

Northampton Modern Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

March 5, 2023, 12:00 – 2:00 pm

Eli's Room, Northampton Center for the Arts, 33 Hawley St, Northampton, MA

The meeting was opened at 12:00 by Diane Wespiser, NMQG President. She welcomed and introduced guests Ailsa Schmidt, Margaret Hilliard, Caitlin McKinnell, Stephanie Capsuto, and Stacey Gilfillan

Attendance: 27, including guests

BUSINESS MEETING

Announcements:

Our meeting on **April 2nd is our 10th Anniversary Celebration.**

- We have a mini-quilt challenge using the Pantone colors of the years 2013 and 2023. These are Magenta and Emerald; you can use one or both colors. Adding other fabrics are fine. Currently 4 people are working on a mini quilt, we would like to have more! The size should be no more than 24" on a side and they will be hung with clothes pins on a line. These will be judged anonymously by those attending for a "People's Choice" award. The Prize will be a gift certificate to a fabric store.
- There will also be a raffle for a donated quilt, donated by Diane Wespiser. Tickets are \$5 and the proceeds will go to the Nipmuc Tribe who used to own the land that the Northampton Center for the Arts sits on.

Also, in April, is the **Hands Across the Valley Quilt Show**. We are displaying 16 quilts by 12 quilters. The show is April 22 & 23, 10-4 each day. It will be held at Hampshire College, Robert Crown Gymnasium, 893 West St-Route 116, Amherst, MA. Four members of our guild who will have pieces in the Modern exhibit at the HAVQG show are also members of SAQA (Studio Art Quilt Associates) and their names will be listed in the SAQA MA/RI April newsletter along with an announcement of the HVQG show.

We are doing a **Fall Retreat** at Stump Sprouts in Hawley, MA. Thursday evening, September 14 to 2:00 pm the 17th. They have a beautiful, somewhat rustic lodge with numerous walking trails. Meals will be provided, bring your own bed linens, towels, pillow, and blanket. There is a maximum of 14 attendees, two to a room. Unfortunately, there isn't room for day trippers. The price is under \$400. An info sheet will come out later.

Approval of February 5th meeting minutes is unanimous.

Program Committee Report: Betsey Wolfson.

Note: The Program Committee still needs ideas for upcoming programs.

April 2, NMQG 10th Anniversary Celebration

May 7: we will see if we can reschedule Jeff Rutherford for our May meeting.

May 20-21: Irene Roderick zoom workshop. This has been rescheduled from February.

June 4: Techniques Program: Lynn McLandsborough (Pick Up Sticks technique) and Betsey Wolfson (Paper Piecing with Adobe Acrobat).

July: No meeting

August: No meeting, but we will plan a group trip to the New England Quilt Museum
Timna Tarr has her own show there: "The Quilts of Timna Tarr" July 18 – September 30

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Also showing: "Summer Celebration of New England Quilts: The Best of New England Quilt Guilds" August 14 – September 9.

September: This meeting will not be at the Northampton Center for the Arts due to renovations. Location and Program TBA

October 1: TBA

November 5: at "Two Friends Quilting", Program TBA

December 3: Holiday Celebration, Location TBA

Upcoming in 2024: Michele Sedor workshop

Stacey Gilfillan introduced herself, she is a new member of NMQG. She lives in Williamstown and is a nurse by trade. She moved here from Austin TX and has been Program Director for previous guilds. She has a lot of contacts and is willing to help the Program Committee! Thank you, Stacey!

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Haugen was unable to attend our meeting due to illness, so Diane Wespiser reported that we have 50 members as of today and the bank balance is \$4,629.

Community Outreach Committee: Betty McLeod

Anyone who didn't give her quilt blocks today is requested to bring them to the April meeting.

PROGRAM

Jeff Rutherford was unable to present his program due to illness. We watched a video: "Managing Inspiration Overload" by Jessica Plunkett. It can be found on the Modern Quilt Guild website <https://www.themodernquiltguild.com/resource/managing-inspiration-overload-2/>

QuiltCon Atlanta 2023

Diane showed photos of QuiltCon winning quilts, these photos can be found on the Modern Quilt Guild website. Diane reported that QuiltCon has an acceptance rate of 20-25%. Some people submit more than one quilt. Timna Tarr had three quilts in the show, Ann Feitelson had two, Carson Converse had two, and Diane Wespiser also had two quilts in the show.

Congratulations to everyone!

Next year's QuiltCon will be in Raleigh, NC.

Show and Tell

Numerous people had quilts to share. It is always fun to see what others are doing and to share a quilt!

Our next meeting will be April 2nd and is our 10th Anniversary Celebration! It will be where we are today, the Northampton Center for the Arts. Remember to wear your name tags.

The meeting ended at 2:05.

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline White