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THE NEWSLETTER OF QUILTERS' CONNECTION

Quiltations

October 2009

2009-2010 Schedule President's Letter

MEETINGS:

(DOORS OPEN @ 6 AND THE

MEETING STARTS @ 7:30)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

MIKE "MAC" MCNAMARA

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23

HOLIDAY EXTRAVAGANZA

MONDAY, JANUARY 25

ELIN NOBLE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22

AMI SIMMS

MONDAY, MARCH 15

CHERYL REZENDES

MONDAY, APRIL 12

WEN REDMOND

MONDAY, MAY 17

JESSICA LEGER

WORKSHOPS:

OCT. 17 AND OCT. 18

GENTLE CURVED PIECING
AND OTHER TECHNIQUES

JAN. 23 AND JAN. 24

ALTERNATIVE MARBLING:
THE BASICS

FEB. 20 AND FEB. 21

STRING QUILTING

MARCH 13 AND MARCH 14

CREATING WEARABLE
ART THROUGH YOUR
ARTISTIC INTUITION

APRIL 10 AND APRIL 11

THREE PETITE COLLAGE
INSPIRED ART PIECES

QUILT SHOW:

JUNE 4-6, 2010

ALL EVENTS ARE HELD AT
THE ARSENAL CENTER FOR
THE ARTS, 321 ARSENAL
ST, WATERTOWN, MA.

WOW! Make new friends and see the old! Welcome! Talent seen, creativity revealed, abundant volunteers to share what QC has to offer and that was just our first meeting. I'd like to thank everyone for a night so welcoming and inspiring. A wonderful start to our new year! The stars on my ride home from the meeting were so bright. You were so bright!

I hope you signed up for this year's workshops. If not, do so now. Why wait. Take advantage of all QC has to offer. Whenever I express concern about my schedule, my husband says, "Look in the mirror and see my enemy"! It is I who volunteers, I who says yes, I who would be so bored waking up each day with nothing to do! I volunteer, babysit grandchildren and sew. What about you?

What's next? QC member Mike McNamara's lecture and workshop. Fun! I love the fabric that he uses. Mac, please send me some! Our programs include speakers that are members and others from across the country.

Our dues, Quilt Show and Raffle Quilt proceeds and miscellaneous fund-raising programs, fund the Winter Free workshops, (not really free as we still pay rent), regular meetings and subsidize workshops, create Scholarships for members, pay the rent, insurance, mailings, advertising, address book, Members nights, donations and comfort quilts. Questions about our budget? Ask.

When I was 4 I had the mumps, measles and chicken pox which left me hearing impaired. I mention it to caution anyone who asks me questions which I either don't respond correctly or ignore all together. I started wearing hearing aids at 19 when my husband complained I couldn't hear him say, "I Love you"! My digital hearing aids are great but I still miss things, so bear with me. I've never allowed this to stop me from volunteering. When I was a Selectman only my detractors saw it as a way to deter me, but I lip read, really well! Just don't ask me to take minutes because you will never recognize the meeting I write about with the one you attended! Imagine being able to tune out the world, and I do!

I cleaned my sewing studio while waiting for the birth of my 4th grand child, Elise Jolie, finding treasures buried beneath yards of other treasures. I think you should all go shopping in your stashes and be surprised at what you find.

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UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS
AT 11 BRYANT RD, LEXINGTON, MA
EVERYONE IS WELCOME.
OCT: OCTOBER 13
NOV: NOVEMBER 17
JAN - MAY: TBD

Board of Directors

1 YEAR - CAROLYN RABSON
2 YEAR - BEVERLY FINE
3 YEAR - SANDY GREGG
PAST PRESIDENT - ANN BONSETT
PRESIDENT - JESSICA LEGER

Next Newsletter Deadline

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

Proposed By Law Change

“The By Laws of QUILTERS CONNECTION may be amended by a 2/3 vote of members present and voting at a meeting, provided that the proposed amendment has been read at a previous meeting or provided that members have been otherwise notified.”

What the Executive Board wants to do is change Article II, paragraph B, of the By Laws

FROM:

B. The eight voting members of the executive Board shall consist of the elected Officers: the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and the appointed Chairs of the Program, Newsletter, Membership and Quilt Show Committees.

TO:

B. The eight voting members of the executive Board shall consist of the elected Officers: the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, the appointed Chairs of the Program, Membership and Quilt Show Committees and an appointed Member at Large.

Jessica announced this at the September meeting and the proposed amendment is printed in the October Quiltations and a vote will be taken at the October meeting; if a majority approves, the change is effected.

