

# **NBQA Membership Meeting**

## **10-21-21**

Zoom meeting called to order: @ 6:35 P.M.

### **President Geri Bergreen:**

Geri welcomed members to the meeting. Geri announced that former NBQA president, Herlinda Labrecque passed away recently. A sympathy card was sent to her family from the membership and a donation of \$25 was sent to the New England Quilt Museum in her honor.

Geri asked the members to stay after the speaker for the business meeting and show and tell. Geri turned the meeting over to Gail Macera.

Gail Macera introduced tonight's speaker, Ann Turley from California. Her program was called "Confessions of the Quilt Police". Ann is a trained judge and discussed the Principles of Design which judges use to evaluate quilts in a show. There are still openings in the Saturday workshop called "Making Faces - A Self Portrait" (cost \$40).

### **Vice President Joan Potter:**

The tickets for the raffle quilt are at the printers. Joan will bring the quilt to various quilt shops in the area to sell tickets. The winner will be drawn in May of 2023.

### **Treasurer Blair Gagnon:**

Checking Account Balance is \$6,501.22

Savings Account Balance is \$10,368.99

Report was approved and seconded.

### **Secretary Mary Ann Laprise:**

Minutes from the September 16, 2021 meeting were emailed and posted on the website. Louise Pankiewicz will resend the September minutes by email as there were technical difficulties. Minutes will be up for approval at the November meeting.

### **Membership Anne Sabatini:**

There are currently 125 members (8 new members). Welcome new members Linda Lapin, Diane Roberts, Nicole Christie, Diana Grenon. Please renew your membership if you have not already done so. Renewal applications are available on the website and in the September / October newsletter. Full membership is \$35 and Associate membership is \$15. Only paid members will be invited to the November Zoom meeting. A list of members should be available via email by next month. No booklets will be printed. Please keep members' information for your own private use.

**Newsletter Paula Weston:**

The November / December newsletter will be emailed on November 3, 2021. Please send your submissions for the next newsletter to Paula as soon as possible.

**Special Events Louise Pankiewicz:**

None at this time.

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

The committee is working with the Boys and Girls Club at Oakland Beach (Warwick). They will be making Thanksgiving ornaments in November and Christmas / Hanukkah ornaments in December. They will have kits at the Cranston library in January. They will work with the Boys and Girls (Cooper) Club in Warwick from February to June; they plan to teach quilting to teenagers once a month. They may continue working with the kids at summer camp. They are always looking for more members to help. .

**Librarian (open):**

This position to be suspended for the time being. Some of the 40 or so dvds were taken by the Education Committee and the remaining dvds will be given away in the raffle baskets. If any members still have a dvd, they can keep it.

**Facebook Geri Bergreen and Tina Zuffoletti:**

Updated.

**Website Maria Knight, Patricia Andraka:**

The website will be updated with information about the upcoming quilt show.

**New England Quilt Museum Karen Stanley:**

Geri noted that the museum is open. Geri will contact Karen about the availability of passes.

**Hospitality Joany Rebecchi:**

On hold. When we are able to meet in person, only bottled water will be offered at first.

**Programs & Workshops Gail Macera and Tina Zuffoletti:**

**Speakers:**

November 18, 2021	Karen Miller "Aurifilosophy" lecture/trunk show (Zoom)
January 20, 2022	Stephanie Hackney "Hobbes batting" (Zoom)
February 17, 2022	Possible in-person meeting with local speaker
March 17, 2022	?
April 21, 2022	? (quilt show April 23 & 24)
May 19, 2022	?

**Workshops:**

November 2021	No work shop at this time
January 2022	No work shop at this time
February 2022	?
March 2022	No one booked at this time
April 2022	No work shop (quilt show)
May 2022	TBA (2 local quilters?)

**Strip Exchange Lyn Pallotta:**

On hold.

**Block of the Month:**

On hold.

**Door Prizes Melissa Smith:**

On hold.

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

A Quilt-a-Thon was held from 9AM to 3PM on Saturday, September 25, 2021 at Louise's Island Creations in West Greenwich. Three quilt tops were completed.

The next quilt-a-thon will be held at Louise's on October 30, 2021 from 9 am – 3 pm; we will be cutting tumbler pieces with AccuQuilt dies and assembling kits. If you have an AccuQuilt and tumbler die, please bring them to Louise's. On November 13, 2021 at Louise's from 9 am – 3 pm we will be sewing the tumblers into quilt tops. If you are not comfortable sewing in person, there will be kits available for pick up or you can drop off your finished quilts.

**Quilt Show Joan Potter:**

The quilt show dates (April 23 and 24, 2022) at North Kingstown High School have been confirmed. Mug mats, raffle baskets and small quilts for the auction are needed. There will be no demos due to COVID. The fabrics for the fabric challenge can be purchased at Louise's for \$5 (cash or check payable to NBQA) or ordered from Diane Roman for \$7 (includes postage). Diane's address, email address, and phone information are in the newsletter.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Denise Greenlund is offering embroidered vests for \$30 each (the guild receives \$10). See the newsletter for the order form.

Geri mentioned that Gail Macera is still looking for someone to mentor for the Program Committee for next year and that Geri is also looking for her own replacement as this is her fourth year as president.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Geri noted that the Hope Center received \$150 for the raffle of the quilt donated by the guild.

The email to change the bylaws to add the Education Committee as a standing committee was emailed to the membership today (October 16, 2021). Geri noted that the changes must be sent to the members three weeks before voting, so there will be a vote on this issue at the November meeting on November 18, 2021.

The changes are as follows:

**“The aim of the Education Committee is to promote both NBQA and the activities of quilting and related needle arts to the general public of Rhode Island. This shall be achieved by offering free classes, talks, workshops, demonstrations, kits, and printed materials to youth and adults throughout the State. Examples of venues in which these activities will be presented include libraries, schools, youth organizations, museums, community centers, fairs, and arts/crafts shows. Through the Committee’s presentation of beginner-level quilting activities, it is hoped that participants will develop an interest in quilting and related needle arts, and continue to pursue opportunities to engage in these activities, including joining NBQA.”**

Tina Craig told the members about the Ninigret quilt show held October 15-17, 2021 in Westerly. It was their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and they had 750 people in attendance. There were 205 quilts on display and there was a section dedicated to “Founder’s Quilts” (three of Ninigret’s founders passed away in 2021).

How many members attended? 45 (via Zoom)

Meeting adjourned: @ 8:40 PM

Next Board Meeting:  
November 4, 2021 @ 6:30 pm

Next Membership Meeting:  
November 18, 2021 @ 6:30 pm

Next Program/Workshop:  
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