

Quiltations

May 2009

A Final Message from the President

As outgoing President, I would like to extend a special thanks to the entire membership for having confidence in me to take on this leadership role for the past two years. The experience has been one of great learning, personal growth and joy. I could not have taken on the position without knowing that I would be surrounded with great people. I would like to thank those who have given their time and service to the Executive Board during my reign.

2008-2009 Schedule

MEETINGS:

(DOORS OPEN @ 6 AND THE

MEETING STARTS @ 7:30)

MONDAY, MAY 18TH

**GAYLE FRAAS &
DUNCAN SLADE**

QUILT SHOW:

MAY 29 - 31

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

2007-08 Executive Board:

Jessica Leger, VP; Barbara Degan, Treasurer; Lois Frampton, Secretary; Marie Cotton, Quilt Show; Steffi Aronson Karp, Programs; Nancy Howard, Membership; Karen Bettencourt, Quiltations Editor.

2008-09 Executive Board:

Jessica Leger, VP; Betsy Habich, Treasurer; Barbara Degan, Secretary; Irene Dwyer, Quilt Show; Steffi Aronson Karp, Programs; Nancy Howard, Membership; Melissa Radzysinski, Quiltations Editor.

Quilters' Connection is a premier guild. We are known for our fabulous programs and workshops. I am proud of the comfort quilts that have been made and distributed. Each year, when it is time to create the raffle quilt(s), the response is top notch - from design, creation and selling tickets. The raffle quilts are an excellent means for us to raise additional revenue for the organization. Each member is given ten tickets to sell. We have over 400 members, and those tickets getting sold is very significant to the success of each year's raffle quilt. Of course, we are thrilled when people sell more than ten tickets!

I have great memories of the free workshop last year and this year - and participation from our own membership to make it happen. Last year we also had a get-away weekend which was an excellent venue for me to get to know people better.

The ACA has show-cased several of our own membership. Some have had their work featured within the facility. Others have had items in the ACA gift shop. It is nice to see the relationship with ACA continue to grow and prosper.

We are a community of many who have come together to celebrate over thirty years of quilting. Last year's Pearl Challenge was evidence of a great commemoration! I look forward to our new twist in this year's show; "The Leaves that Keep on Giving" challenge. Each leaf quilt donated will have a starting auction price of \$25 and I am hopeful that the funds earned will be a valued contribution to the New England Quilt Museum and the Arsenal Center for the Arts. It is nice to show the philanthropic side of QC.

Speaking of the quilt show; we have a tremendous response from our membership! I've had a sneak preview of some of the registration forms and we are in

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS
(AT FABRIC CORNER IN ARLINGTON)
MAY: WED, MAY 19TH, 7:00 P.M.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
1 YEAR - BARBARA CRANE
2 YEAR - CAROLYN RABSON
3 YEAR - BEVERLY FINE
PAST PRESIDENT -
NANCY HOWARD
PRESIDENT - ANN BONSETT

Membership Forms

Membership forms are due by the end of the month. The renewal form can be found on page 7.

for a fabulous show! I hope everyone plans to sign up to help hang quilts on Thursday because we are going to have ourselves a full ACA, that's for certain! In addition, we'll be needing everyone to sign up for as many shifts as possible to volunteer throughout the show. Please encourage at least three people to come to the show who haven't ever attended. By increasing our gate sales, we are certain to have a successful outcome!

As I finish getting my quilt ready for the show, it is a bittersweet time. I am so happy to have been in this role, yet I look to the future with confidence with a new Executive Board coming on. They will face new challenges and will need our support as we all work together to bring QC to an even higher level. It takes all of us to make things happen - please remember to volunteer to support the many QC initiatives.

Thanks for the great opportunity to serve you,
Ann

Candidates for May Election

The following candidates will be presented to the guild membership for election at the QC meeting on Monday, May 18. Be sure to come and vote.

Board of Directors
At-large Director -- Sandy Gregg

Executive Board
President -- Jessica Leger
Vice President -- Elaine Stone
Secretary -- Deborah Rocha
Treasurer -- Irene Dwyer

If you have questions, please contact Carolyn Rabson, Chair of the Nominating Committee, 978-373-2918, carolynrabson@comcast.net.

Quilters' Quest Challenge NEQM accepting entries through June 15

The New England Quilt Museum is inviting all quilters to participate in the Quilters' Quest Challenge. The objective is to make a quilt measuring 48" X 60", feature any two or more of thirty-two named quilt blocks, and depict a journey or phase in one's life. The juried quilts will debut as an exhibit at the American Textile History Museum during the 2009 Lowell Quilt Festival. On September 3, the quilts and their creators will be featured at the Brown Bag Lunch at NEQM. Thereafter, the quilts will travel to the participating shops before the next Quilters' Quest in December 2009. More information can be found on the museum's website, www.nequiltmuseum.org

QC Program Notes

On Monday, May 18, Gayle Fraas and Duncan Slade return to QC after a 30 year hiatus. In teamwork, they combine the tools and materials of folk art, applied and fine arts. Their inspiring pieces describe places, existence and nature. This May meeting is certain to be a real treat!

