

NBQA Membership Meeting 02-17-22

Zoom meeting called to order: @ 6:30pm

President Geri Bergreen:

Geri welcomed members to the meeting. She showed a slide presentation of the 20 entries submitted for the fabric challenge. Geri asked members to cast one vote for their favorite entry. Votes are to be sent to Joan Potter via tonight's Zoom chat. For those who are not on Zoom tonight, Geri will post the 20 entries on the NBQA Facebook page this weekend and votes can be submitted by Facebook Messenger. The top 3 vote getters will receive cash prizes and will be announced at the next membership meeting on March 17th. Geri turned the meeting over to Gail Macera.

Gail Macera introduced tonight's speaker, Lynne Bassett. Her lecture was called "Flora and Fauna: the Embroidered Bed Rugs and Quilted Petticoats of New London County, 1750-1810". Lynne showed examples of various petticoats that were hand quilted with nautical motifs (ships and mermaids) as well as lions and unicorns by women who had been students at the Sarah Osborn School in Newport, RI in the 1700's. Lynne also discussed the similarity in the designs of bed rugs stitched by women who were found to be from the same families in the New London County area. There is an exhibition of these items at the Florence Griswold Museum in Old Lyme, CT until May 1st.

Vice President Joan Potter:

The 2023 raffle quilt is currently at Blaine's in Cranston and will be on display at Louise's Island Creations in West Greenwich next month. Joan plans to distribute raffle tickets to the members at the May meeting (if we are able to meet in person). Joan found a Timna Tarr maple leaf quilt and plans to ask Timna's permission to use her pattern for our 2025 raffle quilt.

Treasurer Blair Gagnon:

Checking Account Balance is \$5,324.47

Savings Account Balance is \$10,372.49

Blair has contacted a state senator to see if there is any COVID money available to help cover the cost the guild is paying for a storage unit. Blair has not received a response to her inquiry.

Report was approved and seconded.

Secretary Mary Ann Laprise:

Minutes from the January meeting were emailed to all members by Louise Pankiewicz.

Minutes were approved and seconded.

Programs & Workshops Gail Macera and Tina Zuffoletti:

Speakers:

- March 17, 2022 Bobbi Fitzsimmons – quilts based on children’s picture books (Zoom) Thanks to Joan Halley for hosting Bobbi at her home.
- April 21, 2022 Zoom business meeting (no lecture at this time).
Sit and Sew with prizes.
- May 19, 2022 Pamela Weeks from the New England Quilt Museum will present a Jane Stickle lecture (tentatively in person). If you have made a “Dear Jane” quilt, please send a picture to her so she can include it at the end of her lecture. Her email address is pamela.weeks@gmail.com. We will also have elections and hopefully our strawberry social.

Workshops:

(All in Person at \$35 each) We ask that you are vaccinated.

- February 19, 2022 Louise Pankiewicz – certified Eleanor Burns instructor
“Diamonds Can Be a Girl’s Best Friend” (class is full)
- March 19, 2022 Bobbi Fitzsimmons – “The Shadow of Your Charms”
In person at Louise’s Island Creations
- April 23, 2022 Pat Harrison – “Bindings 101” – (9am – 12 pm)
In person at Louise’s Island Creations
- May 21, 2022 Kassie Randall and Billie Bunnewith (no sewing machine)
“Collage Quilting” using the Laura Heine method
In person at Louise’s Island Creations

Membership Anne Sabatini:

There were 67 members who participated in tonight’s Zoom. 146 total members. If new members need a name button, please email anne-sabatini61@gmail.com

Newsletter Paula Weston:

The March/April newsletter will go out on March 2, 2022. Paula has received a lot of responses to the question “How do you store your stash?” Please send any submissions for the March/April newsletter to Paula as soon as possible.

Special Events Louise Pankiewicz:

None at this time.

Education Committee Peggy Lane, Barbara Stetson:

On January 22nd they were at the Cranston library with 50 kits for winter ornaments prepared by Myra Paul. They plan to meet on February 18th to discuss spring activities.

Librarian (open):

Position on hold.

Facebook Geri Bergreen and Tina Zuffoletti (as reported by Geri)

Geri will put the fabric challenge quilts on Facebook this weekend.

Website Maria Knight, Patricia Andraka: (as reported by Geri)

Please send any updates to Pat or Maria.

New England Quilt Museum Karen Stanley: (as reported by Geri)

Geri noted that the museum is open. Geri has some passes if anyone is interested.

Hospitality Joany Rebecchi:

On hold.

Strip Exchange Lyn Pallotta:

On hold.

Block of the Month:

On hold.

Door Prizes Melissa Smith:

On hold.

Comfort Quilts Brenda Starble, Linda Maslanka:

Brenda said that Linda brought some finished quilts to the Wounded Warrior Project and the Elizabeth Buffum Chase Center. They are planning to donate some quilts to Healthy Families America. There will be another quilt-a-thon sometime in the spring on a date to be determined. Please check the next newsletter for more information. Brenda and Geri have kits prepared; please contact them if you would like a kit.

Quilt Show Joan Potter:

The quilt show committee will meet soon to discuss whether to schedule a quilt show in 2023 or wait until 2024. They will also discuss the possibility of venues other than the high school.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

The March and April membership meetings will be held via Zoom. Planning a welcome back party in May (fingers crossed) with our strawberry social, prizes, show and tell, etc.

We still do not have a quorum to add the Education Committee as a standing committee to the by-laws. We need 2/3 of the total members present to vote to change the by-laws. The board will discuss this issue at the next board meeting.

Geri is asking for members to make a Fidget mat to donate to Alzheimer's patients at Aldersbridge Communities / Winslow Gardens as part of a "President's Challenge".

NEW BUSINESS:

Geri is looking for 2 or 3 members to form a nominating committee. Geri asked for members to consider being a part of the board or a standing committee, with the nominations coming in April and the elections in May. If you may be interested in any of the positions for next year, please speak to the current officer or chairperson on the position. There are a few upcoming openings available. Please consider being a part of the future of NBQA.

How many members attended? 67 (via Zoom)

Meeting adjourned: @ 8:17 PM

Next Board Meeting:

March 3, 2022 @ 6:30 pm (in person at Louise's)

Next Membership Meeting:

March 17, 2022 @ 6:30 pm (Zoom) – Get your Irish and Italian on ... the most Irish and Italian wins a prize!

Next Program/Workshop:

February 19, 2022 @ 9:30am – 2:30pm (at Louise's – "Diamonds Can Be a Girl's Best Friend")