

NORTHEAST REGIONAL BUTTON ASSOCIATION



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Fall 2026 Newsletter



**Remembering our Past as we anticipate NERBA's
Annual Show & Meeting June 11 – 13, 2027**

Celebrating Women!

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Greetings from the President

Hello All!

Fall has arrived and before we know it, it will be spring and we will be getting ready for NERBA 2027. It is not too soon to start working on your trays for next year!

I hope you all had a great time at National! I know I did.

I am happy to report that many people commented to me on how great NERBA did with the Marketplace! National board members were impressed by how many things we had to offer, as well as how nice everyone was who helped out. I was very happy that many people participated. This made the Marketplace a success! The NERBA organization was also tasked with assisting at registration. Again, I was pleased that we had this area staffed with great volunteers.

I look forward to making NERBA 2027 just as successful.

Button Love to All!

Nancie Glazer
NERBA PRESIDENT

Don't forget to Register for your Room

NERBA 2027
June 11 - 13th
At the DoubleTree Hilton
13 Beaver St
Milford, MA

The NERBA rate link to register will be sent in a separate email as soon as it is received.

WHO'S WHO in NERBA

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A Message from the Show Manager

Hello Button Buddies,

Autumn is upon us, and plans are being finalized for NERBA 2027 at the DoubleTree in Milford, MA, June 11-13, Celebrating Women! At the time of this printing, the room contract and reservation code had not been provided, but will be available soon.

I attended the NJSBS Show this year and was very happy I did, because I met Helene Plank, and saw her beautiful Lady Liberty portrait. We had a nice chat and I invited her to submit a piece to the 2027 button art display, which will be back by popular demand. Any individual or club may submit a piece to this unjuried exhibition celebrating women.

After an informative presentation by Johnson Frazier on Lafayette buttons, I was given the chance to make an announcement to the club thanking them for their interest in and support of NERBA, and invited them to participate in the button art display.

I will be in CT on October 17th and in MA on November 7, with my Wonder Women Library if you are looking for inspiration. Please take the time to talk to me if you have suggestions or are considering volunteering for a shift on one of the many committees needing your help! Spend an hour or two with an acquaintance or make a new friend!!!

Sabrina O'Meara

**** Attention Please ****

The 2027 Awards will be judged
by the rules stated in the

2023 Blue Book



Lady Liberty
portrait made from buttons
by Helene Plank

NERBA 2027

Please use the **2023** NBS Blue Book Classification to prepare the trays for these awards.

Limit of five trays per entrant

Presentation Awards

1. **President's Award:** (Div. IX) Cl. 20-20, 20 Any size. Stories, specialized to those where woman/women are the main character. Fables, nursery rhymes, Biblical/religious, Egyptian, Mythological, and any other button that fits the award criteria, regardless of whether it can be used in another class, are acceptable. Label the story each button represents. \$25-15-10.
2. **Judy Noonan Memorial Award:** (Div. III) Cl. 12-1.3, 20 Any size. Phenolic resin. Thomas Myers in memory of Judy Noonan. \$25-15-10.
3. **Awards Chair Prize:** To the sponsor of the award which draws the most entries. Should this result in a tie between two or more awards, the prize money will be rolled over to the next year until the prize can be claimed by a single sponsor. \$25.

Sponsored Awards

DIV I

4. Cl. 10-8, Large. Brass specialized to pictorial buttons. A button with a brass face and Japanned tin back is considered a brass button. Decorative finishes and other material embellishments allowed. Gretchen Gauthier in honor of George Gauthier. \$25-\$15-\$10.

DIV III

5. Cl. 12-10.18, 25 Any size. Snap-together construction specialized to plant life. No limit on realistics. Belknap Button Club in memory of Wilma Garland. \$25-\$15-\$10.
6. Cl. 23-11, 24 Any size. Studio buttons assorted, specialized to those made by women. Limit of 4 buttons by any one artist. Label artist on front of card. Monson Button Club. \$25-\$25-\$25.

DIV IV

7. Cl. 2-1, 8 pairs. Buckles in assorted materials specialized to two-piece buckles. Crescent Button Club of Massachusetts. \$25-\$25-\$25.

