



# NORTHEAST REGIONAL BUTTON ASSOCIATION

## Fall 2023 Newsletter

### NERBA News

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**Welcome to The Northeast Regional Button Association  
Annual Show & Meeting June 14-16, 2024  
Get ready for the Celebration!**

#### Greetings from the President

Thank you, thank you! With the amazing button community support and hard work, our NERBA 2023 show was an astounding success. We can now look forward to the 2024 and 2025 NERBA Button Shows.

The 2024 show is our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show and, as such, a button tribute to the many dedicated people who have been an integral part of NERBA's success from the beginning is in order. Jane Leslie and Joanne Wyman had the grand idea to start a regional show in the Northeast back in 1984. The first annual show hosted by MSBS was May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 1st in 1985. And the registration fee was \$1.00!

Looking through some of the show programs, many very familiar names appear. John Whiteford, Warren Tice, Jean Longo, Mary Lucus, and Phil and Dottie Linley are a few of the members who worked on numerous positions for NERBA.

The first show theme was "Les Petites Dames de Mode". Through out the years show themes have had many interesting themes, such as Egyptians, Raptors, and The Country Fair.

This year we honor our past and look forward to the future with a button "CELEBRATION" for the 40<sup>th</sup> NERBA show.

Laurel Durso  
NERBA President



#### Important Dates

- January 31- Deadline for Dealers requesting Tables
- May 29- Deadline for donating/ consigning Items

## WHO'S WHO in NERBA

### NERBA Officers

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## **A Message from the Show Manager**

“CELEBRATE!” 40 years of NERBA! Join us at DoubleTree of Boston/Milford on Friday, June 14-Sunday, June 16, 2024. Use the attached link to book early (you can always cancel if you have to) or call to reserve your room. There are two other room blocks reserved so that weekend will be a sell-out, and as we know from 2023, it is a tough weekend to find an available room!

The board is busy making plans for this auspicious occasion. Let’s make it our best gathering ever! To do that, we need your help. We would love to have volunteers from every club at the Ways & Means, Raffle, and Registration Tables. There will be more to come on these procedures, which may be different in 2024.

I would like to exhibit work from every State Society, and/or local club or individual wishing to make a creative button art display representing a different holiday or celebration! Maybe clubs should check in so they all don’t do Christmas! Consider New Years Eve, MLK Day, Cinco de Mayo, Valentine’s Day, Presidents’ Day, Election Day, Chinese New Year, Flag Day, St Paddy’s, Easter, Earth Day, July 4th, Memorial or Labor Day, Passover, Purim, Hanukkah, Halloween, Thanksgiving, or any other you can think of.

Talk at your meetings about possible themes for 2025, also at DoubleTree, May 29 - June 1, 2025. So far we have a few suggestions, including Button Jungle, Bears or The Teddy Bear’s Picnic, Patterns & Symbols, Art/ Music, Inspirational Women and New England Button Manufacturers. Please send your ideas to your State Director.

Sabrina O’Meara  
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## **Hotel Information**

### **NERBA 2024 SHOW**

June 13, 2024 - June 16, 2024  
Book by May 14, 2024

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Boston - Milford  
11 Beaver Street, Milford, MA 01757  
1-508-478-7010

#### **Rooms & Rates**

1 King Bed - **\$124.00**  
2 Queen Beds - **\$149.00**

#### **Book Your Room**



We’re off I-495 in Milford’s retail and business district, a short walk from local shops and restaurants. Upper Charles hiking and biking trail passes by the hotel and we’re a short drive from Milford Pond. Gillette Stadium, Framingham State University, and Natick Mall are within 15 miles.



Spark your interest in button collecting by checking out the dealer offerings on display at the 2024 NERBA Show.

### Invitation to Dealers for 2024 and 2025

Dates for the next two NERBA shows have been set on 6/13 - 6/15/2024 and 5/29 - 6/1/2025 at the Doubletree in Milford, MA. We expect to have about 25 dealers with 75 tables available. Invitations and applications will be sent in Nov/Dec to all dealers from the 2023 show plus those who were regulars prior to our shut-down. Dealers report that sales were excellent in 2023 and we will do everything possible to accommodate our long-term dealers. It would be helpful to me if you could let me know early if you do/do not plan to sell at 2024 NERBA.

