



Northeast Regional Button Association

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SPRING 2020 NEWSLETTER



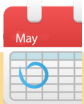
**JOIN US TO PLAY
"BUTTON GAMES"
JUNE 19 - 21, 2020**

at
**Sturbridge Host Hotel and
Conference Center, 366 Main St.
Sturbridge, MA**

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!

For reservations call (508) 347-7393.
Mention NERBA for the special group
rate of \$99/night plus tax.

Deadline for reservations at the NERBA
rate is May 28, 2020.



SAVE THE DATES!

May 28: DEADLINE FOR HOTEL
RESERVATIONS AT NERBA RATE.

May 30: DEADLINE FOR SHOW AND
BREAKFAST RESERVATIONS. (MAIL TO
GEORGE GAUTHIER)

May 31: DEADLINE FOR DONATING/
CONSIGNING ITEMS FOR AUCTION.
(CONTACT THELMA NICHOLS)

Greetings from our President

**2020: THE CHINESE LUNAR NEW YEAR, YEAR OF THE RAT
HOROSCOPE: IF YOU WORK HARD, YOU WILL SUCCEED.**

For NERBA, every year is the Year of the Rat. We've worked hard, and now 36 years later, we have succeeded in putting this show on everyone's calendar—even in the face of learning on January 10th that the Red Lion Hotel in Cromwell, CT had filed for bankruptcy, and the hotel was shuttered. Within a week I had visited the Sturbridge Host Hotel & Conference Center in Sturbridge MA—right on the MA/CT border at the intersection of Rte. 84 and the Mass. Turnpike. On January 23, via conference call, the Directors voted to give this new, more central location a try. Whew!

The new dates of June 19-21, 2020 are necessary because they are the only dates the hotel has available. And as I've said, the show must go on! The hotel itself isn't sleek and modern. It's more New England Colonial vintage (Old Sturbridge Village is right across the street): big fireplace in the lobby, brick patios with striped awnings outside every room—and located right on a lake. A huge number of conventions, weddings, and social events come to Sturbridge, and we hope you will, too. Come for the day, or even better, come for the duration and revel in a High 5 weekend of buttons and good friends.

Step Up! This is YOUR show—Let's all work like rats to keep the show a success! It takes many cogs to make the wheels turn smoothly. Please don't wait to be asked. Step up and let us know you'll do it! Can you take meeting minutes? WE NEED A SECRETARY. Like to compete? Someone has to judge and that someone could be YOU. Do you have a gift of welcoming people with a big smile? Registration needs you. Adept at retail? Ways & Means and Raffle have a place for you. Haven't been to the gym lately? The auction needs help with set up and auction runners. Just raise your hand!

IMPORTANT BREAKFAST NOTE! The hotel is requiring a definite number for breakfast at least five days before the show. Therefore, there will be no breakfast reservations taken at the show. There's a place for you at the table – you just need to pre-register to let us know you're coming.

Looking forward to seeing you there!
Joanne Wyman
NERBA President

SHOW SCHEDULE

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Friday, June 19, 2020

7:00 – 9:30 a.m.	Dealers only setup
9:00 a.m.	Registration, Raffle and Ways & Means opens
9:30 a.m.	Showroom opens!
3:00 – 4:15 p.m.	Tray check-in
5:00 p.m.	Showroom closes
4:00 – 5:30 p.m.	Drop off auction items
3:15 – 4:15 p.m.	Count & Measure trays
6:00 – 7:15 p.m.	Auction Preview
7:30 p.m.	Auction

Saturday, June 20, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Judges and Clerks meeting – Judging begins
9:00 a.m.	Registration, Raffle and Ways & Means opens
9:30 a.m.	Showroom opens
4:00 p.m.	Annual Directors meeting
5:00 p.m.	Showroom Closes
7:30 p.m.	Studio Buttons presentation by Karen Cohen followed by reception and tray viewing

Sunday, June 21, 2020

8:00 a.m.	Breakfast, Awards presentations, and Annual Meeting of Members
10:00 a.m.	Showroom opens
Noon	Tray check-out
Noon	Showroom closes

Show Manager

Scott Person – guy12074@yahoo.com

Dealer Coordinator

Anita Cody – anibc@aol.com

Awards Chair

Joan MacFarlane – buttonjoan@verizon.net

Judging Chair

Nancy Boyer – nboyer@ptd.net

2020 AWARD CORRECTIONS/CLARIFICATIONS

Award 10. Must use at least 25 china buttons of any size to create this artistic display.

Award 22. Buttons depicting playing cards are not appropriate. Look for kings, queens, knights, jesters/jokers suitable in Cl. 20-18 or these figures shown on coins (Cl. 18-3).

