



# NERBA News

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The Northeast Regional Button Association  
Welcomes You to the NERBA Annual Show & Meeting

Button Games June 9 - 11

at the DoubleTree Hilton in Milford, MA

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## Greetings from the President

How exciting is this? We are having a spring NERBA Show. Button people throughout the Northeast are working to organize a great button convention for 2023.

Hotel room rates and reservation information will be sent ASAP.

The New Hampshire button members are looking for interesting donations for the Ways & Means table, and Miriam Johnson in CT is looking for great auction items from NERBA members.

Our new show manager, Sabrina O'Meara, is working on special button workshops for members during the judging time.

The NERBA worker teams are asking for volunteers to assist at the Raffle table, Ways & Means, and the Registration tables.

Let the Games Begin!

Laurel Durso  
NERBA President

## Hotel Information

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.

Additional information will follow as it becomes available.



11 Beaver St  
Milford, MA

## Important Dates

- January 31- Deadline for Dealers requesting Tables
- May 25 - Deadline for donating/consigning Items for Auction

## WHO'S WHO in NERBA

### NERBA Officers

#### *President*

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**Kick start your button collecting.  
Shop the dealer tables at the  
2023 NERBA Show.**

### — Dealer Details —

**Deadline: January 31, 2023**

All dealers must request tables by January 31, 2023. Dealers on the waiting list or who wish to be on the waiting list are also required to submit their request by January 31, 2023. Please send your contract requests to George Gauthier at gauthg@gmail.com or call him at 860-448-6733. Send written requests to 166 Tyler Ave., Groton, CT, 06340.



## 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 consist of buttons, button-related items, new hand-crafted 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.

On Saturday, any item not sold will be half-price. Before 5 PM, pick up items not sold OR leave as a donation to NERBA for next year.

## 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! 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 19, 2023.

### DONATED ITEMS:

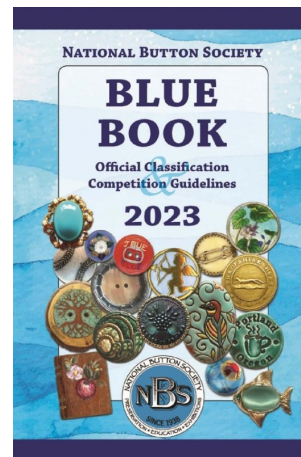
- All items donated will be accepted at the chairman's discretion. 100% goes to NERBA.
- There is no limit to the amount of buttons/button related items donated.
- There is no deadline for donation.

**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](mailto:johnsonm320@comcast.net) with any questions.

## NERBA 2023 Awards

2023 NBS Blue Book  
Your guide to preparing award trays



Please use the 2023 National Button Society Blue Book when preparing your trays. NEW: Div. II buttons are now acceptable in Div. IX awards. See Blue Book p. 5. Changes may have been made to any award to make it compliant with the 2023 Blue Book. Limit 4 award trays per entrant.

### **President's Award**

Award 1. (Div. IX) Cl. 16-1, 25 Any size. Materials Summary (Sections 1 through 15, Except 3). Best assortment. See Blue Book p. 53. Joanne Wyman. \$25-15-10.

### **Division I**

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

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

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

Award 5. Cl. 20-17, 20 Any size. Pastimes, games, and sports specialized to people in action. Joan MacFarlane. \$10-6-4.

### **Division III**

Award 6. Cl. 12-10.18, 25 Any size. Snap-together construction specialized to sports, games and toys and people engaged in pastimes, games and sports. Buttons with more than 2 snap-parts are counters. Twin Valley Button Club. \$25-15-10.

### **Division VII-A**

Award 7. Cl. 18-12 + 19-0, 20 Any size. Objects unlisted specialized to food and drink + plants assorted specialized to food and drink. All food and drink should be what one would typically enjoy while having FUN (e.g., wedding, holiday event, amusement park, picnic, etc.) Please label the name of the food/beverage and the type of event/activity. No balance required. No need to cover all class numbers in Section 19. No limit on realistics. Katrinka Quirk in honor of all Junior Button Collectors. \$15-10-5.

### **Divisions VII-A, VII-B**

Award 8. Cl. 20-17, 15 to 20 Any size. (Creative mounting) Pastimes, games, and sports. Label activities (e.g., baseball, tennis, etc.). Review the definition of Cl. 20-17 in the NBS Blue Book page 56. Acorn Button Club in honor of Stacia Muir. \$15-10-5.

**Division IX**

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

Award 10. Cl. 3-0, Minimum of 25 Any size. China buttons assorted. Artistic display mounted to simulate a quilt square. People's Choice Award. Voting to select winner. Lynn Keller. \$15-10-5.

Award 11. Cl. 10-4.3, 25 Any size. Niello. Leah Antinick. \$10-8-5.

Award 12. Cl. 13-0, Various. Vegetable Ivory. Leah Antinick. \$10-8-5.

Award 13. Cl. 14-0, 25 Any size. Wood Assorted. Limit of 3 studio buttons. Belknap Button Club. \$25-15-10.

