



North Parish Quilt Guild 2023/4

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Letter From Your President

Hello, Members and Friends of North Parish Quilt Guild!

Welcome April with longer daytime and (hopefully) warmer weather. I am looking forward to seeing everyone in person again at our April meeting on **April 10**.

It seems like it's been forever since we got together in December. Although we did meet in person for charity drop offs and charity sewing, and had three Zoom meetings, nothing compares to just getting together in person for a meeting with raffles, munchies, Show and Tell, speakers, and the comradery of quilters chatting and comparing projects. Yes, welcome April and our in-person meetings! Be sure to bring your projects for Show and Tell! Bev Cook will be our featured guest speaker.

At the March meeting, a member asked that we discuss holding our March meeting next year in person instead of by Zoom. Please think about the issue and come to our April meeting with comments and ideas. Things to consider in moving to in person in March 2025:

- The comradery of meeting in person, sharing our projects, and learning together is difficult to reproduce in an online meeting; however, some members have transportation and travel issues in winter.
- Weather: The weather in March is unpredictable, while this year we had good weather the day of the meeting, the previous two years there were ice storms or snow on the meeting day.
- Increased costs of the renting the hall- to add an additional meeting in March, we will pay an additional cost for the hall and janitor, about \$110 per

meeting (\$875 for 8 meetings). Some of this cost is offset by the in-person revenue generated by the raffles.

- **Speakers:** while we (generally) pay more for speakers for our zoom meetings, we can hire more nationally known speakers or speakers who have unique topics and live outside of our local area, (and who charge travel and lodging for our in-person meetings). Local speakers may be less expensive, but our choices are limited on speakers with new topics. An option would be to have two nationally known or distant speakers for January and February by zoom, and move the charity sew along or member led activity to March in person.

These are my thoughts. I am interested in yours! Please come to the April meeting prepared to discuss whether to meet in person or continue by zoom for next year, and if we have enough members present, vote at the meeting, or in May, before we renew with hall for next year.

We still need volunteers for officers and coordinators for next year. Open positions are Vice President, Secretary, Raffle Table Coordinator, Snack table Coordinator, Membership Coordinator, and Hole in the Wall Charity coordinator . If you would like to help, but can't commit to the entire year, we welcome your support and whatever volunteer time you are able to give the Guild. Please reach out to me and we can discuss your availability for one meeting, a few meetings, or the entire year.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook! And as always, feel free to reach out to me with thoughts, suggestions for the Guild.

See you in person on April 10.

--Debra

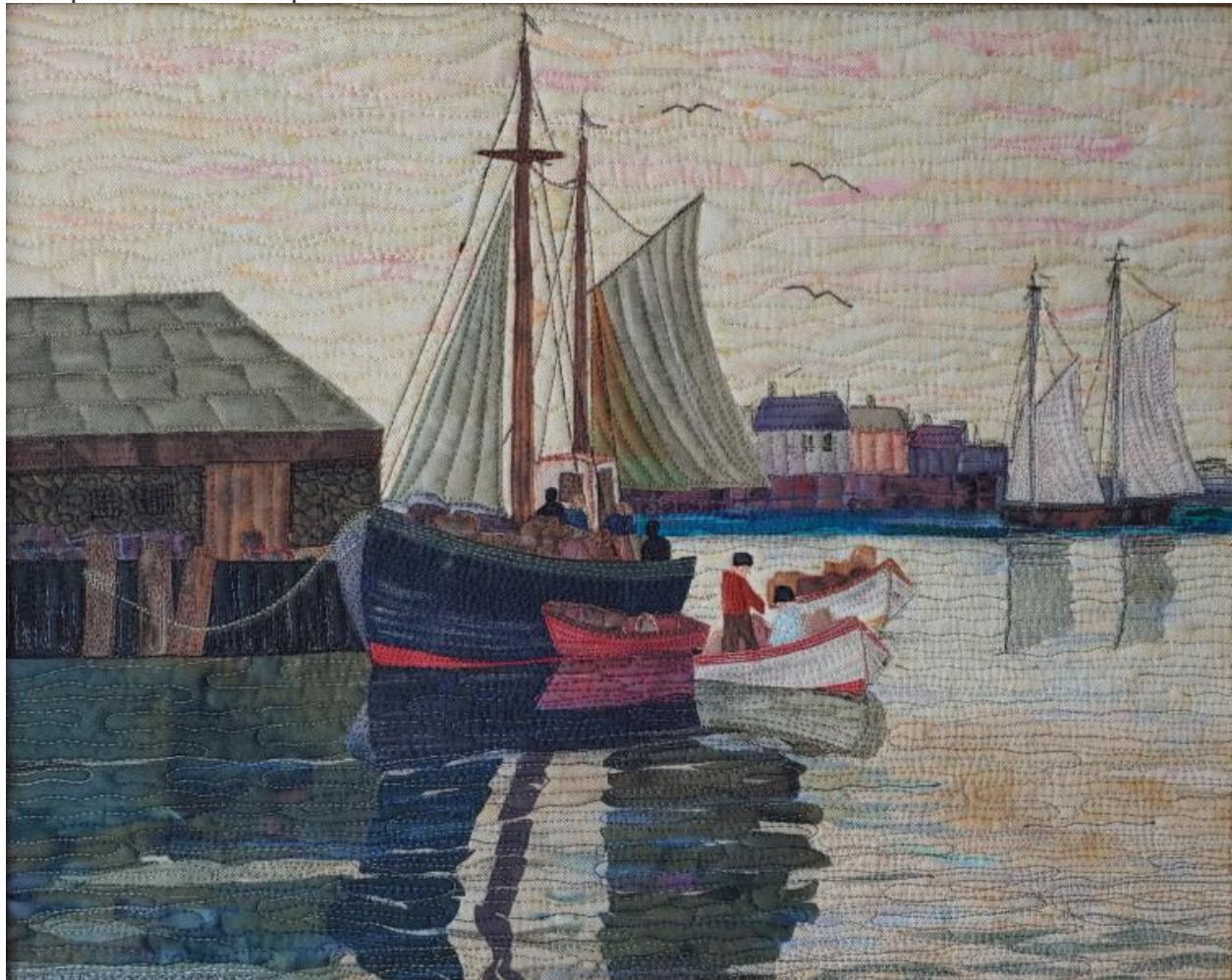
April Meeting

What fun to be able to have former member Bev Cook as our speaker. Beverly is an award-winning painter/quilter who started as a kid in NYC by entering contests from the back of matchbooks entitled "Draw Me." An art school career was never to be but did lead to a life of artistic endeavors of every conceivable art and craft that came her way. Beverly was an active member of the Reading Society of Craftsmen and today she is active in Reading, Rockport and Lynnfield, MA Art Guilds and the Essex County Needlework Guild. She is a former member of both North Parish and Nimble Thimble Guilds.

Beverly has won numerous ribbons for her acrylic, watercolor and fabric paintings and quilts, prizes for "People's Choice" and "Best in Show" Awards and is the first recipient of the Mary Saia Memorial Award in Reading. Bev has a special hour planned for us where she will create a pictorial landscape quilt in front of us; she wants each of us to

see how “simple” this technique can be and be able to ask questions. Special meeting...bring a friend!

Samp les of her art quilts:



Positions we need to fill for 2024/5

Please consider stepping up for one of these slots. Last year, we begged for people to fulfill positions and we are turning the Guild around. But we need people to assist in organizing meetings as well as events and membership info. These positions will be open next year. Please reach out to Debra Josephson to let her know of your interest.

