

NBQA Membership Meeting

November 21, 2019

Meeting called to order at: 6:35pm

President Geri Bergreen: Welcomed all and introduced new member. Geri mentioned that it was suggested to speed up the meeting part of the night. Officers and committee chairs whose information has not changed or their information is available in the current newsletter, would not speak at the meeting. Geri will mention item of business and refer members to newsletter/website for more information. Geri will comment on an item, for point of reference, and refer members to person of contact for more information at break or via email.

Vice President Celia Schnacky: Celia has tickets for the raffle quilt; asking members to sell at least 2 books to benefit the guild as a fund raiser.

Treasurer Sue Ellis: Checking account balance: \$7,129.31; Savings account balance: \$15,077.84. Motion was made to accept, was seconded and membership voted to accept

Secretary Nina Ashworth: minutes from October meeting were posted on Website, were forwarded by email to membership and copy offered to those requesting them. Motion made to accept, was seconded and membership voted to accept

Librarian Pat Stark: reminded to return overdue DVD's, have obtained a couple of new titles, one already out

Special Events Louise Pankiewicz: 2020 Schoolhouse Shop Hop bus trip is planned for Saturday, March 28, 2008. Bus will leave 7am from Route 117 Park and Ride, return approximately 8pm. Will be visiting The Quilted Crow, Boxborough, MA; Cobblestone Quilts, Townsend, MA; Quilted Threads, Henniker, NH; and, Red Barn Sewing and Yarn Center, Merrimac, MA. Cost is \$57 (based on 40 riders and includes transportation, Driver tip, \$8 Passport. Visit www.schoolhouseshophop.com for further details. Make checks payable to NBQA and send to Louise Pankiewicz.

Newsletter Sally Cooper (Paula Weston): November/December newsletter has gone out in a little different format.

Membership Anne Sabatini: the guild currently has 181 members; new sheet was provided to membership with additional new member information

Facebook: Sharon Bibault will no longer be able to head this committee. Search is on for someone interested in assuming this position. Geri and Chrissy Bonin will continue as admins.

Website Maria Knight, Patricia Andraka: updates have been done. They are looking into getting new website or revamping the old.

Education Committee Peggy Lane, Barbara Stetson: committee met tonight prior to guild meeting; next activity is 12-12-19 at the Hope Alzheimer Center; project has been prepared

New England Quilt Museum Karen Stanley: Geri has one ticket left that will admit 2 to the Museum. Everyone encouraged to check out their website

Quilt Show Joan Potter: 2020 Vision Contest Rules – the theme for our quilt show is **Quilter's Vision – 2020**. What does that name say to you? “20:20” is perfect vision in optometry. What is your vision for the future (for you, for our country, for our planet, etc.)? Are things coming into focus? What direction is quilting taking now, or in the future? Design a quilt based on our theme for the 2020 show. Entries are due at the Feb. 20, 2020 meeting.

Applications for quilts you are interested in hanging in the show are due at the 2-20-20 meeting; members are encouraged to enter as many as you want. Optional judging; fee is \$5 per quilt to be judged. Only judged quilts will get ribbons except for Viewer's Choice. Raffle baskets will go to help guild's budget. Baskets and Mug Mats are needed. Will also need items for New England Quilt Museum silent auction fund raiser. Should have flyers available at the January meeting. Member suggested when quilts are hung, to put a picture of the quilter on at least one of each quilter's quilts. Joan suggested member put a picture of themselves with their application if interested in that hanging in the show with your quilt/s.

Comfort Quilts Brenda Starble, Linda Maslanka: many completed quilts have been returned; expressed thanks.

Programs & Workshops Chrissy Bonin, Billie Bunnewith: 12-19-19 is scheduled for Open Sew Day with sew scrap theme; currently full. Encouraged to bring lights, will be pot luck style; also bring 1 yard of “ugly” fabric to sacrifice. January is Metro Wedding Ring/Quick Curve Ruler. Gail Macera has agreed to take over this committee and Chrissy and Billie have begun mentoring to pass on the role. In March, Chrissy will reveal new year's workshops; will open sign up in April for next year. March workshop will be a cup cake party and will highlight “Fab Five”. Sample was shown for April's Saturday workshop with Barb Vedder, Magic Medallions. May's workshop with Marge Tucker has some openings

