



Northeast Regional Button Association

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WE'LL BE PLAYING BUTTON GAMES AT A DIFFERENT HOTEL IN JUNE!

The NERBA 2020 “games” will be taking place at:

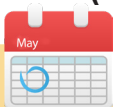
The Red Lion Hotel
100 Berlin Rd., Cromwell, CT

Located in the Connecticut River Valley, the hotel is a short distance from Exit 21 off Route 91 with a variety of restaurants nearby. Join your fellow button collectors for three days of fun and camaraderie.

MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!

Reserve your room by May 5, 2020 for the group rate of \$99/night (plus tax). If you would like to have a room with a refrigerator, please request it when reserving your room. After May 5, reservations will be accepted on a space-available basis at the regular room rate.

Reservations can be made online at redlion.com/ checkout, Group Code NERB0604 or by calling (860) 288-4985 and mentioning NERBA.



SAVE THE DATES!

May 5, 2020: DEADLINE FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS AT GROUP RATE.

May 15, 2020: DEADLINE FOR SHOW AND BREAKFAST RESERVATIONS.

May 31, 2020: DEADLINE FOR DONATING/CONSIGNING ITEMS FOR AUCTION.

June 5, 2020: LET THE BUTTON GAMES BEGIN!

Greetings from our President

October 1, 2019

CROMWELL HERE WE COME! In response to members' requests and hats off to Lynn Keller, we are moving to the RED LION HOTEL, 100 BERLIN ROAD, CROMWELL, CT. The hotel is about 15 minutes southeast of Hartford, but coming from the north, you avoid the traffic through Hartford, Waterbury (and Danbury). The showroom space is ample, and the plan is to keep the dealers, raffle, ways & means and tray exhibits all in one room on one floor.

MEET OUR NEW COMPETITION TEAM! Joan MacFarlane, Awards Chair, has reviewed all the awards submitted for next year's competition and they are now presented in this newsletter for your consideration. Nancy Boyer will serve as Judging Chair to assure that all goes smoothly in the judging room.

Our sincerest thanks to Gretchen Gauthier and Linda Goldberg for dedicating their time and skills as Judging and Awards Chairs for the past ten years. During that time, they processed more than 1,000 entries, worked with dozens of judges, and presented hundreds of awards. Competition is an integral part of our show, and it always adds dimension and excitement. Check out the awards list, check out your buttons and let's see your entries!

THIS IS YOUR SHOW As President, I serve at your pleasure and at your direction. Over the years, I have watched as many people have stepped forward to assure our show's success. We have even served as a role model for other regional associations. I am confident that as we work together, our 35 years as the Northeast Regional Button Association will continue for future collectors.

See you at the show!

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Use the NBS 2019-2020 Blue Book to prepare trays for these awards.

President's Award

1. [Div. IX] **Cl. 16-1**, 25 Any size. Materials Summary. (Secs. 1 thru 15, except 3) Best assortment. See Blue Book page 55. Joanne Wyman. \$25-15-10

Division I

2. **Cl. 6-4.2.3**, Various. Black Glass with silver luster. Include at least one button from each of the four pictorial sections, and one pattern. Jane Quimby. \$15-10-5

3. **Cl. 10-5.4**, 25 Any size. Flat steel specialized to those with other steel embellishment. Flat steel base of button may be pierced. Betty Korostynski. \$10-5-5

4. **Cl. 15-4**, 20 Any size. Rubber. Nutmeg Button Club in memory of Hazel Gallagher. \$10-6-4

5. **Cl. 20-17**, 20 Any size. Pastimes, games, sports. People in action. Joan MacFarlane. \$10-6-4

Division III

6. **Cl. 12-10.18**, 25 Any size. Synthetic polymer snap-together buttons, specialized to sports, games, toys. (See Sections 18-11 and 20-17 for definitions.) Person or people allowed on the button. Buttons with more than 2 snap-parts are counters. Helpful if number of parts are labeled. Twin Valley Button Club. \$25-15-10

Division VII-A

7. **Cl. 18-12 + 19-0**, 20 Any size. Specialized to food and drink one would typically enjoy while having FUN (e.g. at a birthday party, holiday event, baseball game, circus, etc.) Please list the name of the food/beverage and the type of event/activity. No balance required, no need to cover all class numbers and NO limit on realistics. Submitted by Katrinka Quirk in honor of all Junior Button Collectors. \$15-10-5

Division VII-A & VII-B

8. **Cl. 20-17**, 15 - 20 Any Size. Creative mounting of buttons depicting various pastimes, games and sports. Label activities, e.g. baseball, tennis, etc. Review the definition of class 20-17 in Blue Book pg. 58. Acorn Button Club in honor of Stacia Muir. \$15-10-5

