

# Quiltations

October 2010

## 2010-2011 Schedule President's Letter

### MEETINGS:

(DOORS OPEN @ 6 AND THE  
MEETING STARTS @ 7:30)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 25

ESTERITA AUSTIN

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8

SYLVIA EINSTEIN

MONDAY, JANUARY 17

PAT DELANEY

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

JENNIFER BEAVEN

MONDAY, MARCH 21

SYLVIA NAYLOR

MONDAY, APRIL 11

URSULA KERN

MONDAY, MAY 16

GERI BARR

### WORKSHOPS:

OCT 23 AND OCT 24

PORTRAITURE

NOV 6 AND NOV 7

MAGIC SQUARES

JAN 15 AND JAN 16

MOCK APPLIQUE

FEB 26 AND FEB 27

PAINT, STITCH, EMBELLISH

MAR 19 AND MAR 20

FLORAL AND ORGANZA

APR 9 AND APR 10

BUGS AND FLOWERS

MAY 14 AND MAY 15

JOURNAL QUILTS

### QUILT SHOW:

JUNE 2 - 5, 2011

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

Welcome again New Members and it was great to have you join us! What a great Show & Tell. A big thank you to all who organized, volunteered and exhibited. I am inspired by you - and the cottage that I live in and the lake that sparkles when the moon and the sun shine upon it. As I walk/slide/roll across my deck, I am reminded that Mother Nature has created the most beautiful art quilt in the world (or out of it)! She reminds me with cold breezes, as I roll across to the railing, that a new landscape will be appearing and that the chipmunks and squirrels will have plenty to eat. I wish I had a yard of fabric for every acorn on my deck. On second thought, I think I do...

I have worked for weeks on 3 coats I have entered for A Quilters Gathering and (wow!) got accepted. I will not procrastinate again, I just will not. My sewing room is a happy mess. I can't find anything but I have found that the new quilt batting I am using seems to have cotton missing in odd places. Then I realized that I have been visited by, not the Ghosts of Christmas, but by Tom & Jerry. I don't even want to utter the word, mouse! So I have Chipmunks eating on the deck and a mouse inside. If only I could train them to finish a UFO!

I hope everyone is busy creating quilt show entries for the June Quilt Show. Look on the website for information, forms and deadlines. Volunteer and you get to meet other members and sometimes touch the quilts!

I hope you get excited about the new President/Vice President Challenge, "Where in the World..." (see related article). This is the one way in which everyone can participate and donate. You don't have to sell, chair or join anything, just make one and pass it on. We had 76 quilts 2 years ago and 56 last year and we've made over \$7000.00. The proceeds went to NEQM, ACA and QC. Let's do more!

Our whole cloth raffle quilt is special, so please buy/sell your tickets when they come to you in January. If you're like me, this is one quilt you will never devote the hundreds of hours it takes to create, but what a wonderful prize to win! I want it!

Thank you to all for the response to my "Project Runway" trunk show last May. I have received 3 other gigs from this. A career, finally! When I looked on these quilt guild websites I was amazed at how many other QC

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MORE DETAILS.

## Board of Directors

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## Newsletter Deadline

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20TH  
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members are doing trunk shows, lectures and workshops or entered in galleries. Awesome! If you are in another guild, pass this knowledge on. We are unique as a guild because we offer Scholarships, a Sale table that sells for costs, have only 1 yearly Challenge, don't have outside vendors at our quilt show but our own Boutique where we sell your items for just a small charge, have many members capable of lecturing, judging, teaching, exhibiting and have a free workshop thrown in! Even this impressive list doesn't fully describe QC ... we are unique!

Another great season, another great speaker, Esterita Austin this month, more workshops and another thought to finishing something or beginning anew.

