

NBQA General Membership Meeting

10-20-22

The in-person monthly meeting of the Narragansett Bay Quilters Association was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by President, Gail Macera.

President Gail Macera:

Gail welcomed members to the meeting. Gail asked Carol Ann Robertson to introduce tonight's speaker, our own Denise Greenlund and her lecture "Story Behind the Quilts". Denise started sewing at age 10 and began quilting in 1991. By 1992 Denise was already teaching quilting classes. She owns the Embroidery Sewing Company and has been long arming (Hot Stitchin' Quilting) for 2 years. Denise showed us a trunk show of her quilts, many hand quilted. The presentation demonstrated how Denise progressed as a quilter over the years as well as how tastes in colors and fabrics have changed.

Gail introduced one of our new members, Natalie Fleischer, who is the Rhode Island Coordinator for "Ryan's Case for Smiles". Natalie asked members to consider making novelty pillowcases (or donating fabric) to support sick children and teens in Rhode Island. The pillowcases are given to Hasbro Children's Hospital, Ronald McDonald House, and Hospice (home care). Drop offs are accepted at Blaine's, Just Fabrics, and Blackstone Quilting Co. Further information can be found at www.caseforsmiles.org.

Gail announced that the November membership meeting would host a return of the NBQA Boutique sale. The fabrics on sale are from donations and are sold at a greatly reduced prices to benefit the guild's activities. The doors will be open from 5:20 to 6:20 p.m. the night of November 17th to allow for shopping. Gail also mentioned a recent purchase of an Accuquilt Cutting System and numerous dies at a very low cost to be used by the Comfort Quilt Committee at future quilt-a-thons.

Secretary Mary Ann Laprise:

Minutes from the September 2022 meeting were emailed to all members by Louise Pankiewicz. Minutes were approved and seconded.

Treasurer Blaire Gagnon (as reported by Gail as Blaire is on vacation):

The following amounts were as of September 30, 2022.

Checking Account Balance is \$6,585.10

Savings Account Balance is \$10,379.36

Report was approved and seconded.

Revenue from the quilt show was discussed and a final tally will be reported after all the expenses have been posted.

Vice President Joan Potter:

Joan needs 300 maple leaf blocks for the 2025 raffle quilt. She is asking members to make four 4 1/2 inch finished (5 inch raw) maple leaf blocks in complementary colors. She will not begin to assemble the blocks until January, so there is still time to give your blocks to Joan. The block instructions were in the summer newsletter.

The quilt show was a success! Joan thanked all the volunteers who made it happen. Special thanks to Barbara Stetson for her hard work on publicity. Joan asked that anyone with quilt show expenses to submit them as soon as possible.

The Viewer's Choice winner at the quilt show on Friday was "Heaven and Nature Sing" by Gail Macera. The winner on Saturday was "RI Lights" by Joan Potter.

Programs & Workshops Carol Ann Robertson:

Workshops below will be at Island Creations (unless specified as Zoom).

October 22, 2022	Workshop – "Hand Applique/Quilting" – Denise Greenlund (a couple of openings still available)
November 17, 2022	Lecture – "Versatility of English Paper Piecing" – Tina Craig
November 19, 2022	Workshop– "English Paper Piecing and Panels" – Tina Craig
December 2, 2022	Sit and Sew Kahoots with Missy Smith (via Zoom)
January 19, 2023	Lecture - Marge Tucker (Zoom)
January 21 & 28, 2023	Workshop – with Marge Tucker (Zoom)
February 16, 2023	Lecture – Anthony Ferranti
February 18, 2023	Workshop – TBD
March 16, 2023	Lecture – Pam Weeks
March 18, 2023	Workshop – TBD
April 20, 2023	Silent Auction
April 22, 2023	Quilt a Thon
May 18, 2023	Strawberry Social and Election of Officers
May 20, 2023	Workshop – Kassie Randall and Billie Bunnewith

Membership Anne Sabatini:

There were 73 members present at tonight's meeting at the church and we have a total of 154 total members including 10 new members. Gail asked the new members to stand and introduce themselves and where they are from in case anyone is interested in carpooling.

Publicity – Barbara Stetson:

Barbara Stetson announced that she has cookbooks for sale in the lobby. Proceeds from the cookbooks will go to NBQA.

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

The museum has changed the way they handle free passes. More information to follow.

Newsletter Paula Weston:

Please contact Paula if you do not receive your newsletter by the second week of the month or if you have information to add to the next newsletter. Remember ads are free for members (one ad per member). Business ads are \$5 per issue (\$30 for the year).

Website Patricia Andraka (reported by Maria Knight):

Website has been updated. Please send any additions or corrections to Pat.

Comfort Quilts Geri Bergreen, Barbara Hartford, Gail Macera: (as reported by Geri)

The next quilt-a-thon will be held at the Cranston library from 9 – 2 on November 5th. Bring your sewing machine. Committee is planning another quilt-a-thon in the spring.

Thank you notes were received from the Blackstone Valley Advocacy Center (women’s shelter) and the Ronald McDonald House.

The summer challenge quilts will be shown at an exhibit titled “Wrapped in Love” which will open on Saturday, December 3rd with a reception from 10–12 at the Cranston library. The quilts will remain on display at the Cranston library during regular library hours until they are donated in time for Christmas.

Education Committee Peggy Lane:

The committee distributed kits of Halloween ornaments at our quilt show and will be making kits of holiday ornaments for the Cranston library.

Special Events: (Louise Pankiewicz)

Nothing planned at this time, but possibly in the spring.

Librarian Lynn Medeiros:

On hold

Facebook Geri Bergreen and Tina Zuffoletti

Facebook has been updated. There is a new Facebook page for members only called Narragansett Bay Quilters and you must answer three questions to be allowed to join the group. This new Facebook page will be more secure as it is for members only.

Door Prizes, Strip Exchange, Block of the Month - Melissa Smith:

Winning tickets were drawn. Strip exchange for November: Christmas fabric 2 ½ inch by width of fabric. Block of the month: 6 ½ inch unfinished half square triangle blocks

Several quilts were brought up for Show and Tell.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. Our next in-person meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 17th, 2022 at the church.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Laprise
Secretary