

Wayside Quilters

Newsletter ~ March 2017

Our Next General Meeting

Monday, March 6 at 7:00 pm
Grange Hall, Sudbury Town Center
(Park behind the Town Hall)

Back by popular Demand DEMO NIGHT

Six of our terrifically talented members will share techniques and tips on a wide array of topics. Even if you've been quilting forever, you are sure to learn a trick or two. Don't forget your notebook!



- Barbara Krebs - will teach the clever **cathedral window** trick that finishes the back of the quilt for you.
- Jean Konopacz - will share ideas to jump our **machine quilting** skills up a few notches.
- Anne Messier - will perform magic tricks and make **9 patches disappear...** and hopefully reappear in a new way.

(see next column for more fun)

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• Janet Columbus - is going to show us how to make **round table toppers**. We don't know what they are either, but they sound really fun and intriguing.

• Tica DeMoor - will share some soothing **hand embroidery** ideas and designs.

• Marianne Hatton - will show how to make **kaleidoscope blocks and half square triangles** behave and be absolutely accurate every time!

We'll be holding more demo nights in the future so be thinking of ideas you could share as well! See you on March 6th!

Tricia and Marianne
In-House Meeting Co-chairs

April 3, 2017 Meeting

Pam Weeks, the Binney Family curator at the New England Quilt Museum, and will be coming to our April meeting to give us a lecture titled: "A Complete History of Quilting in 60 Minutes or Less."

Quilting is nearly as old as cloth, and Pam goes through its history, concentrating on examples from the nineteenth through twentieth centuries.

Pam will debunk a few popular quilt history myths, and touch on New England textile mill and technology history.



VERY IMPORTANT!!!!

Everyone is invited to bring one quilt for identification.

Quilts are arranged in chronological order and used as examples in the lecture.

Survey

We will be handing out a Survey at the March meeting to gather information and interest level on a "Sewing Together" program. This would be a separate meeting outside of our normal Monday meeting time to be spent sewing together. Give it some thought.

Kathie Cromwell

May 1, 2017 Meeting **The Uglier Auction Re-invented** (or not so ugly!)

Our re-invented auction will have three parts: a silent auction, a teacup auction and a traditional live auction. There will be something for everyone! The auction will take place on our May 1 meeting. We are planning a fun lighthearted fun evening. We will raise funds for our guild and donate a portion to the NE Quilt Museum.

What can you do? We need your donations! Bring in:

- fabric you bought and are not using
- a collection of fat quarters or larger
- a kit you decided not to use
- patterns, quilt books
- a quilt top you no longer need
- quilting notions in great condition
- new handmade items

For the Live Auction we are looking for bigger items:

- vacation home for a weekend or week
- sewing machine in working condition
- quilt rack
- Fabric store or class gift certificates
- think out of the box – how about a gift certificate to a restaurant or shopping.

When you are deciding what to donate – think about only putting things in that you would be happy to take home with you!

Donations can be dropped off at Carol Bradford's (25 Maple Ave. in Sudbury) or at Pat Lukens' (70 Melody Lane in Marlborough). They can also be brought to the March or April meeting. **All donations are due by our April meeting.**

On May 1 – please bring one of the following with you: a finger food, cookies or bars, fruit or a bottle of sparkling cider or seltzer. Guests WELCOME!

Outreach

Remember to spend your day with us on Saturday, March 11 from 9:00 – 4:00 at the First Baptist Church in Sudbury to put together some Outreach quilts. If you can't come for the day, stop in for part of it.



HANDMADE QUILTS NEEDED FOR CAMP ERIN

Camp Erin Boston is a free weekend camp for grieving children and teens who have lost a loved one. The program has been so successful they were awarded a grant to run a second session!



Each camper is given a donated quilt as a unique comforting gift to keep and cherish for years.

We are in need of throw size quilts (minimum 40" X 60"). Quilts in bright, vibrant colors and themes including sports, frogs, butterflies, ladybugs, horses, flowers, etc., are suggested. Twice the camps, twice the quilts needed!!!

Unless explicitly designated for children attending Camp Erin, quilts may be used for children in the HEARTplay™ Program, another free grief program offered through CareGroup Parmenter Home Care & Hospice and/or as auction item(s) to raise funds for either children's bereavement programs.
www.heartplayprogram.org



Quilt donations are requested by July 1, 2017

If you would like to help, please contact
Kathy Clarkeson @ 781-545-2503 or clarkesonk@gmail.com

Camp Erin welcomes male & female volunteers age 18 and over.
Please contact Jennifer Wiles, Camp Erin Boston Director at 508-309-5107 or
jwiles@mah.harvard.edu www.campereinboston.org

Thank you for your kindness and generosity!

An in-kind tax receipt will be provided upon request.

Susan Thomas

Guild Secretary Needed

Carol McCreary needs to step down from her secretary position with the guild. We are looking for a new volunteer to take over her position.

