

Northampton Modern Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

April 2, 2023

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

Present: 31 members and 1 guest

Among that number we were thrilled to see two longtime guild members currently residing elsewhere: former guild president Robin Heller-Harrison who lives in Maine, and Rachel Peterson, now living in Kenya.

Community Quilts Reminder

The information sheet in the Members' Area of our website has details on quilt sizes, etc., and Two Friends Quilting (Suzi Day & Denise LeDuc) will gladly (and very generously!) longarm them. 2friendsquilting.2f@gmail.com

BUSINESS MEETING

Minutes of our March 5, 2023 meeting

Lee Sproull moved acceptance of the minutes, Sherry Morgan seconded the motion, and those present unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report – Barbara Haugen

The \$900 deposit paid on our September 14-17 Stump Sprouts Retreat, plus a couple of regular annual expenses dropped our bank balance down to \$4,543.27. The full report is attached.

New England Quilt Museum

Free passes

We currently have 6 free passes to NEQM left of the 8 to which our annual contribution entitles us. Contact Barbara Haugen (bhaugen33@gmail.com) before your trip to confirm availability.

Summer "Best of New England Quilt Guilds" show Aug 15 – Sept 9

We need someone to take charge of this if we want our guild to submit an entry. Email Diane Wespiser (DianeWespiser@gmail.com) if you are willing to take this on.

Each guild may submit only one entry, which cannot be made from a kit. Assuming someone steps up to the plate on this, if you want your quilt to be considered, bring it to our May 7th meeting (or have someone bring it for you if you are unable to attend), and we will vote to choose the quilt to represent NMQG. See attached flyer for full details.

Stump Sprouts Retreat – September 14-17, 2023

There is a 14-person limit. The cost is \$355 per person, all meals included, with a \$75 deposit required to register. See attached flyer for full details.

Program Committee Report

Irene Roderick Workshop, May 21 & 22, 10 am – 2 pm

There are still several spots remaining. To register, email Betsey Wolfson and mail your \$30 check to Barbara Haugen. See attached flyer for full details.

May 7th meeting program

Guild member Jeff Rutherford will share his 21 years of quilting, including how he got started, improv/wonky letters, his twice-a-year retreats in Vermont, his quilting podcast, and more. This is the program Jeff was scheduled to present at our March meeting, but which he had to cancel due to illness.

June 4th meeting program

Lynne McLandsborough on “pick up sticks,” and Betsey Wolfson on paper piecing with Adobe Acrobat.

Field trip to Timna Tarr’s summer exhibit at New England Quilt Museum

The museum is not open on Sundays or Mondays, so please be thinking about whether a Saturday field trip would work for you – or one of the weekdays Tuesday – Friday. Timna will also be giving a talk there in conjunction with her exhibit. Once the date is finalized, we might choose to go then. Stay tuned...

PROGRAM CELEBRATING OUR GUILD’S 10th ANNIVERSARY

Founding Members

The following founding members of the guild were present to receive “Founding Member” pins, flowers, and our thanks: Robin Heller-Harrison, Lynne McLandsborough, Sherry Morgan, Lee Sproull, Donna Thibault-Wong, Timna Tarr, and Diane Wespiser.

Nipmuc Benefit Raffle

Northampton Center for the Arts (NCFA) acknowledges that we operate on unceded Indigenous land, but that acknowledgement must be matched by monetary compensation as one step in a process of repair. They have asked groups that use their building to consider joining them in making a donation to the Nipmuc Indian Development Corporation (NIDC), the 501(c)3 organization that supports cultural preservation for the Nipmuc people.

Thanks to everyone’s generosity, we raised \$210! Ann Feitelson won the raffle and went home with a wall quilt made by Diane Wespiser.

Pantone Color Challenge

The Program Committee challenged us to make mini-quilts incorporating Emerald, the Pantone Color of the Year when our guild was founded in 2013, and/or this year’s color, Viva Magenta. All the entries were imaginative and inventive, and every entry received more than one vote, but the People’s Choice Award – a \$25 gift card to Valley Fabrics – went to Caroline White!



Caroline's quilt

Speed Dating

Although Zoom was a boon and blessing during the most intense months of the Covid pandemic, we have all been longing for face-to-face contact, and our newer members haven't really gotten to know the rest of us – nor we them.

To remedy that situation, we broke into dyads – hopefully of members who didn't know each other well – and when the bell rang began “speed-dating” conversations of 4 (later extended to 5) minutes duration. Each time the bell rang, one person was to move on to a new partner, while the other remained in her chair to receive a new partner.

At the opening bell, clamorous conversations immediately ensued, and folks were extremely reluctant to stop when the next bell rang. It was a terrific bonding experience and seemingly enjoyed by all.

Cake & Goodie Bags

We had a brief “show & tell” following the speed dating and then went on to enjoy our 10th anniversary cake, more conversation, and the distribution of “goodie bags.”

Each bag contained 4 fat quarters of different solid colors (a return of the one yard of fabric each of us donated earlier this year), a tiny handmade pin cushion, several fabric store coupons, a small packet of treats, a quilting crossword puzzle, and a fabric strip printed with our logo.

The bags are simple white canvas and, as Diane Wespiser put it, “the perfect canvas for our next challenge!” Over the next few months each of us is to decorate our bag with fabric, embroidery, paint, etc. (really any way we want to), but each must include the logo fabric strip. In the fall we will reveal our creations, conduct a People’s Choice vote, and award the winner a gift card to their favorite local fabric store.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Haugen – standing in for our secretary, Caroline White, who was home recovering from her second bout of Covid.

NMQG Mar 2023 Financial Report

Barbara Haugen, Treasurer

		BUDGET	YTD	MAR
INCOME				
46 members @ \$50		\$2,500.00	\$650.00	\$50.00
Visitors Fees				
Workshop Fees		\$500.00	\$300.00	
Scholarship Fund Donations				
Other				
	TOTAL INCOME	\$3,000.00	\$950.00	\$50.00
EXPENSES				
Education				
Meeting Programs	\$1,000.00		\$725.00	
Workshops	\$1,000.00			
Other				
	TOTAL EDUCATION	\$2,000.00	\$725.00	\$0.00
National Dues (over 45 members)		\$840.00	\$840.00	
Rental Space - N'ton Center for the Arts		\$250.00	\$50.00	
Insurance for meeting rental space		\$395.00		
MA Attorney General Fee		\$35.00	\$35.82	\$35.82
New England Quilt Museum		\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
Awards		\$250.00		
Charity Quilt Supplies		\$300.00	\$29.14	
Domain: Blue Host		\$20.00	\$19.99	
Postage		\$40.00	\$12.00	
Zoom Renewal		\$160.00		
Website: Wix ('23 & '24 pd)				
Miscellaneous		\$25.00	\$5.13	
10th Anniversary Celebration		\$450.00	\$154.17	
Retreat - Sept 14-17			\$900.00	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4,865.00	\$2,871.25	\$135.82

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$4,629.09
Plus Income	\$50.00
	\$4,679.09
Minus Expenses	-\$135.82
ENDING BALANCE	\$4,543.27