Division IX

9. **Cl. 1-0 thru 15-5**, Diminutive. Materials assorted. Label both numerically and verbally. Linda O'Brien. \$15-10-5

10. **CI. 3-0**, Minimum 25 any size. China buttons assorted. Artistic display of china buttons mounted to simulate a quilt square. People's Choice Award. Voting to select winner. Lynn Keller. \$15-10-5
11. **CI. 6-0 + 7-0**, 25 Any size. Glass buttons specialized to Art Deco style. Limited to one round linear shape. 2 points for each different shape, 1 point for each color. No balance required. Labeling and mounting in class order is NOT required. Joan MacFarlane. \$10-6-4
12. **CI. 10-4.3**, 25 Any size. Niello. Leah Antinick. \$10-8-5
13. **CI. 13-0**, Various. Vegetable Ivory. Leah Antinick. \$10-8-5
14. **CI. 17-0 thru 20-24**, 25 Any size. Pictorials assorted specialized to nouns that begin with the letters that spell BINGO. Five buttons per letter. Label pictorials verbally and with class number represented. (e.g., B - basket, 18-4.1) Anonymous. \$15-10-5
15. **CI. 17-0 thru 20-24**, 30 Medium. Sew-thrus, covering the subsections of the four pictorial sections as thoroughly as possible. Try for a wide variety of materials. No limit on realistics. No studios. Jane Quimby. \$15-10-5
16. **CI 17-0 thru 20-24**, 20 Any size. Pictorials specialized to the kitchen. May include, but not limited to, activities in it, items found in it, foods, related things, etc. Must label the connection of the button to the kitchen. Martha Brown in honor of all bakers. \$15-10-5
17. **CI. 17-2**, 25 Any size. Birds assorted. Strive for a variety of species, materials and activities. Monson Button Club in honor of Bettyle Carpenter. \$10-10-10
18. **CI. 17-4.3**, 25 Any size. Insects. Helpful to label insects and materials. Mary Beers. \$10-6-4
19. **CI. 17-5.1**, 25 Any size. Domestic cats. Labeling helpful but not necessary. Mary Beers. \$10-6-4
20. **CI. 17-5.6**, 20 Any size. Animals specialized to horses only. No other horse family allowed. People and/or vehicles are accepted on the button. Mohawk Valley Button Club in honor of the Saratoga Springs Race Track. \$25-15-10
21. **CI. 17-6**, 20 Any size. Reptiles specialized to snakes. Limit 4 studios. Gretchen Gauthier. \$10-6-4
22. **CI. 18-3 + 20-18**, 20 Any size. Figures on playing cards, e.g. kings, queens, knights, jesters/jokers. Coin/coin type buttons may be used but are not required. Crescent Club of Massachusetts. \$25-15-10
23. **CI. 18-11**, 25 Any size. Objects relating to games, sporting & sports. No people, animals or creatures allowed with objects. NH State Button Society. \$25-15-10
24. **CI. 18-11 + 20-17**, 20 Any. Sports, game equipment + pastimes, games, sports. Try for balance between classes. Limited to 4 studio buttons. Connecticut State Button Society. In honor of NERBA, thank you Joan MacFarlane & Joanne Wyman. \$25-15-10
25. **CI. 18-12 + 19-0**, 20 Any size. Specialized to food and drink one would typically enjoy while having FUN (e.g. wedding, holiday event, amusement park, picnic, etc). Please list the name of the food/beverage and the type of event/activity. No balance required, no need to cover all class numbers and NO limit on realistics. Submitted by Katrinka Quirk in honor of Art and Elaine Baur. \$20-15-10
26. **CI. 20-8**, 20 Any size. Fabulous creatures specialized to dragons. Nutmeg Button Club in memory of Jane Covell. \$10-6-4
27. **CI. 20-9**, 20 Any size. Fops. No studios. No limit on brass. Gretchen Gauthier in honor of Norma Camp and Carole Adrian. \$10-6-4
28. **CI. 20-22.1.1 (Limited)**, 25 Any size. Ships/boats. Limited to those who have never won a first place ribbon at NERBA. Nutmeg Button Club in honor of the 400th anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower. \$10-6-4
29. **CI. 22-1**, 30 Any size. Patterns assorted specialized to black glass. Label verbally as specifically as possible, e.g. 'square' not '4-sided figure'. Mount in class order. George Gauthier in memory of Jane Covell. \$10-6-4
30. **CI. 23-1**, 20 Any size. Backgrounds Assorted. Joanne Wyman. \$15-10-5
31. **CI. 23-2.4**, Various. Paris/French Backmarks. Leah Antinick. \$10-8-5
32. **CI. 23-10.2**, 24 Any size. Shapes limited to spindles and modified spindles. See NBS Bulletin July 2014, pg. 131. Metropolitan Button Club. \$25-15-10
33. **CI. 23-10.3**, 25 Any size. Realistics/Goofies. No more than one button from each related set. See NBS Bulletins Feb, July, and Oct. 1998. Amoskeag Button Club. \$25-15-10
34. **CI. 25-6.1.2**, 30 Any size. Wobble shank. No balance between verbal and pictorial. No need for special mounting. George Gauthier in honor of the New Yellow Book authors. \$10-6-4

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



New York
Raffle



Connecticut
Registration &
Pre-Registration



Massachusetts
Breakfast
Decorations

NERBA WEBSITE

NERBA.org is your connection to current information about the show!