See you soon,  
Jessica

## Treasurer's Report - October 7, 2010

Checking Account Balance 9/03/10	\$ 25,440.47
Deposits:	
Late Membership Fees	590.00
Expenses:	
ACA Rent, October	(1,000.00)
Donation, ACA	(1,000.00)
Donation NEQM	(1,000.00)
New England Quilt Supply (sales table)	(432.91)
Membership Expenses	(412.59)
Newsletter	(49.38)
Balance 10/7/10:	\$ 22,144.59

## Opportunity to Host Esterita Austin in Your Home

I am looking for a QC member or perhaps two that would be willing to host Esterita Austin while she is here later this month. Perhaps one person would like Friday and Saturday nights and another might want to host her on Sunday and Monday evening. It would be awesome if we had someone who is attending the workshop! She will be teaching workshops on Saturday and Sunday all day each day. She is well known internationally, and it would be a great experience. I would like to know in the next few days if you're interested. Please email me: abonsett@rcn.com or call me at 781-894-0778. She will be driving to MA, so she will have an automobile.

Thanks so much!  
Ann Bonsett, Programs Chair

## Winter/January Free Workshop

The Winter/January Free Workshop has been scheduled for Saturday, January 22, 2011 from 9am - 4pm. It will again be held at St. Brigids Parish 2001 Mass Ave. in Lexington, MA..

For our new members and those not familiar with the Winter/January Free Workshop, it is a wonderful sharing and social event for our guild. Several of our very talented members volunteer share some of their knowledge and skills with us either during a 3 hour morning or afternoon workshop or a full day workshop. There is no fee to attend (other than a supply list and your time). Between the morning and afternoon workshops we break for a wonderful lunch of soups and salad provided by another great crew of our members. So if you are unable to participate in a workshop we do hope you come and join us for lunch. It is a great way to get to know others QC members.

A list of teachers and workshops is below; watch the November newsletter for a brief description of each class. Sign ups will be held at the November meeting. Keep your eyes and ears open for more news on the W/JFW.

### Full Day Workshops:

Mary Walter will have the 2011 Raffle quilt set up for hand quilting all day.

Ethel Shulam: Monoprinting and Screenprinting techniques

Sherry Winkleman: Design with symmetry

### Morning ½ day Workshops:

Laurel Miller: "Stealth" (sewing machines required)

Elana Schreiber: credit card cases (sewing machines required)

Donna Jean Downer: Beading

Gladys Perkins: "Lutrador"

### Afternoon ½ day Workshops:

Christina Inge: "Green and Gorgeous Grocery bags" (sewing machines required)

Betty Hauk: "Scraps, Scraps, Scraps: Lots of fun things you can do with small fabric scraps - even tiny ones!" (sewing machines required)

Judy Becker: "Forget about 12 stitches to the inch...a new way of hand quilting"

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

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## Newsletter Update

Newsletters are also available on our website. If you think you've been left out of the e-mailing, please check there for the latest issue as well as past issues.

The October & November meetings are close together this year and so the next newsletter deadline is quickly approaching. Articles for the November newsletter should be sent to me no later than October 20th.

Melissa Radzynski, Newsletter Editor

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## **Dying Fabrics with Rust**

After seeing my quilt at the September Show and Tell, several members asked me how to dye fabric by using rust. It is actually quite easy.

- 1) Cut fabric to the size and shape you desire. I have only used silks and cottons, but I am sure it will work with wool, as I have read articles describing this. I generally work with eight to twelve inch squares.
- 2) Wet the fabric.
- 3) Alternate layers of fabric and (reasonably flat) pieces of rusted metal, beginning and ending with fabric.
- 4) Place in a plastic bag and leave it for five to seven days. You do not have to seal the bag tightly, and it is good to check after four days or so to see how much it has dyed the fabric. If you leave it too long, the rust will leave a thick layer on the fabric and will be impossible to sew through.
- 5) Remove from the bag and soak for fifteen minutes in a salt solution to stop the rusting action. I use one-quarter of a cup of Kosher salt to a pail of water; about four gallons.
- 6) Rinse and dry.

**CAVEATS:** Sewing by hand through the rust areas is arduous; almost impossible. Sewing the unrusted part of the fabric can be a little difficult too. I have found that it is also difficult to machine quilt through the rusted areas. They tend to stop the needle and pull the fibers down into the bobbin area. However quilting on the wrong side of the quilt is not difficult if you use a denim needle (#16 or larger) and go slowly. And since I always pre-cut the fabric to the size I need, I have no idea what effect cutting through the rusted fabric will have on a pair of scissors!

