

Quiltations

November 2009

2009-2010 Schedule President's Letter

MEETINGS:

(DOORS OPEN @ 6 AND THE

MEETING STARTS @ 7:30)

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:

JAN. 23 AND JAN. 24

ALTERNATIVE MARBLING:

THE BASICS

FEB. 20 AND FEB. 21

STRING QUILTING

MARCH 13

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.

What are *you* thankful for?

I am thankful for family, friends, fabric, freedom and for all of you!

...Thankful for Mac, last month's speaker, who proved being outside a box is where you want to be!

...Thankful for rain and snow days so I get to stay home and do what really makes me happy, sew!

...Thankful for the QC Sales Table because I can buy items at cost and not wait for a sale to get them!

...Thankful for the Adopt A Fabric for great over-dyed fabric and old magazines!

...Thankful for the QC Library for having the books I can read and look through before purchasing.

...Thankful to meet new friends and see all of you just as excited about our speakers as I am.

...Thankful to the many volunteers who step up when QC needs you!

...Awed by the talented artists who have designed our raffle quilts and helped show just how creative QC is.

...Grateful for the income generated by our quilt show, raffle quilt proceeds, dues and donations that help pay our \$10,000.00 rent to the ACA and offer wonderful and inspiring speakers and workshops.

...Thankful to know that Comfort Quilts do comfort!

...Thankful for Winterfree Workshops (which are free to QC members - but it does cost money to rent space large enough to accommodate 120 participants!) and all the talented volunteers who show us new ways to create.

...Looking forward to this year's challenge quilts at our 2010 June Quilt Show generating even more donations to NEQM, ACA and QC!

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UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS
7PM AT 11 BRYANT RD, LEXINGTON
EVERYONE IS WELCOME.
NOV: NOVEMBER 17
JAN: JANUARY 19
FEB - MAY: TBD

Board of Directors

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

Next Newsletter Deadline

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6TH

...Overwhelmed by the feedback, both positive and thought provoking, I get from members that keep QC and me moving forward.

...Confident that changing the make-up of the QC Eboard by replacing the Newsletter position with a Member-At-Large is the right one. The Newsletter should record, not vote, on events happening within QC. A Member-At-Large could be anyone of you interested in knowing what goes behind the General Meetings and giving a voice to all.

...Looking forward to November's "Holiday Extravaganza" and shopping, not making, gifts for myself and others!

...Grateful for our guest speaker, Cathy Racine from Charlton Sewing Center who will update us about threads and needles.

I would like to answer any questions. Email me at jeleger@comcast.net or at home, 978-827-6611 and I will try to answer them or get someone more knowledgeable to address it!

Till we met again! Enjoy! Jessica

By Law Vote will be held at the November meeting

"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: "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: "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."

If this change is adopted the role of the new position will be:

Member-At-Large Position: The Member-At-Large is a voting position on the Executive Board serving a one year term. There are no assigned responsibilities except to attend regularly scheduled Executive Board meetings. The Board of Directors will submit a candidate to the President for appointment. Any member interested in representing the QC Membership in this role should express his or her interest to a Board of Directors member other than the current President.

Thankful for Art

It was exactly thirty years ago last year when I joined Quilters' Connection at its very first show in 1978. The membership of 50 doubled to 99 by that September! My very first block was a sailboat in a corner of one of two sampler raffle quilts exhibited the next year, the one with mine having been won by Jane Norberg.

As a Watertown resident, I was an early member for WATCH (Watertown Arts on the Charles), which evolved into Arsenal Center for the Arts. "IMAGINE" was our initial slogan and bumper sticker for the 7-year dream of a "home". In order for this to have become possible, WCES (Watertown Citizens for Environmental Safety) became instrumental in getting the federal government to clean up the contamination left from the old arsenal.

I am happy to relate that when our QC group was about to have its Arlington rent tripled, the QC search team followed up on my response to their inquiry for ideas as to where instead we might meet. My comment was that our nearly readied site would be ideal and finished about the time needed for the move. It worked out just fine. And where once weapons that caused destruction were made, now ART and BEAUTY could be created to elevate the human soul.

- Mary M. Dyer
(after the 2008 QC Show)

Comfort Quilt Workshop

The Comfort Quilt Committee announces a comfort quilt workshop!

Date: Saturday, December 5

Time: 9:00-3:00 ... Bring your lunch.

