

## **NBQA Membership Meeting 2-21-19**

Meeting called to order: @ 6:40 PM

**President Geri Bergreen:** Geri showed a sample fidget quilt and encouraged members to make some. Ideas can be found on Pinterest. Quilts are calming to patients as they offer something to keep their hands occupied. Finished quilts will be donated to the Hope Alzheimer Center.

**Vice President Celia Schnacky:** Celia has purchased the fabric for the raffle quilt and she said it is “beautiful”. She will bring a sample block to the March membership meeting.

**Treasurer Sue Ellis:** Checking Account Balance is \$15,146.56  
Savings Account Balance is \$15,049.67

**Secretary Nina Ashworth:** Minutes from the January 17, 2019 meeting are posted on the website. Mary Ann Laprise is taking the minutes for the February 21, 2019 meeting.

**Membership Anne Sabatini:** 86 members present tonight; 3 renewals since the last meeting

**Newsletter Sally Cooper:** Sally is currently working on the March/April newsletter and will need inclusions for the newsletter by Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Special Events Louise Pankiewicz:** Seats are still available for the School House Shop Hop on March 23, 2019. Cost is \$58 which includes driver’s tip, bag, and pattern. There will also be a shop raffle. Maximum bus capacity is 52 seats and Louise will open the trip up to other guilds. A possible bus trip to the New England Quilt Museum is still pending.

**Education Committee Peggy Lane, Barbara Stetson:** Peggy said they currently have 8 or 9 members. They are planning activities at the Hope Alzheimer Center and the South County Museum.

**Librarian Pat Stark:** DVD’s are available at tonight’s meeting to take out.

**Facebook Sharon Bibeault:** Sharon was not able to attend tonight.

**Website Maria Knight, Patricia Andraka:** Please notify Maria or Patricia if corrections are needed on the website.

**New England Quilt Museum Karen Stanley:** Karen was not able to attend tonight’s meeting. Geri said that Karen has some free tickets for admission to the museum and they will be available at the March membership meeting. Tonight there was a raffle basket donated by the Hot Stitchin’ Mamas. There was \$194 collected tonight to be added to the \$108 (November) and

\$247 (January) for a total so far of \$549 earmarked for the New England Quilt Museum. The winner of the February raffle basket was Mary Padbury.

**Hospitality Joany Rebecchi:** Thank you to those who brought snacks to tonight's meeting.

**Programs & Workshops Chrissy Bonin, Billie Bunnewith:** Chrissy said there were still a few openings for Judy Coates Perez's workshop "Tea and Ephemera" in March and for the "Mesh Beach Bag" workshop with Diana Funke in May. The speaker for April will be David Sirota; his workshop "Storm at Sea" is waitlisted. Those who have signed up for Karen Kay Buckley's workshop "Bluebird of Happiness" should plan to buy a \$20 kit at the March membership meeting because there will be "homework" to prepare for the May workshop. Next month Chrissy will reveal the programs for next year; signups will open at the May meeting.

**SPEAKER:** Beth Heftler Trunk Show. A lively presentation of Beth's quilt making journey, from her first frighteningly awful attempt at self-taught quilting to eventually founding Eva Paige Quilt Designs with her own line of unique patterns. Included are thoughts on the design process as it unfolds in 20 minute increments in the midst of the chaos of running a home and raising three small children, how a quilt can be a thing of beauty even without matching seams and perfect points, and the many joys of bringing her designs to the masses and discovering that they often can become converts to the freeing idea that "perfection is overrated". Beth shared her beautiful quilts and discussed some changes she would make in hindsight and other "imperfections" that really don't matter.

**Strip Exchange Lyn Pallotta:** (March: DAFFODIL – White, yellow and orange)  
Winner: One winner was drawn tonight.

**Block of the Month Louise Pankiewicz:** One winner was drawn from those who donated blocks tonight. These blocks will be used in future comfort quilts.

**Door Prizes Missy Smith, Caryn O'Connor, Dyann Casala:** Five door prize tickets were drawn.

**Comfort Quilts Brenda Starble, Linda Maslanka:** 12 comfort quilts are completed and ready for distribution in February to the Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center, Crossroads, and the Holly Charette Wounded Warrior Project. 18 additional quilts are finished and will be distributed after labels are attached. Another 10 finished quilts were received at tonight's meeting. These 28 quilts will be distributed in March. There are 2 Quilt-a-thons planned to make comfort quilts; they will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2019 and Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 9am – 3 pm at Louise's classroom (next to Piecing with Poppers, West Greenwich, RI off Route 95 @ exit 6).

**Quilt Show Joan Potter:** The Quilt Show will be held on April 18 – 19, 2020. Joan is looking for chairpersons for show set up and also for publicity.

**Historian:** Position remains unfilled. If anyone took cell phone pictures tonight, please send to Geri.

**Magazine Exchange:** Maria Lage is taking the leftover magazines to Ryco.

**Publicity:** This position remains unfilled. Will need someone, especially to publicize the upcoming quilt show.

**OLD BUSINESS:** At the April meeting bylaw changes will be voted on. Proposed bylaw changes will be emailed to all members 2 weeks prior to April meeting for review, for quicker process.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Reminder: The April membership meeting will be held at Miller's Crossing, 43 Old Bald Hill Road, Cranston, RI. The meeting needed to be moved from the church because April 18, 2019 falls on Holy Thursday.

How many members attended? 86

Meeting adjourned: @ 8:35 PM

Next Membership Mtg: 3-21-19, Judy Coates Perez "It's All in the Process"

Next Program/Workshop:

3-22-19 (Friday; 9:15-3:15); Judy Coates Perez Tea & Ephemera (@ Blaines, 1280 Oaklawn Ave., Cranston, RI)

Next Special Activity:

3-23-19 (Saturday; 7am to 8:30pm ish); 2019 Schoolhouse Shop Hop Bus Trip (to visit The Quilted Crow, Bolton, MA; Cobblestone Quilts, Townsend, MA; The Bunkhouse Quilt Shop, Lyndeborough, NH; Quilter Threads, Henniker, NH; Red Barn Sewing & Yarn Center, Merrimac, MA)