George Gauthier, Dealer Liaison  
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### AUCTION ITEMS WANTED!!

The auction is a major fundraiser for NERBA! Money raised supports the organization so we can continue to host this event for years to come. It is our goal to ensure a smooth, stress-free auction process. To achieve this, firm guidelines have been carefully established and we ask that all members read and adhere to them as written.

#### CONSIGNED ITEMS:

May 29, 2024 DEADLINE DATE! Full descriptions of buttons and/or button related items and desired starting bids must be submitted to auction chair. There can be no exceptions! Nothing can be accepted after this date.

- Consignors must be a member of CT, MA, ME, NY, NH, RI or VT button societies.
- Each lot must have a minimum value of \$25.
- There is a three lot maximum per member.
- Auction chair reserves the right to reject items not deemed acceptable.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND items to be auctioned. If your items are accepted, the auction chair will provide you a Lot # (s) and more information about submitting your lot (s).

TERMS: 75% of hammer price goes to the consignor. 25% goes to NERBA. Checks will be mailed to consignors by July 28, 2024.

#### DONATED ITEMS:

- All items donated will be accepted at the chairman's discretion. 100% goes to NERBA.
- There is no limit to the amount of buttons/button related items donated.
- There is no deadline for donation.

**NOTE:** Donors who submit items by May 29th, 2024 will be included on the auction list. Otherwise, donors names will be verbally mentioned by the auctioneer.

Please contact Miriam Johnson, auction chair at 320 Bushy Hill Road, Simsbury, CT 06070, cell phone 860-818-3322, or [johnsonm320@comcast.net](mailto:johnsonm320@comcast.net) with any questions.

## NERBA 2023 Award Winners

<b>Award NO.</b>	<b>Award short title</b>	<b>PLACE</b>	<b>Name</b>
1	Materials Summary - President's Award	Merit	Gretchen Gauthier
2	Div. I BG w silver luster	Merit	Bev Hesse
3	Div. I Flat steel w/ applied design w/ steel OME		no entry
4	Div. I Rubber	Merit	George Gauthier
5	Div. I Pastimes, games, and sports	Merit	Estelle Magnan
6	Div. III Snap-together		no entry
7	Div. VII-A Food & drink		no entry
8	Div. VII-B Food & drink		no entry
9	Diminutive Materials Assorted	Merit	Thelma Nichols
10	China artistic display		no entry
11	Niello	First	Leah Antinick
		Second	Lynne Drury
		Third	Thelma Nichols
12	Vegetable Ivory	First	Lynne Drury
		Second	Linda O'Brien
		Third	Leah Antinick
13	Wood assorted	First	Joan MacFarlane
		Second	Art Baur
		Third	Donna Tazloski
14	Pictorials assorted sp. to BINGO	First	Lynn Keller
		Second	Zelda Lavanaway
15	Pictorial sew throughs	Merit	Gretchen Gauthier
16	Pictorials assorted sp. to the kitchen		no winner
17	Birds assorted	First	Lynn Keller
		Second	Joanne Wyman
		Third	Rebecca Robinson
18	Roosters	First	Lynn Keller
19	Insects	First	Mary Beers
		Second	Art Baur
20	Domestic cats	First	Mary Beers
		Second	Lynne Drury
		Third	Joanne Wyman
21	Horses	Merit	Zelda Lavanaway
22	Snakes		no entry
23	Sports, game equipment	First	Gretchen Gauthier
		Second	Sharon Evans
		Third	Laurel Durso

## NERBA 2023 Award Winners cont'd

<i>Award NO.</i>	<i>Award short title</i>	<i>PLACE</i>	<i>Name</i>
24	Sports, game equipment + pastimes, games, sprots	First	George Gauthier
		Second	Lynn Keller
		Third	Mary Beers
25	Food & drink	Merit	Elaine Baur
26	Dragons		no entry
27	Fops		no entry
28	Playing card people		no entry
29	Water transportation	Merit	Zelda Lavanaway
30	Black Glass patterns	First	Amy Larson
31	Backgrounds		no entry
32	Squares on round buttons	First	Gretchen Gauthier
		Second	Katrinka Quirk
		Third	Mary Ellen Shelzi
33	Paris/French backmarks	First	Leah Antinick
		Second	Susan Peden
34	Art Deco glass (BG & CCG) spec. to shapes	Merit	Joan MacFarlane
35	Spindles	First	Linda O'Brien
		Second	Donna Major
36	Realistics/Goofies	Merit	George Gauthier
37	Wobble shanks	First	George Gauthier
		Second	Darlene Gildert
		Third	Dean Gildert



Collectors of antique, vintage and contemporary buttons first organized as the National Button Society in 1938. Since that time, state societies and local clubs have sprung up to help collectors find a home in this fascinating hobby, now with over 3,000 members from around the world.

