



NBQA General Membership Meeting
January 16, 2025
6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
Zoom
Minutes

The Zoom meeting room was opened at 6:00 p.m. and people were welcomed and helped as needed. The meeting convened at 6:30 pm and all members were welcomed by Gail.

Gail introduced Scarlett Rose, the speaker for the evening. Scarlett explained that she began her work in 1976 and has taught in many different places, including Japan. She specializes in Celtic designs and enjoys turning scrap quilts into Friendship quilts. In addition, she enjoys using the Sashiko techniques that she has adapted using her technique of bias tape applique to create a design.

She is very active in the California Heritage Project and strongly encouraged the attendees to document each quilt whether it is an heirloom from family or one that you create. Your documentation creates the story of the quilt. She has found it fascinating to follow the story of a quilt back in time to discover the who, what, where, when and how of as many of her quilts as possible. She pointed out that in her case the story moved across different generations before arriving back with her. Blaire added that you can register your quilts on Quilt Index for free.

Throughout the presentation Scarlett showed pictures of a variety of quilts that had been created in a variety of ways. Many were hers that had been submitted for judging in different shows including the annual Houston show. Her strong message here was to be sure to “follow the rules” and be careful because quilts have been denied inclusion. Along with this, she addressed the idea that there are no “quilt police” and that many traditional ways of quilting have changed over time. She pointed out the popularity of ‘cheater panels’ that have become popular recently. Patterns and designs are printed on fabric and the quilter uses the panel as the foundation for a quilt stitching and embellishing as desired. This surprised many of the attendees.

Scarlett said that she likes to use Crayola Markers to add color to her cheater panels and really likes the metallic colors that are available.

Examples of her work as well as materials can be found on the following

Shop at www.ScarlettRose.com

Shop at ScarlettRoseCeltic.etsy.com.

Follow Scarlett on Facebook

The meeting was reconvened at 7:29 p.m.

Gail made a motion to accept the minutes of the General membership meeting held on November 16th, 2024. The minutes were emailed to all. All were in favor: the motion passed.

Blaire Gagnon reported that the Checking account balance is \$27,397.87. The Savings account balance is \$2,400.07. The CD balance is \$8,078.60. A motion was made to accept the Treasurers' report. All were in favor: the motion passed.

REPORTS

Gail Macera, President: Quilters by the Sea Guild asked if they could sell tickets for their raffle quilt. They will be selling tickets at the March 20th meeting.

The Ninigret guild also asked to sell tickets for their raffle quilt and will be selling tickets for their quilt at our September meeting.

Gail reported that the Quilters Gathering on December 8th was a great success and a whole lot of fun. We are looking into doing another fun sewing event here at the church and will keep you updated as we work out the particulars. The plan is that you would be able to work on something of your own choosing.

Tina Zuffoletti, Vice President: Tina explained that there is going to be a new format for the Program Committee and that there will be a Zoom link for a meeting sent out for those members who want to help with working on the program committee. The meeting will be on January 23rd at 6:30 p.m.

There will also be a Zoom invitation sent out inviting interested members to help start the process for preparing for the 2026 Golden Threads Quilt Show that NBQA will be hosting. The date and invitation will be sent out soon.

The summer theme has been determined. The challenge will be built around a panel of your choosing. The specific details will be published soon and made available.

Karen Iris, Secretary/Group Leader for Quilts of Valor: Karen spoke quickly about the Quilt of Valor presentation that occurred at the Seabee Museum and Memorial Park on December 11th. It was attended by about 30 people who came to see 6 humble and deserving veterans. Many of the QOV quilters attended and helped to drape these veterans. A short reception was held after the event in Hut 3.

Members who officially joined the Quilt of Valor Foundation last year need to renew their membership by January 31st. Sandy White has said that she will contact those who are members so that she can complete the paperwork. You should also be able to go into your account and renew on your own. If you have any questions, please contact Sandy White (sandylyn.esw@gmail.com) or Karen Iris (kareniris@yahoo.com)

If all goes well, we will start sewing at Hut 3 again on Wednesday January 22nd, 2025. Winter is here so that may change. The hours are going to be tweaked slightly. Start time will be 9:30 and we will sew until 1:00 or so. Please remember that the hut is chilly at this time of year. It is best to plan accordingly and dress in layers. I'll get the heat started earlier but it will take a while for it to warm both the hut and the machines. The group will be participating in the QOV National Sew Day on Saturday February 1st, 2025.