The program for 2009-2010 continues our tradition of excellence. Here is the schedule.

MEETINGS:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

SHOW'N TELL

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

MIKE "MAC" MCNAMARA

TBD

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

ELIN NOBLE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

AMI SIMMS

MONDAY, MARCH 15

CHERYL RULEWICH

MONDAY, APRIL 12

WEN REDMOND

MONDAY, MAY 17

JESSICA LEGER

QUILT SHOW:

JUNE 4 - 6

WORKSHOPS:

OCTOBER 17 & 18

MIKE "MAC" MCNAMARA

JANUARY 23 & 24

ELIN NOBLE

FEBRUARY 20 & 21

AMI SIMMS

MARCH 13 & 14

CHERYL RULEWICH

APRIL 10 & 11

WEN REDMOND

Signup for classes will take place in September. Details will be forthcoming.

25 Year Membership Honoree

According to the membership list, Elizabeth Joy Rossettos is the sole member who has maintained a continuous membership since she joined QC in 1984. She will be honored at the May meeting and will receive her 25 year pin. If there is anyone else who joined in 1984 and is still a member please let Nancy Crasco know at 617-254-1952 or ncrasco@gmail.com We would like to see all those who have 25 year pins wearing them at the May meeting!

QC Committees

Adopt-a-Fabric: RoseMary Koch
Arsenal Center Arts (ACA) Liaison: Nancy Crasco
Quilt Show Boutique Chair: Carrie Kramer
Quilt Show Boutique Assistant: Margaret Rolph
Calendar: Marie Geary
Caring Committee: Ethel Shulam
Comfort Quilts: Tina Reinhardt
Comfort Quilts: Jane Norberg
Donations: Rita Robinson
e-communications: Sandy Gregg
Equipment Manager: Deborah Rocha
Historian: Susan Sapolsky
Information Table: Claire Leone
Library Chair: Judy Botsford
Library Assistant: Kiala Reich
Library Assistant: Suzanne Oates
NEQM Liaison: Leah Allman
Newsletter Assistant: Ferne Weissman
Newsletter Assistant: Miriam Sokoloff
Newsletter Assistant: Mary Ann Wedlock
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New Member Coordinator: Susan Stemporzewski
Nominating Committee Chair: Carolyn Rabson
Program 2008-09 Chair: Steffi Aronson Karp
Program Assistant: Fran Newton
Program Registration: Geri Barr
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Program Contracts: Sandy Gregg
Quilt Show Assistant 2009: Sharon Monahan
Raffle Quilt Design 2008-09: Betsy Habich
Raffle Quilt Design 2009-10: Denise Konicek
Raffle Quilt Design 2010-11: Mary Walter
Raffle Quilt Coordinator 2008-09: Nancy Howard
Raffle Quilt Quilting: Mary Walter
Raffle Ticket Sales 2008-09: Nancy Howard
Sales Table: Robin Fan
Scholarship Co-Chair: Barbara Evans
Scholarship Co-Chair: Betsy Abbott
Webmaster: Suzanne Knapp
Yahoo Group: Jeanne Williamson

Quilt Show This Month

Preparation for our 32d annual Quilt Show, to be held at the Arsenal Center May 29 -31st, are well under way. Calie Koso and her team of hanging wizards are arranging your wonderful entries for showing to their best effect. Carrie Kramer and her boutique crew are planning the usual beautiful display of QC quilts, jewelry, wearables and crafts. The "Leaves That Keep On Giving" Challenge will be a special treat, displaying the wide range of QC talents in small formats.

Come see your quilts and those of your fellow guild members. Bring friends and family. Members' Reception will be held Friday evening, May 29, 7 - 9 PM

Quilt exhibitors must make their own arrangements to have their quilts delivered to the ACA on Thursday, May 28, 2009, between 8 am and 9 am. Arrangements must also be made for quilt pickups on Sunday, May 31, 2009, between 4 pm and 5 pm.

NO QUILTS WILL BE RELEASED SUNDAY UNTIL TAKEDOWN IS COMPLETE AND ALL QUILTS COUNTED. IF YOU WANT TO MAKE THIS PROCESS SPEEDIER SIGN UP FOR TAKEDOWN!

QC volunteers for 2009 Show

There are 253 jobs that need to be filled for our show. As of now, I have 147 slots have been filled. We need you, Volunteer! Many of you have volunteered more than once, many more of you can. Reception, Show Prep (and bring husbands), Hanging, Demonstrating (some sort of quilting, I mean), and the very important Members' Room.

Finalized job posting will be on our website, quiltersconnection.org on Thursday, May 21, 2009. Or you can email me at nancy@nancy-howard.us and I can give you your assignment. Or you can call me, but be prepared to do more than one shift!

Nancy Howard

Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales 2009

I'm pleased to open my mail each day and get more raffle tickets turned in. And I love the wonderful response to our quilt especially when members ask for more tickets.

BUT..... Only 25% of our membership have responded. We need a 100% response in order to help fund our magnificent speakers and workshops, scholarships and donations. Many of our QC family will be surprised to learn that for the past two years only 40% of us have made their Raffle Quilt contribution.

