

# Seattle Modern Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

## September 8, 2021

**Attendance** 64 members attended

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

**Membership Update:** 3 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
  - o Instructions how to access the Circle are on the blog under “Membership”
  - o Print membership cards from the Circle, which can provide discounts at local quilt shops. Updated membership cards are now accessible.
  - o Membership directory is posted there (please do not share with others)
  - o 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

### **Guest Speaker: Laura Petrovich-Cheney “From Threads to Sawdust”**

Laura’s biography reflects a fascinating path toward her current medium. She is a sculptor, quilter, visual artist, educator and fashion designer, with unique position in the commercial and non-profit art fields, whose interests in textiles, wood working, and environmental concerns have created a diverse body of work. Laura earned her BA in Fine Arts and English Literature at Dickinson College. Laura has an MS degree in Fashion Design from Drexel University and an MFA in Studio Arts from Moore College of Art and Design. She has taught in New Jersey public schools for fifteen years as a National Board Certified elementary-level art teacher and at the college level for two years, as well as presenting lectures and workshops to adults nationwide.

Why wood is a question she frequently encounters. After ten years as a fashion designer, she realized she wanted to be an artist. During her MFA program she began experimenting with wood, and found her passion. Her first wood quilt was inspired during a beach walk when she noticed the orange and blue remnants of a local boat which had been ruined during a storm. A quilt magazine displayed in her grocery gave her an idea of using those remnants in a traditional

pattern. After completing her first wood quilt, she began seeking more used woods for her creations.

For those unable to attend the meeting, her talk has been recorded and provides stunning details on her methods, backgrounds on some of her salvaged wood, and how she is expanding her skills as a wood quilt artist. The comparisons with her designs and creations are surprisingly like what we are all experiencing. Her talk was truly inspirational.

## **Guild & Beyond**

- Wild Apricot: The membership roster is ready to be populated, and members will receive an email from Beth Ratzlaff via the guild account on how to log in and change your password. Be sure to review your profile and make any necessary changes. As a bonus, you'll be able to easily access the Membership Directory! Note that the website is currently a skeleton, with more great additions to come.
- **Board elections for 2022:** The guild by-laws require board elections to be held at our November meeting, with a set of nominations by the October meeting. What this means:
  - We need you!
  - SMQG is a volunteer organization, and many hands and brains lighten the load for all
  - There is no need for special skills or experience required. You don't need to be a master quilter, either.
  - What we do need are your enthusiasm, your ideas, and a bit of your time
  - Please email [seattlemodernquiltguild@gmail.com](mailto:seattlemodernquiltguild@gmail.com) or call Katie to discuss any of the open volunteer opportunities.
  - Did I mention? Getting involved as a volunteer is actually fun! You'll make new friends and learn a lot.
- **Board Elections – November 2021:** The candidates identified are Katie Sprugel (President), Pat Reilly (Secretary), Debra Flanagan (Membership Director), Noelle Remington & Elizabeth Burstad-Morgan (Program Directors), and Julia Wachs (Communications Director). Positions to be filled:
  - VP/President-Elect
  - Treasurer
- **Nominating Committee:** This is a short-term role requiring two members. Duties:
  - Board Member
  - Responsible for serving as back up for the president
  - Run meetings if the president is unable to
  - Bring ideas, enthusiasm, additional perspectives to board discussions/decisions
  - Learn about the organization and how it is run, in preparation for serving as President the next year.
- **Treasurer:**
  - Board member, responsible for:
  - Maintaining financial records

