

Quiltations

April 2010

2009-2010 Schedule President's letter

MEETINGS:

(DOORS OPEN @ 6 AND THE

MEETING STARTS @ 7:30)

MONDAY, APRIL 12

WEN REDMOND

MONDAY, MAY 17

JESSICA LEGER

WORKSHOPS:

APRIL 10 AND APRIL 11

THREE PETITE COLLAGE

INSPIRED ART PIECES

WITH WEN REDMOND

QUILT SHOW:

JUNE 4-6, 2010

ALL EVENTS ARE HELD AT
THE ARSENAL CENTER FOR
THE ARTS, 321 ARSENAL
ST, WATERTOWN, MA.

Quack, quack!

I'm confused. Last week was June, this week April, yet when I look outside, it's January! Globally the weather is uncertain, but here in my pint-sized sewing sanctuary, I know what I'm doing and what I'd like to finish. My UFO pile is reduced by 2. I buy clothes inexpensively for the fabric and keep these in a special place, the bottom of my UFO pile. Yesterday, I reduced this by 3 by cutting off the waistband and shortening a silk skirt I bought for \$3.00, the blouse I bought, but, must I admit the sleeves were too tight?, so I cut them off, and the t shirt with olive oil spots got over-painted, something I learned from our last workshop!

I am so thankful for the awesome response, so far, of our "Green" Challenge with 32 quilts already promised. The deadline to enter a quilt to benefit NEQM, ACA and QC, the Thursday we set up the show, I know many of you will add to this list. It would be helpful to know in advance if you are entering but not as important as giving one. This is a wonderful, easy way to support these groups. You only have to donate your creativity. I know you have this!

Sell or buy those raffle quilt tickets a great way to give back and support QC! Volunteer to handquilt next years raffle quilt by contacting Mary Gillis. When was the last time you saw a hand-quilted, wholecloth quilt as a raffle quilt? I never have and can't wait, but we need your help.

The Quilt Show is almost here but we need your participation, another way that cost nothing monetary just yourself. I can't wait to see what everyone has been doing!

What eye candy at our last meeting that our speaker, Cheryl Rulewich Rezendes, created. Yes, there was a issue with the Power Point Presentation but none when our members strutted these creations! When we get her online slide-show we will place it on the Yahoo site! Next month Wen Redmond.

Check out our updated website! Wow! WOW! Send updates to Karen Betencourt.

Thank You to Ellen Zellner, our new Member-at-Large. If anyone has anything they want changed, discussed, created or any suggestions you may

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TBD

UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS
7PM AT 11 BRYANT RD, LEXINGTON
EVERYONE IS WELCOME.

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2 YEAR - BEVERLY FINE
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Next Newsletter Deadline

FOR MAY: WED, APRIL 28TH
MRADZYMINSKI@YAHOO.COM

have for different ways to do things contact our Executive Board or Ellen. We're always interested in what you have to say and how we can make your QC experience better. I think QC is inspiring in the ways I can send out an email to our Yahoo site to so many talented artists and get an immediate response. Where can you have so many soulmates in one place!

Thank you Sandy Gregg for sending out those email blasts you get when we need information sent out immediately!

The sun will come out tomorrow..... maybe
Jessica

Remembering Chika Goto and Jane Galloway

Chika, a QC member since 1985, and Jane, a QC member since 1994, died of cancer recently and we will miss them.

Takako and I remember a funny story. Chika made a "Dear Jane" quilt and brought it from Japan to put in the show. She went to buy a wooden stick to hang it and it wouldn't fit in Takako's car. How big is this quilt, Takako asked. When she gave the dimensions, we all laughed. In translating the inches to centimeters, she had made 6" blocks instead of 4 1/2" blocks, and the quilt was extra,extra King size. We managed to hang it and it was beautiful!!!

--Sandra Keller

When Bea Grayson started the mentor program at QC, Jane and I were paired. We both had an instant connection - we both had hearing problems. At Fabric Corner and in my home, we'd spend time "discussing" many aspects of quilting, documenting our conversations by writing in one of Jane's ever present notebooks. The shine in her eye at that "ah ha" moment was truly rewarding. We stayed connected through the past 10 years using TTY, writing notes and exchanging warm hugs at QC meetings and at our Annual Show. I have one of her elephants.

--Nancy Howard

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

Treasury Notes

Treasurer's Report - March 15, 2010

Checking Account Balance 2/01/10 \$17,555.98*

Deposits:

Getaway Weekend Deposits	606.00
Sales Table	131.60
Adopt-a-Fabric	61.71
Guest Fees	185.00
Program Fees	550.00

Subtotal: \$ 19,090.29

Expenses:

ACA rents, March and April	(2,000.00)
Sales Table	(102.05)
Winter Free Workshops	(174.92)
Speaker fees and expenses:	
December, February, March	(3,292.55)
Quiltations	(116.53)
Returned Getaway Deposit	(150.00)

Subtotal: \$ (5,836.05)

Balance: \$13,254.24

*February 1st balance in prior report was wrong. I recently found I've been carrying an error since I began in September: several checks written in June did not clear until late September.

