

NBQA Membership Meeting

05-19-22

In person meeting called to order: @ 7:18 pm

President Geri Bergreen:

Geri welcomed members to the meeting. She hoped that everyone had the chance to enjoy our strawberry social before the business meeting. She reminded members to pick up a mystery bag of fabric for the summer challenge if they have not already done so. She said there would be a possibility of Zoom meetings again come January or February if the new board deems it necessary to do so. Geri thanked members for the fidget mats that were donated tonight and she said that she has a small token of thanks for those members who made a fidget mat. There will be door prizes for the lucky ticket holders who are wearing their name tags. Also those who participated in the strip and block exchange for the benefit of comfort quilts will have a chance to win a prize.

Geri asked the new members to stand and introduce themselves and to say where they are from.

Vice President Joan Potter:

The May 2023 raffle quilt will be on display at the Kingston RI fair from 9am – 3 pm. Blaire Gagnon has offered to sell raffle tickets at the fair and could use a volunteer to help her. Raffle tickets will be distributed to members tonight.

The 2025 raffle quilt will be a pattern called “Mass Maples” by Timna Tarr. Members are asked to make four 4 1/2 inch finished (5 inch raw) maple leaf blocks in complementary colors and to bring them to the October meeting. Please see the newsletter for more details.

Treasurer Blair Gagnon:

Checking Account Balance is \$4,519.49

Savings Account Balance is \$10,375.02

Report was approved and seconded.

Secretary Mary Ann Laprise:

Minutes from the April meeting were emailed to all members by Louise Pankiewicz.

Minutes were approved and seconded.

Programs & Workshops Gail Macera and Tina Zuffoletti: (as reported by Gail)

Carol Ann Robertson has volunteered to do the programs and workshops next year. Gail will mentor Carol in her new position. We need one more volunteer to help.

May 21, 2022 We are bringing the band back for this workshop! Kassie Randall and Billie Bunnewith. They will teach the Laura Heine method of collage quilting. No sewing machine is required for this class and Billie and Kassie will have their own patterns for this technique or you can use your own Laura Heine pattern.

August 25, 2022 New members meeting. More details to follow.

We are planning an exciting year of programs and workshops. September, October, and November will hopefully be in person. December 2 will be our sip and sew (Zoom). January and February are being planned for Zoom (with Pam Weeks as our speaker in February). See upcoming newsletters for more information.

Librarian: (as reported by Geri)

Position on hold. The future of the librarian's position will be up to the new board.

Special Events: (Louise Pankiewicz)

The Schoolhouse Shop Hop will take place from July 5 – July 30 at four Massachusetts quilt shops (Cobblestone Quilts, Red Barn Sewing Center, the Quilted Crow, and Quilted Threads).

Louise also mentioned that if you did not get our newsletter, please check your spam folder (especially those with Cox email addresses).

Newsletter Paula Weston:

The summer newsletter will be sent out during the first week of July.

Membership Anne Sabatini: (as reported by Anne)

There were 48 members who attended tonight's meeting at the church. 153 total members. Please see Anne for your renewal membership application (also in the newsletter and on the website).

Facebook Geri Bergreen and Tina Zuffoletti (as reported by Geri)

Facebook has been updated. The postings on the NBQA page need to be approved by Geri. The possibility of creating a private NBQA Facebook group for posting quilts in progress, etc. was brought up.

Website Maria Knight, Patricia Andraka: (as reported by Geri)

Website has been updated. Please send any additions or corrections to Pat.

Education Committee Peggy Lane, Barbara Stetson: (as reported by Peggy)

The committee was formed to promote the guild at libraries, quilt shows, public events, classes, farmer's markets, etc. They recently had a Ukrainian exhibit at the Cranston library. They do projects like yoyo's and red work with kids (all hand work so far) but may introduce machines at a future date. Besides the Cranston library, the East Greenwich and Warwick libraries are also interested. More volunteers are needed.

