

# Quiltations

March 2009

## Ann's Update

Today I received a nice note from last month's speaker and my dear friend, Louisa Smith. She had an enjoyable visit to the Arsenal Center for the Arts - "such a wonderful experience." "My thanks to the members for giving me the opportunity to speak and teach."

Louisa's work brings me great joy and inspiration. It always seems to inspire me to want to achieve greater possibilities. She has a great eye for color and design. Most of all though, she is a kind, talented artist who continues to give back to so many people. I certainly hope we will see some of the lovely pieces that were started during the workshops in our upcoming quilt show this spring!

It is nearly the deadline to get your registration form in with your information about what you plan to exhibit in this year's quilt show. Please try to also include an entry for the President and Vice President's Challenge: "Leaves that Keep on Giving," our philanthropic initiative to raise money for two worthwhile organizations; the Arsenal Center for the Arts and the New England Quilt Museum.

We also hope to surpass last year's number of ads in our show booklet. I am presenting a challenge to the entire membership to see if we can increase the number of ads that we had in last year's show booklet. For whichever member is able to get the most number of ads sold / purchased for the show booklet, there will be a prize. Irene is keeping track of ads sold by individual.

It's time to begin thinking about next year's QC Board. Carolyn Rabson is chairing the QC Nominations 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 and a very important volunteer role that is critical to the functioning of the guild.

I look forward to seeing you at our membership meeting on Monday, March 16th in the Mosesian Theater at the ACA. We will feature Linda Cantrell.

- Ann

## 2008-2009 Schedule

### MEETINGS:

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

MONDAY, MARCH 16TH

LINDA CANTRELL

MONDAY, APRIL 27TH

LAURA WASILOWSKI

MONDAY, MAY 18TH

GAYLE FRAAS &  
DUNCAN SLADE

### QUILT SHOW:

MAY 29 - 31

### WORKSHOPS:

MARCH 14TH

LINDA CANTRELL

MARCH 28TH

WINTER FREE WORKSHOP

APRIL 25TH & 26TH

LAURA WASILOWSKI

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

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(AT FABRIC CORNER IN ARLINGTON)  
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  
PRESIDENT - ANN BONSETT

NEWSLETTER DEADLINES  
April due on April 8th  
May due on April 29th

## 2009-2010 Membership Renewal

It's time for you to renew your QC membership for 2009-2010. Please get them in before May 31, 2009. Forms are available in two ways: (1) Quiltations (on page 7); (2) On website: [quiltersconnection.org](http://quiltersconnection.org). Go to membership / forms / Membership Renewal Form and print. We look forward to having you enjoy next year's exciting activities and programs. Please mail your completed form to Susan Stemporzewski or bring it to our next meeting with Linda Cantrell on Monday, March 16.

Nancy Howard  
Stephanie Laurin  
Susan Stemporzewski

## QC Membership Categories

I have had inquiries about the different categories of QC Membership. According to our Bylaws, the rights and responsibilities of membership are:

Regular members are expected to attend at least four meetings per year and contribute their time or services for the benefit of the guild. They may vote, hold all offices and committee chairs, receive the Newsletter and are eligible to take all workshops. Regular members may exhibit in the annual QC show, according to show registration requirements.

Associate members are former members who may attend up to two meetings annually, exhibit in the Show, receive the Newsletter, hold any non-voting committee position, and are eligible to take workshops. They may attend additional meetings by paying the guest fee. Associate members wishing to become regular members are given priority over prospective members on the waiting list.

International members are members who live overseas and receive the Newsletter. They may exhibit in the Annual Quilt Show.

Student members may attend up to two meetings annually, exhibit one piece in the Quilt Show, and receive the Newsletter.

Please renew your QC membership by mail to Susan Stemporzewski or drop off your form at the March meeting to continue your membership in our amazing guild.

