



NBQA General Membership Meeting
September 19, 2024
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
The United Methodist Church of East Greenwich
1558 South County Trail

Minutes

The September meeting of the Narragansett Bay Quilters Association was called to order at 6:38 by President Gail Macera. She reminded members to silence their cell phones.

Prior to the business meeting members were able to shop the boutique. As in the past in the Friendship Hall a great deal of material was available at greatly reduced prices. New this year is an additional boutique station in the main lobby. Beautiful material, a variety of patterns and wonderful kits were donated to NBQA. The reputation of this guild made this opportunity possible.

The Friendship Hall also had tables set for members to sit and visit, have a dinner or a snack. Refreshments were provided. In addition, tables were set up to turn in completed Comfort Quilts and to check out kits to create more. This year we also have a table for Quilts of Valor. There were kits available to check out for full quilts and individual blocks. Further information about a new system for these will be explained. Members signed in with Sheri Bolduc and Pat Hendrickson. Members also turned in their completed Summer Challenge projects to Missy Smith and Tina Zuffoletti who displayed them on display boards.

Gail led a moment of silence in memory of Jane Kratch, Elizabeth (B.Anne) Greene, Pat Oakley, and Sandra Munsey. Members who knew them expressed their kindness and love of quilting.

Gail asked the new members who were present to introduce themselves. They wore "I'm new" badges that helped us recognize and welcome them.

Gail asked for any corrections to the minutes of the May 16, 2024, General Membership meeting that was emailed to all. No corrections were noted. Gail made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 16, 2024, meeting. All in favor: Motion passed.

There was mention that Anthony Ferranti's son sharpens scissors with free pickup and delivery. It was asked if the membership if they would like to have him come to meetings. All agreed. Gail stated she would investigate it.

REPORTS

Gail Macera, President

Storage Unit!!!

The cost of the storage unit was going up to \$248 per month as of 9/24. Karen Stanley saw that there was an empty storage area at the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park. Karen Iris talked with Joe Frigon president of the SMMP and was given permission to use a portion of that unit.

On Saturday August 29, Rich Dragon, Gail, her husband, son and grandson along with Joan Potter emptied the current storage unit and in caravan formation brought the Quilt Show materials to the SMMP. Karen Iris with her son and grandsons met the crew at the SMMP and moved everything from the trailer, cars and vans into the new storage area. Joe Frigon declined payment for storage usage.

Seabees Museum donation.

At the Board meeting a motion was made to make a \$500 donation to the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park in thanks for their generosity. That check was given to Joe in a surprise award after a lovely QOV award at the Chapel in the Pines on the Seabee property.

2024-2025 General Membership meetings and workshops schedule.

This information was not complete at the time of the meeting. Look for details in the upcoming newsletter and specific emails for each workshop.

Karen Stanley and Deb Truchon: Programs Presentation

The list of programs for the year is almost done. The schedule will be posted on the Website. If you have a speaker that you would like to invite be sure to let Karen and Deb know.

The programs planned so far are:

September: Denise Greenlund-Project Pouches \$30

The Global Quilt Connection allows members to use Zoom to see eighteen possible presenters over the weekend. There is a link to the site that can be downloaded.

October: Blaire Gagnon-Vintage Project

November: Comfort Quilt Sew In

Debby Wendt-Binding with a kit.

December: Quilters Holiday Party with luncheon @ NK Masonic Temple

January: Scarlet Rose-Celtic applique (very modern)

February: 1st National QOV Sew Day

Michelle Benton-Dresden Plates

March: Timna Tarr-Flying Colors Happy Days

April: Silent Auction

Billie and Kassie

May: Election of Officers
Strawberry Social
5/17 Armed Forces Sew Day

Tina Zuffoletti, Vice President

Tina talked briefly about the 2025-2026 quilt show. While the show was wonderful the set up was stressful for many. She and others will be working on a plan to provide instruction and training for a smoother set up. The theme was announced as "Golden Threads" which goes along with 2026 being the 50th anniversary of NBQA. Tina proposed that a Zoom meeting be held in January to discuss including some technology (YouTube videos) in how to set up the poles for the quilt show.

The Raffle Quilt is going back to Blackstone Quilting to be displayed.

Missy Smith – Summer Challenge results.

Missy congratulated everyone who submitted a project. The winners were:

- #1 Nancy Messier
- #2 Lorraine Landroche
- #3 Martha Sholes

Blaire Gagnon, Treasurer

Blaire explained the budgets for 2024-2025, 2025-2026 in detail and made herself available before the meeting to go over any questions that anyone had.

