

NBQA Zoom Membership Mtg
May 20, 2021

Call to Order: 6:35 pm

President's Welcome: Geri Bergreen

Geri welcomed all to tonight's meeting. She noted there would be a change of format with tonight's speaker going first. Geri urged all to stay after the presentation for the business meeting that will include election of new officers, drawing for the raffle quilt, power point show and tell. etc.

Meeting was turned over to Gail Macera to introduce...

Tonight's Speaker: Sherri Noel from Rebecca Mae Designs

Sherri Noel is a creative spirit and a passion for sewing and became interested in quilting when she was in college following in the footsteps of her creative and industrious grandmothers. When she graduated from college, her parents bought her a sewing machine and she found her creative outlet and future career. Sherri has been designing her own quilts for several years and in 2021, started sharing her design talents and patterns through her website, RebeccaMaeDesigns.com (named after her daughters). You can also find fun tutorials and block-of-the-month quilt-alongs on her website. Designs by Sherri have been published in several magazines, including her personal favorite, *Simply Moderne by QuiltMania*. She loves to teach and share with the sewing community and she's a regular contributor to many popular sewing sites. She is the designer behind *Madawaska Mittens*, the *Dear Daughter BOM quilt*, *Scandinavian Christmas designs*, and her popular scrappy block-of-the-month patterns. One that I am involved in is the *100 Blocks Positive Energy Patchwork Sampler* where we do 10 blocks a month for 10 months learning many new techniques through her great videos and handouts. Sherri believes that quilting is a form of creative expression and began adding sentiments and quirky sayings to her quilts in 2016 when she designed the *Dear Daughter quilt*. The design encapsulates tender and thoughtful messages to her daughters for living a good, simple life filled with joy. Sherri lives in New England with her family that lovingly supports her. Sherri's presentation is entitled: Finding My Quilt Voice.

Business meeting began: 7:40 pm

Vice President's Report: Celia Schnacky

Many words of appreciation for selling tickets for the raffle quilt. A full accounting will be in the summer newsletter. Approximately \$1600 was raised. Mia Thompson was the winner drawn by Celia. She will arrange for the quilt to be delivered to the winner.

The new raffle quilt, being created by Mary Hamilton, will be shown at the September meeting; it is to be quilted over the summer. It will be on display at the April 2022 quilt show.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Ellis

Checking account balance: \$6,780.52

Savings account balance: \$10,364.65

Motion was made to accept the treasurer's report and was seconded.

Secretary Report: Nina Ashworth

Minutes from the April, 2021 membership meeting were sent to membership and are posted on the website. Motion was made to accept the treasurer's report and was seconded.

Librarian's Report: Pat Stark

Geri noted discussion at recent Board meeting re: whether to continue with dvd library or disband the library as it is. Some discussion of selling the current guild owned videos. Education committee suggests if there are any beginner videos in the collection, we might consider donating them to Ed Committee for use while working with appropriate groups. Email will be sent to membership seeking opinions of members. Suggestions can be sent to Geri and/or Pat Stark.

Special Events: Louise Pankiewicz

Louise will be getting about 20 tote bags (\$8) for the July, 2021 Schoolhouse Shop Hop in Massachusetts. Members were told they can also pick up tote bags from the participating shops (Quilted Crow, Cobblestone Quilts, Quilted Threads, and Red Barn Sewing and Yarn Center). Contact Louise to reserve a bag. Louise also noted she has 2020 quilt show applications for those who did not pick them up at the last Quilt-A-Thon event.

Newsletter: Paula Weston

The May/June newsletter has been sent to members. Paula is currently working on the summer issue that will go out around July 4th. Please send items to Paula.

Membership: Anne Sabatini

We currently have 151 members; 69 participated in tonight's zoom meeting. The sale (\$20) continues for new members until August 31, 2021. That application was attached to the last newsletter. An application to renew for the 2021-2022 guild year will be sent to current members by June 1 and will be posted on the website. Cost will be the same: \$35.

Facebook: Tina Zuffoletti, Geri Bergreen

Chrissy Bonin and Gail Macera were deleted as admins; Tina was added.

Website: Maria Knight, Pat Andraka

Website is up to date. Please send corrections, addition, deletion requests to Maria/Pat.

