

Northampton Modern Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

May 7, 2023, 12:00 – 2:00 pm

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

The meeting was opened at 12:07 by Diane Wespiser, NMQG President. She welcomed and introduced new member Caitlin McKinnell and 4 guests.

Attendance: 22, including guests.

BUSINESS MEETING

April 2 NMQG meeting minutes: Diane Wespiser moves to approve the meeting minutes from April 2nd 2023. Lee Sproull seconds the motion. VOTE: the minutes are unanimously approved.

September meeting: Due to renovation of Eli's room at the Northampton Center for the Arts, our September meeting will be at Rocky Hill Co-Housing. Parking is quite limited, so carpooling is highly suggested. There is handicap parking near the Common Room where we will meet.

New England Quilt Museum: There were 4 quilts submitted for consideration for the New England Quilt Museum exhibition: "The Best of the Region's Quilt Guilds". These were from Ann Feitelson, Martine Vanpee, Diane Wespiser, and Lynn Yanis. Ann's quilt: "A Cup of Cubist Coffee and a Chocolate Chip Cookie" won the popular vote with 40% of the votes. The votes for the other 3 quilts were spread out evenly. Ann Feitelson will deliver her quilt to the New England Quilt Museum. The exhibition will be on view August 14 through September 9, 2023.

Thank you to everyone who submitted a quilt!

Decorating Goodie Bags: Our next competition is for decorating the "goodie bags" that were handed out at the April Celebration. Be sure to incorporate the NMQG logo and decorate the bag any way you want. You can even take the bag apart, decorate it and re-sew it together. These will be shared and voted on at the September meeting.

Stump Sprouts Retreat September 14-17: There is a 14-person limit. Information was emailed (on April 4, as an attachment with the NMQG meeting minutes for April 2, 2023). The total cost is \$355 and includes meals. A \$75 deposit is required, to be made out to NMQG and sent to our Treasurer, Barbara Haugen, 33 Everett St, Easthampton, MA, 01027.

Treasurer's Report: Barbara Haugen

As of today, we have 53 members.

6 people have signed up for the Retreat.

17 have signed up for Irene Roderick's zoom workshop.

The end of April bank balance was \$4,851.51

See the attached full report.

Program Committee Report: Betsey Wolfson

May 20-21: Irene Roderick zoom workshop "Dancing with the Wall". This includes 4 hours of workshop each day. There are 2 or 3 spots left. The cost is \$30 for members, \$50 for non-members.

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June 4: NMQG in-person meeting will be at the Northampton Center for the Arts. There will be two presentations. Lynn McLandsborough will present her “pick up sticks” technique and Betsey Wofson will show us how she designs paper pieced projects from a photo.

Friday, August 18 we will carpool to the New England Quilt Museum to see two shows: “The Quilts of Timna Tarr” and “The Best of the Region’s Quilt Guilds”.

There are no Sunday meetings in July and August.

September 10: We will hold this meeting, and most future meetings, at Rocky Hill Cohousing, 100 Black Birch Trail, Northampton. Please carpool. A map will be sent before the meeting. The September program will be a “Workshop Show and Tell” about workshops members have taken and what they learned in the workshop. If you want to share a workshop you have taken, contact Betsey Wolfson: wolfson110@gmail.com
We will also share and vote on our favorite decorated bags.

October 1: Program: Sherry Morgan on “Color Play”. The meeting is at Rocky Hill Cohousing.

November 5: This meeting will be at “Two Friends Quilting” in Haydenville.

December 3: Annual Holiday Party.

Community Quilts Committee: Betty MacLeod

Betty reports that she needs 2 more blocks that people committed to for the Love Project Quilts. Contact her if you owe her a block: macleod5@aol.com

Other Announcements:

Lee Sproull is having a quilt show “Inspired by the Valley”. The show is on view July 3-29, a reception will be Saturday, July 8 from 3-5. In the Hosmer Gallery at the Forbes Library, 20 West Street, Northampton, MA

Upcoming quilt shows:

Maine Quilts 2023, July 17-29, at the Augusta Civic Center.

Celebrations and Inspirations Quilt Show 2023, June 10-11, at Kingswood Oxford School Field House, 832 Trout Brook Drive, West Hartford, CT

Diane Wespiser read the new definition of a Modern Quilt. You can read it yourself at <https://www.themodernquiltguild.com/2023/04/24/what-is-modern-quilting-2/>

PROGRAM:

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Jeff is a founding member of the Northampton Modern Quilt Guild. He has been quilting for over 20 years. He talked about his quilting journey beginning with cross stitching and making soft sculpture dolls to taking a beginner class where he knew nothing about quilting, and buying his first sewing machine at Kmart in Greenfield.

He discovered Bonnie Hunter's Mystery Quilts in 2016 and has thoroughly enjoyed making these. He is currently working on a "365 Challenge Quilt" by Katheryn Kerr from Australia, for which he receives daily instructions.

He has participated in over 20 quilt retreats with a group of men across the country.

He has a quilting podcast with his friend Elaine, called "Quilting Stories."

He also does improv quilt lettering.

Thank you, Jeff, for a wonderful presentation!!

General Discussion after the Program:

1) Program idea for a future meeting: making quilt labels. The Quilt Alliance has information about labels: <https://quiltalliance.org/projects/documentyourquilt/>

2) Do we want to have a NMQG quilt show? Maybe at the Forbes Library like Lee is doing? Lee says they love community-based shows. She has a map of the gallery to share with the guild. The shows are up for one month. The application for next year's deadline is July 1 for the next year starting in September. Half the gallery holds about 15 full size quilts and a few smaller ones. The hanging space is 7' tall. The gallery has a rail at the ceiling and the quilts need to have hanging sleeves. Participants need to individually supply a rod or batten board 1" wider than the quilt.

The meeting ended at about 2:00

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline White
NMQG Secretary