

Northampton Modern Quilt Guild

February 2, 2020

100 Black Birch Trail, Florence, MA

Happy Palindrome Day! (02-02-2020 or 2020-02-20)

Today we had a lively meeting! We had twenty-seven in attendance, including five visitors from the Material Girls Quilt Guild in Leominster, and several other first-time visitors.

The **Material Girls Quilt Guild** was founded in 1996.

They currently have 140 members.

Meetings are held on the third Thursday of each month in Leominster (about 1 ½ hours from Northampton).

They have a Quilt Show in June, and they offer lots of programs and workshops.

<http://www.materialgirlsquiltguild.org/>

Officer Elections

At our January meeting, we elected Betty MacLeod and Sally Wright as co-Vice Presidents and Barbara Farrell as Treasurer.

Today, we elected Julie Bermant as President of the Guild.

Our officers for 2020 are:

President	Julie Bermant
Vice Presidents	Betty MacLeod and Sally Wright
Treasurer	Barbara Farrell
Secretary	Barbara Haugen

Program Planning

Julie and Jeff will be part of the Program Committee, and they invite others to help them plan.

Some guilds let their Program Committee do all the planning and present decisions to the group. Other guilds ask the membership to approve monthly programs.

We don't want all the stress to fall on the Program Committee.

Please speak up if you are able to offer a program at a monthly meeting or can join the Program Committee.

Here are the ideas we came up with at the January meeting.

We encourage everyone to think about topics or presenters you might be interested in.

Ideas for possible programs this year

Electric Quilts

Finishing a quilt in preparation for a quilt show

Share your favorite quilting gadget or notion / raffle off your extra quilting gadgets

Sisters In Stitches Joined By The Cloth from Arlington, MA /

<https://www.sistersinstitches.org/>

Bullet Journal / "It will not only help you get more organized but will also help you become a better person." / <https://bulletjournal.com/pages/learn>

Ideas for organizing your sewing room

How to critique a quilt / Carson

Painting on fabric / Maryellen

Longarm / a panel discussion /
Longarm / a demo
Paper piecing – without paper / *à la* David Sirota
Report from QuiltCon Austin for those who can't attend

February meeting

Members who go to QuiltCon in Austin this month will report back to the rest of us.
Show and tell.

World Quilt Show New England (Mancuso Show Management)

August 13 -15 in Springfield, MA

<https://www.quiltfest.com/upcoming-shows-and-events/world-quilt-new-england/>

Our Guild participated in this show last summer, and many members who attended really enjoyed it. They present quilts from all over the world.

We had our own exhibit in the Vendors room, some of us provided white glove service (reportedly the best way to see the show), and we made a group quilt that was raffled off (and won by Barbara Farrell). Money raised (not very much for all the work) went toward cost of Melissa Averinos workshop.

Do we want to participate again this year and have an **NMQG exhibit**? **YES**.

We like to see the quilts, and it helps publicize our guild.

Any guild member can show a quilt in this exhibit.

Do we want to make a **group quilt**? **YES**. Let's put it in our exhibit.

Do we want to **raffle** off that quilt? **NO**. It required too much paperwork to hold a raffle, and we had to have people sitting at the table to sell tickets.

We will need volunteers to hang and to white glove. Seems like many people will volunteer.

Will someone **lead the group quilt** project?.....

We'll have to bring this up again next month.

VQF

Julie noted that applications for the Vermont Quilt Festival near Burlington, VT, opened in January.

(When I checked the website, is said "Adult and Youth Quilt submissions are closed, however waitlist submissions are being accepted." <https://vqf.org/home/>)

Today's program: Scrap Quilts

Members showed many quilts made with strings, strips, and scraps.

Lee showed a quilt that she owns, made by Anna Williams, a quilter from Louisiana.

<https://64parishes.org/entry/anna-williams>

<http://worldquilts.quiltstudy.org/americanstory/node/5783>

For inspiration, check out Victoria Findlay Wolfe's book *15 minutes of Play -- Improvisational Quilts: Made-Fabric Piecing - Traditional Blocks - Scrap Challenges*

Storage idea: keep scraps in plastic containers that hold lettuce

Organizing idea: sort scraps by set sizes for later use

We saw an amazing whole cloth quilt made by Shannon Baltazar, a new longarm machine owner.

Sally, who recently returned from India, show fabrics she bought at a sari market

Rachel, who lives in Kenya now, showed some fabrics she bought in Mombassa.

Minutes by Betsey Wolfson, in Barbara Haugen's absence.