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Narragansett Bay Quilters' Association

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President's Message

I hope everyone is getting out and enjoying our *sometimes* spring weather. I have a large backyard to clean up after the neighborhood kids have played there all winter.

I have a few new (to me) hints this month:

- ✂ To see if your quilting thread will do what you want, fade into the background or stand out, simply snip several pieces of thread onto the quilt top and you will see how it will look quilted. This method is much more accurate than just laying a line of thread across the project.
- ✂ Those paint card samples from the paint counters in Home Depot or Wal-Mart with the three or four different matching colors could help you decide on the colors of your next project. I used one with sand, brick, purple and green colors in my house. (I got very ambitious this winter). Now if I want to make a matching wall hanging I have all my colors on a nice little paint card!
- ✂ My third hint is if you are using batik fabrics with regular cotton always sew with the batik on top. Batik doesn't stretch as much as regular fabric.

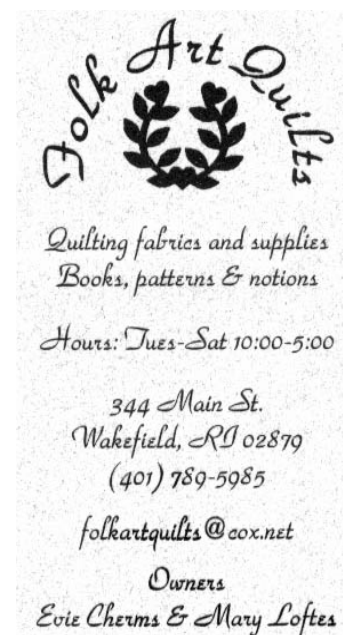
Please remember at our May meeting we will be having an **Auction for the New England Museum, Show and Tell, and Election of Officers**. Also, don't forget that your dues are due. Don't be disappointed in September - pay your dues in May (if you haven't already) so you will not forget to rejoin by June 1!

Thanks,

Pat Cole

**For the May 17, 2007
7:00 PM at St. Barnabas
Please Bring:**

- ☐ Your Name Tag
- ☐ Show & Tell Items
- ☐ Tools for Mr. Wizard
- ☐ Library Books due
- ☐ Vendor is Quilts & More
- ☐ Money for door prize raffle tickets \$1.00 for 2
- ☐ Money for 50/50 raffle \$1.00 per ticket
- ☐ Block of the Month
- ☐ Money for the UFO Auction



Narragansett Bay Quilters Association Minutes of the General Meeting – April 19, 2007

President Pat Cole convened the program at 7:00 p.m. There were 135 people in attendance.

Virginia Walton - presented us with a wonderful presentation titled "*Color*," and discussed how using color and varying the depth of color make an eye-grabbing quilt.

Treasurer, Joan Taylor - The Quilt Show account has \$8,050.00 in account. This month, we started with \$1,550.81. With deposits of \$2,942.00, and withdrawals of \$356.59, the current balance = \$4,136.22. Of this, \$385.00 is designated for next year, for workshops and newsletter. Please remember that membership checks for the 2007-8 year will not be deposited until after June 1, 2007.

Comfort Quilts, Joan Taylor - Next month, the comfort quilts will be presented to representatives of Kent County Hospital. These will be donated to the *Mothers on Methadone* (MOM's) program, and long care pediatric patients.

Scholarship News - Maureen Halligan, last year's scholarship recipient, was able to use her grant toward a semester of study in Rome. She sent the guild a beautiful thank you note for our generous support and scholarship.

Hospitality - Please sign up to bring goodies for next month. We will not have the strawberry social this year; we are having the auction to benefit the NEQM.

Membership, Betty Pashkovsky - There are 54 people on the waiting list, so bring your checks in by June 1st!

Program, Pat Harrison and Sandy Barron -- Next month's workshop will be given by Nancy Hubbard – Folk Art with Wool and Wool Felt.

- Reservations are now being taken for next September's workshop given by our own Pat Bruno – Beaded Embellishment.

- The rest of next year's lineup will be presented at next month's general meeting, and will also include: Jo Diggs/October, Susan Carlson/November, Maria Lage/January 2008, Christine Ureel/February 2 day workshop, Jane Hall/March, and a Saturday workshop featuring Christine Bagley in March, as well.

