

Quiltations

February 2009

2008-2009 Schedule

MEETINGS:

(DOORS OPEN @ 6 AND THE
MEETING STARTS @ 7:30)

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:

FEBRUARY 7TH & 8TH

LOUISA SMITH

MARCH 14TH

LINDA CANTRELL

MARCH 28TH

WINTER FREE WORKSHOP

APRIL 25TH & 26TH

LAURA WASILOWSKI

ALL MEETINGS & WORK-
SHOPS ARE HELD AT THE
ARSENAL CENTER FOR THE
ARTS, 321 ARSENAL ST,
WATERTOWN, MA.

Ann's Update

As I write this article I find myself thinking about the fabulous weekend I've just had. I spent the entire weekend sewing with quilting friends! What could be better! I finished some UFO's and I feel a sense of accomplishment and relaxation from the weekend. Isn't it amazing how quilting among friends can nourish our souls and inspire us. Perhaps that is one of the most special connections about quilting; it can be an individual process or a social activity; either way, it is very much a way to provide great nourishment for our souls.

QC has a diverse membership, each person with his/her own talent. I eagerly look forward to our annual Quilt Show '09 - hoping that each member is planning to exhibit at least one creation in one of the categories; a quilt, a wearable or our special philanthropic category, "**Leaves that Keep on Giving.**" Wouldn't it be GREAT if we have 100% participation this year!

It's time to begin thinking about next year's QC Board. **Carolyn Rabson** is chairing the **QC Nominating Committee** and I have volunteered to assist her. Please contact either of us if you are interested in learning more about open positions on next year's board. We are thrilled to report that we have already had interest in some of the positions. This is a great way to get involved. Volunteering is very important and critical to the successful functioning of our guild.

The response to our **Winter Free Workshop** has been fabulous! A special thanks to Elaine Stone and Carolyn Maclellan for taking the lead on getting the workshop organized!

I am very much looking forward to our speaker this month; **Louisa Smith**. She was born in Indonesia, educated in the Netherlands and came to the United States in 1960. She is known as the "Stripper" and definitely has some special curves! Louisa is a great friend of mine. I spoke to her today and she is very much looking forward to her visit to QC. She used to live in MA and knows several people in our membership. Those who are taking one of the workshops are certain to have a grand time - and learn plenty in the process. We are in for some fresh ideas with lots of inspiration and enthusiasm!

I look forward to seeing you at our membership meeting on Monday, February 9th at the ACA.

-Ann

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS
(AT FABRIC CORNER IN ARLINGTON)
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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
1 YEAR - BARBARA CRANE
2 YEAR - CAROLYN RABSON
3 YEAR - BEVERLY FINE
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NANCY HOWARD
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NEWSLETTER DEADLINES
March due on February 25th
April due on April 8th
May due on April 29th

Increase in Membership Dues

Our Treasurer, Betsy Habich, requested the Executive Board increase our yearly dues, by \$10 in all categories. Over several years in the past, QC developed a surplus. The Executive Board at that time decided to give back the surplus to the membership by subsidizing the cost of workshops and making charitable donations to the New England Quilt Museum and the Arsenal Center for the Arts.

Over the last few years, the cost of programs and workshops has increased while other sources of guild income, specifically the sale of tickets for the raffle quilt, have lagged. Together with the spend-down of the "historical" surplus, these changes mean that maintaining the level of quality we rely on QC to provide is becoming harder to do. This problem has been on the Guild's radar for some time, but a decision was needed because the slate of programming and workshops for next year, which comprise QC's largest expense, are being finalized now. We need this increase to continue our very fine line up of programs, the high quality of our speakers, and the informative workshops. We need this increase to continue to host QC's unique and special events like the Winter Free Workshop, Scholarships, Member's Night at our Annual Quilt Show in May, and Get-A-Way Weekend. We, of course, need to meet the needs of our group as quilters.

The Executive Board voted unanimously to put this increase in place for our next Membership Year -- Regular from \$30 to \$40, Associate from \$20 to \$30, International from \$30 to \$40, and Student from \$10 to \$20.

Thank you,
Nancy Howard

Changes to the Membership Booklet

Jeanne Funk-Gedies's email address is bjgeds@verizon.net.

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

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Raffle Quilt Quilting: Mary Walter
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Scholarship Co-Chair: Betsy Abbott
Webmaster: Suzanne Knapp
Yahoo Group: Jeanne Williamson

Winter Free Workshop

The Winter Free Workshop is being planned for Saturday, March 28th at Saint Brigid's Church, Lexington, MA (off Mass Ave). There is plenty of free parking in the church lot. In order for this workshop to happen we need volunteer teachers for either the morning session 9 to 12:00 or the afternoon session 1:30 to 4:30. Your half day workshop/demo should be completed in 2.5 -3.0 hours. What can you teach? Some ideas... scallop binding, needle felting, quick totes or pocketbooks, crazy quilt stitches, etc....email us with your time preference (morning or afternoon), workshop idea and supply list. Thanks so much for volunteering...it's how our guild works together. Once we have our signed contract and teachers in place, we will have a sign up for all members. We hope to have ten different instructors; five in the morning and five in the afternoon. We also hope to have ten people in each morning and afternoon session and allow all participants to have lunch (soup, salad and dessert). Guild members can take one session and we will ask that you rank your 1st, 2nd, and 3rd choice class. This is a great workshop for members to get to know one another especially at the luncheon. Email us with teaching info, questions or comments.

