

# NBQA Membership Meeting

## 11-18-21

Zoom meeting called to order: @ 6:32 P.M.

### **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, Karen Miller of Red Bird Quilting Company. Her program was called "Aurofilosophy". Karen explained the history of Aurofil and the differences between the various weights of thread that they make. She had a trunk show to demonstrate how the different weights can enhance machine or hand quilting designs. Members who attended tonight's Zoom meeting will receive a brochure from Aurofil showing which size needle is best for which weight of their thread plus a free spool of thread. Members will be notified when they can pick up the free items at Louise's Island Creations in West Greenwich. Members can also receive a 15% discount at redbirdquiltco.com until November 28, 2021 using the code "narragansett15".

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

Tickets for the 2023 raffle quilt will be distributed to members at the February (in-person) meeting at the church. The quilt is currently at Louise's Island Creations in West Greenwich.

### **Treasurer Blair Gagnon:** (Blair's report was read by Geri)

Checking Account Balance is \$6,342.40

Savings Account Balance is \$10,369.87

Report was approved and seconded.

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

#### **Speakers:**

December 3, 2021	Sip and Sew (Zoom) Friday night from 7pm – 9 pm
January 20, 2022	Stephanie Hackney "Hobbes batting" (Zoom)
February 17, 2022	Lynne Bassett "Flora and Fauna"
March 17, 2022	Bobbi Fitzsimmons – quilts based on children's picture books
April 21, 2022	No lecture (meeting to finalize quilt show April 23 & 24)
May 19, 2022	Nominations and hopefully our strawberry social

### **Workshops: (All in Person)**

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 2022	No work shop (quilt show)
May 21, 2022	Kassie Randall and Billie Bunnewith “Collage Quilting” using the Laura Heine method

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

Minutes from the September and October meetings were emailed to all members by Louise Pankiewicz. Minutes were approved and seconded.

### **Membership Anne Sabatini:**

There are currently 139 members (3 new members for a total of about 11 or 12). Geri welcomed the new members who attended the Zoom meeting.

### **Newsletter Paula Weston:**

The January/February newsletter will be emailed on January 5, 2022. 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 made Thanksgiving ornaments with the Boys and Girls Club at Oakland Beach (Warwick). They will be making Christmas 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. Geri has the remaining dvds and will give them away as door prizes.

### **Facebook Geri Bergreen and Tina Zuffoletti:**

Updated per Geri.

**Website Maria Knight, Patricia Andraka:**

Updated per Pat Andraka.

**New England Quilt Museum Karen Stanley:**

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

**Hospitality Joany Rebecchi:**

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

**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 at Louise's on November 13, 2021 at Louise's from 9 am – 3 pm. Quilt tops were made from the tumblers cut on the Acuquilt machine at the previous quilt-a-thon.

**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. The fabrics for the fabric challenge can still 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. The fabric challenge quilts are due at the February meeting. Please bring your quilt show applications to the February meeting (including applications for the fabric challenge quilts). The fee for judged quilts is \$5 each. Joan will have sign-up sheets for the quilt show (set up, take down, ticket sellers, white gloves, etc.) Many volunteers are needed for a successful show.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

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

Carol Ann Robertson has volunteered to work with Gail Macera to learn the Program Committee position. Geri is still looking for her own replacement as this is her fourth year as president.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

The email to change the bylaws to add the Education Committee as a standing committee was emailed to the membership on October 16, 2021. We were unable to hold a vote to approve the change to the bylaws as 2/3 of the members must vote and we did not have 2/3 of the total 139 members present at the Zoom (need at least 92 to hold a vote).

How many members attended? 61 (via Zoom)

Meeting adjourned: @ 9:13 PM

### Next Board Meeting:

January 6, 2022 @ 6:30 pm (Zoom)

### Next Membership Meeting:

January 20, 2022 @ 6:30 pm (Zoom)

### Next Program/Workshop:

February 19, 2022