

NBQA Zoom Membership Mtg
April 15, 2021

Call to Order: 6:31pm

President's Welcome: Geri Bergreen

Welcome; nice to see you all! We are welcoming 3 new members: Catherine Gregoire of New Jersey, Eileen Getzhiser of Warwick and Krista Alperin of New Hampshire.

Vice President's Report: Celia Schnacky

Celia will be retrieving the 2020-2021 raffle quilt from Ryco (who raised quite a bit of money from ticket sales; \$112 recently received from more tickets sold) the first week of May. There are just a few remaining tickets to sell that can be picked up at the April 24 Comfort Quilts drop off at Louises' Classroom and Studio, 74 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich (just off 95, Exit 6). You can also hand off money and ticket stubs there. Geri will mail tickets to you if you can't get to the drop off on the 24th; contact her at tbgeri@aol.com. The last day for collecting will be May 1. Celia will be drawing the winner at our May 20 Zoom Membership meeting. Mary Hamilton continues to work on the 2021-2022 raffle quilt; there will be a picture next month.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Ellis

Checking Account Balance: \$6510.91

Savings Account Balance: \$10,363.79

Motion to approve was made and seconded.

Secretary Report: Nina Ashworth

Minutes from the February and March membership meetings was sent to membership 4-11-21. Minutes are also up to date on the NBQA website. Motion to approve was made and seconded.

Librarian's Report: Pat Stark

Contact Pat by phone or email to arrange to drop off off/pick up items at her house.

Special Events: Louise Pankiewicz

School House Shop Hop will run the month of July; members can participate independently. Louise will soon have tote bags. Information will be in the next newsletter.

Newsletter: Paula Weston

Paula is working on the May/June newsletter which will go out about May 5. There will be a short one during the summer. She is always looking for new advertisers.

Membership: Anne Sabatini

There are currently 150 members; 8 new members altogether. Sale (\$20) of new memberships will continue through 8-31. 64 members attended meeting tonight. Renewal form for Sept. 2021- August 2022 will be in the May/June newsletter; price of membership will remain the same.

Facebook: Crissy Bonin, Geri Bergreen, Gail Macera

Geri has taken a long sabbatical from posting games/challenges on Facebook; she is looking for new ideas. Please forward any ideas you may have to her.

Website: Maria Knight, Pat Andraka

Everything is up to date; Pat is looking for any graphics to add for the 2022 quilt show. She is also looking for some additional information from Programs/Workshops. Send Maria and/or Pat any corrections, additions as needed.

Education Committee: Peggy Lane, Barbara Stetson

The committee will be meeting at Sharon's shop in West Greenwich tomorrow. They are getting kits together and assessing for use with different groups; Girls Scouts, Boys and Girls Clubs and Cumberland, North Kingston and Westerly libraries have expressed interest.

Comfort Quilts: Brenda Starble, Linda Maslanka

Drop off/pick will be held (rain or shine) on Saturday, April 24th - 9-noon at Louises' Classroom and Studio, 74 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich. This will be a chance for members to pick up kits to work on and to return completed quilts. Joan Potter will be dropping off quilt show entry applications that were submitted for last year's cancelled show. They will be available for pick up for those who wanted this information returned. It is hoped that the next Comfort Quilts get together will include sewing machines as there are plans for another strip block sewing day; date remains to be determined.

New England Quilt Museum: Karen Stanley

They are open; try and support if you can.

Quilt Show: Joan Potter

"Spring Celebration", our next quilt show, will be held April 23/24, 2022. They are looking to bring back the fabric challenge and are looking for information on the rules for this in the past. Request was made to head Publicity for the show and Allison Wilbur volunteered. Barbara Stetson will get the information to her from the cancelled show. There will again be a basket raffle so will need items from members. Joan is working with Nancy Messier on graphics.

Hospitality: Joany Rebecchi

Door Prizes: Missy Smith

There will be another "Sip and Sew" on Friday, April 30th (6:30pm to 8ish) with another "cahoots" like game. Wear May Day hats if you wish.

Strip Exchange: Lyn Pallotta

Remains on hold until in-person meetings resume.