Place: Saint Mark's Church @ Bedford Street and Terrace Hall, Burlington

The Burlington guild and QC have a tradition of sharing the cost of the space where workshops are held. Come for as long as you like. Also bring machine and quilting supplies, fabrics you want to share, fabrics for quilt backs, bindings, if you have them. Mac's recent visit to QC taught us that a UFO can be considered a fabric, with great new possibilities. No risk involved! We always need extension cords, irons and ironing boards.

We look forward to a fun and productive day!
Tina Reinhart

Upcoming Getaway Weekend

Mark your calendars for April 16-18, 2010 for the Quilter's Connection weekend getaway to be held at the Silver Fox Inn in Waterville Valley, NH. Cost of the weekend is \$175 pp/double occupancy or \$275 single. Weekend includes two nights lodging, dinner Friday night, breakfast/lunch/dinner Saturday, and breakfast/lunch Sunday. Space is first come/first serve. Please send a deposit check of \$75 (with roommate preferences) payable to QC, to Nancy Wasserman, 49 Yale St, Winchester, MA 01890. More detailed information will follow in the next newsletter. If you have any questions, you can contact me either by phone or email 781-729-3326, wnwasserman@aol.com

Thank you,
Nancy Wasserman

November 23rd – Double Fun!

Holiday Boutique and Special Speaker: Cathy Racine!

Our November meeting is going to be one you won't want to miss! We are having a double feature at our November meeting! Two great events rolled into one meeting night - who could ask for more? We are thrilled to announce that we have a nice group of members who will be "vending" for all of us during our Holiday Boutique portion of the meeting, and we have a special guest speaker for the second half of the meeting! It is going to be a SPECTACULAR night! What's more, this is the night that guests are free and our regular tables (Membership, Adopt-a-Fabric, Library, etc) get the night off so everyone can mingle and enjoy the evening! Fun, refreshments and laughter will fill the ACA!

The vendors should be ready for customers by 6:30 pm on November 23rd. We will run the Boutique for 90 minutes and then at 8:00 we will close down the tables so that members will be able to go into the Mosessian Theater for our speaker, Cathy Racine from Charlton Sewing Center. We want to start the program a few minutes after 8:00 (8:05 or 8:10).

Cathy has thirty years experience servicing all aspects of the sewing industry. The Charlton Sewing Center is located in a 110 year old New England Church - and has rotating exhibits of artist's work. She has a lot of knowledge in needles, threads, and tension and how all interact with one another. This is going to be the topic of her program for us. Additionally, she has also been invited to set up a table during the Boutique. Please take some time to give her a warm QC welcome!

There's one more special piece to the event: Instead of being paid monetarily, Cathy has requested that each of us bring non-perishable, non-expired food items to restock the Leicester Community Food Pantry. She will have two vehicles to carry everything back - I'm thinking if each of us brought a bag of canned goods or non-perishable food items, it would go a long way to helping those less fortunate during this holiday season. This time of year is when the food pantry is most in need of replenishment. That's where we can help! Please bring your canned goods or non-perishable food items! Let's show a strong QC effort in support of this great volunteer initiative to re-stock the Leicester Community Food Pantry!

See you all at the November Double Header meeting! Holiday Boutique and Speaker all in one!
(Plus opportunity to support the food pantry too!)

Ann Bonsett
Program Co-chair

Going Green Challenge

President & VP Challenge is GOING GREEN. 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 years challenge feel free to call or email me....I'm in the book.

Elaine Stone
Vice-President

A Note from Membership Committee

Membership booklets were handed out at the October meeting. Unfortunately, there was a glitch in the Microsoft software when exchanging from Excel to Word that went unnoticed, and the program randomly omitted a few names that were in the original file. For those who have already picked up their membership booklet, we will have the addendum page available at the next meeting. For those who have not received their booklet yet, they will be available at the next meeting with the addendum page already added to the booklet. The members that were omitted were: Carol Miller, Maureen Misasi, Karen Mondell, Sharon Morin, Alice Mullen, Sharman Nathanson, Anne Nevins, Carol Symonds, Helen Taylor, Ann-Margaret Thomas, Sheila Toomey, Susan Turbak, Trudy Tuttle, Anne Vartanian, Gretchen Voit, Bobbi Ward, Nancy Wasserman, Laima Whitty, Andrea Willey, Bonnie Wolf, Barbara Wood, and Fran Yuan. Apologies to all.