[nerba.org](http://nerba.org)

## *NERBA 2024 Awards*

Please use the 2023 NBS Blue Book Classification to prepare the trays for these awards.

**Limit of 5 trays per entrant for 2024.**

### **Sponsored Awards**

1. **President's Award** (Div. IX) Cl. 6-6.2, 20 Any. Faceted specialized to patterns. Label pattern. In memory of Dottie Linley, a great friend and contributor to all facets of the button collecting hobby. \$25-15-10.

#### **Division I**

2. Cl. 10-5.6, Various. Steel cups. Steel button lover. \$15-10-5.

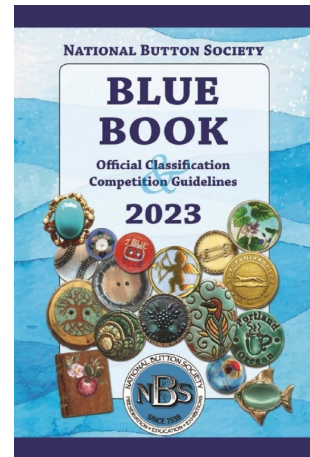
#### **Division III**

3. Cl. 2-2.2, 25 Any size. Kutani. Label back types and back marks. Double shanks allowed. Lynne Drury. \$10-7-5.
4. Cl. 6-3.8, 30 Any size. Moonglows. Surface colors, sizes, OMEs, DFs, and face designs all worth points. Label salient features. Katrinka Quirk in honor of Vicky MacTavish. \$15-10-5.
5. Cl. 10-3.3, 20 Any size. Soft cast pewter specialized to Christina pewter. Friends of Thelma Nichols in honor of her work as the new NERBA's first treasurer. \$30-20-15.
6. Cl. 23-11, 20 Any size. Studio buttons assorted. Must have five buttons made by Dot or Phil Linley. The Linley buttons must be signed on the back, and all buttons must be labeled as to the studio artist. Laurel Durso in memory of Dot Linley. \$15-10-5.

#### **Division IX**

7. Cl. 1-0, 25 Any size. Celluloid assorted. Belknap Button Club in honor of our new members. \$25-15-10.
8. Cl. 1-0 through 15-5, 20 Any Size, LIMITED. Assorted materials specialized to red on the button face. 50% or more of the face must be red. Include tints, shades and hues of reds, but do not include pink which is a different listed NBS color. Limited to clubs, or state societies that are the only club, as of this publication. This is a group award and learning opportunity. Club members should pool their buttons to create the tray. Crescent Club of Massachusetts in honor of all button clubs. \$20-20-20.
9. Cl. 1-0 through 15-5, 25 Any size. Assorted materials specialized to peacocks. Gretchen Gauthier in honor of all my judging room volunteers because I'm proud as a peacock for all your work. \$25-15-10.

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Your guide to preparing award trays



