

## NBQA Zoom Membership Meeting September 17, 2020

Call to Order for presentation: 6:40pm (with about 64 members logged on)

**President's Welcome:** President Geri welcomed all to the first official Zoom membership meeting; "nice to 'see' you all"! Louise Pankiewicz will be our moderator; all will remain muted and Geri asked that anyone with a question, hit the "raise your hand" button on Zoom screen and you will be recognized. Louise also noted that each participant can "un-mute" themselves if they want to comment. Geri turned the meeting over to Gail Macera (Programs) to introduce speakers:

**Gail Macera:** I would like to introduce to you **Weeks Ringle and Bill Kerr**, a husband and wife team who started the Modern Quilt Studio in 1999. They also wrote the first book of the Modern Quilt Movement in 2005. They teach worldwide; Weeks is fluent in Japanese and Bill is fluent in French. Both have graduate design degrees. They are also amongst the founders of the Modern Quilt Movement. On-line teaching is done via the Quilt Show.com, YouTube tutorials and on Craftsy.com. Weeks teaches a 10 part class on "Designing Your Modern Quilt". They also have an awesome set of rulers called Good Measure Trimming Rulers and cutting tools (having been asked by Brewers Sewing to design them). Without further ado, I would like to present to you the very lovely Weeks Ringle and Bill Kerr.

Guild members had an opportunity the week before this meeting to view a video on YouTube called (from their blog page):

### **Rethinking Color**

More than any other topic, students ask us to help them become more confident in their color choices. You'll learn color theory, not as a dry technical approach, but as it pertains to your quilts. We'll explain new ways to combine fabrics, how to build and edit palettes for your projects and how your color choices change the feel of your finished projects. We'll take a deep dive into a wide variety of quilts to analyze what makes the color work successful and how those strategies will help you translate what you see in your mind into your finished quilts.

Gail moderated a question and answer session from a wide ranging set of questions that members had submitted after viewing the video. Weeks and Bill noted this was their first experience doing this type of presentation made necessary during this pandemic. During the live Q&A, we saw many of their awesome quilts that appeared throughout the video. They used their quilts, both on the video and during the Q&A, to illustrate the points they were making. We also had a tour of their work space.

Call to order for meeting: 7:51pm

### **President's Welcome: Geri Bergreen**

Welcome everyone; so nice to see everyone's face. As we started at our last few in person meetings, I will present most of the reports.

### **Vice President's Report: Celia Schnacky**

The raffle quilt remains on view at Ryco. We have raised approximately \$750 so far. If you buy over \$100 at Ryco, they will give you a raffle ticket. Website needs a better picture of the quilt;

if anyone visits Ryco and can get a picture, please sent it to Pat or Maria. Celia has additional ticket to sell; call Celia or you can pick up more this Saturday at the Comfort Quilts Quilt-A-Thon. The quilt will be raffled off in May.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sue Ellis

Current checking account balance is \$3866.45; savings account balance is \$12442.31. Motion was made to accept report and was seconded.

**Secretary's Report:** Nina Ashworth

Minutes from the August 27 Trial Zoom meeting was sent out yesterday by email. Motion was made to accept the report, it was seconded. Members reminded to check their spam folders if they did not receive it. If you are having problems receiving emails, contact Louise through [nbqamail@gmail.com](mailto:nbqamail@gmail.com) so she can track issues. Minutes for membership meeting will continue to be posted on the website, nbqa.org.

**Librarian's Report:** Pat Stark

If you have outstanding dvd's, they can be returned this Saturday at the Quilt-A-Thon. Due to Covid, we will suspend the pickup of any library items. This will resume when we meet again.

**Special Events:** Louise Pankiewicz

Due to Covid, there are no planned trips. Louise continues to try to get the bus money back from the canceled Shop Hop trip. Her next step may be to file a complaint with the Attorney General's office.

**Newsletter:** Paula Weston

The September/October newsletter has gone out. Paula is currently working on the November/December. Paula started a new segment..."Questions asked...". Please check the Newsletter for the question and respond by email to Paula with answers.

**Membership:** Anne Sabatini

There are currently 144 returning members; one "new" members who was a member back in the 1980's. She was introduced. Members will be getting a membership list in a few weeks; it will be updated bi-monthly with any new membership

**Facebook:** Billie Bunnewith, Geri Bergreen, Gail Macera

Updates are looking great. Weekly Facebook President's contest continues. Geri thanks all those participating. She asks if anyone has additional questions to email them to her.

**Website:** Maria Knight, Pat Andraka

The website(nbqa.org) has been updated by Pat. If there are any additions, corrections or comments, please send them to Pat and Maria.

**Education Committee:** Peggy Lane, Barbara Stetson

Activities have been put on hold due to Covid but Peggy says they will do anything to help out.

