

NORTHEAST REGIONAL BUTTON ASSOCIATION



Spring 2024 Newsletter

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NERBA 2024 CELEBRATION

June 14 - 16

DoubleTree Hilton

11 Beaver St

Milford, MA

(accessible by bus, air and train)



RESERVE YOUR ROOM

by May 14th 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 29 - Deadline for donating/consigning Items for Auction
- May 15- Deadline for Show & Breakfast Registration

Greetings from our President...

It's time for donning our party hats and placing 40 candles on a birthday cake. NERBA is celebrating our special 40th anniversary in 2024. With the assistance of one of our NERBA founders, Joanne Wyman, and a copy of the first NERBA show program, the following is a nostalgic look back to 1984-85.

Here's "How NERBA Began" from the NERBA Auction Book. To quote Joanne Wyman: "At a November, 1984 Massachusetts State Show a local collector offered a new item for New Business. Wouldn't it be nice if all the members from the New England States could get together and have a button show. No one would step forward to get such an event up and going. But on the ride home, Jane Leslie and I were talking heads: We can do this! For hours on the phone, we plotted and planned (no email back then).

The first Northeast Regional Button Association meeting was held May 31 to June 1, 1985 in a small motel in Chicopee, Massachusetts with about 10 dealers and an enthusiastic crowd from all over New England." It was hosted by MSBS and had a program, "Les Petites Dames de Mode" presented by John Burbridge. The second meeting in 1986 was hosted by CSBS.

The New England regional button show model was inspirational in the starting of two other regional button shows. Way to go NERBA **and** our local button collectors using good old-fashioned "Yankee Ingenuity"!

As a special anniversary treat, show programs and a slideshow of button pictures from the many fun, show-themed evenings will be gathered into a display as a tribute to all the wonderful button friends who made the NERBA shows a success. We have most of the show programs and a few newsletters.

The following programs are missing: 1992, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2018 and 2019. If you have any of these missing programs or pictures from past shows, please contact me.

Happy Button Anniversary, Button Friends!

Laurel Durso

...and a word from our Vice President

NERBA has always been a special weekend for me. I have always looked forward to spending the whole weekend looking at buttons and visiting with my Button Buddies. This year will be great too!

Another special treat in the works - a charmstring to include in the raffle. We are still seeking contributions. People can give buttons to me at the upcoming state shows or mail them to me at 213 Beach Street, Quincy, MA, 02170. I should be at all the state shows except NY.

Looking forward to competition and all the festivities!

Nancie Glazer

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SHOW SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 13

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 14

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
3:15 - 4:15 p.m.	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 15

8:00 a.m.	Judging begins
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.	Button Art/Craft Workshops
9:00 a.m.	Registration, Ways & Means Raffle Open
	Showroom Opens
	Annual Officers & Directors Meeting
11:00 a.m.	Showroom Closes
4:00 p.m.	Presentation
5:30 p.m.	Competition Tray Viewing
7:30 p.m.	

Sunday, June 16

8:00 a.m.	Breakfast, Awards, Annual Members Meeting
	Showroom Opens
10:00 a.m.	Showroom Closes
Noon	Tray Check-out
Noon	

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.

Message from the Show Manager

Happy 40th Anniversary to NERBA!

It's your organization, so please volunteer your time and talent if you are able. We are expecting a good crowd, so please make your reservations early! There are still rooms available as of February 14th. If you have trouble with the link, please call the Doubletree Hotel at 508-478-7010.

There will be another "Button Art" display with an emphasis on a Holiday or Event worth celebrating. Any individual or club can submit work to this non-juried exhibit, so show us your stuff.

There will be two holiday themed workshops on Saturday morning 9-11, while the judging is going on. Please call or email to register (there will be a nominal fee too). Contact Sabrina! Or you can play "Button Bingo"!

Get your auction items ready to submit to Miriam and your donated items ready for Ways and Means.

Let us know if you have a great idea at this or a future meeting. Maybe you would enjoy leading a workshop or learning to clerk, spend some time in the library or at the registration table. It's your show; let's work together to make it great.

Watch the schedule for an informal discussion with Katrinka about her creative approach to mounting buttons for competition. Save me a seat for this one!



Sabrina

We look forward to seeing you in June.

