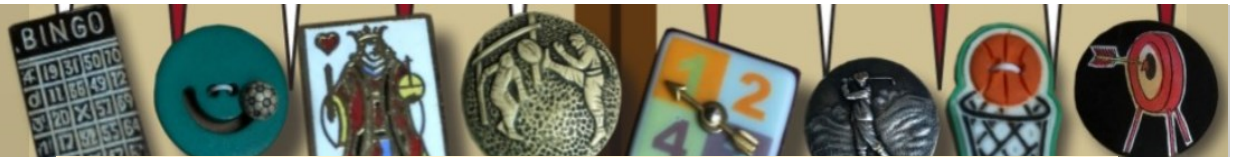


NORTHEAST REGIONAL BUTTON ASSOCIATION



Spring 2023 Newsletter

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BUTTON GAMES				

JOIN US TO PLAY
"BUTTON GAMES"

June 9 - 11

DoubleTree Hilton

11 Beaver St Milford, MA
(accessible by bus, air and train)

RESERVE YOUR ROOM

by May 19th to get the
NERBA Rate of \$124 + tax

Reserve your room online
by Clicking [HERE](#)

Or call (508) 478-7010 and
ask for the NERBA rate

Important Dates

- May 25 - Deadline for donating/consigning Items for Auction
- May 31- Deadline for Show & Breakfast Registration

Greetings from our President

Let the games begin! The Northeast Regional Button Association Button Games Convention that is. The NERBA Board of Directors has been meeting monthly for two years with one goal in mind, to regroup and plan this event. Scheduled for June 9th, 10th and 11th 2023, it is the result of the efforts of numerous hardworking and dedicated NERBA members. I recently came across a t-shirt from the 2009 NERBA 25th Convention and Anniversary celebration. That would mean we will be celebrating our 39th year in 2023.

We have had our ups and downs, but thanks to our great button community, NERBA is back in business.

Started by two amazing people, Joanne Wyman and Jane Leslie, the NERBA organization has been lucky to have wonderful button dealers and workers to make the annual convention a success. Of course, no acknowledgement of NERBA volunteers would be complete without including Dottie Linley. Dottie had worn multiple hats, including manager, dealer, dealer liaison and pre-registration organizer. She performed each duty with ease and expertise, the likes of which we may never see again. Dottie died January 31 after being in hospice for several weeks.

Thanks to the financial contributions this past year from member states, button clubs and individuals, NERBA can again have a spring convention in New England. In addition to all of the above, we are also grateful for the button donation from Tim Kennedy that has helped restore the NERBA treasury.

Our 2023 button convention has an amazing combination of new and seasoned committee chairpersons who are working together for an exciting show at the DoubleTree by Hilton in Milford, Massachusetts. Our new show manager, Sabrina O'Meara, is a welcome addition to lead us in the future.

And now, let the button games begin!

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SHOW SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 8

3:00 p.m.

Dealer Set-up

4:00 p.m.

Button Art/Craft Set-up

4:00 p.m.

Button Book Library Table
Set-up

Friday, June 9

9:00 a.m.

Registration

Showroom Opens

Ways & Means Table opens

Raffle Ticket Sales begin

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Competition Tray Check-in

Competition Tray Count &
Measure

4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Auction Items Drop-off

5:30 p.m.

Showroom Closes

6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

Auction Preview

7:30 p.m.

Auction

Saturday, June 10

8:00 a.m.

Judging begins

9:00 a.m.

Registration

9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Button Art/Craft Workshops

11:00 a.m.

Showroom Opens - **NEW time**

Ways & Means and Raffle Open

4:00 p.m.

Annual Officers & Directors
Meeting

5:30 p.m.

Showroom Closes

7:30 p.m.

Exploring History through
Tingue Buttons

Competition Tray Viewing

Sunday, June 11

8:00 a.m.

Breakfast, Awards, Annual
Members Meeting

10:00 a.m.

Showroom Opens

Noon

Showroom Closes

Noon

Tray Check-out

Message from the Show Manager

I hope everyone who wants to book a room at the DoubleTree Hilton is able to with the link on the NERBA website and on Page 1 of this newsletter. If you have problems with the link or want to confirm adjoining or ADA compliant rooms, please contact the Director of Sales, Roland Proulx, at Roland.Proulx@Hilton.com. Email the registration number obtained after booking to Roland who will put you in the system with your preferences.