**Comfort Quilts:** Brenda Starble, Linda Maslanka

There have been 66 quilts dropped off/being dropped off, to a large lists of organizations around the state. This Saturday, September 19 from 9-12 will be the next Quilt-A-Thon in the parking lot of Louise's classroom, 74 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich. It is an opportunity to:

- Drop off finished Comfort Quilts (plan to have picture taken with your quilt)
- Pick up pieced quilts that need to be quilted/bound
- Pick up kits for quilts needing to be assembled
- Drop off any Block of the Month you may have
- Pick up raffle quilt tickets; drop off stubs and money from tickets you may have sold
- Order NBQA vests by Denise
- Drop off membership if you have any for new membership
- Drop off completed blocks for "Gov Gina" quilt

**New England Quilt Museum:** Karen Stanley

The guild has donated \$150 for our NEQM membership. We hope to donate more as we normally send at least \$2000. We hope to do some fund raising, maybe baskets again, when we meet; or try something online. NEQM is open, please check their website. Karen has (2) tickets for NEQM.

Current exhibits include:

Aug 18-Oct 18, 2020 Wayside Quilter's Guild: winner of the 2019 Summer Celebration of New England Quilts

Thru Sept 26, 2020 Deeds Not Words: Celebrating 100 years of Women's Suffrage

Thru Sept 26, 2020 The Quilts of Cecelia K Macia

Virtual Exhibition: Salvaged, The Stitched Narratives of Jennifer Regan (1934-2016). These quilts were on view at the Museum Jan 7 to March 13, 2020

Upcoming Exhibitions 2020

Sept 30-Dec 31, 2020 The Quilted Canvas III: Still Here! Rhoda Cohen, Nancy Halpern, Jan Myers-Newbury, Judi Warren Blaydon

Oct 20-Dec 30, 2020 Baltimore Album Quilts

Jan 13-April 24, 2021 From Tradition to Innovation

Virtual Exhibition: Deeds Not Words - Celebrating 100 years of Women's Suffrage.

**Quilt Show:** Joan Potter

Joan has all of the pictures and quilt show applications from this years' canceled show; she will return them in case they are needed for the next show

**Programs-Workshops:** Gail Macera, Tina Zuffoletti

October 15 meeting: will be a slide show of what members are currently working on/completed.

Send pictures and information to Geri

November meeting: David Sirota will be a lecture and chevron star paper piecing workshop the next day. Gail attended an online class in July and showed her completed block. He uses his no-tears paper piecing method. Will open up registration a few weeks before; members will go directly to his site to register. NBQA will be providing information closer to the date.

Gail is looking for any/all suggestions for future meeting

**Hospitality:** Joany Rebecchi

On hold; hope you are having a martini or wine while zooming...

**Strip Exchange:**

On hold until we meet

### **Block of the Month:**

See Newsletter/website for list of the monthly children's themes that is being combined with Comfort Quilts. Completed blocks can be brought Saturday to the Quilt-A-Thon for dropoff

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Still looking for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer for the 2021-2022 guild year. The current officers will be ending their 3 year commitment in May, 2021. Please step up to the plate; it is easier to be mentored this year to take over the positions next year

Keep sending in Gov Gina 9" completed blocks; deadline has been extended to October 31; may be further extended to the end of the year

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

We are looking for a person or group of people to "dream up" and make the 2021-2022 raffle quilt and all that goes along with it (arranging tickets, etc.). Completed quilt is needed by Sept. 2021 or sooner. This is the major fund raiser for our guild/April 2022 quilt show. Contact Geri or Celia if interested

Also looking for someone to help Geri with a list of past presidents. The plan is to include on the website. She is stuck on 2001. Suggestion made to look at old membership booklets but Geri noted they don't include the years. Please contact Geri with any information or to help her compile the list. This is the guild's 45<sup>th</sup> year!

### **SUMMER CHALLENGE:**

Geri showed a power point presentation of the six beautiful entries for this years Summer Challenge; by Pat Stark, Mighty Mini's for Dotty C's birthday, Paula Weston, Geri Bergreen, Sally Cooper and Allison Wilbur. Pat Stark won 3<sup>rd</sup> place (\$10 award); 2<sup>nd</sup> place went to Mighty Mini's (\$15); and 1<sup>st</sup> place was Alison Wilbur (\$25). An Honorable Mention was awarded to Joany Rebecchi (Geri missed this one!)

### **ANY GOOD NEWS YOU WANT TO SHARE?**

Gail Macera has a new granddaughter; Isabelle, 4 months old!

NEXT ZOOM MTG: Thursday, October 15, 2020; 6:30pm

Mtg adjourned: 8:38pm