Duties entail attendance at Board meetings, keeping notes and keeping track of the Guild records. See Carol for more info.

Letter Sent to our Website

Hello from Nova Scotia. Today I bought a quilt with a label saying made by Wayside Quilters-2010. It's just beautiful and I know many hours were lovingly spent making it. I will treasure it. Just wanted to share.



Linda Bourne

Anyone recognize this one?

Raffle Quilt Committee

I will be heading up a Raffle Quilt Committee for our 2018 Quilt Show. No, it's not too early. We all know how long it takes to put together a good quilt. A meeting will take place in March to pick out a pattern design. Patterns will be handed out to guild members in the spring so members have the summer to stitch up their square(s). The quilt will be assembled in the fall and ready to start showing and selling raffle tickets in early 2018.

If you would like to be a part of this fun exciting committee, please see me or email me.

Jean Konopacz
jkonopacz@gmail.com

Board Meeting Highlights

The Board met on February 11th. Here are highlights from the meeting.

* We've renewed our guild's membership at the New England Quilt Museum. One of the benefits is that our guild will be represented at their Summer Celebration of New England Quilts. Keeping with tradition, we will send the Viewer's Choice winner from our 2016 show, Anne Messier's Nature's Garden! We would like to arrange a guild field trip to this free show. All we need is a volunteer to organize it!

* It's time to start the raffle quilt for the 2018 quilt show. Jean Konopacz has graciously agreed to lead this effort, but she will need helpers and form a committee.

* Speakers are typically paid for by the guild, whereas workshops are paid for by the attendees. This system only works if the workshops fill up, otherwise the guild has to make up the difference, which is not sustainable. All future workshops will be advertised both within and outside the guild.

* The beloved Uglier Auction is due for an update. A committee has been formed and is already hard at work. If you are on our Facebook page you have already seen a sneak peak. Volunteers are always appreciated.

*There is a lot of interest in getting together to sew more often. Several ideas have been floated. We are making a survey to determine what would work best for the most members.

*The next board meeting will be May 13th. Meetings are open to all members and are surprisingly fun. Hope to see you there.

We agreed on a schedule for the rest of this program year:

March 6 – Demo Night
March 11 – Outreach Sewing Day
April 3 – Speaker Pam Weeks
May 1 – Uglier Auction
May 13 – Board Meeting
June 5 – Potluck and Show n Tell
August – Trip to NE Quilt Museum

New England Quilt Museum

Upcoming Free Lectures:

Saturday, March 4 @ 11:00 am
Allison Wilbur of Quilts for Change will be talking about the current "Water is Life" exhibit. It consists of 41 quilts highlighting the need for access to clean water around the world. The exhibit opened at the United Nations in Geneva. The talk is free as part of Lowell Women's Week.

Saturday, March 25 @ 11:00 am
Gothic to Goth: Romantic Era Fashion and Its Legacy
Textile and costume historian, Lynn Bassett, will be examining the influence the Romantic aesthetic of 1810-1860 has on today's Goth and Steampunk fashion movements. The talk is free of charge as part of the Moses Greeley Parker Lecture Series.

More info at: www.nequiltmuseum.org

Stump Sprouts Retreat

April 27th - April 30, 2017 (Thur- Sun)

For 5 years, a group of quilters has spent 3 days in West Hawley, MA at the [Stump Sprouts Retreat](#). We have sewn to our hearts' content, been fed large amounts of delicious food, socialized, hiked, walked, did some yoga, and had a wonderful time.

The rate for 3 nights and 9 meals will be around \$260. To reserve your spot, email Julie at julie.weinstein4@gmail.com with your contact information.

Currently the retreat is at capacity. A wait list is being kept as some may need to drop out at the last minute.

Share The Squares

Remember to bring your third batch of 15 x 3 ½" nine patches to our meeting next Monday. If you cannot be there in person, send your squares with a friend who will be there.

Please consider donating your leftover blocks for a raffle quilt for our 2018 show. Any questions, please email, call or speak to either Jill or Kathie.

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& Jill Cochrane iyayajc@gmail.com



WQG Calendar 2016

NOTE: Our meetings have moved to the 1st Monday of the month.

Monday, March 6, 2017, 7:00 pm
Demo Night
See p. 1 for more info.

Spring 2017 Meeting Schedule
March 6, April 3, May 1 and June 5

Saturday, March 11, 2017, 9:00-4:00
Outreach sewing day at Baptist Church

Rhododendron Needlers Quilt Guild Show
Saturday, March 18 10-5:00 pm
Sunday, March 19 10-4:00 pm
Admission: \$8/day or \$10/ 2 days
Free parking, vendors & raffle baskets
See www.rnqg.org for more info.

Saturday, May 13, 2017- Board Meeting

Newsletters and "Betweens"
Deadlines: 3 days before the 1st/15th
Send submissions to Jean Konopacz at
jkonopacz@gmail