Nancy Howard,  
Membership Chair

## Changes to the Membership Booklet

Barbara Wood's email address has changed to [bww42@cornell.edu](mailto:bww42@cornell.edu)

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

## Program Notes

This exciting program year continues with Linda Cantrell on Monday, March 16. Linda Cantrell was a painter before she started quilting. She creates humorous pictorial quilts in appliqué.

In April, we welcome Laura Wasilowski of the Chicago School of Fusing. Laura acts as the “Dean of Corrections,” at the Chicago School, presenting classes on fusing etiquette and deportment.

In May, we’ll be treated to a slide presentation by Gayle Fraas and Duncan Slade—who last came to Quilters’ Connection in 1979. I can’t wait!

I am pleased to present the lineup for 2009-2010. Thank you to everyone who sent program suggestions. Get crackin’ on your show’n tell items, we look forward to seeing your work on Monday, September 21. We look forward to workshops and presentations from the following, who have been invited to fill our 2009-2010 program year:

October: Mike “Mac” McNamara

November: Holiday Boutique

January: Elin Noble

February: Ami Simms

March: Cheryl Rulewich

April: Wen Redmond

Signups for workshops will take place at the September meeting.

Steffi Aronson Karp  
Program Chair

## 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](mailto:jeanne@jeannewilliamson.com), with your email address, so she can send you information about signing up.

## Winter Free Workshop

QC’s Winter Free Workshop will take place on Saturday, March 28th at Saint Brigid’s Church, 2001 Mass Ave, Lexington. There is plenty of free parking and the church hall has a handicap ramp. Sign up for the workshops will begin at 6:30 at the March 16th meeting. Samples were displayed at the February meeting so come early:

Morning workshops are from 9:00 to 12:00, they are as follows :

Susan Bennett & Carol Miller

Wrapped fabric baskets

Jessica Leger

Simple bag with chenille techniques

Sherry Winkelman

Everything old is new again

Donna Jean Downer

Seminole strip piecing

Julie McDaniels

Embellished sweatshirt purse

Afternoon workshops are from 1:30 to 4:30, they are as follows :

Lois Frampton & Elana Schreiber

Stamping with dyes & paints

Nancy Howard

Hand appliqué from design,  
transfer to needle turn

Rita Robinson

Birthday & holiday fabric postcards

Ethel Shulam

Easy fusing methods for machine applique

Ellie Ringer

Quick and simple tote bag

Members can take either a morning or afternoon workshop then EVERYONE is welcome to stay for lunch from 12:15 to 1:15. If you would like to bring a HOMEMADE DESSERT, a liter of soda, or paper goods...we will have a sign up sheet available. Let’s look forward to learning something new, having some fun and meeting a new member or two.

Elaine Stone & Carolyn MacLellan

## 2009 Quilt Show Countdown

Entries are arriving daily for our 2009 Quilt Show, which is only ninety days from now. Although the deadline for entries on the Registration Form says March 9th, entries will be accepted up until the March Meeting, March 16th.

All first entries will be accepted; second entries will be accepted if space is available. All "Leaves" Challenge entries will be accepted.

Please remember that all regular QC Members who hang a quilt are required to work a three-hour shift at the Show. In order to hang, staff and take down the Show properly we need nearly 300 members' participation; this is not difficult if the work is divided into manageable blocks.

We also need a tremendous effort from the Guild to solicit ads for the Program Book; Ann Bonsett promises a dynamite First Prize for the member who sells the most advertising.

**THERE IS AN ERROR IN THE REGISTRATION FORM REGARDING PICK-UP TIME AFTER THE SHOW.**

**PICK-UP WILL BEGIN AT 4 P.M.**

Questions should be directed to:  
Irene Dwyer  
irene\_dwyer@hotmail.com  
(617)846-0055

### **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](http://www.quiltersconnection.org) and click on Newsletter.

## Boutique News

We are starting to get in motion for the quilt show boutique 2009. Please send me an email if you intend to be a vendor this year, as soon as you know. I only need to know your intention to be a vendor and what you will be selling; it helps us to know how to best prepare the room for the best display of items. The inventory sheets are not needed until check-in day. Table top displays that help show your goods off are encouraged. Please remember that like last year we want to limit the use of floor space so there is good customer flow and for safety-reasons. **ALL FLOOR DISPLAYS MUST BE PRE-APPROVED OR THEY WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

The Boutique Guidelines and Inventory sheets are available online at the QC website and I will have copies at the meeting.

