

Seattle Modern Quilt Guild Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2021

Attendance 73 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 (soon to be seattlemodernquiltguild.wildapricot.org)

- 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

Guest Speaker: Sarah Nishiura “Travel” www.sarahnishiura.com; @sarahnishiuraquilts

Sarah began by explaining how she came up with the idea of a travel lecture. Like many of us, she was missing the ability to travel when the global pandemic arrived. She decided to do some extensive research on the history and culture of textiles around the world, focusing on indigenous people over the centuries. Her talk began in Peru, taking us from there to twelve countries around the world. She provided details on many of the textiles displayed, including their backgrounds if known. Guild members will receive her extensive research documents once she emails them to our program directors.

For those unable to attend the meeting, her talk has been recorded and will be available once the meeting blog is sent out.

Guild & Beyond

- Wild Apricot: Membership renewal will begin on December 1, using seattlemodernquiltguild.wildapricot.org/. You will also be able to edit your profile during the process.
- **Board Elections for 2022:** Voting was done via a poll, with 100% of attendees approving the slate of board members:
 - President: Katie Sprugel
 - VP/President-Elect: Beth Ratzlaff
 - Secretary: Pat Reilly
 - Treasurer: Dorothy Neville
 - Membership Director: Debra Flanagan
 - Program Directors: Noelle Remington & Elizabeth Burstad-Morgan
 - Communications Director: Julia Wachs
- **Guild Reports:**
 - Membership: Deb Flanagan reported the 2021 membership has increased by 18%, with 205 active members. Along with 152 members living within 20 miles of Seattle, we have 35 Washington members residing more than 20 miles from Seattle, and 18 out of state members.
 - Treasurer's report: The guild is financially stable at the end of the year. Details will be added to the meeting slides.

Fabrics of a Nation/Boston MFA <https://www.mfa.org/exhibition/fabric-of-a-nation>

- “300 years of American history through the quietly radical power of quilts”
- Lots of online resources
- Photos and stories for some of the quilts
- Interviews with Bisa Butler, art historians
- Slide decks for students of different ages
- **Podcast with curator:**
- <https://quiltbuzzpodcast.com/podcast/episode-040-jennifer-swope-of-the-museum-of-fine-arts-boston>
- **Free quilt-along #mfaQAL**
- Free pattern and quilt along, runs through Nov 21
- Can download entire pattern at once if desired
- 9 designers created modern blocks based on blocks in quilts from Fabric of a Nation show
- Cool online tool to play with color palettes
- Don't want to quilt? Make a digital quilt with the online tool.

Modern Meets Modern Challenge

- Challenge: Create a 16x16” mini quilt that responds to one or more of the antique quilts below in an interpretive way
- \$10 entry fee. \$1000 prize. Deadline: Jan 1, 2022
- 10 finalists will be displayed at IQM and winner will become part of IQM permanent collection.

Local Quilt Events

- Block Party Quilt Show (Issaquah) November 12-14, 2021 – more information at blockpartyquilters.org
- Quilt Exhibition: Gee's Bend Quilters
 - November 26 to December 23
 - Greg Kucera Gallery in Seattle hosts it's second exhibition of quilts and related prints by women from Gee's Bend, Alabama.
 - <https://gregkucera.com/bennett-loretta.htm>

Programs

- December meeting: Our ***virtual*** holiday party is scheduled for SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4 from 1:30 – 4:00 PM. Volunteers have organized a lot of great activities, including 3 sew-ins, games, and other activities. An invitation and more details will be emailed next week.
- January 2022: Steph Skardal (@stephskardal) “On Creativity”
- Also in January 2022: Save the Date & Let's Go Together!, scheduled for Saturday, January 15th. The field trip will travel to Tacoma, where the Washington State Historical Museum is hosting an exhibition titled “Handstitched Worlds: The Cartography of Quilts”
<https://www.washingtonhistory.org/exhibit/handstitched-worlds>
- February: Rose Parr (@healthyquilting)
- March: Carolina Oneto (@carolina_oneto) – Speaker and workshop titled “Curves and Transparencies”
- April: Sashari Kiburi (@ulaladie)
- Zoom sew-ins: Registrations are now available through Wild Apricot! Please let the sew-in hosts know if you'll be there when you sign-up.

Giving Quilts.

- The QuiltCon 2022 Community Outreach Quilt, ‘Mosaic,’ was revealed. Many thanks to all the members who contributed blocks. Rachel Singh assembled the quilt, with Jana Royal undertaking the quilting. Check out the slide to see how fantastic it is!

It's time to organize for our 2022 Block of the Month!

- Block Study & Double Sided Quilt
- Make it traditional then make it improv.
- Interested in helping?
- Hoping 3 people will work together to choose the traditional blocks and create the monthly prompts.
- We have tools to aid your design
- Put something in the chat, or email Shannon (shmitch@gmail.com) or the guild (seattlemodernquiltguild@gmail.com) if you are interested in helping.

2021 Block of the Month: The December Salsa BOM is focused on binding, the final step of most quilts. Katie has thoroughly researched resources for those considering mild, medium or spicy bindings. See her blog to learn more.

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 #SeattleMQG#December2021

Remember, our December meeting will be held on Saturday, December 4 from 1:30 – 4:00.
We hope to see you all there!

Meeting adjourned at 9:00.