

Northampton Modern Quilt Guild

Minutes – April 7, 2019

Hands Across the Valley Quilt Show, UMass Amherst

Attendance

9 NMQG members and one guest.

Announcements

Annual Quilting Retreat, May 16-18, 2019, at the Fullerton Inn in Chester, VT. To reserve your room, call 866-884-8578. Meals are included in the retreat package; full package price depends on the room you reserve.

Business Meeting

Update on Possible Fall Workshop with [Melissa Averinos](#): We are still looking for a location for our Fall Workshop. Betsey is checking to see whether we can use our usual meeting place at the Rocky Hill Cohousing Common House for a full-day Saturday workshop.

World Quilt New England: MassMutual Center, Springfield, Aug 15-17

- We passed around signup sheets
 - For those committing to having a quilt on display with our NMQG exhibit
 - For white glove volunteers
 - Sign-up sheets will be available at the May & June meetings, or email Jeff Rutherford (jeffrutherford@gmail.com).
- ***Raffle Quilt***: Instructions and grey fabric squares for those who want to make blocks for the quilt were passed out to those who wish to participate.
 - There are still some available, which Rachel will bring to the May 5th meeting.
 - The finished squares are due by the June 2nd meeting.

“Ugly” Fabric Quilt Challenge: Carson Converse announced the challenge and the instructions are included with these minutes.

- Those wishing to participate should bring 1-2 yards of “ugly” fabric in an opaque (not see-through) bag to exchange at the May 5th meeting.
- We will reveal our “ugly” quilts at the September 8th meeting.
- The goal of this challenge is not necessarily to create an ugly quilt, it is to push you outside of your comfort zone and to encourage making do with what you have.
- If you can’t attend the May meeting, but wish to participate, you may drop your bag of “ugly” fabric off at Jeff’s house: 100 North Maple, Florence. Please give Jeff a heads up if you will be dropping off a bag.

Treasurer’s Report: We currently have 31 paid members, and \$4,429.55 in the bank.

Program

Hands Across the Valley Quilt Show

We met for lunch in the UMass Amherst Campus Center food court followed by a visit to the quilt show. We were proud to see so many quilts from NMQG members on display!

Next Meeting - Sunday May 5, 12 – 2pm

Program: *Half-Square Triangles with Sherry Morgan*

Rocky Hill Cohousing Common House, 100 Black Birch Trail in Florence, MA

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## The NMQG “Ugly” Fabric Quilt Challenge

### **Description:**

Have leftover novelty fabric you purchased just because it fit a theme? Grew out of your chartreuse phase? Inherit fabric that’s not your taste? This challenge is designed to use the fabric that just sits in your stash. Participating members will pull their least favorite fabric from their own stash to blindly exchange with another member. The recipient will make a quilt using the fabric they are given. The goal of this challenge is not necessarily to create an ugly quilt, it is to push you outside of your comfort zone and to encourage making do with what you have.

### **Parameters for “gifted” fabric:**

- *Ugly* fabric is okay, poor quality is not. It doesn’t need to be “quilt shop” fabric, but it should be structurally sound. We don’t want the quilts falling apart.
- Fabric can be from your stash, or purchased specifically for the challenge.
- You can add a few scraps and UFO’s, but please make sure that most of the fabric is in at least quarter yard pieces.
- Total fabric supplied should be between 1-2 yards. There is no limit to the number of fabrics that make up this total.
- The less the fabric coordinates, the more challenging it will be for the recipient.
- Please place your fabric in a bag so that it is not immediately visible.

### **Parameters for Finished Quilt:**

- Quilt can be any size and style.
- You may use as much of your own fabric as you want. There are no restrictions for additional fabric.
- All gifted fabric must be used on the front of the quilt or as the binding. (no hiding it on the back). It is permissible to use small swatches on the back, should you choose, to include as part of documentation of the challenge.
- You may alter or embellish the fabric.
- Within reason, you must use all the gifted fabric. (We won’t judge what size you deem too small to work with.)

*Carson Converse*