

## Northampton Modern Quilt Guild Minutes & Meeting Notes

Revisions highlighted in **yellow**

September 12, 2021

*Via Zoom due to Covid-19*

**Attendance:** 27 NMQG members and 2 guests

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### **Maria Shell Workshop “Making Prints from Solids” ~ Sept 18th & 25th via Zoom**

If you registered for this workshop but found out after the refund date that you are not able to attend, please post on our Facebook page as there may be someone who would gladly purchase your registration from you.

#### **Third Saturday Sewing Circle**

Will not be held in September because of the Maria Shell workshop, so the next one is scheduled for Saturday, October 16, 1:00 – 3:00pm.

It was suggested that besides general chatting and quilting, this is a great time for discussion of specific topics such as the working with the Bernina 770, long arm quilting machines, etc.

#### **“Make Do or Do Without: Depression Era Wool Quilts”**

Please check out weaver [Peggy Hart's](#) current exhibition at [Great Falls Discovery Center](#), 2 Avenue A Turners Falls, MA. Open Sept. 4-30, 2021. Talk and Spin-In Saturday September 18, 11am to noon. Peggy will give a talk on Depression Era wool quilts at 11:00 am. Then celebrate wool and experience a “spin-in” where local spinners demonstrate their spinning wheels. Enjoy a fabric activity with Swanson's Fabrics. All are welcome.

#### **“Mini” Fabric Extravaganza**

Denise LeDuc is helping with her friend Mary Jane Carey's “Mini” Fabric Extravaganza at 227 South St, Chesterfield MA, Saturday, September 18th and Sunday, September 19th, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Hundreds of half-yard cuts of fabric available at \$2/**half**-yard – CASH only please.

#### **Fabric of a Nation: American Quilt Stories**

Exhibit at the [Museum of Fine Arts in Boston](#), October 10, 2021 – January 17, 2022.

### BUSINESS MEETING

#### **Approval minutes of June meeting**

Moved by Barbara Farrell, seconded by Betty MacLeod and unanimously approved.

#### **Treasurer's Report – Barbara Farrell**

Our current bank balance is \$5,762.57, plus a \$55 workshop fee to be deposited.

***Congratulations* to Diane Wespiser for winning the MQG's Make-A-Difference Challenge with her tree quilt titled “Look Up.”**



This award is particularly special because rather than being chosen by a limited slate of judges, it is the result of votes cast by MQG members from all over the world!

Diane explained that the design was pieced in stages: first the background squares were pieced, then they were randomly cut and the smaller branches inserted, then the squares were joined and the entire quilt top was cut to insert the larger branches.

#### **Williamsburg Snack Bar Exhibit Report – Denise Leduc**

The exhibit was a great success! According to the Snack Bar folks, the nineteen quilts which were included in the July and August exhibit elicited lots of positive comments. Many thanks to Sally Wright and Suzi Day who worked with Denise on the exhibit.

Any exhibitors who have not yet picked up their quilts should contact Denise or Suzi and arrange to do so. Receipts for any expenses incurred should be submitted to Treasurer Barbara Farrell for reimbursement.

#### **MQG Charity Challenge Quilt Report – Diane Wespiser**

About 85% of the blocks needed were assembled during the freezer-paper-piecing work party at Denise & Suzi's studio on July 10. The rest have been completed and dropped off at the new Valley Fabrics store in Northampton. Due to increases in Covid cases locally, assembly of the quilt will be done by just a small group of volunteers later in September. Many thanks to all who participated!



#### **Program Committee Report**

##### New committee members for 2022

Many thanks to Sherry Morgan, Julie Bermant, and Betty MacLeod, who are stepping down, to Lauren Price & Betsey Wolfson who are continuing, and to Nancy Foote and Barbara Stroup, who are joining the committee for 2022!

##### Suggestions are needed for our 2022 guild-sponsored workshops

If there is a teacher you'd like us to consider inviting to do a workshop for us in 2022, please let us know. *[Secretary's Note: For ideas don't forget to tune in to the Global Quilt Connection's next [All Star Sampler Platter](#), Saturday, October 2, and Sunday, October 3, 3:00-6:00pm. We have already paid for a guild pass and will be sending out the link closer to that time. Each day's event will be available for 24 hours after the live event ends.]*

##### Make It Modern" Design Challenge

This challenge is based on one described by the Phoenix Modern Quilt Guild when we met with them in May.

The quilts must be at least 12" x 12" and completed by November 30, 2021. Before our December 5th meeting members will vote on the entries (photos only, no names attached) and the winner will be awarded a \$50 gift certificate to the local fabric store of her/his choice. An information sheet was emailed to members immediately after the meeting and is also included as an attachment to these minutes.

For ideas about taking a traditional quilt block and turning it into a modern design, go to the gallery section on the Modern Quilt Guild web page and select the category "modern traditionalism" to see some examples.

Sylvia Schaefer's program today on Designing with Negative Space provided wonderful preparation for this challenge. She also gave a one-hour webinar for the MQG titled "Assembling Quilts with Negative Space," in which she discusses the math and how to approach assembling a quilt that includes large areas of negative space. The webinar is under the Resources Section on the MQG webpage.

#### Potholder Swap Reveal Scheduled for November 7th meeting

Besides displaying the potholders received, those who participated will be asked to share how what they learned about the guild member they interviewed influenced the design of the potholder they made for her. The phone interviews took place last spring, and memories may be a bit hazy, so feel free to have a follow-up conversation if necessary.

#### Fall Programs

- **October 3rd:** Short video on straight line quilting on a domestic machine by Jacquie Gering, followed by a panel of guild members for tips and Q&A
- **November 7th:** Timna Tarr has arranged for [Scott Fortunoff](#), president and owner of the [Jaftex group of fabric companies](#), to be our guest presenter.
  - Check out Scott's [blog post](#) on the fabric supply chain problems caused by Covid-19.
- **December 5th:** Our official "annual meeting" with election of officers, etc. Betty MacLeod & Lauren Price are working on games & special surprises! And besides awarding the winner of the "Make It Modern" design challenge, all members in attendance will be eligible for a drawing for paid membership for 2022.

#### **President, Treasurer, and Board Member At Large needed for 2022**

This is the second year of service for our current board members. President Julie Bermant, Co-Vice President Betty Macleod, and Treasurer Barbara Farrell will be stepping down at the end of this year. Sally Wright will be continuing as Vice President and Barbara Haugen as Secretary, but volunteers are needed for 2022 President, Treasurer, and Board Member At Large.

Please let us know if you are interested – this is a great way to become more connected with the guild!

#### **Tech Folks Needed**

##### Zoom

If you are comfortable with Zoom technology, please consider volunteering to help with monthly meetings, as well as special programs, workshops, and lectures.

##### Webmaster

We are also looking for a guild member with a working knowledge of website maintenance who would enjoy taking the time to become proficient enough with our Wix.com platform to handle website changes more complex than just posting calendar events, minutes, etc.

#### **PROGRAM: "Designing with Negative Space"**

Guest lecture by Sylvia Schaefer of [Flying Parrot Quilts](#).

Suzi Day won the raffled copy of Sylvia's book, [The Quilter's Negative Space Handbook](#), and Sylvia offered guild members a 15% discount (**Code: NMQG15**), good through Friday, September 17, on items from the shop on her website [Flying Parrot Quilts](#).

Sylvia also recommended [Leonis 5 Water Erasable Marking Pens](#).