

# NBQA General Membership Meeting

## 04-18-24

### **President Gail Macera:**

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

Gail noted that the slate of officers for 2024 – 2025 will be presented at the May meeting. Gail mentioned that Phyllis Cayer has volunteered to host our Strawberry Social in May, but she needs a couple of helpers. Please let Phyllis know if you are able to help ([pjcayer@cox.net](mailto:pjcayer@cox.net)).

Carol Ann Robertson introduced tonight's speaker, Barbara Graceffa. Barbara is an award winning quilter, interior designer, and writes an advice column for the "Quincy Sun" newspaper. She belongs to 4 quilt guilds, is a juried member of the New England Quilt Museum's teachers' league, and has been honored with 4 solo quilt exhibits. Her business name is 'Secretary of the Interior'; her website is [www.sec-interior.com](http://www.sec-interior.com) and her email is [barbara@sec-interior.com](mailto:barbara@sec-interior.com). Her lecture tonight is called "Kick It Up a Notch: New Ideas on Color, Embellishments, and Techniques". Barbara described 10 different ideas we all can use to spark our quilting creativity!

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

Minutes from the March 21, 2024 meeting were emailed to all members by Louise Pankiewicz. Minutes were approved and seconded.

### **Treasurer Blaire Gagnon:**

Checking Account Balance is \$15,295.66  
Savings Account Balance is \$10,394.95  
Treasurer's report was approved and seconded.

A member asked if a detailed list of deposits and expenditures was available for review by the membership. Gail said that the question will be discussed at the next board meeting.

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

Please give Joan any tickets and money for the raffle quilt. Thanks to all who made mug mats for the show. The sign-up sheet for the show is in the lobby tonight. More help is needed so please sign up.

Lawn signs advertising the show are available tonight to display on your lawn or at another highly visible location. Please see Missy to get a lawn sign.

Tomorrow Joan will email reminders and instructions for those who signed up to help at the show. Joan suggested that members wear any NBQA tee shirts, sweatshirts, or quilted clothing they may have to the show.

**Vice President Joan Potter** (continued):

Please contact Blaire as soon as possible with your expense forms (from the website) and receipts to get reimbursed for quilt show expenses.

Geri Bergreen expects to have 45 baskets and a sewing machine for the raffle. If you have a basket for the raffle, please email Geri ([tbgeri@aol.com](mailto:tbgeri@aol.com)) to let her know. Also please let Geri know if you are able to help her with the distribution of the baskets to the winners on Sunday.

On Friday April 26<sup>th</sup>, quilts are to be dropped off at the main entrance of the West Warwick Civic Center (on the left side of the building) between 9 am – 11 am. It is a school day so the parking lot may have cars from West Warwick High School. 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.

Workers should get there early (8:00 or 8:30) on Friday to begin set up chairs, tables, etc. Sally Cooper will be marking the floor for the quilt racks. Anyone with step ladders, long extension cords, portable lighting, rolling carts, etc. can bring these items in case we need them, but please be sure to label them with your name.

On Sunday, we will draw the winner of the 2<sup>nd</sup> raffle quilt (the Maple Leaf quilt will be drawn in 2025).

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 and beverages to share so we can enjoy a break and good company as we complete the show setup.

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

Workshops below will be at the United Methodist Church

Sat, Apr 20, 2024	Orphan block workshop and Comfort Quilts (free) (at the United Methodist church) – bring machine and sewing tools
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 “Let’s Get Rect” – half rectangle blocks
Sat, June 1, 2024	Fidget Workshop with Geri Bergreen – activity mats for dementia patients bring notions such as zippers, buttons, bells, etc.

Gail reported that she and Deb Truchon watched a presentation from the Global Quilt Connection to get ideas for next year’s programs and workshops. Stay tuned for more information.

### **Education Committee - Peggy Lane:**

The Education Committee has kits for children and adults for the quilt show; they have also made 5 baskets for the raffle. Peggy Lane ([drpalane@cox.net](mailto:drpalane@cox.net)) has 7 volunteers so far to do demos at the show. The committee is also planning to attend the Strawberry Festival at Smiths Castle on June 22, 2024.

### **Membership – Pat Hendrickson & Sheri-Lynn Bolduc:**

There were 74 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 May meeting.

### **Newsletter Paula Weston:** (as reported by Gail)

The May/June newsletter will be sent out by May 5<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Paula if you have anything to include in this newsletter. A shorter summer edition of the newsletter will be sent out around July 4<sup>th</sup>. If you know of any quilt related businesses that might want to advertise in next year's newsletters beginning in September, please contact Paula ([pweston528@gmail.com](mailto:pweston528@gmail.com)). The cost is \$30 for the year (\$5 per issue).

### **Publicity – Barbara Stetson & Maybeth Cost:**

Press releases have been sent out to advertise our show and the special Barbara Barber exhibit.

### **Website Patricia Andraka, Maria Knight:**

Up to date.

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

Twelve quilts were donated to DCYF. That makes a total of 22 quilts we have given to the children in foster care this year. Fourteen quilts were given to Kent Hospital Oncology Department. Nine quilts were given to the MAE organization. Six quilts were given to the Mother of Life Pregnancy Center. Nine quilts were given to the St. Vincent de Paul Center. Thirteen quilts were given to the Veterans Pantry associated with the Westerly Elks. A total of 89 quilts have been donated so far this year.

Barbara read two thank you notes that were recently received from the Mother of Life Pregnancy Center and the St. Vincent de Paul Center. Barbara also thanked all the members who brought in items for Comfort Quilts tonight. Barbara did a show and tell of the seven completed quilts that were donated tonight. Thanks to all for the generous gift of their time and talent!

A 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](mailto:gailmacera1@gmail.com)) know if you are planning to attend so we can accommodate everyone.

**Louise Pankiewicz – Special Events:**

No bus trips have been planned at this time due to the prohibitive cost. Louise read a list of the vendors and food trucks scheduled for our quilt show.

**Tina Zuffoletti – Facebook:**

Tina “boosted” our quilt show on the Facebook events page.

**Librarian - Lynn Medeiros**

The library books are now for sale at the Boutique tonight and at the May meeting.

**New England Quilt Museum – Karen Stanley:** (as reported by Gail)

Karen has received 70 items for the auction. Thanks to all for their generosity!

**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](mailto:sandylyn.esw@gmail.com)).

Sandy will be presenting Quilts of Valor to 5 veterans in a ceremony in Portsmouth on May 7<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Sandy if you would like to help Sandy at the presentation.

Sandy is looking for a longarmer to volunteer to quilt a 64 inch by 76 inch quilt for a female veteran by May 5<sup>th</sup>. Please let Sandy know if you are able to help.

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

Block of the Month program is completed for this year.

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 8:35 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, May 16, 2024 (at the United Methodist Church).

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ann Laprise  
Secretary