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Quilt Show News

The Quilters' Connection 2009 Show will be held at the Arsenal Center for the Arts the weekend after Memorial Day, May 29, 30 and 31, 2009.

The entry deadline for the show is Monday, March 9th. Forms are available in the Documents section of quiltersconnection.org and will be available in hardcopy at the February meeting.

News and Notes

Pat Delaney's quilt "My Dorothy Complex: I'm Crazy About Red Shoes" has been juried into The Perfect Fit: Shoes Tell Stories at Fuller Craft Museum in Brockton, Massachusetts--New England's only museum of contemporary craft. The show will run from June 6, 2009 to January 3, 2010 and then travel to other venues. Fuller Craft Museum notes that the show will be curated by Wendy Tarlow; she has strong family ties to Brockton's shoe industry, and will explore how shoe forms can tell stories addressing topics such as gender, history, sexuality, race, class, and culture.

Also, Pat's quilt "Inspiration Draws from Nature's Art" was awarded Best of Show, Best Machine Quilting, and a craftsmanship award at The Gathering in Nashua, New Hampshire last Fall.

Miriam K. Sokoloff will be teaching a workshop, "Fantasy Fabric Hamentaschen" for the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Needlework on Wednesday afternoon, February 11 in Newton. She will be giving the same workshop at the Guild's National Convention in Enfield, CT in May.

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

Nancy Wasserman

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.

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)

Not to be Missed Boston Area Shows

There are several current exhibitions in the Boston area that may be of interest to QC members:

First and foremost there are three shows at the Danforth Museum in Framingham that are a "must see" for quilters. Many of us received notice of "Mixed Media Fiber Art" curated by Jeanne Williamson, which is a small, but rich collection of contemporary quilts. In a nearby gallery, "Faith Ringold: Story Quilts" is on display, and if you have never seen one of these quilts in person, this is your chance. However, the blockbuster of a fiber show does not actually contain any fiber art. The very large scale paintings in "Sedrick Huckaby: A Love Supreme" engulf you in the love that this extremely talented painter has for his family and which he has poured into paintings of his family quilts. The four walls of the room are covered with joyous portraits of fabric and overwhelm you with their emotional warmth. All exhibits are up until March 1, 2009.

Those of you who may be interested in seeing two of the artists I featured in my November lecture: Jennifer Perry's architectural drawings made with human hair are featured in "Opening Lines" at the New Art Center in Newton, which runs until February 22, 2009. And Dora Hsiung's colorful fiber work will be at the Depot Square Gallery in Lexington from February 3 - March 1, 2009.

Nancy Crasco

Quilt Show Challenge

This year's challenge will feature small format quilts, any size up to but not exceeding 20 inches per side. Each quilt must portray leaves. The quilts need to be finished, bound, and have a sleeve in the back, ready for hanging. You may submit more than one entry.

These quilts will be displayed and sold through a silent auction that will be held during our Quilt Show. Proceeds will be split between the New England Quilt Museum and the Arsenal Center for the Arts.

Questions? Please ask Ann or Jessica.

Quilters' Connection 2009–2010 Membership Form

Please Print Clearly

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Telephone: _____
 Email: _____
 Name Tag Name: _____

Please renew my membership at the following level:

- Regular: All meetings, exhibit in show, take workshops, Quiltations \$40.00
- Associate: Two meetings, exhibit in show, take workshops, Quiltations \$30.00
- International: Living overseas, exhibit in show, Quiltations \$40.00
- Undergraduate Student: Two meetings, exhibit one quilt in show \$20.00
- I want Quiltations by mail \$10.00

Payment enclosed: Cash Check # _____ \$ _____
 (Make checks payable to Quilters' Connection)

- 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

Please indicate your interest in one of the following volunteer opportunities.

<p>Programs</p> <p>___ Committee</p> <p>___ Hosting Lecturers</p> <p>Comfort Quilt Projects</p> <p>___ Coordinator</p> <p>___ Assistant</p> <p>___ Coordinator</p> <p>Scholarship</p> <p>___ Reviewer</p> <p>Donations</p> <p>___ Reviewer</p> <p>Nominations</p> <p>___ Committee</p>	<p>Quilt Show</p> <p>___ Data Entry</p> <p>___ Show Book</p> <p>___ Show Tickets</p> <p>___ Advertising</p> <p>___ Volunteer</p> <p>___ Coordinator</p> <p>___ Publicity</p> <p>___ Design Skills</p> <p>Treasurer</p> <p>___ Tax Reporting</p> <p>___ Budget/Finance</p> <p>___ Management</p>	<p>Boutique</p> <p>___ Committee</p> <p>Newsletter</p> <p>___ Quilt Happenings</p> <p>___ News & Notes</p> <p>___ Mailings</p> <p>Membership</p> <p>___ New Members' Reception</p> <p>Meetings</p> <p>___ Sales Table</p> <p>___ Adopt-a-Fabric</p> <p>___ Information Table</p>	<p>Communications</p> <p>___ Website</p> <p>___ Yahoo Group</p> <p>Library</p> <p>___ Coordinator</p> <p>___ Library Table</p> <p>___ Assistant</p> <p>Winter Free Workshop</p> <p>___ Committee</p> <p>Holiday Boutique</p> <p>___ Committee</p> <p>Get-Away-Weekend</p> <p>___ Committee</p>
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You haven't listed my skills which I would like to use _____

Membership is from September 1, 2009 through August 31, 2010.
 Completed renewal forms must be received no later than May 31, 2009.

Return completed form with payment to:
Susan Stemporzewski 37 Litchfield Circle Pelham, NH 03076

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