

NBQA Membership Meeting 3-21-19

Meeting called to order: @ 6:33 P.M.

President Geri Bergreen: Geri is still collecting “fidget quilts” for Alzheimer’s patients.

REMINDER: The April 18, 2019 meeting will be held at Miller’s Crossing, 43 Old Bald Hill Road, Cranston at 6:30 PM (upper level) due to Holy Thursday services at the church that evening.

Vice President Celia Schnacky: The blocks for the raffle quilt have been completed and Celia expects the top will be done by the April meeting. The quilt will have 30 blocks plus borders. Two of the blocks were shown to the members tonight. Celia will announce the “Summer Challenge” at the May meeting. The entries will be displayed at the September meeting.

Treasurer Sue Ellis: Checking Account Balance as of 2/28/19 is \$15,639.58
Savings Account Balance as of 2/28/19 is \$15,052.56

Secretary Nina Ashworth: Minutes from the February 21, 2019 meeting will be posted on the website. Mary Ann Laprise is substituting for Nina Ashworth tonight.

Membership Anne Sabatini: 92 members present tonight. No new members. Membership renewal applications will be available at the April meeting.

Newsletter Sally Cooper: The March / April newsletter was sent out on March 8, 2019. Sally needs your submissions for the May /June newsletter by the beginning of May. Sally is stepping down as Newsletter Chairperson after next year; she is looking to train someone to take over for the following year. There are 4 newsletters published each year using PowerPoint. The guild has a license for the software. If you are interested, please contact Sally Cooper or Geri Bergreen by May.

Special Events Louise Pankiewicz: The School House Shop Hop bus trip will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2019. The cost is \$58. There are still seats available so anyone interested can come to the Park and Ride on Route 117 in Warwick at 7:00 A.M. to participate in the trip.

Education Committee Peggy Lane, Barbara Stetson: The committee is working on some changes and will send an email to the members with details at a later date.

Librarian Pat Stark: DVDs are available to take out at tonight’s meeting.

Facebook Sharon Bibeault: No report given tonight.

Website Maria Knight, Patricia Andraka: The website is up to date.

New England Quilt Museum Karen Stanley: There were 2 raffle baskets tonight and \$173 was raised for the quilt museum. The guild will have 4 passes (good for 2 admissions each). Please contact Karen or Geri if you are interested.

Hospitality Joany Rebecchi: Thank you to the members who provided snacks for tonight's meeting.

Programs & Workshops Chrissy Bonin, Billie Bunnewith: There are still 2 openings for Diana Funke's "Mesh Beach Bag" workshop on Saturday, May 11, 2019. Members taking Karen Kay Buckley's workshop can pick up their kits tonight for \$21. Don't miss David Sarota's presentation at our May meeting at Miller's Crossing. Chrissy will be revealing next year's workshops at the April meeting. In May, signups for the September, October, and November workshops will open. In September, signups for the January through May workshops will open.

SPEAKER: Judy Coates Perez "It's All in the Process". Judy gave a presentation about how she gets "Inspirations" for her quilts from many sources including history, mythology, gravestones, travel, and nature. She discussed how she uses many mediums for her projects including textile paint, acrylic inks, embossed metals, and even tea bags!

Strip Exchange Lyn Pallotta: (April: SWEET PEA – Soft colors, pink, yellow, purple & blue).

Winner: 3 winners were drawn tonight.

Block of the Month Louise Pankiewicz: 40 blocks were received tonight for future comfort quilts. 1 winner was drawn tonight.

Door Prizes Missy Smith, Caryn O'Connor, Dyann Casala: There were 5 door prize winners tonight. In May, the door prizes will include donations from our recent speakers.

Comfort Quilts Brenda Starble, Linda Maslanka: There is a Quilt-a-Thon scheduled from 9AM to 3PM on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at Louise Pankiewicz's place (next to Piecing with Poppers in West Greenwich). In March, 5 quilts were donated to Healthy Families America and 5 quilts were given to Geri to deliver to the Hope Alzheimer's Center. Also, 7 completed quilts were received at tonight's meeting.

Quilt Show Joan Potter: Still looking for Set Up chairpersons for the quilt show. Please contact Joan if interested.

Historian: Position remains unfilled. If anyone has any cell phone pictures from tonight's meeting to share, please send to the NBQA Facebook page or to Geri Bergreen.

Magazine Exchange: Maria Lage is taking the leftover magazines to Ryco.

Publicity: Position remains open, but Barbara Stetson is willing to work with someone. Please contact Geri if you are able to help. Geri mentioned a website called sewmanysshows.com which would be a good place to advertise our upcoming show.

OLD BUSINESS: Two weeks prior to the April meeting proposed changes to the by-laws will be sent to the members. The current bylaws can be viewed on the website and if you find anything that needs to be updated, please contact Geri Bergreen. Voting on the bylaw changes to take place at the April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Elections will be held at the May meeting. Louise Pankiewicz is on the nominating committee and needs 2 volunteers to assist her. Please contact Louise if you can help.

Tickets for the raffle quilt for Ninigret Quilters will be sold at our May meeting. They will return the favor and sell tickets for our raffle quilt at one of their meetings at a later date. The quilt show for Ninigret will be held October 18, 19, and 20, 2019 from 10 AM – 4 PM at the Westerly Armory.

Allison Wilbur announced a new project called “Sister Artist” in which women from Mali, West Africa embroider blocks which a volunteer quilter will make into a quilt to be auctioned off. The funds raised will be used to create a micro-enterprise for these Mali artists. More information is available at quiltforchange.org.

How many members attended? 92

Show and tell was presented by some members of their works prior to adjournment.

Meeting adjourned: @ 8:28 PM

Next Membership Mtg: 4-18-19, David Sirota “What Makes a Quilt Tick
A Humorous Look in the Mirror. Join me for a fun-filled, interactive, eye-opening look at quilters and all the little quirks, passions and obsessions we all share. We’ll hold a mirror up to ourselves and see what others see when they look at us. Bring your friends and family along and maybe it will help explain, to you and them, why they look at us the way they do.”

Next Program/Workshop:
4-19-19 (Friday; 9:15-3:15), David Sirota Storm at Sea (@ Blaines, 1280 Oaklawn Ave., Cranston, RI)