

NBQA Membership Meeting 01-20-22

Zoom meeting called to order: @ 6:32pm

President Geri Bergreen:

Geri welcomed members to the meeting. 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, Stephanie Hackney, Director of Sales & Marketing at Hobbs Bonded Fibers in Waco, Texas. Her lecture was called "Batting: What's Inside Matters". The lecture detailed the properties of polyester, cotton, wool, silk and combination battings including the care, shrinkage, loft, hand, and drape differences. There will be an opportunity for someone to win batting by completing a survey that Stephanie will send out.

Vice President Joan Potter:

Tickets for the 2023 raffle quilt will be distributed to members when we meet in person. If we don't meet in person soon, the tickets will be sent to the members by mail. The quilt is currently at Blaine's in Cranston until the beginning of March and then will be on display at Louise's Island Creations in West Greenwich.

Treasurer Blair Gagnon:

Checking Account Balance is \$5,314.47

Savings Account Balance is \$10,371.60

Blaire found that check #2386 for \$495.50 was written in 2019 to North Kingstown High School for the 2020 quilt show. She has not found any record of a refund for the 2020 quilt show that was canceled or any record of an additional deposit for the 2022 quilt show.

Geri said that Blaire suggested that we might be able to apply for COVID money from the state to help cover the cost the guild is paying for a storage unit. Geri asked if anyone has any connections to check into this possibility.

Report was approved and seconded.

Secretary Mary Ann Laprise:

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

Minutes were approved and seconded.

Programs & Workshops Gail Macera and Tina Zuffoletti:

Speakers:

- February 17, 2022 Lynne Bassett “Flora and Fauna: the Embroidered Bed Rugs and Quilted Petticoats of New London County, 1750-1810”.
(Zoom)
- 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 (Possible Zoom) lecture with Pam Weeks of the New
England Quilt Museum – subject to be determined.
- May 19, 2022 Nominations and hopefully our strawberry social (outside?)

Workshops:

(All in Person \$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”
- March 19, 2022 Bobbi Fitzsimmons – “The Shadow of Your Charms”
- April 23, 2022 Pat Harrison – “Bindings 101”
- May 21, 2022 Kassie Randall and Billie Bunnewith
“Collage Quilting” using the Laura Heine method

Membership Anne Sabatini:

There were 64 members who participated in tonight’s Zoom. Geri welcomed 2 new members who attended the Zoom meeting (Nicole Christie and Lynn Medeiros).

Newsletter Paula Weston:

The January/February newsletter was emailed on January 12, 2022. Please send your 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:

Peggy said that the committee made snowman and Christmas tree ornaments with the Boys and Girls Club at Oakland Beach (Warwick) in December. On January 22nd they will be at the Cranston library with the 50 kits for winter ornaments prepared by Myra Paul. They are always open to new ideas and volunteers.

Librarian (open):

Position on hold.

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

Please send any updates to Geri.

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. There will be another quilt-a-thon sometime in the spring at a date to be determined. Brenda and Geri have kits prepared; please contact them if you would like a kit.

Quilt Show Joan Potter:

Due to concerns about the COVID surge, the board decided to cancel the quilt show for this year. The fabric challenge winners will be voted on at the February Zoom meeting on Thursday, 2/17/22. Each member will vote for her favorite quilt and the top 3 winners will receive cash prizes. Please send a photo of your fabric challenge entry to Geri by Sunday, 2/13/22, so she can compile a PowerPoint show for the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

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

The February and March membership meetings will be held via Zoom. April (possible Zoom) and May meetings (in person? outside?) will be determined on a month to month basis.

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Geri asked for ideas for a guild activity during the weekend of the canceled quilt show in April.

Geri is asking for members to make a Fidget mat to donate to Alzheimer's patients at various local centers as part of a "President's Challenge".

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? 64 (via Zoom)

Meeting adjourned: @ 9:00 PM

Next Board Meeting:

March 3, 2022 @ 6:30 pm (Zoom)

Next Membership Meeting:

February 17, 2022 @ 6:30 pm (Zoom)

Next Program/Workshop:

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