Education Committee: Peggy Lane, Barbara Stetson

Peggy reports their committee has been meeting monthly at Sharon's shop. They have a commitment with Boys and Girls Club and with local libraries. They continue to work on making up kits for different projects. June to September they will be doing workshops by those comfortable working in person.

Comfort Quilts: Brenda Starble, Linda Maslanka

Brenda reports she and Linda have gone through the completed quilts and there are 83 quilts ready to distribute. The next Quilt-A-Thon activity, that they hope will be in person but is TBA, will be on 9-25-21.

New England Quilt Museum: Karen Stanley

They remain open. Please check their website for ongoing and upcoming exhibits and hours.



SPRING CELEBRATION Quilt Show: Joan Potter

The show is scheduled for April 23rd and 24th, 2022. Details for the fabric challenge will be in the July newsletter. The fabric has been chosen by Diane Roman/Louise Pankiewicz. Quilt Show committee may try to put together a Saturday program for the show.

Hospitality: Joany Rebecchi on hold

Door Prizes: Missy Smith

There was a good turnout for the April 30 Sip and Sew with approximately 20 members participating. There may be another Sip and Sew event during the summer.

Strip Exchange: Lyn Pallotta on hold

Block of the Month: No Committee 2020-2021

Geri reports Fall 2021 information will be sent to Paula for the July newsletter

Programs & Workshops Report: Gail Macera, Tina Zuffoletti

Programs for Fall, 2021 include Jody Beck in September, Ann Turley in October, Karen Miller in November, Sit and Sew in December, and Stephanie Hackney from Hobbs for January, 2022 (no workshop). Sign-up for Saturday morning workshops will open in August. Gail will have a power point presentation to send to members in August of the workshops.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Louise Pankiewicz (representing the Nominating Committee) noted the candidates for the Executive Board:

Geri Bergreen – President

Joan Potter – Vice President

Blaire Gagnon – Treasurer

Mary Ann Laprise – Secretary

Louise noted the chairpersons of the standing committees (Comfort Quilts, Hospitality, Membership, New England Quilt Museum Representative, Newsletter, Program, Quilt Show, Special Events) will remain in position. Regarding Key Contributors: Librarian and Website Manager will remain, while Historian and Publicity remain open. Louise suggested that the new officers may want to consider adding Education Committee to the By-Laws.

A call was made for any other nominations for officers; none were made. Nina Ashworth, as outgoing secretary, cast one vote for the new slate of officers who were elected for the 2021-2022 NBQA Guild year without objection.

2. "Gov Gina" Quilt; Geri continues to work on presentation of the quilt.
3. Still not sure if the September, 2021 meeting will be in person. It will continue to depend on the status of the state re: the pandemic and opening at our meeting sight. The future of the guild may include a hybrid winter on zoom.
4. Denise Greenlund continues to offer guild vests for sale @\$30 with \$10 to the guild.
5. Pictures of competed Mystery Quilts will be part of the Power Point presentation. There will be a new Mystery quilt coming in July. It will be open to everyone, only one size, will be about 4 clue to complete.
6. We continue to celebrate our 45th year (1976 – 2021)!

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Summer Challenge - 🧵 "Something Fishy" 🐟; fishy, water-based theme, must be complete by the September meeting; information will be going out via email and will be in the summer newsletter.
2. Transition meeting for outgoing/incoming officers and to include appropriate committee chairpersons to discuss/formulate next year's budget, will be held July 22nd.
3. Tina Craig noted the 2nd Annual Hang a Quilt Day is scheduled for 8-7-21.

Show and Tell:

Gerí's power point presentation included quilts by:

"My First Quilt": Carol Ann Martinelli, Celia Schnacky (from 1966)!

Workshop projects: Steffanie Windus, Celia Schnacky, Carol Ann Martinelli, Geri Bergreen
Mystery Quilt (Monet's Wedding Ring, pattern by Judi Martin; 21 participated including 3 testers; ebook is available): Deb Lemieux, Pat Stark, Harriet Simoneau, Jane Kratsch, Anne Sabatini, Joyce Smith, Betsy Salomone, Mary Silverman, Sally Cooper, Linda Maslanka, Mary Beth Slinko, Paula Campbell

Other quilts: Harriett Simoneau, Gail Macera and Anne Sabatini

Meeting Adjourned at: 8:33 pm

Next Zoom ??? Meeting: September, 2021 (location TBA)

Board Transition/Budget Meeting: July 22, 2021