- **Vice President** **Secretary** **Membership**
- **Meeting Coordinators** **1)Raffle Table** **2)Hospitality**
- **Hole i/t Wall Gang: a member to assist Joanne Barber**
- **Wakefield Sr Center has started a Quilt Group – Creative Hands**

- New Quilting related group! Interested in quilting? Come check out this new group. Members are growing each week and there are a few who simply sit and do handwork, others are working on blocks for Veterans quilts as the local Veterans Office is also in the Sr. Center. Each Thursday at 10.00..all are welcome. Great room with excellent light and many tables; great place to cut or sandwich your quilts! 30 Converse St Wakefield

Treasurers Report

North Parish Quilters Treasurer's Report 3-29-2024	
Beginning cash balance at 3-1-2024	\$4,435
Less: Cash restricted for charity quilts	\$0
Cash available for guild	\$4,435
March 24 cash received:	
	\$0
Total March 24 cash received:	\$0
March 24 expenses:	
Speaker	\$125
Total March 24 expenses:	\$125
Ending cash balance at March 29, 2024	\$4,310
Less: Cash restricted for charity quilts	
Cash available for guild at March 29, 2024	\$4,310

Charity Updates

Hole In The Wall

We are looking forward to meeting in person in April and accept donations from members of quilt tops and pillowcases.

We will be showing the quilts made from the donated blocks from charity night.

Susan will be stepping down as coordinator and Joanne is looking for someone to assist for the 2024-2025 year. Hole in the Wall has been a much-loved charity for North Parish; please help us continue this effort. If you are interested or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Susan or Joanne.

Joanne Barber
Susan Holsing
Hole in the Wall Coordinators

Yawkey Way Home and The Veterans Hospital Veterans Charity Update.

We are constantly making and submitting quilts and clothing protectors to the Veterans Hospital for the Veterans. This week Lenny Poirier delivered over 200 clothing protectors to the Veterans and half of them were from the members of north Parish Quilters. YEAH – thank you for all the hard work and support.'

We will continue to make bibs for the Hospital, but the real need for these clothing protectors is not as needful as last year – thanks to all quilters who supported this project. We have delivered over 1,700 clothing protectors – in total to the Veterans Hospital. They recently informed us that now the clothing protectors are being laundered right at the facility in Bedford. they have obtained washers and dryers for specific units, including the dining room. Now the turn-around for the bibs is not as urgent as before – however, we will continue making clothing protectors and, Lenny will have kits available at the April Meeting.

Huge thanks to Lenny Poirier who has been cutting the fabric and making up all the kits for the clothing protectors – he deserves an outstanding ovation for this. Thanks to Lenny from the bottom of my heart.

Yawkey Way Home Update.

We continue to make quilts and pillowcases for the children and families at the Yawkey Way Home. On March 15, I delivered 12 Quilts and 12 Pillowcases from North Parish to Yawkey Way Home. There will be Pillowcase kits available at the April Meeting and hopefully some other kits. I hope many of you will take some home for May or June. I want to thank Susan Fitzgerald who had generously cut and made up many, many Pillowcase kits for Yawkey Way home. Again, thanks to Susan from the Bottom of my heart .

If you are working on a quilt for either charity and need batting to machine quilt it, please let me know in advance by emailing me at: rmkoch@rcn.com and I will bring it to the June Meeting. YES – JUNE. I am having knee surgery on April 3rd and will not be at the April meeting and it is unclear if I will be at the May meeting – time will tell how fast I heal. Wish me luck .

Thanks to all members who participated in either charity – it is appreciated by those who benefit from your thoughtfulness.

RoseMary Koch

May Auction Update

April Meeting will be final collection date for stash, UFO's and accessories for the May Auction. PLEASE check your stash now as the April meeting will be the final collection point. Next week I will begin going thru all that has been donated and I'll have a better feel for what we have in total. Advertising has begun...make sure to start to share with your friends.