2008 Quilt Show, Joan Taylor - There will be a Quilt Show meeting on Sat, April 28th at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Joan Halley.

New England Quilt Museum, Ginny Perry - Next month is the auction! Bill Spicer, a professional auctioneer will preside over the event.

- Donations are still being taken for the auction, and Ginny will be at the hall at 2PM on event day, May 17th, to accept last minute donations.

- We can show our raffle quilt at the NEQM August show for free if we give 10 hours of white glove time to the museum.

Special Events, Lynda Bogdahn, and Lynda Puglia - The March 31st trip was a success, and there are 52 people signed up to go on the May 5th trip so the Somers, NY quilt show. The bus will leave from the Rte. 117/Centerville Road Park 'n Ride in Warwick at 8:00 AM on May 5th.

- There doesn't seem to be enough current interest in planning a bus trip to the IMAGES show in August.

Shop Hop Passports - 29 filled passports were entered in the drawing for gift certificates. The winners are: Barbara Fitzsimmons, Patricia Zotos, Rachel Auclair, Judy Bardsley, Elvia Purnell, Marilyn Browning, Sheri Laferriere, Betty H. Tucker, Eileen Halloran, Kate Conroy, Judy Lysik, and Betty Pashovsky. All other passports will be returned upon request.

Block of the Month, Nancy Messier - - There were 61 blocks this month! The 3 winners of the blocks were, Sue Burns, Lisa Bonsante, and Lori Brunelle.

- Next month's block will be a patriotic one – a creative flag. Be creative and have fun!

Show and Tell was held, **Door Prizes** were awarded – Kassie Randall won the free year's NBQA membership, and the **50/50 Raffle** winner was Ann Burns, who won \$38.00

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Fran Cohen, Co-Secretary

TOP 10 Reasons to Give Us Your E-Mail Address

10. You will receive the newsletter before those who have it mailed.
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4. Starting next year, if we have your email, we will be emailing a reminder with agenda for the meetings that occur between newsletters
3. If we have your email, you will be able to receive any important NBQA news that occurs between meetings, newsletters or over the summer.
2. If we have your email, you will be notified of workshop openings.
1. We promise not to bombard you with "junk" email!

Please provide your email address on the Membership Renewal application. If you have already sent in your renewal and did not include your email address, please consider adding it. You may do so by sending an email to: info@nbquilt.org.

Thanks!



COMFORT QUILTS

NBQA will be presenting Kent County Hospital with 45 quilts and baby blankies at the May general meeting. Marilyn Allaire, Nurse Manager of the Women's Unit will be at the meeting to receive the items.

"Thank you" again to all of those who attended the quilt-a-thon, donated materials, time, ideas and support. Thanks for getting all these quilts and blankies finished and back to me for the presentation.


Our original goal was 40 so once again we surpassed it!!

With heartfelt gratitude,
 Joan Taylor

Newcomer's Corner

Elections! May is NBQA election month. At least 30 days prior to the May NBQA membership meeting, the NBQA president appoints a Nominating Committee of at least 3 members from the NBQA membership. This committee will, at the May meeting, present a slate of qualified candidates who are willing to serve if elected. The slate includes candidates for the officer positions (President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer) and standing committee chairperson positions with the exception of Quilt Show Chairperson and New England Museum. (i.e. Historian, Hospitality, Librarian, Membership, Newsletter, Program, & Publicity are included). Additional nominations may be made at the May meeting. Officers are elected for a term of 1 year and may not serve more than 2 consecutive terms of office. Officers and Committee Chairpersons along with the 2 previous past presidents, comprise the NBQA Executive Board which meets monthly.


Come to the May meeting and vote!



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NBQA Quilt Show April 19 & 20, 2008

We have had our first meeting (thank you Joan Halley) and are well on our way to getting the upcoming Quilt Show organized and ready for volunteer sign up in the fall. Mark your calendars for set up and volunteering at the 2008 Quilt Show. Set up will be Thursday and Friday, April 17th and 18th. The Quilt Show is Saturday and Sunday, April 19th and 20th.

It's time to get out your material, decide on patterns and get started on your quilts! Applications for finished quilts to be in the Show will be due by February. Also think 'Door Favors' and please work on mug mats this summer.

Mary Elizabeth Palumbo, Joan Taylor, Co-Chairs

Interview with Beth Gutierrez

Beth Gutierrez has a unique style of quilting that brings appliqué to a new and different level of expression. She is a quilter who truly paints with fabric, and her creations are exquisite.

