

NBQA General Membership Meeting

05-16-24

President Gail Macera:

The May meeting of the Narragansett Bay Quilters Association was called to order at 6:47 pm by President Gail Macera.

Gail offered congratulations to all the members for our spectacular show! Thank you for all your hard work!

Gail thanked Phyllis Cayer, her son Matthew and Barbara Stetson for preparing the strawberry social this evening. Gail noted that the doors to the church would be open at 5:00 pm before membership meetings, so members are free to bring snacks or dinner to eat in the fellowship hall prior to the meetings starting in September.

The Slate of Officers (effective June 1, 2024) – also posted in the May/June newsletter.

Officers of the Corporation

President	Gail Macera
Vice-President	Melissa Smith
Secretary	Karen Iris
Treasurer	Blaire Gagnon

Standing Committees of the Corporation

Comfort Quilts	Tina Zuffoletti
Education	Peggy Lane
Membership	Sheri Bolduc and Pat Hendrickson
New England Quilt Museum	Karen Stanley
Newsletter	Paula Weston
Programs	Deb Truchon and Karen Stanley
Quilt Show	Joan Potter
Special Events	Louise Pankiewicz

Key Contributors

Door Prizes	Melissa Smith
Facebook	Tina Zuffoletti
Publicity	Barbara Stetson and Maybeth Cost
Website	Pat Andraka and Maria Knight
Historian	Roxanne Williams
Hospitality	Brenda Devine

Secretary Mary Ann Laprise:

Minutes from the April 18, 2024 meeting were emailed to all members. Minutes were approved and seconded.

Special thanks to Mary Ann for her time as Secretary.

Treasurer Blaire Gagnon: (as reported by Gail Macera)

Checking Account Balance is \$27,820.64

Savings Account Balance is \$10,395.70

The treasurer's report was approved and seconded.

Gail noted that Blaire is on vacation and that the figures above are as of the beginning of May. Not all of the quilt show expenses have been posted to the checking account. The cost for our storage of the quilt racks is almost \$5,000 for 2 years. The cost for the rental of the West Warwick Civic Center was \$3125 for the weekend. After all the quilt show expenses have been deducted from the checking account balance, we will have a better idea if we have extra money for programs and other guild activities.

Blaire is planning to step down as Treasurer in a year and would like to begin to mentor her replacement in Quick Books starting in January 2025. Please contact Gail Macera (gailmacera1@gmail.com) or Blaire Gagnon (gagnonblaire@gmail.com) if you are interested.

In response to the request for more detail on how the guild's money is being spent, Blaire and Louise are working on a reconciliation report to be available at a later date. If you have any questions regarding the budget, please contact Gail (gailmacera1@gmail.com) or Blaire (gagnonblaire@gmail.com).

Vice President Joan Potter:

The raffle quilt will be on display at the Blackstone Quilting Company for the next 2 months.

Joan is asking for comments (good and not so good) as well as possible solutions with regards to our quilt show. Please email them to her (joanpotter1@cox.net). Joan will prepare a final report sometime this summer. She is estimating that we made about \$3,000 from the show. The April 2026 show will be our 50th anniversary and will probably be held at the West Warwick Civic Center again.

If you took a lawn sign, please return it at the next meeting.

We are looking for options for the storage of our quilt racks. Our current storage unit is 5 feet by 15 feet and costs the guild almost \$5,000 for 2 years. If anyone has a clean, dry, easily accessible space that the guild could use for a nominal fee, please contact Joan.

Please let Joan know if you do not want a picture of your quilt posted online as soon as possible.

Special thanks to Joan for her time as Vice-President. She will continue as Co-chair of the quilt show but is looking for someone to work alongside her.

Programs & Workshops Carol Ann Robertson

Workshops below will be at the United Methodist Church

- Sat, May 18, 2024 Kassie and Billie workshop “Let’s Get Rect” – half rectangle blocks
9:30 am (at the United Methodist church) - \$40
- Sat, June 1, 2024 Fidget Workshop with Geri Bergreen – activity mats for dementia patients
Bring sewing machine and notions such as zippers, buttons, bells, etc.
9:30 am (at the United Methodist church) – no charge but you need to
let Geri know you are coming so we can accommodate everyone - [_ tbgeri@aol.com](mailto:tbgeri@aol.com).