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## **Membership Update**

The name tags and membership booklets are completed for 2010-2011. The color this year is lime green for both returning members and new members. New members are identified by a star on their name tags. The booklets and name tags were handed out at the September meeting. If you did not attend or missed out on picking up your copy, please stop by the front desk at the October meeting.

We need to correct some information that we received in error. The NEQM Representatives are Sylvia Einstein & Carol Durand. The Get-Away weekend is Nancy Wasserman & Pam Turner. Programs are Ann Bonsett & Fay Martin. Quilt Show is Sharon Monahan & Margaret Rolph. And for those of you who did not figure this one out, the Quilt show date should be changed to 2011 not 2010.

Stephanie Laurin  
Membership Co-chair

## **Upcoming Comfort Quilt Workshop**

The next comfort quilt workshop will be held on Saturday, December 4 from 9:30am to 3:30pm at St. Mark's in Burlington. Contact Jane Norberg with any questions.

## News and Notes

This past June, Sandy Gregg had quilts and collages hanging in a two person show of works titled “The Act of Seeing” at Gallery 263 in Cambridge.

Diana Galson-Kooy was part of a group show of works by Newton Open Studios artists called “Season of Flowers”, at the Newton Cultural Center. Diana had 2 flowers quilts in the show which ran June through August.

This past summer, Bobbie Sullivan and others had a show at the North River Arts Society in Marshfield Hills.

Muriel Funka, Bev Fine and Jessica Leger were part of the 130 artists on display at The Fitchburg Art Museum Regional Art and Craft show. The Exhibition showcased the best of regional artists across the state and ran through the summer.

Ethel Shulam was one of the featured artists in the August Cloth, Paper, Scissors Studio publication from Interweave Press (the publishers of Quilting Arts magazine). There is a four page article with pictures of Ethel and her studio.

Robin Bergman will be having her annual Open Studio in West Concord-West Concord Designers 16th Annual Open Studio Show on Oct 28, 29 & 30 from 10am - 6pm daily. For more information, visit her website: <http://www.robinoriginals.com/studio.html>

Nancy Crasco had two works selected for the exhibition Quilts=Art=Quilts 2010, which will be held at the Schweinfurth Memorial Art Center in Auburn NY from October 31, 2010 until January 3, 2011.

Rosemary Hoffenberg’s quilt, “Mt. Desert Isle”, has been accepted into Quilt National.

Michele David was one of sixteen fiber and quilt artists who had pieces based on the birds and botanical paintings of John James Audubon in the “Audubon in Cloth - Fiber & Quilt Exhibit” this past June at the Rotunda Gallery, Henderson County Public Library in Henderson, KY.

Michele David also had six quilts accepted into the “African-American Quilts Today: A Celebration of Motherhood, Sisterhood and the Matriarchs” exhibit at the New England Quilt Museum. The exhibit opens October 21 and runs through Jan 3. Opening reception with Dr. Pearlie Johnson - Saturday, October 23, 1pm.

And, Michele David is one of several artists who will have quilts in the October 26- November 30 exhibition: “The Skin Quilt Project: Uplifting Our Culture, Celebrating Tradition” featuring quilters from the documentary “The Skin Quilt Project”. Located in the lower level of the Wheelock Family Theatre in Boston. For more information <http://www.skinquiltproject.com/>

Michelle David is also featured in a Boston Magazine, called Exhale. <http://www.exhalelifestyle.com/2010-2-2/AHealingArt.html>

Please send your NEWS & NOTES to Nancy Wasserman [wnwasserman@aol.com](mailto:wnwasserman@aol.com)

## Yahoo Group Instructions

I have had several emails from people asking how a new person can join the Quilters Connection Yahoo group. I've also had people who had been on the group for a long time tell me that they were no longer getting group emails and wanted to know how to rejoin.

Here's the process:

1. If you do not already have a Yahoo account, you need to go to Yahoo.com and sign up for a Yahoo account.
2. Once you have your Yahoo account, go to [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/QC\\_QuiltersConnection/http://groups.yahoo.com/group/QC\\_QuiltersConnection/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/QC_QuiltersConnection/http://groups.yahoo.com/group/QC_QuiltersConnection/). This is the home page for the Quilters Connection group. You will see a description of the group and a button that says "Join this group." Once you click on that button, it will trigger an approval email that is sent to me or Barbara Frost since we're the group's co-moderators. One of us will approve your membership and you will start getting emails and be able to send them.

