

## **NBQA Membership Meeting 1-17-19**

Meeting called to order: @6:37PM

**President Geri Bergreen:** Geri noted brochures from Adele Scott's 11-15-18 presentation are available in the lobby for those who were unable to attend due to the weather. Also noted the plan to continue to do monthly baskets as NEQM fund raiser and you must be present to win

**Vice President Celia Schnacky:** Celia noted she made a sample block for the raffle quilt. She and Mary Hamilton will be shopping soon for fabrics. She plans to have 1-2 blocks made by the February, 2019 membership meeting

**Treasurer Sue Ellis:** Checking account balance is \$16153.12  
Savings account balance is \$15047.30

**Secretary Nina Ashworth:** minutes from November, 2018 membership meeting were sent to membership on 1-3-19; has been posted on website

**Membership Anne Sabatini:** 66 members present tonight; no new members since last meeting

**Librarian Pat Stark:** overdue DVD's need to be returned. Geri noted the NBQA By-laws note part of Librarian's role is to maintain contact with Cranston Public Library where original guild library books were housed many years ago. It has been learned that the Cranston Library never catalogued our old quilt book library so are not available. By-laws need to be re-written to reflect this

**Special Events Louise Pankiewicz:** School House Shop Hop has been scheduled for March 23, 2019; cost is \$58. Looking into possible bus trip in the Spring to New England Quilt Museum

**Newsletter Sally Cooper:** last newsletter sent out 2 weeks ago

**Comfort Quilts Brenda Starble, Linda Maslanka:** 20 quilts have been finished; not yet distributed. Geri plans to work on Fidget Quilts/placemats for Alzheimer patients on the scheduled Saturday Open Sew Day (1-19-19). Mary Padbury won the drawing of those who returned finished quilts

**Quilt Show Joan Potter:** Show will be held April 18-19, 2020. Looking to fill some positions including door favors/mug mats, floor set up coordinator(s), publicity (print up flyers and distribute, contacting press, notebooks available showing how this has been done in the past). Joan noted Nina Ashworth and Jeannine Hicks are available to pass on info about floor set up from their experience setting up previous shows.

**Publicity:** this position remains unfilled. While unfilled, Geri encouraged any member to take pictures at meetings, classes, guild activities etc., and get pictures to any officers. Pictures can be sent to Geri or Chrissy Bonin who have been made additional admins for Facebook page; can be sent to Maria Knight or Pat Andraka for inclusion on Website.

**Website Maria Knight, Patricia Andraka:** all up to date; any pictures can be included

**Facebook Sharon Bibeault:** Geri and Chrissy Bonin have been made additional admins

**New England Quilt Museum Karen Stanley:** Monthly baskets will continue as NEQM fundraiser. Two baskets tonight raised \$247; drawing winners are Dotty Calvano and Mary Peterson. March basket will have Garden theme (green); Karen available to pick up donations if needed. Following is a list of current and upcoming shows at the Museum; noted our own Nancy Messier currently has her Mini Art Quilts on display through April 27, 2019. Also, tonight's presenter, Pat Delaney, will have 2 quilts in the Silk exhibit. Karen will look to see if NEQM has any passes available as they have been in the past.

#### CURRENT AND UPCOMING EXHIBITIONS

January 15 - April 27, 2019	May 1 - August 4, 2019	August 7 - September 8, 2019
GUNS	IN PRAISE OF SILK	SUMMER CELEBRATION OF
Loaded Conversations	The World's Favorite Fabric in	NEW ENGLAND QUILTS
-----	Quilts and Clothing	The Best of the Region's Quilt Guilds
Big Impressions		
Mini Art Quilts by Nancy Messier		

#### GENRE EXHIBITIONS ALSO ON VIEW

January 15 - March 30, 2019	April 2 - June 23, 2019	June 25 - August 8, 2019
JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT	EXPLORATIONS II	19th C. BASKET QUILTS
Favorites from the Pilgrim Roy Collection	Inside the Quilt Artist's Studio	American Quilt Study Group Challenge