If you have any questions please contact me, Carrie Kramer or Margaret Rolph.

Looking forward to a great show and boutique,  
Carrie Kramer [Kramerkrafts@gmail.com](mailto:Kramerkrafts@gmail.com)  
Margaret Rolph [Rolph@110.net](mailto:Rolph@110.net)

## 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.

## News and Notes

QC member, **Elin Noble**, has an exhibit: "Layered Affinities: Quilts and Hand-Dyed Cloth by Elin Noble". March 6 - April 19, 2009, opening Sunday, March 8, 2-5pm. The Narrows Gallery, 16 Anawan Street, Fall River, MA 02721, 508-324-1926. [www.ncfta.org](http://www.ncfta.org) Hours: Wednesday-Saturday 12:00-5:00 and by appointment. Gallery Admission is Free during regular Gallery hours. All concert ticket-holders are welcome to view the exhibition on performance night.

This exhibition includes her most recent work from the Illuminated Pages, Vox Stellarum, and Windows series. Much of the work in the exhibition is Itajime, or clamp-resist dyeing. This method of dyeing allows her to juxtapose the soft and hard edges she likes. In the dyeing process, shapes and shadows are left on the fabric creating an overall pattern and symmetry.

Please send your News & Notes items to me at [wnwasserman@aol.com](mailto:wnwasserman@aol.com)

Nancy Wasserman

## Election News

March 16 is the deadline for QC members to nominate candidates for next year's Executive Board Officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer) and for one at-large member of our Board of Directors.

Terms of the Executive Board Officers are for one year beginning June 2009. The term of the Director is for three years, also beginning June 2009. The election will take place at our Annual Meeting on May 18.

The Nominating Committee welcomes your suggestions for members to fill these important QC positions. Don't hesitate to step forward and nominate yourself. Please contact Carolyn Rabson by March 16. (978-373-2918, [carolynrabson@comcast.net](mailto:carolynrabson@comcast.net)).

## Light box to borrow

Did you know that QC owns a professional 16" X 20" light box for tracing patterns? It's stored in the supply closet at the New England Quilt Museum Library in Lowell. QC members can use it in the museum or take it home to use and bring back. For more information, contact Martha Supnik at [Martha@supnik.org](mailto:Martha@supnik.org) or call 978-369-7292.

## Lowell Fiber Studio

March 7th Hours 12:00 - 5:00. Come visit the LOWELL FIBER STUDIO. . We are located at the Western Avenue Studios in Lowell, Studio 5-12. The studio is shared by 7 women with diverse talents, working together and sharing a love of fiber and the arts. Three of us - Linda Dunn, Laura Gawlinski, and Cathy Granese are also QC members. Stop in and view our work, chat for a while, relax and take some refreshment before moving on the visit many other studios in the building that will be open. Take a look at our website [www.lowell-fiberstudio.org](http://www.lowell-fiberstudio.org) for directions to Western Avenue and a sampling of our work. Looking forward to seeing you.

LOWELL FIBER STUDIO will be starting classes in March. We will be offering classes in various areas of fabric manipulation-Printing on Fabric, Stenciling, Fabric Improvisation, Fabric portraits, Quilting, Garment and Accessory construction. Half day classes are \$20 and full day \$40. For additional information please contact Linda Dunn - [lbranchd@netscape.net](mailto:lbranchd@netscape.net) or Cathy Granese - [cag721@earthlink.net](mailto:cag721@earthlink.net)

