

Northampton Modern Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

December 4, 2022, 12:00 – 2:00 pm

Location: Eli's Room, Northampton Center for the Arts, Northampton, MA

The meeting was opened by Diane Wespiser, NMQG President. She welcomed and introduced new members.

Attendance: 26 members and 2 first time guests

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1) **Membership dues for 2023 are due by December 31st.**

Dues include membership in the national Modern Quilt Guild.

Please make your \$50 check payable to Northampton Modern Quilt Guild and mail to our Treasurer:

Barbara Haugen
33 Everett St
Easthampton, MA 01027

Partial or full scholarships are available to anyone in financial need, no questions asked. Please talk to Diane Wespiser DianeWespiser@gmail.com

- 2) **Thank you** to all those who brought fabric for our 10th Anniversary coming up in April.
- 3) **Our Guild has been given the opportunity to exhibit with Hands Across the Valley quilt guild.** They are offering us space to show modern quilts. Application forms must be post marked by January 8th, but the quilts do not have to be completed by then. The show is April 22 & 23 at Hampshire College. Denise Myers LeDuc dm.leduc@yahoo.com is the liaison with Hands Across the Valley.
- 4) **We need someone to organize a basket for a raffle** to be at the quilt show. The raffle basket proceeds will benefit Hospice and the New England Quilt Museum. Speak to Diane Wespiser or another Guild Board Member about raffle items for the basket.
- 5) **If you are hanging a quilt**, we need volunteers to white glove at the show.
- 6) **There will also be a mini quilt sale at the show.** Proceeds support both Hands Across the Valley and their chosen charities. If you would like to donate a mini quilt, we have a pricing committee and process. The perimeter is to be no larger than 96" and no more than 24" on a side. Speak to Michelle Sedor msedor@yahoo.com if you want to donate a mini quilt.
- 7) **Please send all items relating to the Hands Across the Valley quilt show to Denise and Michelle for fact checking.**
Denise Myers LeDuc dm.leduc@yahoo.com and Michelle Sedor msedor@yahoo.com

OFFICIAL ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Election of officers:

Officers completing the second year of their terms in 2023:

President: Diane Wespiser
Treasurer: Barbara Haugen
Board Member at Large: Barbara Stroup

Officer candidates to be elected for a 2-year term beginning 2023:

Vice President: Connie Lentz
Secretary: Caroline White

Denise Myers LeDuc moved to elect the above slate to the Board. Betsy Wolfson seconded. The vote was unanimous to elect the above new Board members.

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Approval of minutes for November 6th and 9th meetings:

Jeff Rutherford moved to approve the November minutes. Barbara Haugen seconded the motion.

November's minutes were approved unanimously.

Community Outreach 2022 Report: Betty MacLeod

September 10th – Wonky Quarter Log Cabin Blocks Workday

Attendees: Betty MacLeod, Barbara Haugen, Nancy Foote, Julie Bermant, Diane Wespiser, Sally Wright, Lauren Price, Connie Lentz, Debbie Lovejoy.

Two twin size quilt tops were completed, Suzie Day quilted them. Barbara Haugen and Julie Bermant volunteered to bind them.

People who donated blocks were Barbara Christ, Barbara Haugen, Nancy Foote, Julie Bermant, Diane Wespiser, Robin Heller Harrison, Whitney Gecker, Connie Lentz, Betsey Wolfson, Debbie Lovejoy, and Michelle Sedor.

There are extra blocks left over and we hope to have another Community Outreach sewing day in 2023.

Fourteen quilts were donated to the YWCA Women's Shelter in Springfield, MA by:

Barbara Christ (1), Julie Bermant (2), Diane Wespiser (4), Connie Lentz (4), Betty MacLeod (1), Barbara Haugen (3).

Six quilts were donated to the Fisher House by Denise Myers LeDuc.

The Navajo Quilt Project was a group project that we made for QuiltCon 2022. Since it did not sell, it was donated to the Navajo Quilt Project.

[Violet Protest](#) blocks were made by Barbara Haugen, Maryellen Bradley Gilbert, and Betty MacLeod.

The Love Quilt Project (12 blocks), enough for two twin size quilts, were made by Betty MacLeod.

In 2023 we hope to have at least 12 people volunteer to make blocks for the Love Quilt Project, so as a group we can put it together to donate it as a group. We will be sent artwork created by children to use as the center block, then we will make and add log cabin blocks.

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Haugen

See attached

After seeing the budget and discussing it as a group, Sally Wright moved to approve the budget as is with the understanding that the Board will discuss the location fee and insurance further. Jeff Rutherford seconded.

The 2023 budget was unanimously approved.

Program Committee Report: Betsey Wolfson

Other committee members are Barbara Stroup and Nancy Foote

Our January meeting will be January 8th to avoid conflict with the New Year's Holiday weekend.

See the NMQG calendar details on our website. <https://www.northamptonmqg.com/calendar>

February 5th will be a trunk show by [Irene Roderick](#).

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The following weekend, February 11th and 12th Irene will do a Zoom workshop, 10-2:00 each day. It will be \$30 per Guild Member and limited to the first 20 members who send Barbara Haugen a check. The Program Committee will be emailing members a flyer with complete details.

QuiltCon 2023 is February 23 - 26.

March 5th: The program is still to be determined. The committee is open to ideas and if anyone has a skill or quilting knowledge they would like to present, please speak to someone on the committee.

April 2nd: This will be a celebration of our 10th Anniversary! We will have a mini quilt challenge based on the Pantone colors of the year for 2013 (Emerald) and 2023 (Viva Magenta), and the quilts will be revealed at the anniversary party. The perimeter is to be no larger than 96" and no longer than 24" on a side. The Program Committee will be emailing members a detailed flyer on this as well.

Please note that there is a \$50 honorarium offered to program presenters. We are asking for people within our membership, who have a skill they would like to share or special knowledge about quilting, to please consider making a presentation at a meeting.

President's Report: Diane Wespiser

See attached

After the business meeting we had a light potluck lunch with many yummy appetizers and desserts. Thank you to everyone who brought food!

Book Raffle: Timna Tarr donated two of her new books "Stitched Photo Mosaic Quilting". These were autographed by Timna and won by Maryellen Bradley-Gilbert and Mary Jane Carey. Thank you Timna!

Today's Program: Sharing favorite quilts

18 people brought quilts to share. These varied from personal all-time favorites we have made or were given to us, to the favorite being the one we just finished. There were also meaningful antique quilts that have been repaired or that need repairing as well as rescued unfinished vintage quilts. Check out the NMQG Facebook page to see Jeff's photos.

We all really enjoyed the opportunity to share our special quilts with each other.

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline White