

Wayside Quilters

Next Meeting:

May 12

7pm Social Time
7.30pm Business Meeting
Goodnow Library
Concord Road, Sudbury

Raffle Items:

Towns of Marlborough and
Westborough

Refreshments:

Towns of Hudson, Canton,
Concord and Northborough

Meeting Dates:

June 9

Mystery Quilt:

Step 6

Newsletter Deadline:

Noon Wednesday 28th May

www.waysidequilters.org
May 2008

From the President:

Dear Waysiders,

Flowering trees have virtually exploded in the last few weeks and are even shedding their blossoms already. A sure sign that summer's growing season is not too far away, right? I'm anxiously awaiting the opening of my favorite local farmer's market, as I suspect you are, too. They say that every purchase at a local farmers' market saves 1,500 miles in fuel and transportation costs. Mind boggling!

I'm happy to report that the cardinal who sang and sang outside my window (as I mentioned in our March newsletter) seems to have found a mate because his furtive calls have been answered. There is a happy predicatibility about nature sometimes, isn't there?

May is a wonderful time of the year. There are so many projects to be tackled, inside and outside of the home as the weather warms. At my house, we're trying to spruce up our home's "curb appeal" with flowers and such. Inside, other home improvement projects are in the works. There is very little time for quilting in spring, it seems, or am I in the minority?

I'm totally excited about our May speakers, Susan Rabin and Anne Gallo. And their workshop on Tuesday, May 13, is sure to please beginners to experts alike. I hope you can join us for a fun and inspirational trunk show on the 12th.

Don't forget that nominations for officers will be accepted from the floor at the May meeting. Our current slate is Jane Harris for President, Debbie Ehrmann for Treasurer, Carol McCreary for Secretary and Carol DeBold/Marilyn Novak as co-chairs for Programs. We will vote at the June meeting, and only those present at that meeting may vote.

There are several committee chairs still available: A co-chair is needed for Workshops and a co-chair is needed for Activities.

That's just two people!! Please consider supporting the guild by volunteering for these openings. If you have any questions about the duties, please contact me or Nominating Committee members Benje Freedman and Barb McCarty. Thank you!

See you on the 12th!

Best,
Kristine Diederich

Programs

Our May 12 meeting will feature Anne Gallo and Susan Rabin with a trunk show of beautiful, colorful quilts. Friends whose guild recently sponsored Anne and Susan's presentation said that not only were their quilts wonderful but that Anne and Susan also were very funny, playing off each other as they showed their work. So... prepare for a relaxing and inspiring evening. You can visit Anne and Susan's website: yankeequilts.com

Anne Messier

Raffle Quilt

Art in the Park

I've offered to organize selling tickets for this year's raffle quilt at Art in the Park at the DeCordova Museum in Lincoln. This wonderful event is on Sunday, June 8, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. I can't do this alone, so I need some volunteers who'd like to spend all or part of a fun day in the DeCordova sculpture garden. Please (please, please, please) call or e-mail me to schedule some time.

Thank you in advance,
Carol DeBold

Outreach

Benje and Jane will have, on a side table an assortment of outreach fabrics. Please look them over and take any that you like to work into an outreach quilt for next year. We thought we would get an early start and provide you with an artful stimulus for the summer months. They do not have to be large quilts. Crib, cot, single bed sizes would be perfect.

I'm sure all read the letter from Franciscan Hospital in the April newsletter. If we EVER had any doubt of how important our outreach program is in our communities, that letter will certainly wipe it away. So, let's QUILT ON and keep spreading that sunshine wherever we can.

Jane Harris and Benje Freedman

Workshops

May 13th Workshop with Yankee Quilts–Still Room!

We still have room in the May 13th workshop with Yankee Quilts (Sue Raban and Anne Gallo). In fact, most of those signed up are from the Quinobequin Quilters Guild. What do **they** know that our Wayside members don't? They had Anne and Sue do a trunk show at their April meeting, but didn't have a workshop. They were so dazzled by the trunk show they wanted to do a workshop with Anne and Sue, so seven of them are coming to ours! They had nothing but great things to say about Anne and Sue and are looking forward to the workshop. You too can join the fun at the workshop!

The workshop is titled "It's OK" and is a technique class. Even though you concentrate on precision piecing, pressing techniques and other things to make you a better piecer, Anne and Sue always give you patterns to use to practice your new techniques and numerous color hand outs. The class is 9:00 to 3:30 on Tuesday, May 13th at the First Church in Marlborough. Anne and Sue have together nationally for over 25 years. They are fun and funny and are know for their simple techniques that produce beautiful quilts that look much more complicated than they really are. Their website has samples of their work at www.yankeequilts.com The workshop is \$35 for Wayside members and \$45 for nonmembers. Checks made payable to Wayside Quilters can be mailed to Laura Lane at 29 Ahern Road, Marlborough, MA 01752. Questions? Contact Laura at lanep@rcn.com Please join us!

Crazy Quilt Workshop

On Saturday, September 20, Marianne Hatton will offer a crazy quilt workshop at the Sudbury Senior Center. We've seen Marianne's work and it's GORGEOUS, so we think it'll be a fabulous workshop. We will bring information to the May and June meetings and post it on the guild website. Since this workshop is so close to the date of our first meeting of the new term, we need to organize it now. Please notify one of us as soon as possible, and we'll sign you up! If we haven't filled the workshop by the June meeting, we will open it up to the general quilting community.

