

## NBQA Membership Meeting

May 21, 2015

### Strawberry Social 7 – 7:45PM

Following a delicious strawberry shortcake dessert and NEQM silent auction bidding, **President Hope Barton** called the meeting to order. She thanked everyone for participating in the auction.

**Treasurer** Lisa Champlin reported income for April \$1,340; YTD income \$12,982.73. April expenses \$2,884.62; YTD expenses \$15,235.30. Checking account balance as of May 1 is \$22,229.31. Additional details may be found in the attached finance report.

**Secretary** Melanie Johnston - The secretary's report was moved, seconded and approved without change.

**Quilt Show Chair**, Joan Potter reported that our 2016 quilt show will coincide with the guild's "ruby" ie 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The theme will be "Forty and Fabulous!" The challenge fabric is red and other graphics and advertising for the show will also likely use a lot of red.

She asked the group to note in their calendars that both the challenge quilts and quilt show applications will be due at the February 2016 guild meeting.

**Pat Harrison** gave an overview of the judging process. The guild determines the number and definition of categories for the show. The guild also selects the judge and judging system they wish to be used.

Pat reviewed the two judging systems NBQA has used in the past.

The "**Point**" system: This is a very common system used in New England and is the one used by the Vermont Quilt Show. In this system, the guild selects criteria for evaluation and assigns point values e.g. a perfect binding might get a score of 10, perfect quilting a score of 20 and so on. A perfect score on all criteria add up to 100. Each quilt is evaluated on its own merit and not in comparison to any other quilt. Makers receive the judge's score of their quilts and some brief comments. Ribbons are awarded based on total point score. This method is a bit easier for the scribes to record.

In the "**Elimination**" system the guild determines the number and type of categories. Quilts in each category are judged against each other. Awards are given for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Honorable Mention. The 1<sup>st</sup> place winners from all categories are then judged against each other and a "Best in Show" is selected. Makers do not receive a numerical score but receive detailed comments. Pat noted in her analysis of several past shows, NBQA awarded more ribbons when the elimination system was used. She also noted that in this system, there is more opportunity for the judge to consider and reward complexity of design, and degree of difficulty. Makers and the public tend to intuitively better understand this comparison type of judging.

Sandra Munsey commented that the point system has worked well in Vermont and that makers are given comments along with numerical scores.

Pat asked for a vote on which system to use for 2016. Points – 20 votes. Elimination – 52 votes. We will use the Elimination system for 2016.

**President Hope Barton** announced that the Knit One, Quilt Too shop is having a sale in June and will give discounts to card carrying guild members. NBQA cards have an exp. date of May but will be honored for this event in June. She also reminded everyone that thanks to Lisa Champlain, we now have new name buttons. Please pick yours up at the Membership table.

The Proposed **Slate of Officers and Committees** was presented by Melanie Johnston. The slate was adopted as presented. See attached for the list.

**Special Events Coordinator**, Louise Pankewiecz drew prizes from the completed shop hop passports and from all shop hop attendees.

**The Summer Challenge** mystery bag fabric was distributed. For details and guidelines, see page 5 of the May newsletter. Remember that newsletters are also available on the NBQA website. Completed summer challenge quilts will be judged and prizes awarded at the September meeting.

**Comfort Quilt Chair**, Mary Padbury showed a PowerPoint slide show of the many, many comfort quilts completed this year. They will be distributed to several agencies including, Women & Infants Hospital, Kent County Hospital, Ronald McDonald House and the VA Hospital.

**Fat Quarter of the Month:** Carol K. drew the winner of this month's Steel Magnolias fat quarters.

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

**Show and Tell** was excellent!

**Jeannine Hicks** will continue to receive placemats for Meals on Wheels clients through the summer. Thanks so much for all that have been donated to date.

Please see Chris and Allison in the lobby to pay and pick up your won auction items.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Submitted by Melanie Johnston, Secretary

Attachments:

Financial Report

New Officers & Committees

## **New Officers & Committees**

President – Hope Barton

VP – Cathey LaBonte

Sec – Melanie Johnston/Sue Chace

Treasurer – Lisa Champlin

Hospitality – Peggy Lane

Program – Peggy Murphy

Membership – Ann Sabatini, Judy Chase, Diane Roman

Block of the Month – Louise Pankiewicz

FAQ – Carol Kaufman

Door Prizes – Norrene McGearry & Pat Coughlin

Newsletter – Sara Crocker

Special Events – Louise Pankiewicz

Publicity – Barbara Hartford & Geri Bergreen

Comfort Quilts – Mary Padbury

Quilt Show – Joan Potter

Historian – Maribeth Traer

Website – Joany Rebecchi & Joan Johnson

NEQM – Chris Bagley & Allison Wilbur

Library – Maria Lage

Magazine Exchange – Diane Funke