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From the President

Despite my best plans and good intentions, I did not get a lot of quilting done this summer. But what I did do will help me get back to quilting over the next months: I had my sewing machine cleaned and tuned up. I looked at the different colors of the sky and clouds and thought about how each sky would look in fabric. I bought new books and read about new techniques to try. I bought supplies for some of these techniques. I looked at other people's quilts at quilt shows and fairs. I took pictures of signs and lights and colors and textures and scenery. And I planned several projects, thinking through the details and lining up the materials necessary to make them.

As autumn approaches, I am eager to get back to my sewing machine, to finish a few things piled up in the basement, and to start new projects. I am especially looking forward to the inspiration I find from Quinobequin - from our speakers, from the quilts that we see at "show and tell," and from the pleasure of spending time with members of the guild.

Julie Wolkoff



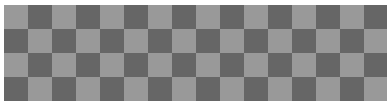
September 8th Meeting WHAT TO BRING!

- **Nametag.** Bring a nametag and be entered in our fabulous door prize drawing!
- **Comfort Quilts.** We are looking forward to seeing the work you completed this summer.
- **Show & Tell Quilts.** Show us the quilt projects you've recently finished.
- **Block of the Month.** Expect a sweet and petite offering.
- **Library books.** Bring in any books you have finished with, and check out our new additions.

October 13th Meeting HOSPITALITY REMINDER

Don't Forget to Sign up for Refreshments!

Please volunteer at the September meeting to bring a snack to a meeting that's convenient for you. When you volunteer, we will email or call to remind you what you're bringing.



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Fall 2009 Program Preview

We meet at the Wellesley Community Center on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Plan to arrive at 7:00 p.m. for socializing, and our meetings begin at 7:30. *Here is a look at our next few months:*

Our September meeting will be packed full of activities -- we'll catch up on summer activities, the Summer Challenge, show and tell, the new Block of the Month and our normal business meeting.

September 8, 2009 - We will all get to see our quilting friends and catch up on how we spent our summer break. The meeting will include the summer challenge (and our haiku), and lots of show and tell. Bring the comfort quilts you worked on or finished!

October 13, 2009 - Our very own Valarie Poitier has a surprise program planned for us - she's promised that we'll all have a great time and will be heading home with a new treasure.

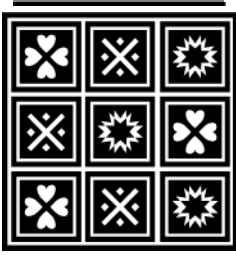
November 10, 2009 -- Helen Weinman of Heartbeat Quilts on the Cape is coming to show us some of her wonderful quilts. She also promised to bring some fun things for us to purchase (the quilt shop is coming to us!). Helen visited the Guild a few years ago but we "new kids" haven't had the pleasure of meeting her so it will be a fun evening.

Submitted by
Ann Hunter and Bryn Macy Wood.

QQ Quilt Show Update

Our next Quilt Show will take place in late March or early April 2010. We will try to settle the exact date before our October meeting. Meanwhile, at the September and October meetings we'll be looking for volunteers to sign up to help with all aspects of the show. There are lots of small jobs to do, and anyone with a bit of time is welcome and encouraged to help!

Submitted by
Jane Evans, 2010 Quilt Show Coordinator



New England Quilt Museum's Featured Exhibits

Red Sox Quilt Party September 15, 5-7pm

The New England Quilt Museum will be hosting a party to officially unveil their Red Sox Quilt, signed by 24 members of the 2009 Red Sox, and made by nationally-acclaimed quilt artist Rosemary Bawn, on Tuesday, September 15, from 5 to 7pm. The baseball themed party will feature ballpark refreshments, and will mark the official unveiling of the unique work of sports memorabilia and quilt art. For a complete list of players whose signatures are featured on the quilt, [click here](#).