Check it frequently to get the latest updates including a direct link for booking your hotel reservation, the awards list and tray slips.

Your participation is the secret to NERBA's success!

Please remember that ALL states can provide volunteers to staff the Registration, Raffle or Ways & Means tables. Clerks and judges are always needed. Support NERBA by donating items to the auction, raffle or Ways & Means table or by volunteering.

Contact Laurel Durso (ldbuttons@yahoo.com) if you'd like to help at the registration table.

Contact Thelma Nichols at tnichols@mcttelecom.com or at 603-588-6766 if you'd like to donate items for the auction or volunteer to assist at the auction. Please send a description of the items you wish to consign or donate by May 31.

Contact Nancy Boyer (nboyer@ptd.net) if you'd like to volunteer in the judging room.

DEALER DETAILS

All dealers **MUST** request tables by January 31, 2020. Dealers on the waiting list or who wish to be on the waiting list are also required to submit their requests by January 31.

Please send your contract requests to Anita Cody at anibc@aol.com, 167B Cayuga Lane, Stratford, CT 06614, or call her at 203-895-8515 by January 1.

Award No.	Award Title	Place	Name				
1	President's Award	1 st	Gretchen Gauthier	16	Shell assorted	1 st	Lynne Drury
		2 nd	Joan MacFarlane	17	Leather	2 nd	Pam Vasilow
		3 rd	Nancy Boyer			1 st	Leah Antinick
2	Liverpool Transfer	—	<i>no winner</i>	18	Animals assorted	2 nd	Lynne Drury
3	Steel Cups	1 st	Lynn Keller			1 st	Lynn Keller
		2 nd	Pam Vasilow			2 nd	Beverly Hesse
		3 rd	Joan MacFarlane	19	Water animals & scenes	3 rd	Pam Borden
4	Birmingham Trade	Merit	Joan MacFarlane			1 st	Lynn Keller
5	Studs & Links	1 st	George Gauthier	20	"Michelangelo"	2 nd	Linda O'Brien
		2 nd	Martha Brown			1 st	Lynn Keller
		3 rd	Linda O'Brien			2 nd	Nancie Glazer
6	Juniors - A Day at the Beach	1 st	Estelle Magnan	21	Tools & tradesmen	3 rd	Martha Brown
		2 nd	Kaitlin DeForest	22	Baskets	—	<i>no entries</i>
7	Small Celluloids	Merit	Anita Cody			1 st	Lynn Keller
						2 nd	Gloria Goggin
8	Art Deco style	1 st	Katrinka Quirk	23	Palettes	1 st	George Gauthier
		2 nd	Sheila Brudno	24	Pears	Merit	Elaine Baur
		3 rd	Linda Goldberg	25	Statue of Liberty	Merit	June Kosier
9	Artists and their art	Merit	Katrinka Quirk	26	Crescent moon	1 st	Katrinka Quirk
10	Black glass pictorials	1 st	Gretchen Gauthier			2 nd	Susan Reding
11	Creative mounting: "Stained Glass"	1 st	Nancy Boyer	27	Nursery rhymes & songs	1 st	Lynn Keller
		2 nd	Sherril Abate			2 nd	Martha Brown
		3 rd	Lynne Drury	28	Geometric designs	1 st	Gretchen Gauthier
12	Black glass imitation fabric	1 st	Beverly Hesse			2 nd	Nancy Boyer
		1 st	Linda Goldberg	29	Backgrounds assorted	1 st	Gretchen Gauthier
13	Rhinestones / pastes	1 st	George Gauthier			2 nd	Katrinka Quirk
		2 nd	Pam Vasilow	30	Realistic celluloid	1 st	George Gauthier
		3 rd	Beverly Hesse			2 nd	Sheila Brudno
14	Metals assorted	—	<i>no winner</i>	31	Famous paintings	3 rd	Beverly Hesse
15	Pewter assorted	1 st	Katrinka Quirk			1 st	Gretchen Gauthier
		2 nd	Thelma Nichols			2 nd	Katrinka Quirk
		3 rd	Leah Antinick	32	Commemorative, political	3 rd	Elaine Baur
				33	Sporting animals	Merit	Sheila Brudno
						Merit	Lynn Keller