

Northampton Modern Quilt Guild Minutes & Meeting Notes

May 2, 2021

Via Zoom due to Covid-19

Attendance: 31 NMQG members and 1 guest, plus 26 members of the Phoenix Modern Quilt Guild

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Star Virtual Sampler Platter – May 22 & 23, 3-6pm EDT – Mark your calendars!

The [Global Quilt Connection](#), founded by Sue Bleiweiss and Lyric Kinnard at the beginning of COVID-19 as a way to let guilds know about teachers offering online lectures and workshops, is offering an “[All Star Virtual Sampler Platter](#)” of 18 quilting teachers demonstrating a wide variety of techniques.

Our guild has paid the admission fee & we will be sending you further information and the link as soon as we have them.

BIG E Volunteers needing for quilting demonstrations

The Big E is scheduled this year for September 17 – October 3. Our guild as a whole will not be participating, but if you are interested in volunteering as an individual, please email CreativeArts@TheBigE or call 413-205-5015.

Demonstration volunteers are provided with free entrance to the fair, free parking, and hydrating drinks.

BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of Minutes of March 7th Meeting

Moved by Jeff Rutherford, seconded by Betty MacLeod and unanimously approved.

Treasurer’s Report – Barbara Farrell

Ending Bank Balance \$5,750.65

Income

- One member renewal @ \$50.00
- 14 Paid for Maria Shell Workshop \$630.00
- 1 scholarship donation \$5.00
- Total Income \$685.00

Expenses

- Atty General Filing plus mailing \$36.40
- Honorarium for April Presentation plus mailing \$50.55
- Global Quilt Sampler \$25.00
- Reimburse Treasurer for mailings from Jan – April \$5.00
- Total Expenses \$116.95

Community Quilt Committee Report – Betty MacLeod

- Our April 17 NMQG Sewing Circle was dedicated to working on community quilts.
- In June we will decide where to donate the community quilts we have made so far.
- When guidelines for this year’s QuiltCon Community Outreach Quilt Challenge come out in June, we will decide whether or not our guild will participate.

COVID-19 Safety Policy

In anticipation of eventually being able to meet in person, we are working on a policy with great specificity following CDC guidelines and the guidelines for the Common House of Rocky Hill Cohousing where we were meeting before COVID. We are consulting with a several local organizations which have had the benefit of medical advice and legal counsel in drawing up their policies.

Program Committee Report – Sherry Morgan

- June 6th meeting: Sandy Wright will present a program on free-motion quilting on a domestic machine.

- July: no meeting
- August meeting survey results
 - 32 respondents
 - 78.13% would attend an outdoor social meeting in August
 - 81.25% would attend a Zoom meeting the first Sunday in August
 - We are considering having **both** our regular first Sunday meeting via Zoom and an outdoor social another day in August
- September 12th meeting (second Sunday because of Labor Day): we have hired Sylvia Schaefer of [Flying Parrot Quilts](#) to present a program on designing with negative space.
 - We chose her in response to our program survey earlier this year indicating interest in this topic.
- Maria Shell “Making Prints out of Solids” Workshop September 18 & 25 – only 6 seats left!

Williamsburg Café Exhibit — Sally Wright & Denise LeDuc

Planned for July and August, this exhibit will showcase our work, publicize our guild, and provide an opportunity for those who wish to do so to sell their work as well.

Detailed information for this project is contained in the attached flyer and posted on our website in the Members’ Area.

We are thinking of having an opening reception in the café’s outdoor seating area, with press invited. We will be sending out a survey to determine whether there is enough interest to go ahead with planning the reception.

Proposed Amendments to Officers section of our Bylaws

Our bylaws are on our website in the Members’ Area under “Forms & Policies.” The Members’ Area password is NMQG2020.

Currently all our guild officers are elected for one-year terms at our December Annual Meeting. Although the officers are “elected,” we actually have never had a contested race, and because we are a relatively small guild, it has sometimes been difficult to find folks willing to volunteer for these positions.

Our current five officers - President, Co-Vice Presidents, Treasurer, and Secretary - were elected in December 2018 and then re-elected in December 2019, so at this point we have all served for 2 years.

To provide continuity and avoid the situation of having a completely new board, we are proposing

- that **election of officers be staggered**, and
- that the **term be increased from one to two years**.

Having Co-Vice Presidents has given us a five-member board which has worked extremely well and has generated lots of great energy and ideas, so we are also proposing **creating a fifth officer, “At Large Board Member.”**

Our current Secretary (Moi!) and one of our Co-Vice Presidents, Sally Wright, are both willing to stay on for an extra year. So, if these amendments are adopted, at our December 2021 meeting we will be electing only a new President, a new Treasurer, and our first At Large Board Member. Our current Treasurer, Barbara Farrell, will provide training for the new Treasurer, and if necessary, she is willing to serve as Co-Treasurer.

The text of the proposed amendments is attached and will be voted on at our June 6th meeting.

PROGRAM

PHXMQG – The Phoenix Modern Quilt Guild

Because Timna Tarr so enjoyed the PHXMQG when she presented a program for them earlier this year, we invited them to be our guests at this meeting, to tell us about their guild’s history and special projects, and to showcase the work of their members.

