

Seattle Modern Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2021

Attendance 56 members attended

Call to order – Katie opened the meeting at 7:00 PM

Membership Update: 1 new member was welcomed 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.

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

June Speaker: Brenna Gates, Communication Manager for the Modern Quilt Guild. Note: This lecture was recorded for those unable to attend the meeting.

Brenna provided a demonstration on navigating MQG website resources available to members. There are an impressive variety of resources, including webinars, Textile Talks and quilt patterns. Webinars and Textile Talks are recorded and remain on the website permanently, as do the patterns. Upcoming events can also be found in the Resources page. She responded to questions, and ended by offering to respond to additional questions via email: info@modernquiltguild.com

Announcements

- Katie announced the upcoming membership survey, which will ideally be sent before our July meeting.

Wild Apricot

- Beth Ratzlaff introduced Wild Apricot, a new set of software used by numerous quilt guilds and non-profit organizations. She has created a mock-up of what the new SMQG website might look like. The plan is to eventually have all our guild information on one site. Changes include:
 - One-stop registration for events and workshops

- New website, including a Members Only area for meeting information, zoom links, and more
- Membership forums and a searchable directory
- Easier membership management and renewals
- **Transition will be phased over several months:**
 - September – Guild meetings and workshop registration
 - October – Members only area (directory, meeting information and videos, etc.)
 - November – New public website goes live
 - December – Membership renewal
- We are looking for 2-3 volunteers to help with:
 - Designing a great experience for our SMQG members
 - Web design and content mapping
 - Moving content over to the new site
 - If you have relevant experience OR are tech savvy and love to learn, we'd love your help! Contact Beth at ratzlaff.elizabeth@gmail.com
- Matt Macomber has an exhibit at PNW Quilts and Fiber Arts Museum in La Conner. The show runs until **July 4, 2021**. David Owens Hastings interview is still available on this link: [David Owen Hastings interview with Matt Macomber](#)
- Virtual sew-ins for April through August are still open, and it's not too late to sign up! You can email Elizabeth Burstad-Morgan at seattlemodernquiltguild@gmail.com if you'd like to participate.
- The Bainbridge Quilt Festival, an outdoor show, is being held once again. The event is scheduled for Saturday, September 11, 2021. Entries for quilt submissions open June 30th, and close on August 31st. SMQG members are encouraged to submit!

Programs

- Jenny Haynes' talk on 'The Evolution of the Curve' will be recorded and available for 8 weeks after the Saturday, June 12th event.
- **There is ONE slot available for the Saturday, June 19th** Skinny Inset Strips workshop. Interested members should email seattlemodernquiltguild@gmail.com by **5:00 PM on Saturday, June 12th**, and one person will be randomly selected.
- Our July speaker is Amy Friend, who will talk on Improv Paper Piecing
- Noelle announced our confirmed reservation for a Camp Huston retreat in 2022! The new dates are April 1 through April 3rd, providing 3 days and 2 nights of quilting and friendship. All meals are provided. The estimated cost is \$240 for a double room and \$320 for singles, with room for 34-36 participants.

Giving Quilts

- Jana reported on the Kitchen Sink! Orphan blocks. They are loving what has been received, and encourage members to continue donating 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 to Jana Royal at 3230 NW 69th St., Seattle, WA 98117.
- The QuiltCon Community Outreach Quilt theme this year is Prisms. Design suggestions are due July 14th.
- Design suggestions due: July 14
- Email: rachel.singh@gmail.com or reveriequilting@gmail.com

- link: https://www.quiltcon.com/community-challenge?mc_cid=1ale97282a&mc_eid=b9e3ac8c9a

2021 Block of the Month: The Month 6 blog post is coming shortly. Katie demonstrated ways to begin adding borders to the medallion, with a reminder that two more borders are planned.

Sew & Tell: Another group of fantastic quilts were shown. Be sure to check them out in the June 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 #SeattleMQGJune2021

Our next meeting is July 14th. See you then!

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.