

## Northampton Modern Quilt Guild Minutes & Meeting Notes

November 7, 2021

*Via Zoom due to Covid-19*

**Attendance:** 26 NMQG members and 1 guest

We welcomed new member Andrea DeTullio, and one guest, Kristen Strange.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Membership Dues for 2022 due by December 30th.** Please make your \$50 check payable to Northampton Modern Quilt Guild and mail it to our Treasurer:

Barbara Farrell  
73 Elm Street  
East Longmeadow, MA 01028

You may also pay via VENMO: @Barbara-Farrell-29, last four digits 6894.

**Show & Tell for December 5th meeting:** If you would like to share some of your recent work at our December 5th meeting, **please email photos of the quilts to Julie** ([julie@jbermant@gmail.com](mailto:julie@jbermant@gmail.com)) by December 4th so she can include them in a slide show.

**Open Studios at Brushworks Arts and Industry**, 221 Pine Street, Florence, MA, November 13 & 14, 10am-5pm. Whitney Gecker's partner, [Catherine Aiello](#), printmaker and quilter, works from Studio 421. They would love to have folks drop by!

### BUSINESS MEETING

#### Approval of minutes of October meeting

Moved by Betty MacLeod, seconded by Betsey Wolfson, and unanimously approved.

#### Treasurer's Report – Barbara Farrell

People's United Bank Balance: \$4,490.54

To be deposited: Two \$10 checks, prorated membership for new members

### Shining Moments

We plan to make this a regular feature of our monthly meetings to celebrate the accomplishments of our members.

- **[Timna Tarr](#)**: The International Quilt Festival in Houston, October 28-31, 2021, featured a solo exhibit of all 12 of Timna's "[Noble Menagerie](#)" quilts which are featured in her [Studio E fabric line](#) of the same name.
- **[Ann Feitelson](#)**: Her "Raspberry Lemon Cake" quilt is featured in the current (Polygons – Issue 17) of [Curated Quilts](#), and "Moondance" is featured in the current (October-November-December 2021) issue of [Uppercase](#) magazine.
- **[Carson Converse](#)**: Her recent collaboration with Hermès resulted in six quilts of cashmere with gold thread featured as part of the [Hermès Collections for the Home](#) on display during [Milan \(Italy!\) Design Week](#)

### Officers for 2022

We hold "elections," but in actual practice only one person volunteers for each position. In order to ensure some continuity on the board, last June we amended our bylaws to provide that in odd election years President, Treasurer, and Board Member At Large will be elected, and in even election years we will elect Vice President and Secretary.

Sally Wright has agreed to stay on as Vice President for 2022, and Barbara Haugen as Secretary.

We have volunteers for the following offices:

- President: Diane Wespiser
- Board Member At Large: Barbara Stroup

- She will also serve as liaison to the Program Committee, of which she is also a member

We still need a Treasurer!

Our finances are simple, and so far Excel is all we have needed to track them. Barbara Farrell will happily train and offer assistance to the new Treasurer. If you are comfortable working with numbers, organized, responsible, and willing to serve our guild in this way, please email Barbara Farrell ([bjfarrell73@charter.net](mailto:bjfarrell73@charter.net)).

#### **“Make It Modern” Challenge – Julie Bermant**

See attached information sheet which is also posted on our website in the Members’ Area under “Challenges & Swaps.”

Your quilts (at least 12” x 12”) are due by November 30th. Please send a photo of your quilt to [julie@jbermant.com](mailto:julie@jbermant.com). We will post the photos on our website – without the maker’s name – to be voted on in early December. The winner will be announced at our December 5th meeting and will receive a \$50 gift certificate to the local fabric store of their choice. Details on how to vote to follow...

This challenge is based on one we heard about from the Phoenix Modern Quilt Guild when they were our guests earlier this year. Your quilt must include a “recognizable element” from the Sister’s Choice quilt block. Sherry Morgan clarified that this means, “As long as you can say it with a straight face...”

Sherry also recommended using ideas from Sylvia Schaefer’s September program. A couple of copies of Sylvia’s book, *The Quilter’s Negative Space Handbook*, are available from our CWMARS library system.

#### **Community Quilts Committee Report – Betty MacLeod**

Please email Betty ([macleod5@aol.com](mailto:macleod5@aol.com)) if you have finished quilts ready to donate.

Denise LeDuc and Suzi Day are still willing to longarm your charity quilt if you provide the backing and batting. Email [dm.leduc@yahoo.com](mailto:dm.leduc@yahoo.com). Barbara Haugen will send Denise our printed NMQG labels to attach to the quilts.

#### **Program Committee Report – Sherry Morgan**

Old and new committee members met together in October. Lauren Price and Betsey Wolfson will be continuing as committee members for 2022, along with new committee members Barbara Stroup and Nancy Foote.

- **December 5th:** Our official “annual meeting” will include:
  - Annual Reports by President and Treasurer
  - Election of officers
  - Bylaws amendments regarding visitor’s fee
    - Proposed amendment (discussed at October meeting) will be officially emailed to members at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting.
  - Winner of “Make It Modern” Challenge announced
  - Games & surprises
    - Including some time in Zoom “breakout” rooms so we can get to know each other better
  - Show & Tell
    - Be sure to email photos of your quilts to Julie ([julie@jbermant.com](mailto:julie@jbermant.com))
  - All members in attendance will be eligible for a drawing for a \$50 paid membership for 2022
    - If you have already paid, your \$50 will be refunded

#### **Potholder Swap Reveal**

Those who participated shared how what they learned about the guild member they interviewed influenced the design of the potholder they made for her, and also revealed the potholder they received.

Many thanks to Betty MacLeod for suggesting the Potholder Swap. It was a great way to bring us closer together and to showcase our design skills. Everyone was very pleased with the results!

#### **PROGRAM**

Timna Tarr interviewed [Scott Fortunoff](#), president and owner of the [Jaftex group of fabric companies](#), including Studio E, which produced Timna's "Noble Menagerie" fabric line.

Scott discussed the current Covid-related crisis in the fabric industry and urged us to follow him on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) where he has made it his mission to share as much as he can of the inner workings of fabric production. He particularly recommended the Facebook video of his [tour of Kaffe Fassett's home and studio, April 25, 2018](#).

Throughout his enthusiastic presentation Scott took all our questions, and surprised us at the end by giving away fabric bundles to lucky winners Betsey Wolfson and Donna Thibault-Wong.