If you were already a member and suddenly stopped getting emails, it's most likely because you either changed your email address or registered for the group under a different email address from the one you're using now. In that case, go to the same URL as above and click on the Join button using the email with which you want to get messages. Yahoo only sends messages to the email under which you have registered for the group. If you have any further questions, please let me know.

Thanks, Diane Franklin

### **Rising Star Quilters 23rd Annual Quilt Show and Sale**

Sat., Oct. 16, 2010, 10am-5pm  
Sun., Oct. 17, 2010, 11am-4pm  
Cary Memorial Hall, 1605 Mass Ave.,  
Lexington, MA

Two exhibit halls, one on each floor. On the entry level you will find a wonderful Boutique, a Café, demonstrations by RSQ members, a Raffle Quilt and Mini-quilt Raffle, Raffle Baskets, and many members' quilts. On the lower level you will find vendors, many more member's quilts, and Challenge Quilts: this year's challenge is "Going in Circles!"

Handicapped parking is available in the driveway in front of Cary Hall. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to REACH...beyond domestic violence. Admission \$5.00.

For more information,  
visit <http://www.risingstarquilters.org>

### **Quinobequin Quilters Hosting Judith Larzelere Workshop**

Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2010 (10am-5pm)

Come join Judith as she conducts a machine strip piecing workshop. Students will work with a design formula to choose fabrics that will be strip pieced, re-cut and then sewn into a small wall hanging in a quilt-as-you-go method. Special emphasis will be on color selection. Workshop cost is \$50.00 and is open to all with machine sewing and rotary cutter experience. Workshop to be held at the Button Box Quilt Shop in Wellesley. To register for this workshop, please contact me. You will be sent a class supply list upon registration.

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## **Workshop Registration! WOW! What a Great Response!**

Wow! What a great response to the QC workshop registration! A special thanks to everyone who staffed the tables at our September meeting and to Susan Monjan who has been instrumental in compiling the results!

I am so excited with our line-up of programs and workshops! QC workshops are a great way to socialize, meet new members, and learn first hand from top notch artists.

Esterita Austin, whose claim to fame is Misty Fuse, is our featured program for the membership meeting on Monday, October 25th and our own Sylvia Einstein will tantalize us a few weeks later at our Monday, November 8th meeting!

Susan has been working hard to get the workshop registrations processed! We are thrilled to announce that everyone got their first and second choices! Members taking the October workshop should watch for the class postings this weekend on the QC website. Those registered for Sylvia Einstein's November workshops will be posted on the QC website early next week.

We happen to have a few spaces left in Esterita's and Sylvia's workshops. Are you interested? To register, please call Susan Monjan at 617-783-0817.

Did I mention we had a great response to workshop sign-ups? We sure did! People who have given preference to workshops in January, February, March, April and May but have not yet paid will get an e-mail prior to the October meeting. Please send your checks to Susan Monjan or bring them to the October meeting. The class rosters for 2011 will be posted on the QC website after the November meeting.

We do have a few slots available for 2011 workshops. If interested, please call Susan Monjan at 617-783-0817.

See you at the October meeting!  
Ann Bonsett, Programs Chair

## **President & Vice President Challenge "Where in the World...."**

This year's QC Challenge, to benefit NEQM, ACA and QC, is "Where in the World...". What does that mean? We would like you to create a quilt, no larger than 20" on any side, or a bag, of a place, either on earth or anywhere else, that inspires you. A place you have seen, dreamed, would like to go or have fabric for, already in your stash! For these Challenges we are always looking for what is a general topic that would interest all to bid on them at our Quilt Show in June. We try for general appeal and sale-ability. Especially if you haven't contributed before, this is your year! There are so many different nationalities and ethnic cultures that surround us, we thought it would be great to represent them. "Out of this world" quilts also appeal for those who dream of magical places.

We will collect these quilts on the Thursday before the Quilt Show so you have plenty of time to start and finish. 2 years ago we had 76 quilt and last year we had 58 and we made over \$7000.00. Please help us help others!

Thanks,  
Elaine & Jessica

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