Special thanks to Carol Ann for her time with Programs.

Education Committee - Peggy Lane: (as reported by Barbara Stetson)

Forty membership applications and 100 kits were given out at the quilt show. The next activity is the Strawberry Festival on June 22 from 12 – 4 at Smith’s Castle, 55 Richard Smith Drive, North Kingstown, RI. The committee will have hand sewing kits available to make strawberry pincushions.

Membership – Pat Hendrickson & Sheri-Lynn Bolduc:

There were 75 members in attendance at tonight’s meeting. There are currently 188 members. We have about 90 members signed up for 2024 – 2025 (including 10 new members). The application is on the website, or you can pick up a printed copy tonight. Note: the checks for membership dues will be cashed after June 1st (new fiscal year). If you need a name button, please contact Pat Hendrickson (teach51552@hotmail.com) or Sheri-Lynn Bolduc (sbolduc182@gmail.com).

Newsletter Paula Weston:

The May/June newsletter has been sent out. Please contact Paula if you have anything to include in the summer edition of the newsletter to be sent out around July 4th. 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). The cost is \$30 for the year (\$5 per issue).

Publicity – Barbara Stetson & Maybeth Cost:

Status quo

Website Patricia Andraka, Maria Knight: (reported by Maria Knight)

Pictures from the quilt show will be added to the website as soon as permission to post is granted.

Comfort Quilts Barbara Hartford, Gail Macera, Tina Zuffoletti:

Barbara noted that 40 comfort quilt kits were picked up tonight. Barbara also showed the 2 completed quilts that were brought in tonight.

Four quilts were donated to Operation Stand Down this month.

Special thanks to Barbara for her time spent with Comfort Quilts.

Louise Pankiewicz – Special Events:

Louise is waiting to hear from the bus company about a possible trip to the Bayberry Quilt Show in Harwich, MA on Wednesday, July 31st.

Tina Zuffoletti – Facebook: (as reported by Gail)

Status quo

Librarian - Lynn Medeiros

Special thanks to Lynn for her time spent as our librarian.

New England Quilt Museum – Karen Stanley:

Karen noted that the Museum is currently showing an exhibit called “StitchPunk”.

Karen thanked members who donated items for the silent auction at the quilt show. A total of \$1,818 was collected for the benefit of NEQM.

Quilts of Valor - Sandy White / Karen Iris:

Gail attended the presentation ceremony for Quilts of Valor on May 7th in Portsmouth, RI. She was moved by the veterans’ stories and their responses to the quilts. Many thanks to Karen and Sandy for promoting this worthy cause.

Karen hosted a Quilts of Valor sew day on Wednesday, May 15th, at the Seabee Museum, 21 Iafrate Way, North Kingstown, RI. She has been given the keys to Quonset Hut #3 which has tables, chairs, outlets, lighting, an area for food with a small refrigerator. Another sew day is planned for Wednesday, May 22nd, from 10 – 3. She can seat 10 comfortably, so please contact Karen (kareniris@yahoo.com) or Sandy (sandylyn.esw@gmail.com) if you are planning to come. She is hoping to have a “sleep at home” weekend sew-in at a later date.

Door Prizes, Block of the Month - Melissa Smith:

Block of the Month program will have a bye year for 2024 - 2025. We have a good amount of orphan blocks at this time.

Melissa will be taking over a Vice-President next year. She announced the “Summer Challenge” which will be due at the September meeting. She brought copies of a 1970’s Christmas wrapping paper tonight and the challenge will be to use all of the colors in the wrapping paper in a quilt of your choosing. The minimum size will be 10 inches by 10 inches and the maximum size will be 40 inches by 40 inches. The colors must be in the quilt, not just the border. The quilts must have batting, quilting, and binding. Item can be a quilt, clothing, purse, tote, pillow, or accessory. There will be a vote for favorites at the September meeting and 1st (\$50), 2nd (\$30), and 3rd (\$20) prizes will be

awarded. Melissa is hoping to have a special display of the 2024 and 2025 summer challenges at the next quilt show.

There was a Show and Tell to end the meeting.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Our next board meeting will be on Thursday, September 5, 2024 (at Island Creations by Louise).

New member orientation will be held on August 29th at The United Methodist Church.

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Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Laprise
Secretary