

## Northampton Modern Quilt Guild Minutes & Meeting Notes

December 5, 2021

*Via Zoom due to Covid-19*

**Attendance:** 31 NMQG members

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Membership Dues for 2022 due by December 31st.** Please make your \$50 check payable to Northampton Modern Quilt Guild and mail it to our Treasurer:

Barbara Farrell  
73 Elm Street  
East Longmeadow, MA 01028

You may also pay via VENMO: @Barbara-Farrell-29, last four digits 6894.

Partial or full scholarships are available to anyone in financial need, no questions asked. Please email Diane Wespiser [DianeWespiser@gmail.com](mailto:DianeWespiser@gmail.com).

**Our January meeting will be on the 9th** so as not to conflict with the New Year's holiday weekend.

**Show & Tell for January 9th meeting:** If you would like to share some of your recent work at our January 9th meeting, **please email photos of the quilts to Sally Wright** ([sally.brat.tango@gmail.com](mailto:sally.brat.tango@gmail.com)) by January 8th so she can include them in a slide show.

[Art for the Soul Gallery in Tower Square, Springfield](#): Barbara Stroup highly recommends the current exhibit & would be glad to see it again. She advises parking in their parking garage.

### OFFICIAL ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

#### Approval of minutes of November meeting

Moved by Betty MacLeod, seconded by Ina Forman, and unanimously approved.

**President's Annual Report** – Julie Bermant  
Attached.

#### Treasurer's Annual Report

– Barbara Farrell  
The registration fees we charged for our Julia Graves and Maria Shell guild-sponsored workshops this year fully covered the guild costs of those workshops (did not deplete our treasury!) while making the workshops much more affordable to attendees than if they had registered as individuals.

For reimbursement, receipts for Williamsburg Snack Bar exhibit expenses need to be received by December 31, 2021, the end of our fiscal year.

Full report attached.

#### Program Committee Report

- January 9th: MQG Executive Director Karen Cooper – MQG Website Resources
- February 6th: [Tina Craig](#) of Seaside Stitches – “Swaps, Bees & Raffles: The Joy of Group Projects”
  - Tina will show us 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.

#### Election of 2022 Officers

As our June bylaws amendment provides and in order to assure some continuity on the board (and avoid having a totally new board!), we will elect officers for 2-year terms - President, Treasurer, and Board Member At Large in odd numbered years, and Vice President and Secretary in even numbered years.

Sally Wright, VP, and Barbara Haugen, Secretary, are remaining on the board for just one more year. A new Vice President and Secretary will be elected in December 2022.

The following slate of 2022 officers was unanimously approved:

- President: Diane Wespiser (2 years)
- Vice President: Sally Wright (1 year)
- Treasurer: Ina Forman (2 years)
- Secretary: Barbara Haugen (1 year)
- Board Member At Large: Barbara Stroup (2 years)
  - Barbara is also a member of the Program Committee and will act as liaison between that committee and the board

### **Visitor's Fee Bylaws Amendment**

Background:

- Section 2.2 of our Bylaws states: "Guests who attend single meetings will be asked to pay \$5."
- The board suspended that requirement when, due to Covid, we began meeting via Zoom because we had no way set up to collect that \$5 fee and had no idea how long we would need to continue meeting via Zoom.
- Instead, visitors have been offered two Zoom meetings "as our guests" – meaning for free – before we require full membership in order to receive the Zoom meeting link.

The proposed bylaws amendment:

*Visitors may attend one meeting as our guests. For any subsequent meeting they wish to attend they will be asked to pay \$5 when the program is presented by a member of the guild, and \$10 when the program is by a paid presenter who is not a member of our guild.*

Discussion of the proposed bylaw resulted in general consensus on the following points:

- Offer one "free" meeting to visitors – even if we have a paid outside presenter at that meeting
- For subsequent visits require a \$5 fee paid prior to receiving the meeting link
- But charge \$10 if we have a paid outside presenter

Currently, when a "regular" member of our guild (not a professional quilting teacher) presents a meeting program, s/he is offered a \$50 honorarium. We are very fortunate to number among our members several award-winning and nationally known professional quilting teachers. The proposed bylaw does not cover the situation when one of our professional members presents a meeting program for which any other MQG chapter would pay her/him considerably more than \$50. The professional member would likely offer us a discount, but their fee would be greater than the usual \$50 honorarium.

We agreed to send the proposed bylaw amendment back to the board to come up with language that covers the professional member situation.

### **"Make It Modern" Challenge**

Sherry Morgan is the winner of a \$50 gift certificate to Valley Fabrics!

We viewed a slide show of all the entries, with each maker commenting on her design process and how the challenge nudged her into new territory.

### **Membership Raffle**

Betty MacLeod won free guild membership for 2022!

### **[New England Quilt Museum](#) Passes Raffle**

Our guild belongs to the NEQM and for our guild dues annually receives four passes admitting two visitors each. These passes will expire at the end of March 2022, and the winners are:

- Suzi Day

- Barbara Stroup
- Connie Lentz
- Jane Nestel-Patt

Julie Bermant will mail the passes to the winners.

**Brainstorming Ideas for Next Year’s Meeting Programs**

Program Committee members asked us: What areas of modern quilting do you need help with or just have an interest in? Or do you have something to share?