Their program was lovely and inspiring. Besides providing us with lots of new ideas, we really got a sense of who they are because while showing slides of the quilts, most of the makers were on hand to speak about their work.

We will be their guests and provide a similar program about our guild at their regular monthly meeting this coming Saturday, May 8, 4-6pm EDT. The Zoom link will be emailed out on Saturday morning.

Bylaws Amendments to Article III: Officers
Proposed at NMQG Meeting May 2, 2021
To be voted on at NMQG Meeting June 6, 2021
Proposed changes highlighted in yellow

1. Officers

The Officers are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Board Member At Large. An individual who wishes to become an officer should understand and adhere to NMQG's purpose and must have been an active member for one full year. Officers should attend 80% of the general meetings and meetings of the Officers, and they must, and they must fulfill the duties as described below in Duties of Officers.

4. Election of Officers

At the December meeting, new Officers will be elected to a two-year term, January through December, by a majority of the members present. Terms will be staggered as follows:

- Odd years: President, Treasurer, and Board Member at Large
- Even years: Vice President and Secretary

Absentee voting is allowed only by proxy. Voting will be by an anonymous balloting method.

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If these amendments are adopted, this is how it will work:

- December 5, 2021 (odd year) meeting elections for
 - President, Treasurer, and Board Member at Large
 - Two-year terms
 - Nominations (volunteers!) needed for all three positions – though Barbara Farrell will stay on as Co-Treasurer if necessary.
 - Secretary & Vice President
 - One-year terms
 - Sally Wright and Barbara Haugen willing to stay on as Vice President and Secretary, respectively
- December 4, 2022 (even year) meeting elections for
 - Secretary & Vice President
 - Two-year terms
- December 3, 2023 (odd year) meeting elections for
 - President, Treasurer, and Board Member at Large
 - Two-year terms
- December 1, 2024 (even year) meeting elections for
 - Secretary & Vice President
 - Two-year terms



Williamsburg Snack Bar Exhibit

- **Where:** [Williamsburg Snack Bar](#), 109 Main Street, Haydenville, MA
- **When:** July & August (exact set-up & take-down dates TBD)
- **Organizers:** Denise LeDuc and Sally Wright
- **What:** Please submit photos of any recent (2020-2021) wall-hanging quilts you'd like to show:
 - **How many to submit:** **We hope to be able to show at least one from every member that wants to show one ...** though space is limited, and we'll have to see how it goes. To fit in all the irregularly shaped spaces on the walls, we will need a variety of sizes & shapes. So, send us small ones if you have them, as well any larger ones you'd like us to consider. Feel free to send several photos.
 - **Criteria:** The quilts will represent our Guild in all its variety, so generally, quilts that somehow fit the terms modern, or art quilt, or improv are all good. Preferably not one that strictly follows a traditional or commercial pattern, but if you put your own spin or creativity into it, great, and if in doubt, just send the photo along. Variety is good!
 - **Size:** Most spots will range from about 1' to 3' on each side, but if you have one a little larger or smaller, please feel free to submit.
- **How to submit entries:**
 - Send your photos **ASAP**, but **no later than midnight [June 10th](#)**. Any time **earlier** is even better.
 - Send your jpg(s) to sally.brat.tango@gmail.com.
 - Please include your name *in the filename*.
 - In the email, send us the following info, the first 6 of which we'll print up on a card posted next to the hung quilts:
 1. Your full name as you want it to appear
 2. Your town
 3. The name of the quilt, if any
 4. An optional description or artist's statement, if you want.
 5. If your quilt is inspired by an artist, from a class, or a pattern, please mention the teacher/artist in your description.
 6. An asking price, or "NFS" (not for sale)
 7. The dimensions
 8. If you are *not willing* to have your quilt in PR, please tell us.

- **Prepping & delivering your quilt:**

- Once we've gotten everyone's submissions, we'll figure out how many of them we can hang and get back to you with which one(s) to send.
- We will supply "Command strips" that will attach to the wall. You provide whatever else is needed to connect the quilt to the command strips, e.g., make a hanging sleeve and provide the stiffening bar to go in it. Or if it's small and stiff enough to support itself, the command strips could be attached directly to the quilt back.
- Get it to Denise's studio (132 Main St, Brassworks 2F, Haydenville, MA 01039) or Sally's house (254 High St, Greenfield, MA 01301) by **June 25th**
- Set-up and take-down help will be welcome. Stay tuned.

- **The show:**

- **Opening:** We hope to have an opening reception (July 2nd or 9th? - we still need to arrange this date with the restaurant owners). This will comply with the restaurant's own covid protocol. They have tents outdoors for a reception, and all of you will be invited to attend, in some way that complies. Details tbd.
- **Sales:**
 - The show's sign that we post at the restaurant will give guild contact information for anyone interested in buying those quilts that are for sale. We'll get in touch with you if we get the inquiry. Quilts will be available for pick-up or delivery only after the show is done.
 - The restaurant does not require a commission, but we suggest that a 10% commission on any quilts sold would be a nice gesture.