Travel Note: Logan Airport in Boston and T.F. Green airport in Providence are the most convenient and allow public transportation to Milford, MA. More detailed information is on Page 6 of this newsletter. It will also be posted on the NERBA website.

2023 NERBA AWARD CORRECTIONS

Award 33. Cl. 23-2.4, Various. Paris/French back marks. Acceptable back marks include: French manufacturer, French geographic location, depose, brevete, etc. **Label back mark on the front of the card. Button obverse design, DFs, and OMEs of secondary value.** Leah Antinick. \$10-8-5.

NOTICE FROM THE JUDGING ROOM

NERBA is **limiting the number of trays to four (4) per person for 2023**. Please see the NERBA Fall Newsletter. Should we have enough volunteers to efficiently count, measure, judge, and hang all the trays entered in 2023, we will revisit the per person tray limit. And, please, consider volunteering in the judging room. You only need to be able to carry trays, or read and write. There's always a job for anyone. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

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

Gretchen Gauthier at gretchen.b.gauthier@gmail.com to volunteer in the judging room.

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

Lorraine Goodman at goodman57.loran@gmail.com to volunteer for Ways & Means.

Megan McGory-Gleason at meganmcgory@yahoo.com to volunteer to help at Registration.

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.

There will be a button arts and crafts non-juried exhibition in the showroom. If you make button jewelry or button mosaics, please contact Sabrina at sabrinaomeara@gmail.com. Send a picture of your work with size and description of the item. Thanks for your cooperation!

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 25, 2023 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! No consigned items can be accepted after this date.

- Consignors must be a member of CT, MA, ME, NY, NH, RI or VT button societies. The Canadian provinces of Ontario and Quebec are also part of NERBA and may consign items.
- 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.
- If you know the estimated value of your items, please include that information.

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 19, 2023.

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 names will not be listed on the auction list but will be verbally recognized 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 with any questions.

WAYS AND MEANS ITEMS WANTED!!

HELP NERBA raise funds by donations to the Ways and Means table. Great time for Spring cleaning! Ways and Means is a major fund raiser for NERBA.

Donations may consist of buttons, button-related items, new handcrafted items, books, bulletins, etc. Donate as many items as you like.

Price your donation in whole dollars with your name and phone number attached. Drop off items at the Ways and Means table between 9 AM and 5 PM on Friday.

Before 5 PM Saturday, pick up items not sold OR leave as a donation to NERBA for next year.

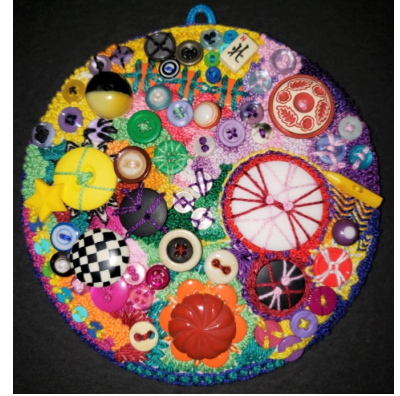
Please contact Lorraine Goodman at goodman57.loran@gmail.com or 603-217-7051 if you have any questions.

We will be offering three button workshops at the showroom entrance on Saturday morning (9 -11) during competition tray judging. Fees (TBD) will be nominal and all materials will be provided. Please email Sabrina at sabrinaomeara@gmail.com to reserve a space in 1 of 3 classes.



#1 Button Tapestries with Sabrina

You will learn simple embroidery techniques and apply buttons with various stitching patterns to fabric set in an embroidery hoop. 10-12 spaces available in this class.



#2 Button Necklaces (TBA)

String some buttons on embroidery thread

~ or ~

Bring your empty heart shaped candy boxes to fill with buttons. There will be some empty containers and little foil candy cups if anyone would like to see how those can be made. 10-12 spaces available in this class.



Donations of empty heart-shaped candy boxes appreciated!



