

NBQA Membership Meeting

February 19, 2015

Vice President: Judy Lang-Chiarella called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Judy introduced the evening's speaker, [Kate Themel](#), a Cheshire, CT based fabric artist. Her fine art bachelor's degree is in painting, but Kate now uses fabric as her art medium. Her distinctive, painterly style has drawn numerous awards and accolades. In her program, Kate described her process and used a mix of photos and actual quilts to illustrate her body of work.

Special Events: Louise Pankiewicz reviewed 2 upcoming events:

- The **NBQA MA Schoolhouse Shop Hop** will visit 5 quilt shops on Saturday, March 28. The \$45 event fee includes a lovely tote bag!
- On May 2, the guild is hosting a bus trip to **A World of Quilts XXXVI** in Somers, NY. Cost of this trip is also \$45.

Contact Louise louisebpd@yahoo.com to register for either of these last two events.

Louise also noted that there are still a few NBQA t-shirts available for \$15 and next month she will be taking orders for sweatshirts.

Block of the Month: Louise Pankiewicz showed February's BOM – Flying Geese, and encouraged quilters to participate in the March (See Saw) and April (Flying Geese Strip) block events.

SOCIAL BREAK

Raffle Quilt: Vice President, Judy Lang-Chiarella showed members a picture of the 2016 raffle quilt design. Many thanks to Pat Harrison and her EQ7 team (Tina Craig and Shari Migdahl Smith) for creating this beautiful mariner's compass based design. The construction will be paper piecing and there will be a class for those wishing to participate but needing instruction or a brush-up on the paper piecing process.

Comfort Quilts: Mary Padbury reminded us about the upcoming Quilt-a-thon on Saturday February 28 10-3 at the church. This event is always a lot of fun and a great way to meet other members. Bring your sewing machine, scissors, a mat and rotary cutter. Allie's donuts, pizza & salad will be provided to keep you fueled. If the weather does not cooperate, an email will be sent so keep an eye out.

Program: Joan Johnson reported openings are still available for:

- **Fabric Frenzy** with NBQA members Billie Bunnewith, Kassie Randall & Denise Greenlund - Feb 21 @ 9:30 am – 3:30 pm
- **Meet Me at the Bar** Designing Linear Quilting Motifs with Patricia Delaney of Crabtree Lane Studio - Mar 21 @ 9:30 am – 3:30 pm
- **Fast & Fabulous with Leaves Galore** with Sue Pelland of Sue Pelland Designs - Apr 17 @ 9:30 am – 3:30 pm.

Membership: Diane Roman reported that for the next guild year there will be only one form for all membership types (New, Renewing & Associate). Dues will remain the same but if you choose to receive the newsletter via paper mail instead of email, there will be a \$10 additional charge. This is pretty close to the cost of printing and mailing a newsletter. As in the past, forms will be included in the April newsletter.

Publicity: Cathey LaBonte encouraged members to visit the publicity table for information about the many upcoming spring shows in our area.

Treasurer: Lisa Champlin reported January income- \$885; YTD income - \$9,168.73. January expenses - \$1,179.63; YTD expenses - \$8,463.02. Checking account balance as of 2/1/15 - \$25,543.41. Additional financial details are in the financial report.

Secretary: Sue Chace. The secretary's report was moved, seconded and approved without change.

Show & Tell: Inspiring as always!

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9 PM.

Submitted by Melanie Johnston, Secretary