Opening Reception for Master Pieces: Haberdashery Textiles in Antique Quilts September 26, 1pm

Featuring quilts made from menswear, some of it recycled clothing, this remarkable exhibition brings together over 40 intriguing graphic works made from simple utilitarian fabrics long overlooked in the study of antique quilts. The guest curator for the exhibit is noted antiques dealer and author Laura Fisher of FISHERHERITAGE in New York City.

In addition to the quilts themselves, the exhibit will feature historic advertisements, swatch books, and catalogs from menswear companies, dating from the 1900s through the 1950s. During Lowell Open Studios, on Sunday, September 27, we will be honoring this new tradition with a T-shirt memory quilt demo.

Lowell Open Studios, September 26 & 27 Join us for Demos: Hand Quilting & Make a T-Shirt Memory Quilt

Free Admission on Smithsonian Museum Day, September 26

Parking Note: Parking in Neighborhood Affected by Construction, September-October

www.nequiltmuseum.org

NEQM Book Group, Volunteer Thursdays, and NEQM in the Community

Volunteer Thursdays: September 3, 10, 17, and 24, 10:00am - 3pm

Thread painting and fabric paints on commercial print. '07



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Here is a picture of the Raffle Quilt from our last Quilt Show Year.

I wonder which lucky person is snuggling under this quilt or has it displayed in a wonderful cozy place in their home.

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Comfort Quilts

This summer, approximately 60 quilts were distributed to The Wayside Hospice in Wayland, foster care children, the Sisters of Charity facility in Wellesley and the Sharing Foundation for the orphanage in Cambodia. We also distributed almost 50 pillowcases which were well received by both hospice and the Sisters of Charity. Thank you for all of your hard work and donations to our Comfort Quilt program -- your efforts are greatly appreciated by the groups we help. Their letters will be available at the meeting.

Katherine Elias will be taking over Comfort Quilts and I'm sure you'll continue to provide wonderful quilts and pillowcases for our causes. Thank you all for your help!

Ann Hunter

2010 Think Spring Raffle Quilt Block Instructions

The raffle quilt is one of the biggest fundraisers we hold, and “many hands make light work!” Thank you to all who have made your blocks for our Think Spring - 2010 QQ Quilt Raffle.

Concessa Shearer has sandwiched and machine quilted the first quilt and is ready to do the same for the second top to raffle to people who purchase tickets. How about making a couple a blocks right now!?

Raffle Block Instructions

These scrappy nine-patches have floral centers, medium coordinating corners and yellow background. The finished block will be 6 inches.



**3.5 X 3.5 inch
Floral squares**

We would like to have every member make at least 2 raffle quilt blocks. In addition, please also cut at least four 3.5-inch square blocks cut from a floral fabric for the cornerstones. This will help with the scrappy look. Check the website for directions or look at the May Newsletter for all the details.

If you have any questions please contact

Charlotte Surgenor

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or 508-785-2129



Come One, COME ALL

Oct. 22-23:

The Fall Quilting FUN and FIESTA is open to all, at the Cape Point Hotel in West Yarmouth, all day Friday OCTOBER 22 and Saturday the 23rd, until Sunday noon. AT this time ONLY 3 rooms are occupied! To make this happen, we need at least 14 more wonderful fabric loving souls to call 1-800-323-9505 with \$100 for a double or \$175 for a single which includes two \$7.00 breakfast coupons at the delicious home cooked restaurant on the premises. Come for the weekend. Relax in the pool. Make new friends. Sign-in to our on site raffle and win one of multiple prizes. Visit shops (Heartbeat, Cozy Home, Tumbleweed, and others), all excited to see you, and offering discounts or gifts!

