

NBQA Membership Meeting 09-15-22

The in-person monthly meeting of the Narragansett Bay Quilters Association was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by President, Gail Macera.

President Gail Macera:

Gail welcomed members to the meeting and asked Carol Ann Robertson, Programs Chair, to introduce tonight's speaker, Barbara Vedder from Connecticut. Barbara stated she has been quilting for 30 years and is especially interested in antique and applique quilts. Her lecture was titled "Scrap Quilts: The Key to their Success". After the lecture Barbara presented with a trunk show which showcased many of her unique quilts.

Gail introduced two new members to our group, Carol and Sherri and presented them with an NBQA notebook. There was a short break after the speaker so members could vote for their favorite summer challenge entry.

Vice President Joan Potter:

Joan noted that 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. Joan will still accept blocks at the November meeting and asked they we check the newsletter for the block instructions.

Treasurer Blaire Gagnon (as reported by Gail as Blaire is on vacation):

The following amount were as of September 1, 2022.

Checking Account Balance is \$6,421.45

Savings Account Balance is \$10,378.51

Report was approved and seconded.

Secretary Mary Ann Laprise:

Minutes from the May 2022 meeting were emailed to all members by Louise Pankiewicz. Minutes were approved and seconded.

Programs & Workshops Carol Ann Robertson:

Lectures below will be at the church. Workshops below will be at Island Creations.

September 17, 2022	Workshop – “Liberated Houses” – Barbara Vedder (still openings available)
October 20, 2022	Lecture – “Story Behind the Quilts” – Denise Greenlund
October 22, 2022	Workshop – “Hand Applique/Quilting” – Denise Greenlund
November 17, 2022	Lecture – “Versatility of English Paper Piecing” – Tina Craig
November 19, 2022	Workshop – “English Paper Piecing” – Tina Craig
December 2, 2022	Sit and Sew Kahoots with Missy Smith (via Zoom)

Membership Anne Sabatini:

There were 76 members present at tonight’s meeting at the church and we have a total of 135 total members. It was noted - if you have not already renewed, please contact Anne for your renewal membership application (which is also in the newsletter and on the website).

Newsletter Paula Weston:

Please contact Paula if you do not receive your newsletter by the second week of the month or if you have information to add to the next newsletter. Remember ads are free for members (one ad per member).

Website Patricia Andraka:

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

Comfort Quilts Geri Bergreen, Barbara Hartford, Gail Macera: (as reported by Geri)

At the last quilt-a-thon held at the Cranston library on September 10th, ten quilt tops were completed. The next quilt-a-thon will be held at the Cranston library from 9 – 2 on November 5th.

There were 36 summer challenge quilts made to donate to the comfort quilt committee. A big thank you to all who participated. The quilts will be shown at an exhibit opening on Saturday, December 3rd from 10–12 at the Cranston library. The quilts will remain on display at the Cranston library during regular library hours for the month of December.

Summer challenge winners were: Pat Stark (first), Tina Zuffoletti (tied for second), and Linda Maslanka (tied for second).

Education Committee Peggy Lane:

The Education Committee brought the raffle quilt to 3 farmer’s markets recently and sold \$165 in tickets. They made kits of Halloween ornaments to distribute at our quilt show and will be making kits of holiday ornaments for the Cranston library. They currently have about 10 members and are open to anyone who would like to join.

Special Events: (Louise Pankiewicz)

Nothing planned at this time, but possibly in the spring.

Librarian Lynn Medeiros:

On hold

Facebook Geri Bergreen and Tina Zuffoletti

Facebook has been updated. There is a new Facebook page for members only called Narragansett Bay Quilters and you must answer three questions to be allowed to join the group. This new Facebook page will be more secure as it is for members only.

Quilt Show Joan Potter:

Lots of volunteers are needed for our upcoming quilt show on October 14 and 15 from 10am – 4pm. Sign-up sheets are in the lobby. Admission is \$5 and members who attend both days will only need to pay one time. As of tonight there are 73 entries; we are hoping for at least 80 quilts so if you have a quilt to enter, please mail your form to Diane Roberts right away. You can drop off any baskets for the raffle or mug mats when you drop off your quilt on October 13th. Only water will be provided for the set up volunteers, so bring your own lunch if you wish.

Barbara Stetson has been working on publicity for the show. She was distributing posters for the show (designed by Nancy Messier) at tonight's meeting. Barbara is looking for quilters who would be willing to be interviewed for the local news.

Door Prizes, Strip Exchange, Block of the Month - Melissa Smith:

Winning tickets were drawn.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. Our next in-person meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 20th, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Laprise
Secretary