

NBQA Zoom Membership Meeting
January 21, 2021

Call to Order: 6:32pm

President's Welcome: Geri Bergreen

Welcome, nice to see you all. Please silence cell phones, I have some reports to give. If you have a report to add or a question, please "raise your hand".

Vice President's Report: Celia Schnacky

Thank you for selling tickets and returning money. Almost \$1500 has been raised on the raffle quilt. It is currently at Ryco where \$700 - \$800 has been raised. If you need more tickets to sell, please contact Geri. The drawing will be in May. Celia and Mary Hamilton continue to work on the 2021-2022 raffle quilt. It is a pattern of stars and 9-patch blocks.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Ellis

Checking Balance: \$5274.85

Savings Balance: \$10361.24

"The check is in the mail" from the bus company for the cancelled Shop Hop trip which will be approximately \$1800. Motion to approve report was made and seconded.

Secretary's Report: Nina Ashworth

Minutes from the November meeting has been sent to membership. Motion to approve reports was made and seconded.

Librarian: Pat Stark

Members directed to contact Pat by phone or email re: picking up or returning DVD's. Drop offs can be made at her home in Warwick.

Special Events: Louise Pankiewicz

As noted, check is in the mail for reimbursement for the cancelled Shop Hop bus trip.

Newsletter: Paula Weston

Jan/Feb newsletter has been sent to membership full of great information. Paula has just sent out "Quilter's question" today by email. Contact her if you did not receive it. The March/April newsletter is in the works and will be out approx. March 3. Question was asked if members can put in one free ad: yes.

Membership: Anne Sabatini

Membership remains the same at 144. 55 members are attending tonight's zoom meeting. Sale continues of \$20 for any new members until August 31, 2021.

Facebook: Billie Bunnewith, Geri Bergreen, Gail Macera

Geri has started the new President's Facebook contest of "Rebus" picture puzzles. Members commented the puzzles are challenging. Geri notes there will be a super prize for the Guild's 45th anniversary year. Site continues to be updated.

Website: Maria Knight, Pat Andraka

Pat notes everything is currently up to date. Members encouraged to send any corrections or updates to Maria and Pat.

Education Committee: Peggy Lane, Barbara Stetson

Committee members continue to work on kits. They will soon be having a zoom meeting of their committee.

Comfort Quilts: Brenda Starble, Linda Maslanka

Arrangements can be made for pick-up of any finished quilts by emailing Brenda or Linda. There may be another Quilt-A-Thon in March/April.

New England Quilt Museum: Karen Stanley

The Museum is currently open for in person tours or visit can be made virtual. Hope noted she was there recently with her sister and they were the only visitors. Staff is limited and masked, it is easy to socially distance.

Quilt Show: Joan Potter

Joan reports she has started organizing for the 2022 show. She has been contacting members who have taken leadership roles in the past to see if they are interested in continuing in those roles. Geri and Joan Haley have begun collecting basket items.

Hospitality: Joany Rebecchi

Joany is working on another Sip and Sew Pajama Party. Missy is looking into game Kaputz that can have 50 participants. Has an idea for question and answer and will be sending email to members asking for "little known facts about yourself". Information will need to get to Missy by Feb. 8 for event planned for February 10th.

Strip Exchange: Lynn Pallotta

On hold until guild can meet in person

Block of the Month: No Committee 2020-2021

Members wanting to make blocks will have the blocks combined with Comfort Quilts. Themes for the remainder of the year are:

January, 2021 - Zoo Animals

February, 2021 - Teddy Bear

March, 2021 - Duck

April, 2021 - Butterflies
May, 2021 - Farm Animals

OLD BUSINESS:

1. **HELP WANTED!** We are continuing to look for members interested in being mentored for the remainder of this guild year with the plan of taking over the NBQA Board positions (President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary) for the 2021-2022 guild year. There are also some committee chairs looking for mentees. Please step forward as this is the future of our guild.
2. **Gov Gina "Covid 19" quilt!** We are still planning to finish the quilt despite her prospects of a move to Washington, DC., as a thank you for the work on the Pandemic. Celia is looking for newspaper headlines about Gov. Gina/Covid to be printed on fabric to include in the quilt. It was agreed that the quilt will include some quilt blocks made by children. Will be looking for someone to quilt it when it is completed. Will show blocks next month.
3. **Zoom format!** We will be continuing to hold membership and board meetings on zoom for the remainder of the year. We hope to be able to resume in person meetings in September 2021.
4. **NBQA Logo vests!** Denise Greenlund continues to take orders for vests at a cost of \$30, \$10 of which will be donated to the guild.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **It's our 45th year as a guild (1976 - 2021)!** It has been a long haul but let's celebrate.
2. **Mystery Quilt!** Louise will be running this on Facebook. She reports the pattern author has given permission for 20 patterns so that is the number who can participate. Participants will be given a link to an E-book for the book that includes the pattern. Members will be able to purchase the out-of-print pattern afterwards. There is a slot for just one more member to join. The first clue went out today with pictures to members to be sent tomorrow. Testers are now working on 3 sizes (baby, twin and queen) of Louise's instructions.
3. **President's Facebook Contest!** Geri has started a new chapter of this contest effective January 10th with puzzle pictures and "Rebus" with weekly prizes. There will be a great prize for the 45th anniversary. All are encouraged to participate.

PROGRAM FOR THE NIGHT: Virtual view of **Beyond the Bolt**

Gail notes: tonight, we will be virtually viewing Beyond the Bolt - a great quilting/fabric store in Bristol, RI. **Colleen McFarlin** is the owner and teacher, and she will be teaching us via zoom on Saturday morning at 10am. Project is how to make a **Zippered Cork Box Pouch**. She has a variety of cork and that, along with zippers, can be purchased through her store. (Mary Hamilton suggested using a teflon foot when working with cork if you have one). Colleen is also offering NBQA members taking this class a 10% discount, but you must call the store to take advantage of this discount (401-424-4670).

Programs – Workshops: Gail Macera, Tina Zuffoletti

Gail notes all workshops are now available for signup for \$30. Send her an email and check through the mail. Gail will send out fliers before each class with details. She has been able to book through May and “all are eager to teach”! If anyone has any ideas for workshops, please contact her and she will do the research.

February 18th meeting: Kate Colleran from Kate Colleran Designs out of Colorado (via Zoom) will be presenting “Journey of a Quilt Pattern Designer”. I have also asked her to talk about her newest book, “Smash Your Precut Stash”. She will incorporate her trunk show as well.

February 19th workshop: Kate Colleran will teach (via Zoom) a 3-hour class starting at 10am on one of her patterns “Breakout - A Modern Log Cabin”. She is also offering NBQA members a 10% discount on purchases from her website, seamslikeadream.com - NBQA10 is the code.

March 18th meeting: Karen Echmeier from the Quilted Lizard Fiber Arts Studio (via Zoom) will present her most recent book “Wiggles and Waves”, and a trunk show.

March 19th workshop: Karen Echmeier will teach (via Zoom) a 3-hour class starting at 9am (with student log in time beginning at 8:30am) on “Color Twists and Leaves”. Karen has also donated four of her books that will be given out as prizes during the workshop.

April 15th meeting: Eleanor (Elly) Levie, author of several books and patterns, will be presenting “A Magical History Tour” and will lead us on a rollicking journey through quilt making in our time. Elly will share many secrets and stories about the explosion of fabrics and designs, the ground-breaking tools and techniques, and the larger-than-life personalities. She also suggests for show and tell that we share a picture of the first quilt we made.

April 17th workshop: from 9:30-1pm (via Zoom), Ellie Levie's class will be “Weave a Quilt with Me”. Class size is limited to 12, but if that fills up, she will do an additional class that afternoon. No sewing machine is needed.

May 20th meeting: Sherri Noel from Rebecca Mae Designs (via Zoom) will do a presentation “Finding My Quilt Voice” and hopefully will incorporate information from her recent book “Text IT! Quilts and Pillows with Something to Say”.

May workshop: A workshop is to be determined because Sherri Noel is doing “100 blocks in 10 months” program and is not sure if she can fit in a workshop. I am working on this and will report back. If she cannot, I have a backup plan.

SHOW AND TELL POWER POINT:

Geri provided a power point presentation of beautiful quilts by Joan Potter, Brenda Devine, Melissa Smith, Alice Hourihan, Sally Cooper, Jackie Baddeley, Steffanie Windus, Geri Bergreen, Maria Lage, Myra Paul, Mary Padbury, and Gail Macera.

NEXT ZOOM MEETING: February 18, 2021; 6:30pm

THE END: adjourned at 7:41pm