

# **NBQA Membership Meeting**

## **03-17-22**

Zoom meeting called to order: @ 6:34pm

### **President Geri Bergreen:**

Geri welcomed members to the meeting. She wished everyone a “Happy St. Patrick’s Day” and a “Happy St. Joseph’s Day”. Geri will pick a winner for the best green or red costume at the end of the meeting. Geri will announce the winners of the fabric challenge after the business meeting. Geri turned the meeting over to Louise Pankiewicz as Gail Macera was not feeling well.

Louise introduced tonight’s speaker, Bobbi Fitzsimmons. Her lecture was called “Story Quilts and Life Lessons”. Bobbi has been a quilter since 1974 and is a former member of NBQA. Bobbi’s slide show included a number of quilts based on children’s stories. She related to us that children are captivated by seeing an actual quilt they can touch that is the same as the quilt pictured in the storybook. Bobbi will send a list of all the books mentioned in tonight’s lecture and Louise will forward the list to the members.

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

Joan picked up the 2023 raffle quilt at Blaine’s in Cranston and said that they sold \$20 in raffle tickets. Joan will bring the quilt to 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 \$5,059.47

Savings Account Balance is \$10,373.28

Report was approved and seconded.

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

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

Minutes were approved and seconded.

**Programs & Workshops Gail Macera and Tina Zuffoletti:** (as reported by Geri)

March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022                      workshop with Bobbi Fitzsimmons using her original pattern entitled "The Shadow of your Charms"

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022                      Regular meeting with a rousing game of Kahoots to follow the meeting. Gail was able to reschedule Pam Weeks (she is the Binney Family Curator of the New England Quilt Museum) to February of 2023

April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2022                      workshop with Pat Harrison "Bindings 101". We still have openings for this class which will run from 9-12 at Island Creations by Louise.

May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022                      We will have nominations and hopefully our strawberry social and one heck of a show and tell.

May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022                      We are bringing the band back for this workshop! Kassie Randall and Billie Bunnewith. They will teach the Laura Heine method of collage quilting. No sewing machine is required for this class and Billie and Kassie will have their own patterns for this technique. We still have openings for this 9-3 workshop at Island Creations by Louise.

Also, this weekend, Saturday and Sunday from 3-6 p.m. The Global Quilt Connection will be featuring their All Star Virtual Sampler Platter. There will be 18 teachers presenting and I (Gail) will be sure to take good notes!

**Membership Anne Sabatini:** (as reported by Geri)

There were 62 members who participated in tonight's Zoom. 150 total members. If new members need a name button (or if old members have lost their pin), please email [anne.sabatini61@gmail.com](mailto:anne.sabatini61@gmail.com) by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Ordered pins will be given out at the May 2022 in person meeting.

### **Newsletter Paula Weston:**

The May/June newsletter will go out the first week of May. Paula noted that the free ad for members should contain a brief description of the items and the contact information only and would be limited to a quarter page to conserve space in the newsletter.

### **Special Events Louise Pankiewicz:**

None at this time.

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

The committee is discussing plans with the Cranston library for a children's class on an upcoming Saturday morning. Also the committee is planning on doing a Ukrainian exhibit with the library starting April 1, 2022. More information will be emailed to members. They are also thinking of hosting activities and demos on a Saturday and Sunday in November at the library where they would hang quilts as publicity for the next quilt show. No admission or raffle tickets would be allowed per library policy. The next meeting of the Education Committee will be Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at Panera's in East Greenwich.

### **Librarian (open):**

Position on hold.

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

Geri recently posted an article about Phyllis Cayer who made 200 pillowcases for Hasbro Children's Hospital. Facebook has been updated. Please send any updates to Geri.

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

Website has been updated. 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:**

Joany needs helpers for the strawberry social ([joanyquilts@verizon.net](mailto:joanyquilts@verizon.net)). Position is open for next year.

### **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 quilts have been donated to women's shelters, Ronald McDonald House, Meeting Street School, oncology clinics, and homeless shelters. There will be a quilt-a-thon on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and another on Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Both will be held at Louise's Island Creations in West Greenwich. See newsletter for details. 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 at Louise's Island Creations in West Greenwich on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm 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. Please let Joan know if you plan to attend ([joanpotter1@cox.net](mailto:joanpotter1@cox.net)).

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

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

The April membership meeting will be held via Zoom. Planning a welcome back party in May (fingers crossed) with our strawberry social, prizes, show and tell, etc. Blaire asked when the check is due to the church for the May meeting; Geri will check and let Blaire know.

We had a quorum of 1/3 of the total members present at tonight's Zoom meeting. A vote was held to add the Education Committee as a standing committee to the by-laws. We needed 2/3 of the total members who voted to agree to the change. The change to the by-laws passed. Education committee currently has a budget of \$300.

The change approved is 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/craft 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."

Geri is hoping every member makes a Fidget mat by the May meeting 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.

Geri showed the 21 entries for the fabric challenge with the names of the quilters who submitted an entry. The winners are: Patti Finelli (1<sup>st</sup>), Diane Roman (2<sup>nd</sup>), and Harriet Simoneau (3<sup>rd</sup>).

The winner of the best costume for tonight was Linda Mensinger Nunez. Missy (Melissa Smith) [granny4865@yahoo.com](mailto:granny4865@yahoo.com) will make arrangements for Linda's prize to be held at Louise's Island Creations for pick up.

How many members attended? 62 (via Zoom)

Meeting adjourned: @ 8:31 PM

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 6:30pm at Louise's

Next Membership Meeting: Thursday, April 21, 2022 (Zoom)

Next Program/Workshop: Saturday, March 19, 2022 - "The Shadow of Your Charms" – Bobbi Fitzsimmons at Louise's