Award 14. Cl. 17-0 through 20-24, 25 Any size. Pictorials assorted specialized to nouns that begin with the letters that spell BINGO. Five buttons per letter. Label each verbally and numerically. (e.g., B-basket 18-4.1) Anonymous. \$15-10-5.

Award 15. Cl. 17-0 through 20-24, Medium. Pictorials assorted specialized to sew-though. Coverage of the pictorial classes is primary, with coverage of materials, secondary. No limit on realistics. No studios. Jane Quimby. \$15-10-5.

Award 16. Cl. 17-0 through 20-24, 20 Any size. Pictorials assorted 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.

Award 17. Cl. 17-2, 25 Any size. Birds assorted. Variety of species and activities is primary. Monson Button in honor of Bettye Carpenter. \$10-10-10.

Award 18. Cl. 17-2.1, 25 Any size. Domestic fowl specialized to roosters. No limit on studios or realistics. Belknap Button Club in memory of Sharlie Smith. \$25-15-10.

Award 19. Cl. 17-4.3, 25 Any size. Insects. Mary Beers. \$10-6-4.

Award 20. Cl. 17-5.1, 25 Any size. Domestic cats. Mary Beers. \$10-6-4.

Award 21. Cl. 17-5.6, 20 Any size. Horse family specialized to horses only. No other horse family species allowed. People and/or vehicles in addition to the horse is acceptable. Mohawk Valley Button Club in honor of the Saratoga Springs Race Track. \$25-15-10.

Award 22. Cl. 17-6, 20 Any size. Reptiles specialized to snakes. Limit 4 studios. Gretchen Gauthier. \$10-6-4.

Award 23. Cl. 18-11, 25 Any size. Sports, game equipment. No people, animals or creatures allowed. New Hampshire State Button Society. \$25-15-10.

Award 24. Cl. 18-11 + 20-17, 20 Any size. Sports, game equipment + pastimes, games, and sports. Try for balance between classes. Limited to four studio buttons. Connecticut State Button Society in honor of NERBA. Thank you, Joan MacFarlane and Joanne Wyman. \$25-15-10.

Award 25. Cl. 18-12 + 19-0, 20 Any size. Objects unlisted specialized to food and drink + plants assorted specialized to food and drink. All food and drink should be what one would typically enjoy while having FUN (e.g., wedding, holiday event, amusement park, picnic, etc.) Please label the name of the food/beverage and the type of event/activity. No balance required. No need to cover all class numbers in Section 19. No limit on realistics. Katrinka Quirk in honor of Art and Elaine Baur. \$20-15-10.

Award 26. Cl. 20-8, 20 Any size. Fabulous creatures specialized to dragons. Nutmeg Button Club in memory of Jane Covell. \$10-6-4.

Award 27. Cl. 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.

Award 28. Cl. 20-18, 20 Any size. People specialized to those found on playing cards: kings, queens, jacks, and/or jokers/jesters. Coins with these people are acceptable. Buttons depicting playing cards are not allowed. Crescent Club of Massachusetts. \$25-15-10.

Award 29. Cl. 20-22.1.3 (Limited), 25 Any size. Water transportation. 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.

Award 30. Cl. 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.

Award 31. Cl. 23-1, 20 Any size. Backgrounds assorted. Joanne Wyman. \$15-10-5.

Award 32. Cl. 22-1.3.3, 25 Any size. 4-sided figures specialized to squares. Modified squares are acceptable. Limited to circular buttons only. Limit of 3 studio buttons. Belknap Button Club in memory of Sharlie Smith, who loved every button. \$25-15-10.

Award 33. Cl. 23-2.4, Various. Paris/French back marks. French manufacturer; French geographic location; dePOSE, brevete, etc. Any of these are acceptable back marks. Mounting requirements for back mark awards is listed in the Blue Book, p. 8 and must be followed. Leah Antinick. \$10-8-5.

Award 34. Cl. 23-10, 25 Any size. Shapes assorted specialized to Art Deco style limited to black and clear and colored glass. Two points for each different shape. One point for each color. No balance required between glass colors. Joan MacFarlane in memory of Jehovina Kelsall. \$10-6-4.

Award 35. Cl. 23-10.2, 24 Any size. Linear shapes specialized to spindles and modified spindles. See NBS Bulletin July 2014, p. 131. Metropolitan Button Club. \$25-15-10.

Award 36. Cl. 23-10.3, 25 Any size. Realistics / Goofies. No more than one button from each related set. See NBS Bulletins 1998: Feb. pp. 29-45, July pp. 177-183, and Oct. pp. 249-256. Amoskeag Button Club. \$25-15-10.

Award 37. Cl. 25-6.1.2, 30 Any size. Wobble shank. No balance between verbal and pictorial required. No need for special mounting. George Gauthier in honor of the New Yellow Book authors. \$10-6-4

***Each entrant will be limited to 4 trays in 2023.***



# NERBA

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.

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