

NBQA Zoom Membership Meeting
February 18, 2021

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

President's Welcome: Geri Bergreen

Welcome, nice to see you all. She noted a year ago, we were all stuck in the snow at our February meeting. Nice to see everyone safe this year. She welcomed new members; Beverly Carnsaciale of Cranston, Carol Ann Robertson of West Kingston, and Gail Palazolo of Barrington

Vice President's Report: Celia Schnacky

Quilt raffle has been extended to May, 2021 so all ticket stubs and ticket sales needs to be in by May 1st; to Sue Ellis or Celia for drawing at the May meeting. (During the show and tell at the end of tonight's meeting, a picture of the Gov Gina Quilt blocks was shown. Also, during the show and tell, Mary Hamilton showed progress on blocks for the 2021-2022 raffle quilt. She showed a picture of the quilt in progress from pattern "Bubble Gum Stars" that is from the Spring/Summer 2012 issue of Quilt Sampler magazine by designer Marilyn Petersen).

Treasurer's Report: Sue Ellis

Checking Account Balance: \$7,391.91

Savings Account Balance: \$10,362.12

Money noted in the checking account balance includes \$1863 from the cancelled Shop Hop trip that was finally received. Motion made to accept and was seconded.

Secretary's Report: Nina Ashworth

Minutes from the January meeting were sent to membership and have been posted on website. Motion made to accept and was seconded.

Librarian's Report: Pat Stark

Contact Pat by phone or email if you would like to pick up or return dvd's.

Special Events: Louise Pankiewicz

All of money has been received from the cancelled Shop Hop trip.

Newsletter: Paula Weston

Currently working on the March/April newsletter. Contact Paula with anything you want to add.

Membership: Anne Sabatini

71 members are present for tonight's Zoom meeting. 3 new members as noted above. Newsletter will have revised application noting the "sale" of \$20 for any new members until August 31, 2021. Members reminded to share this information if they know anyone interested in joining the guild.

Facebook: Chrissy Bonin, Geri Bergreen, Gail Macera

New President's contest continues to be posted and continue to offer great gifts for winners. Members reminded this is 45th year of the guild and there will be a special anniversary prize.

Website: Maria Knight, Pat Andraka

All information appears to be updated.

Education Committee: Peggy Lane, Barbara Stetson

They have had a Zoom meeting this week and continue to work on kits, etc.

Comfort Quilts: Brenda Starble, Linda Maslanka

The next Comfort Quilts drop off/pick up will be on Saturday, April 24th from 9-12 at Louise's place, 74 Nooseneck Hill Road, West Greenwich. They will have kits available. You can drop off anything finished. There will be raffle quilt tickets available.

New England Quilt Museum: Karen Stanley

The Museum is open (according to the NEQM website: reduced hours from 1-7-21; Wed – Sat, 10-4).

The current exhibitions include:

The Quilted Canvas III; (extended by popular demand); Judi Blaydon, Rhoda Cohen, Nancy Halpern, Jan Myers Newbury. The final exhibition in a series that began in 2017 "to celebrate America's pioneering art quilters".

Edges – Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA); (thru 3-27-21)

Yellow and Orange – from Pilgrim/Roy Collection (3-3-21 – 5-22-21)

Complementary exhibit; **A Slice of Cheddar:** Yellow and Orange Quilts from the NEQM Collection (3-31-21 – 6-19-21).

The Constant Quilter – Quilts of Wendy Reed (3-3-21 – 5-22-21)

Future Exhibitions:

Quilts Japan

The 15th Quilt Nihon

May 25 – September 11, 2021

Blended Quilts by Kathy Metellica Cray

June 1 – July 31, 2021

Quarantine Quilts: Creativity in the Midst of Chaos

September 15 – December 31, 2021

Sally Mavor: Bedtime Stitches

September 15 – December 31, 2021

Wood Quilts by Laura Petrovich-Cheney

October 5 – December 31, 2021

Quilt Show: Joan Potter

The specific date for the April, 2022 quilt show has not yet been set. Joan reports they are looking for a publicity chair for the next show.

