

Wayside Quilters

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DATES FOR GUILD MEETINGS FOR 2020-2021

Meetings will be held via zoom until it's safe for us to be together. Meetings will run 7:00 to 8:30PM

April 5
May 3
June 7

MONDAY, APRIL 5, GUILD MEETING

A NOTE FROM PAT:

As we continue our work to strengthen Outreach, we've got a new system for quilt donations. Please continue to make what you'd like to make, and then store it until it's called for. Outreach donations will have a monthly message in the newsletter telling you what, where and when to drop off. (thank you to Josee for taking this on).

Your hardworking board has already approved a calendar for next year. And we are including plans to zoom a couple of meetings in the winter so we don't have to drive around in bad weather, or cancel things for a snowstorm. The board is also making phone calls to re-populate our board for next year so be sure to consider carefully – everyone has to take a turn with a small but mighty

guild like ours! We can already welcome Joanne Artz to the Outreach Committee – she will co-chair with Lulinda Tucker.

Enjoy this wonderful spring weather and looking forward to our April Show and Tell.

Sad news and a thank you

As many of you heard, dear friend and member, Annette Spitzer, lost her husband in February. This is the lovely note that she sent us to thank us for the planter we sent:

“To my dear Quilter friends,
Thank you for the thoughtful gift of the dish garden. It is visual comfort to me and my family knowing there are caring thoughts behind it.
Sincerely, Annette”

The Next Sit and Sew!

The next Sit and Sew will be April 10th, 10-11:30 - if someone would like to host one earlier - please be in touch with me and I will set you up with a zoom link!

An AWESOME lineup of speakers for the next couple of months!

Maria Shell will be coming to our May meeting to give us a lecture on her work. Maria hails from Alaska, and is an internationally renowned quilter.

From her website:

TRADITIONAL, ART, MODERN—NOTES FROM THE FIELD

Maria Shell started out as a traditional quilter, but soon found herself making abstract pieced art quilts that look surprisingly modern. Maria will share her personal journey in and about the traditional, art, and modern quilt movements. Can you be all three?

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I have always been interested in pattern and how complex pattern can also create complex figure ground composition. In 2011, I began to wonder what would happen if I selected a particular pattern-in this case the grid-and continued to play with it over the course of a series. What I discovered is that limiting the pattern but manipulating the line, color, and shape, can produce dynamic results that not only stand alone as compelling individual compositions, but also are intriguing to look at as a group.

On May 15th, we are lucky enough to have Maria do a workshop for us - all the way from Alaska!

She will start the workshop at 11am EST - that's pretty early for her in Anchorage!

Here is her description of the workshop:
RIFFING ON TRADITION-EXPLORING DESIGN ELEMENTS WITH QUILT BLOCKS

Using the traditional quilt block as a foundation for our art, we will explore new territory in making contemporary quilts. We will take simple traditional quilt blocks and blow them up, repeat them, distort them, and in the end create fabulous new compositions.

Sadly, this will be the last of our speaker/workshop programs for the year. Be sure to sign up and reserve a spot in this very special program.

We have been very fortunate to have had very well-known quilt artists join us this year from far afield - Covid has given us this wonderful opportunity to learn in different ways that we had not thought possible.

How far we have come since March 2020! Who knew that we would still be able to socialize and learn despite the pandemic.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our programs.

We hope that next year will give us the opportunity to meet in person once again, and give us the desperately needed in-person social gathering opportunities that we have all missed so much.

In the meantime, join us for the last program of the year - it will be a VERY COLORFUL and fun workshop!

Join us and learn something new!

Tica - Program Chair.

FUTURE GUILD MEETINGS AND BOARD MEETINGS SCHEDULE

GUILD MEETING Calendar for 2021-2022

There will also be a spring strategic planning day, date TBA

September 13, 2021

October 4, 2021

November 1, 2021

December 6, 2021

January 3, 2022

February 7, 2022

March 7, 2022

April 4, 2022

May 2, 2022

June 6, 2022

Board Meetings Calendar for 2021-2022

Members are welcome at board meetings!

August 23, 2021

October 25, 2021

January 24, 2022

March 21, 2022

What's New at the New England Quilt Museum?

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There are two new exhibits to see at NEQM opening on March 31st. A new exhibit from SAQA (Studio Art Quilt Associates) will be in the genre gallery. The Donahue Permanent Collection Gallery will feature Yellow and Orange quilts from the museum collection. Among the quilts featured will be several contemporary quilts by Ruth MacDowell of Colrain, Suzanne Knapp of Westborough, Jeanne Williamson of Natick and Ethel Shulam of Peabody. There will also be a number of antique quilts to fill out the exhibit. The exhibit of yellow and orange quilts from the Pilgrim-Roy Collection continues in the main galleries as well as the quilts of Wendy Reed.

The museum is open Wednesday through Saturday, from 10:00-4:00.

[YouTube videos of some quilt programs that you might find interesting](#)

“Historically Modern” was presented at QuiltCon with six quilt history experts including Barbara Brackman presenting some quilt history. This one runs long. [\(106\) "Historically Modern" with AQSG & the Know-It-Alls - Quiltcon Together 2021 - YouTube](#)

Quiltside Chat with Marianne Fons (of Fons and Porter) and Caroline Ducey (of the International Quilt Study Center) is the first installment of a monthly series of “chats” that concentrate on one particular quilt. Next month will feature Pam Weeks of the New England Quilt Museum. [\(106\) QUILTSIDE CHATS - Episode 1 - MARIANNE FONS - March 21, 2021 - YouTube](#)

This exhibit currently at the Quilter’s Hall of Fame in Marion, Indiana includes a quilt made by Wayside Guild member Laura Lane. The Florida Quilt Study group hosted a challenge last spring. Participants were sent an antique quilt block and had to use the block or the fabric in it to construct a 24” x 24” wall hanging. This 30 minute video shows all of the quilts in the challenge.

[\(106\) Florida Quilt Study Group: Antique Quilt Block Challenge virtual tour at The Quilters Hall of Fame - YouTube](#)

What Our Members are Working on!

Jane Harris passed along a link to a workshop that may be interest to others

Making a Collage Quilt the EASY Way! by the Collage Quilter

Join me in Class!

I'm teaching this foolproof BEGINNER pattern at [QuiltFest](#) (online).

Limited spots are available!

APRIL 30, 4-7 PM EASTERN TIME