

Northampton Modern Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

November 5, 2023, 12:00 – 2:00 pm

Location: Two Friends Quilting, 132 Main Street, Haydenville, MA

The meeting was opened by Diane Wespiser at 12:10

Attendance: 18 members and 4 guests: Hanna Hargrove, Kristen Elmes, Marsha Odell, Nyssa Lanzafame

BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of minutes from the October 1 meeting

Caroline reported a few corrections to the minutes. Betsey Wolfson moved to approve the minutes with changes; Lee Sproull seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: given by Caroline White as reported to her by Barbara Haugen, who was unable to attend the meeting.

We have 62 members.

Membership Dues for 2024 are due by December 31 of this year.

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

Barbara Haugen, 33 Everett St, Easthampton, MA 01027

At the end of October our checkbook balance was \$4,154.76

November purchases, so far, for stamps, envelopes, and pens dropped the checkbook balance to \$3,985.04. *See attached report.*

Program Committee: Betsey Wolfson

December 3: In person, from **1:00 – 3:00**

Holiday Party!

Make note of the time change for this meeting only.

To be held at Rocky Hill CoHousing, 100 Black Birch Trail, Northampton, MA

Please carpool, if possible, and park before the stop sign.

Diane added more details about the Holiday Party, see her notes after the program schedule.

Please note:

The January 7 and March 3, 2024, meetings will be online meetings

The February 4 meeting will be in person at Rocky Hill CoHousing.

These meetings are from 12:00 – 2:00, our usual schedule

January 7: 12:00 – 2:00 Zoom meeting

David Owen Hastings talk and trunk show.

Check out his website: <https://davidowenhastings.com/>

January 13, a Saturday ZOOM workshop

David Owen Hastings

A 6-hour workshop called "Inspired by Architecture"

12:00 – 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Cost is \$57 for Guild members. Registration and payment are due December 10, 2023

See the attached flyer for details.

Also in January:

Postcard Exchange with the Central Jersey Modern Quilt Guild. If you want to join in and haven't already signed up for this with Nancy Foote, send her an email with your name and mailing address to

nanirf54@gmail.com

Here is the postcard tutorial <https://saroy.net/2020/06/fabric-postcard-tutorial/>

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February 4: 12:00 – 2:00 In-person meeting

At Rocky Hill CoHousing, 100 Black Birch Trail, Northampton, MA

With Cathy Racine: a Sewing Machine Maintenance lecture

March 3: 12:00 – 2:00 Zoom meeting

Program to be determined.

April 7: 12:00 – 2:00 In-person meeting

Program: Michelle Sedor on English Paper Piecing

More information about the Holiday Party on December 3 (1:00 – 3:00)

Diane Wespiser added:

At this meeting we will vote for new President, Treasurer, and Member at Large for the NMQG Board

*** We really need someone to step up and volunteer for President, Diane just cannot do it beyond her two-year term. Being President involves: leading the meetings and Board meetings, keeping the Guild on track in terms of bi-laws and annual goals. To be President you need to be a Guild member for one year. The Board is very supportive and Diane will be available to give the new President guidance as needed.

Everyone please bring finger food.

For those whose first name begins with A through Ja: bring something savory.

For first names beginning with Je to Z: bring something sweet.

We will have a gift exchange that will be fun and easy, thank you Caroline for the suggestion.

Fill a quart bag with interesting scraps, no smaller than 4"x 4" or 2" x 8". You do not need to cut the scraps to size. We want to keep this fun and easy!

Then wrap the bag so no one can see what is inside. We will put the wrapped bags on a table and then everyone can grab a bag. Feel free to exchange your bag with others.

Announcements

The Worcester Art Museum has a show of Faith Ringgold's work. This will be up through March 17.

<https://www.worcesterart.org/exhibitions/faith-ringgold/>

PROGRAM

Denise LeDuc attended Quilt Market, which was before the Houston Quilt Festival. Denise shared slides of some of the quilts. Denise also listed upcoming Call for Entries for Houston Festival 2024, here is the link for more information: <https://www.quilts.com/enter-your-quilt/>

Denise showed us a purple scarf she made using miscellaneous threads, Sulky Fabri-Solvy and Ultra Solvy, making a sandwich of these with the sticky sides toward the threads in between, then quilting through all the layers. Finally, soaking the layers to dissolve the Solvys to reveal a soft, drapery scarf.

Denise also shared her experiences of how to print on fabric using an inexpensive ink jet printer and ready to dye fabric without sizing. She uses "Bubble Jet Set" to remove sizing and Bubble Jet Rinse after printing to seal the colors. She noted that Kona makes a line of ready to dye fabric as do other manufacturers.

Suzie Day showed us how to load a quilt on a longarm frame and how computerized quilting is set up. Suzie and Denise can instruct and guide customers, who want to quilt their own quilts, how to use the long arm and its computer.

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Thank you, Denise and Suzie, for a very informative program!

The program was followed with Show and Tell. Thank you everyone who shared a quilt.

The meeting ended at about 2:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline White