

NBQA General Membership Meeting (Zoom)

01-16-24

President Gail Macera:

The January meeting of the Narragansett Bay Quilters Association was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Gail Macera.

Carol Ann Robertson introduced tonight's speaker, Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill. Sheri has a degree in Graphic Design from the University of Connecticut and worked for many years as a graphic designer. She is a self-publisher of her own quilt designs, an award winning quilter, and a member of the Modern Quilt Guild. In her lecture tonight "Content, Concept, and Quilts", Sheri showed several of her quilts and talked about her creative process in the design and fabric selection of each quilt. For more information, her website is www.wholecirclestudio.com.

Gail announced that there will be two vacant spots on the Board come the end of May. Vice President Joan Potter, who has served 2 years in this position, and Secretary Mary Ann Laprise, who has served 3 years in this position, will be stepping down. Please contact Gail if you are interested in being on the nominating committee or if you are interested in one of these positions.

Secretary Mary Ann Laprise:

Minutes from the November 16, 2023 meeting were emailed to all members by Louise Pankiewicz. Minutes were approved and seconded.

Treasurer Blaire Gagnon:

Checking Account Balance is \$17,773.74

Savings Account Balance is \$10,392.37

Treasurer's report was approved and seconded.

Vice President Joan Potter:

The raffle quilt is currently on display at "Stitch Supply" in Barrington.

Please mail your quilt registration forms to Diane Roberts by February 5, 2024 to ensure their arrival by the February 15, 2024 cutoff date (Diane's address is on the registration form). Please include 2 pictures and money for judging (if applicable). Quilts do not have to be finished to submit an application; finished quilts, including a sleeve for large quilts and wall hangings wider than 60 inches, will need to be ready for the show in April (or for judging in March).

Don't forget to make mug mats and baskets for the basket raffle. Geri Bergreen (tbgeri@aol.com) will collect the baskets and items for baskets at the March meeting.

The volunteer sign-up sheet is currently at Island Creations by Louise and will be at the March meeting. Louise will try to create an electronic sign-up sheet before the March meeting. Please include the names of family members who sign up to help so they can be thanked after the show. Please sign up as soon as you can as many volunteers are needed for a successful show. Thanks in advance for your help!

Joan asked if there was anyone who could move our quilt racks from storage to the civic center on Friday to set up the show and back again on Sunday after the show. Please contact Joan Potter at joanpotter1@cox.net.

Programs & Workshops Carol Ann Robertson (carobertson562@gmail.com):

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

Sat, Jan 20, 2024	Linda Pearl – “Spring Morn Tablerunner” (Zoom)
Thurs, Feb 15, 2024	Brita Nelson “Now You See It, Now You Don’t: The Magic of Disappearing Blocks” (Zoom)
Sat, Feb 17 & 24, 2024	“Making Magic: Disappearing Block Sampler” Workshop (Zoom)
Thurs, Mar 21, 2024	“OPM - Other People’s Material” – Barbara Chojnacki
Sat, Mar 23, 2024	“Periwinkle” workshop – (at the United Methodist church)
Thurs, Apr 18, 2024	TBD
Sat, Apr 20, 2024	Orphan block workshop (at the United Methodist church)
Thurs, May 16, 2024	Strawberry Social – Election of officers
Sat, May 18, 2024	Kassie and Billie workshop (at the United Methodist church)

Membership – Pat Hendrickson & Sheri-Lynn Bolduc:

There were 68 members in attendance at tonight’s meeting. There are currently 182 members.

Publicity – Barbara Stetson & Maybeth Cost: (as reported by Maybeth Cost)

Barbara Stetson has contacted the local television and print media about the upcoming quilt show. Barbara is looking for a volunteer to have their picture included in a story for publicity. Please contact Barbara Stetson (stetsonlabs@cox.net) or Maybeth Cost (maybethc54@gmail.com).

Newsletter Paula Weston:

Status quo.

Website Patricia Andraka, Maria Knight:

Pat will update the website this weekend.

Comfort Quilts Barbara Hartford:

Thirty comfort quilts are ready to go. There will be an “Orphan Block” workshop at the United Methodist Church in East Greenwich on April 20th. Blender or background fabric is needed to make the orphan blocks similar sizes to assemble into a quilt top.

Education Committee - Peggy Lane:

The committee is preparing kits for the show and also 1 or 2 baskets for the show.

Louise Pankiewicz – Special Events:

A bus trip is planned to the Northern Star Quilters' Guild show on Saturday, May 4th at Purchase College, Purchase, NY. Details coming soon.

Tina Zuffoletti – Facebook:

Status quo.

Librarian - Lynn Medeiros

Our library has 72 quilt books, but they are not being used. Barbara Hartford has contacted the Cranston, Warwick, and Providence libraries to see if they would accept the books into their collections so that our members could still access them. There is a chance that the libraries could put them into their book sales at a future date. Suggestions were made that we put them up for sale at our next boutique or at the quilt show. No decisions were made at this time.

New England Quilt Museum – Karen Stanley:

Donations of small wall hangings, table runners, bags etc. are needed for the quilt show silent auction. Please contact Karen Stanley (karenstanley@mac.com) or Joan Potter (jpotter1@cox.net).

Door Prizes, Block of the Month - Melissa Smith:

For the rest of this year, the block of the month will be any size block of any pattern or color. There will be an "Orphan Block" workshop on April 20th to assemble these donated blocks into quilts. One raffle ticket per every 2 blocks donated.

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

Our next membership meeting will be on Thursday, February 15, 2024 (Zoom).

Our next board meeting will be on Thursday, March 7, 2024 (at Island Creations by Louise).

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Laprise
Secretary