

NORTHAMPTON MODERN QUILT GUILD

Minutes & Meeting Notes – September 13, 2020

Via Zoom due to Covid-19

Attendance: 27 Members and 1 Guest

Welcome to our newest member, Connie Lentz!

ANNOUNCEMENTS & REMINDERS

Jeff's Podcast: Be sure to check out Jeff Rutherford's "[Quilting Stories](#)" podcast!

Quilters Take a Moment presented by the Quilt Alliance September 25 & 26: The Quilt Alliance was founded "to document, preserve, and share our American quilt heritage by collecting the rich stories that historic and contemporary quilts, and their makers, tell about our nation's diverse peoples and their communities." Their annual "Quilters Take Manhattan" event has been transformed into a livestream and online event called "Quilters Take a Moment." Check out the video preview [here](#).

Save Your Scraps!!! Save everything, every tiny little scrap, even the bits you slice off when you square up a quilt or block, and Lee Sproull will share her mini-scrap technique at our February 2021 meeting.

[Global Quilt Connection](#) is organizing a series of free virtual "meet the teachers" webinars conducted using Zoom and YouTube livestream. Each of the teachers delivers a short presentation describing their live-online courses and lectures, and the webinars conclude with a 30-minute Q&A. Videos of past webinars are [here](#), and the next one is scheduled for September 30, 2020, 4-6pm Eastern.

BUSINESS MEETING

Approval of Meeting Minutes

We have been remiss in not beginning our meetings by asking for approval of the previous meeting's minutes. The minutes are emailed to members and are posted in the members section of our website.

Lee Sproull moved that we approve the minutes of the August 2, 2020 meeting. There was unanimous approval except for one abstention by a member who didn't attend our August meeting and so didn't vote.

Zoom Sewing Circle

To give us another opportunity to stay connected during the time of Covid, beginning October 17th, we will have a Third Saturday of the Month Sewing Circle, 1-3 pm via Zoom. We will start the meeting with time for an informal check-in followed by show & tell and then time just to be together chatting and sewing.

As we discussed the sewing circle it was suggested that we also have social/sewing time half an hour before our regular first Sunday meetings, or half an hour afterward. We will give this a try beginning with social time at 11:30am *before* our October 4th meeting, then from 2:00-2:30pm *after* our November 1st meeting, and alternating from then on.

Program Committee Report

- **Programming Survey:** Much appreciation to the 17 folks who answered the survey! Here is a summary:
 1. Kinds of programs you'd like to see: The top five program suggestions were: machine quilting, design, African American quilting history, color theory, and appliqué.
 2. Workshop teachers suggested: teachers suggested (with links to their websites): [Nicholas Ball](#), [Tara Faughnan](#), [Amy Friend](#), [Chawne Kimber](#), [Heidi Parkes](#), [Carol Lyles Shaw](#), [Sujata Shaw](#), [Maria Shell](#), and [Jean Wells](#).
 - a. NOTE: Because of Covid we have a chance to engage for virtual workshops teachers from around the globe who we would never be able to afford otherwise because the travel costs would be prohibitive.
 3. Length of workshop: Half and full day tied!
 4. Maximum amount you are willing to pay for a workshop: \$50.

5. Willing to help: 7 of you said you'd be willing to help by offering a program or in some other way, **but we don't know who you are!** The free version of the survey platform we used didn't allow us to see the email addresses of those who participated, so please email northamptonmqg@gmail.com and reveal yourselves!
- **Program Committee Meeting open to everyone** Friday, September 18, 2020 at 2pm via Zoom. We will email the link the day before. Please attend if you have ideas to contribute, would like to present a Zoom meeting program in 2021, or are willing to provide tech support for someone else doing a program. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to help, please email northamptonmqg@gmail.com. **There is no expectation that you be a presenter—we just would love to have your ideas!**
 - **Ideas needed for something special we can do via Zoom at our December meeting:** Because of Covid we won't be able to have our customary potluck and fat quarter swap this year. December is our official annual meeting, with lots of business to conduct, and we need Zoom-able ideas for something to add some holiday sparkle to that meeting. Please attend the Program Committee meeting, or email northamptonmqg@gmail.com if you have any ideas.

Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance \$4,303.41

Petty Cash total \$1.58

August Expenses:

Bank \$3.00

Mailings \$2.15

Spring Program \$50.00 - Diane Wespiser

August Income:

\$25.00 New Member Connie Lentz

UP CLOSE & PERSONAL

Many thanks to Timna Tarr for sharing with us her quilting journey!

In addition to her online classes, Timna will be hosting open studio time in October. Be sure to check her website for details: <http://www.timnatarr.com>

PROGRAM:

Fabric Postcard Challenge – Postcards Revealed!

21 people participated in the challenge. Some folks were delighted to receive more than one postcard, and we were all amazed at how imaginative and beautiful all the postcards were, how many different techniques were used, and how very different from each other they all were. Many were successfully sent through the mail without a cover envelope – in fact we didn't hear of any that were damaged by traveling through the mail. Some of us were even inspired to make more postcards to send to family and friends.

Feel free to **post on our Facebook page a photo of the postcard** you received along with the name of the maker.

Thanks so much to Betty MacLeod for suggesting and organizing this delightful summer project!

UFO Challenge

Post photos of your UFO quilts (including quilted wall hangings and table runners) on our Facebook page by September 30th, and then post photos of the completed (quilted and bound) items by New Year's Day. At our January 3, 2021 meeting we will have separate drawings for those who have completed at least 1, 2, 3, or 4 UFOs with prizes of \$10, \$20, \$30 and \$40 gift certificates to the local fabric store of the winner's choice.

Think how great it will be to start the new year with a clean slate and such a sense of accomplishment!

You must be a paid-up member to be eligible for the drawing, so this will also be a great incentive to get your 2021 dues in by December 31st.

A copy of the information sheet is attached to this email and posted on our Facebook page. Betty suggested this challenge too, so if you don't have a Facebook account but want to participate please send your UFO photos to her: macleod5@aol.com.

Progress on Goals set back in January...

Many of us didn't remember the personal quilting goals we set for ourselves at our January meeting! Several did remember and shared the good progress they have made at things like binding, machine quilting, doing more quilt designing, and making more quilts not to give away to others, but to try something new just for ourselves. Diane Wespiser reminded us that it's always OK to modify our goals partway through the year, and Donna Thibault-Wong is grateful for the UFO Challenge as her goal was to finish up UFOs and she hasn't even started!

Barbara Haugen
Guild Secretary

UFO Challenge... Drawings with Prizes!

Let's finish up those Un-Finished Objects in time for the New Year!

To Participate:

- Take photos of the UFOs (quilts, quilted table runners, or quilted wall hangings) you'd like to complete by January 1, 2021
- **Post the photos** on our Facebook page **by September 30, 2020**
- Finish as many as you can by January 1, 2021
- Take photos of the completed (quilted and bound) quilts
- **Post the photos** of your completed quilts on our Facebook page by January 1, 2021
- **You must post photos of BOTH the UFO quilt & the finished quilt to be eligible**

Drawings will be held at our January 3rd meeting.

If you have...

At least 1 quilt completed

At least 2 quilts completed

At least 3 quilts completed

At least 4 quilts completed

You are eligible for...

Drawing for \$10 gift certificate *to the local fabric store of your choice*

Drawings for:

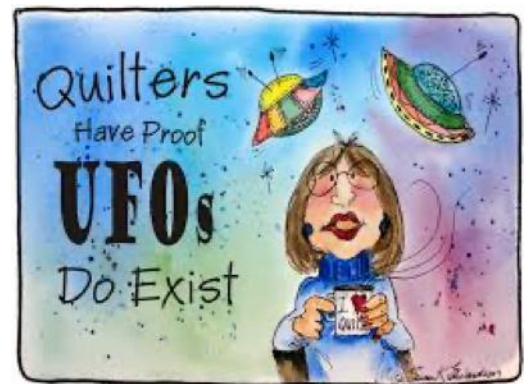
- \$10 gift certificate and
- \$20 gift certificate

Drawings for:

- \$10 gift certificate,
- \$20 gift certificate, and
- \$30 gift certificate

Drawings for:

- \$10 gift certificate,
- \$20 gift certificate,
- \$30 gift certificate, and
- \$40 gift certificate



You may win only one prize

If you win more than one drawing, you will be awarded the certificate from the higher value category, and there will be a second drawing in the other category.