Reason: The last 2 Newsletter Chairpersons did not feel their position should be on the Executive Board, Eboard, as they reported the news and did not have positions that created change for QC. The EBoard voted to remove this position after discussing it for 2 years. If this vote passes at the next QC meeting, we would be looking for volunteers to fill this position. If you are interested, please contact, President, Jessica Leger, at jeleger@comcast.net or call 978-827-6611.

Thanks you for your consideration.
Jessica Leger

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Committee Listing

Adopt-a-Fabric: RoseMary Koch
Arsenal Center Arts Liaison: Nancy Crasco
Quilt Show Boutique Chair: Carrie Kramer
Calendar: Leah Allman
Caring Committee: Ethel Shulam
Comfort Quilts: Tina Reinhardt
Comfort Quilts: Jane Norberg
Donations: Rita Robinson
e-communications: Sandy Gregg
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Historian: Susan Sapolsky
Information Table: Claire Leone
Library Co-Chair: Judy Botsford
Library Co-Chair: Kiala Reich
NEQM Liaison: Leah Allman
Newsletter Assistant: Miriam Sokoloff
News and Notes: Nancy Wasserman
New Members Coordinator: Stephanie Laurin
New Member Coordinator: Susan Stemporzewski
Nominating Committee Chair: Ann Bonsett
Program Registration: Susan Monjan
Program Contracts: Sandy Gregg
Raffle Quilt Design 2009-10: Denise Konicek
Raffle Quilt Design 2010-11: Mary Walter
Raffle Quilt Coordinator 2009-10:
Raffle Ticket Sales 2009-10:
Sales Table: Robin Fan
Scholarship Co-Chair: Barbara Evans
Scholarship Co-Chair: Betsy Abbott
Webmaster: Suzanne Knapp
Yahoo Group: Jeanne Williamson

November Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the November newsletter is Wednesday, November 4th. Send articles to me at mradzyminski@yahoo.com or call me at 781 395 1095.

Melissa Radzyminski
Newsletter Editor

Comfort Quilts

We have been busy finishing, starting, and delivering comfort quilts now that the fall weather is upon us!

We have scheduled a comfort quilt workshop for Dec. 5 (Saturday) at St Marks Church, #10 St. Mark's Road in Burlington. (It is on the corner of Bedford Street and Terrace Hall.) The workshop is from 9:30 - 3:30. The hall has great lighting, good tables, a kitchen area we can make coffee and keep snacks. There are no stairs to get into the hall, but the bathroom is up one flight of stairs. A big parking lot is next to the church.

I will bring lots of fabric, some kits, lots of quilts to be tied or pin basted, some bindings ready to be hand sewn, and teddy bears to be stuffed and closed! Lots to do! Bring sewing machines if you want to begin new quilts. Come for an hour, two, or the whole day.

Any questions? Call Jane Norberg.
Hope to see you there.

Library News

The sale of old library books will continue through the October meeting beginning at 6:30. All books are priced at \$5.00 with the proceeds to go to the purchase of new books and videos. After the October meeting, all remaining books will be donated to the NEQM.

Hope many of you are enjoying the new QC Library books. Every title was checked out at the September meeting. Remember to return them in October so that others have a chance to enjoy them as well. Keep the overdue books coming in. Many were returned at the last meeting but many still remain tucked away in your houses.

Judy Botsford
Library Co-chair

The Next Quilt Show Challenge

President & VP Challenge is GOING GREEN

QC is defining GREEN - a quilter's interpretationis it saving the rain forest and seeing the beauty of nature...in the trees & grass, or maybe it's saving furry animals, turtles, frogs and other green slimy things. Is it riding a bike, driving a smart car, using less fuel and changing to energy efficient light bulbs? How about eating seasonal local organic foods, buying fresh produce reduces packaging and energy for processing. Buying less stuff to clog up the landfills. What kind of cosmetics and chemicals are being absorbed into your skin? Or maybe to others it means recycled, reduce, eco-friendly and organic, or improving your health, padding your bank account, or maybe it's just a monochromatic color palette. You've probably noticed that green is everywhere these days---in the news, politics, fashion, and even technology? You can hardly escape green fatigue. That's all great as far as we're concerned, but with a million messages and ideas coming at us from all sides, it can be easy to get caught up in the "greenwashing" of America. We want you to embrace your greener lifestyle with your interpretation of the "green" picture and produce a quilt that measures less than 20 inches on every side which will be auctioned off at the 2010 Quilt Show to benefit ACA, QM and QC. If you have any questions regarding this year's challenge feel free to call or email me....I'm in the book.

Elaine Stone
Vice-President

Quilt Show Opportunities Galore

Quilters' Connection shows are wonderful events! Can't you still feel a residue of energy and pleasure when you think of our show last May? It's our most visible project as a guild and this year's Quilt Show is scheduled for June 4-6, 2010.

