

Bits & Pieces

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2015 Raffle Quilt

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Raffle Quilt 2016

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To be Announced

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Mary Rys, Pat Arcese

Ways & Means

Penny Bartlett, Regina Martin

Monthly Raffle

Mary Rys

Presidents Message



Happy New Year!
The beginning of this Guild year has been busy, and we've had so much fun!! Thank you to all of the Committees, those who interact with the membership often and those who are working quietly in the background: The Mystery Quilt projects are started; Secret Sister has kept Mary busy every meeting; info for our 2016 Raffle Quilt

has been handed out; we had another successful Ways & Means – we all love a bargain!!; Adele Scott's presentation and the related and fun goodies in her mini-store (have you noticed the small LED strips of lights on some machines?) made for a lively meeting; and our Holiday Celebration was a wonderful way to end out formal meetings for 2014. We did have one more project day after that meeting - Our project days have found a growing group of members working on projects and enjoying the unstructured time!

The Winter/Spring schedule is fluid to allow for weather... the programs

committee has all kinds of fun in store for us! Details are elsewhere in this newsletter. As always, we are not meeting if school is cancelled in Falmouth, OR if you don't feel comfortable traveling at any time! Safety first!

As always, the guild is our guild, and everyone's thoughts are welcome! Have a suggestion for the program 'wish list'? Let someone know!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone's Mystery Quilt in the Spring! I guess I'd better get going on mine!!

Wishing you, and those you care about, a Joyous & Healthy 2015!

Fabric Corner – Gone

Fabric Corner, a fixture in the quilting and sewing community for 35 years, was destroyed by fire early Monday morning Dec. 8– the work of arson.

“I just feel sickened that the Falmouth community has lost a true representation of what Falmouth is about – a small business, people meeting people, people congregating and people doing what they love,” said owner Mark Winer.

The community mourns the loss of Fabric Corner and our heartfelt sadness goes to the owners, the Winer family, and also to the 5 employees who are no longer employed due to this tragedy.

Schedule of Winter/Spring 2015 Meetings Cape Cod Fairgrounds

9:00 am

January 8, January 22

February 12, February 26

March 12, March 26

April 9, April 23

May 14, May 28

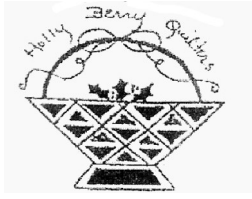
End of Year Luncheon—June 11

Project dates

January 15, January 29, February 5, February 19,

March 5, March 19, April 2, April 16, April 30

(dates subject to change due to inclement weather or scheduling conflicts)



RECIPE CORNER

Éclair Ring

Denise Conton

Preheat oven to 400

Ingredients for the Pastry

- 1 cup of water
- 1 stick of butter
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 1 cup of flour
- 4 eggs at room temperature
- Bring the water, butter & salt to a boil.
- Shut off the heat and stir in the flour.
- Stir in the eggs one at a time.
- Mix until pastry batter has the consistency of mashed potatoes.
- Drop by tablespoon onto a greased cookie sheet in a ring shape or as two logs.
- Bake for 30 minutes then turn off the oven.
- Leave the ring in the oven for an additional 15 minutes.
- When cool, slice like a bagel.

Ingredients for the Filling & Topping

- 1 pint of heavy cream
- 1 cup cold milk
- 1 tsp vanilla
- 2 (3.4 oz.) pkgs. of vanilla pudding
- 1 container of chocolate frosting
- Beat the pudding, vanilla, cold milk and heavy cream until very thick.
- Add filling to the ring.
- Microwave the container of chocolate frosting for 1 min.
- Drizzle the chocolate onto the top of the ring.
- Refrigerate

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Information and Programs for Winter and Spring 2015

Happy New Year! And welcome back to the last half of our quilting year. Our program committee has put together an exciting line-up of programs for the upcoming months that we know you will enjoy.

