

NORTHAMPTON MODERN QUILT GUILD

Minutes & Meeting Notes – July 5, 2020
Via Zoom due to Covid-19

Attendance: 24 Members and 3 Guests

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Easthampton Sun Bath Quilt Tour August 8, 2020 initiated by our own Audrey Hyvonen. Save the date to take this self-guided driving tour through Easthampton. If you live in Easthampton, sign up to exhibit your quilts on your porch; if you don't live in Easthampton but would be pleased to have your quilt exhibited on someone else's porch, contact Audrey audrey@bigtopquilts.com.

NMQG is invited to exhibit 10 quilts online!

Several of our members attended workshops at Mancuso's first online quilt show at the end of June. Mancuso was so pleased with how it went that they are offering another one in August to replace the World Quilt Show in Springfield, a Covid-19 cancellation. Our guild has been invited to exhibit 10 quilts via photos in the August show. These should be recent quilts that represent the modern quilt aesthetic. If you are interested in exhibiting, email Barbara Haugen bhaugen33@gmail.com.

Modern Quilt Guild (MQG) Pins

Email Barbara Farrell bjfarrell73@charter.net your mailing address if you would like to have an MQG pin mailed to you.

Facebook: So great to see so many folks posting on our FB page – please keep it up!

BUSINESS MEETING

Race, Diversity & Acknowledging Heritage

Charlotte Danforth led us through the "Race, Diversity & Outreach" Google Docs resources list available to everyone via this link: https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ebuPkdBx4Nbi3_ZU9zj8-1HpH3EfJ5BI7iML4yVtG-A/. Charlotte has added to the original list extensively, including links to articles and websites about African American quilters such as Rosie Lee Tompkins, Bisa Butler, Faith Ringgold and Chawne Kimber. Charlotte plans to continue expanding the list, but all are invited to add items to this document or email them to Charlotte cdavenport847@gmail.com and she will add them.

Many thanks to Charlotte for taking on this project! She especially intends to search out children's books on quilting and African Americans and recommended [The Conscious Kid](http://TheConsciousKid.com) website for other books we can also read to our children and grandchildren because, as she said, "That's how we will change the future."

Program Committee Report

Two fall programs are in the works: one by Sherry Morgan and Carson Converse on issues surrounding Gee's Bend quilt exhibits, and one perhaps with a member of the African American Quilt Circle (AAQC) of Durham, North Carolina.

However, we need ideas for the future, especially as we continue to use the Zoom format. Please contact Julie Bermant julie@jbermant.com or Jeff Rutherford jeffrutherford@gmail.com if you have ideas of quilting programs you would like to see or would be willing to do for us.

Fabric Postcard Challenge/Swap

Betty MacLeod suggested this lovely summer opportunity to exercise our creativity and bring us closer together. **Email Betty by July 13th** if you want to be paired with a postcard swap partner. Information sheet attached.

Votes on Spending Motions

1. Motion made by Sally Wright and seconded by Barbara Farrell: That for calendar year 2020 (January - December 2020) we pay our members \$50 per meeting for a solo prepared, organized program

presentation with or without Trunk Show or PowerPoint, and that we revisit the amount paid as part of our budget deliberations at our annual meetings in December. Note: This does not include the "Up Close & Personal" portion of our meetings which is meant to be informal and last only 10-15 minutes.

2. Motion made by Sally Wright and seconded by Barbara Stroup: That for calendar year 2020 we allocate up to \$500 to be spent on a workshop or workshops by an outside presenter or by one of our members, with any additional cost of the workshop paid for by registration fees.

Both motions passed in accordance with our bylaws by a majority of the members at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Starting Balances May 29, 2020: Bank \$4,237.41 and Petty Cash \$6.73. No income in June, but two small expenses: \$2.50 for stamps to mail guild pins to members who have requested them and a \$3.00 bank analysis fee. Ending balances as of July 4, 2020: Bank \$4,234.41 and Petty Cash \$4.23.

UP CLOSE & PERSONAL

Many thanks to Lynne McLandsborough for sharing with us her quilting journey!

PROGRAM: My First Quilt

Twenty of us submitted photos of our first (or nearly first) quilts. Some of us started very simply, others were much more ambitious, some with patterns and some without, and three of us started with trip around the world quilts! It was delightful to hear the stories behind each of the quilts and about the loved ones for which they were made.

AUGUST 2nd PROGRAM

Tribulations & Triumphs: My Most Challenging Quilt

Which of your quilts gave you the greatest challenge, and how did you overcome it? As with this month's program, *please email northamptonmqg@gmail.com with a photo of your most challenging quilt* to add to our presentation and let us hear your story at our August meeting. If you have "in process" photos of that quilt you are welcome to send us those as well.

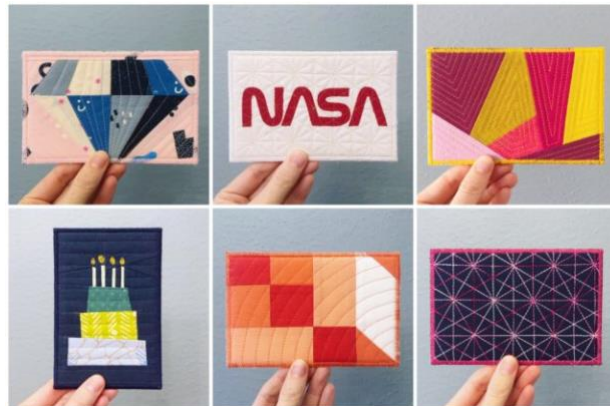
Or, if you have a current project that is driving you crazy, email a photo and from the collective wisdom of the other guild members, a solution for your problem may arise!

Fabric Postcard Challenge – Summer 2020

Who doesn't like to get mail?
Especially in this time of social distancing...

Modern Quilter (and NASA engineer!) Sarah of saroy.net has this year challenged herself to [100 Days of Fabric Postcards](#), but we are challenging you to make just one.

Here's how to participate:



- **ASAP (by 7/13?) email Betty MacLeod at MacLeod5@aol.com** and include your mailing address so she can pair you up with someone else participating in the swap.
- **Create a 4"x 6" quilted fabric postcard.** You'll find lots of tutorials online including:
 - Sarah's [Fabric Postcard Tutorial](#)
 - Sprucecraft's [7 Ways to Make Easy Fabric Postcards](#)
 - Jessi on the Go's on YouTube [Simple Fabric Postcard Tutorial](#)
 - Rob Appell of Man Sewings' [Fabric Postcards: Easy Sewing Tutorial](#)
- **Use materials you have on hand.**
 - No need to spend money.
 - Challenge your resourcefulness!
- **Try a new technique!** Not necessary, but a great opportunity.
- **Mail the postcard to your partner by Saturday, September 5th** so recipients can share them during our Zoom meeting on Sunday, September 13th (one weekend later than usual because of the Labor Day weekend).
 - Mail it by itself:
 - Make sure it's a bit flexible (like a regular postcard) for USPS sorting machines.
 - Take it to the post office where you will need to pay extra postage for hand canceling.
 - Or mail it in an envelope – **essential** if you add beads, buttons, etc.