- o Providing budget updates
- o Reconcile Paypal (or other electronic system) payments
- o Pay speakers, reimburse expenses (Paypal or by check)
- o File tax information
- **Giving Quilts Co-Chair:** Help to coordinate our Giving Quilts efforts. Rachel Singh is retiring after several years in the role. Katie noted that a number of members indicated interest in helping with these projects in response to our recent survey. This is the ideal time to volunteer. Responsible for:
  - o Developing and/or recruiting design ideas from guild members
  - o Cutting and distribution of fabrics (as needed) for specific projects
  - o Recruiting people to piece blocks into flimsies, to quilt, and to bind finished quilts
  - o Manage donations to organizations/individuals
- **Social Sewing Coordinator (New):** Are you enjoying our Zoom sew-ins and other Zoom activities? Are you interested in helping to create small, casual in-person events to complement our Zoom membership meetings in 2022? We need your help! Responsibilities include:
  - o Coordination of Zoom sew-ins and special interest groups
  - o Helping develop ideas for and coordination of in-person events outside of meetings
  - o Part of Programs Committee
- **Programs Committee Assistant:** Are you loving the great speakers we've had the last 18 months? Would you like to have some influence over who we bring in for 2022 and 2023? Responsibilities include:
  - o Helping identify potential speakers and workshop instructors for guild programs
  - Online research of teacher websites, online programming
  - Talking to guild members to find out what members would like to see
  - Part of Programs Committee
- **Remember:** If you are interested in considering a Board or Committee position, please contact us (sooner is better!). You can email us at [seattlemodernquiltguild@gmail.com](mailto:seattlemodernquiltguild@gmail.com), or telephone Katie (phone number listed in the Wild Apricot directory).

#### Local Quilt Events

- 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
- Camano Island Quilters (Mt. Vernon) quilt show October 23, 2021
- Quilters Take a Moment: Fundraiser for Quilt Alliance, September 17-18, 2021. Information can be found [here](#).

#### Programs

- October: Racheldaisy Dodd
- November: Sarah Nishiura, speaking at meeting and hosting a virtual workshop on 'The Potential of Pattern' November 16<sup>th</sup>.

- Scrap Swap was a great success, with all remaining fabrics donated to numerous non-profits.
- Zoom sew-ins: The previous sew-in series was scheduled through Aug 31. We plan to switch the sign-ups to the new Wild Apricot platform, but won't be able to do that until later this fall.
  - In the meantime, sew-ins will continue on the same schedule, using the same link and password.
  - New to sew-ins and/or the guild and want to get started? Send an email to [seattlemodernquiltguild@gmail.com](mailto:seattlemodernquiltguild@gmail.com) and we'll help you do that.
- **Fall Day Retreat – Oct. 1-3, 2021 at Quilting Mayhem:** Social sewing, in-person!
  - Format: Day retreat; choose to come for all 3 days or just one or two.
  - Sewing gear can be left set up the entire weekend.
  - **COVID PRECAUTIONS:** Vaccination required, masks to be worn indoors, capacity will be limited (20-25 people in two large rooms designed to hold up to 45 people sewing)
  - **Registration opens September 11 at 10:00 AM**
  - **Cost:** \$20 per day, or \$50 for all 3 days
- **Subversive Sewing Circle:** Chandra Wu is organizing an online sewing circle that examines our race, identity, culture and ethnicity in the context of quilting. Details:
  - Two hour monthly chats
  - Sign up in advance and commit to 8 sessions. There will be an initial organizing meeting **next Thursday, September 16 @ 7 PM**
  - Meetings will entail 15 – 30 minutes of reflection and discussion followed by about 1.5 hours in sewing circle open discussion
  - If you are interested in the new Sewing Circle, please fill out this short [survey](#). You can register for the organizational meeting on Sept 16 here: [Zoom meeting registration](#).
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### Giving Quilts.

- QuiltCon Community Outreach blocks must be delivered to Jana Royal by **October 15<sup>th</sup>**. New fabric packets are being mailed to those who requested.
- Two Kitchen Sink quilts still need quilting. Please email Jana Royal or Rachel Singh if you are able to help out.

**2021 Block of the Month:** Month 9 is when we begin putting it all together in preparation for the big reveal. A blog post is on the way.

### 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](mailto: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#September2021](#)

**Our October meeting will be held on October 13th**

**Meeting adjourned at 8:50.**