

## Northampton Modern Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

January 8, 12:00 – 2:00 pm

Zoom meeting

The meeting was opened by Diane Wespiser, NMQG President. She welcomed and introduced new member Martine Vanpee. We had one guest and soon to be new member: Laura Burg.

**Attendance:** 30

### **BUSINESS MEETING:**

**Approval of minutes** for December 4, 2022, meeting:

Barbara Haugen moved to approve the December 4 minutes. Diane Wespiser seconded the motion. December's minutes were approved unanimously.

### **Treasurer's Report: Barbara Haugen**

- So far 37 members have sent in their dues.
- 16 folks haven't been heard from (not including the 4 who already said they weren't renewing).
- Reminder: scholarship funds are available, so no one is excluded for financial reasons.
- Make \$50 check payable to NMQG (not to Barbara!)
- Barbara's address: 33 Everett Street, Easthampton, MA 01027.

*See the attached Treasurer Report for the final NMQG Annual Report for 2022*

### **Community Outreach report: Betty MacLeod**

- 1) We will be making quilts for the Love Quilt Project. They will send us children's artwork for the center block and the log cabin pattern. If you are interested in making a block send your name and address to Betty MacLeod at [MacLeod5@aol.com](mailto:MacLeod5@aol.com). Once she gets the artwork, she will mail it with the pattern for you to make the block. You can use any fabric; light and dark. She will put the blocks together and add the borders. You will have 2-3 months to finish the blocks. *These quilts will be sent to Africa to be given to children who have HIV or who have lost a parent to AIDS.*

Those who offered to make blocks are Sally Wright, Sandy Wright, Barbara Haugen, Vicky Pillard, Martine Vanpee, Julie Bermant, Michele Sedor, Caroline White, Lauren Price, Connie Lentz, Debbie Lovejoy, Adele Franks, Timna Tarr, Nancy Foote, and Sherry Morgan.

- 2) Saturday, January 28 from 9:30am to 3:30 pm; the group "Community Comfort Quilts" will be hosting a sew day to make the wonky 1/4 log cabin blocks *for quilts for the Ronald MacDonald house in Springfield*. This sew day will be held at the Storrs Library in Longmeadow MA. Fabric, thread, and sewing machines will be provided. Refreshments will also be available. You can register on their website [Longmeadowlibrary.org](http://Longmeadowlibrary.org) under "Program & Events". We need to have an idea of how many machines to provide. You can come for an hour or stay all day. Children over the age 10 are welcome. I hope some of you will be able to attend! We can use your help.

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If you have made a charity quilt and need a label, let Betty know and she will mail one to you. When we next meet in person, she will bring labels to the meeting. Betty MacLeod at [MacLeod5@aol.com](mailto:MacLeod5@aol.com)

### Program Committee Report: Betsey Wolfson

We are seeking one to two new members to join us on the Program Committee as Betsey will be resigning soon. Contact Nancy Foote [nanirf54@gmail.com](mailto:nanirf54@gmail.com) , Betsey Wolfson [wolfson110@gmail.com](mailto:wolfson110@gmail.com) , or Barbara Stroup [Barbara.Stroup@comcast.net](mailto:Barbara.Stroup@comcast.net) .

February 5<sup>th</sup> will be a lecture and trunk show by [Irene Roderick](#). This is a zoom meeting.

February 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Irene Roderick will be doing her popular Zoom workshop “Dancing with the Wall”. This will be 11:00 – 3:00 on Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> and 10-2:00 on Sunday. It is \$30 per Guild Member and limited to the first 20 members who send Barbara Haugen a check. Please make your check payable to Northampton Modern Quilt Guild and mail to our Treasurer: Barbara Haugen, 33 Everett St, Easthampton, MA 01027

At this point, eleven people have signed up for the workshop. *Please sign-up ASAP* as we are sending invitations to the workshop to non-members for \$50 each.

March 5<sup>th</sup>: We would like anyone who attends QuiltCon to give us a report. Otherwise, the program is still 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 2<sup>nd</sup>: This will be a celebration of our 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Quilt Retreat: Diane Wespiser

The results of the survey that was sent out indicated that 17 people are interested in a retreat at the Fullerton Inn. And 16 people are interested in a retreat at a quilt shop. We have since learned that the fabric store near the Inn has closed. The Inn is no longer serving food, but there are a few restaurants nearby.

Debbie Lovejoy says there is an Inn in Hawley, and several others recommend it as a nice country retreat location with a large room with tables and walking trails. This place is Stump Sprouts, they can cook meals and have very nice owners who run the Inn.

## PROGRAM

**Presentation by Sheri Cifaldi-Morrill on Thread.** This was an engaging and informative presentation. Sheri provided us a history of Aurifil thread, which is made in Italy. The cotton comes from the Mako region of Egypt, and it is certified to be free of harmful chemicals. Most of their thread weights come in 270 colors. She discussed differences in thread ply and weight

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and what needles are best for each. The bottom line in buying any thread is to buy good thread. There was a give-a-way drawing and Heidi Wells won the “Pieces of Love Quilt” PDF pattern. Thank you Sheri for a great presentation!

The meeting adjourned at 2:13 pm.