

Northampton Modern Quilt Guild

January 5, 2020

100 Black Birch Trail, Florence, MA

Check-ins

22 people attended today's meeting.

Going around the circle, we introduced ourselves and talked about our quilting goals for 2020.

Program Planning for 2020

Ideas for possible programs this year

Electric Quilts

Finishing a quilt in preparation for a quilt show

Share your favorite quilting gadget or notion / raffle off your extra quilting gadgets

Sisters In Stitches Joined By The Cloth from Arlington, MA /

<https://www.sistersinstitches.org/>

Bullet Journal / "It will not only help you get more organized but will also help you become a better person." / <https://bulletjournal.com/pages/learn>

Ideas for organizing your sewing room

How to critique a quilt / Carson

Painting on fabric / Maryellen

Longarm / a panel discussion /

Longarm / a demo

Paper piecing - without paper / *à la* David Sirota

Report from QuiltCon Austin for those who can't attend

February program

Scrap buster projects

Bring your scraps larger than 2.5" x 2.5"

Bring in your extra fabric to swap

Announcements

- Ina Forman has an exhibition of her quilts at the Sunderland Library, through February
<http://www.sunderlandpubliclibrary.org/>
- Jeff invites everyone to the Northampton Modern Quilt Guild retreat, May 7, 8, and 9, 2020, at Fullerton Inn in Chester, VT. <https://www.fullertoninn.com/>
To reserve, you can contact the Inn directly, but let Jeff know you're coming.
- Quilting by the Lake is an annual two-week retreat near Syracuse, NY, in July. There are 2-day, 3-day, and 5-day classes. http://www.schweinfurthartcenter.org/qbl_classes.cfm
- Barbara Stroup runs quilting retreats in Saco, ME, at Ferry Beach Retreat and Conference Center. There are two short workshops in April, featuring Carson Converse, along with the longer retreat at the end of the summer. <https://www.ferrybeach.org/schedule.html>
April 15-17 / Modern Quilting Workshop with Carson Converse
<https://www.ferrybeach.org/apr-15-17-modern-quilting-quilting-retreat-follows.html>
August 28-September 4 / Quilting by the Bay
- Snow Farm (in Williamsburg, MA) will offer a workshop with Valerie Maser-Flanagan, Sep 5 - 7 / Lines as a Design Focus in a Sewn Composition

<https://www.snowfarm.org/workshops/topics/lines-design-focus-sewn-composition>

<https://www.valeriemaserflanagan.com/>

- Betsey recommends the book *Quilted* from Uppercase Magazine.
<https://shop.uppercasemagazine.com/products/quilted>
- Bonnie Hunter mystery quilts: <https://quiltville.blogspot.com/p/frolic-mystery.html>
- Jane leads trips to Oaxaca, Mexico / jnestelpatt@gmail.com
Fabric Dying Workshop/Trip to Oaxaca, MX / Jane Nestel-Patt, who has spent many years traveling and working in Mexico, will lead a textile-focused trip to Oaxaca, Mexico, in the fall of 2020 or winter 2021. The trip will offer hands-on workshop with local textile artisans to learn how to use indigenous dyes to create the incredibly vibrant natural colors they use in their dyeing of wool, cotton, and silk yarn and fabrics. While the trip is still under development, the following provides a window into the scope of the planned trip.
- Denise (dm.leduc@yahoo.com) and Suzi (mask1250@aol.com) share a studio in Williamsburg at a former school building. And they now have a longarm machine! If you know how to use a longarm, you may rent time on theirs.
- Betsey got an email from a member of Material Girls Quilt Guild in Leominster, asking about attending our next meeting. I checked out their website, and they offer a bunch of workshops, including one by David Sirota, who was mentioned today.
<http://www.materialgirlsqiltguild.org/workshop-information.htm>
<https://www.quiltmavendave.com/>

Officer Election

We approved the following for these offices:

Vice President (co-) / Betty MacLeod and Sally Wright

Secretary / Barbara Haugen

Treasurer / Barbara Farrell

The office of President will be voted on at the February meeting.

Treasurer's Report

1. As of the November 30 statement, we had \$3528.00 in the bank.
2. **MQG dues** are due by January 15.

Our annual payment to National MQG is based on the number of members in our Guild.

Your dues give you access to lots of content on the MQG website.

<https://mqg.memberclicks.net/>

**If you have not done so yet, please mail a check for \$50, made out to NMQG, to
Betsey Wolfson / 110 Black Birch Trail / Florence, MA 01062**

Show and Tell

See photos on our Facebook page

Several people have requested access to the **NMQG contact list**.

Watch your email for an invitation to join a Google spreadsheet. (View only.) Please use for quilting-related contexts only.

Minutes by Betsey Wolfson, in Barbara Haugen's absence.

We miss Barbara.