Thank you!

Carol DeBold

Marilyn Novak

New England Quilt Museum News

In the Museum Shop – The featured quilt artist for the month of May is Sylvia Einstein.

The Whole Story: Wholecloth Quilts by Hand and Machine continues through Sunday, June 15th. Highlighting the design and beauty of the wholecloth quilt.

Stitched Mono-prints – Lecture & Book Signing with Jeanne Williamson – Saturday, May 3rd, 1 pm

Jeanne Williamson, Natick quilt artist and author, details her unique approach to contemporary wholecloth quilts, several of which are included in the current exhibit. Following her lecture she will be signing copies of her recently published book, *The Uncommon Quilter*.

Mother's Day Weekend at the Museum – Saturday & Sunday, May 10 & 11

Quilty Conscience: The Impact of Patchwork on Aesthetics Worldwide – Saturday, May 10th, 1 pm

Nationally known quilt authority, author, and NEQM Board Member, Laura Fisher, will talk about how quilting, with its terminology, construction and sentimental component, has influenced many aspects of popular culture—such as home furnishings, language, flooring and art. In addition to power point photos, she will bring examples—including a Missioni patchwork coat, Ralph Lauren shirts, and french desert boots—and invites attendees to bring their own examples for show & tell.

The afternoon will conclude with a reception featuring decadent chocolate treats & champagne. Tickets for this special event are members, \$10 and non-members \$15.

Don't forget the Mother's Day Endowment Fund!!!

Established in the Spring of 2003, we again invite you to remember your mother, grandmother, special friend or mentor—those important woman in your life—through a gift to our fund in their honor. See our website for details and form. <http://www.nequiltmuseum.org/Programs.shtml>

On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 11th, free admission for Mom's

NEQM Annual Members Meeting – Wednesday, May 14th, 5pm

The New England Quilt Museum welcomes James (Jim) Coleman, President and CEO of the American Textile History Museum, as guest speaker at our Annual Members Meeting. Following a brief business meeting Mr. Coleman will preview plans for the exhibition renovations the Textile History Museum is currently undergoing. NEQM Members are encouraged to join us to learn more about ATHM's plans and stay for light refreshments.

***For Love of Baltimore* – Hand applique workshop with Faye Labanaris – Saturday, June 7th 10–4pm**

***Journal Quilting* – with Mary Ellen Latino – Saturday, June 14th, 10–4pm**

Check the web site for details or call 978–452–4207 x13

Museum Hours: Tuesday–Saturday, 10–4pm year round; in addition May through December Sundays 12–4pm

Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors and students. Museum members are admitted free.

Handicapped parking is available. Closed Mondays and major holidays.

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Library Talk

Hi, Quilters!

This month's book report is about two books by Sherry Reis. Both books are from the *That Patchwork Place* series on basic quilt-making techniques. Both *Eight-Pointed Stars* and *Divided Circles* are carefully crafted guides that include terminology, tools, and multiple construction methods. The step-by-step instructions include fabulous diagrams as well as explanations for why a particular technique may be worth trying.

Here are some highlights: *Eight-Pointed Stars* includes a set of diagrams for using grid paper and compass to draw a LeMoyne Star which will provide you with both templates and a piecing diagram when

you're done. *Divided Circles* does the same for a Mariner's Compass. *Eight-Pointed Stars* uses 11 pages to describe piecing techniques, including two hand-piecing methods! *Divided Circles* spends 5 pages on hand appliqué techniques.

All in all, these are two great books to check out when you're ready to try something new.

Marilyn Novak

Carol deBold

Library Chairs

For your interest

Hello Needle Artists:

Please share this information with members of your guild or group and anyone else you know who is interested in needle arts and painting.

The Needle Arts Guild, Lexington Arts & Crafts Society, will be joined by the Painters Guild when it holds its stash-reduction swap on Saturday, May 17, 10 am to 4 pm in the Plummer Studio, 130 Waltham St., Lexington.

Our members are looking to reduce their stashes ... and maybe find something interesting, too. Clean out your hobby corner or studio. Bring anything that could be used in needle arts (yarn, fabric, trim, thread, buttons...) or painting (canvases, paints, brushes, art magazines, easels, books). Stay as long as you want (bring some hand work & chat) or come back later in the day. We have arranged to have professional scissors/knife sharpening services on-site as well.

Donations are set out on tables and people just come and take what they want. No need to make a donation to take something. The idea is to keep usable materials out of the landfills.

Drop off begins at 10 am. The event is open to the public and we have free on-site parking. Contact 781-862-9696 or NeedleArtsGuild@verizon.net with any questions.

We hope to see you there.

Sincerely,

Anne Rasis

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Mystery Quilt 2006

by T. Mahone

Finished size: 78" x 94.5"

Step 6 - 9-patch

1. From Dark 1 cut 3 strips 2" x width of fabric.	
2. From Dark 2 cut 2 strips 2" x width of fabric.	
3. From Accent cut 4 strips 2" x width of fabric.	
<p>4. Sew 3 strips together in the following order:</p> <p>a. Dark 1 – Accent – Dark 2 (repeat to make 2 strip sets)</p> <p>b. Accent – Dark 1 – Accent (make 1 strip set)</p>	
5. Cut the sewn strips into 2" sections; cut 40 from strip set 4a and 20 from strip set 4b. (Note: Photo of one strip set is shown.)	
6. Sew the sections into 20 nine-patch blocks as shown.	