Hospitality: Joany Rebecchi

On hold

Door Prizes: Missy Smith

The Sip and Sew PJ Party was a great success last Friday. About 25 members participated. Prizes for the trivia game to be sent out this week.

Strip Exchange: Lyn Pallotta

On hold

Block of the Month: No Committee 2020-2021

Completed blocks to be shared with Comfort Quilts, should be sent to Brenda.

February, 2021 – Teddy Bear

March, 2021 – Duck

April, 2021 – Butterflies

May, 2021 – Farm Animals

OLD BUSINESS:

1. We continue to seek members wanting to be mentored for the remainder of this guild year before taking over the positions for the 2021-2022 guild year. President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary as well as several committee chairs will be ending their terms in May. President is also looking for a Nominating Committee to seek members interested in taking on these soon to be vacated positions. Please contact any board member if interested.
2. Celia continues to work on the Governor Gina "Covid 19" quilt. Collection of blocks will be ending soon so get them to Celia. She is also looking for headlines that feature Gov. Gina to be printed on fabric and help to do the transfer to fabric.
3. We will be continuing the Zoom format for the rest of this guild year. We hope to reset in September, 2021 in person.
4. Denise Greenlund is still offering VESTS to sell. \$30 for each with \$10 given to the guild.
5. The third clue has been passed out to the 21 members participating in the Mystery Quilt. At the conclusion, information will be given out about the author and the quilt pattern.
6. It is our 45th year: 1976 – 2021!

NEW BUSINESS:

1. We need a Nominating Committee, 2 or 3 members, for elections at the May meeting. Anyone interested, please speak to Geri or Louise.
2. Barbara Stetson has donated copies of Island Cookbook from 1993 to Geri to be used as desired.

Meeting was turned over to Gail Macera

Programs & Workshops Report: Gail Macera, Tina Zuffoletti

February 19, 2021 – tonight's speaker, Kate Collieran is doing a 3-hour workshop on her pattern Breakout, A Modern Log Cabin. She is offering members 10% discount on purchases from her website, seamslikeadream.com.

March 18, 2021 – Karen Echmeier from The Quilted Lizard Fiber Arts Studio via Zoom will be presenting “Wiggles and Waves” (from her most recent book) and a trunk show.

March 19, 2021 (Friday) – Karen will be teaching a 3-hour class via Zoom called “Color Twists and Leaves”. Class will start at 9am with student login beginning at 8:30am. Karen has also donated and signed four of her books that Gail will be giving out as prizes during the workshop. We still have openings for this class, please contact Gail if interested.

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. Class size is limited to 12. But, if that fills up, she will do an additional class that afternoon. Please email Gail if interested in being put on the wait list.

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 months 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.

Next week Gail will be attending, virtually, The Global Quilt Connection where she will interview teachers from all over (our own Tina Craig will be interviewed Friday!). The aim is setting up fall programs.

Tonight’s Speaker:

Kate Colleran from Kate Colleran Designs out of Colorado will be presenting “Journey of a Quilt Pattern Designer”. Kate has been teaching and designing quilts for over 18 years. She publishes a line of bestselling patterns under the name Seams Like a Dream Quilt Designs. She has had quilts published in numerous quilt magazines and has designed patterns for fabric companies and for Craftsy. She has online classes on Craftsy and Quilting Daily, has taught at guilds all over the country, at local quilt shops and at AQS shows – Paducah and Lancaster. She is the co-author of the book Smash Your Precut Stash from C&T Publishing.

Show and Tell:

A variety of beautiful quilts were displayed in power point presentation by 17 members; Sally Cooper, Patti Finelli, Harriet Simoneau, Barbara Hartford, Louise Pankiewicz-Dicarolo, Lisa Bagian, Gail Macera, Blaire Gagnon, Steffanie Windus, Jackie Baddeley, Stacey Feeney, Diane Roman, Edna O’Rourke, Pat Stark, Tina Zuffoletti, Kasia Kidd, Deb Lemieux.

Members were invited to say on Zoom for a bit for “Friendship Zooming”.

Geri adjourned the meeting at 8:29 pm.

Next Zoom meeting: March 18, 2021

Next Zoom Board Meeting: March 4, 2021