Award 31. French manufacturer; French geographic location; depose, brevete, etc.; or any of these are acceptable backmarks.

DONATIONS WANTED!

AUCTION

The auction is a major fundraiser for NERBA! Donations support the organization so we can continue to host this event for many years to come.

Please contact Thelma Nichols, Auction Chair, with a full description of buttons/items to be sold or donated for the 2020 auction by May 31. You must be a member of CT, MA, ME, NH, NY, RI or VT button societies to consign items. Each lot must have a minimum \$25 value. Three lot maximum per member for consignment; no limit on the number of donated items. NERBA will recognize you for your generosity.

The auction chair reserves the right to reject items deemed unacceptable.

Terms: 75% of hammer price to the consignor and 25% to NERBA. Auction checks will be mailed to the consignor no later than 7/31/2020.

Please do not send items to be auctioned. If your items are accepted, the auction chair will provide you with lot number(s) and more information about submitting your lot(s).

Please deliver items to the auction room between 4:00 and 5:30 p.m. on Friday, June 19. The auction preview runs from 6:00 to 7:15 p.m. with the auction starting promptly at 7:30 p.m.

Please contact Thelma Nichols, Auction chair at tnichols@mcttelecom.com or at **603-588-6766** if you have any questions.

WAYS & MEANS

The Ways & Means Table is also a major fundraiser for NERBA. Donated buttons and button-related items are sold at Ways & Means with all proceeds supporting NERBA.

Donate an item which is priced and ready to sell! You can donate as many items as you'd like. Feel free to put your name on the tag so people know that you are the donor. Please deliver all donated items to the Ways & Means Table or have a friend deliver them (if you can't make it to the show).

Please contact **Judy Noonan** at judycubed@gmail.com or **508-733-3712** if you have any questions.

RAFFLE! RAFFLE! RAFFLE!

Please bring your donated items to the raffle table as the team is there before the showroom doors open. Think about volunteering for an hour with a friend! A sign-up sheet will be available at the table. We are grateful for donations and our volunteers! You can email any questions or concerns to elainebaur@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the Judging room (runners, clerks, counters and judges), Raffle table, Registration table, and Ways & Means. Please contact the following to volunteer:

Nancy Boyer at nboyer@ptd.net to volunteer in the judging room.

Elaine Baur at elainebaur@gmail.com to volunteer for the Raffle Table

Judy Noonan at judycubed@gmail.com to volunteer for Ways & Means

Laurel Durso at ldbuttons@yahoo.com to volunteer to help at Registration

Thanks in advance to everyone who donates items and to the many volunteers! NERBA's success is a result of your generous support!

KEEP HOMESTEAD (BUTTON) MUSEUM (KHM) TOUR

Sunday, June 21 from noon to 4 p.m.

Located at 35 Ely Rd., Monson, MA the KHM will be open for private visits by NERBA attendees after the close of the NERBA show. This exceptional opportunity to visit a 270 year old homestead is only 20 minutes from the Sturbridge Host hotel. It contains a 200 card display of buttons collected by Myra Keep Moulton over many years. The highlight is a collection of 17 trays of exceptional micromosaic buttons. Black glass, shell, chinaware, and enamels, as well as themed cards are on display. There are also many other unusual antiques, handmade quilts, kitchen tools, etc. Don't miss this opportunity. See www.keephomesteadmuseum.org for more information.

Please thank these states for assisting with the following responsibilities at NERBA!



New York
Raffle



Connecticut
Registration &
Pre-Registration



Massachusetts
Breakfast
Decorations



PRE-REGISTRATION FOR SHOW/BREAKFAST REGISTRATION

PLEASE NOTE: Due to hotel requirements NO BREAKFAST REQUESTS WILL BE TAKEN AT THE SHOW

This form must be received by Saturday, May 30, 2020.

Pre-registration \$10 per person
(\$15 at the door) \$ _____

Breakfast buffet - \$25 per person
(includes meal, tax, gratuity and favor button) \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Name(s) _____

Contact information: Phone or email _____

Please send a check made payable to NERBA to:
George Gauthier
166 Tyler Ave.
Groton, CT 06340

Questions? Please email George at JoyButtons@TVConnect.net.

**BE SURE TO CHECK OUT NERBA.ORG FOR
SHOW UPDATES, TRAY SLIPS, AND ENTRY FORMS!**

NORTHEAST REGIONAL BUTTON ASSOC.

Award Entry Form
Limit 7 entries

Entrant #

★ **Entrant must fill out BOTH copies** ★

IN	AWARD #	DIV	CLASS	SIZE	TITLE/DESCRIPTION	OUT

Intake Initial: _____

Release Initial: _____

Member of: _____ Permission to publish name: yes _____ no _____

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