The Narragansett Bay Quilters' Association was fortunate to have Beth as one of the workshop presenters in January 2007. Her "Black Line Appliqué Seagulls" workshop showed how to achieve spectacular results by using two tools – a black fabric pen and a Post-It note glue stick. Appliqué will never be the same, thanks to Beth!

Beth lived for many years in Mexico City, Mexico with her husband and two children. While there, she opened a needlework shop, where she sold needlework products and taught classes in hand embroidery. When the currency was devalued in Mexico, she decided to sell her needlework shop. That is when she discovered quilting as an outlet for her many talents. She started quilting from kits from the Keepsake Quilting catalog. (Keepsake Quilting's website is www.keepsakequilting.com). She then purchased a Fons and Porter quilting techniques book and worked her way through those lessons as a way to learn new quilting techniques. What a way to start! For those of you who don't know about Fons and Porter, here is their website – www.fonsandporter.com.

After completing her journey through the Fons and Porter Quilt Book, Beth then turned to the Elly Sienkiewicz quilting book "Baltimore Beauties and Beyond", one of the most comprehensive books on how to do hand appliqué. Yes, she quilted her way through that book, too.

In 1993, while living in Mexico, she found a group of "international" women who enjoyed quilting. They would meet on a regular basis and teach each other the quilting techniques they enjoyed. Soon, Beth was machine quilting the creations of that group.

In 1995 Beth attended the Houston Quilt Show and that is where her eyes were opened to the "artistic" side of quilting. She knew then that she could design her own quilts instead of following someone else's patterns. And, she could appliqué by machine, and not just by hand. She was on her way to developing her own unique style of appliqué.

In 1996, Beth and her family moved back to the US and settled in Peacedale, RI. In 1997, she started teaching quilting classes at Folk Art Quilts in Wakefield, RI. She has now been teaching for ten years at Folk Art Quilts. There is a waiting list for her classes that are quite popular. Many quilters have been attending her classes for years, so when a place opens up, the next person on the waiting list is sure to grab it! Beth has many quilting patterns for sale at Folk Art Quilts; especially her popular series of RI lighthouse quilt patterns.

Beth's journey to her unique appliqué quilting style started out with many attempts at trying to show a black line around an appliquéd piece. She experimented with satin stitching a black outline around her appliqué pieces - even trying to couch black cord around her appliqué. She finally discovered that outlining the placement of a piece of fabric with a black fabric pen, and then using a Post-It note type glue to affix the appliqué to the fabric was the way to achieve her goal.

Besides quilting, Beth is a volunteer for the Yankee Chihuahua Rescue and Adoption program. Just stop by at Folk Art Quilts and you are likely to see her with an adoptee in her arms. We are fortunate to have Beth as a member of the NBQA.

NBQA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2007-2008

It's that time of year again. **REMEMBER:** Our membership number is limited, so renew now! Renewals accepted March, April and May.

Bring this entire form to the meeting with a check or cash, or mail it with your check (made payable to NBQA) to:

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ATTENTION: Membership
P.O. Box 614 East Greenwich, RI 02818

* If you are mailing this form, be sure to also enclose a STAMPED, SELF-ADDRESSED ENVELOPE to receive your membership card before the September meeting.

Membership fee is \$30.00 per year.

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE HAVE YOUR RENEWAL PRIOR TO JUNE 1st!
After June 1st, the membership will be open to people on the waiting list.

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Are you interested in working on a committee? Please check you choice(s) so that the appropriate committee chairperson can contact you.

<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality	<input type="checkbox"/> Membership	<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity
<input type="checkbox"/> Door Prizes	<input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Library
<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Block of the Month	<input type="checkbox"/> Mentoring small quilting groups

Suggestions for speaker or programs: _____

***If you are unable to attend our meetings, we encourage you to become an Associate Member. **Associate Membership is \$15.00.** You will receive newsletters, a membership booklet if desired (\$1.00 postage and handling fee required), attend occasional meetings when guest spots are open (there are 5 per meeting), and have your name on a waiting list for bus trips and workshops.

2007-2008 Membership Renewal

Membership renewal time is almost over. If you intend to renew and have not yet done so, be sure to do it by May 31st. If you are not sure you mailed your renewal, please check your checkbook to confirm.