Pat Harrison, Chair of Judging for the guild, did a presentation re: entering quilts for judging. Most important – educational value; hard to be objective re: you own quilts. Entering a quilt for judging is one of the fastest ways to improve your quilts from the Judge's comments. Susan Cortiz will be the certified judge for the 2020 show; approaches judging in a positive way, positive experience. Use comments on judging for gentle improvements. Those in judging room sworn to secrecy and quilts are anonymous; will get custom commentary. Need holders, folders and scribes on day of judging; see Pat if interested. If you put any work into a quilt, it can be judged. There will be a number of categories for ribbons; Pat will respond to emails with categories. Will add categories as they see trends coming along. Judging involves not what technique is used but how well the technique is implemented; 50% workmanship, 50% design. Look for “WOW factor”, what attracts the judge to a particular quilt; and, appearance (is it hanging square, are there dog/cat hairs, etc).

Hospitality Joany Rebecchi: thanks for snacks received

BREAK: 7:10pm

SPEAKER: Jane Haworth “Living a Creative Life”. Jane described how she became the quilt maker she is today; described the influences and techniques that she uses. She talked about setting up an Etsy shop and how she uses this for her T-shirt quilt business. Jane also described some of the challenging requests she receives from clients and how trying something new brings out the creative spirit. Jane’s goal is to inspire quilters to go out of their comfort zone and just have fun creating. She had both a slide presentation and trunk show of her beautiful quilts.

OLD BUSINESS: Maria Lage will continue to take care of taking magazines left on center lobby table to Ryco following meetings. Members are encouraged to bring ONLY quilting related items.

NEW BUSINESS: at January meeting, will discuss information re: possibly increasing dues \$5 to keep providing the level of workshops and speakers we have had to date

Show and Tell: many beautiful quilts shown and all encouraged to enter in quilt show

Strip Challenge: Lyn Pallotta: (this seasons THEME consists of things you would see or buy on a trip to...; all of the themes from September, 2019 through May, 2020 are currently listed on the nbqa.org website). The November theme was SANTA’s WORKSHOP. Drawing held. January Strip Challenge Theme is THE FLOWER SHOP.

Block of the Month Barbara Beauregard, Diane Roman: The November block was RAIL FENCE VARIATION. Drawing held. Directions for the January block are in the November/December Newsletter; directions for the October 2019-April 2020 blocks are all currently on the nbqa.org website. January Block of the Month: ARROWHEAD PUZZLE; 3 fabrics, colors optional.

Door Prizes Missy Smith: 4 winning numbers drawn and prizes awarded

Meeting adjourned at: 8:50pm

How many members attended? 96



Next Membership Mtg:

1-16-20: Kathy Graves; “Alternative Grid In Modern Quilting”.

Next Board Mtg:

(Thursday), January 2, 2020; 6:30pm, at Louise's classroom, 74 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI

Next Program/Workshop:

(Saturday), January 18, 2020; 9am – 3pm. **Kathy Graves; “Quick Curve Ruler – Metro Wedding Ring”**. Rocky Hill Grange, 1340 South County Trail, East Greenwich, RI 02818

Next Special Activity:

(Saturday), December 7, 2019; 9am – 3pm. **So Scrap It Sew Day**. Rocky Hill Grange

(Saturday), February 8, 2020; 9am 0 3pm. **Quilt-A-Thon**, The Classroom, 74 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich, RI

(Saturday), March 28, 2020; 7am – 8pm. **2020 Schoolhouse Shop Hop Bus Trip**

NBQA QUILT SHOW: 2020 VISION

**** (Thursday), February 20, 2020;** quilt show applications due

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**** (Thursday), March 26, 2020, 4-7pm or (Friday), March 27, 2020, 10am-1pm;** quilts that are being judged to be dropped off at Pat Harrison's house

**** (Saturday), March 28, 2020;** following a day of judging; judged quilts must be picked up at **3:30pm** from the Exeter Public Library located at 773 Ten Rod Road (Rt. 102), Exeter, RI

**** (Friday), April 24, 2020, 9-11am;** all quilts to hang in the show must be delivered to the North Kingstown High School (rear entrance), 150 Fairway Drive, North Kingstown, RI

**** (Saturday), April 25, 2020 and (Sunday), April 26, 2020; 10am to 4pm both days;** at North Kingstown High School, North Kingstown, RI

**** (Sunday), April 26, 2020, 4:45-5:30pm;** quilts to be picked up once take down is complete