DIV IX

8. Cl. 1-0 thru 15-5, 24 Any size. Materials assorted specialized to buttons with Art Deco designs. Belknap Button Club. \$25-\$15-\$10.
9. Cl. 1-0 thru 15-5, 24 Any size. Materials assorted specialized to buttons representing each month of the year. Use two buttons per month. Label the month each button represents. No limit on realistics. Belknap Button Club in memory of Sharlie Smith. \$25-\$15-\$10.
10. Cl. 1-0 thru 15-5, 10 Any size. Materials assorted specialized to buttons representing artwork by famous women artists. Label the title of the artwork and the name of the artist each button represents. Elaine Baur in honor of Katrinka Quirk. \$20-\$15-\$10.
11. Cl. 2-0, Various. Ceramics assorted. Limit 2 studios. Anonymous. \$25-\$15-\$10.
12. Cl. 9-0, 20 Any size. Horn assorted. Anonymous. \$25-\$15-\$10.

13. Cl. 14-4 + 14-7, 20 Any size. Wood decorative finishes + other material embellishments (OME). Betty Korostynski. \$25-\$15-\$10.
14. Cl. 17-0 thru 20-24, 24 Any size. Pictorials assorted specialized to black glass. No studios. Try for a representation of each pictorial section. Include Women for extra points. Twin Valley Button Club. \$25-\$15-\$10.
15. Cl. 17-1, 25 Any size. Amphibians specialized to frogs. Limit 3 studios. No limit on realistics. New Hampshire State Button Society. \$25-\$15-\$10.
16. Cl. 17-4.3 + 19-2, 24 Any size. Insects specialized to bees + flowers, identifiable. Try for balance between the classes. Label the flower name. Lynn Keller in honor of those who like to garden. \$20-\$15-\$10.
17. Cl. 18-4, Medium-Large. Containers. Equal credit for each different container. Materials secondary. Thelma Nichols in honor of Gretchen Gauthier and the award/judging team. \$25-\$15-\$10.
18. Cl. 19-2.4, 25 Any size. Roses. Nutmeg Button Club. \$25-\$15-\$10.
19. Cl. 19-3.3, 25 Any size. Grapes. Linda O'Brien. \$20-\$10-\$5.
20. Cl. 20-11, 25 Any size. Heads specialized to mature women. Heads and busts to waistline only. Thelma Nichols. \$25-\$15-\$10.
21. Cl. 20-23, 20 Any size. Women specialized to those with hats, headdresses, or other hair adornments. Try for a variety of hats, etc. Mythological women excluded. Connecticut State Button Society. \$25-\$15-\$10.
22. Cl. 20-23, 24 Any size. Women in action. Woman must be clearly participating in an activity. Standing or sitting without any other implied action such as holding, walking, riding is not acceptable. Other people, children, or animals allowed. Connecticut State Button Society. \$25-\$15-\$10.
23. Cl. 20-23, 20 Any size. Women specialized to identifiable women. Label the woman's identity. Mohawk Valley Button Club. \$15-\$10-\$5.
24. Cl. 22-1.1 thru 22-1.7, 20 Any. Patterns assorted, specialized to any four different patterns of the competitor's choice, with five buttons of each pattern. Mount in pattern groups of five and label pattern name. For example: 5 hearts, 5 squares, 5 Greek keys, and 5 triads. Massachusetts State Button Society. \$25-\$25-\$25.
25. Cl. 23-6.5, 25 Any size. Mechanical/movable. Holograms not allowed. See Blue Book p. 63. Metropolitan Button Club. \$25-\$15-\$10.
26. Cl. 23-8, 15 pairs. Matching pairs specialized to Mother/Daughter pairs. Must have at least one pair from each of the three NBS size requirements on Blue Book page 4. All other pairs need only be of different measurable size, such as 2" and 1.25", both NBS large, but measurably different. An extra point for each pair that has 1 diminutive in the pair. Colors should be close, but no disqualification for slight differences. George Gauthier. \$20-\$10-\$5.
27. Cl. 23-10.2.2, 25 Any size. Square buttons including modified in assorted materials. Limit 3 studio buttons. Amoskeag Button Club. \$25-\$15-\$10.

***** END OF AWARDS *****