

Northampton Modern Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

February 5, 2023, 12:00 – 2:00 pm

Zoom meeting

The meeting was opened at 12:00 by Diane Wespiser, NMQG President. She welcomed and introduced guests Barbara Miner, Margaret Hilliard, Christine Ryan and four new members: Martine Vanpee, Laura Berg, Lynn Yanis, and Anna Robbins.

Attendance: 29 members and 3 guests.

BUSINESS MEETING

Announcements:

- The Program Committee requests that any member who can teach us a new technique or review a technique, please consider offering to teach at one of our regular meetings.
- Regarding a retreat at Stump Sprouts, we will hear from them in about 2 weeks to know if they can put us on their schedule. The retreat would be in the Fall of 2023 or the Spring of 2024.
- Remember to work on the mini quilt challenge for our April 10th Anniversary Challenge. Look for the flyer that was sent out, there will be a prize given for “people’s choice”
- Betty MacLeod says she will be mailing out art for the Love Project blocks. This is for a simple log cabin block with light and dark fabrics. Instructions will come with the art. The blocks are due in 2-3 months, preferably by our April 2 meeting. She could use more people making blocks. Email Betty if you want to volunteer: macleod5@aol.com
- There are 4 spots available in Irene Roderick’s zoom workshop Feb 11 and 12. *Caroline White will send out the flyer again for the Workshop and our Anniversary Challenge.*

January 8, 2023, Meeting minutes

Barbara Haugen moved to approve the January 8th meeting minutes as written. This was seconded. The January 8th meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report: Barbara Haugen

See the attached report.

Program Committee: Nancy Foote

March 5: This meeting will be in person in Eli’s Room, Northampton Center for the Arts. Jeff Rutherford will talk about how he got started quilting, how to do wonky letters, his pod cast and more!

Anyone who goes to QuiltCon, we would love to have you do a report. Please send a note to the Program Committee if you want to report. Contact Nancy Foote nanirf54@gmail.com , Betsey Wolfson wolfson110@gmail.com , or Barbara Stroup Barbara.Stroup@comcast.net

April 2: In person meeting. This is going to be a celebration of NMQG’s 10th Anniversary! If you haven’t donated fabric yet, please bring 4 fat quarters or 1 yard of fabric to the March meeting or send it to Diane Wespiser 70 Orchard Street, Lee, MA 01238.

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May 7: TBA

- The New England Quilt Museum is going to do a show highlighting the quilt guilds in New England. They want one quilt from each guild. Please bring possible quilts to be included in the show to the May meeting.
- *Timna Tarr is having a retrospective show at the New England Quilt Museum from July 18 through September 30, 2023. We would like to do a road trip to see the show and to support Timna.*
- Martine Vanpee has joined the Program Committee. Thank you, Martine. We would love to have another member join the committee.

If you have ideas for presenters or topics for future Guild meetings, send your ideas to Betsey Wolfson wolfson110@gmail.com

THE PROGRAM WITH IRENE RODERICK

Nancy Foote introduced Irene. Irene trained as a painter, is based in Austin TX and is a sought-after teacher.

Irene shared many photos and spoke about how she got started quilting after painting for years. She shared some of her influences and how she produces her improvisational quilts. When she sees something that sparks her imagination she thinks, “I want to do that” and she goes from there. She works intuitively and is always moving as she creates, calling her process “Dancing with the Wall.” She continues to take classes from others and always comes away having learned something that contributes to her process.

Thank you, Irene Roderick, for a wonderful presentation!

After the presentation we had time to share some of the quilts we have been working on and a few more announcements were made:

- We have 16 quilt entries from NMQG for the Hands Across the Valley Show April 22-23
- There is still time to turn in raffle baskets for the show. These need to be turned in by the March 5th NMQG meeting. Give these to Debbie Lovejoy delovleo@gmail.com and include a list of what is in the basket.
- The Maine Quilt Show in Augusta, ME is July 27-29. People can sign up for classes in March.
- There is a new store for recycled fabrics: Paper City Fabrics in Holyoke.
- A couple people suggested that guild members check out Gotham Quilts in NY. They offer several online quilt classes.
- It has been difficult for some members to find fabric for the anniversary quilt challenge, Valley Fabrics is trying to get them in. It was suggested people try the Textile company in Greenfield. Suggested online fabric retailers were: Fabric.com and Pure Solids by Art Gallery Fabrics.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 pm

Respectfully submitted, Caroline White, NMQG Secretary