A motion was made to approve the 2023-2024 budget. All were in favor; the motion was approved. We will vote on the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 budgets at the October meeting.

A motion was made to increase the amount of money proposed to put into a CD from \$5,000 to \$8,000 from our savings. This will produce a 4% rate of interest and will come due in January of 2026. Blaire clarified that there will still be \$2,000 in the account. All agreed. The motion passed

The 24/25 budget would usually be for 1 year. The fiscal year starts in June and the new treasurer will start in June. Blaire established a 2-year budget with a '0" sum budget over 2 years. Most everything will stay the same. The 2-year budget allows booking teachers up front because they schedule so far in advance. Be sure to tell the program committee who you would like to see.

The quilt show was successful. It grossed \$4,360 last year. \$400 was for Sue. \$2,000 remains in saving. \$500 was allotted for the donation to SMMP. The draft for 25/26 will remain mostly the same. With the quilt show included the members will not have to pay to attend the quilt show. This allows the guild to use the profit for the members.

Karen Iris, Secretary/Group Leader for Quilts of Valor

Karen shared 2 of the quilts that have been completed since the group was established. Sandy White was unable to attend. She is the state coordinator, and Karen is the group leader. The group is sewing on Wednesday and Friday from 9:00 to noon.

Once the weather cools down days and times may change. Everyone is welcome to join.

Karen explained the new system for both QOV and Comfort Quilts.

Each kit is going to be numbered. When you check out a kit, we will have you sign for each kit or kits that you receive. When you return the kit, we will note it as returned and assign points for what part you did. If you pieced, quilted or bound the quilt each will equal a point. If you turn in a completed quilt that you have made with your fabric and quilted and bound it, that will equal 3 points. The points will be tracked, and names will be included for a drawing at the final meeting.

Sheri Bolduc, Pat Hendrickson, Membership

There are now 151 members. The membership to date is being finalized. The list of members will be emailed out the first week in October. If you need a name button, please let Sheri know. (sbolduc182@gmail.com)

Paula Weston, Newsletter

Paula has included a Facebook link in the newsletter. She is going to include a Quilters' question. This was very popular last year. Please be sure to respond so that she can include your stories in the next issue. If you have a quilt related business or know of a quilt related business that might want to advertise, please contact Paula. The cost is \$30 for the year. (pweston528@gmail.com)

Roxanne Williams, Historian

Roxanne loves to take pictures and will have her camera ready to go. If you do not want your picture published, please let her know.

The golden anniversary for NBQA is in 2026. Roxanne made a request to all members to look through your mementos and share pictures, news clips or other memorabilia so that it can be included in a book that will be created. Again, the theme is Golden Threads.

Patricia Andraka, Maria Knight, Website

The schedule for this year's programs will be posted.

Comfort Quilts/The Boutique

These were discussed in other reports.

- Twenty quilts were donated to The Central Falls Children's Foundation.
- Two quilts were donated to the Hope Alzheimer's Center.
- New system for tracking comfort quilts.

Melissa Smith and Lynn Medeiros, Door Prizes

Everything is under control and ready to go.

Peggy Lane, Education Committee

Peggy explained that the committee represented NBQA at the Casey Farmers Market. They handed out bookmarks and kits to make fabric pumpkins. They made more kits to be distributed at the Smith Castle Harvest Festival. Unfortunately, that festival was cancelled. Peggy also asked that if you have any ideas of other sites that the committee could represent the guild, please let her know.

Maybeth Cost/Barbara Stetson, Publicity

Barbara requested that the Historian (Roxanne) research who the past presidents were so we can have that ready to go for our 50th.

Louise Pankiewicz, Special Events

Louise explained that the bus trip to the Bayberry Quilt Show was very successful. A bus trip will be scheduled for July 2025. She is looking into other events including a trip to the New England Quilt Museum.

Tina Zuffoletti, Facebook

There is a link to the private Facebook group on the website. Tina will reach out to members who have not joined yet wo that they can stay in the loop.

Karen Stanley, New England Quilt Museum

The guild has earned benefits because of our continued donations to the New England Quilt Museum. There was a suggestion that a group trip to the Museum would be fun, and it will be investigated.

Show and tell

There were many beautiful projects presented. Great job ladies.

OTHER:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

The next general membership meeting (in person) will be October 17th.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Iris
Secretary