January 8

Disappearing Pinwheel Block Demo
Start of the UFO Challenge. Janet from previous Middleboro Shop will be bringing some of her fabrics and notions – deep discounts.

Members:

Bring in a UFO to Challenge yourself to complete by June.

January 22

Creating Fabric/Felt/wool Valentines using a variety of techniques. The Accu-Quilt cutter will be available to cut your hearts.

Members:

Bring in a piece felt/wool and coordinating floss to work on a Valentine. This would be to practice hand stitches. Bring your sewing box as you'll need the usual sewing supplies. Cotton is also an option being sure to have your steam a seam in place.

February 12

Disappearing Hourglass Block Demo

Members:

Bring in a dark and light 10" block of fabric so we can make one of these blocks. We will need a few sewing machines.

February 26

Snowman Mat Demo

Members:

Bring in your Raffle 2016 Blocks.

March 12

Penny will demonstrate how to prepare a sweatshirt to make a jacket, and give several methods for adding fabric for a finished quilted jacket. If you would like to make one, we can work on the jacket during the open sew Thursdays.

Members:

You will need a sweatshirt with set-in sleeves, 1-2 sizes larger than you normally wear; choose the COLOR of the sweatshirt and the fabrics that will blend nicely or "scrappy is fine". For a "Mosaic Jacket" you will need approximately 250 2" squares from assorted fabrics, or 1/4 yard each of 15 different fabrics cut into 1" strips.

March 26

Kindred Quilters of RI - Urban Trilogy Bag Demo of all the different hardware on the market for the quilted bags as well as review of inserting magnetic snap closure and sewing exterior zippers.

Brown Bag lunch or ordering a tray of sandwiches & drinks - nominal fee. Workshop immediately following meeting for Urban Trilogy Bag with 2 instructors.

Urban Trilogy Bag (5 hours including 1/2 hour lunch)

In this workshop the basic bag from the Urban Trilogy Bag pattern will be completed. This sleek, little bag features both shoulder and cross-body wearing. Techniques explored in-



clude the construction of outer and lining pockets, zipper pockets, and the application of strap hardware and magnetic snap.

Members:

Cost for workshop is \$20. (Kit - \$12, Class is \$8) The kit contains instructions and hardware. More details to follow.

April 9

Left open in case of cancellation of any of winter meetings needing to be rescheduled. If there are no program cancellations, we will have demo of Xbox ruler.

Members:

Refer back to any cancelled meeting and/or come and enjoy the Xbox ruler Demo.

April 23

Project Help Day. Open sew and help is available for any help you may need completing a project.

Flower themed FQ Raffle. Nomination of Officers

Members:

Bring in a quilting project you need help completing. There are many knitters here, too!

Bring in 1-3 FQ with a flower theme. You will get number of raffle tickets matching number of FQ up to 3.

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Tips from Love of Quilting

If your sewing machine has a tendency to “walk away” while you are sewing, put a piece of rug padding under it. Cut a piece the width of your machine plus 6’-8’. The extra will keep the scissors, seam ripper, bobbins and other tools close at hand.

Small paint brushes come in handy to clean lint from the bobbin case area of your sewing machine.

The next time you’re at your favorite quilt shop, ask for an empty fabric bolt board. Wrap the board with an old towel safety pinned in place to make a lightweight, portable ironing surface to take to your next workshop.

When sewing or quilting, place a small square of batting next to your machine to catch your fabric snips and thread tails.

Tip From Wendy Butler Berns Artist/Educator/Lecturer

As you prepare your sewing space for machine quilting, be sure the weight of the quilt is supported all around by your machine cabinet, card table or other flat surface.

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May 14

Finished Project Auction

Members:

Donate a finished project to be auctioned. The proceeds go to our guild. All categories of hand work accepted. Lots of fun with beautiful donations in past few years.