Susan Stemporzewski and Stephanie Laurin

November Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the November newsletter is Wednesday, January 6th. Send articles to me at mradzyski@yahoo.com or call me at 781-395-1095.

Melissa Radzyski
Newsletter Editor

QC Email Group

QC has an email group on Yahoo, and you are encouraged to join it. If you are not already signed up but would like to be, please email Jeanne Williamson at jeanne@jeannewilliamson.com, with your email address, so she can send you information about signing up.

Thanks so much, Jeanne Williamson

Treasury Notes

This is a new Quiltations column, reporting on QC's financial health. A Treasurer's Report summarizing cash on hand and projected expenses is included. Going forward, the Treasurer's Report will be updated monthly on the QC website.

In future Quiltations, I will address Frequently Asked Questions about budgets and expense guidelines; please e-mail me any questions you would like to have answered.

The Treasurer's Report for November 2009 *SEEMS* to carry a healthy buffer for the rest of the year: in fact, this is a very thin batting.

First, the only money coming in from now until the Show, in June, will be small amounts from the Sales Table, Adopt-a-Fabric and the odd Workshop fee (most Workshops are full and paid for already).

Second, projected expenses in this Report do not include liabilities expected to amount to several thousands of dollars (speaker expenses, rent increase) and at a thousand a "pop", \$10,000.00 can be spent very quickly.

Third, nothing in this Report includes expenses for the 2010 Show, and those bills will be coming in fast after the turn of the year. The Show Booklet, for example, costs nearly a thousand dollars to produce.

Irene Dwyer, Treasurer

Winter Free Workshop

The date and space have been set for the winter free workshop. We have been able to move it back to January where it used to reside. Set your calendars for Saturday, January 30, 2010 9am - 4pm. We are working on a snow date for February 6th. We have been able to get the same space we used last year at St. Brigid's Parish in Lexington, MA.

Now that we have secured a date and location, we need teachers. The Winter Free Workshop has been a wonderful tradition of Quilters' Connection when many of our members share a skill or a newly acquired technique with other members of the guild.

Have you been a recipient of a QC Scholarship? This would be a great opportunity to "pay it forward".

Every member of QC is very talented each with their own method of creating wonderful works of art. Put your thinking caps on, I know you have something to share.

We currently have 4 very talented members who have agreed to running workshops this year, but still need a few more. Each workshop is 3 hours, your project can be completed in that time or start your students on their way.

If you taught last year and planned on teaching again or spoke to me about teaching, please remind me.

Please contact myself, Carolyn MacLellan by e-mail at carolyn_maclellan@yahoo.com or at 781-861-6862.

Call for Small Quilts

The Springhouse Art Gallery, in a Jamaica Plain retirement community, has asked us to have a show from late February through May. On Feb 26 there will be an opening reception, which is always a lot of fun. Please contact Mary Gillis (mgquilter10@comcast.net or 617-266-2383). This is a nice opportunity for getting your work out there!

News and Notes

The annual Quilts=Art=Quilts exhibit opening November 1 will include two quilts by Susan McCraw, titled "Kuba" and "Strength in Numbers." The show, at the Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center in Auburn, New York, runs until January 10, 2010. Jurors for this year were Rosalie Dace, Kerr Grabowski and Margo Mensing. **Sheri Cooper and Sylvia Einstein also have quilts in the exhibit.**

Susan Putnam's quilt "Spirit of the Sixties", which was in the 2008 QC Show, is on display at the Marimekko Design Research Display in Harvard Square at the old Crate & Barrel Bldg: which was the original bldg designed for Marimekko /Design Research in the sixties. It's a "walk by" exhibit and is very beautiful to see. Susan's quilt is hanging downstairs and you can see it if you peek in one of the lower windows. Susan says she is so honored because Marimekko was so much a part of her world growing up around Harvard Square.

Send any News & Notes to wnwasserman@aol.com

Thank you,
Nancy Wasserman

Nancy Crow Exhibit at the Fuller Craft Museum

(Excerpt from www.fullercraft.org)

Nancy Crow: Crossroads Continue
January 3 - April 19, 2010

The dazzling art quilts of Nancy Crow have transformed a tradition-bound medium into one of bold improvisation, composition and technical innovation. Her masterful fabric cutting and piecing are done without controlled grids and patterns - her creations emerge from a more improvisational approach. This exhibition, in Fuller Craft's Merton Tarlow and Lamos galleries, presents her asymmetrical designs using elegant hand-dyed fabrics of highly saturated color.

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