

# **NBQA General Membership Meeting**

## **11-17-22**

The in-person monthly meeting of the Narragansett Bay Quilters Association was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President, Gail Macera. Prior to the start of the meeting, the NBQA Boutique sale was open from 5:20 to 6:20 p.m.

### **President Gail Macera:**

Gail welcomed members to the meeting.

Gail asked Carol Ann Robertson to introduce tonight's speaker, our own Tina Craig. Tina has been quilting for 32 years and specializes in precision piecing. She teaches English Paper Piecing and enjoys domestic machine quilting. Her lecture tonight is called: "The Versatility of English Paper Piecing". Tina has exhibited her quilts in many shows and has won numerous Best of Show awards. Her website is [seaside-stitches.com](http://seaside-stitches.com). Tina also mentioned that "Quiltfolk" magazine Issue 25 will feature Rhode Island and NBQA ([quiltfolk.com](http://quiltfolk.com)). The discount code to order this issue when it is released will be sent to all members.

Gail introduced one of our new members, Natalie Fleischer, who is the Rhode Island Coordinator for "Ryan's Case for Smiles". Natalie announced that there is an upcoming event at Blackstone Quilting Company (formerly Rycos) to make pillowcases for Hasbro Children's Hospital on Saturday, December 10 from 9 – 3. Blackstone Quilting Company is offering 15% off fabric to make pillowcases to donate or you can bring  $\frac{3}{4}$  yard of your own kid friendly fabric from your stash. Further information can be found at [blackstonequiltingco.com](http://blackstonequiltingco.com).

Gail introduced another member, Martha Scholes, coordinator of the Rhode Island chapter of Project Linus. Martha thanked the guild for allowing her to have a table at our recent quilt show. Project Linus donates homemade blankets of all kinds (knitted, crocheted, fleece, quilted) from crib to twin size to places like Hasbro, Bradley, and South County Hospitals, as well as shelters and adoption services. Martha collects the blankets from 11 drop off locations throughout Rhode Island and sews a Project Linus label on. Gail presented Martha with several comfort quilts for Project Linus. More information can be found at [projectlinus.org](http://projectlinus.org).

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

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

### **Treasurer Blaire Gagnon :**

The following amounts were as of November 17, 2022.

Checking Account Balance is \$14,848.53

Savings Account Balance is \$10,380.25

Report was approved and seconded.

**Vice President Joan Potter** (as reported by Gail):

Any maple leaf blocks for the 2025 raffle quilt or money from tickets for the 2023 raffle tickets that members have brought tonight will be collected by Gail as Joan is not here. The raffle quilt is currently on display at Knit One, Quilt Two in Barrington.

The financials for the quilt show were emailed to members. The quilt show had a profit of \$1251.33 (which would have been higher except for the expense of the old storage facility; the new storage facility we currently use has a much lower rent cost).

**Programs & Workshops Carol Ann Robertson:**

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

November 19, 2022	Workshop– “English Paper Piecing and Panels” – Tina Craig (There are still spaces available for Tina’s workshop)
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 74 members present at tonight’s meeting at the church and we have a total of 159 total members including 5 new members. Gail asked the new members to stand and introduce themselves and where they are from.

**Newsletter Paula Weston:**

The next newsletter is planned to go out around January 7, 2023. Paula is going to add a new feature to some newsletters which will include an interview with one of our talented quilt members. She has someone in mind for the March/April newsletter, but Paula is asking for members to email suggested names for future issues. Her email is pweston528@gmail.com.

**Website Patricia Andraka, 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 Gail and Geri)

The quilt-a-thon held at the Cranston library on November 5<sup>th</sup> was a great success. Sixteen members participated.

The summer challenge quilts will be shown at an exhibit titled “Wrapped in Love” which will open on Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> with a reception from 10–12 at the Cranston library. All 41 quilts will remain on display at the Cranston library during regular library hours until December 18<sup>th</sup>. These comfort quilts will be donated to the MAE Organization in Cranston in time for Christmas.

Gail suggested that anyone taking the 2 machine quilting workshops in January are welcome to take a comfort quilt top to use as their project.

**Education Committee Peggy Lane:**

The committee will be making kits of holiday ornaments for the Cranston library tomorrow. The committee plans to meet by Zoom in January.

**Librarian Lynn Medeiros:** (as reported by Gail)

The guild was gifted 72 books from the library of the late Rosemary Michelle Simpson, a scholar at Brown University. One of the books in the collection was “Broderie Perse” by the late Barbara Barber (Barbara was a former member of NBQA and well known in quilting circles).

A database of the available books will be created and Lynn will store the books at her home. Anyone interested in a book in the database base will contact Lynn by email and she will bring the book to the next meeting. More details to follow.

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

Winning tickets were drawn. There were 42 strips and 10 blocks submitted this evening which will be donated to comfort quilts.

Several quilts were brought up for Show and Tell.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Our next two meetings will be on Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> (Sit and Sew Kahoots with Missy Smith via Zoom) and on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup> (lecture with Marge Tucker via Zoom).

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ann Laprise  
Secretary