

NBQA Membership Meeting
Sept 17, 2015

President: Hope Barton called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. She introduced the committee chairs and board members and asked them to give their reports.

Vice President – Cathey LaBonte: Cathey is responsible for the Summer Challenge and for raffle quilt publicity & sales.

Secretary – Melanie Johnston/Susan Chace: Melanie and Sue share this office. The General Meeting minutes from May, 2015 were voted on and approved without change. Susan is also running the Fabric Challenge. See her if you wish to purchase challenge fabric. Items made from the challenge fabric will be shown in a special display at our April Quilt Show.

Treasurer – Lisa Champlin: Expenses YTD: \$1,668; Income YTD: \$6,348. The budget for the 2015-16 fiscal year was voted on and accepted.

Program – Peggy Murphy: Reviewed the workshops for this year. See the NBQA website for the complete list, descriptions and materials lists. Our first one is this Saturday Sept 19. “Salvage Your Selvage” with Tina Craig. Many thanks to Peggy for the beautiful new signs for the lobby tables.

Membership- Anne Sabatini: Please pick up your new membership book and review your information. Remember to check-in at every meeting. New this year – guests are welcome but must sign in and pay the new \$5 guest fee.

Special Events – Louise Pankiewicz: This year’s trip to The Gathering will be on Sunday, November 18. The bus will also be stopping at the Quilted Crow. Fee is \$55 based on 30 participants. Sign-up with Louise.

Block of the Month – Louise Pankiewicz: This year we will use the BOM to make comfort quilts. If you would like some comfort quilt fabric to make these blocks, see Louise. She will create a bundle for you and deliver it at the October meeting. BOM information is on the NBQA website.

Newsletter – Sara Crocker: If you did not receive your newsletter let Sara know. Remember that each members is entitled to one free ad in the newsletter so if you have items to sell, a class to advertise, this is a great place. Newsletters are also available on the NBQA website.

Website- Joany Rebecchi and Joan Blade Johnson: Lots of great information about the guild and its activities is there including resources for quilt repair, teachers and commission quilts. Please visit often!

Comfort Quilts – Barbara Stetson reporting for Mary Padbury: Please turn in any quilts to Barbara. She also has 70 kits made for Jeannine Hicks’ Meals-On-Wheels placemat project. Pick these up at the Comfort Quilts table. Let Mary know if you have suggestions for agencies to receive comfort quilts.

Fat Quarter of the month – Carol Kaufman: Monthly themes are on the website. The September drawing was won by a new member!

Library – Maria Lage: We have over 75 DVD titles! Learn to quilt, try an art quilt or a new technique. Learn at your own pace and repeat sections as needed. See Maria!

Quilt Show – Joan Potter: Our Quilt Show will be April 23 & 24 of this year! There will be special exhibits of Summer Challenge and Fabric Challenge quilts. Submission paperwork is due by the February meeting. We will again have raffle baskets. Please consider contributing a basket or basket items. These will be due at the January meeting.

We need a publicity chair for the show. Joan Johnson reviewed the duties of this position. Kaye Johnson volunteered – thank you!

New England Quilt Museum Liaison – Chris Bagley: The current show is Caryl Bryer Fallert, A Retrospective, August 20 through October 31, 2015. It is an amazing show. The exhibit in the Classroom Gallery is CIVIL WAR ERA QUILTS, The American Quilt Study Group, through October 31, 2015.

Congratulations to us! for winning the Viewer's Choice Award in the NEQM guild show. The winning quilt was made by Anne Sabatini and quilted by Allison Wilbur. This is a big win and entitles our guild to a special show at NEQM in their classroom gallery. See Chris if you would like a pass to the museum and please consider joining on your own.

Historian – Maribeth Traer: NBQA photos are on Shutterfly <https://nbqaphotos.shutterfly.com/> Sign in with your own shutterfly password or use “NBQA” all caps. Please smile when you see Maribeth with a camera.

Door Prizes – Noreen McGeary and Pat Coughlin. Prizes were drawn. Many thanks to past member Joan Adams for donating fabric and a serger. We are seeking a replacement for Noreen for Door Prizes and mail pick-up. Please let her or Hope know if you can do this. Barbara Hartford volunteered to pick up the mail – Thank you!

Hospitality – Peggy Lane: Thanks to all who brought snacks tonight! There was a drawing for the centerpieces.

Raffle Quilt – Hope Barton showed the fabulous raffle quilt. It was designed by Pat Harrison, Tina Craig and Sherry Smith. Tina helped with the process and the center medallion, Susan Chace helped select the fabric and Sharon Mayers gave us special pricing for the fabric. Maria Lage did the applique work and Tina and Marie were assisted in the piecing of the borders by Karen Ouhרבka, Joany Rebecchi, Lynda Young, Judy Chase, Sally Cooper, Ann Sabatini, Paula Edwards, and Hope Barton. Susan Ellis quilted it on her long arm. Hope will do the binding and it will be ready for display. Great team! Please let Hope know if you have ideas of shops to display it. One member suggested we sell the pattern at our quilt show. Hope will explore that idea with the designers and check on any other requirements.

January Meeting – Last year instead of the Pot Luck, we had a Round Robin Learning Station format. Planning for this January's event will begin soon. We had a great response to last year so will likely do a similar format. Let Hope know if you have a demonstration to give or suggest

BREAK – for refreshments, Summer Challenge voting, Shopping etc.

T-Shirts are for sale at the Special Events table and there you may place an order for a **sweatshirt**.

Summer Challenge – Congratulations to:

Crib Category 1st – Barbara Hartford, 2nd – Barbara Roberge, 3rd – Lisa Bagian

Isolette Category 1st – Maria Lage, 2nd – Joan Rebecchi, 3rd – Sue Tierney

Preemie Category 1st – Lisa Champlin, 2nd – Sara Crocker, 3rd – Susan Ellis

Adjournment.

Submitted by Melanie Johnston, Secretary