

## **Northampton Modern Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes**

October 1, 2023, 12:00 – 2:00 pm

Location: Rocky Hill CoHousing, 100 Black Birch Trail, Northampton, MA

The meeting was opened at 12:06 by Barbara Haugen, NMQG Treasurer, in the absence of both President Diane Wespiser and Vice President Connie Lenz.

**Attendance:** 18 members and 2 guests

Barbara welcomed new members Cheri Cross and Jane Newman who introduced themselves, and guests Nyssa Lanzafame and Hannah Hargrove, who also introduced themselves.

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

#### **Announcements:**

**November 4 & 5**, from 10am – 5 pm: Eastworks Open Studios event, 116 Pleasant Street, Easthampton. Check out the Open Studio of NMQG member, Jessa Tower of “Hoop & Bee”, suite 209!

**Postcard Exchange** with the Central Jersey Modern Quilt Guild. This will happen in **January**. 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](mailto:nanirf54@gmail.com)

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

#### **Approval of minutes from September 10, 2023 meeting**

Motion to approve by Betsey Wolfson, seconded by Maryellen Bradley-Gilbert, and unanimously approved.

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

We have 62 members now.

Our bank balance is \$4,176.34, we did lose a little money on the retreat, but not much.

*See the attached report.*

#### **Program Committee: Betsey Wolfson**

##### **November 5**

Our meeting will be at “2 Friends Quilting”, in the Brassworks building, 132 Main Street, Haydenville, MA. Denise LeDuc and Suzi Day will do a longarm quilting demo.

##### **December 3**

Holiday Party!!

Vote new Board members (President, Treasurer, and Member at Large)

Bring finger food, more details to come.

##### **January 7**

Zoom meeting with lecture by David Owen Hastings <https://davidowenhastings.com/>

##### **Saturday, January 13**

David Owen Hastings 6 hour zoom workshop “Inspired by Architecture”, this will be about \$50 per person. Scholarships are available. More info to come.

#### **Report on Retreat: Barbara Haugen**

The retreat was at Stump Sprouts, the food was outstanding!! Sleeping accommodations were okay. The best part was learning tips from each other, tools people have tried, and advice on layout and

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techniques. The location was beautiful! The bad news is this is the last time they will provide food, so we are looking for another place for next year's retreat.

If you have suggestions about a possible location for next year's retreat, please contact Diane Wespiser [dianewespiser@gmail.com](mailto:dianewespiser@gmail.com). We are especially interested in a place that will not require a lump sum commitment from the guild but will instead set a per person price.

### PROGRAM

Unfortunately, Sherry Morgan did not attend, she is okay but got the date mixed up. She sends her apologies and an email to include with the minutes.

From Sherry: "Uh-oh! My apologies to all – when one is retired it is sometimes difficult to keep track of dates. I had been thinking that the October meeting was around the 8<sup>th</sup> and totally missed the guild meeting. I was happily weeding my flowers, enjoying the sunny day and totally missed calls/texts to my cell phone. As it turned out, Martine Vanpee had the instructions for the small groups and readily stepping in to facilitate the meeting. Thanks, Martine!

If you are interested in scrap quilts, this episode of the Quilt Show with Ricky Tims and guest Diane Harris shows how changing fabric choices (and value of fabrics) can result in better quilt compositions. [https://youtu.be/VuSQAe0L6fl?si=opCK7BRP\\_xKihjmK](https://youtu.be/VuSQAe0L6fl?si=opCK7BRP_xKihjmK)  
Watch to the very end when Ricky and Diane show some of their failed projects. It's nice to see well-known quilters gutsy enough to show their "not so good" quilts."

Fortunately, the Program Committee was able to fill in for Sherry as she had already provided them with the list of color play exercises. Committee member Martine Vanpee broke us into 4 groups and each group had a collection of about forty 6 1/2" squares of fabric to play with. This was a lot of fun as we discussed color preferences, value, and pattern!

Caroline White shared three small, pieced color experiments based on colors from a John Singer Sargent painting. You can get quilt color ideas from nature, art, home decorations, T-shirts, etc.  
Sarah Satterthwaite shared a quilt with colors that did not work out due to the values being too similar.

After the program was a raffle for all the 6 1/2" fabric squares, which was won by our guest Hannah Hargrove.

Some recommended books on color suggested by members:

Intuitive Color and Design – Jean Wells

The Quilter's Field Guide to Color – Rachel Hauser

The Quilter's Color Club – Christine Barnes

Color and Composition for the Creative Quilter – Katie Pasquini Masopust and Brett Barker

Color Play – Joen Wolfrom

Visual Coloring – Joen Wolfrom

Color Confidence for Quilters - Jinny Beyers

Itten, The Elements of Color, A Treatise on the Color System of Johannes Itten

Splash of Color – Jackie Kunel

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### **The Program was followed by “Show and Tell”**

It is always exciting to see what others are doing!

Jessa, thank you for sharing your quilt with the group.

The meeting ended at 2:00

Respectfully submitted,

Caroline White

NMQG Secretary