

NBQA Zoom Membership Meeting
October 16, 2020

Call to Order: 6:37 pm

President's Welcome: Geri Bergreen

Welcome, nice to "see" you! Louise will be our moderator, so everyone will be on mute. If you have a question, please hit the "raise your hand" and you will be recognized. I thought we had a great meeting on zoom last month with about 70 participants. It was Weeks Ringle and Bill Kerr's first zoom meetup as well. I will be providing all of the update reports and will turn the meeting over to Gail Macera for tonight's presentation by our own Allison Wilbur and Tina Craig.

Vice President's Report: Celia Schnacky

Raffle Quilt tickets are still available. Some members took more tickets to sell at Sept. 19 Comfort Quilts day. The quilt remains on display at Ryco. If anyone would like to display somewhere else, please speak to Celia. About \$800 has been collected so far. Geri has tickets; if you want any, text or email her. Celia has 9 blocks for Gov Gina's quilt. She has an idea to do "newspaper" headlines for sashing between blocks. If some might want to print them on fabric, Celia will assemble them into a quilt. More blocks would be appreciated and should be sent to Celia. Still looking for someone to organize the 2021-2022 Raffle Quilt; anyone willing to take this on should contact Celia. Sharon Mayer has offered her shop to work on quilt if needed. Needs to be ready by next September.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Ellis

Checking Acct Balance: \$5067.05

Savings Acct Balance: \$10358.44

Recently had to pay the \$2000+ annual storage fee for quilt show supplies. Motion was made to accept report and was seconded.

Secretary's Report: Nina Ashworth

Sept membership meeting minutes were sent via email on Oct 11. Minutes also appear on website. Motion was made to accept report and was seconded

Librarian: Pat Stark

Due to covid, will suspend the pickup of library items. Will resume when we next meet

Special Events: Louise Pankiewicz

Nothing in the works. Trying to get bus money back from the Shop Hop

Newsletter: Paula Weston

Currently working on the Nov./Dec. newsletter. Will need to receive any inclusions by the end of October. Will go out the first Wed in November. Check the Newsletter for Paula's new segment, **Questions Asked**. Paula says she received many questions and no duplicate answers

Membership: Anne Sabatini

73 members attended tonight's zoom meeting. We currently have 145 members. Membership list will be sent via email. Missy Smith says it should be out this week in pdf format so members can save or print

Facebook: Billie Bunnewith, Geri Bergreen, Gail Macera

Thanks for the great updates and photos. Thanks to all who are participating in the weekly Presidents Facebook contest; we are up to week 18. If you have any thoughts on contests, email Geri.

Website: Maria Knight, Pat Andraka

Our website has been updated; many thanks to Pat and Maria. If there are any additions, corrections, or comments, please send to Pat and Maria

Education Committee: Peggy Lane, Barbara Stetson

Peggy sent Geri a note saying the committee is putting together packages for when we can meet together again

Comfort Quilts: Brenda Starble, Linda Maslanka

Great attendance noted at the Sept 19 drop off/pick up event at Louise's in Coventry. Geri has included pictures in the Show and Tell slide show. Also collected raffle tickets and money. You can make arrangements with Brenda re: any finished quilts

New England Quilt Museum: Karen Stanley

The guild has donated \$150 for our NEQM membership. We hope to donate more as we normally send at least \$2000. Hope to do some fund raising, maybe baskets, when we meet again. NEQM is open, please check their website. They do have some virtual shows on their website.

Quilt Show: Joan Potter

Joan has pictures that were submitted for the canceled quilt show. Joan says she would prefer to return pictures with applications when we can meet again in person.

Programs - Workshops: Gail Macera, Tina Zuffoletti

From Gail: On our regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, Nov 19th, we will have the very charming and talented **David Sirota** presenting his lecture. Be sure to zoom in to hear David and enjoy his wonderful sense of humor and love of speaking. On Friday, Nov 20th at 9am David will be hosting an all day zoom workshop entitled "**Chevron Star**"; utilizing his "No

More Tears Paper Piecing Method". I was able to take this class in July and was quite please with the results. Once you register (David will be sending out the link), he sends you all the information for the class. The fee is \$40.00 for this all-day class (quite a bargain) and that will be paid through David as well. Just remember, he only takes 24 students at a time so please sign up as soon as you can.

