

Northampton Modern Quilt Guild Minutes & Meeting Notes

January 9, 20212

Via Zoom due to Covid-19

Attendance: 25 NMQG members and 1 guest

BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of minutes of December meeting

Moved by Sally Wright, seconded by Betty MacLeod, and unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report – Ina Forman

People's United Bank Balance: \$6,143.86

Ina noted that so far she is only able to deposit funds as her NMQG bank card has not come through yet.

2022 Proposed Budget

The budget proposal has not yet been finalized by the board but will be ready for presentation at our February 6th meeting.

Program Committee Report – Betsey Wolfson

Workshops for 2022

SPRING – *Scheduled*

- March 12
- [Marge Tucker](#) ~ Modern Log Cabin ~ 3-hour workshop
- Description: "We'll focus on using the traditional Log Cabin, quilt block in a non-traditional way. Free-form cutting allows you to control the look and design of your quilt block."
- *The Program Committee will be emailing sign-up information soon.*



Marge Tucker – Modern Log Cabin



Tara Faughnan – Color Interaction

FALL – *Proposed*

- October or November
- [Tara Faughnan](#) ~ Color Interaction ~ 6-hour workshop
- Description: "Playing with color is one of the most rewarding aspects of quilt making. It can be fun, intuitive, challenging and at times frustrating. In this class, we will explore how colors play off one another and delve into the importance of value. Students will start with a variety of quick exercises and move on to sewing small color studies that can be combined to make a larger quilt."
- *So far 12 folks have indicated an interest in attending this workshop.*
- Cost to guild is \$1,000 – rather high
 - As we have a healthy treasury, we will discuss paying for the workshop partly from guild funds rather than completely from registration fees.

Upcoming Meeting Programs

Members of the Program Committee will take turns being the designated “Show Runner” for the monthly meetings, coordinating with the presenter regarding timing, tech, and payment, and moderating the chat during the program.

- February 6
 - [Tina Craig](#) ~ Swaps, Bees & Raffles: The Joy of Group Quilts
 - “If you've ever assembled a group quilt, it may not have brought you much joy! Tina will show you some of her favorite group quilts (and some that are not so great) as she shares tips, tricks, and best practices for group quilt success.”
- March 6
 - Sue Glass ~ Prepared Edge Appliqué
 - “Sue will talk about and demonstrate how to use the prepared edge method of applique to achieve those lovely round circles and edges common in her work. Her lecture includes information on and demonstration of how to prepare your project, make the extra items like bias stems and circles, the use of different basting techniques, and how to set up an applique block to its best advantage.”

Volunteer Positions Needed – Diane Wespiser

We are in need of:

- Membership Chair
 - Keeping track of members’ names, addresses, email addresses & phone numbers is currently part of the Treasurer’s job description.
 - As the Treasurer’s list of duties is long, we would like to create a Membership Chair position to coordinate with the Treasurer and take over the membership-related duties.
- Tech Support Person
 - Vice President Sally Wright has been providing nearly all our tech support, but we would like to create a Tech Support position to help with our Zoom meetings and polling, and with improvements to our website

Neither position is a board position, so these folks need not attend our monthly board meetings.

Many thanks to Barbara Christ, who volunteered for the Membership Chair position, and Maggie Helck and Donna Thibault-Wong, who volunteered tech support.

Visitor’s Fee Bylaw Amendment

The board is still working on this and will have a re-worked proposed amendment for the February 6th meeting.

Heartfelt Email

Diane Wespiser, keeping the writer’s name confidential, brought to our attention a heartfelt email she received from a member who is not renewing for 2022 because of feeling that our Covid-imposed Zoom format is too impersonal, but who hopes to be with us again when we can meet in person.

Diane noted that we had already begun to identify this as an area for improvement, and that the Program Committee is planning regular break-out rooms – like the ones we had at our December meeting – to facilitate more personal contact between us.

Show and Tell

At last – what many of us enjoy the most! Sally Wright presented a slide show of recent quilts by our guild members, with commentary by the makers. As always, the quilts were inspiring and were appreciated as only other quilters can appreciate them.

In response to our questions, Nancy Foote noted that the patterns she used are “[Quietude](#)” (an Art Gallery free pattern), “[Sweet Home](#)” by Sharon Holland, and the “Kiva” quilt from Kristi Schroeder’s book, [Southwest Modern](#).

Inspirational Word for the Year

Instead of making New Year's Resolutions, [Victoria Findlay Wolfe](#) has a long-standing practice of choosing an inspirational word for the year and making a small mini-quilt or banner to display as a reminder all year long. Diane Wespiser and Timna Tarr have both adopted this practice, and Diane invited us to share what our words would be. Here is a sampling:

HOPE
CONNECTION
RELEASE
APPRECIATE
CURIOSITY
GRACE

PROGRAM

Guest Speaker: Karen Cooper, Executive Director of the Modern Quilt Guild

Karen delighted us with a sharing of some of the quilts – mostly log cabin variations – she has made since 2002 when her six-year-old daughter complained that her dolls were cold. She also discussed her hopes for the future of MQG, how QuiltCon cities are chosen, and the preparations and Covid precautions underway for QuiltCon 2022 this February in Phoenix, AZ.