2024 NERBA AWARD CORRECTIONS

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. \$25-15-10.

25. Cl. 20-14 + 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

Volunteers are needed for the Judging room (runners, clerks, counters, judges), the Raffle table, and Ways and Means.

Please contact the following people to volunteer:

Gretchen Gauthier at gretchen.b.gauthier@gmail.com for helping in the judging room.

Elaine Baur at elainebaur@gmail.com for helping at the Raffle table.

Rebecca Robinson at artfulkitchendesign@gmail.com to volunteer for Ways & Means.

Megan McGory-Gleason at meganmcgory@yahoo.com for helping at Registration.

PEOPLE'S CHOICE 2024 AWARD

Limited to 3 Entries per Individual

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 sign up early or email any questions to elainebaur@gmail.com.

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, 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](tel:860-818-3322), or johnsonm320@comcast.net with any questions.

WAYS AND MEANS ITEMS WANTED!!

HELP NERBA raise funds by donating 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 Rebecca Robinson at artfulkitchendesign@gmail.com or 603-738-7524 if you have any questions.

Saturday Morning Activities

To be held at the showroom entrance (9 -11) during competition tray judging.



Button Christmas Tree
with Dean and Darlene Gildert

On the left, is a 5x7 mounting board with a felt tree attached that will be supplied. Stars will be provided for the top as well as buttons for the tree. Buttons are attached using E6000 glue. You can make a simple tree like the one on the left or enhance it with your own buttons and beads to create a tree like the one shown on the right.



Valentine Candy Box
with Sabrina O'Meara

Several heart shaped boxes and fluted papers are available. You can also bring your own. Buttons will be available for participants or you can learn the techniques and purchase buttons specific to the desired style from the attending dealers. 10-12 spaces are available in this class.



Button Bingo
with Sandi Plummer

Come play Button Bingo... an easy game for everyone in which types of buttons and materials are substituted for numbers. Whether you are just learning about different buttons or are well-versed, you can play for fun and prizes.

Please thank these states for assisting with NERBA show responsibilities.



Connecticut
Pre-Registration
Registration



**New York &
Maine**
Raffle



Massachusetts
Breakfast Table
Decorations



New Hampshire
Ways & Means



Vermont
Publicity



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 15, 2024.

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

Would you like to donate to NERBA? \$ _____

Breakfast Buffet - \$30.50 per person _____
(includes meal, tax, and gratuity)

Favor Button: This year the favor button is separate.
It is not required to purchase a breakfast
in order to get the button. \$15 each \$ _____

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.

ENTRY FORMS & TRAY SLIPS FOLLOW. PRICE CHANGE - NOW \$1 PER TRAY
FOR ADDITIONAL FORMS AND SHOW UPDATES, CHECK OUT NERBA.ORG

NORTHEAST REGIONAL BUTTON ASSOC.

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

Award Entry Form

Limit 5 entries

Entrant #

IN	AWARD #	DIV	CLASS	SIZE	TITLE/DESCRIPTION	OUT

NERBA'S COPY

Intake Initial: _____

Release Initial: _____

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

PLEASE PRINT: *ENTRANT NAME:* _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

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Your Tray Receipt

Intake Initial: _____

Release Initial: _____

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

PLEASE PRINT: *ENTRANT NAME:* _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

TAPE THIS SECTION TO THE TOP OF
WOOD TRAY OR BACK OF SLEEVE

YEAR:

NORTHEAST REGIONAL BUTTON ASSOC.

Award No.	No. of Entries	ENT. NO.
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DIV	CLASS	SIZE	C & M
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Description:

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Merit	judged
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Remarks:

Judges: _____

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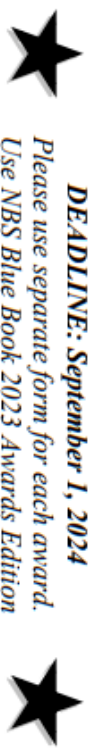
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Remarks:

Judges: _____

2025 NERBA AWARD SUBMISSION FORM

DEADLINE: September 1, 2024



*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 (Name only)

or

In Honor of:

Submitted by:

Contact Name: (circle all that apply)

Contact Preference: e-mail Phone US mail

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

2025 NERBA AWARD SUBMISSION FORM

DEADLINE: September 1, 2024



*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)

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