

# NBQA General Membership Meeting (Zoom)

## 02-15-24

### **President Gail Macera:**

The February 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, Brita Nelson. Brita is an award winning quilt artist from Pennsylvania with 35 years of experience in quilting. Her engineering background gave her the tools to question "what if" as she explored the possibilities of "disappearing blocks". Her lecture called "Now You See It, Now You Don't: the Magic of Disappearing Blocks" covered the ways in which 4 patch, Hourglass, Pinwheel, 9 patch and other blocks are transformed by cutting and reassembling the pieces in different positions. More information can be found on her website [www.questioningquilter.com](http://www.questioningquilter.com). Brita is offering a 10% discount to NBQA members using the discount code "narragansett" (good for 1 week after the workshop). Her workshop "Making Magic: Disappearing Block Sampler" will be held by Zoom on February 17 and 24.

Gail asked that any member interested in working on a committee (strawberry social, comfort quilts, Quilts of Valor, etc.) to please email her at [jgmacera@cox.net](mailto:jgmacera@cox.net) or at [nbqa@gmail.com](mailto:nbqa@gmail.com). The next membership meeting on March 21<sup>st</sup> will be held in person at the United Methodist Church in East Greenwich. The boutique will be held prior to the meeting (5:20 pm to 6:20 pm) and we are all looking forward to see what projects you have been working on at Show and Tell after the meeting!

### **Secretary Mary Ann Laprise:**

Minutes from the January 18, 2024 meeting were emailed to all members by Louise Pankiewicz. Minutes were approved and seconded.

### **Treasurer Blaire Gagnon:**

Checking Account Balance is \$15,993.74  
Savings Account Balance is \$10,393.25  
Treasurer's report was approved and seconded.

### **Vice President Joan Potter:**

Quilt show applications were due today. We have received 160 quilt applications and there will be 14 quilts by Barbara Barber for a special exhibit.

Don't forget to make mug mats, baskets for the basket raffle, and small quilts for the silent auction. Geri Bergreen will collect the baskets and items for baskets at the March meeting. Completed baskets can be brought to the April meeting and even the set up day on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, but please email Geri ([tbgeri@aol.com](mailto:tbgeri@aol.com)) to let her know.

Lawn signs advertising the show have been provided by an anonymous donor and will be available at the March meeting for anyone who lives on a busy street to display on their lawn or at another highly visible location.

The volunteer sign-up sheet is currently at Island Creations by Louise and will be at 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!

**Programs & Workshops Carol Ann Robertson** ([carobertson562@gmail.com](mailto:carobertson562@gmail.com)):

Workshops below will be at the United Methodist Church (unless specified as 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 65 members in attendance at tonight’s meeting. There are currently 183 members.

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

Senior centers, libraries, and New England guilds have been contacted about our upcoming show. Joan asked Maybeth to contact Barbara Stetson to bring flyers for the quilt show to the March meeting so they can be distributed to members. Louise noted that our show is listed on the Facebook events page and we can “Boost It” closer to the show for a nominal fee.

**Newsletter Paula Weston:**

The next newsletter will be sent out on March 9 or 10 (after the next board meeting). Paula hopes to have her interview with one of our members in the next newsletter (if not, it will appear in the April/May newsletter).

**Website Patricia Andraka, Maria Knight:**

Status quo.

**Comfort Quilts Barbara Hartford, Gail Macera, Tina Zuffoletti:**

Ten quilts were donated to the Elizabeth Buffum Chace House. Six quilts went to the Pregnancy Center in Providence.

We received three boxes of high-end designer fabric and notions and Geri Bergreen will host a fidget workshop in the near future. Gail pulled the cotton fabric out of the boxes and that fabric will be on the free table in March.

**Education Committee - Peggy Lane:**

Status quo.

**Louise Pankiewicz – Special Events:**

Louise checked with the bus company about a trip to the quilt show in Purchase, NY in May, but the cost was prohibitive. She will check with other bus companies.

There are currently 10 vendors with verbal commitments to have a table at the quilt show. There is room for more. Please contact Louise ([louisebpd@yahoo.com](mailto:louisebpd@yahoo.com)) if you know of an interested vendor.

**Tina Zuffoletti – Facebook:**

Status quo.

**Librarian - Lynn Medeiros**

Still working on what to do with our quilt book library. In the meantime, please contact Lynn ([LynnM2@cox.net](mailto:LynnM2@cox.net)) if you are interested in borrowing a book.

**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](mailto:karenstanley@mac.com)) or Joan Potter ([jpotter1@cox.net](mailto:jpotter1@cox.net)).

**Door Prizes, Block of the Month - Melissa Smith:**

Status quo.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

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

Our next membership meeting will be on Thursday, March 21, 2024 (at the United Methodist Church).

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ann Laprise  
Secretary