

NBQA Zoom Membership Mtg
March 18, 2021

Call to Order: 6:31pm

President's Welcome: Geri Bergreen

Welcome to all; introduced two new members; Karen Robinson and Roxanne Williams

Vice President's Report: Celia Schnacky

Celia will draw raffle quilt winner at the May, 2021 meeting. Any more stubs need to get to Celia by 5-1-21. Celia will be picking up the quilt from Ryco. Over \$1300 has been raised. Celia and Mary Hamilton continue to work on the 2021-2022 raffle quilt.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Ellis

As of the last Board Mtg: Checking Account Balance: \$6466.91
Savings Account Balance: \$10,362.91

Motion made to approve and was seconded.

Secretary Report: Nina Ashworth

Minutes for the 2-21 membership meeting will probably go out tomorrow.

Librarian's Report: Pat Stark

For returns, contact Pat or plan to drop off at the next Comfort Quilt gathering (April 24).

Special Events: Louise Pankiewicz

Shop Hop (with the same 4 participating shops) will be held during the entire month of July. Folks interested will need to get there themselves. Louise will get 20 tote bags and price will again be \$8 and she will have them at her workshop in West Greenwich.

Newsletter: Paula Weston

There was a small glitch sending out the last newsletter, particularly in re: new members. Let Paula know if you did not receive your copy.

Membership: Anne Sabatini

There are currently 149 members. Renewal will be in the May/June newsletter. Membership for 2021-2022 will remain at \$35. Sale of \$20 for new members will continue thru 8-31-21.

Facebook: Crissy Bonin, Geri Bergreen, Gail Macera

Geri laments the lack of participation in the latest President's rebus puzzles. She took a week off; may be back this week with something new.

Website: Maria Knight, Pat Andraka

Everything is up-to-date. If any corrections are needed, please contact Maria and/or Pat.

Education Committee: Peggy Lane, Barbara Stetson

Peggy reports they met with someone from 4-H committee last week who are interested in working with NBQA. About 6-7 committee members participated last week. Ideas about kits were given to members and each took one to work out. They will continue to meet at Sharon Myers store over the next few months while she space is available.

Comfort Quilts: Brenda Starble, Linda Maslanka

Quilt-A-Thon will be on Saturday, April 24, 9-noon (rain or shine) at Louise's workshop in West Greenwich.

New England Quilt Museum: Karen Stanley

They are open; check the website for hours and a list of current and upcoming displays.

Quilt Show: Joan Potter

They are starting to plan for next years' show. They need to fill two positions: Publicity Chair and Registration Chair. It will involve a couple of weeks work starting around February, and then the morning of the day of setting up the show. Show will hopefully be scheduled around April 23rd. First planning meeting will be by Zoom on Saturday, 4-10 from 1-2.

Hospitality: Joany Rebecchi On hold.

Door Prizes: Missy Smith

Planning another "sip & sew" on Friday, April 30, 2021 at 7pm. Will include May/Easter Bonnet Hat Contest and cahoots type game.

Strip Exchange: Lyn Pallotta On hold.

Block of the Month: No Committee 2020-2021

Combined with Comfort Quilts; any block completed can be dropped off at the next Quilt-A-Thon. March, 2021 – Duck
 April, 2021 – Butterflies
 May, 2021 – Farm Animals

OLD BUSINESS:

1. PLEASE – HELP WANTED during this, our **45th year!**
Looking for **Nominating Committee** (2 or 3 members) for April, 2021. This will involve contacting members to see if they are interested in holding Board Positions for the 2021-2022 guild year. Please contact Geri or Louise if interested.

Still looking for members interested in being mentored for **Board Positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary** to take over these positions for the 2021-2022 guild year. Members currently in these positions have held them for the past 3 years and will be turning over these roles.

2. "Gov Gina Covid 19 Quilt" has been completed; Sue Ellis is quilting it. Board is trying to contact former Governor Gina's secretary to see about getting it to her.
3. Zoom format will continue through May meeting.
4. Denise Greenlund continues to offer NBQA vests; \$30 each with \$10 going toward the guild.
5. Louise says the Mystery Quilt is on clue 5 of 7. By the April meeting all clues will be available to those participating. Hopefully there will be some quilts completed by the May meeting. There may be a short mystery quilt over the summer.

NEW BUSINESS:

Some discussion about possibility with 4-H connection of having them join guild and offering scholarship.

Meeting was turned over to Gail Macera

Programs & Workshops Report: Gail Macera, Tina Zuffoletti

April 15, 2021 – 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 groundbreaking 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 17, 2021 (Saturday) - Elly will teach her class "Weave a Quilt with Me" from 9:30 – 1 pm. Workshop if currently filled.

May 20, 2021 – Sherri Noel from Rebecca Mae Designs, author of her latest book - "Text IT! Quilts and Pillows with Something to Say", will do a presentation entitled "Finding My Quilt Voice".

May, 2021 – a workshop is to be determined because she is doing a "100 blocks in 10 month" program and is not sure if she can fit in a workshop but continues to work on it and will report back. Gail has a backup plan if she cannot.

Gail has booked for September (Jody Beck), October (Ann Turley), November, December (Sit & Sew) and January (Stephanie Hackney from Hobbs) next year.

Tonight's Speaker: Karen Eckmeier, aka The Quilted Lizard

Karen is an award-winning quilter, international teacher, author, and pattern designer and a very lovely person. She has a background in drawing but had no sewing experience. Karen taught herself to sew in order to make her first quilt. That was over 30 years ago, and she's been hooked on fabric ever since. Nature often inspires her work, and she shows the viewer what she feels in lines and colors. Her art is happy and upbeat, concentrating on the positive and whimsical side of life, as you can tell from the titles of her books: Happy Villages,

Accidental Landscapes, Wiggles & Waves and Wearable Waves. Karen's workshops emphasize her no-stress approach to playing with fabric, whether it be raw-edge collage or her layered/topstitching technique, students always go home with an "I can do that" attitude.

Show and Tell:

Sue Stedman, Karen Ouhrabka and Jamie Radke showed their progress on quilts from the February workshop with Kate Colleran. Harriet Simoneau, Louise Pankiewicz, Joan Potter, Allison Wilbur, Tina Zuffoletti also showed their beautiful quilts. The completed "Gov Gina Covid 19" quilt was also displayed.

Please remember to send Geri pictures of your quilts for a future Show and Tell. And remember to send your first quilt pictures as well prior to the April meeting.

Mary Padbury asked "Question of the Month": where are people getting their scissors sharpened??

Members were invited to stay on Zoom for a bit for "Friendship Zooming" after adjournment.

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:50pm

Next Zoom Meeting: April 15, 2021; 6:30pm

Next Zoom Board Meeting: May 6, 2021; 6:30pm