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The North Country Quilters Guild met on **Tuesday, September 5, 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: Emily S. and Carole F. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were accepted.

New Business

- **Our annual donation** for use of the church space was discussed. The last payment (\$300) was in March 2022. It was decided we would make our annual payments in September. Beginning with 2023 we will donate \$400, to acknowledge the rising costs of maintaining the space. We will also donate \$50 for the use of the room on August 26, and continue this donation for any future work days. Quilters attending these guild work days may need to pay \$5 per day to defray the donation for the room.
- **Special guest Steve Card from the MAC Center** was unable to attend. Kathy reported that the MAC Center wants to do an exhibit of guild quilts on their lower level. There is room for about 20 quilts. Our quilt racks are too tall for this room. There are little cup hooks all around the room. The exhibit will be entitled: "Hanging By A Thread". It will run from October 21st through December 30th. There will be a reception on October 20th from 5 to 7pm. They will hang the quilts. Each quilt should have the same signage. Those exhibiting should get all pertinent information to Kathy by September 20th. This includes the name and size of the quilt, as well as permission to use the quilter's name in MAC publicity. The MAC Center will begin advertising on September 11th. They will be raffling a quilt, which Carole F. made and Noreen H. finished. They will sell tickets for this quilt at our Raffle Table on September 23rd. Quilts for this exhibit may have a price on them. The MAC Center charges a 30% commission. The Center has a security camera and is manned whenever it is open to the public.
- **October 8th and 9th**. Milk & Honey Quilt Show in Middlebury. Anyone can enter this non-judged show. The deadline for entries is September 15th.
- **Next Raffle Quilt:** 3 fabric choices for quilts were selected from Carolyn Farrar's fabrics. The 4th choice was several smaller items, also from her fabrics. Voting took place during "recess".
- **September 23rd Newport Exhibit:** Rick from Newport Natural Foods has asked for a one-day exhibit on the 2 floors of the Working Space above Newport Natural on September 23rd, Chili Fest in Newport. Hours: 9 – 4, with set up 4 – 8 on Friday. New member Emily S. is creating a map. Members can be in the Community Room to work on projects and talk with visitors. Emily will also create a slideshow using Jeanne's photos that will run continuously in the Community / Donation Quilt Room. Volunteers selling raffle tickets: Chris R. and Kathy N. 10 – 12, Deb and Jeanne 12 – 2, Marie and Linda 2 – 4.
- **Open Sew Date.** The August 26th Guild Sew Day was reported to be "pleasant" for the approximately 12 members who attended. **October 7th** will be the next Open Sew Day. As Church of God is not available, we will meet at the St. Edward's Parish Hall, 59 Elm Street, Derby Line. Attendees should bring whatever they need to work, lunch, and an extension cord.
- **Donation Quilts.** Kathy is looking for 2-3 volunteers to work with her to decide what to do with our donation quilts.
- **Holiday Caterer Report.** Deb has checked with Pie & Pasta and Hoagie's. Jane (not present) will check with The Eastside.
- **Refreshments.** A monthly refreshment sign-up list started around, but was taken back. The consensus was that we need time to socialize (recess), but we do not need food. Each member can bring along their own snack, if desired.

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Show 'N Tell - now limited again to 3 items per person.

Roberta shared a large scrappy flowers quilt to be donated to a homeless shelter in Barre.

Jeanne shared a lovely donation quilt made at the work day from a floral fabric she considered "ugly".

Valerie shared a Sachiko pillow and a sample quilt from a Shop Hop panel.

Noreen became rebellious and started a new project before finishing others: 2 scrap dolls' bed quilts.

Sue W. shared a wool runner showing Santa with a reindeer from Needle Love.

Cheryl shared 3 zip bags: pumpkins, a colorful green, and a yellow & blue.

Judy finished 2 quilts for the piecer's family. The first was on its way to the family. The 2nd, a large blue & white, required special quilting to showcase the Pillow Tuck area.

Arleen shared a blue & brown quilt, and a bright yellow with pink floral quilt.

Carole shared a crazy patch wall hanging with lace and buttons galore.

Paulette shared a small sampler quilt, and a deer & cabin quilt.

Lois shared a turquoise & peach 3 yard quilt top, a bag made with batiks on a preprinted batt, and a quilt made with an easy pattern from Missouri Star: hourglass or broken dishes – pinwheels cut in half.

Schedule

- **October:** "Surprise" Month and the Initial Challenge Reveal. There will be two prizes awarded for the Challenge. Irene will set the criteria. The blocks will be joined into a Potholder quilt, also known as a Just Get It Done Quilt. Check out a recent YouTube clip for this technique.
- **November:** Holiday Showcase
- **December:** Catered Dinner

Presentation:

Jeanne P. presented Magic Hexagons English Paper Piecing (EPP). Her demonstration and handout were very helpful. She suggested using a washable paper for the templates and a glue stick. This eliminates that difficult "remove all the paper template" step.

Sue W. won the door prize, a quilter's note pad.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sue Gustafson-Byrne

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