What an opportunity to share our inspirations, our diversity, our work with charities and other quilt associations as well as our love for family and friends. The show also provides a venue for many of us to sell our work to the public.

We grow as artists and women (and men) by being part of this community we call Quilters' Connection. We have wonderfully talented people in so many areas and many of you step forward year after year to participate in this annual event. I'm asking those of you who have enjoyed doing this, those who have been hesitant in the past and our newcomers to make it a goal this year to help with the show. Right now I need to hear from last year's chair persons if they would be willing to repeat the terrific work they did for the last show. I'm gathering the information I need and hope that you can bring me up to speed and also come forward with suggestions to make this year an even greater success. Those who haven't been involved before but would like the challenge, please feel free to contact me (508 660 2066, sgm02081@comcast.net). One of the most pressing needs is for someone to chair Advertising. If the message is out there, they will come!!

Sharon Monahan
Quilt Show Chair

Holiday Extravaganza – November Meeting! **Fondly remembered as the QC Holiday Boutique**

Quilters' Connection is bringing back a favorite event! The last time we held this special gala was Wednesday, December 1, 2004. We need your participation to make it a success! How? You can participate as a **vendor** or a **committee member** for this year's **Holiday Boutique!** Please contact Ann Bonsett if you are interested in either.

When: Monday, November 23rd

Time: Members will vend their holiday delights from 6:30 pm until 7:55.
We will have a guest speaker starting at 8:10 until 9:00.

Are you interested in being a Boutique Vendor? Please contact Ann Bonsett as soon as possible. abonsett@rcn.com (Telephone: 781-894-0778) **Space is limited**, so sign up promptly to assure yourself a space if you are interested.

Table Space must be reserved quickly....a full table for \$10.00 or a half table for \$6.00
Receipt of payment confirms the space.

Money Collection: Each person will be responsible for their own cash collection. No percentage will be taken by QC. QC will not be handling any of the payment transactions.

Stumped about what might sell?

The last Holiday Boutique we had a potpourri of hand crafted items, ranging from jewelry, scarves, neckties, quilts, thread, polar fleece mittens, chatelaines and needle cases, baby bibs, hand dyed fabrics and yarn, beaded watches, silk screened fabric, hand painted fabric, stamped cards and a variety of gift items. Put on your thinking caps - I know we have lots of talented members that should be able to set up tables - Please contact me quickly!

Refreshments will be served. This is a great chance to mingle with friends and do your holiday shopping! It promises to be lots of fun!

We will only have Holiday Boutique Tables this Evening!

On this evening, groups that normally have tables set up, such as Adopt-a-Fabric, the Library, Literature and Membership will have the evening off to relax and have some fun - enjoying the Holiday Boutique!

Perhaps Beverly Fine said it best, back in December of 2004:

“Now that the quilt show season is winding down, I am really looking forward to our next meeting, the Holiday Boutique. The vendors at this year's boutique will surely surprise and delight us with their offerings. Our Boutique committee has a full compliment of vendors scheduled, as well as a few surprises. As always, members are welcome to bring guests to this meeting without the usual guest fee.

For me, the Holiday Boutique fulfills that part of belonging to QC that I don't get enough of at our regular and very busy meetings - the chance to visit at length with other members.”

Important Scholarship Change

The deadline for submission of applications has changed. The new deadlines are:
OCTOBER 15 AND MARCH 15—Application deadlines
NOVEMBER AND APRIL MEETINGS—Scholarships awarded.

The changes were made to allow scholarships to be awarded both in the fall and in the spring. Full guidelines and the application form are available on the web site. Click on Membership, then Guidelines for Scholarships and the Application Form.

Applications can be emailed to me (Barbara.evans@umassmed.edu) or snail mailed to 4 Jamie Lane, Shrewsbury, MA 01545. Email works the best, making it easy to forward applications to the rest of the committee. Please be sure to include your statement of purpose.

Scholarships allow members to expand their knowledge of quilting and they also fulfill one of the missions of the Quilters' Connection. The amount is dependent on the tuition of the course and is a maximum of \$500. Applicants can enroll in traditional or contemporary quilt related courses in design, color, surface design, innovative fiber, textile construction, textile or quilt history, quilt appraisal, or textile conservation. To further the assimilation of these ideas, recipients of the scholarships are required to share their experiences with the membership. The scholarships are available to all members and may be applied to a variety of educational opportunities.

The Committee would like to welcome new members Beatriz Grayson and Beverly Fine. I am delighted that Beverly has agreed to assume the Chair when I retire.