Order in, order out, eat-in, or head out to Hyannis or one of the many wonderful places to catch a bite close by. We are comfortable with you joining the fun, choosing your comfort level and joining cars and smiling friends leaving the sewing room periodically. Or, just stay and sew, sew, sew! Susan, Hillie, Conchessa, Mary and Katherine will be there! Will you join us? Please do! And call me when you've registered: 781-455-8540.

Feb. 2010—Possibly Rigley NH ?

Have a peak at the Woodbound Inn & Resort in Rindge, NH: www.woodbound.com. I've been chatting with them as a 'perfect spot' for a **winter quilting retreat**, just over the boarder in Southern NH. The available dates at this time are Feb. 5th - 7th, or Feb. 26th - 28th, 2010. The price would be the same, \$100 for the weekend with breakfast at the Inn included. The Inn-keepers are professional cooks and have moved their restaurant of multiple decades from town, out to the Inn. Dining is assured or short order is available in town. There are three nearby quilt shops we've never heard of, as well as three on the way. Think about it.

Susan Downs Schlegel



Summer 2009 Quilt Challenge Honoring the Haiku

The haiku is a poem that uses compact language to paint a vivid mental image, usually describing everyday subjects such as nature, feelings or experiences. Important in Japanese culture, a haiku usually has three short, non-rhyming lines: five syllables in the first line, seven in the second, and five in the third.

Our 2009 Summer Challenge was to find or write a haiku and transform it into a quilt. Bring your quilt to the September meeting in an **opaque bag**, and give it to Amie Smith to hang. Our top three favorite quilt designers will receive Button Box gift certificates!

Amie Smith
Summer Challenge 2009 Coordinator

Bragging Rights—or Quilters Prize, you decide... ☺ and send in your news!

In the spring of 2008 I took a class at the Button Box, taught by our own Concessa Schearer titled "Snake River Log Cabin". I finished piecing it over four or five months, and gave it to Concessa who quilted it, bound it and entered it into the Bayberry Quilters (Cape Cod) Show this past summer. I was very pleased to win the viewers choice second prize in the large quilt category.

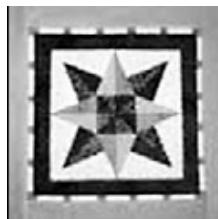
Anne

Library Update

We want to encourage you to bring back the books you have outstanding and especially those borrowed before our last meeting. We were lucky enough to increase our library by 30 books before you left on your summer hiatus, now remember others would like an opportunity to gaze longingly at those same publications so look under, over, around and through everything and get your books back to the meeting on time!

We are lucky to own so many great books, new and old, giving us the opportunity to easily research new techniques, refresh skills, or generate new ideas.

To keep our books circulating, our new lending policy is that members may take books out for three months. If you still need the book to finish a project, you may renew your book one time. Our Library on-line listing is being updated regularly so take a peek. Caroline Blair, Librarian



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Block of the Month

Introducing our **Quinobequin Garden Club Block of the Month**. This will be a sweet and petite Block-of-the-Month project. One or two traditional 10" flower blocks will be offered each month. At the end of the guild year, you'll be able to wrap up a bright baby quilt, a cozy feminine lap quilt, or a spring-fresh coverlet. Here's an easy one to get us started:

<http://www.quilterscache.com/P/PiecedTulipsBlock.html>

Add borders matching your background fabric to achieve a 10.5" square. Make one or two blocks in a palette of your own choosing, and please show off your first 'Pieced Tulip' blooms at our next guild meeting. The Quilter's Cache "Terms and Conditions of use" permits our guild's use for BOM; details here if you're interested: <http://www.quilterscache.com/TermsPage.html>

Submitted by Erin Geshwiler, Chair Block of the Month



2009-2010 Quinobequin Quilters Membership Registration

Attached is the registration form for 2009-2010. You can renew early by bringing in a form and the \$25.00 registration fee to the May meeting. You can also mail the form and dues to:

Becky Reed, 50 Longfellow Rd., Wellesley, MA 02482

Registration and dues will also be accepted at the September 2009 meeting.

