

NBQA General Membership Meeting

04-20-23

President Gail Macera:

The April meeting of the Narragansett Bay Quilters Association was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Gail Macera.

Before the business meeting, a silent auction of 73 items was held. Results of the auction will be announced after the business meeting. A big thank you to our volunteers who worked to set up the auction. Fifty percent (50%) of tonight's proceeds 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 next Boutique will be held at our May meeting with a clearance sale. White tag items that were \$5 a yard will be reduced to \$2.50 a yard (buy one yard get one free).

The Nomination Committee has been set up. The only open position was for membership and Patricia Hendrickson and Sheri Bolduc have volunteered to be Co-chairs of this committee. The slate will be presented at the May meeting and in the newsletter. The hospitality position is on hold for now. Gail will send out a poll over the summer to determine if members want to have a break during the meeting for snacks or if they prefer no break so the meeting will close earlier.

Secretary Mary Ann Laprise:

Minutes from the March 2023 meeting were emailed to all members by Louise Pankiewicz.

Minutes were approved and seconded.

Treasurer Blaire Gagnon:

Checking Account Balance is \$12,528.41 (as of 4/20/23)

Savings Account Balance is \$10,384.54 (as of 3/31/23)

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 given to Joan at the May meeting. If you want to use your own 100% cotton flannel, Joan will wash the finished hearts after she receives them.

Joan will begin to assemble the 2025 raffle quilt soon, so please mail her any additional maple leaf blocks you have made or bring them to the May meeting.

Joan asked that any members who have raffle money or unsold tickets for the 2023 raffle quilt to give them to her as soon as possible. The drawing for the quilt will be held in May.

Vice President Joan Potter (continued):

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: (as reported by Gail)

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

April 22, 2023	Quilt-A-Thon at Island Creations 10am – 3pm
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 (one opening left)
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 64 members in attendance at tonight’s meeting and we have a total of 169 members (more than 30 new members this year).

Publicity – Barbara Stetson: (as reported by Gail)

We are working on a new bookmark to showcase NBQA to the public. We are hoping to have it ready for the Strawberry Festival at Smiths Castle on June 24th.

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. Paula is also planning a summer newsletter.

Website Patricia Andraka, Maria Knight:

Up to date.

Comfort Quilts Geri Bergreen, Barbara Hartford, Gail Macera:

Our next Quilt-a-thon will be held on April 22nd from 10 – 3 at Island Creation by Louise. All materials will be provided. Bring your sewing machine or just come to help (press blocks, etc.). Everyone is welcome to come for the day or even just an hour.

Education Committee Peggy Lane: (as reported by Gail)

The Education Committee is getting ready for the Strawberry Festival (June 24) at Smiths Castle in Wickford. There will be a meeting on Monday at 10 am at Myra's house.

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 tonight's meeting.

Joany Rebecchi – Hospitality:

There will be a strawberry social at the May meeting.

Geri Bergreen, Tina Zuffoletti – Facebook:

Remember to sign up for the members only group.

Librarian - Lynn Medeiros: (as reported by Gail as Lynn is on vacation)

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: (as reported by Gail)

Fifty percent of tonight's silent auction proceeds will benefit the museum.

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. Several lovely quilts were shared!

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Our next membership meeting will be on Thursday, May 18, 2023 (at the church).

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

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Laprise
Secretary