May 28

The Quilted Star from Fairhaven, MA will present a wool demo. Followed by a workshop with your choice of wool pin cushion

or candle mat. Kits will be provided and you can make your selection. Cost will be approximately \$12 each. Instructions on different stitches and how to complete your project. Needle and threads are in kit but you should bring small pair of scissors.

Lunch Choice: Brown bag it or we can order a tray of sandwiches for a nominal fee.

Members:

Details to follow.

June 11

End of Year Luncheon
Reveal of the UFO Challenge from January
Reveal of the monthly Mystery Quilt

Members:

Return any books to the guild library.
Bring in your completed UFO.

Bring in your completed Mystery Quilt.

Ten Good Reasons to Buy Fabric

1. It insulates the cupboard where it is kept.
2. It keeps the economy moving. It is my duty to support cotton farmers, textile mills and fabric shops.
3. It is less expensive and more fun than psychiatric care.
4. I’m participating in a contest - the one who dies with the most fabric wins.
5. It keeps without refrigeration, you don’t have to cook it to enjoy it, you’ll never have to feed it, change it, wipe its nose or walk it.
6. Because I’m worth it.
7. Like dust, its good for protecting previously empty spaces in the house. Like the ironing board, the laundry basket and the dining room table.
8. Its not immoral, illegal or fattening. It calms the nerves, gratifies the soul and makes me feel good.
9. Because it is on sale.
10. Buy it now, before your husband retires and goes with you on all your shopping expeditions!

Thank you!



As I look ahead to all the wonderful things planned for 2015, I can’t help but to take a look back at what has been accomplished in the past. We all need to look back on our dedicated Executive Board and Committee members who have worked so hard throughout the year to make our meetings, programs, fundraisers, workshops, social events, etc. successful. We need to look back on our members who have volunteered their time and efforts to help with Barnstable County fair and other events, members who have taken time to share their knowledge with us by creating well prepared presentations for our meetings, members who have created and donated items to help less fortunate members of our community. We need to look back at all of our guild members who have helped throughout the year and and say THANK YOU, for a job well done. We have certainly set the bar high for 2015.

“A quilt is like a good life. Mistakes have been made, but, in the end, it looks pretty good.”



EVENTS

American Textile History Museum

491 Dutton Street, Lowell, MA 01854

www.athm.org

New England Quilt Museum

18 Shattuck St, Lowell, MA 01852

www.nequiltmuseum.org

Dedicated Quilters Weekend

Shoreway Acres Inn in Falmouth, MA

March 5-8, 2015

A friendly stress free weekend dedicated to just quilting! Two nights' lodging, 5 meals and all the quilting time you can fit in!

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Schoolhouse Shop Hop

2015 Shop Hop Dates

Friday, March 27: 9am-7pm

Saturday, March 28: 9am-7pm

Sunday, March 29: 10am-5pm

5 shops, MA & NH

A portion of all 2015 passport sales will be donated to the

[Midway Shelter of](#)

[Bradford, NH](#)

www.schoolhousesophop.com

Hands All Around XV Quilt Show

April 11-12, 2015

University of Massachusetts

One Campus Center Way, Amherst, MA

www.handsacrossthevalley.org/quilt-show

The New England Quilt Museum Presents A SUMMER CELEBRATION OF NEW ENGLAND QUILTS

The Best of the Region's Quilt Guilds

Thursday, July 30 through Sunday, August 16, 2015

Located at 18 Shattuck Street in Historic Downtown Lowell, MA

This festival is free of charge and open to all visitors.

nequiltmuseum.org

Bayberry Quilters of Cape Cod

34th Annual Quilt Show

Let Freedom Ring

July 30 & 31 - August 1, 2015

Thursday and Friday 9:30-4:00

Saturday 9:30-3:00

Daily Admission \$7.00 and

\$11.00 for a multi-day pass

Group Discount Available (20+), inquire through our "Contact Us" page.

34th Annual Quilt Show

Cape Cod Technical Regional High School, Harwich, MA

Route 6 to Exit 10 (Route 124 North)

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