New member: Yes ___ No ___

If information has not changed from last year, just fill in your name.

Name _____

Address _____

Town _____ ZIP _____

Telephone Number _____ Email _____

Do you want to receive the newsletter by Internet _____ or by mail _____

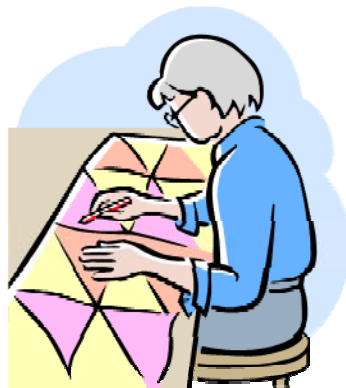
Please include fee: \$30.00 Check made out to Quinobequin Quilters

Or Sew It Seams - - - - -

Monday, August 24, 2009

I've been thinking about Christmas. Yes, I know that it's only August 24, and Christmas is four whole months away. It all started with "Mame," the play and the song, "We Need a Little Christmas Now." My husband and I went to see "Mame" at the Reagle Players Theatre about a month ago. As I sing the words to "Christmas" in my head, my sewing machine is humming. I'm a fairly new quilter, and my sewing skills are not all that great yet. "Sew" every time I check my intersecting seams, it feels like Christmas. What will I find when I turn my piecing over to the front? Will I have to use my seam ripper yet again, or will the seams match perfectly? Or even closely enough?

I inspect each block carefully and wonder if it is good enough. Are my 1/4" seams straight? Have I snipped all the loose threads? Does anything look crooked? Mind you, I'm visualizing another quilter, an expert of course, checking my work with a critical eye. Will I pass muster? Does it matter? I imagine someone knowing that the wrong side of the fabric is filled with flaws, imperfections, and loose threads, and that nothing is even. Okay, a quilt inspector would take the trouble to see every detail. But what about the person receiving the quilt? Will she feel joy at having been given a unique gift made especially for her? Will she like the fabrics, the colors, the patterns?



When my seams match, it feels like Christmas. And I get to experience Christmas a lot. Because I'm always surprised and delighted when it works out. Perhaps my friend won't notice the small sewing details. Perhaps, instead, she will see only the quilt as a whole, filled with an abundance of love and care poured into every stitch. Perhaps she will be filled with surprise and joy.

Or Sew it Seams - - - - -

By Cathy Harless,
Publicity Chair

Now where can I hide it? By Ms. V

You know you are losing what few marbles you have when you start hiding quilt supplies from yourself. I spent the first ten years of marriage not buying fabric because I believed everyone when they said I had enough and I needed to save and spend on the family.

I spent the second ten years of marriage hiding fabric in every nook and cranny, in the back of the car, on hangers in my closet, unpacking quickly when the hubby went on an Army Reserve Weekend tour, and even using the basement and the top of the kids closets.

I have spent the last ten plus years trying to find all the wonderful fabric, rulers, scissors...found 12 pair, must have five duplicates of some and none of others. I have decided as I am getting close to 35+ years with this dear man, that I have finally grown up enough, or found my right mind, or had enough therapy, or just felt one day, what the heck I work every day, or some such nonsense. I can remember my grandmother saying things like that and I thought she was a bit nuts. Well I have finally arrived and nuts is pretty good. Not to mention the backbone I finally found. Why did it take so long?

I am not going to hide my 'stuff' or 'junk' or artistic equipment or paraphernalia any more. So don't be surprised if you stop by and find my living room and dining room converted into a studio. All the kinks have not been worked out but during my short spell of illness last year I must have grown some...or lost some, let's call them marbles, because I love my things and finally I am surrounded by them and I feel wonderful! Now I am trying to figure out where to put it all. Wait, right here out in the open...LOL! He was peeking over my shoulder when I typed this and I just found out he knew all along. ☺

Volunteers are Winners & Number 1 in our Book!