Programs: We have had to do some creative thinking in making Programs more efficient and less work. We have brainstormed and have come up with a good plan for making this less work for one or two people. We would like to have a small committee, with one point person for each month who would make sure all is

running as it should. The point person would not have to pay for the class for that month. We are planning on having a zoom meeting next Thursday and will send out the link to all. We hope you will join us and help us organize Programs. Thanks to all that have responded to the survey; you have given us some good ideas to work with.

Schedule for meetings and workshops are being booked now for guild's calendar year, 2025-2026.

We already have a big name scheduled for February 2026 and are working on January 2026.

Sheri Bolduc, Pat Hendrickson, Membership: It was reported that the current membership is 182 and that 56 members were in attendance.

Paula Weston, Michele Varin, Newsletter: Paula reported that she and Michele were getting together and would be creating the March/April newsletter together. Michele introduced herself. She is a professor at Bryant College and has worked on various newsletters in the past. As a new member she is looking forward to meeting more folks in the organization.

Roxanne Williams, Historian: Roxanne thanked Maryann who gave her past quilt show books to use and asked if anyone might have quilt show books from 1987-2018 timeframe. Please contact her if you do. She has been going through the books and was amazed at how nicely they were done. She would like anyone interested in helping her work on the Quilt Show book to get in touch with her.

Comfort Quilts, Gail Macera: Over 157 comfort quilts were donated to a variety of organizations during 2024. She has received many Thank You notes from the various groups with sincere appreciation. She is going to make the notes available to read at the March meeting.

Lynn Medeiros, Door Prizes: The door prizes are all ready to go.

Peggy Lane, Education Committee: Myrna reported for Peggy. The group provided a workshop at the Hope Center. They brought kits for the attendees to make pillows. Each person was able to complete a pillow, and extra kits were made up to use at the center. See the newsletter for pictures.

Louise Pankiewicz, Special Events: Louise explained that she is working on a field trip to go to the New England Quilt Museum in July. The details will be provided once they are completed.

Tina Zuffoletti, Facebook: Status Quo

New England Quilt Museum: NBQA has created a job description for a new position. It will be sent out to everyone. The position will entail being a liaison between the association and the NEQM. Please get in touch with Gail if this is something you would be interested in.

OTHER:

A reminder that because of Easter the April meeting will be on Thursday April 24, 2024. This is a week later than usual because of Holy Thursday services at the church.

Upcoming Programs

Scarlett Rose will host a workshop on Saturday January 18, 2025, from 9:00-noon via Zoom.

Michelle Banton will host a workshop on Saturday February 20, 2025. Information is on the Facebook page. This is a half day workshop from 9:00 to noon via Zoom. Tina will be the point person. If you are interested in participating be sure to register by sending your check to Blaire Gagnon.

Timna Tarr will lead a workshop on March 22 in person in the Fellowship Hall at the church.

Billie and Kassie will lead a full day workshop on April 21st at Blaine's Sewing Center.

The Silent Auction will be on April 24 2025, in the Fellowship Hall at the church.

The Strawberry Social will be on May 15th, 2025. The line up of classes for the 2025-2026 NBQA year will be announced at this meeting.

The Boutique will return at the March and May meetings.

Quilts of Valor will be participating in the QOV National Sew day on February 1, 2024, at the Hut and there will be a QOV event (to be determined) in May as well.

A question was asked about how the organization makes money. Blaire explained that there are a variety of ways such as membership dues, the Boutique, the quilt show, a raffle quilt, and members paying for workshops. Also, since we no longer have the burden of paying close to \$3,000 a year for a storage unit (thanks to the Seabees who are storing our quilt show items) that is a large help with our finances.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01. Next General Membership meeting on Zoom will be February 20th with Michelle Banton as our speaker and she will talk about the History of Dresden Plates.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Iris, NBQA secretary