

# Seattle Modern Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

## August 11, 2021

**Attendance** 59 members attended

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

**Membership Update:** 6 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.

### **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

**August Speakers: SMQG Members Elizabeth Burstad-Morgan and Noelle Remington**  
**Topic: Creative Sustainability 101: The 7 Rs (Reduce, Reuse, Refuse, Repurpose, Repair, Recycle & Rot)**

Elizabeth & Noelle provided an eye-opening set of statistics on the impact of current fabric industry processes on the environment, along with some information about how some organizations are working toward sustainable methods for those industries. They conducted considerable research on both what is currently occurring and what can be improved as more people become aware of the situation. Their slideshow provides great details, and has been recorded for members to view. They are also creating a resources document to inform members interested in ways to be more mindful of the 7 Rs.

### **Guild & Beyond**

- It is time to form a Nominating Committee for this year’s elections. We need two people to help with this. If you serve on the Committee, you are not eligible to seek a Board position. The committee will be seeking candidates for two positions on the 2022 board: Vice President/President-Elect, and Treasurer. If you are interested in serving on the Committee, or interested in running for one of the open Board positions, please call Katie or email her at [seattlemodernquiltguild@gmail.com](mailto:seattlemodernquiltguild@gmail.com).

- With great thanks to Beth Ratzlaff for all the groundwork, we hope to open Wild Apricot phase 1 (creating a membership roster and individual profiles) before the September meeting. Members will receive instructions on how to log-in to the Wild Apricot site by email when we are ready to launch.
- 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 31<sup>st</sup>. SMQG members are encouraged to submit!
- The Evergreen Quilt Guild will have a quilt show in Ferndale: September 17-18, 2021

### **Membership Survey Results**

- 50% of our members participated in our 2021 survey
- Based on survey preferences, the plan for 2022 is to have 6-8 virtual meetings with speakers, and 3-4 in-person meetings if possible. There may also be in-person activities for those comfortable with that option during some of the months in which we hold virtual membership meetings .
- 10 members were selected for our survey prize drawings, and can either pick up their prizes at Saturday's swap or request to have them sent. Congratulations to those selected!

### **Sew-ins**

- August sew-ins are still set, and Elizabeth is preparing an announcement for fall sign-ups. Sew-ins will continue to use the same link and password for several months until we are able to add the sign up process to Wild Apricot.

### **Programs**

- This Saturday, Aug 14, is our first in-person event of the year. We will gather for an outdoor fabric/scrap/notions/books/magazines swap at the Wedgewood Presbyterian Church, 8008 35th Ave NE, Seattle, from 3-5pm. Feel free to bring quilts for an impromptu sew and tell if you wish.
- Our September speaker will be Laura Petrovich-Cheney, an artist who creates quilts with wood.
- 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 and Rachel showed the final flimsies for our Kitchen Sink! quilts. There are 4 tops needing quilting. Interested members can email Jana at [reveriequilting@gmail.com](mailto:reveriequilting@gmail.com).
- QuiltCon Community Outreach Quilt 2022: A design has been created, and members are encouraged to help sew blocks. Each packet will be a set of 4 blocks, and members can request as many sets as they would like. Fabric and pattern are included. **NOTE:** a sign-up post is coming soon, and they would like members to sign up by **August 18<sup>th</sup>**.

### **SMQG Friendship Mini-Mini Quilts Revealed!**

- With many, many thanks to Jackie Bernedetti and Martha Peterson, our inaugural summer swap was an overwhelming success. 69 members created gorgeous quilts and made good friends as well.

**2021 Block of the Month:** The Month 8 blog post is coming shortly, with the theme of diamonds. Katie provided a number of options related to the theme, going from mild to spicy. As usual, additional information and technique links will be found in the BOM blog post.

**Sew & Tell**

- Remember to send photos and stories anytime to [seattlemodernquiltguild@gmail.com](mailto: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 #SeattleMQG#August2021

**Our September meeting is very early this year, so be sure to add the date to your calendar now: September 8<sup>th</sup>.**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:40.**