We want to thank our outgoing 2008-09 Executive Board Members and Committee Chairs for their excellent service to our guild, keeping in mind that many of those who have served us so well, have lives and households filled with other responsibilities. Congrats on an Outstanding Job!

Amie Smith	Kelly McPherson
Ann Hunter	Linda Evans
Anne Mulligan	Maxine Rosenberg
Jane Evans	Nancy Weinreich
Katherine Elias	Peggie Lee
Kathy Whelan	



On that note join us in thanking, in advance, the excellent line up of 2009-2010 Executive Board Members (pg 4) and our Committee Chairs listed below.

Becky Reed	Margaret Rolph
Caroline Blair	Mary Mahaney
Cathy Harless	Maxine Rosenberg
Charlotte Surgenor	Monique Roth
Erin Geshwiler	Nancy Weinreich
Haiyan Newton	Patty Thorne
Jane Evans	Susan Burkhardt
Katherine Elias	Valarie Poitier



We all know there are unsung volunteers that work tirelessly to make certain we have a wonderful time, an educational experience, learn new techniques, move chairs and tables around, collect money, fabric, supplies, and do charity work beyond what is done with or for the guild and they are not listed here.

So Let's not forget to give them a pat on the back, a hug, a handshake, or a compliment when the favor or job is done! It may take a village to raise a child, guess what, we all know it takes volunteers working at home, before and after each gathering to make our guild what it has become over the years, and that simply said is lovely!

SO HERE'S A SALUTE FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE! Thanks ever so much!



Editor requests

Looking for news and quilt stories about your summer or this falls quilting experiences, workshops, seminars, exhibits you participated in.

Do we have any honorable mentions or ribbon winners? If you will not tell us your news, tell us all about your guild friends. She will blush and coo and it will be just fine!

Who did you make quilts for this summer? Did you have to travel to get the quilts to them? What about new techniques or discoveries. Been on any Shop Hop's lately or plan to go on one. Well we want to hear about it! And you know we love pictures, so take plenty and plan to share.

Get in touch and I will work on getting it into the next issue.

Regards, Ms. V

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Calendar of Local Quilt Shows

Through Sept.15, 2009 - Gore Place, Waltham Massachusetts
<http://www.goreplace.org/quilt-exhibit.htm>—an exhibit of late-eighteenth and early-19th century quilted textiles.

Sept. 19 & 20 10-4 pm - Silver City Quilt Show 2009, “Road to Silver City”
Taunton, Ma 02780 http://www.silvercityquiltguild.com/quilt_show_2009

Sept 19 & 20 **Squanicook Colonial Quilt Guild**, 10 AM - 4 PM Townsend MA , <http://www.SCQG.org>

Sept. 26 & 27 -Marathon Quilter's Guild, Hopkinton, Ma <http://www.marathonquilters.com/>

Oct. 2 & 4, 2009 -The Proper Bostonian Quilters, Boston, MA
<http://www.properbostonianquilters.org/events.htm#quiltshow25>

Oct. 3rd & 4th, 2009 - Rising Star Quilt Show, in Lexington Center
<http://www.risingstarquilters.org/show.html>

Oct. 16 & 17, 2009 - Concord Piecemakers Guild Quilt Show, Acton, MA
<http://www.concordpiecemakers.net/show.html>



Oct. 10 & Oct. 11, 2009 - Cape Cod Quilters, South Dennis, MA 02660, Show held at the Cultural Center of Cape Cod
http://www.capecodquilters.com/quilt_show.html

Oct. 24, 10:00-5:00, Oct. 25, 2009 10:00-4:00 - Burlington Quilters' Guild, Bedford, MA
<http://www.burlingtonquiltersguild.org/>

Oct. 24 & 25 10-4pm Tewksbury Piecemakers – Tewksbury, MA
<http://www.tewksburypiecemakers.com/ShowInfo.html>

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