A membership renewal form was included in the March/April newsletter and it is also available on the NBQA website in the "[What's New](#)" section or under "[Newcomers/ Membership](#)." Please mail membership forms with dues ASAP. They must be received by June 1st or your spot will be given to one of the 50+ people on the waiting list.

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NBQA Workshops

May 17, 2007, Nancy Hubbard - **Folk Art with Wool and Wool Felt.**

September 20, 2007 - Pat Bruno - **"Beading our Quilts"** Register now!

For workshop details, pictures, supply list and the line-up for 2007-2008, visit our website:
<http://www.nbquilts.org/MemberServices/Workshops.htm>

UFO AUCTION

Our biennial UFO Auction will take place at the May 17th meeting. Bill Spicer, a professional auctioneer and the brother of NBQA member Sue Ellis, has volunteered his expertise and time to run our auction this year. It should be an exciting night for us. I have already accumulated many great items for the auction, however, I am still accepting donations if you would like to donate something. If you contact me ahead of time I will make arrangements to pick them up. Otherwise, you can bring them to me at the church between 2 PM and 4:30 PM on the day of the meeting. I will have the lots on view by 6 PM that evening.

Thank you to all who have contributed in all ways to this auction. It takes the work of many people to organize an event and make it a success.

The proceeds of the auction go to [The New England Quilt Museum](#). The museum is a great organization and needs our support to continue their work in the promotion and preservation of quilting. So, please come to the auction with some money to spend in anticipation of leaving with some great treasures.

If you have any questions please contact Ginny Perry.

RAFFLE QUILT at the NEW ENGLAND QUILT MUSEUM

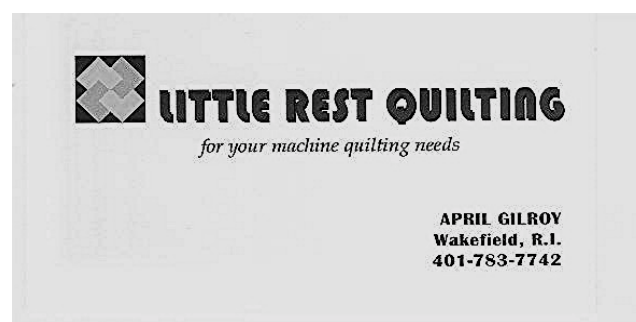
The New England Quilt Museum has offered us space at the Lowell Quilt Festival (IMAGES) to display our raffle quilt and sell raffle tickets. The Lowell Quilt Festival is Aug. 2-5, 2007 in Lowell, MA. In exchange for this courtesy they are asking us to provide 10 hours of “white glove” service for each day we would like to display our quilt. If anyone is going to the show and could either sell tickets or white glove (while you go around and see the quilts) please contact me. This is a very nice quilt show with a good attendance. It would be a great opportunity to showcase our beautiful quilt that our members have worked so hard on. Please contact Ginny Perry by May 18th if you can help.



CELL PHONE REMINDER

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN OFF (OR PUT ON VIBRATE) YOUR CELL PHONE WHEN YOU COME TO THE NBQA MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS.

Thank you!



Summer Challenge: "Roads We've Traveled"

Matching our theme for the 2008 Quilt Show, this year's Summer Challenge is ***"Roads We've Traveled."*** The quilt may be any type of project including wearables. Finished size must be no smaller than 40" perimeter (10x10) and there is no maximum size. The piece must be three layers, quilted and have a finished edge.

Get your creative juices flowing and enjoy this project over the summer. One idea is "A Spot Along the Way" with a play on 'spot'. Have some fun with this!

Bring your entry to the September 2007 meeting. Guild members will vote on three favorites and prizes will be awarded.

If you have any questions, contact Joan Taylor.

Wright's Factory Outlet **Sturbridge, Mass.**

Present a current guild card and a photo ID and receive 15% discount.