Ideas included the following:

<b>Program</b>	<b>Volunteer Presenter</b>
How to Face a Quilt	Suzi Day – will include other tricks and techniques
Combining Machine Quilting with Hand Stitching or Embroidery	Diane Wespiser
Quilting Design Using Procreate on an iPad*	Donna Thibault-Wong
Designing Fabric for Spoonflower – including using repeating motifs	
Creating Fabric Stamps [needs to be an in person program]	Denise LeDuc

\*[Susie Monday](#) offers an online course called “[Art on the iPad](#)” – and several Zoom programs for guilds on creating fabric art.

Please email a member of the Program Committee with your ideas: Lauren Price ([Sugarmomma9255@gmail.com](mailto:Sugarmomma9255@gmail.com)), Betsey Wolfson ([wolfson110@gmail.com](mailto:wolfson110@gmail.com)), Nancy Foote ([nanirf54@gmail.com](mailto:nanirf54@gmail.com)) and Barbara Stroup ([barbara.stroup@comcast.net](mailto:barbara.stroup@comcast.net)).

**PROGRAM**

Breakout Rooms!

Lauren Price and Betty MacLeod came up with icebreaker questions for us to discuss in Zoom breakout rooms of 4-5 participants. Great fun!

It was suggested that we include a 5-10 minute Zoom breakout room in our regular monthly meeting to help us get to know each other better.

President’s Report for 2021

At the end of 2020, our board all agreed to stay on for a second year. Julie Bermant as President, Sally Wright and Betty McLeod co-leading as Vice Presidents, Barbara Farrell as Treasurer and Barbara Haugen as Secretary.

Particulars about what transpired at each meeting will be covered in the program committee report.

We hoped that by the end of this year we would be back to in person meetings, but the board decided it was safer to continue to maintain distance, especially because we were able to see some of the benefits of zoom meetings.

We have been able to sponsor teachers from all over the country whom we could not have previously afforded to bring to our area, without us having to leave our homes, or they theirs. We were able to sew using our full stashes and our own machines.

Obviously, there are losses associated with not meeting in person. We don't get to enjoy each other's company and create moments of connection in the conversations that happen before and after a meeting. We don't get to see each other's work in person. We don't get the energy of sharing space.

I want to acknowledge the hard work our board has done yet again.

Barbara Haugan has kept us on track, keeping excellent minutes and creating the agenda each month. She reminds me of all the little pieces that need to be addressed, and makes my job so much easier!

Sally Wright has been our tech guru. She has organized our documents in google docs, and made the transition to online functioning so much

easier, adding her organizational and tech understanding at every juncture!

Betty McLeod has brought creative ideas and willingness to follow through to the group. Thanks to her, we made potholders for each other and had the opportunity to have deep conversations with each other as we connected, and then shared some of what we learned with the bigger group. She worked hard with Lauren Price to bring the holiday game to fruition.

Barbara Farrell has kept our banking and accounting in order. She keeps the big picture of finance in mind, while taking care of all the little pieces that keep us legal.

I also want to thank the people who worked behind the scenes in programming, especially Sherry Morgan, Lauren Price and Betsy Wolfson.

We restarted a Community Quilts Committee, with Betty MacLeod, Suzi Day and Denise Leduc. Suzi and Denise have also been willing to donate their time to quilt any tops that people complete.

A Tech Committee has been started, with Sally Wright at the helm, and Nancy Bronstein willing to add her expertise.

A small group met in person at Suzi and Denise's studio to work on the charity quilt designed by Diane Wespiser for QuiltCon 2022. We also viewed

the quilts on display at the Williamsburg Snack Bar.

Here's hoping 2022 brings us the opportunity to have in person meetings that feel safe.

Julie Bermant President NMQG

In January, we will share our Show and tell. Karen Cooper from MQG will be presenting about the MQG website. And don't forget to pay your dues before the end of this year.

**Annual Treasurers Report for 2021 Northampton Modern Quilt Guild**

Year to Date 12/05/2021 Will be finalized 12/31/2021

**Revenue**

Membership	\$1,275.00
Member Workshop Fees	\$1,630.00
Guest Fees	\$ 5.00
Donations from Members for Scholarship Fund	\$ 90.00
Total	\$3,000.00

\$1,275.00 (\$370 for 2021/\$825 for 2022) \$1,700 2021 dues were deposited in 2020. Total membership dues for support of 2021 members was \$2070.00 Which when added to the Workshop fees , guest fees and donations is \$3,795.00. So our actual 2021 expenses are \$231.90 under the membership dues collected for 2021. The Profit/ Loss looks like we overspent by \$563 because of how the deposits hit the 2021 budget year.

Expenses 2021

<b>The MQG</b>	<b>660.00</b>	
<b>New England Quilt Museum</b>	<b>100.00</b>	
<b>Education</b>	50.00	Feb Guild Member Speaker

	730.00	March Workshop	
	50.00	April Guild Member Speaker	
	75.00	Global Quilt Sampler	
	70.00	Tristate Speaker July	
	400.00	September	
	900.00	September Workshop	
	50.00	October Guild Member Speaker	
<b>Total Education</b>	<b>2,325.00</b>		
<b>Program</b>	100.00	UFO Challenge Prizes	
	50.00	December Quilt Challenge	
	50.00	Attendance reward Annual Meeting	
	27.03	Workshop attendance reward book	
<b>Total Program</b>	<b>227.03</b>		
<b>Domain Registration</b>	<b>17.99</b>		
<b>Attorney General MA.gov filing</b>	<b>35.00</b>		
<b>Meeting License Zoom</b>	<b>159.27</b>		
<b>Charity Quilt Supplies</b>	<b>123.08</b>		
<b>Postage</b>	<b>40.00</b>		
	<b>3,563.10</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>	

Prepared by Barbara Farrell 12/5/2021