We are confident that the quilts should raise a generous contribution from Quilters Connection. Proceeds will be split between the New England Quilt Museum and the Arsenal Center for the Arts. You may submit more than one entry. This is our chance to support the arts and quilting, and encourage us to think about an eco-friendly environment while continuing to be inspired. This year, our challenge will be a way to look at our environment in a generous new way.

Questions? Please ask Ann or Jessica.

Lowell Fiber Studio

Come visit us on November 1st between 12 & 5. This month we will have on display a large piece that we have made for the VNA of Lowell to celebrate their 100th anniversary. We are located at the Western Avenue Studios in Lowell, Studio 5-12. The studio is shared by 8 women. Three of us - Linda Dunn, Laura Gawlinski, and Cathy Graneese are also QC members. Stop in and view our work, chat for a while, relax and take some refreshment before moving on to visit many other studios in the building that will be open. Take a look at our website www.lowellfiberstudio.org for directions to Western Avenue and a sampling of our work. Looking forward to seeing you.

In December we will be open for 2 weekends: Saturday and Sunday December 6th & 7th and 13th & 14th.

Library News

Come Early to Borrow and Return Books

Remember that the library table gets set up at 6pm and has to close up at 7:15 before the meeting begins. If you want to borrow and return books, you must arrive early! If you want to reserve a book, e-mail Martha before the meeting day and she'll hold it for you.

New Book

Thanks to Pamela Meserve for donating her extra copy of "Japanese quilt blocks to mix & match" by Susan Briscoe. It has 125 blocks including patchwork, appliqué and sashiko embroidery taken from Japanese family crests, parquetry and weaving with great close-up photos and instructions.

New Magazines

"American Quilter" Magazine for November 2008 has articles on appliqué stitched after assembly, quilt designs for vineyard wine labels, fabric shopping in Manhattan, a portrait of Ruth McDowell that acknowledges her roots in Quilters' Connection, working with panel prints, a paper-piecing project with 3 pages of full-size patterns, the winners of the AQS show in Nashville including several guild challenges, a cat portrait to appliqué, a needle-turn appliqué lesson by Faye Labanaris and a bias stem lesson by Suzanne Marshall, and a 3-dimensional poinsettia pillow.

"Quilting Arts" #35 (October/November 2008) has articles on designing with layers of sheer fabrics, collage in paper to inspire designs in fabric, collage journal quilting with text and images, a profile of Britta Ankenbauer from Germany, batik with soy wax, sketching directly on fabric or via computer scan, selling your work to corporations, 7 quilts from the International Quilt Festival in California last summer about Hollywood, surfing and the west coast, canvas books, printing on silk, then distressing it with a needle-felting machine, then making sculpture with wireform expandable mesh, printing on fabric painted with InkAid, how to safely store your quilts, 16 more "Go Green" challenge quilts from recycled materials, and a collaborative stitched book project like a round robin.

Book Order Suggestion

Quilters' Connection Library Book Purchase Suggestions

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

TITLE _____

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