Barbara Evans, Scholarship Committee Chair

Workshop Spaces Available

We still have some open spaces in each of the upcoming October workshops (Saturday, October 17th and Sunday, October 18th): "Gentle Curved Piecing & Other Techniques." Please contact Susan Monjan sumia@aol.com (617-783-0817) as soon as possible! Mac is one of our own QC members – coming in all the way from San Francisco ! You won't want to miss this opportunity! It is sure to be loads of fun and lots of learning! At the September meeting we showed some of Mac's awesome quilts featuring the techniques that will be taught during the workshop. You won't want to miss the opportunity to learn and enjoy the camaraderie. Mac uses unique curved piecing techniques; layering stack-and-slice curved piecing, curve-as-a-template and 'floaters'. There will also be a discussion on the relative importance of color and value.

Quilts and Bras for a Cure

Excerpt from the NEQM October Newsletter

October is Breast Cancer Awareness month and the New England Quilt Museum is featuring an exhibit of bras and quilts made by, for, or in memory of women with breast cancer. Both the bras and the quilts were designed and made by museum members, members of the Nimble Thimblers Quilt Guild, Reading, and other women from the greater Lowell area. The bras and quilts, both poignant and whimsical, will be on display in the Museum throughout the month of October.

The Museum's Outreach Manager, Rhonda Galpern, coordinated the exhibition and lecture as a means to pay tribute to members of the museum and quilting community who are or have battled the disease, promote awareness, and offer cancer survivors a comforting creative means of expressing their personal experiences.

News and Notes

Dee Mallon will be joining a host of other artisans at a craft show and sale to benefit The Second Step, a program for survivors of domestic abuse. The sale takes place on Wednesday, October 28 from 3 to 8 pm, 345 Walnut Street, Newtonville, with parking available near Starbucks and Shaw's Market. A range of media will be represented, including jewelry, wearable fiber arts, quilts, and pottery.

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

- Nancy

Massachusetts Quilt Shop Hop

Oct 16 thru Oct 18

To join in you must register at one of the "hop" shops listed below. The \$5.00 fee will entitle you to a passport of fun, adventure, shop directions, a fat quarter and while supplies last a commemorative Charm Bracelet. All fully-validated passports will be eligible to win a Bernina 230PE or one of three \$200 gift certificate packages.

"Hop" shops include:

A Notion to Quilt, Shelburne Falls, MA
Appletree Fabrics, Auburn, MA
Bayberry Quilt & Gift Shoppe, Chicopee, MA
Pumpkin Patch Quilts, Lee, MA
Quilts & Treasures, Inc., East Longmeadow, MA
Southampton Quilts, Southampton, MA
Tala's Quilt Shop, North Adams, MA
The Quilt and Cabbage, Sturbridge, MA

For more information,
contact Valerie Morton at 413-525-4789

A Quilter's Gathering

November 5-8, 2009
Thurs., Fri. & Sat., 10am-6pm
Sun., 10am-3pm
Radisson Nashua, Nashua, NH
www.aquiltersgathering.com

This year's quilt contest theme is "Quilt Traditions: Classic to Cutting Edge".

Also featuring a special exhibit: "Sally Palmer Field - A Quintessential Quilter"

Upcoming Shows from Area Guilds

Concord Piecemakers Quilt Show

"Basket of Quilts"

Friday, Oct 16th 10am - 8pm
Saturday, Oct 17th 10am - 4pm
St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
435 Central St., Acton, MA (Exit 41 off Rt. 2)
www.concordpiecemakers.net

Cocheco Quilters Guild's Annual Show

Saturday, Oct 17th 10am - 4pm
Sunday, Oct 18th 10am - 4pm
Rochester Community Center
150 Wakefield St., Rochester, NH
www.cochecoquilters.org

Shoreline Quilters Guild's Harvest of Quilts

Saturday, Oct 17th 10am - 5pm
Sunday, Oct 18th 10am - 4pm
East Haven High School,
35 Wheelbarrow Lane, East Haven, CT
www.shorelinequilters.org

Thimbles and Friends Quilt Show

Saturday, Oct 17th 10am - 4pm
Sunday, Oct 18th 10am - 4pm
Bridgewater Senior Center
10 Wally Krueger Way, Rt. 18 & 28,
Bridgewater, Ma.
For info, call Margaret Rooney 1-781-408-9873

New Hampshire State Quilters Association

Fall Presentation
Sunday, Oct 18th 1pm - 4pm
River Front Place, Tilton, NH
www.nhsqa.org

Burlington Quilters' Guild Annual Quilt Show

Saturday, Oct 25th 10am - 5pm
Sunday, Oct 26th 10am - 4pm
Middlesex Community College,
Bedford Campus, Bedford, MA

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