

NBQA General Membership Meeting

03-16-23

The March meeting of the Narragansett Bay Quilters Association was called to order at 6:32 pm by President Gail Macera.

Carol Ann Robertson introduced our guest speaker for the evening, Sandra Cronauer-Mitra. Sandra is a retired biologist and the current president of Quilters by the Sea. She has been quilting for over 30 years. Her lecture tonight was called "The History of Redwork in America" and she showed us 16 of her quilts combining redwork, piecing, and machine quilting. Sandra loves to use vintage Santa Claus postcards to create line drawings for her original redwork designs.

President Gail Macera:

Gail welcomed members to the business meeting at 7:47pm.

Gail announced that the NBQA board decided that 50% of proceeds of next month's silent auction will go to the New England Quilt Museum, 25% will go to Meals On Wheels, and 25% will go to the United Methodist Church (where we hold our meetings) for one of their missions. The silent auction will begin at 6:30pm at the April meeting. If anyone has a donation for the auction, please contact Gail or Carol Ann Robertson.

The next Boutique will be held at our May meeting with a clearance sale.

Secretary Mary Ann Laprise:

Minutes from the February 2023 meeting were emailed to all members by Louise Pankiewicz. Minutes were approved and seconded.

Treasurer Blaire Gagnon:

Checking Account Balance is \$14,016.98 (as of 3/16/23)
Savings Account Balance is \$10,383.66 (as of 2/28/23)

Report was approved and seconded.

Vice President Joan Potter:

Kits for our "scent hearts" project can be picked up at Island Creations by Louise and Blaine's Sewing Center. It is important to sew these hearts with clean hands that have no lotion or scented soaps or perfumes on them. The hearts can be turned into Joan at the April meeting. If you want to use your own 100% cotton flannel, Joan will wash the finished hearts after she receives them.

Joan thanked members for the maple leaf blocks she has received so far. She will begin to assemble the quilt soon, so please mail her any additional blocks you have made. Joan is looking for a longarmer to volunteer to do the machine quilting for the 2025 raffle quilt. Please contact Joan if you can help.

Joan thanked the members who took raffle tickets for the 2023 raffle quilt tonight. She asked that any members who have raffle money or unsold tickets to bring them to the April meeting. The drawing for the 2023 raffle quilt will be held in May.

The 2023 Summer Challenge will coordinate with the Comfort Quilt committee again this year. The finished quilts will be donated to DCYF for children in foster care (from birth to age 18). There will be fabric kits available for pick up at the May meeting. Quilts can be crib size (40x52) or twin size (68x93). Please include a coordinating pillowcase (handmade or store bought) in which the quilt can be carried by the foster child.

Programs & Workshops Carol Ann Robertson:

Workshops below will be at Island Creations (unless specified as Zoom)

March 18, 2023	Pillowcase-A-Thon with Phyllis Cayer and Natalie Fleischer at Island Creations
April 20, 2023	Silent Auction at the church
April 22, 2023	Quilt-A-Thon at Island Creations
May 18, 2023	Strawberry Social and Election of Officers at the church
May 20, 2023	Workshop – Kassie Randall and Billie Bunnewith – “Have Your Cake and Sew It Too” at Island Creations
September 9 & 16, 2023	Marge Tucker (new dates) “Unmarked-Contemporary Walking Foot Quilting Workshop” \$50 (contact Carol Ann to sign up) 9am-12pm (Zoom)

Membership Anne Sabatini:

There were 81 members in attendance at tonight’s meeting and we have a total of 167 members (including 30 new members this year). Plans are being made for a new member orientation for August.

Publicity – Barbara Stetson:

Status quo.

Newsletter Paula Weston:

The May/June newsletter will be sent out in the beginning of May. Paula is planning to interview another NBQA quilter for the May/June newsletter. Please contact Paula if you would like to place an ad in the next issue.

Website Patricia Andraka, Maria Knight: (absent)

Status quo.

Comfort Quilts Geri Bergreen, Barbara Hartford, Gail Macera:

On March 18th from 9 – 2, a Pillowcase-a-thon will be held at Island Creations by Louise. Kits for the pillowcases have been prepared. Please bring your sewing machine or serger. Phyllis Cayer and Natalie Fleischer will be on hand to give instructions. All pillowcases will be donated to Hasbro Children’s Hospital. Natalie said a few words to thank members for their support of this worthy cause.

Barbara Hartford showed 5 of the finished quilts that have been recently received for comfort quilts. She said that comfort quilts are a good place to practice one’s machine quilting and the stitching doesn’t need to be perfect.

Our next Quilt-a-thon will be held on April 22nd from 10 – 3 at Island Creation by Louise.

Education Committee Peggy Lane:

The Education Committee is planning to set up displays and to provide hand sewing demonstrations at Smith Castle for two of their upcoming events: the Strawberry Festival (June 24) and the Harvest Festival (September 23). They may also set up an NBQA table at a farmers market this summer.

Louise Pankiewicz – Special Events:

Louise has arranged a bus trip to the Northern Star Quilters show in Purchase, NY. The cost is \$60 and includes the bus, tip for the driver, and admission to the show. There was one seat remaining at the end of the meeting. If the bus is not filled, Louise will offer the seat to Ninigret and Quilters by the Sea.

Also mentioned tonight was the upcoming quilt show hosted by Quilters by the Sea on September 30 and October 1, 2023.

Joany Rebecchi – Hospitality:

There will be a strawberry social at the May meeting.

Geri Bergreen, Tina Zuffoletti – Facebook:

Status quo.

Librarian - Lynn Medeiros:

The library is ready to go! Pat Andraka has created a list of the current titles which was emailed to all members on March 14th. There are pictures of some of the books posted on our website under Resources / Library. Please email Lynn at lynnm2@cox.net and Lynn will bring your selection to the next meeting.

New England Quilt Museum – Karen Stanley: (absent)

Status quo.

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

Missy drew prizes for the block and strip exchanges and also for the door prizes.

Show and Tell:

There was a show and tell after the business meeting adjourned. Many lovely quilts were shared!

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Our next membership meeting will be on Thursday, April 20, 2023 (at the church).

Our next board meeting will be on Thursday, May 4, 2023 (at Island Creations)

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Laprise
Secretary