Geri has a great idea – she has suggested we get together on Friday, Dec. 4 from 7-9 where we can enjoy an adult beverage and snacks while we host a zoom get-together. We can show each other what projects we may be working on for the holidays or just sit and chat. Please let me know if this is something you would be interested in and if you would like to share a particular project.

Also, Mary Elizabeth contacted me with two names of interest. **Anita Zobens** (she is from Canada) and was a spokesperson for Superior Threads. Her conversation was quite interesting as she spoke about combination of threads and needles – very information and free. You can google her to see this presentation. You can also follow her on Instagram at anitazobens. The second person was **Holly Anne Knight** from Strings and Story AKA Quilting Rockstars. She has a variety of classes; one of which is Free Motion Quilt Academy that will start up in January. It's a twelve-week program; both Tina and I are wait-listed for and will report back on that.

We will have more information on upcoming speakers at our next meeting.

Hospitality: Joany Rebecchi On hold

Strip Exchange: On hold until we meet

Block of the Month:

See Newsletter and Website for list of children's theme coordinated with Comfort Quilts. Completed blocks can be mailed to Brenda or Linda

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Still looking for Mentees for the Board positions for May 2021 (2021-2022 guild year); President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. As you know, this is the third year for these officers who all agreed to stay on due to the extraordinary circumstances of this year. Please step up to the plate to keep our guild ongoing. It will be an easier transition going forward if we can mentor you for the remainder of this year for you to take over when current terms are up in May, 2021.
2. Keep sending completed 9" blocks for Gov Gina quilt. Extended until Dec. 31
3. Looking for person or group to "dream up" and make the 2021-2022 raffle quilt. Need by September 2021 or sooner. This is a major fund raiser for our guild. Please contact Geri or Celia

4. Looking for someone to help me with list of past presidents. Stuck at 2001 until 1975. Would like this to be added to our website. I may put this in the Newsletter as a "fill in the blank". I have a list of names but not the dates

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business. Business meeting portion ended 7pm

PROGRAM FOR THE NIGHT: Falling in Love with Your UFO's All Over Again!

Introduction of Allison Wilbur and Tina Craig:

Allison Wilbur paints with thread and fabric, combining traditional quilting with contemporary techniques. Her work celebrates the rich feminine tradition of stitching as a means of personal expression. She is also the founder of Quilt For Change, a project which uses the art of quilting to inspire social change for women around the world. Allison is a member of Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA) and the past co-rep for the Massachusetts/Rhode Island regional SAQA group. She is most comfortable in the intersection between art and quilting and enjoys dyeing fabric, designing patterns, and using surface design techniques and embellishments to create fiber art. Her work has been exhibited in museums, fine art galleries and at major and regional quilt shows and is in private collections around the world.

Tina Craig has been quilting for 30 years and challenges herself to learn something new with every quilt. Tina specializes in precise piecing and domestic machine quilting. Tina serves as Vice-President of Ninigret Quilters and the Rhode Island Modern Quilt Guild. Her quilts have won awards in local and regional shows including Best of Show Ninigret Quilters 2012, 2017 and Narragansett Bay Quilters Association 2016. Tina is currently enrolled as a candidate in the NACQJ Judges Certification Program. Tina is also a very new grandmother. Congratulations.

We are very thankful to these two very special ladies who volunteered to do this presentation for us tonight. As they are presenting, if you have any questions, please put them in the "chat" and they will answer as we go along.

SHOW AND TELL POWER POINT:

Wonderful presentation of members quilts!

NEXT ZOOM MEETING:

Thursday, November 19, 2020; 6:30PM

Send Geri pictures and information of any quilts you want included in next month's Show and Tell.

THE END: 8:22pm