

## NBQA Membership Meeting

October 15, 2015

**Vice President – Cathey LaBonte** filled in tonight for President, Hope Barton who was away. She called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM and asked Program Chair, Peggy Murphy to introduce the speaker.

**Program: Alice Means**, a prolific and amazing quilter from Bolton, CT congratulated NBQA on winning the NEQM guild show People's Choice Award. Alice then presented a trunk show of her many beautiful and award winning quilts. She quilts them all herself on her domestic machine and often uses decorative machine stitches and her embroidery machine to quilt motifs.

**Special Events – Louise Pankiewicz** reminded us that this year's trip to The Gathering will be on Sunday, November 8. The bus will also be stopping at the Quilted Crow. Fee is \$55 based on 30 participants. We need more participants to run the trip so please sign-up with Louise at the break.

**Block of the Month – Louise Pankiewicz** thanked the people who participated so far and made blocks for comfort quilts. The November block is Churn Dash or Ohio Star. Additional BOM information is on the NBQA website.

### **BREAK – for Halloween themed refreshments, Shopping etc.**

**Secretary – Melanie Johnston.** The General Meeting minutes from September, 2015 were voted on and approved with the addition that Brenda Dziedzic was the new member, who won the Fat Quarters last month and she has already used them to make placemats.

**Treasurer – Lisa Champlin:** Sept income: \$1,742. YTD Income: \$8,090. Sept Expenses, \$768.83. YTD Expenses, \$2,437.19. Detailed report is attached.

**Quilt Show – Joan Potter** announced that the basket raffle proceeds will go to two organizations this year, The Hope Center for Alzheimer's patients and the Providence VA to help enhance their programs for female veterans. Peggy Lane spoke briefly about the VA's goals for improving facilities and programs from women. Geri Bergreen spoke briefly about the work of the Hope Alzheimer's Day Care in Cranston. Both organizations are very grateful for our recognition of them and look forward to any contribution we can make.

Joan has created flyers with ideas for raffle baskets. Please consider making one as an individual or group. Baskets may be brought to the January & February Meetings. Next month Joan will bring the sign-up sheets for helping with the show. Quilt entry forms are on the website and will be included in the next newsletter. Entries are due at the February meeting.

**Comfort Quilts – Mary Padbury** thanked the people who have turned in 75 placemats so far! She also received 35 quilt tops from an anonymous donor. These will be finished at the quilt-a-thon (date TBA) or by volunteers. Remember to see Mary if you want fabric to make comfort quilts or placemats.

**Barbara Stetson** is organizing a group to help introduce quilting to younger people. This effort supports our mission and is backed by URI. Last year some younger people participated in classes and made a quilt that received Best of Show in a 4H exhibit. Please speak with Barbara if you would like to be a part of this.

**Program – Peggy Murphy** reviewed the remaining workshops for the year. November – Jane D’Avila; Feb – Kate Themel; March – Billie & Kassie; May – Maria Lage. See the NBQA website for the complete list, descriptions and materials lists.

**Library – Maria Lage:** We have over 75 DVD titles! Take a min-workshop in your own home!

**New England Quilt Museum Liaison – Chris Bagley** announced that our special show at the NEQM for winning the Viewer’s Choice Award will be in September 2016. We will be able to hang 16-25 quilts and will be looking for a variety of sizes and techniques. Entry forms will soon be available in the newsletter and on the website. You may submit more than one entry.

The current NEQM show is Caryl Bryer Fallert, A Retrospective, August 20 through October 31, 2015. The exhibit in the Classroom Gallery is CIVIL WAR ERA QUILTS, The American Quilt Study Group, through October 31, 2015. On Saturday, November 7, 2015 at 1 pm: CURATOR’S RECEPTION & GALLERY TALK - SMALL WONDERS. Miniature, Doll and Crib Quilts will be on exhibit Nov. 5 through Dec. 26, 2015

**Newsletter – Sara Crocker** announced that items for the next newsletter are due by this Monday.

**Historian – Maribeth Traer:** NBQA photos are on Shutterfly <https://nbqaphotos.shutterfly.com/> Sign in with your own shutterfly password or use “NBQA” all caps.

**Website- Joany Rebecchi** announced that the quilt show entry forms are on the website on the “Next Quilt Show” page.

**Hospitality – Peggy Lane:** Thanks to all who brought excellent Halloween snacks tonight! After several years of chairing Hospitality, Peggy will be stepping down next year. One of her team members is willing to be co-chair. Please think about volunteering to be the other co-chair so that this enjoyable, social part of our meetings can continue.

**Membership- Ann Sabatini** announced that we had 3 new members this month.

**Fat Quarter of the month – Carol Kaufman:** The October drawing was won by Deb Allen. The November theme is batik.

**Door Prizes –** Prizes were drawn.

**Tina Craig** announced that the Ninigret Quilters show was hung today. Please try to stop in and see this Friday, Saturday or Sunday at the Westerly Armory.

**Show and Tell was excellent!**

**Adjournment 9:20PM**

Submitted by Melanie Johnston, Secretary