

## **NBQA Membership Meeting 09-16-21**

Zoom meeting called to order: @ 6:27 P.M.

### **President Geri Bergreen:**

Geri welcomed members back for the new year. Two new members received a special welcome (Diana Grenon and Linda Lapin).

Geri showed a PowerPoint presentation of the 16 Summer Challenge quilts submitted. Voting will be done via Chat on Zoom and there will be prizes for first place (\$25), second place (\$15), and third place (\$10). Louise Pankiewicz will tally the votes and the winners will be announced at the end of the meeting. The business meeting will follow the speaker's presentation.

Gail Macera introduced tonight's speaker, Jody Beck. Jody will discuss "The Art of Quilt Design". Jody has designed about 35 quilt patterns and has an Etsy shop, YouTube channel, and a website ([www.jodysjemsquilting.com](http://www.jodysjemsquilting.com)).

### **Vice President Joan Potter:**

The tickets for the raffle quilt will be printed soon. Joan will bring the quilt to various quilt shops in the area to sell tickets. The winner will be drawn in May of 2023.

### **Treasurer Blair Gagnon (on vacation – report read by Geri Bergreen):**

Checking Account Balance as of 09/01/2021 is \$7,699.13

Savings Account Balance as of 09/01/2021 is \$10,368.14

Report was approved and seconded.

### **Secretary Mary Ann Laprise:**

Minutes from the May 20, 2021 meeting were compiled by former Secretary Nina Ashworth and emailed and posted on the website. Minutes were approved and seconded.

### **Membership Anne Sabatini:**

There are currently 102 members (2 new members). Please renew your membership if you have not already done so. Renewal applications are available on the website and in the September / October newsletter. Full membership is \$35 and Associate membership is \$15. Only paid members will be invited to the October Zoom meeting. A list of members should be available via email by next month. No booklets will be printed.

### **Newsletter Paula Weston:**

The September / October newsletter was emailed and is posted on the website. Please send your submissions for the next newsletter.

**Special Events Louise Pankiewicz:**

The Summer 2021 Shop Hop had a few participants. There were 4 shops on the Shop Hop list.

**Education Committee Peggy Lane, Barbara Stetson:**

They will hold their first meeting of the year on September 24, 2021. They are working with the Boys/Girls Club at Oakland Beach (Warwick). They are teaching the “Smart Girls” group (ages 10 – 13) to sew and quilt. They are always looking for more members to help. There will be a notice to add the Education Committee to the bylaws in the near future.

**Librarian (open):**

This position to be suspended for the time being. Some of the 40 or so dvds were taken by the Education Committee and the remaining dvds will be given away in the raffle baskets. If any members still have a dvd, they can keep it.

**Facebook Geri Bergreen and Tina Zuffoletti:**

Updated.

**Website Maria Knight, Patricia Andraka:**

The website is up to date. Please send any updates to Maria or Pat.

**New England Quilt Museum Karen Stanley:**

Geri noted that the museum is open.

**Hospitality Joany Rebecchi:**

On hold. When we are able to meet in person, only bottled water will be offered at first.

**Programs & Workshops Gail Macera and Tina Zuffoletti:**

**Speakers:**

October 21, 2021	Ann Turley “Confessions of the Quilt Police”
November 18, 2021	Karen Miller “Aurifilosophy” lecture and trunk show
December 2021	Sip & Sew (date to be determined)
January 20, 2022	To be announced (Zoom)
February 17, 2022	?
March 17, 2022	?
April 21, 2022	? (quilt show April 23 & 24)
May 19, 2022	?

**Workshops:**

October 23, 2021 (Saturday)  
November 2021

“Making Faces – A Self Portrait” - \$40  
No work shop at this time

**Strip Exchange Lyn Pallotta:**

On hold.

**Block of the Month:**

On hold. To be a part of Comfort Quilts?

**Door Prizes Melissa Smith:**

Geri is looking for suggestions for prizes for the Zoom meetings. She has NBQA notebooks and pens that could be used for door prizes.

**Comfort Quilts Brenda Starble, Linda Maslanka:**

There is a Quilt-a-Thon scheduled from 9AM to 3PM on Saturday, September 25, 2021 at Louise’s Island Creations in West Greenwich. If you are not comfortable to sew in person, there will be kits available for pick up or you can drop off your finished quilts.

**Quilt Show Joan Potter:**

A planning meeting was held last weekend for the quilt show. We are still hoping to have it at North Kingstown High School. Mug mats, raffle baskets and small quilts for the auction are needed. There will be no demos due to COVID. The fabrics for the fabric challenge can be purchased at Louise’s for \$5 (cash or check payable to NBQA) or ordered from Diane Roman for \$7 (includes postage). Diane’s address, email address, and phone information are in the newsletter.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Geri said that we will continue to have Zoom meetings until February 2022.

About 15 members (including one new member) attended a “Sip & Sew” by Zoom on Friday, August 27, 2021. They did a small project called “I Found a Quilted Heart”; see Facebook for details.

Denise Greenlund is offering embroidered vests for \$30 each (guild receives \$10). See the newsletter for the order form.

It is the 45<sup>th</sup> year for NBQA (1976 – 2021).

Gail is leaving her position in Programs and Workshops at the end of this year. She will be interviewing potential teachers on Saturday and Sunday, October 3 & 4, from 3pm – 6pm. Anyone interested in this position is welcome to join her to learn the ropes for next year. This will be Geri’s last year as President as well.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Geri received a thank you from the Hope Center for the quilt they received. They plan to raffle it off.

Secretary Mary Ann Laprise sent sympathy cards to Pat Coughlin (son passed) and to the family of Rose Koretski (former member of NBQA and Ninigret) on her passing.

There will be a vote next month to add the Education Committee as a standing committee to NBQA.

The budget for 2021 – 2022 was approved and seconded.

Gail and her husband cleaned out our storage cabinet (irons/boards) from the Grange.

One Post Office Box key is missing. Does anyone know who has it?

There were 16 participants in this year's Summer Challenge:

Lisa Bagian, Dotty Calvano, Diane Roman (2 entries), Harriet Simoneau, Geri Bergreen, Chris Bagley, Sally Cooper, Joan Potter, Karen Ouhrabka, Paula Weston, Patti Finelli (2 entries), Lisa Taft, Pat Stark, Tina Zuffoletti.

The winners were:

First place: Patti Finelli

Second place: Harriet Simoneau

Third place: Diane Roman

How many members attended? 60 (via Zoom)

Meeting adjourned: @ 8:49 PM

Next Membership Meeting:

October 21, 2021 Ann Turley – “Confessions of the Quilt Police”

Next Program/Workshop:

October 23, 2021 (Saturday) Ann Turley – “Making Faces – A Self Portrait” – cost \$40