ALSO – I need 3 volunteers to manage the checkout table and record bids from live auction, a few people to check on the grab n go table, 5-6 people who will join me in setting up the Auction/Sale and ask if each of you might bring a finger friendly snack for our attendees? Any Guild event does not run on its own; please shoot Karen King an email and let her know you will help. North Parish needs to make this event a success in order to add necessary funds to the bank acct to pay for speakers and charity needs for 2024/5.

Auction Raffle Baskets

Kristine and Noelia have generously offered to do 2 baskets for our May Auction. One will be a garden theme and the 2nd will be a "C" basket...all contents will start with the letter "C"...what fun! Think about cheese, crackers, cats, chocolate....use your imagination. If you can contribute an item to 1 or both baskets, it will be gratefully received. Please bring any donations for these baskets to the April meeting. Please note that these items do not have to be quilt related; lets have fun with these raffles.

For Sale by Member

Bernina L Trolley Sewing Machine Case \$200.00

Case was purchased by my husband as a gift at Marie's Sewing Center which went out of business. Unfortunately, it is way too large for my small Bernina 1090S. It is a beautiful case, original price \$469.00. He paid \$300.00 and it has been used only twice. It fits Series, 2, 3, 4 and 5 with dimensions as follows - length - 20", height - 18" and width - 10.4".

Brenda Lane
978-836-7543

Sunshine Greetings

If you know of someone who needs a little cheering up for whatever reason, please

let Beth Licari know. I'll be happy to send a card with well wishes. You can contact me 781-315-1672, text (same number) or email: eblicari@gmail.com.

What's New in Sewing across New England

Burlington Quilters Guild Quilt Show

April 6 - 7, 2024

112 Middlesex Avenue

Wilmington, MA 01887

<https://www.burlingtonquiltersguild.org/>

Admission: \$10; Children under 12 are free

Come see the wonderful works of our members, buy handmade gifts in our boutique, visit our vendors and take your chance at our raffle quilt! Challenge yourself with our scavenger hunt.

Directions:

Take Route 38, turn onto Middlesex Ave (Napa Auto Parts is on the corner). Go approximately .7 miles down and the hall is on your left behind St. Thomas' Church. There will be signs marking the way.

**PLEASE NOTE DATE
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Quilts after Covid Quilt Show

June 1 and 2, 2024

Saturday – 10am – 5pm Sunday – 10am – 4pm

Tewksbury Senior Center

175 Chandler Street

Tewksbury, MA 01876

<http://www.tewksburypiecemakers.com/index.html>

Admission: \$8; Children under 12 are free



Chelmsford Quilters' Guild, Inc. Biennial Quilt

Show 2024

May 18 – 19, 2024

Chelmsford Senior Center

75 Groton Rd, North Chelmsford, MA

<https://www.chelmsfordquiltguild.com/>

Admission: \$10; 12 years and under Free!

Admission will be cash or check only, we are unable to process credit cards

New England Quilt Expo

April 10 – 13, 2024

Expo center at Double Tree by Hilton

Manchester Downtown, 700 Elm Street

Manchester, NH 03101

<https://bnpquilts.com/pages/neqe>

Admission: 3 day pass \$20.00; single day \$15.00;

Kids under 12 accompanied by adults are free

Quilt show – vendors and classes and quilt display

Quilters Connection 2024 Quilt Show

May 18 - 19, 2024

Arlington Town Hall

730 Massachusetts Ave.

Arlington, MA 02476

<https://www.quiltersconnection.org/QCindex.html>

Admission: \$10

125+ quilts on display

Quality Boutique

Vendors

Postcard Quilts for sale

Raffle Quilt

Handicap accessible. Side door from parking lot.

Parking: Small lot at Hall; on-street parking and public parking lots nearby



Maine Quilts 2024

July 25 - 27, 2024

Augusta Civic Center

76 Community Dr.

Augusta, Maine

<https://mainequilts.org/>

Admission: \$15; \$30 multi-day, children 12 & under free with paid adult, \$10 groups (14 or more) with advance registration