**Education Committee Peggy Lane, Barbara Stetson:** Barbara noted they are ready to start up again with new focus on educating about quilting and NBQA. Will be putting together something for the Website and local libraries

**Programs & Workshops Chrissy Bonin, Billie Bunnewith:** Open Sew Day scheduled for this Saturday (1-19-19) at Miller's Crossing from 8am to 2pm, lunch included with cocktails following for those interested. Tonight is last opportunity to sign up. There are openings in the 3-22-19 workshop with Judy Coates Perez, Tea & Ephemera, Art Multi Media; and a handful of openings for the 5-11-19 workshop with Diana Funke, Mesh Beach Bags. Next years' programs are almost fully booked. Guild members asked to vote tonight at the Programs table for one of three options for one of next years' workshops.

**Magazine Exchange:** Ryco is once again accepting donations of our leftover magazines; Maria Lage has agreed to take them to Pat at Ryco

**Door Prizes Missy Smith, Caryn O'Connor, Dyann Casala:** members encouraged to make sure to get tickets during break

**Hospitality Joany Rebecchi:** members very generous in their “red” snack donations for tonight’s meeting

**SPEAKER:** Pat Delany lecture “Red”

**Red!** We see it everywhere, every day. It can both grab our attention or just lie in the background. Pat explored the origin (How is it made?) and the symbolism (Where did it come from?) with you. **Red** is woven throughout our language in common sayings and it is buried deep in our memories. Pat’s own associations and memories with the color **red** have formed her collections and influenced the palettes for her quilts. Come and learn—you will be “seeing red” in all its glory while discovering what it can do in your quilts! Wonderful display of Pat’s quilts through slides and trunk show! Members followed her lecture with a display of their own “Red” Quilts!

Guild members Dotty Calvano, Lisa Taft and Celia Schnacky were awarded for their “red” outfits.

**Block of the Month Louise Pankiewicz:** all completed blocks will go to Comfort Quilts to be included in quilts. Sally Cooper won the drawing for blocks donated

**Strip Exchange Lyn Pallotta:** (February: VIOLET - Blue, mauve, yellow, cream & violet)  
Winner of drawing was Pat Stark

**Historian:** position remains unfilled

**NEW BUSINESS:** Geri notes it was brought up at the last Board Meeting that the NBQA By-laws note that no officer can serve more than two (2) consecutive one year terms of office. Will be proposing that By-laws be changed to allow officers to be able to spend four (4) consecutive one year terms in office. The reasoning is that officers are just getting comfortable with the role into the second year. Will propose a vote on this at the March, 2019 meeting. Also need to take out the section of By-laws that discusses librarian serving as liason to the NBQA Collection at the Cranston Public Library

How many members attended? 66

Meeting adjourned: 8:43PM

**Next Membership Mtg:** 2-21-19, Beth Heftler Trunk Show. A lively presentation of Beth’s quiltmaking journey, from her first frighteningly awful attempt at self-taught quilting to eventually founding EvaPaige Quilt Designs with her own line of unique patterns. Included are thoughts on the design process as it unfolds in 20 minute increments in the midst of the chaos of running a home and raising three small children, how a quilt can be a thing of beauty even without matching seams and perfect points, and the many joys of bringing her designs to the masses and discovering that they often can become converts to the freeing idea that “perfection is overrated”.

**Next Program/Workshop:**

2-16-19 (Saturday; 10-4), Billie Bunnewith & Kassie Randall “Day at the Improv” (@ Blaines, 1280 Oaklawn Ave., Cranston, RI)

Next Special Activity:

3-23-19 (Saturday; 7am to 8:30pm ish); 2019 Schoolhouse Shop Hop Bus Trip (to visit The Quilted Crow, Bolton, MA; Cobblestone Quilts, Townsend, MA; The Bunkhouse Quilt Shop, Lyndeborough, NH; Quilter Threads, Henniker, NH; Red Barn Sewing & Yarn Center, Merrimac, MA)