Classroom – Quilt Journaling

Journal Quilting was “invented” by artist, Jeanne Williamson, who, since 1999, has been making a quilt a week to document her life and her observations. In 2002, Karey Patterson Bresenhan, director of the International Quilt Festival in Houston and Chicago created the “**JOURNAL QUILT PROJECT**” and it has been ongoing since then. Anyone, regardless of skill level, may participate. Participant quilts are premiered annually each fall at Houston's International Quilt Festival (November 1-4, 2007) and may also be seen the following spring at the International Quilt Festival in Chicago. If you are interested in participating in the 2007 formal project, learn more by going to this website:

<http://home.att.net/~kareyb/JournalQuilts2007.htm>

Quilt Journaling is a free-form exercise in creativity, specifically planned to encourage quilters and quilt artists to stretch and grow by trying new methods--experimenting with color, image, composition, materials, and/or technique. Keeping a written journal to record influences on their experimental quilting work and their own reactions to this work is part of the project and is intended to show creative development and personal progress. Many quilters are doing “Quilt Journals” on their own.

Here's why:

- Represent events in your life
- Express your feelings and creative ideas through quilting much the same way another person would choose to keep a written journal
- Try new techniques that you are reluctant to devote an entire quilt to.
- Move from traditional quilts to “art quilts.”
- Practice/master new skills.
- Use as “samples” if you want to make quilts for sale

Here's how:

- Browse through your quilt books & magazines; review award winning quilts and select ideas you want to try
- Keep the quilts small so they do not become intimidating. A common size is 8.5"x11."
- Set a target or goal e.g. to make 1 journal quilt per month.
- Display them around your studio or create a “binder” for them
- Be sure to accompany each with a short “write up” including: why you chose the theme; description of the technique(s) you used; and your thoughts on how you think it turned out.

Many guilds have developed Quilt Journaling projects for member participation. Maybe the NBQA should? Maybe it could be included in our Quilt Shows. All we need is a leader. Could it be you?

References:

Book: Creative Quilting: The Journal Quilt Project by Karey Bresenhan.

Web Sites: <http://home.att.net/~kareyb/JournalQuilts2007.htm>

To see images of the 2003 Journal Quilts: <http://www.quiltart.com/journals/>

To see images of the 2004 Journal Quilts: <http://www.quiltart.com/2004journals/>

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To see images of some of the 2006 Journal Quilts: http://www.quiltart.com/2006_journals/index.html

Classifieds

Here you will find:

- Quilting groups/mini groups inviting you to participate or drop by.
- NBQA members who run groups or are teaching classes that you are invited to attend.
- Members seeking a particular group or person with certain skills.
- Ads from NBQA members with fabric or other quilting items for sale
- Each NBQA member is allowed 1 free ad per year. Subsequent ads are \$5.00 each or \$25.00 for the year.

If you have a "Classified" you would like to run in the next newsletter, e-mail it to info@nbquilts.org.

Available Groups	Seeking.....	Items & Classes for Sale
<p>The <i>Tuesday Quilting Group</i> invites you to join them every Tuesday from 9:30 AM – noon. Stay a short while or the entire morning. No reservation needed. Bring your own work. We have tables, chairs & outlets for machines. We meet at the Shawmut Baptist Church, 1642 West Shore Road, Warwick, RI. There is plenty of parking in the lot on Armstrong Ave. Come in through the office door and go up the steps. For question contact Fran at 401-732-5116.</p>	<p>The <i>New England Quilt Museum</i> is seeking entries for a Juried Quilt Show: <i>"Lowell: Inside – Out"</i> November 2007 - January 2008</p> <p>20th Anniversary Exhibition. A juried show featuring quilts inspired by the city of Lowell. The juried quilt exhibition is open to all quilt makers who submit entry materials to the NEQM by March 15, 2007. For complete information, go here: http://www.nequiltmuseum.org/Exhibitions_Juried.shtml</p>	<p>At <i>Angel Pond Cottage</i>, Cranston, RI, we provide classes for all levels of quilters. Each student must provide their own sewing machine. Specific information will be provided for each class, by the instructor. See our site: www.angelpondcottage.com for the current selection of classes and registration form. You can also contact us at (401) 578-9554. A broad range of quilting classes is available. There's something waiting for YOU!</p>



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2007 Exhibition Schedule

March 29 – June 10

I Remember Mama

June 14 – August 19

Uncovered in New Hampshire

August 23 – November 11

Expressions of Beauty;

Objects of Utility

November 15 – January 12, 2008

Lowell Inside Out

Museum hours are 10 am - 4 pm
Tuesday-Saturday year around;
in addition May through December,
Sundays 12 pm - 4 pm.