

NBQA Membership Meeting

April 16, 2015

President Hope Barton called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Program Chair Joan Blade Johnson introduced the evening's speaker, Sue Pelland of Sue Pelland Designs. Sue and her mom were NBQA members a while back and ran a quilting store, Quilters' Quarters. Sue now lives in MA and has designed quilting rulers and patterns. This evening she demonstrated her "Leaves Galore" rulers and showed us several quilts made from her patterns using her rulers.

NBQA member and Ninigret Quilters President, Tina Craig brought this year's beautiful Ninigret raffle quilt to our meeting tonight. Raffle tickets were made available to NBQA membership. In turn, Ninigret will host our raffle quilt at one of their meetings next year.

Special Event chair, Louise P. reminded members to see her at the break if they want to purchase tickets to the May 2 bus trip to **A World of Quilts XXXVI** in Somers, NY . Cost of this trip is \$45.

Lisa Champlin along with a few volunteers, created new name buttons to replace our muslin name badges. Many were distributed tonight. Seek out Lisa to pick up yours.

Challenge Fabric chair, Susan Chace has received another bolt of the challenge fabric. It will be available for sale at the May meeting.

President Hope Barton reviewed the proposed bylaws change presented at the March meeting. The proposed change would eliminate Article X Section 1:

"All checks, drafts, or other orders for the payment of money, notes or other evidences in indebtedness, issued in the name of or payable to the Corporation shall be signed, or endorsed by two (2) signatures, that of the President, Vice President, and/or Treasurer."

Rationale for the change: The Treasurer has been bonded. This is the most secure way to protect guild financial assets. There is no security in the requirement of two signatures because the bank will cash checks with only one signature. To further support and secure guild financial assets and ensure reporting requirements are met, the Board has created a detailed policy & procedure for the Treasurer.

The required quorum of member voters was present at the meeting. A motion was made by Louise Pankiewicz to approve the proposed change. The motion was seconded by Judy Chase A vote was taken and the motion passed with 1 vote opposed.

SOCIAL BREAK

Program Chair, Joan J. noted that there were 3 opening in Sue Pelland's class but the May marbling class was full. She asked students for the May class to get an alum packet from her this evening.

NEQM Liaison, Chris Bagley reminded us about the NEQM fundraiser to be held at our May meeting. She is seeking donations of handmade items. They do not need to be handmade by YOU! Baked goods, items from other countries and quilt related items, neatly packaged (tied in ribbon and/or sealed in plastic bags please) would be greatly appreciated Please bring them early to the May meeting in time for set-up.

Chris also encouraged members to use the Amazon Smile program when shopping on Amazon. If you select NEQM as your preferred charity, they will receive a donation based on the item's purchase price.

NEQM Co-Liaison, Allison W. reminded us that the NEQM fabric sale is scheduled for May 2. Donations of fabric are now being accepted. At the sale, you will be able to buy fabric by the bag at great prices.

Comfort Quilt Chair, Mary Padbury showed a few of the latest completed quilts for donation. Please complete any others you have and bring them to Mary at the May meeting. At that meeting, Mary will present a slide show of this year's comfort quilts.

Nominating Chair, Melanie J. announced that she is seeking people who want to work on Program or Publicity for next year. Please see her if you can do either of these jobs!

Judy Chase, Membership, reminded people that renewals are due in May. We now have a single form for all membership types so please read the form carefully and check the correct boxes. Print clearly, your email address so you are sure to receive the newsletter.

Block of the Month chair, Louise P drew the winner for April. Only one person – Dottie Calvano - participated this month!

Fat Quarter of the Month: Carol K. drew the winner of this month's fat quarters. May's theme is Steel Magnolias – Mid-scale (approx. 2 – 5 ") florals.

Hospitality chair, Peggy Lane, thanked everyone for the great response for refreshments this year. In appreciation, May is Strawberry Social month - no refreshment donations needed!

Door Prizes were drawn and distributed by Norrene and Pat C.

The Raffle Quilt is being completed and we will need a long-arm quilter volunteer by summer/fall. Please see Hope if you can do this.

Show & Tell had another group of beautiful and inspiring offerings.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Submitted by Melanie Johnston, Secretary

Attachment: April Financial Report