

# **NBQA General Membership Meeting**

## **05-18-23**

### **President Gail Macera:**

The May meeting of the Narragansett Bay Quilters Association was called to order at 6:47 pm by President Gail Macera.

Before the business meeting, members could shop our boutique at greatly reduced prices. Kits for the summer challenge were available to pick up as well.

Gail asked our new members present tonight to stand and introduce themselves. Gail noted that we have 33 new members and a total of 174 current members.

Gail was pleased to announce that the boutique sales have brought in about \$4500 for the benefit of the guild activities. At our silent auction last month, we took in \$1733 and were able to donate \$862 (50%) to the New England Quilt Museum, \$431 (25%) to Meals on Wheels, and \$431 (25%) to the United Methodist Church (where we hold our meetings) for one of their missions.

Gail read the slate of officers, standing committee chairs, and key contributors for the coming year and asked if there were any nominations from the floor. The list of nominees is in the newsletter. Gail asked the secretary to cast one vote for the slate of nominees.

The hospitality position is on hold for now. Gail will send out a poll over the summer to determine if members want to have a break during the meeting for snacks or if they prefer no break so the meeting will close earlier.

Gail gave a special recognition to Anne Sabatini (Membership) and Joany Rebecchi (Hospitality) for their many years of service to the guild.

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

Minutes from the April 2023 meeting were emailed to all members by Louise Pankiewicz.

Minutes were approved and seconded.

### **Treasurer Blaire Gagnon:** (as reported by Gail)

Checking Account Balance is \$14,930.91 (as of 5/18/23)  
Savings Account Balance is \$10,385.39 (as of 4/30/23)

Report was approved and seconded.

Gail reported that Blaire is away for the next 6 weeks so Gail will be filling in as treasurer.

## **Vice President Joan Potter:**

Joan encouraged members to pick up a summer challenge kit tonight. The kits are all different and include fabric to make a baby size (40 x 52) or twin size (68 x 93) quilt to donate to foster kids at DCYF (birth to age 18). Please include a coordinating pillowcase (handmade or store bought) to give with the quilt. Voting will take place at the September meeting and cash prizes will be awarded to the top three votes. Instructions are in the newsletter.

Joan mentioned that the Newman Congregational Church at 100 Newman Avenue in Rumford, RI is hosting an exhibition this weekend featuring quilts made by the Sacred Ally Quilt Ministry in Jaffrey, NH. These quilts were created as a response to the murder of George Floyd and make statements about the pain of racism in our country.

The quilt show committee has been researching venues for a quilt show in 2024 (spring or fall). The West Warwick Civic Center has a large space with room for lots of vendors, quilt racks, parking, and even a couple of classrooms. Joan will check into available dates. A kickoff meeting to plan the next quilt show is scheduled for June 11<sup>th</sup> at Louise's shop. Please contact Joan Potter at [joanpotter1@cox.net](mailto:joanpotter1@cox.net) if you would like to help.

Joan drew the winner of the 2023 raffle quilt at the end of the business meeting. The winner was Bob Campbell.

## **Programs & Workshops Carol Ann Robertson:**

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

Sat, May 20, 2023	Workshop – Kassie Randall and Billie Bunnewith – “Have Your Cake and Sew It Too” at Island Creations
Sat, Sept 9 & 16, 2023	Marge Tucker “Unmarked-Contemporary Walking Foot Quilting Workshop” (Zoom)
Thurs, Sept 21, 2023	Welcome back (no lecture) – voting for summer challenge
Thurs, Oct 19, 2023	Anthony Ferranti – “Maintaining Your Machine”
Sat, Oct 21, 2023	workshop – open
Thurs, Nov 16, 2023	Colleen McFarlin from Beyond the Bolt in Bristol, RI “Color Theory and Variation”
Saturday, Nov 18, 2023	Workshop selection pending
December 2023	Sit and Sew - pending
Thurs, Jan 18, 2024	Cristina Arcenegui Bono (Zoom) – pending contract
Sat, Jan 20, 2024	Workshop – (Zoom) – pending contract
Thurs, Feb 15, 2024	Brita Nelson “Now You See It, Now You Don't: The Magic of Disappearing Blocks” (Zoom)
Sat, Feb 17, 2024	Disappearing Block Sampler Workshop (Zoom)
Thurs, Mar 21, 2024	Open
Sat, Mar 23, 2024	Quilt-a-thon
Thurs, Apr 18, 2024	No lecture, Silent Auction
Sat, Apr 20, 2024	possible workshop
Thurs, May 16, 2024	Strawberry Social – Election of officers
Sat, May 18, 2024	Kassie and Billie – workshop

