

NBQA General Membership Meeting

10-19-23

President Gail Macera:

The October meeting of the Narragansett Bay Quilters Association was called to order at 6:33 pm by President Gail Macera.

Carol Ann Robertson introduced tonight's speaker, Anthony Ferranti. Anthony is a third generation sewing machine mechanic servicing all makes and models. Anthony discussed common issues that quilters run into as well as troubleshooting and caring for our machines. Anthony answered numerous questions regarding needle size, thread weight, and cleaning and oiling our machines. Lots of important information!

Gail asked our new members present tonight to stand and introduce themselves. Three new members were in attendance tonight.

Secretary Mary Ann Laprise:

Minutes from the September 21, 2023 meeting were emailed to all members by Louise Pankiewicz.

Minutes were approved and seconded.

Treasurer Blaire Gagnon: (Gail noted that Blaire would send the balances to Mary Ann Laprise tomorrow as Blaire is away on vacation).

Checking Account Balance is \$17,850.59

Savings Account Balance is \$10,389.75

Quilts of Valor

Karen Iris, one of our new members, spoke about her involvement in the "Quilts of Valor" Foundation. This organization began in 2003 and is now in its 20th year. Over 359K quilts have been awarded to military service members and veterans who have been touched by war. The quilts are typically 60 x 80 and made with good quality quilting fabric and careful stitching. A label is added showing the name(s) of the piecer and quilter as well as the name and rank of the recipient. More information including patterns can be found at www.qovf.org or from Karen Iris at kareniris@yahoo.com.

Gail announced that a Bernina serger was donated by the mother of the attorney for DCYF after she heard about the quilts donated by NBQA last month. Any member who made a comfort quilt for DCYF could get a raffle ticket from Barbara Hartford for a chance to win the serger later tonight. The Bernina serger was won by Deborah Jennings who was beyond excited to win!

Vice President Joan Potter:

The 2025 raffle quilt "Colors in the Wind" is currently on display at Island Creations by Louise. Please see Joan Potter (joanpotter1@cox.net) to hand in raffle tickets and money as well as to pick up tickets to sell.

Vice President Joan Potter (continued):

Our next quilt show will be held on April 27 and 28, 2024 at the West Warwick Civic Center. The quilt show application will be in the November newsletter and on the website. The deadline for submission is at the February 15, 2024, meeting or by mail to Diane Roberts (her address will be on the application). If you are interested in seeing inside the West Warwick Civic Center, there will be a Craft Fair there on Saturday, November 4th from 9 – 3.

The judging will be done by the “elimination” method by quilt judge Sandra Dorrbecker from New Jersey. Ribbons will be awarded only to judged quilts. There will be 2 categories for judging (Master and Artisan). The Master category includes quilters with a high level of proficiency, teach quilting, etc. The Artisan category will include everyone else.

We need quilts, mug mats, mini quilts for the silent auction, and baskets for the basket raffle.

The Education Committee is looking for volunteers to do a demo at the quilt show. Please contact Peggy Lane (drpalane@cox.net) if you are interested in helping out.

If you need a table at the quilt show, please contact Louise Pankiewicz (louisebpd@yahoo.com).

Donations for the basket raffle of completed baskets or items for baskets or just baskets can be given to Geri Bergreen (tbgeri@aol.com). Items do not have to be quilt related.

There is a sign-up sheet for the various jobs at the quilt show in the lobby. Lots of volunteers are needed!

Programs & Workshops Carol Ann Robertson:

Workshops below will be at the United Methodist Church (unless specified as Zoom)

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| Sat, Oct 21, 2023 | Rope bowl workshop <u>at the church</u> with Carol, Missy, and Mary |
| Sat, Nov 11, 2023 | Quilt-a-thon <u>at the church</u> |
| Thurs, Nov 16, 2023 | Colleen McFarlin from Beyond the Bolt in Bristol, RI
“Color Theory and Variation” lecture |
| Saturday, Nov 18, 2023 | “Iron Garden” workshop <u>at the church</u> (limit of 15 students) |
| December 2, 2023 | Quilt In <u>at the church</u> (\$15 includes lunch) |
| Thurs, Jan 18, 2024 | “Content, Concepts, and Quilts” by Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill (Zoom) |
| Sat, Jan 20, 2024 | Workshop – Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill (Zoom) |
| Thurs, Feb 15, 2024 | Brita Nelson “Now You See It, Now You Don’t:
The Magic of Disappearing Blocks” (Zoom) |

Programs and Workshops: Carol Ann Robertson (continued):

Sat, Feb 17 & 24, 2024	Disappearing Block Sampler Workshop (Zoom)
Thurs, Mar 21, 2024	“OPM - Other People’s Material” – Barbara Chojnacki
Sat, Mar 23, 2024	Workshop - “Periwinkle” – Barbara Chojnacki - <u>at the church</u>
Thurs, Apr 18, 2024	TBD
Sat, Apr 20, 2024	TBD
Thurs, May 16, 2024	Strawberry Social – Election of officers
Sat, May 18, 2024	Kassie and Billie – workshop at church

Membership – Pat Hendrickson & Sheri-Lynn Bolduc:

There were 79 members in attendance at tonight’s meeting. There are currently 173 members.

Publicity – Barbara Stetson & Maybeth Cost:

Bookmarks to promote membership have been printed. Nancy Messier has been working on posters for the quilt show. Barbara has been getting prices on printing. If anyone in the guild has a contact to get this printing done as a donation or at a discount, please contact Barbara Stetson (stetsonbarbara6@gmail.com) as soon as possible.

Newsletter Paula Weston:

Please contact Paula at pweston528@gmail.com if you have any articles for the newsletter. The next newsletter will be sent out on November 4th or 5th.

Website Patricia Andraka, Maria Knight: Status quo.

Comfort Quilts Barbara Hartford:

A quilt-a-thon is scheduled for Saturday, November 11th at the church. Please contact Barbara Hartford (qulady@aol.com) if you plan to attend so we can accommodate everyone.

54 quilts were delivered to DCYF in total.

17 quilts were delivered to Mother of Life Pregnancy Center (Barbara read the thank you note that was received).

Several comfort quilts were shown to the members and will be distributed to various charities at a later date. Thank you for your donations!

Education Committee - Peggy Lane: (absent) but status quo – she had called in earlier.

Louise Pankiewicz – Special Events:

Nothing at this time.

Tina Zuffoletti – Facebook: Status quo.

Librarian - Lynn Medeiros

The library is ready to go! Please email Lynn at lynnm2@cox.net and Lynn will bring your selection to the next meeting.

New England Quilt Museum – Karen Stanley:

Donations of small wall hangings and table runners are needed for the quilt show silent auction.

Please see Karen Stanley (karenstanley@mac.com).

Door Prizes, Block of the Month - Melissa Smith:

For the rest of this year, the block of the month will be 12 inch x 12 inch blocks (12 ½ x 12 ½ unfinished) of any pattern or color. Orphan blocks welcome! One raffle ticket per every 2 blocks donated.

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 8:22 p.m.

Our next membership meeting will be on Thursday, November 16, 2023 (at the church).

Our next board meeting will be on Thursday, November 2, 2023 (at Island Creations)

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Laprise
Secretary