

Seattle Modern Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2021

Attendance 80 members attended

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

Membership Update: 8 new members were 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. **Note:** If you did not receive the July Salsa BOM blog post sent via email, you have not signed up to follow the Guild blog. Please go to the SMQG website and enter your email on the right side of the page, under “Follow this blog”.

National MQG Website

- 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

July Speaker: Amy Friend ‘Improv Paper Piecing’

Amy Friend is a former museum curator turned designer. She designs modern quilts and specializes in paper pieced designs. She authored the books *Intentional Piecing* (2016) and *Improv Paper Piecing: A Modern Approach to Quilt Design* (2017), and has a new book, *Petal + Stem* (2020). Since 2019, Amy has run a paper pieced Block of the Month program each year. She is an award winning quilter and her quilts have been exhibited at a number of quilt shows as well as museums. Amy is a national quilt teacher and lecturer. For those who can't attend a workshop, Amy now offers on demand online workshops for individuals. Amy lives in Massachusetts with her husband and three children. If she isn't sewing or spending time with the family, you might find her in the garden. You can follow her creative path on her blog, www.duringquiettime.com or on Instagram @duringquiettime.

Amy's talk focused on her journey toward improv paper piecing. She began by selecting traditional patterns, exploring ways to make them asymmetrical. As she made her version of the blocks she discovered that rotating blocks created really interesting movement. Those explorations led to shape based blocks, followed by viewing objects as inspiration. She also began exploring the deconstruction of blocks for unexpected results. Throughout her quilt journey she has been creating negative space for a dramatic modern quilt vibe.

Amy generously offered guild members a **discount code of 15%** for those interested in purchasing books or patterns. The offer ends on **July 18th**. You can access this through her Etsy shop: <https://www.etsy.com/shop/DuringQuietTime?coupon=SEATTLE15>.

Guild & Beyond

- The Summer Friendship Mini Mini Swap will be unveiled on August 1st. Some have already traded with their partner, and we look forward to seeing the variety of minis coming soon!
- Sarah Bond has an exhibit with a clever virtual walk through. Check it out at <https://scheinfurthartcenter.org/threads-across-time/>
- There are some excellent Textile Talks available on YouTube. Here is the link to the full playlist: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLXsBpWjk3xVCTzucHkrU3ly5NILa7mW3f/>
- Quiltfolk magazine podcast <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I-KmTzqEQM4>
- Just a reminder that QuiltCon Registration opens August 4th.
- Our membership survey will be sent to all members by July 19th.
 - Input is critical! We value your comments and suggestions. While the survey is slightly longer than previous ones, it should still take under 15 minutes to respond. Please respond soon.
 - As an enticement, there will be prizes like FQ bundles, copies of Curated Quilts, and other fun giveaways!
- 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 close on August 31st. SMQG members are encouraged to submit!
- The Evergreen Quilt Guild will have a quilt show in Ferndale: September 17-18, 2021

Programs

- Our August meeting is 'Sustainability in Quilting' led by Elizabeth Burstad-Morgan and Noelle Remington.
- Also in August, our **Outdoor Meet Up & Scrap Swap!** It will be held on Saturday, August 14 from 3-5 PM in the Wedgwood Presbyterian parking lot (8008 35th St NE, Seattle). Fabrics, sewing tools and magazines are welcome. You can also bring your Sew & Tell if you want to show it in person! Swaps will be done in your car trunks, and you can bring your lawn chair for sitting in the church's grassy field. Any remaining donations will be collected and donated to several non-profit organizations.
- Fall Retreat: Quilting Mayhem has been reserved from October 1 – 3 for day sew-in retreats. Members can come for one day or more. Machines and projects can be left as they are, as the room is safely secured. Stay tuned for more details.

Giving Quilts

- Jana reported on the Kitchen Sink! tops, with enough blocks to make 4-5 quilts. She has asked for volunteers to help sew the blocks together. People can come to her house, or blocks can be mailed to volunteers. If you are interested, email Jana at reveriequilting@gmail.com. Her address is 3230 NW 69th St., Seattle, WA 98117.

2021 Block of the Month: The Month 7 blogpost is coming shortly, with the theme of curves. Katie provided a number of options related to the theme, going from mild to spicy. A number of links and information will be found in the BOM blog post.

Sew & Tell

- 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 #SeattleMQGJuly2021

Our next meeting is August 11th, and don't forget to put the Outdoor Meet Up & Scrap Swap on your calendar for August 14th. See you then!

Meeting adjourned at 8:40.