10. Cl. 1-1.1, 25 Any size. Hollow body specialized to glow bubbles. Points given for each different color of glow or combinations of glow. George Gauthier in memory of Joy Gauthier. \$15-10-5.
11. Cl. 2-2 + 2-3, 20 Any size. 10 Arita + 10 Satsuma. Try to include the 4 pictorial sections, a pattern, a verbal and the 3 basic shapes. Twin Valley Button Club in memory of Rita M. Doherty. \$50, 35, 15.
12. Cl. 3-4.2 + 3-4.3 + 3-4.4, Small. Calico + Lusters (all lusters) + Stencils. 14 of each class. New York State Button Society in honor of our new President, Kathy Arbogast. \$15-10-5.
13. Cl. 5-5.1, Various. Backgrounds assorted. Gretchen Gauthier. \$15-10-5.
14. Cl. 7-0, Small. Clear and colored glass assorted specialized to green glass. All hues, tints, and shades of green are acceptable. Label and mount in class order. Gretchen Gauthier. \$15-10-5.
15. Cl. 7-0, Various. Colored glass specialized to yellow and amber. No balance between the colors required. Label and mount in class order. Katrina Quirk in honor of Sabrina O'Meara's sunny smile. \$15-10-5.
16. Cl. 7-3, 20 Any size. Colored glass specialized to red. Limited to those who have never won a ribbon at NERBA. Massachusetts State Button Society. \$20-20-20.
17. Cl. 10-3, 25 Any size. Pewter assorted. Must have 5 each of Battersea, Danforth, and Christina with the remaining 10 buttons of any pewter. Leah Antinick. \$10-7-5.
18. Cl. 17-1 through 20-24, 25 Any Size. Pictorials assorted specialized to movies, and buttons representing movies. Label the movie each button represents. Metropolitan Button Club. \$25-15-10.
19. Cl. 17-5, 20 Any size. Mammals specialized to mice and rats. No need for balance. Try for a variety of materials. Lynn Keller. \$15-10-5.
20. Cl. 17-5.1 + 17-5.2, 25 Any size. Cats (domestic) + Cats (wild). Limit of four studio buttons. Monson Button Club in honor of Regina Schlesinger. \$20-20-20.
21. Cl. 17-5.2, 20 Any size. Cats (wild) specialized to 10 tigers and 10 lions. No limit on studios. Nutmeg Button Club in honor of cat lovers everywhere. \$15-10-5.
22. Cl. 17-5.3, 25 Any size. Deer family. Must have at least one moose. No balance required between moose and deer. Label type of animal (deer, elk, moose, etc.). Elaine Baur. \$15-10-5.
23. Cl. 18-6.2 + 18-12, 20 Any size. Fans + Unlisted specialized to feathers. Try for balance between classes. Stylized fans and feathers not allowed. Label materials. Betty Korostynski. \$20-15-10.
24. Cl. 18-6, 25 Any size. Fashion accessories assorted, specialized to 5 of each of purses, belts, shoes, hats, and umbrellas/parasols. New Hampshire State Button Society. \$25-25-10.



25. Cl. 20-17 + 20-23, 20 Any size. Men + Women. 10 of each class. Must be real people. No mythological, story characters, or fantasy people allowed. Label the name of the person. Joanne Wyman in honor of everyone who has made NERBA a success. \$25-15-10.
26. Cl. 21-7, Various. Pictorial summary specialized to black glass. Linda Goldberg. \$15-10-5.
27. Cl. 22-1, 25 Any size. Patterns assorted specialized to fabric. See Blue Book page 23 for list of patterns and labeling requirements. Elaine Baur in honor of Cheryl Killam. \$20-10-5.
28. Cl. 23-10.3, 30 Any size. Realistics specialized to shell. Beverly Hesse. \$10-6-4.
29. Cl. 23-12, 25 Any size. Unlisted, specialized to buttons that are predominantly green on the face (obverse). Belknap Button Club. \$25-15-10.

**\* Limit of 5 trays per entrant for 2024 applies to Judged Awards Only - Does not include People's Choice Awards \***

## *People's Choice 2024 Awards*

**Adult Award**, Minimum 25 Any size. Creative button craft award limited to: articles of clothing or accessories that must be wearable such as vest or hat with button craft design applied; wall hangings limited to 3' x 3' size, must be mountable as wall or door hanging; decorative home/yard item for display use only. Use of clothing items okay only if creative design makes item totally unwearable such as a belt glued & twisted together with buttons. Laurel Durso in honor of Sabrina O'Meara. \$25-15-10.

**Junior (under 18) Award**, Minimum 25 Any size. Creative button craft award limited to: articles of clothing or accessories that must be wearable such as vest or hat with button craft design applied; wall hangings limited to 3' x 3' size, must be mountable as wall or door hanging; decorative home/yard item for display use only on a table or shelf, etc.. Use of clothing items okay only if creative design makes item totally unwearable such as a belt glued & twisted together with buttons. Laurel Durso in honor of Thelma Nichols. \$25-15-10.