From before the last meeting's collection, here are some random statistics. Last name "K" and "L" are leading with 50% participation, "S" with 30%, "J", "N", and "P" in last place with "O"%. "P" has made strides. Thanks.

Come on quilters -- help. Please keep those letters coming in.

Nancy Howard

News and Notes

QC Associate Member Susan McCraw is the "High-lighted Artist" in the current issue of SAQA Journal, the principal publication of Studio Art Quilt Associates. A copy of the Journal will be available in the QC library.

Mary Gillis has two pieces accepted for the "Wild Things" art exhibit at Annmarie Garden Sculpture Park & Arts Center, in Solomons MD, from May 31-Aug 30. Both, "Carrier Shell" and "Flounder" are part of a series on camouflage animals.

Joyce Hanlon has an article "Thinking of Getting a Studio Space?" featured in the Spring 2009 SAQA Journal. It talks about the adventures she encountered while searching for good studio space and what impact having a studio has had on her work. This is Joyce's first published article, which is very exciting!

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

ACA Update

Ann received the following announcement from the ACA and thought the guild would be interested because Kathy Tompkin joined the ACA the same year Quilters' Connection moved into the Center, and she has been instrumental in shaping and transforming the programs that are currently offered.

Dear Friends,

It is hard to believe that the three year tenure of our executive director, Kathy Tompkins, is drawing to a close. When Kathy joined the Arsenal Center for the Arts in the fall of 2006, we understood her intention was to retire in the summer of 2009. We just didn't expect the time to go by so quickly.

It has been a great pleasure to work with Kathy during the past few years. She has been a tremendous asset to the Center, overseeing our transformation from just a few programs to a thriving art center. Under her leadership, our educational and visual arts programming has grown; our financial health is more robust as a result of Kathy's emphasis on fundraising and growing our support through grants, gifts, and sponsorships; and the theater arts and education offered by our resident partners has flourished. Her hard work, long hours, and enthusiasm, her ability to produce programs of quality with limited resources, and her dedication to our vision and organization have positioned us extremely well for our next executive director.

Two important developments are occurring as I correspond with you. First, our board leadership is in discussion with Watertown Children's Theatre and New Repertory Theatre to collaborate more closely for the purpose of advancing ArsenalARTS as a 'go-to' cultural destination for Greater Boston, offering a range of high-quality educational and performance experiences encompassing theatre, music, visual arts, and literary genres. Secondly, our board has hired Susan Maini of Enterprise Inc to manage the executive search for Kathy's successor. Susan brings 18 years of nonprofit executive search experience and is poised to initiate the search this week. Susan is working closely with our Search Committee. We invite your participation as well! This week, you will be receiving an e-mail summarizing the executive leadership opportunity. As you will see, the incoming executive director will play a critical role in positioning ArsenalARTS in the areas of strategic planning, development, and brand marketing. Please share that e-mail with leaders-from the community/ nonprofit, arts, business and fund-raising sectors. We will be looking to our members and supporters to help us get the word out to qualified candidates about this exciting leadership opportunity. We will be asking for your participation in that effort soon.

Please place Tuesday, June 9th on your calendar. That evening, Arsenal Center for the Arts will hold our annual meeting in the Mosesian Theater. We will also celebrate Kathy's outstanding contribution these past three years. We are all grateful to Kathy for the many ways in which we have benefited from her leadership and we wish her the best of luck in her retirement. We will all miss her both personally and professionally. We are likewise confident that we will attract a strong new executive director who will continue to develop the important role ArsenalARTS plays in the Greater Boston region. We are excited about the future and hope that you share our enthusiasm.

In closing, thank you for your ongoing support of the Arsenal Center and we look forward to seeing you on June 9th!

Sincerely,

Becky Squier Board

Chair Arsenal Center for the Arts

Library News

New Library Team

Martha is pleased to announce that Judy Botsford and Kiala Reich have taken over running the QC library starting with the May 2009 meeting. Suzanne Oates will be assisting them but they are eager to hear from other members who are willing to help out. Please contact them as listed below if you can join the library team. Arriving at 6pm is helpful but shortly thereafter would still be nice.

Summer Inventory

Please search your coffee table, bedside table, bookshelves, tote bags, etc for books that belong to QC and bring them to our last meeting of the year on May 18th so others can enjoy them over the summer. If you will not be attending, get a friend to return them for you. Or mail them to Judy Botsford at home at the address below. If all else fails, please contact Judy to renew them until September. That will save Judy and Kiala from sending overdue notices to those who already realize what books they have at home.

New book

Thanks to Mary Gillis for donating a copy of "Foolproof Machine Quilting" by Mary Mashuta at the April meeting. Martha checked it out to read over the summer. It looks like a good book for those who want to do walking foot quilting rather than free motion machine quilting on small projects.

Book Order Suggestions

Quilters' Connection Library Book Purchase Suggestions

Title _____

Author _____

Source _____

Suggested by _____

Date _____

Give to us at a meeting or contact us at:

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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 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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