Block of the Month: No Committee 2020-2021

April, 2021 – Butterflies

May, 2021 – Farm Animal

(the full list is in prior minutes, in Newsletter and is on NBQA website.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. We are still looking for members to step up to take on positions of President, Vice President and Treasurer for the 2021-2022 guild year. There are also some committee heads that would like to step down. It is much easier if you volunteer now and can be mentored for the remainder of this guild year to help you learn the roles and associated responsibilities. Please step up to the plate and volunteer to keep our guild alive!
2. Gov Gina Covid 19 quilt has been completed (pieced by Celia; quilted by Sue Ellis). Geri is waiting for an email back about some kind of presentation; maybe on Channel 10??
3. The Zoom format may continue to the end of 2021 depending on how the pandemic continues to present in Rhode Island.
4. Denise Greenlund continues to offer NBQA vests for \$30 (\$10 to go to guild).
5. The mystery quilt is wrapping up; the last step will be in the mail tomorrow for the outside borders. There will be a power point next month.
6. This is our 45th year (1976 – 2021). Please volunteer to keep our guild going taking on a board or committee role. It all depends on you!
7. Speak to Geri or Louise to become part of Nominating Committee.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

Meeting was turned over to Gail Macera:

Tonight's Speaker: Eleanor "Elly" Levie; "A Magical Mystery Tour; American Quiltmaking 1970-2000"

*(from Gail Macera): I would like to introduce to you tonight's speaker, Eleanor (Elly) Levie, (rhymes with Chevy). Though born and raised in Baltimore, Maryland, Eleanor Levie has a personality that is less "Baltimore Album" and more "Crazy Quilt". Her home now is Center City, Philadelphia. Elly is a prolific and innovative quilter of quilted gifts such as pillows, table runners, and tote bags. As an art quilter, she is as likely to use paint and dye and recycled packaging as she is to piece and quilt. That being said, Elly also has a respected professional persona. From 1978-2012 she authored, edited and produced books such as: **Quilt Blocks Go Wild!, Unforgettable TOTE BAGS, Skinny Quilts & Table Runners I and II**. All of these books feature Elly's original designs but also those by famous quilters you know and love. Previously, Elly produced the Rodale's Successful Quilting Library series, authored **Great Little Quilts**, and **Country Living's Country Quilts**. Her presentation tonight is based on her history book, **American Quiltmaking: 1970-2000**. She has also donated this book which we will be raffling off this evening. Without further ado I would like to introduce you to Elly Levie.*

Show and Tell:

Elly's lecture was followed by a power point presentation of members' first quilts. Quilts were presented by Pat Stark, Louise Pankiewicz-DiCarlo, Paulette Greene, Sally Cooper, Tina Zuffoletti, Kathy Mack, Mary Ann Laprise, Diane Roman, Eileen Gelzhiser, Nina Ashworth, Gail Macera and Geri Bergreen.

Programs & Workshops Report: Gail Macera, Tina Zuffoletti

April 17, 2021 (Saturday workshop, 9:30-1): Elly Levie will do workshop "Weave A Quilt with Me". One available slot donated by member who cannot attend was taken during tonight' meeting.

May 20, 2021 (Thursday lecture): Sherri Noel from Rebecca Mae Designs will present "Finding My Quilt Voice".

May 22, 2021 (Saturday workshop): Sherri Noel will do a workshop that will cover different applique techniques to give your quilt a voice. She will be zoom teaching from her book "Text IT! Quilts and Pillows with Something to Say" that you will need to purchase for the workshop. Sherri is offering NBQA members 15% off the book and everything else on her website using the code WELCOME 15. Cost is \$30. She can take 20 students. Contact Gail at jgmacera@cox.net if you are interested.

Fall is all booked, Gail will have a PowerPoint presentation in August to everyone:

September, 2021: Jody Beck

October, 2021: Ann Turley

November, 2021: Karen Miller of Aurifil Thread (90 minute presentation, all will get a spool of thread)

December, 2021: Sit and Sew

January, 2022: Stephanie Hackney from Hobbs (lecture, no workshop)

Gail asks, when completing membership renewal forms, to fill out the question asking who/what topics members are interested in for future lectures/workshops.

Remember to send pictures for "Show and Tell" to Geri via email with information. That's it Ladies: have a great night and stay safe. Members were invited to stay on Zoom for a bit for "Friendship Zooming"

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:23pm

Next Zoom Meeting: May 20, 2021

Next Zoom Board Meeting: May 6, 2021