

## Northampton Modern Quilt Guild Minutes & Meeting Notes

February 6, 2021

*Via Zoom due to Covid-19*

**Attendance:** 24 NMQG members

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Block Swaps:** Diane Wespiser recommended Amy Friend's "During Quiet Time" website. The current [Petal & Stem Block Swap](#) has already begun, but she has them periodically.

**Love Quilt Project:** Betty MacLeod shared the quilt she is making. As stated on their website, their goal is "to provide emotional support through the gift of a Love Quilt to orphaned and vulnerable South African and American children, many of them affected by HIV/AIDS." They provide the center art block and flame-retardant batting, you supply the rest.

**Quilted Twins Free Patterns:** Betty also recommended this website for free patterns for scrap quilts.

### BUSINESS MEETING

#### Approval of minutes of January meeting

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

#### Board members shuffle

Regrettably, our newly elected Treasurer, Ina Forman, has had to resign due to unforeseen health issues. Our current Secretary, Barbara Haugen, has resigned (effective after sending out these minutes) in order to assume the Treasurer position, so we are in need of a new Secretary to serve until the end of this year.

After a motion made by Nancy Foote and seconded by Lauren Price, Barbara Haugen was by visual majority elected Treasurer to fill the rest of Ina Forman's 2-year term.

Connie Lentz volunteered for the Secretary position and was by visual majority elected to fill the rest of Barbara Haugen's 1-year term after a motion made by Betty MacLeod and seconded by Lauren Price.

Our current slate of board members is as follows:

- Diane Wespiser, President (2-year term ending December 2023)
- Sally Wright, Vice President (1-year term ending December 2022)
- Barbara Haugen, Treasurer (2-year term ending December 2023)
- Connie Lentz, Secretary (1-year term ending December 2022)
- Barbara Stroup, Board Member at Large (2-year term ending December 2023)

#### 2022 Proposed Budget

Diane Wespiser presented the board's proposed 2022 budget, noting that while a healthy treasury for an organization would cover one year of expenses, our current treasury is over \$6,000 and would cover nearly two years of expenses. It's time to spend down some of that treasury for the benefit of our members! Therefore, the biggest change from our 2021 budget is in programming.

Our 2021 budget allotted \$600 for monthly meeting programs, anticipating that most of it would be used for \$50 honorariums for programs presented by our members. The 2022 budget increases the annual program budget for monthly programs to \$1,000 to allow our Program Committee to engage outside speakers as well.

The costs of our 2021 workshops were completely covered by the participants' fees. For 2022 the board has specifically allotted \$1,000 to workshops so that our guild can at least partially underwrite the workshops we offer and thereby reduce the participant fees paid by our members.

We also discussed the \$100 annual rent paid to Rocky Hill Cohousing for the use of their Common House for our monthly meetings. We did not pay them at all in 2021 as all our meetings were via Zoom, but we

are hoping that perhaps by Spring we will again be able to meet in person, so the board has allotted \$200 in rental fees, \$100 to thank them for holding the space for us last year, and \$100 in anticipation of actual use this year. Betsey Wolfson, who is a Rocky Hill Cohousing member, will check to make sure that we can still use their space, and find out their specific regulations for in-person meetings as the Covid pandemic is – *hopefully* – drawing to a close.

After a motion made by Lauren Price and seconded by Jane Nestel-Patt, the budget was unanimously approved and is attached to these minutes.

### **Sharing of Slides & Presentations in Members' Area of Website – “Opt Out” Policy**

Members who have missed a meeting sometimes ask whether they might see a copy of the presentation, or the “show & tell” slide show like the one at our January meeting. Sally Wright’s presentation on “Color Saturation” is currently the only presentation included in the Members’ Area of our website, so going forward the board is instituting an “opt out” policy and will be posting slide shows and program presentations unless the maker or presenter *specifically* tells us not to do so.

**NOTE:** They will not be made available to the general public, but only on the password-protected Members’ Area of our website.

Once we are again meeting in person, the maker can simply state, “No photos, please.”

### **Future Exhibits???**

Our guild’s exhibit last summer at the Williamsburg Snack Bar was a lovely success. Diane urged us to think about libraries, community centers, restaurants, banks, etc. in our area where we have seen artwork displayed as possible sites for our next exhibit.

The sponsoring member may choose a theme, size limit, or challenge for the exhibit, and we will ask for volunteers to help organize and stage it.

Our members come not just from Northampton, but from as far south as East Longmeadow, north as Greenfield (and even Vermont!), and west as the Berkshires, so an exhibit would be appropriate wherever the sponsoring member resides.

Barbara Stroup is going to check into the possibility of the Springfield Library. Anyone else interested in sponsoring should email Diane Wespiser [DianeWespiser@gmail.com](mailto:DianeWespiser@gmail.com).

