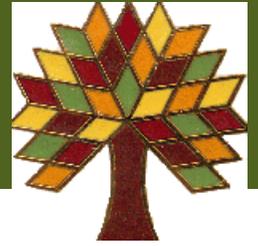


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North Parish Quilters, Union Congregational Church, 148 Haverhill Street, North Reading, MA 01864  
We meet on the second Wednesday of the month Sept- June. Doors open at 6pm & the meeting starts at 7pm.

## President's Note May 2017

Hello Fellow Quilters,

Even though I look forward to each meeting, I must say I am very excited about this month's meeting. When Dawn and Christine proposed the idea of mini workshops, I thought it was wonderful. I know I love learning new things, new tricks and seeing new tools. Dawn and Christine have worked hard scheduling such an event and recruited several members with particular expertise for demonstrations. So, thanks to members who have stepped forward and are willing to teach other members. It is truly what makes our guild great, people helping people - people sharing their experience and expertise.

Please come out to the May meeting, you may leave with a new trick or technique to pass along to another quilter.

Susan Holsing

President



## Board Members for 2016 – 2017

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Fat Quarter Raffle Coordinator	Joanne Barber
Raffle Basket Coordinator	Irene Donovan
Charity Coordinators	Marcia deBrigard and Pat Winter
Quilt Show Committee Coordinators	Susan Holsing and Pat Atkins
Mystery Quilt	Linda Jeffrey
Yawkey Family Inn Charity Oversight	RoseMary Koch
Holiday Tea Coordinator	Laurie Thies
Ice Cream Social Coordinator	Laurie Thies

## Animal Shelter Pillow Guidelines



Since I am currently not able to do cutting it would be a great help if you cut your scraps into 2" pieces, including the batting. Long strips must also be cut because they ball up when laundered. If you want to make your own pillow bags the Cat pillows are 14" square and the Dog pillows are 14" square up to Fat Quarter size.

I will also have bags ready to be filled at each meeting. I will take any unwanted fabric including cotton, poly and decorator fabric and use it to sew bags. I can also use old towels.

I will deliver all of the completed pillows to the shelter. I am very grateful for the guild's response as the need is great. Also, reusing and recycling our scraps is good for the environment.

Thank you, Janice Caporrella



## Hole in the Wall Charity Update

It is almost time for the Campers to start packing for their fun filled week at the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp - where they can just relax and forgot their health issues. Our June meeting isn't scheduled until 6/14 which is after camp begins this year, so Marcia and her husband plan on delivering our wonderful quilts and pillowcases early so some of these first kids/campers may be recipients of our creative gifts.

Please bring all projects or donations for the Hole in the Wall, big or small, to the May meeting. If you cannot attend the May meeting but have something ready, please notify Marcia or Pat for delivery or pickup. Also, be sure to drop by our table to pick up something that is ready to sew – blocks, rows, bindings, etc. Thank you all for everything that you do to make each year a success.

Happy creating, Marcia deBrigard and Pat Winter

## Yawkey Family Inn News

Yawkey Family Inn thanks North Parish Quilters for all their support of quilts and pillowcases for the children and families. I also am very thankful for the members of our quilt guild for all their support.

At the May meeting I will have pillowcase kits to pass out and have a lot of quilts that need binding. The binding is also included with the quilt and all you have to do is sew it on – and by machine is just fine. I encourage you to please take one of the pillowcase kits or a quilt to bind – it does not take much time to do one or the other and this is for a very good cause. We have so much to be thankful for and there are so many children in need everywhere – we cannot save the world, but every little bit helps and the kindness we do puts a smile on a child's face, and really tells them that someone is thinking of them.

If you have a quilt you have made and are going to machine quilt it and you need batting, please call me ahead of time and I will bring it to the next meeting. I expect that there will be more quilts to machine quilt and if you are interested, let me know. Most of the quilts are smaller than a twin size and are easy to quilt on a home machine. Much Thanks and see you in May.

Again, my sincerest thanks to you all. RoseMary Koch



## Program for May 2017

For our May meeting we are pleased to announce we are going to have a Demo Night. We think it will be fun to see some new techniques and new tools.

How many of you have been a little nervous about trying rulers for your free motion quilting? Love landscape quilting but have no idea how you would even attempt to make one? Been a little nervous about trying foundation paper piecing? Interested in machine embroidery? New templates that make some of our favorite techniques easier to accomplish?

We have some special Ladies who are going to share their skills with us.

Antoinette and Colette from Quilters Common will be demonstrating how to use templates for Snow Ball blocks and Flying Geese.

Bev Hinckley, a guild member and local artist will be showing us how to do a little Landscape Quilting.

Nina Cheever will be sharing her Machine Embroidery with us.

Debbie Cioffi will be showing us how to do Foundation Paper Piecing.

Liz Schedeler from BitsnPieces Quilt Shop in Pelham, NH will be demonstrating the Sew Steady rulers for machine quilting.

There will be vendoring so bring a few extra dollars with you!

We are looking forward to a fun filled evening and going home eager to try out a new tool or technique.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It is that time of year again, time to renew your North Parish Quilters Membership. Please take the time to fill out the 2017 – 2018 Membership Form and drop off at the registration desk. As always, the membership year starts July 1. The earlier we have membership counts, the better we can plan exciting guild events. Once again, the guild membership has remained the same, \$30 for Regular Membership and \$25 for those over 60 years of age.

Now tell me, where else can you go for great entertainment and companionship for less than \$3.00 a month.



## Fat Quarter Raffle

The Fat Quarter Raffle is a fun way to build up your stash. It is simple and easy. You do not even have to go to the store to buy a fat quarter. You can make your own from left overs or from your stash. For each fat quarter you bring in, you will receive one ticket (a maximum of 3 tickets per person). If your number is drawn, you receive all the fat quarters that were brought in that month.



Month	Theme
May	Food
June	Stars or Stripes

How to make a Fat Quarter: A Fat Quarter measures 18" x 21" (approximately). Since a fat quarter is 18" wide, you can use a ½ yard of fabric from your yardage. Typical fabric width is 42" – 44" wide. Cut the width of your fabric in half. So, your ½ yard of fabric will yield two fat quarters. Please use good quality fabrics.

## Mystery Quilt

This month you will receive Part 2 of the finishing instructions of the mystery quilt. This will be the sashing and picture of the quilt.

The Caped Crusader



## Quilting Events

Quilters Connection Celebration at Bentley University, 175 Forest Stret, Waltham, Ma, LaCava Building, 3rd floor. SAT. JUNE 10, 2017 from 10 AM TO 5PM & SUN. JUNE 22, 2017 from 10 AM TO 3P. KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Friday June 9th, 2017 @ 7p, Katie Pasquini Masopust Admission for this event is \$10.00. Katie will be signing her latest book, "Artful Log Cabin Quilts", following the keynote, and also at 11 am June 10th, on the 3rd floor of the LaCava Building. Quilters Connection is also featuring a members' boutique, vendors, raffle quilt and a RUBY RED 40th Anniversary Art Quilt Sale. In addition, the Crit Group will provide a lecture and exhibit featuring the work of Judy Becker, Nancy Crasco, Sandy Donabed, Carol Anne Grotrian and Sylvia Einstein. The Crit Group Lecture is scheduled for Saturday June 10, 2017 at 3pm -- free with Quilt Show Admission. Quilt Show Admission: \$10.00, Unlimited Free Parking, Handicap Accessible



## Important Miscellaneous Information

### REMEMBER TO BRING TO THE MEETING:

Name Tag - Finished Charity Items - Fat Quarters for Raffle - Show and Tell - Money for Raffle

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: Please send all updates and informational notes to Patrice Denault, our Newsletter Coordinator, by the 25th of the month to appear in the following month's Newsletter: NPQNews@gmail.com

THE SUNSHINE LADY: Please let the Sunshine lady know of members who need some sunshine in their life. Please e-mail: joannebrbr@aol.com I appreciate your input. Thank you, Joanne Barber (978) 922-5123



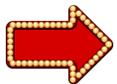
GUEST FEES: Please be reminded that North Parish Quilt Guild has a guest fee policy-- all guests pay a \$3.00 fee for all meetings except when there is a Guest speaker -- then the guest fee is \$5.00. We would appreciate members observing this policy. Thank you.

PARKING: Please note that we will be reserving the first two spaces in the parking lot for speakers and vendors.

SUGGESTION BOX: A penny for your thoughts. If you have an idea, then let us know. This is YOUR guild. What would you like to see and do? There will be a box at the back of the hall where the check in table is located. Please put your ideas and comments in the box. We will read them and discuss them at the next board meeting. Thank you.

SNOW CANCELLATION POLICY: If North Reading Schools are canceled on the day of a North Parish Guild Meeting, then the guild meeting is also canceled. However, if snow conditions become severe through the day, members will be notified by email by 3:00 pm on the day of the meeting. We ask that everyone assist with notifying our members of a cancellation. Members without email should contact another North Parish Guild Member. Thank you.

FREE TABLE: Don't forget to check out the free table at the back of the room before and after the meetings. Anything quilt related is welcome – please feel free to “put and take”. This is a great way to recycle magazines, notions and unwanted fabric. Scraps are also welcomed.



To be fair to all members please limit your taking to 2 or 3 items until the end of the meeting. If you bring in anything and it is still there at the end of the night please take it home.

THE GUILD WEBSITE: Please visit the guild's website and sign up to receive an e-mail when anything, including this newsletter, is posted to the site. See Patrice Denault if you would like help subscribing to the website. <http://northparishquilters.wordpress.com/>