Comfort Quilts Brenda Starble, Linda Maslanka: (as reported by Brenda)

On Saturday, May 7th there was a comfort quilt day at Louise's. Brenda and Linda showed 3 string quilt tops that were made. Another comfort quilt day will be held on Saturday, June 4th from 9 to 3 at Louise's. Members will be doing jelly roll race quilt tops that day. Bring your sewing machine. See newsletter for details.

The summer challenge this year is for the benefit of comfort quilts. Please pick up a mystery bag of fabric tonight. The finished quilts (or just the tops) will be displayed at the September meeting and the 3 top vote getters (members will pick their favorite one) will receive cash prizes. The quilts will go on display at the Cranston library in December. After that they will be distributed to the needy. Brenda said that they have given more than 200 quilts to various organizations over the last 2 years and they have another 40 ready to be donated.

New England Quilt Museum Karen Stanley: (as reported by Geri)

Geri noted that the museum is open. We are considering a silent auction for next May's meeting for money to donate to the New England Quilt Museum.

Quilt Show Joan Potter: (as reported by Joan)

There will be a quilt show at the church on Friday, October 14 and Saturday, October 15 from 10 – 4 (drop off on Thursday from 10 – 12 and set up from 10 or 12 until completed). Limit of 4 entries per member. Please rank your preference of entries from 1 to 4 in case we do not have room to display all the entries.

Judging (\$5 per entry) will take place in August due to the expiration date on the Ohio judge's plane ticket. Details of the drop off / pick up for judged quilts will be in the summer newsletter.

Quilt show applications will be available on the website and in the summer newsletter. Completed applications with 2 photos are due at the September meeting (no sleeves needed as most quilt will be draped over the pews) or can be mailed earlier to Diane Roberts, registration chair (her address will be listed on the application). Many volunteers are needed for registration, set up, admissions, white glove, raffle tickets, take down, etc. A sign-up sheet will be available at tonight's meeting and in September. We will be accepting raffle baskets (do not have to be quilt related) and mug mats at the September meeting. Tickets for the quilt show will be \$5.00.

Hospitality Joany Rebecchi: (as reported by Geri)

Thank you, Joany, for our strawberry social! Plan to resume hospitality in September.

Door Prizes Melissa Smith: (as reported by Geri)

Members wearing their name pins received a ticket for the door prizes.

Strip Exchange Lyn Pallotta: (as reported by Geri)

Two winners were chosen. Strips will be donated to the Comfort Quilts committee.

Block of the Month: (as reported by Geri)

Two winners were chosen. Squares will be donated to the Comfort Quilts committee.

OLD and NEW BUSINESS:

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

Nomination Committee:

President	Gail Macera
Vice President	Joan Potter
Secretary	Mary Ann Laprise
Treasurer	Blaire Gagnon

Comfort Quilts	Geri Bergreen / Barbara Hartford
Door Prizes	Missy Smith
Education Committee	Peggy Lane
Hospitality	Joany Rebecchi
Programs	Carol Ann Robertson (Gail Macera will mentor)
Strip Exchange	Missy Smith
Block of the Month	Missy Smith
Facebook	Geri Bergreen

Website	Pat Andraka
Quilt Show	Joan Potter
New England Quilt Museum	Karen Stanley
Newsletter	Paula Weston
Membership	Ann Sabatini
Special Events	Louise Pankiewicz
Publicity	Barbara Stetson
Librarian	Lynn Medeiros
Historian	open

Geri asked if there were any nominations from the floor (none). Geri asked the secretary to cast one vote for each officer (done).

Joan Potter presented a thank you quilt to Geri for her four years of service as guild president. The blocks to make the quilt were sent to Joan and she used the blocks to design a beautiful quilt top. Quilting was done by Allison Wilbur.

Geri acknowledged all the board and committee members who assisted her during her 4 years as president with a small token of appreciation. After a show and tell of beautiful quilts, the meeting was adjourned.

How many members attended? 48 (in person)

Meeting adjourned: @ 8:30 PM

Next Membership Meeting: Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 6:30pm at the church

Next Program/Workshop: Saturday, May 21, 2022 Kassie Randall and Billie Bunnewith
"Collage quilting" - the Laura Heine method – at Louise's