The North Country Quilters Guild met on **Tuesday, October 3, 2023** at the Church of God in Derby. President Kathy N. called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm. There were 24 quilters present, including two new members: Carol, and Arielle. The secretary’s report was accepted.

**New Business**

* Cheryl Hogan shared an event at the Old Stone House Museum in Brownington that will feature traditional quilting along with other domestic arts. She has volunteered to do a demonstration on quilting from 12:00 to 4:00 and asked for other quilters to join her. Emily volunteered to join her on the early shift.

**Old Business**

* The Quilt Display at the Chili-fest: Kathy shared a summary written by Noreen expressing appreciation for all those who helped set up, take down and show off our beautiful work. Members shared positive comments they had heard from the public. It was suggested that we consider holding our quilt show in that space in September 2024. The space is light and bright and easy to access. We showed 110 quilts. The winner of the raffle quilt was Red Reynolds of Derby. We spent a total of $144.00, mostly on Command hooks.
* The Quilt Display at the MAC Center. Carole Fortier explained that our original contact, Steve Card, has been replaced by Victoria. Our quilts need to be brought to the MAC Center on October 13th; Carole is working from 9:00 to 1:00 (?) to check quilts in. The documentation sheet is attached for anyone who needs one.
* Donation Quilts: Valerie has embroidered 4 or 5 labels to attach to donation quilts. See her if you need one!
* Holiday Dinner: we decided to get a firm count at our November meeting but reserve a spot soon with a tentative count and a firm date. Kathy, Jane, and Deb will create a couple of menus that members will vote on. Much discussion ensued and the menu will have a large salad, a pasta dish, a different protein dish. Valerie will make a seasonal cake.
* We voted on two recent discussion topics: one, eliminate Snack from our monthly agenda and two, limit the number of items for Show and Tell to three. After some discussion, the group decided to continue to have Snack on the monthly agendas and to limit the number of items to three per month. Martha graciously agreed to organize Snack each month.

**Announcements**

* **Open Sew Day** on Saturday, October 7th at St. Edward’s Parish Hall in Derby Line. Bring your lunch and whatever tools you need to sew. I will have the raffle quilt (2024) with me. 9:00 to 3:30
* **November Program** is your **Holiday Quilts: Bring ‘em!**
* **Martha won the door prize,** a pack of titanium blades for a rotary cutter.

**Shop Corner:**

Kay had invited all of us to attend either class offered at the Jay Peak Retreat. Contact Kay if you are interested.

**Show and Tell:** These members brought projects to show: Carole F., Lois C., Diane, Cookie, Valerie, Judi, Sue W., and Sherry. Their work can be seen on the guild website. Irene had a Tell: She won a contest on the Susie. Sitcom site to name the next quilt: North Pole Moonlighters.

**Program**

 **Guild Initial Challenge:** the winners of the Challenge were **Noreen Hinton** and **Linda Gariepy.** Both won gift certificates from Country Thyme. Congratulations!

 **Barb** led us through a “Name that Block Challenge” published in the 1940’s. I forget which group won bragging rights.

The meeting adjourned at about 8:30.

Kathy Nolan