Upcoming Newsletter Deadlines

April's newsletter deadline is March 24th and May's is April 28th. Please email articles to Melissa at mradzyski@yahoo.com (include QC newsletter in the title).

Quilt Show Update

WOW, we've had a huge number of quilts submitted for this year's show despite being "under water"! NOW, we have two months to prepare for this exciting event. I've been out of the country for two weeks but a few terrific members have already been hard at work to make this show another success. (Kudos to Calie Koso!) We need everyone to step up, take on a task that you will enjoy doing, as we are so diverse in our talents and strengths. I hope to have advertising forms online soon; will let you know!

Sharon Monahan, Quilt Show Chair

2010 Raffle Quilt Ticket Sales

I'm delighted to announce that 25% of our membership has generously returned their 2010 Raffle Quilt tickets. Please pat yourself on your back. Remember my goal is 100% participation. Now, the rest of you, please fill my mailbox with your returned ticket stubs and checks. I'm waiting.

Nancy Howard

Urembo Basket Project

When I accepted to chair this year's show I did not realize how involved I would become in this project centered in Nairobi, Kenya. I have just returned from two weeks working with a group of nine women from the Kibera slum, the largest in Africa. The poverty is jarring and heartbreaking but these women have been working months with no salary sewing (on treadle machines) fabric baskets which we have brought back to sell. The women three of us taught last August took a leap of faith and are counting on us to help them improve their lives and those of their many children. Seeing their sewing skills improve, their growth as a group, their creativity and pride in their work was so wonderful. We're three quilters who now must learn to set up a non-profit, design a webpage, make connections and find markets here and in Kenya.

Urembo Baskets will have a booth at MQX in April. Please stop by! Anyone interested in knowing more or getting involved, let me know!

Sharon Monahan

News and Notes

Deborah Rocha is exhibiting her quilts in the third floor area of the Arsenal Center for the Arts from March 4 through the month of April. This is the final solo exhibit for the 2009-2010 year. Deborah's opening reception was held on Thursday, March 11.

Muriel Funka, Mary-Ellen Latino, and Mary Walter will be exhibiting at In and Out of the Box from April 11 - May 9 at the Goddard House, 1199 Main Street, Worcester. There will be a Champagne & Chocolate Opening on Sunday, April 11 from 2 to 5 p.m. Come to meet the artists, enjoy incredible chocolate desserts and a glass of champagne, while listening to the toe-tapping jazz of Chet Williamson's Chromatic Swing duo.

Please send your News & Notes to wnwasserman@aol.com

Thank you, Nancy Wasserman

News from the New England Quilt Museum

Current Exhibition: Kinder Komforts: Amish Crib Quilts through May 9, 2010. A wonderful variety of patterns and colors are seen in the small Amish quilts from the Sara Miller collection. The guest curator is. Bettina Havig.

There is a bonus exhibit of miniature Amish quilts made by the late Dorothy Bosselman and friends 20 years ago for exhibit at the museum. These quilts were recently donated to the permanent collection by Dorothy's family. In addition there are full-size Amish quilts from the Museum's Collection. Gerald Roy will give a lecture "An Appreciation of Amish Color" on Saturday, April 17 at 1pm.

Barnes & Noble Book Fair Day: On Thursday, April 29th, shop at any Barnes & Noble store, or from April 29 through May 4 online, give this voucher <http://www.nequiltmuseum.org/Docs/BarnesandNobleVoucher-April2010.pdf> and help support community outreach projects from the museum.

Take a marketing survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/JM89YMM> and receive a 20% off coupon for any non-consignment item in the museum shop. Help us to bring you more of your favorite exhibitions, programs, merchandise, and classes! Tell us anything--what you like, what you don't like, how we can make this Museum even better...Your responses are completely anonymous, and will help us to tailor our programs to patron interests.

School Vacation Week program for Children: On April 20, NEQM will offer an all-day Amish Quilt workshop suitable for students age 8 - 12. Students may choose a wall hanging, a doll bed quilt, or a doll, learning hand and machine sewing. An adult may accompany a child. Workshop fee is \$55 for members. \$65.00 for non-members and includes the kit with all necessary supplies for the 18" X 24" (approx.) project. For additional information or to register, please contact Rhonda Galpern, outreach@nequiltmuseum.org or call 978-452-4207, ext 17. The deadline to register is April 9 by 4pm.

Lowell Quilt Festival: Fliers have been mailed to previous participants. This year the festival will be at the Lowell Memorial Auditorium. Lots to see and do in Lowell from August 12 to 14. Check it out: www.lowellquiltfestival.org The Quilt Challenge Theme is: "From Lobstah to Green Monstah: What's Best About New England" How about it QC anyone submitting a quilt? Details: <http://www.nequiltmuseum.org/events/special-events.html>.

