

## Happy Thanksgiving!



### From the Grant Chairman

Amid all the busy activities of the fall season, the best stress reliever for a quilter is to spend a few hours in her sewing room. Why not alleviate your holiday stress AND start planning a little quilt for the [Little Quilt Auction](#) which is slated for the June show in Little Rock. You will have fun and produce valuable support for the grant program. Even better, make two little quilts – one for a gift and one for the auction. Presto: no more stress! Better than taking pills!

Here are two examples of little quilts from previous auctions:

**Mary Lou's House**  
by  
**Mary Lou Hickman**



**Sheryl**  
by  
**Sheryl Milner**



The October 15 deadline for grant proposals was met with many well-written and exciting project ideas. The grant review committee is already at work reviewing and scoring each grant, wishing that everyone could be funded. Yet, funds are limited, so the scoring becomes more carefully done so that great, well-budgeted projects can receive funding.

### From the Certified Teachers Chair



The layouts for your finished Galaxy quilt are now available on the [NQA Website](#) in the Members Only section. There are two layouts available. A twenty block layout for those who have (or wish to) create two of each block and a ten block layout for those who have made one block each month. (Hint: Be sure to have your NQA member number handy when you want to access the Members Only section. If your membership card has gone missing, your NQA number is printed just above your name on your Quilting Quarterly address label.) You will have two months (November and December) to complete your finished quilt. We are all looking forward to seeing your Galaxies in January!

## Open Position –National Quilting Day Coordinator

The NQA Board of Directors is seeking applicants for the position of the National Quilting Day Coordinator. This position reports to the NQA Vice President. The position begins September 2014 and ends August 2016. Like all board members and coordinators this is a volunteer position.

Anyone interested in this position must have the following skills and qualifications –

- Communication – excellent verbal and written communication skills
- Computer- Able to communicate via email, create word documents and spreadsheets
- Organization – Highly organized and self-motivated, able to meet deadlines
- Promotion - Initiate and coordinate efforts to promote National Quilting Day

If you are interested in this position contact [president@nqaquilts.org](mailto:president@nqaquilts.org)



### From the Education Chair

We are looking forward to our new Show venue in [Little Rock Arkansas](#) and all the possibilities that it will bring to our education programs!

Please join us in helping to create a successful event by volunteering, participating and inviting more folks to be a part of NQA's success.

Spread the word that we are going "Down by the Riverside". Join us in 2015!

### From the Secretary...did you know??

The 2015 NQA Annual Show has all the essentials of the perfect mini-vacation:

- spacious rooms at the Marriott Hotel
- fine dining at the banquet Thursday night June 18
- photo opportunities galore with 400 competition quilts and 100 special exhibit quilts
- shop till you drop at the huge vendor mall
- exciting bidding opportunities at the Little Quilt Auction; silent during show days and live on Friday night
- inspiration and education at numerous half day and full day classes
- entertaining lectures (which restore your energy for shop till you drop)
- and...did I mention shopping at the huge vendor mall?!

It is not too soon nor too late to make sure this trip is a high priority on your holiday gift list - ask for frequent flyer miles, free babysitting, and "pin money" for the vendor mall!!

Get your mini-vacation started by entering your quilt and reserving your room on the website, [Quilt Show 2015](#) , <http://www.nqaquilts.org/quiltshow/site/2015/>

### From the Guild Chair

The [November Member Spotlight](#): KATHY APARICIO. Kathy has some great art quilts. I am sure you will appreciate both the talent and work that goes into such



pieces. She has also asked an interesting question: What is a Quilter? Check out the Member Spotlight and see how Kathy answers that very interesting question.

How would you answer that question? Send us an email and let us know.



WE GOT MAIL AND NEED YOUR THOUGHTS .... A past President of an NQA Chapter has written to me and wanted to know if what she was experiencing was perhaps in just her area. She is a member and attends two different guild meetings. One guild meets in the evening and the other during the day. She is frustrated that the evening guild lacks any enthusiasm other than for the refreshments while the daytime guild meeting, with many of the same members, is quite enjoyable with a high level of membership participation. Is this a symptom of the time of day the guild meets? Send us your thoughts.

## From the Communications Chair



We're gearing up for the 46th Annual NQA Quilt Show! Are you?? Here are a few ideas for you to consider:

- **[Tweet!](#)** If you have a Twitter account your followers need to know about the show!
- Post to **[Facebook!](#)** Use your personal account to share information with your friends. Like **[NQA on Facebook](#)** and see current posts regarding the show.
- Forward (or share in person at your Guild meeting) show information from the **BUZZ** and/or **NQA Website**.
- Visit local quilt shops and give them a copy of the **[show poster](#)** available on the Quilt Show 2015 site.
- Last, but probably most important of all...
- **[enter your quilt](#)** in the show
- donate one or two little quilts for the **[Little Quilt Auction](#)** that funds the NQA Grant Program
- participate in **[Special Exhibits](#)**, Sew Batik Challenge and/or Down by the Riverside