#3 Button Bags with Judy Noonan

Button Bag, Button Bag, You can have a button bag!!! All sewing levels. Decorate using fabric markers, paint, embroidery floss, and sewing buttons on your bag. Buttons will be provided as well as other supplies. You may bring your own buttons or other notions. We will have lots of fun!!! We will provide instruction on how to construct sewing bags. Sewing machines will be available for use. Five people may sign up for this class.

Please thank these states for assisting with NERBA show responsibilities.



Connecticut
Pre-Registration
Registration



New York
Raffle



Massachusetts
Breakfast Table
Decorations
Welcome Buttons



New Hampshire
Ways & Means



Vermont
Publicity

Boston Logan Airport to Milford, MA provided by Nancie Glazer

One can fly into any airport and rent a car, but remember, Bostonians drive like crazy people and we were just honored with the worst traffic of anywhere in the country.

Once someone is in Boston, they can take the commuter rail from South Station. They would get the Franklin/Foxboro line to Forge Park which takes 45 minutes to an hour; then, either uber, cab or call someone to pick them up. It is an 11-minute trip from the train station to Milford.

To get from Boston Logan airport, take the FREE Shuttle to South Station. This is called the Silver Line and has airport stops at all terminals. This is basically part of the Subway. Once at South Station, you will need to go upstairs to the station and look for the Franklin/Foxboro line. The schedules are available on the Commuter Rail Schedule online.

To get there from T.F. Green Airport and Worcester, both have trains that go into Boston. Then take the Franklin/Foxboro line to Forge Park. (Forge Park is the last stop and is technically in Franklin.)

If coming into North Station, you will need to get to South Station via the Subway which is where the expression "You can't get there from here." comes from. The train stations are NOT connected. Take the Green Line to the Red Line transfer point (Park Street), then take the Red Line two stops to South Station. Get off at South Station and follow the above directions to the Franklin/Foxboro commuter line.

If coming into Boston by bus, I still recommend going to South Station and following directions to the Franklin/Foxboro line. The bus and train stations are next to each other in Downtown Boston.

Any questions? Call or text Nancie at 617-689-0251.

NERBA SHOW THEMES

Looking forward to our future shows, please put your button thinking caps on for NERBA Show Themes. Send theme ideas to any State Director or NERBA Officer. New show themes will be on the annual meeting agenda at the June show.

BELOW IS THIS YEAR'S PRE-REGISTRATION FORM.
ENTRY FORMS & TRAY SLIPS FOLLOW. FOR ADDITIONAL FORMS AND
SHOW UPDATES CHECK OUT NERBA.ORG.
THE 2024 NERBA AWARD SUBMISSION FORM IS ON THE LAST PAGE.



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 Wednesday, May 31, 2023.

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

Would you like to donate to NERBA? \$ _____

Breakfast Buffet - \$35 per person \$ _____
(includes meal, tax, gratuity and favor button)

TOTAL \$ _____

Name(s) _____

Contact information: Phone OR Email _____

Please send check made payable to NERBA to: Megan McGory-Gleason
10 Lewis Ave
Griswold, CT 06351

Questions? Please email Megan at meganmcgory@yahoo.com.

******* REMINDER: 4 TRAYS PER PERSON LIMIT *******

NORTHEAST REGIONAL BUTTON ASSOC.

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

Award Entry Form

Limit 4 entries

Entrant #

IN	AWARD #	DIV	CLASS	SIZE	TITLE/DESCRIPTION	OUT

Intake Initial: _____

Release Initial: _____

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

PLEASE PRINT: *ENTRANT NAME:* _____
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WOOD TRAY OR BACK OF SLEEVE

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2024 NERBA AWARD SUBMISSION FORM

DEADLINE: September 1, 2023

 *Please use separate form for each award.*
Use NBS Blue Book 2023 Awards Edition

DIVISION	CLASSIFICATION NUMBER	SIZE

Description:

Award amount: (min. \$5, \$3, \$2)

Memorial to or In Honor of: (Name only)

Submitted by:

Contact Name:

Contact Preference: e-mail Phone US mail (circle all that apply)

Address:

City, State, ZIP:

Telephone Number:

E-Mail:

Mail to: or E-Mail information to:

Gretchen Gauthier
166 Tyler Ave.
Groton, CT 06340


Gretchen.B.Gauthier@gmail.com

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: NERBA

Checks must be mailed by Sept. 1st

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