

## NBQA Membership Meeting

March 19, 2015

**President:** Hope Barton called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

**Program Chair:** Joan Blade Johnson introduced the evening's speaker, Pat Delaney of Crabtree Lane Studio. Pat is a graduate of Massachusetts College of Art and has studied fashion design, color theory and drawing. The evening's program, *Something New on Every Quilt*, was a trunk show of many of her amazing and award-winning quilts.

**Fabric Challenge Coordinator:** Susan Chace noted that challenge fabric would be for sale at the break. [Guidelines are for the challenge](#) are available on the guild website under Quilt Shows/Next Quilt Show. Items created from the fabric will comprise a special exhibit at our 2016 show.

**Special Events:** Maria Lage (for Louise Pankiewicz) reviewed 2 upcoming events:

- The **NBQA MA Schoolhouse Shop Hop** will visit 5 quilt shops on Saturday, March 28. The \$45 event fee includes a lovely tote bag!
- On May 2, the guild is hosting a bus trip to **A World of Quilts XXXVI** in Somers, NY . Cost of this trip is also \$45.

Contact Louise [louisebpd@yahoo.com](mailto:louisebpd@yahoo.com) to register for either of these last two events.

Maria also reminded members that NBQA t-shirts are available for \$15 at the break.

**Program Chair:** Joan Blade Johnson noted there are still openings for Pat Delaney's Saturday workshop , *Meet Me at the Bar -Designing Linear Motifs* and for the April workshop with Sue Pelland, **Fast & Fabulous with Leaves Galore** , Apr 17 @ 9:30 am – 3:30 pm. Please read the supply list available on the guild website under events/Workshops.

### **Social Break. Mayfair Hall demonstrated ribbon weaving.**

**President:** Hope Barton reconvened the business meeting at 8:40pm. She reminded people that per our contract, no food is allowed in the sanctuary.

**Bylaw change proposal:** The Board has approved a change in the bylaws to be voted on by the membership. The proposed change would eliminate Article X Section 1:

"All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences in indebtedness, issued in the name of or payable to the Corporation shall be signed, or endorsed by two (2) signatures, that of the President, Vice President, and/or Treasurer."

Rationale for change: The Treasurer has been bonded. This is the most secure way to protect guild financial assets. There is no security in the requirement of two signatures because the bank will cash checks with only one signature. To further support and secure guild financial assets and ensure reporting requirements are met, the Board created and approved a detailed policy & procedure for the Treasurer.

**Newsletters:** For the last several years, the standard for guild newsletter distribution has been email. This has enabled us to keep membership dues stable. The cost of printing and mailing a newsletter is \$2.50 per newsletter/\$12.50 for the 5 newsletters sent during the year. Starting with the 2015-16 guild year, members who wish to receive a paper, mailed copy of the newsletter may check that option on the membership form and will be charged an additional \$10 to help with the cost. General membership dues will continue at \$30. Your \$30 is spent in this way: \$14 to support Programs and Workshops; \$14 for Rent, fees, bond, hospitality, library, door prizes, website, membership; \$2 for paper newsletters. If you need to receive a paper newsletter and the \$10 fee is a hardship for you, please speak with Hope.

**Raffle Quilt:** Tina Craig will lead 3 sessions on paper piecing. Location: Sharon Mayers' shop, Piecing with Poppers, in West Greenwich. Schedule: Thurs eves, April 23, 30, and May 7 at 6:30 pm.

**Secretary:** Melanie Johnston. The secretary's report for February minutes was moved, seconded and approved without change.

**Treasurer:** Lisa Champlin reported February income- \$1,185, YTD income - \$10,153.73. February expenses - \$2,429.76; YTD expenses - \$10,485.98. Checking account balance as of 3/1/15 - \$25,914.39. Additional financial details are in the financial report.

**Comfort Quilts:** Mary Padbury announced that the Quilt-a-thon was a wonderful success with 15 twin sized quilts completed. She thanked those who participated and Denise Greenlund for making labels. There were several agency suggestions for donations including residents from the recent condo fire, Holly Charette House, the Conimicut Women's Shelter, and the Red Cross. Please send Mary contact information for any agencies you would like to nominate.

**Fat Quarter of the Month:** Carol drew the winner of this month's fat quarters and reminded all that next month's theme is Modern & Geometric prints.

**New England Quilt Museum:** Chris Bagley asked for donations of hand-made items for the NEQM fundraising auction in May. Small items may be brought to the next meeting. Please bring large items to the May meeting.

Chris announced **A SUMMER CELEBRATION OF NEW ENGLAND QUILTS** July 30 - August 16. Each of the museum's 90 member guilds has been asked to submit their best quilt. Our submission will be our "Best in Show" winner, Glacier Star by Anne Sabatini, quilted by Allison Wilbur.

Additionally, the second classroom has been converted to another exhibit room allowing alternating exhibits. There is always something new to see!

Allison Wilbur noted that **ADVOCACY QUILTING, *Inspiring Social Change*** is on exhibit March 18 - May 3. Allison also announced the next [Quilt for Change](#) challenge theme is "**Water is Life.**"

**Block of the Month:** Joan Halley drew the winner for March and encouraged quilters to participate in April's BOM – Flying Geese Strip. Directions are on the website Guild Activities/Block of the Month.

**Show & Tell:** Inspiring as always! Jeannine Hicks showed several placemats she has collected for Meals on Wheels recipients and encouraged guild members to make more! Approximate size is 12 to 13 inches X 18 to 19 inches.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM.

Submitted by Melanie Johnston, Secretary