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NANCY GRAHAM, PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings,

Spring is just around the corner—that's my story and I'm sticking to it. I'm not going to let a mere 12 or 13 inches of snow that they are predicting dash my hopes. I can already smell the grass and flowers and warm spring air....don't we quilters have great imaginations?

I was born in the Spring. I always feel a sense of renewal and rebirth this time of year. I want to start lots of new quilts (those UFOs have been around for awhile, I guess they'll keep awhile longer!!). I want to try new techniques.

Here's a few things from my wish with some helpful sources for info and inspiration:

- Get some fabric paints (www.dharmatrading.com)
- Go outside and paint some lovely sun-print fabric (read SKYDYES by Mickey Lawler or better yet take a class from her if you can.
- Create fabric by stamping on it (www.impressmenow.com) or read Creative Stamping by Sherrill Kahn.
- Organize my sewing room (www.creativelee.com).
- When I have a creative block and need a boost, read and re-read my all-time favorite artist's book, The Artist's Way by Julia Cameron.
- Attend quilt shows and take some classes to learn something new (www.machinequiltersexpo.com or www.vqf.org or www.quiltfest.com).
- Attend NH Quilt Guild shows
- Support the New England Quilt Museum by attending upcoming exhibits (www.nequiltmuseum.org). I have a ___ batik quilt in the Piece De Resistance show in April 7—June 19.
- SHOP, SHOP, SHOP, support our local quilt shops - Remember The Quilt Shop at Vac N Sew on Rte 16 in No. Conway will be open, before our meeting, at 10:00 AM—so stop in for a visit.
- Support our own New Hampshire State Quilt Association by attending the Spring Meeting in North Conway on April 10th—bring friends, tell guilds about us, meet new people.

See you there!! Nancy

SPRING MEETING (CONTINUED)

COME CELEBRATE SPRING WITH THE MATERIAL GIRLS OF NO CONWAY!

NHSQA will hold the Spring Meeting at the Community Center next to Schouler Park on Main St in downtown N. Conway, Sunday, April 10. Registration begins at Noon and the meeting will run till 4 PM. A brief business meeting will precede the program. Cost is \$10 admission for non-members or join NHSQA for \$10 and admission is free. Gail McClure and other members of Material Girls, a No Conway group of friends who make and distribute quilts to charity, will lead us through their technique for quick, efficient quilt top assembly. By the end of the session, we will have completed several quilt tops to be donated. We'll also come away with ideas to take back to our local groups for this kind of project.

We'll all be involved in cutting, sewing, pressing, etc. etc. to make this a success, please bring as many of the following items as possible: sewing machine, about eight 12" fabric squares, rotary cutter and mat, 6"x 24" ruler, 12" square ruler and other basic sewing supplies. Mark your name on them!!

As a special thanks and for more fun, we've arranged for the Quilt Shop at Vac-N-Sew on Rte 16, No Con-way to open early at 10AM for our shopping pleasure. See you there!!!