

NBQA Membership Meeting  
Sept 18, 2014

**President:** Hope Barton called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. She introduced the committee chairs and board members and asked them to give their reports.

**Newsletter – Sara Crocker:** For the postal mailing of the Sept newsletter, the post office inadvertently applied incorrect postage. As a result, the newsletters were returned to NBQA for inadequate postage. Members who receive postal main newsletters can pick up their copy tonight or contact Sara Crocker.

**Membership- Diane Roman:** Please check your information in the new membership book and let Diane know of any corrections needed.

**Library – Maria Lage:** We have a wonderful DVD library. Members may borrow DVDs for a month. If you have suggestions for new DVDs please let Maria know.

**Special Events – Louise Pankiewicz:** We are partnering with Ninigret Quilters of Westerly/Pawcatuck for this year's trip to the Gathering. Cost is \$27.00. There are still a few spots on the bus. Sign-up with Louise.

**Block of the Month – Louise Pankiewicz:** A 12" block design has been selected for each month. You may participate in the monthly drawing by entering your block or you may choose to keep your blocks and make your own quilt. Designs and instructions are on the website. NBQA members Sharon Mayers and Louise have scheduled weekly time at Sharon's new shop where members can work on their BOM together for fun or to get help as needed.

**Historian – Maribeth Traer:** NBQA photos are on Shutterfly <https://nbqaphotos.shutterfly.com/>  
Sign in with your own shutterfly password or use NBQA all caps.

**Publicity – Cathey LaBonte:** At each meeting, Cathey sets up a table in the lobby with fliers and other information about quilty events. Cathey is also the new member social contact. If you have a question or are not sure what to do or just need someone to sit with, find Cathey.

**Comfort Quilts – Mary Padbury:** Mary has lots of donated fabric. If you want some to make comfort quilt blocks, see Mary. She thanked those who have already made many blocks. She will schedule a Quilt-a-thon in February.

**Website- Joany Rebecchi and Maria Knight:** Lots of great information about the guild and its activities is there. Please visit often!

**Program – Joan Johnson:** We have 6 great workshops this year. Our first one is Saturday October 18. Kindred Quilters (NBQA Members Lois Johnsen and Shari Migdail-Smith) will be teaching how to make the "Urban Trilogy Bag."

In November, Jane Sassaman will be here. That workshop is full with a waiting list. Visit our website for descriptions, pictures and supply lists for all the classes.

**Secretary- Melanie Johnston:** The minutes of the May general meeting were voted on and accepted.

**Treasurer – Lisa Champlin:** The budget for the 2014-15 fiscal year was voted on and accepted. Expenses YTD: \$2,868; Income YTD: \$4,857. Detailed report is attached.

**BREAK – for refreshments, Summer Challenge voting and SAQA Trunk Show**

BOM drawing – 12 blocks were entered; Dottie Calvano won them!

**Fat Quarter of the month – Carol Kaufman:** Drawing was won by Carmen Hanson.

**New England Quilt Museum Liaison – Chris Bagley:** Current and upcoming programs: **Down by the Old Mill Stream, Rhode Island Quilts & Historic Fashions**, On View through October 5, 2014. **Colonial Revival Quilts AQSG 2012 Quilt Study, in small gallery** through October 25, 2014, **HUMOROUS QUILTS Keeping Us In Stitches**, October 9 - December 31. See Chris if you would like a pass.

**Hospitality – Peggy Lane:** Thanks to all who brought snacks tonight! There was a drawing for the centerpieces.

**Summer Challenge:** Each person spoke briefly about their piece based on the theme, Old Made New. There were many moving stories of items and memories included in the work . Winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> - Phyllis Cayer; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Denise Greenlund, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Sharon Mayers and Jeanne Goyette (tie between these 2) and honorable mention – Barbara Roberge and Judy Lang-Chiarella.

**Door Prizes** were drawn.

**Show and Tell** was fabulous with many members participating.

**Adjournment.**

Submitted by Melanie Johnston, Secretary