

NBQA General Membership Meeting

03-21-24

President Gail Macera:

The March meeting of the Narragansett Bay Quilters Association was called to order at 6:34 pm by President Gail Macera.

The position of secretary is open for next year. If you have basic computer skills using Word, please contact Gail (gailmacera1@gmail.com) or Barbara Hartford, Nomination Chair (qulady@aol.com).

Carol Ann Robertson introduced tonight's speaker, Barbara Chojnacki. Barbara began doing crafts in the 1970's with crochet and counted cross stitch. She then discovered miniature quilts and was hooked. She is a member of Ninigret Quilters and now designs quilt patterns suitable for scrap quilting under Six Gables Designs. Her lecture tonight was titled "Other People's Material". Barbara showed a number of her quilts that she made using fabric gifted to her by various people. Barbara also publishes tutorials on You Tube under "The Bookish Quilter". Note: the Periwinkle workshop scheduled for Saturday, March 23, 2024 has been canceled and may be offered some time in the future.

Secretary Mary Ann Laprise:

Minutes from the February 15, 2024 meeting were emailed to all members by Louise Pankiewicz. Minutes were approved and seconded.

Treasurer Blaire Gagnon:

Checking Account Balance is \$15,025.44

Savings Account Balance is \$10,394.07

Treasurer's report was approved and seconded.

Blaire reminded everyone that an expense sheet (found on the website) needs to be filled out and submitted for reimbursement of quilt show expenses.

Vice President Joan Potter:

The raffle quilt is currently on display at Sew Nice Quilts in Portsmouth.

Don't forget to make mug mats, baskets for the basket raffle, and small quilts for the silent auction. Geri Bergreen will still collect completed baskets at the April meeting and even on the set up day on Friday, April 26th, but please email Geri (tbgeri@aol.com) to let her know.

Lawn signs advertising the show have been provided by anonymous donors and are available tonight for anyone who lives on a busy street to display on their lawn or at another highly visible location. Also please pick up some bookmarks to distribute to advertise our show.

The volunteer sign-up sheet still has openings. Please sign up as soon as you can as many volunteers are needed for a successful show. Also please include the names of family members who help so they can be thanked after the show. Thanks in advance for your help!

Vice President Joan Potter (continued):

We will have a volunteer raffle at the May meeting. Volunteers will get one raffle ticket for every hour that they volunteer on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of the quilt show weekend. Also, please note that we are asking volunteers on Friday to bring some food to share so we can enjoy a break and good company as we complete the show setup.

We will have Iggy's Food Truck coming to the West Warwick Civic Center on Saturday. If anyone knows of another food truck that we could contact for Sunday, please let Louise Pankiewicz know (louisebpd@gmail.com).

Quilts are to be dropped off at the West Warwick Civic Center between 9 am – 11 am on Friday, April 26, 2024. The main entrance is on the left side of the building. Deb Truchon (registration chair) and the registration committee will give members a receipt to pick up their quilts on Sunday. After the show closes on Sunday tickets will be given out to indicate your place in line so that we have an orderly return of the quilts.

The admission to the quilt show is \$10. Members will also pay for admission, but can come back for free on Sunday if they have their booklet stamped on Saturday. Of course, volunteers who help to set up on Friday will get to see the quilts for free!

Joan needs help loading the truck at the storage unit in Cranston on Friday morning (and unloading on Sunday). Please sign up as soon as possible or contact Joan Potter (joanpotter1@cox.net).

Please contact Missy Smith (granny4865@yahoo.com) as soon as possible if you (or some business you know) would like to purchase an ad in the quilt show booklet. \$100 for a full page, \$50 for a half page, and \$25 for a quarter page.

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

Workshops below will be at the United Methodist Church

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| Sat, Mar 23, 2024 | “Periwinkle” workshop ***canceled*** |
| Thurs, Apr 18, 2024 | Barbara Graceffa – “Kick It Up a Notch” |
| Sat, Apr 20, 2024 | Orphan block workshop and Comfort Quilts (free)
(at the United Methodist church) |
| Thurs, May 16, 2024 | Strawberry Social – Election of officers – no lecture |
| Sat, May 18, 2024 | Kassie and Billie workshop (at the United Methodist church) \$40 |

Membership – Pat Hendrickson & Sheri-Lynn Bolduc:

There were 95 members in attendance at tonight's meeting. There are currently 185 members. The application for next year's membership is available online at the website. Please mail in your renewal or bring it to the April or May meeting.

Publicity – Barbara Stetson & Maybeth Cost:

Senior centers, libraries, and New England guilds have been contacted about our upcoming show. Please pick up some bookmarks to distribute to spread the word about our upcoming show.

The rent for the West Warwick Civic Center is \$3000 for our quilt show weekend. Vendors help to offset our rent costs so please contact Louise Pankiewicz (louisebpd@gmail.com) if you know of a possible vendor.

Newsletter Paula Weston:

Please note that we had to increase the fee to cover the cost of mailing printed copies of the newsletter. It will be \$25 for next year.

Website Patricia Andraka, Maria Knight:

Status quo.

Comfort Quilts Barbara Hartford, Gail Macera, Tina Zuffoletti:

Ten quilts with pillowcases were donated to DCYF. That makes a total of 64 quilts we have given to the children in foster care.

A total of 26 quilts have been donated so far this year and it is only March.

Quilt-a-thon will be held in conjunction with the Orphan Block workshop on April 20, 2024 at the United Methodist Church. Please let Gail (gailmacera1@gmail.com) know if you are planning to attend so we can accommodate everyone.

Barbara read two thank you notes that were recently received from the Elizabeth Buffum Chace Center and the Life Pregnancy Center. Barbara also thanked all the members who brought in completed tops and finished quilts for Comfort Quilts tonight. The tops will be made into kits for members to complete. Barbara did a show and tell of the numerous completed quilts that have been donated. Thanks to all for their generosity!

Education Committee - Peggy Lane:

The Education Committee has made 60 kits and 5 baskets for the quilt show. Peggy Lane (drpalane@cox.net) has 4 volunteers so far to do demos at the show. Please contact Peggy if you are able to help. The committee is also planning to attend the Strawberry Festival at Smiths Castle on June 22, 2024.

Louise Pankiewicz – Special Events:

None at this time.

Tina Zuffoletti – Facebook:

Status quo.

Librarian - Lynn Medeiros

The library books are now for sale at the Boutique tonight and at the next two meetings.

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).

Quilts of Valor - Sandy White / Karen Iris:

Sandy White will be working at the Quilts of Valor table on Saturday and Sunday during the quilt show. If you are able to help Sandy at the show, please let her know (sandylyn.esw@gmail.com). Karen Iris is working with the Seabees in Quonset to plan a sew day on Wednesday, May 15 from 10 – 4 for Quilts of Valor. Please contact Karen Iris (kareniris@yahoo.com) if you are interested.

Door Prizes, Block of the Month - Melissa Smith:

Status quo.

Quilt Show Winners – Pat Harrison:

Pat Harrison had a slide show with pictures to announce all the ribbon winners in our quilt show. There were winners in Master and Artisan categories for the first time this year.

Thanks to Pat Harrison and all the judging room staff who worked with our quilt judge, Sandra Dorrbecker from New Jersey. Congratulations to all the winners!

There was a Show and Tell following with many beautiful creations! A wonderful end to our meeting!

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Our next board meeting will be on Thursday, May 2, 2024 (at Island Creations by Louise).

Our next membership meeting will be on Thursday, April 18, 2024 (at the United Methodist Church).

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Laprise
Secretary