

Seattle Modern Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2021

Attendance 63 members participated

Call to order - Katie

Membership Update: 179 members as of this meeting, including 4 new members this month

SMQG website: SeattleModernQuiltGuild.com

- Be sure to follow the guild by entering your email on the website so you can receive notifications of blog posts and other information sent directly to your email. **Note:** If you have not yet received the April Salsa BOM blog post sent via email, please go to the SMQG website and enter your email on the right side of the page, under "Follow this blog".

National MQG Website

- Join the Seattle MQG Circle - This is where meeting minutes are posted as well as on the blog
 - Instructions how to access the Circle are on the blog under "Membership"
 - Print membership cards from the Circle, which can provide discounts at local quilt shops. Updated membership cards are now accessible.
 - Membership directory is posted there (please do not share with others)
 - For instructions on how to access the circle go to our local guild's blog:
<https://seattlemodernquiltguild.com/membership/joining-the-seattle-mqg-circle>
- Check out the monthly content from the MQG - Block Study, Quilt of the Month, Webinars
- Find episodes of Fresh Quilting and recorded webinars (Resources section)
- Watch for the latest MQG Journal (formerly named Modern Monthly) for webinar offerings, quilt patterns and other resources
- Upload photos of guild events and quilts for possible use on the guild facebook and instagram pages

April Speaker: Meg Cox

- Meg's talk was entitled "400 Years of Quilts at the Click of a Mouse". Former president of the national nonprofit Quilt Alliance, Meg often gives lectures about the amazing online resources of the Alliance and other quilt archives. These include an oral history project archived at the Library of Congress, and the Quilt Index, an online repository of more than 90,000 quilts. Meg gave us the story behind some amazing quilts and provided ideas for taking inspiration from online quilts without breaking copyright laws.
- During the talk we learned more about the newly updated websites of the Quilt Index, Quilt Alliance, and the International Quilt Museum. Each of these sites provide detailed documentation of their collections, and the Quilt Alliance provides recorded and written stories from quilters. In fact, any quilter can now submit a 3-minute video and story about one of their quilts.

- Each site had many tabs with resources. Fortunately, Meg has provided a handout with links and recommendations, which will be emailed to all members. Members may also sign-up for Meg's newsletter, called [Quilt Journalist Tells All](#).

Announcements

- Katie informed the group that Camp Huston has been penciled in for a February retreat in the future. We are also on waitlists for April and May options in 2022. She also asked members to provide any thoughts and/or ideas on potentially meeting in person later this year. Please send your suggestions to the SMQG email.
- Matt Macomber, one of our previous guild presidents, has an exhibit at PNW Quilts and Fiber Arts Museum in La Conner. The show runs until July 4, 2021. He and David Owens Hastings, another of our outstanding guild presidents, are planning a Zoom conversation on the quilts. They will let us know more as details are finalized.
- Virtual sew-ins for April through August are now being organized. It's not too late to sign up! Those who have just joined, you can email Elizabeth Burstad-Morgan at seattlemodernquiltguild@gmail.com.
- Also for our new members, the SMQG library has a list of books on our website, and members can contact Kae Eagling at sewseista@gmail.com to arrange for picking up and returning books.
- The Global Quilt Connection group is now offering individual online class resources from teachers around the world. Check it out at <http://www.globalquiltconnection.com>.

Programs

- Upcoming speakers/workshops:
 - May's speaker will be Teresa Duryea Wong <https://teresaduryeawong.com/>
 - Our guild has signed up for the Global Quilt Connection Sampler Platter, a virtual retreat with 18 different instructors, to be held May 21-22. This is free to all members. More details next month.
 - June will bring Jenny Haynes virtually to the SMQG. She will provide a lecture on **Saturday June 12th**, and a workshop called Skinny Inset Strips on **Saturday, June 19th**. The workshop is now full, and members can add their names to the waitlist in case some slots open.
 - The Greenwood Senior Center has been booked for our December Holiday Party if we decide to have that event.

Giving Quilts

- April's giving quilt theme is: Kitchen Sink! Donate any orphan block(s), workshop samples, scrappy blocks you may want to sew in order to make a small dent in your scrap pile. Any style, any size, any leftovers will be welcome.
- Blocks should be mailed or dropped off to Rachel Singh or Jana Royal by **June 10th**. Blocks can be mailed to Jana at 3230 NW 69th St., Seattle, WA 98117.

2021 Block of the Month: Month 4 is, drumroll please...FOCAL BLOCK! This is the block you might want to go 'spicy' on. Consider going big for your center (15", 18", 24"...) Katie provided an extensive overview of potential blocks and strategies. These have been included in the BOM April blog, and you

may also want to review the slides shown during the meeting. Remember to use the IG hashtag #seamqgsalsabom when you've finished your focal block!

Sew & Tell: Another group of fantastic quilts were shown. Two of our SMQG members who live in North Carolina and are also members of the Charlotte MQG showed quilts made during Quiltcon Together, as well as two finished UFOs. That seemed to be the theme of some of our other members as well - several beautiful completed UFOs were displayed. Those quilts and other exquisite quilts from our members can be viewed again on the April meeting slides.

- Remember to send photos and stories anytime to seattlemodernquiltguild@gmail.com. It would help Katie if you can send your photos to the Guild email (seattlemodernquiltguild.com) by 6:00 PM on the Monday before the meeting so she can add them to the meeting slides.
- Don't forget to tag your work using #SeattleMQGApril2021

Our next meeting is May 12th. See you then!

Meeting adjourned at 8:55.