### **Membership Anne Sabatini:**

There were 69 members in attendance at tonight's meeting. Pat Hendrickson (our new co-chair of the membership committee with Sheri Bolduc) reported that we have about 100 renewals for next year so far.

### **Publicity – Barbara Stetson:**

We are working on a new bookmark to showcase NBQA to the public. We are hoping to have it ready for the Strawberry Festival at Smiths Castle on June 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Newsletter Paula Weston:**

The summer newsletter will be sent out around July 4th. Paula is planning to interview another NBQA quilter for the November/December newsletter. Please contact Paula at [pweston528@gmail.com](mailto:pweston528@gmail.com) if you have a suggestion for a seasoned or new quilter who has an interesting story to tell about their quilting journey. Also, Paula is looking for a "quilter's question" to include in an upcoming newsletter. Members can also have a free ad in the newsletter to sell quilting related items. If you know of any business that would like to buy an ad in our newsletter, the cost is \$5 per issue times 6 issues for a total of \$30 for the year.

### **Website Patricia Andraka, Maria Knight:**

Up to date.

### **Comfort Quilts Geri Bergreen, Barbara Hartford, Gail Macera:**

Barbara Hartford showed 18 comfort quilts that have been donated (including some made at last month's quilt-a-thon). Many thanks to all who contributed to this effort!

### **Education Committee Peggy Lane:**

The Education Committee is getting ready for the Strawberry Festival (June 24) at Smiths Castle in Wickford. The committee will be working on kits during the summer for the Harvest Festival (September 23) at Smiths Castle. New members are always welcome.

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

Louise has arranged a bus trip to the Bayberry Quilt Show in Harwich, MA. The date will be Wednesday, August 2 and the bus will pick up at the park and ride on Route 117 in Warwick at 9:30 am and is expected to return around 7:00 pm. The cost is \$65 and includes the bus, tip for the driver, and admission to the show. There are 54 seats on the bus. Please see Louise tonight to sign up or contact her at [louisebpd@yahoo.com](mailto:louisebpd@yahoo.com).

### **Joany Rebecchi – Hospitality:**

Members enjoyed a delicious strawberry shortcake before the business meeting. Thank you, Joany!

**Geri Bergreen, Tina Zuffoletti – Facebook:**

Status quo.

**Librarian - Lynn Medeiros:**

The library is ready to go! Pat Andraka has created a list of the current titles which was emailed to all members on March 14<sup>th</sup>. There are pictures of some of the books posted on our website under Resources / Library. Please email Lynn at [lynnm2@cox.net](mailto:lynnm2@cox.net) and Lynn will bring your selection to the next meeting.

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

Our donation of \$862 to the museum from our proceeds at the silent auction brings our guild to a higher leadership level.

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

Missy drew prizes for the block and strip exchanges and also for the door prizes. Missy announced that there will not be a strip exchange next year as we have an abundance of strips for comfort quilts. The block exchange will be 6 and 12 inch finished blocks according to a monthly theme; watch your newsletters for more details.

**Show and Tell:**

There was a show and tell after the business meeting adjourned. Several lovely quilts were shared!

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Our next membership meeting will be on Thursday, September 21, 2023 (at the church).

Our next board meeting will be on Thursday, September 7, 2023 (at Island Creations)

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Ann Laprise  
Secretary