

## **NORTHAMPTON MODERN QUILT GUILD**

Minutes – May 3, 2020

Via Zoom due to Covid-19

**Attendance:** 23 Members

### **BUSINESS MEETING**

**Sally Wright's improvements to our guild's tech organization:** Kudos to Sally, who has spent many hours drawing together all the member lists, emailing lists, account passwords and other information from various sources into a single Google Drive account associated with our guild email address. This will allow:

- Emailing from our guild Gmail account rather than from the personal accounts of various officers, and
- Smoother transitions from one year's officers to the next as all our information will finally be in one location.

### **Sherri Lynn Wood's online Improv Layered Curve workshop May 23rd**

- Our guild's co-sponsorship of the workshop does not involve any guild funds; we need only publicize it.
- Current guild members are entitled to a 10% discount on the registration fee – for the promo code see the flier mailed to members last week.

### **Question: Should we pay our members for the programs they present at our meetings?**

- Some other guilds do, but thus far we have not done so.
  - Our members have generously donated their time to provide most of our meeting programs.
  - Paying them will acknowledge that as artists and creators we should be remunerated for our work.
  - Program presenters may choose to donate their fees back to the guild, but it should absolutely not be expected that they do so.
- We will defer voting on this issue until the June 7th meeting – per our bylaws, a majority of those present at the meeting will determine the outcome.
- Julie provided us with this fee schedule example from the Hands Across the Valley Guild:

A. Short (15-20 minute) presentation at Sunday meeting (i.e. as part of a panel): \$30

B. Solo prepared, organized presentation at Sunday meeting with or without Trunk Show or Power Point: \$150

C. Half-day Workshop Leader (including lunch): \$200

D. Full-day Workshop Leader (including lunch): \$300

or

E. One Hourly Rate to encompass all of the above, with the exception of A. above.

**NOTE:** These rates apply unless presenter has other, published rates.

- As financial background for this proposal Treasurer Barbara Farrell noted that last year our income was around \$2,200 and our expenses \$2,400, but the expenses included \$1,500 for the Melissa Averinos workshop, so adopting the HATV fee schedule would be within our means.
- If we vote to pay our members who present programs for us, we will also need to decide whether to make this retroactive to the beginning of 2020.

**Links for recorded portions of April and May meetings via Zoom.** The April link does not require a password, but with increased security the May recording does:

- April 5th Meeting – Diane Wespiser’s program on the EQ8 software and its adaptability for designing modern quilts:  
<https://zoom.us/rec/share/weZYPoyt605OHOHv9WHNYaUxPL60T6a8gyUervYNyR7rTthgsSv774KbL6mkSIWt>
- May 3rd Meeting – “Up Close and Personal” with Lee Sproull:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/Nc2CInb\\_WBLU4mV9hHQX\\_46FKbcaaa82yVlrPpZyE16A2317ZLJ\\_18VgMwnb287](https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/Nc2CInb_WBLU4mV9hHQX_46FKbcaaa82yVlrPpZyE16A2317ZLJ_18VgMwnb287) Password: 1m@34&2r

**Do we want to meet monthly through the summer?** We normally meet just through June and take July and August off while folks are away on vacation, but since we may well be at home this summer, shall we continue to meet via Zoom in July and August? We will decide at our June meeting.

### **Treasurer’s Report**

- **Income:** \$100.00 From two new members
- **Expenses:**
  - MA Attorney General Filing \$35.00
  - Mail Attorney General Paperwork \$2.00
  - Mail Bank Address Change \$.50
  - WIX website 2 year charges \$280.50
- **Bank Balance May 1, 2020: \$4,520.41**
- **Petty Cash May 1, 2020: \$6.73**

### **PROGRAM**

**Tools and Tutorials** – Many thanks to all our members who offered their favorite tools, tutorials, etc:

#### **Lee Sproull**

- Big Board ironing board: <https://bigboardenterprises.com/bigboard/>

- Instructions for making your own big board ironing board: <https://alittlecrispy.com/2016/11/how-to-make-a-big-ironing-board/>
- 7-foot Straight Edge: <https://www.homedepot.com/p/Swanson-72-in-Aluminum-Non-Marring-Straight-Edge-Anodised-Laser-Etched-Scale-SVE720/204157624>
- Wrist pin cushion with Velcro strap – a gift from Timna years ago, Lee wears it constantly.

### **Betty MacLeod**

- Creative Grids Bias Binding Simplified Quilt Ruler: <https://www.creativegridsusa.com/products/CGRABB1>
- Hang It Dang It quilt hanger – great for hanging quilts in a stairwell: <https://www.hangitdangit.com>

### **Jeff Rutherford**

- Electric Quilt video lessons: <https://www.onpointquilter.com/eq-training.html>
- Amy Friend's House block-of-the-month: <https://duringquiettime.com/product/next-door-block-of-the-month-for-2020>
- Bonnie Hunter's Unity quilt-along: <https://quiltville.blogspot.com/p/unity-quilt-along.html>
- Quilter's Slide Lock Ruler, non-skid with large wooden handle to protect hands from rotary cutter accidents: <https://www.quiltersslidelock.com>
- Evernote note taking app for keeping quilting notes, photos, etc. organized: <https://evernote.com>

### **Barbara Stroup**

- Stiletto (lots of different ones on the market) for guiding fabric under the foot of your sewing machine & close to needle without endangering fingers – especially great for
  - curved piecing
  - preventing pleats and wrinkles
  - preventing fabric from shifting at the end of a seam

### **Donna Thibault-Wong**

- Stiletto – Donna's son makes wooden handles for stilettoes and for seam rippers!
- Steam-a-Seam 2 Double Stick Fusible Tape: for attaching binding before sewing for better hold than with pins or clips, comes in different widths – available at online fabric stores.

### **Julie Bermant**

- Amanda Murphy Good Measure Quilting Rulers for machine quilting – solid and grippy, pricy but well worth it: <https://blog.amandamurphydesign.com/good-measure-quilting-rulers/>

### ***Sandy Wright***

- Quilters Select Rulers designed by Alex Anderson of The Quilt Show – really grip fabric well: <http://store.thequiltshow.com/category-s/340.htm>
- Wooden scissor holder hangs around neck & includes magnet to keep scissors from falling out: [https://www.etsy.com/listing/715712847/scissor-holder-hand-turned?ref=shop\\_home\\_active\\_29](https://www.etsy.com/listing/715712847/scissor-holder-hand-turned?ref=shop_home_active_29)

### ***Diane Wespiser***

- Add-A-Quarter rulers, 6” and 12”, invaluable for adding the quarter-inch seam allowance for paper piecing – available at online fabric stores.
- Cosmetic brush for cleaning sewing machine innards.

### ***Ellen Follett***

- Magic Pins with an elongated head that is easier to grasp and grip: <https://www.connectingthreads.com/magic-pins/g/MagicPins>
- Kids watercolor paint brush for cleaning sewing machine.
- Tip: Sewing together two rows when one is slightly longer than the other: put the longer one on the bottom.
- Tip: When sewing together a quilt top made of small squares, try sewing them into 9-patch units instead of first sewing them into rows & then sewing the rows together.

### ***Barbara Haugen***

- “Handmade with ♥” ribbon labels for charity quilts when you want to remain anonymous: <https://www.etsy.com/listing/499881375/ribbon-1-5-yards-made-with-love>

### ***Jane Nestel-Patt***

- Microbrush disposable applicators – for sewing machine cleaning
- Creative Grids Stripology Slotted Quilting Ruler for easily and accurately cutting multiple strips: <https://www.creativegridsusa.com/products/CGRGE1XL>
- Tailor’s Ham – for pressing curves.

### ***Barbara Farrell***

- Bamboo stylus, used like a stiletto to keep an exact quarter-inch seam from start to finish without veering off at the end.
- Cotton swab – to clean bobbin case.

Submitted by Barbara Haugen, Guild Secretary  
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