## 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

“Massachusetts Quilts: Our Common Wealth” is the long-awaited result of the Massachusetts Quilt Documentation Project. It is edited by Lynne Zacek Basset, and written with the help of 9 other New England quilt historians. It features approximately 100 of the most beautiful and historically significant quilts discovered after more than 10 years of research, with images including overall views, detail shots, and photographs of the makers, for a total of 215 color photographs. Patricia Cummings, author of the Quilter’s Muse website said in her review, “This long-awaited quilt history book is cause for celebration and it truly surpasses any expectation I may have had prior to its publication.” And “the best state documentation book ever published!” Our guild received a free copy in thanks for our donation of \$500 to the project in December 2006. To order your own copy of the book, call the New England Quilt Museum gift shop at 978-452-4207 X16.

#### New Magazines

American Quilter Magazine for March 2009 features Asian design this time with lots of Asian quilters and projects including a profile of Korean American wearable artist Rami Kim, an appliqué technique with flower petal edges bound in bias strips, katazome dyeing with a paper stencil and rice paste resist, designing quilts intended to be seen on both sides, making quilts from antique kimono silks, a color lesson by Christine Barnes using a double four-patch quilt, an English woman doing her mini-quilts on a 35’ sailboat crossing the Atlantic, wrapping cloth made from recycled water bottle fabric in Japan, using Tyvek as an embellishment, a paper-piecing project with Asian fabrics, a hand-pieced clamshell design by a Japanese quilter, a fan and flower wall-hanging to piece and appliqué, a pieced scissors block by a Japanese quilter, a cute story quilt about a missing pigtail, quilting projects with Girl Scouts, Japanese inspired quilting stencils, 4 winners of an online quilt contest, and a wedding quilt with lots of symbols made for an American son and his Chinese bride.

Quilting Arts #37 (February/March 2009) has another article by QC member **Amy Ropple** on art history and Venus images, designing with “Distress” ink pads, conquering fears of mixed techniques, an interview with Project Runway winner Jay McCarroll about his new fabric line, a leaf-theme project that’s scanned, printed, stamped and stitched, a profile of Swedish quilter Ulva Ugerup, a lesson on free-motion thread painting, hand embroidered embellishment by Laura Wasilowski, fabric painting with Elmer’s glue gel resist, quilts inspired by ancient illuminated manuscripts including foiling, stenciling with Shiva paintsticks, monoprinting with slower drying acrylic paints, making art resolutions and setting goals to achieve them, an award-winning 5 foot by 8 foot quilt inspired by a painted mural, and a funny story from Robbi Joy Eklow about the mess she made while dyeing wide fabric for a quilt back.

# 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><b>Programs</b></p> <p>___ Committee</p> <p>___ Hosting Lecturers</p> <p><b>Comfort Quilt Projects</b></p> <p>___ Coordinator</p> <p>___ Assistant</p> <p>___ Coordinator</p> <p><b>Scholarship</b></p> <p>___ Reviewer</p> <p><b>Donations</b></p> <p>___ Reviewer</p> <p><b>Nominations</b></p> <p>___ Committee</p>	<p><b>Quilt Show</b></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><b>Treasurer</b></p> <p>___ Tax Reporting</p> <p>___ Budget/Finance</p> <p>___ Management</p>	<p><b>Boutique</b></p> <p>___ Committee</p> <p><b>Newsletter</b></p> <p>___ Quilt Happenings</p> <p>___ News &amp; Notes</p> <p>___ Mailings</p> <p><b>Membership</b></p> <p>___ New Members' Reception</p> <p><b>Meetings</b></p> <p>___ Sales Table</p> <p>___ Adopt-a-Fabric</p> <p>___ Information Table</p>	<p><b>Communications</b></p> <p>___ Website</p> <p>___ Yahoo Group</p> <p><b>Library</b></p> <p>___ Coordinator</p> <p>___ Library Table Assistant</p> <p><b>Winter Free Workshop</b></p> <p>___ Committee</p> <p><b>Holiday Boutique</b></p> <p>___ Committee</p> <p><b>Get-Away-Weekend</b></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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