### **Community Quilt Project – Betty MacLeod (after Tina’s presentation)**

Mindful that many of us may not have the time to make an entire quilt to donate, Betty invited us to participate in a quarter-log-cabin community quilt project. The blocks would be 13” (so they can be squared up to an even 12”), with the corner square in red – either a solid or a small print that reads as red – and the strips of any color, print or solid, from our stashes. Betty will email us the details.

### **PROGRAM**

[Tina Craig](#) ~ Swaps, Bees & Raffles: The Joy of Group Quilts

Illustrating her presentation with photos of group quilting projects in which she has participated, Tina discussed the wide variety of group quilts and best practices for each. She stressed the importance of very clear instructions, of making over-sized blocks that can be trimmed to a uniform size, and of participants doing their best – and not rushed – work. She also noted that ultimately there may be some blocks which can’t be used in the finished quilt, but which can be used for smaller projects.

Tina has two upcoming classes for individual quilters:

- Feb 19th – 9:30am-12:30pm, [“Improv English Paper Piecing on Zoom”](#) - \$20
- [“Design Your Own EPP Quilt Block”](#) available on CourseCraft until April 30th - \$29

Her website is <https://seaside-stitches.com> and you may email her at [tinastitches@gmail.com](mailto:tinastitches@gmail.com).

**On March 6th** [Sue Glass](#) will present a program on “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, use different basting techniques, and how to set up an applique block to its best advantage.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Haugen  
Guild Secretary

**TREASURER'S REPORT 12/31/2021**

**NMQG PROPOSED BUDGET for 2022**

**INCOME**

Membership Dues		<b>\$2,197.90</b>
Visitors Fees		<b>\$5.00</b>
*Workshop Fees (covered workshop costs)		<b>\$1,630.00</b>
Scholarship Fund Donations		<b>\$110.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$3,942.90</b>

**EXPENSES**

MQG National Dues		<b>\$660.00</b>
New England Quilt Museum		<b>\$100.00</b>
Education		
Meeting Programs		
February program by guild member	\$50.00	
April program by guild member	\$50.00	
July Peter Byrne lecture, co-sponsored with the Twin States MQG	\$70.00	
September Sylvia Schaefer lecture "Designing With Negative Space"	\$400.00	
October program by guild member	\$50.00	
	<b>TOTAL MEETING PROGRAMS</b>	<b>\$620.00</b>
*Workshops		
March: Julia Graves "Amazing Abstracts" workshop	\$730.00	
September Maria Shell "Making Prints from Solids" Workshop	\$900.00	
	<b>TOTAL WORKSHOPS</b>	<b>\$1,630.00</b>
Other		
Global Quilt Sampler	\$75.00	
	<b>TOTAL OTHER</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL EDUCATION EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,325.00</b>
Awards		
2020 UFO Challenge Prizes	100	
"Designing With Negative Space" Book Raffle	27.03	
"Make It Modern" Quilt Challenge	50	
2022 Dues Raffle	50	
	227.03	<b>\$227.03</b>
Domain: Blue Host		<b>\$17.99</b>
MA Attorney General Fee		<b>\$35.00</b>
Zoom Meeting License		<b>\$159.27</b>
Charity Quilt Supplies		<b>\$123.08</b>
Postage		<b>\$41.10</b>
**Rental Space - none because meetings via Zoom		
Website: V [Already paid through 4/2022]		
V. Pillard reimburse overpayment		<b>48.95</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$3,737.42</b>

**INCOME**

46 members @ \$50		<b>\$2,300.00</b>
Visitors Fees		
*Workshop Fees		
Scholarship Fund Donations		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,300.00</b>

**EXPENSES**

National Dues (\$660 if under 45 members)		<b>\$840.00</b>
New England Quilt Museum		<b>\$100.00</b>
Education		
Meeting Programs	\$1,000.00	
*Workshops	\$1,000	
Other		
	<b>TOTAL EDUCATION EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>
Awards		<b>\$250.00</b>
Domain: Blue Host		<b>\$20.00</b>
MA Attorney General Fee		<b>\$35.00</b>
Zoom Renewal		<b>\$160.00</b>
Charity Quilt Supplies		<b>\$300.00</b>
Postage		<b>\$40.00</b>
**Rocky Hill Cohousing Rental Space		<b>\$200.00</b>
Website: Wix (for 2 years)		<b>\$300.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,245.00</b>

**CURRENT BANK BALANCE - 12/21/2021**

**\$6,689.91**

\*Workshop fees can be set to completely cover the cost of the workshop, or the guild may pay part of the cost in order to lower the participants' fees.

\*\* Board decided to pay Rocky Hill Cohousing for 2021 & 2022 to thank them for holding the space for us.