

Northampton Modern Quilt Guild Minutes & Meeting Notes

September 10, 2023

Common House

Rocky Hill Cohousing, 100 Black Birch Trail, Florence MA 01062

Attendance: 23 NMQG members and 2 guests

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hoop & Bee – Soft Opening Nov 4 & 5

Come and visit **NMQG member Jessa Tower's Hoop & Bee** (custom quilting, longarm services & sewing classes) during Eastworks Open Studios, Saturday & Sunday, Nov 4 & 5, 116 Pleasant Street in Easthampton. Jessa will continue to teach Youth Sewing (ages 9-12) at the Hill Institute.

Maui Quilt Shop Aloha Quilts Donation Drive

Please see the attached flyer provided by Denise LeDuc if you are interested in making quilts for survivors of the recent fires on Maui.

Paper City Fabrics – everything \$4/yard

This fabric thrift shop, which already has an online business, will be opening its storefront at 330 High Street in Holyoke this Fall.

The Red Dress is on Exhibit at the Southern Vermont Arts Center in Manchester, VT, 10am-5pm (except Mondays) through Sunday, September 24, 2023. \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and seniors.

Tiny Art 4 All Gallery.

Walk or bike to see this series of 5 small-scale pop-up art galleries along the bike path between Northampton and Florence. **NMQG member Sandy Wright's tiny quilts** will be on view Oct 13 – Dec 1.

BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of minutes of June 4, 2023 meeting

Moved by Lee Sproull, seconded by Betsey Wolfson, and unanimously approved.

Community Quilts Committee Report – Betty MacLeod

Wonky Quarter Log Cabin quilts have been donated to the YWCA of western Mass women's shelter for four families transitioning out of their domestic violence shelter to their own apartments.

Love Project

We sent two quilts which were sent to South Africa for children orphaned by HIV/AIDS. See report & video of quilts delivery [here](#).

Quilts for Survivors of Residential Schools & other traumatic events

- Donate 16.5" squares or 48" x 64" tops
- [Facebook page](#)
- We could do this as a guild project if enough folks are interested

Toward 2050

- Makers are called to create environmentally themed, 10" x 21" folded textile panels in the style of "prayer flags" to build a desert labyrinth drawing attention to the goal of net zero emissions by the year 2050, keeping the global rise in temperature to 1.5° C. in perpetuity
- Eventually the flags will be repurposed to make blankets for survivors of the next climate change catastrophe
- Sign up as individuals – details on website

- [Quilters Take a Moment 2023](#) – October 12, 19 & 26

- Three online workshop days sponsored by the Quilt Alliance, on writing for and about your quilts, quilt labeling and documentation, and quilt photography

Program Committee Report – Betsey Wolfson & Nancy Foote

[New England Quilt Museum](#) – We had a wonderful August 18th field trip to the museum to see Timna Tarr’s solo exhibit and Ann Feitelson’s two quilts in the Summer Celebration of New England Quilts exhibit. Timna’s quilts will be on view through September 30th.

Postcard Exchange with Central Jersey Modern Quilt Guild – late Oct/early Nov 2023

- We exchanged Zoom visits with this MQG chapter in November 2022, and they have invited us to do a fabric postcard exchange with them
- Participants in our guild will be paired up to exchange fabric postcards with a member of CJMQG
- Fabric postcard tutorial: <https://saroy.net/2020/06/fabric-postcard-tutorial>
- If interested, email Nancy Foote: nanirf54@gmail.com

“Meet the Teachers” November 13th event at the New England Quilt Museum - Betsey Wolfson and Martine Vanpée will attend to get ideas for future programs & workshops.

Upcoming Programs

October 1st - meeting at Common House of Rocky Hill Cohousing
Sherry Morgan – “Fabric Play & Color Choices”

We will work in small groups, play with fabric squares, and do a few color choice exercises. For our meeting, please bring ten 6 1/2” squares for the small group exercises – solid or print cotton fabrics you already have on hand.

We will have a few members bring quilts to share their thoughts on their color decisions.

There will be two drawings at the end of the meeting:

1. One person will win all the 6 1/2” squares!
2. One person will win the book: “Colorplay: Easy Steps to Imaginative Color in Quilts” by Joen Wolfrom.

November 5th – meeting at 2 Friends Quilting, 132 Main Street, 2F, Haydenville MA
NMQG members Denise LeDuc and Suzi Day are offering a long-arm quilting demonstration, as well as an opportunity to print on fabric. Please bring your own folding chair, if possible.

December 3rd – meeting at Common House of Rocky Hill Cohousing
Holiday party and official Annual Meeting. We will be electing a new President, Treasurer and Board Member at Large (who also serves on the Program Committee and acts as liaison with the board).

2024 Programming

January & March meetings will be via Zoom, February meeting in person.

January 7th - meeting via Zoom

[David Owen Hastings](#) lecture “Minimal Design, Maximum Impact”

Followed by one of his [workshops](#) later in January – dates to be determined by poll.

February 4th – meeting at Common House of Rocky Hill Cohousing

Cathy Racine, who presented a sewing machine maintenance workshop for us in July will return with a meeting program on “Tension and Needle Interaction.”

Fall workshop possibly by [Daisy Aschehoug](#) – to be announced.

Treasurer's Report – Barbara Haugen

We currently have 60 members!

After paying our retreat balance of \$3,451 and a \$100 donation to Rocky Hill Cohousing for the 2023 use of their Common House for our monthly meetings, our checkbook balance will be \$4,155.

10th Anniversary Bag Challenge

Many thanks to all eleven participants! Diane Wespiser (second bag from left) is the winner of the People's Choice vote and will receive a \$25 gift certificate to the local fabric store of her choice.

PROGRAM

These members shared their projects and reviews from workshops they have taken – see photos on our Facebook page:

- Diane Wespiser: [Sujata Shah](#) - “Kawandi”
- Connie Lentz
 - [Gulylene Fitzgerald](#) - Channeling MC Escher
 - [Dana Jones](#) - Peace Cranes Quilt
- Martine Vanpée:
 - [Brenda Gael Smith](#) - “Strip-Ease” workshop
 - [Irene Roderick](#) - Dancing with the Wall
- Julie Bermant – [Irene Roderick](#) - Dancing with the Wall
- Betsey Wolfson
 - [David Owen Hastings](#) - Stitched Paper Collage
 - [Sarah Hibbert](#) – Collage to Quilt
- Nancy Foote – [Tara Faughnan](#) – Color Interaction
- Sally Wright – Indigo workshop at Denise LeDuc & Suzi Day’s “[2 Friends Quilting](#)”

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Haugen, standing in for Caroline White

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