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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 June 2017

Hello Fellow Quilters,

I cannot believe my two-year term is coming to an end. Time has certainly flown by and I must say, it has been a pleasure to serve as your President. Over the past two years, I have developed wonderful friendships, with many people in the guild. I must admit, being a relatively shy person, if I had not served as President, I do not think I would have gotten to know the many dedicated, talented and caring people make up our little quilting community.

First off, I must thank the Executive Board Members, Pat Atkins who does a marvelous job as Treasurer and to Joanne Barber, who wears the many hats of Secretary, Membership, mailer to those who still receive the Newsletter by mail and Sunshine. I am happy to report both will be staying on in that capacity.

A shout out to our Greeters Betty Atkins and Jan Funai, who are truly welcoming faces each month, taking attendance, collecting dues and visitor fees.

Our wonderful speakers, trunk shows and activities would not have been possible without Christine Brungardt and Dawn Sampson. Their creative efforts have brought to us informative and entertaining speakers, not to mention the fun times. They too will be staying on in their roles.

Linda Jeffrey for the last two years has made the Mystery Quilt a vibrant activity that spans the entire quilt year – don't forget to bring your quilt top to Show and Tell. I hear this activity will return next year too!!

Our Charity work has long been a cornerstone of the guild. Marcia deBrigard and Pat Winter and past coordinator Jean Osborn have tirelessly served as our Charity Coordinators. They have overseen the construction and delivered numerous quilts to Hole in the Wall Camp in Connecticut. They have also coordinated our January Charity evening and have hosted a summer workshop as well. This important function of the guild would not run smoothly without their efforts.

Linda Rose has taken over the refreshments this year. And I must admit, the variety of healthy and not so healthy refreshments is amazing. Refreshment Coordinator is one of those thankless jobs, yet one of the first stops for everyone attending the meeting. This perk of our meeting would not be possible without everyone also contributing at some point during the year.



A thank you to Irene Donovan for our wonderful Raffle Baskets. I must admit the Raffle Baskets done last year by Dawn Sampson and this year by Irene Donovan has reinvigorated this long-time guild activity. Each month, we have had truly unique baskets and I love the addition the booby prize too!! So, creative.

Patrice Denault deserves a huge thank you. As the Webmaster/Newsletter Coordinator, she works tirelessly to collect information in a timely manner and keeps the entire guild informed, via the website. She is the truly the oil that keeps the guild's engine running smoothly.

I want to thank Antoinette Evans – Past President who has been a source of information and guidance.

A special thank you to Laurie Thies, who tirelessly works behind the scenes on so many things, not to mention the Coordinator of the fantastic Ice Cream Soda Social in 2016, the catered Holiday Tea in 2016 and I am sure another truly wonderful Ice Cream Social this month. Laurie has also been an invaluable resource for ideas and advice.

Thank you to RoseMary Koch and Dawn DeCosta. Rosemary has led the Yawkey Family Inn Charity for Quilts to Children's Hospital. Both RoseMary and Dawn have served as Co-Presidents in the past and once again they are stepping forward to take the reins. I wish them great success.

Finally thank you to all the fantastic guild members. You have made these past two years a truly inspiring and learning experience. I have stepped out of my comfort zone and the experience I believe has made me a better person. Do not worry, I will not be going far. I will be taking over the Webmaster/Newsletter Coordinator, heading up the November "To Go" Fundraising event and will be available to assist Rosemary and Dawn if needed. So, you can see I am not going anywhere.

Happy Summer and Keep on Quilting!!!

Susan Holsing  
President

### A Note from Next Year's Co-Presidents

We are looking forward to our roles as Co-Presidents next year. We plan to have a Board meeting in August to kick off the year. It will take place on a Monday at Mary Rose's Quilts and Treasures shop, however, the exact date and time will be determined later and you will be notified. All are welcome to attend the Board meeting and share their thoughts and suggestions. We just ask that you RSVP one of us to let us know you will be attending. Unfortunately, the shop would not be able to accommodate the entire guild.

Dawn and RoseMary



## Hole in the Wall Charity Update

Another successful year for the Hole in the Wall Gang Camp charity has been completed with 86 wonderful and unique quilts and 87 fun pillowcases being delivered to the camp. The camp staff eagerly awaits the arrival every year of Marcia and her husband's very "special delivery" of bright, beautiful and happy creations and the staff's opportunity to choose the campers who will receive these quilts and pillowcases.

It takes a village could never be truer. Thank you to all the members of North Parish Quilt guild who have participated in the success of this amazing accomplishment, now and in the past. While all of the campers are special, some will be the lucky recipients of a permanent "memory" provided by you - our generous and dedicated members. THANK YOU again to everyone !!!

Have a fun and creative summer, Marcia deBrigard and Pat Winter

## Yawkey Family Inn News

A huge thanks to all that supported Yawkey Family Inn this past year and all previous years. I hope you will continue to support this worthwhile charity. I will have pillowcase kits and some small cheater panels at the June meeting that need to be machine quilted and/or bound. Please consider taking something home this summer to be completed in the fall. It would be much appreciated. Again, I thank you all for your support and time and effort into the work you do for the children at Yawkey Family Inn. RoseMary Koch

## Ice Scream for Ice Cream



Yes, it is that time of year again the Ice Cream Social Event has arrived. Let's kick off the start of our summer plans with good friends, lots of laughs, and of course the best part of all yummy ice cream and lots of toppings.

The Ice Cream Wonders!!!



## THANK YOU!!!!

Thank you Ice Cream Wonders, for all the help that went into making tonight special and fun.

Irene, Linda, Denise, Joan, Ellen, Kathy, Carol Anne, Nina, and Gail.

Without all your help this wouldn't have been possible.

Laurie  
Ice Cream Wonder

## 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 it 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.

## Raffle Baskets

A reminder to bring some extra cash with you for the Ice Cream Social Event. The baskets are going to be something! You definitely will want to take a chance on one or more of them.

A quick reminder the tickets are:

18 for \$5.00

3 for \$1.00



## 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
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

The time has come for you to reveal your mystery quilt! Please bring your quilt top or completed square to our last meeting. I can't wait to see them all!

There will be a sign up for next year at the check in desk. What fun will next year's quilt bring? Sign up and find out in September.



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 Susan Holsing, 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 Susan Holsing if you would like help subscribing to the website. <http://northparishquilters.wordpress.com/>