Submitted by Leah Allman QC representative to the NEQM

Houston, TX- Entries sought for "Still We Rise Again: Quilts for New Orleans"

A juried exhibit featuring quilts that celebrate the unwavering spirit of New Orleans, the Gulf Coast, rebirth, renewal and the recovery of a city devastated five years ago by Hurricane Katrina.

Quilts will premiere at International Quilt Market & Festival October 30- November 7, 2010 . (Other exhibit locations TBD.) Entry deadline July 1, 2010. You may submit up to two entries for consideration. The jurors are Jennifer Gilbert & Martha Sielman. The exhibit to benefit appraiser scholarship & conservation workshop for damaged quilts.

For entry form, e-mail m_walter@charter.net or visit www.aquiltersgarden.com. Questions? Contact curator Mary Walter 617-480-6360.

2010-2011 Membership Renewal

We have received 25 membership renewals for the 2010-2011 QC year. This is a reminder to our other 375 members that renewals are now being accepted. Renewal forms are available on the QC website at quiltersconnection.org or on page 7. Please submit your form along with payment to either of us at a QC meeting or by mail before May 31. There are 60 individuals on the waiting list. They are all very anxious to join QC so please get your renewals to us in a timely manner if that is your intention and assure that you will not miss out on another exciting year of activities and programs at QC.

Susan Stemporzewski & Stephanie Laurin

Wait List for QC Membership

1	Marilynn	Bever
2	Naomi Rush	Olson
3	Diane	Loomis
4	Marilyn	Gillis
5	Myrna	Balk
6	Catherine	Reurs
7	Paula	Solomon
8	Atara	Halpern
9	Christa	Kaufman
10	Roberta	McNulty
11	Mary Ann	Zonenshine
12	Dora	Dorval
13	Stacey	Alden
14	Lolita	Elverrillo
15	Janet	Spillert
16	Judy	Massakowski
17	Ruth	Subers
18	Mary	Willis
19	Athila	Jarrah
20	Cindy	Walter
21	Lynn	Thibault
22	Judith	Sundell
23	Linda E.	Reppucci
24	Patty	Stevens
25	Linda	Ramrath
26	Deborah	Pellegrino
27	Tamara	Jessiman
28	Gail	Campbell
29	Sandra	Rice
30	Sandi	Colwell

31	Megan	Bailey
32	Janet	Hicks
33	Jean Alden	St. Pierre
34	Linda	Cafarella
35	Linda	Newberry
36	Chrissy	Inge
37	Melissa	Frumin
38	Susan	Selden
39	Jan	Hobbs-Bailey
40	Megan	Bailey
41	Bonnie	Cohen
42	Kazuko	Tyler
43	Carole	Mietzsch
44	Catherine	Fullerton
45	Gail	Williams
46	Carrie	Zizza
47	Suzanne	Boers
48	Darlene	Determan
49	Avis	Davidson
50	Mary	LaBoube
51	Susan M.	Hayes
52	Anne	Ryan-Ruud
53	Mary	Maresca
54	Eve	Beland
55	Marina	Thompson
56	Barbara	Tarrh
57	Sarah	Griffin
58	Jaysa Kass	Zablatsky
59	Stacy	Humphrey
60	Linda	McIntosh

Quilters' Connection 2010- 2011 Membership Form

Name: _____ (as will appear on membership ID)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Do not print in membership booklet

Email: _____ Do not print in membership booklet

- Regular: All Meetings, exhibit in show, take workshops, *Quiltations* by email \$40
- Associate: 2 Meetings, exhibit in show, take workshops, *Quiltations* by email \$30
- International: Living overseas, exhibit in show, *Quiltations* by email \$40
- Student: 2 Meetings, exhibit 1 quilt in show, *Quiltations* by email \$20
- Quiltations* by mail \$10

Payment enclosed Cash Check # _____ \$ _____

Please volunteer for one or more of the following committees:

- Comfort Quilt Projects (coordinate workshops, donate quilts)
- Communications (website, yahoo group, email newsletter)
- Donations (review annual donations)
- Get-Away Weekend (plan & coordinate weekend quilt retreat)
- Holiday Boutique (organize holiday boutique)
- Library (oversee use & maintenance of library)
- Meetings (adopt-a-fabric table, sales table, information table)
- Membership (membership & wait lists, membership booklet, renewals, reception, IDs)
- Newsletter (editor, quilt happenings, news & notes, mailings)
- Nomination (coordinate nominations for various QC positions)
- Programs (host lecturers, transport, assist workshop signup, workshop assistance)
- Quilt Show (advertising, publicity, layout, set-up & take down, white glove, reception, hospitality, front gate, show book and tickets, boutique)
- Raffle Quilt (design, assembly, quilting, raffle tickets)
- Scholarship (oversee the process of awarding grants for education purposes)
- Sunshine/Caring (send greeting cards)
- Winter Free Workshop (coordinate workshops, instruct, plan luncheon)
- Your Special Talents _____

Membership is from September 1 to August 31.
Return completed forms with payment by May 31 to
Susan Stemporzewski or Stephanie Laurin

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