

Northampton Modern Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

June 4, 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 our new members and guests.

Attendance: 27 members (including 3 who joined at the meeting) & 2 guests

BUSINESS MEETING

May 7, 2023 NMQG meeting minutes: Judy Salosky moved to approve the May 7 meeting minutes; Denise LeDuc seconded this. VOTE: May 7 meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Hougen

We have a bank balance of \$4, 568.68.

See the attached report.

QuiltCon 2024 Community Outreach Challenge Quilt: <https://quiltcon.com/challenges/>

Diane Wespiser: QuiltCon 2024 will be held in Raleigh, N.C. We are lucky this is within driving distance!

We need someone to take the lead on the QuiltCon Charity Quilt, to chair the effort.

The topic is "Symmetry" and the colors and specific fabrics have been determined.

The minimum size is 60" x 80"

Although the quilt does not need to be completed to photograph, a photo will be required to submit the entry. **The entry system will be open October 15 to December 15, 2023, or until it reaches 80 submissions.**

The Guild will buy the fabric and we can use our own pattern or someone else's.

The proceeds of the sale of the quilt will go to a charity.

Denise LeDuc offered space at "Two Friend's Quilting" for group quilting.

We really need someone to take the lead on this, it does take effort, but it will be fun, and you will get support!

NMQG Northampton Gallery Show for 2024:

To be in the Hosmer Gallery at the Forbes Library, the application to have a show is due July 2024. We need someone to take the lead on this.

Lee Sproull has the information for doing a show since she has a show next month.

We will have the entire gallery. Lee stated that, "as a group, we already have enough quilts to make a spectacular show." The deadline for the application may have been changed to August 15. Probably 15 quilt photos would be enough to show the library director what we can do. Lee has a drawing to scale of the gallery layout.

The show will hang for a month and there is no stipulation about when the quilt was made.

The hard part is the actual hanging of the quilts.

Lee's quilt show is July 3-29. Hosmer Gallery at the Forbes Library, 20 West Street, Northampton. The gallery is open Monday through Friday. Her reception is Saturday July 8, from 3-5:00.

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What to do with fabric scraps?

- 1) They can go to Goodwill, be sure to label any bag of scraps as "RAGS"
- 2) Baystate Textile Recycling takes clothes and scraps to be recycled. They have blue boxes with a yellow logo; you can find box locations at: <https://www.baystatetextiles.com/>

Stump Sprouts Retreat:

7 People have signed up, there is room for 14 total. The retreat is Thursday through Sunday September 14-17. *See attached flyer.*

Program Committee: Betsey Wolfson

Today is the last meeting of the Spring. Our next in person meeting is in September.

August 18

This will be a day trip to the New England Quilt Museum, 18 Shattuck St, Lowell, MA. We will see "The Quilts of Timna Tarr" and the "The Best of the Region's Quilt Guilds".

We will carpool to the Museum and meet there at 10:30 am. Parking and restaurants are nearby. Betsey will send information for carpooling as the date gets closer.

September 10

This meeting will be at Rocky Hill Cohousing, 100 Black Birch Trail, Northampton. Carpool if you can as parking is limited. Park on Black Birch Trail.

This meeting will be a "Workshop Show and Tell". Please tell us what ZOOM workshops you have taken recently; tell us what teachers you really like and show us what you learned and made. Let Betsey know ahead of time if you will be sharing a workshop with the group.

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October 1

At Rocky Hill Cohousing. PROGRAM: Sherry Morgan will present "Color Play"

November 5

We will meet at "Two Friend's Quilting". This is Denise LeDuc and Suzi Day's quilt studio at 132 Main Street, 2F, Haydenville, MA. The driveway is on the right side of the building. Enter through the atrium doors, go to the second floor, the studio is to the left.

There is no program planned yet, perhaps share "show and tell", or online resources? It is possible to do instructions on long arm quilt set up or how computer quilting is set up.

December meeting

This is our Annual Meeting and Holiday Party. Date and location to be announced.

We will also be voting for a new President, Treasurer, and Program Committee Chair. It would be good to have 1-2 more people join the Program Committee which meets monthly online. The Treasurer needs to be someone who is good with numbers, talk to Barbara Haugen if you want information about the Treasurer's job. bhaugen33@gmail.com

Our January 7 and March 3 meetings will be ZOOM meetings. February 4 will be In – Person

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The Program Committee is trying to schedule a workshop on how to maintain your sewing machine and to schedule Michele Sedor on English Paper Piecing.

Community Quilts Committee:

Betty is not here today, *Diane Wespiser* states that the Committee will take your quilt block offerings, such as left over blocks or scrap blocks. These can be used in charity quilts.

Denise LeDuc states that Hands Across the Valley Quilt Guild has a "Key Program" where they make a quilt and pillowcase for foster kids to take with them wherever they live.

Other Announcements:

Denise LeDuc mentions another QuiltCon Challenge: the Windam Cotton Challenge. She can order fabric for people who are doing this challenge, so fabric can be purchased in bulk.
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Diane Wespiser states that there is more info on the QuiltCon Challenges, such as "Maximalism". Check the Modern Quilt Guild online <https://quiltcon.com/challenges/>

PROGRAM

Betsey Wolfson demonstrated how she designs a small quilt for paper piecing on her computer or an iPad and then repeats the block and prints it on Carol Doak's Foundation Paper. Similar newsprint is sold cheaply at the Dollar Store. She prints as many blocks as she needs and then sews each one differently to create many different looking blocks.

Lynn McLandsborough showed us her "pick up sticks" technique. This technique sews inset strips, not applique. She uses glue to baste her seams and to help match the strips across another strip when she cuts through them. She gave a handout explaining how she does this.

Thank you, Betsey and Lynn, for your wonderful and inspiring presentations!
Remember we have more talent in this group than we often recognize!!

The Program was followed by "Show and Tell"

It is always exciting to see what others are doing!!
Thank you for sharing your quilts with the group.

The meeting ended at 2:00

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline White
NMQG Secretary