

Baltimore Modern Quilt Guild

BMQG Newsletter – January 2022

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The purpose of the guild is to share knowledge of modern quilting techniques, patterns, modern fabrics and quilt-making by providing meetings, social gatherings, educational workshops and field-trips to support quilting activities, encourage modern quilt-making and promote the appreciation of this craft. The Baltimore Modern Quilt Guild supports and encourages the growth and development of modern quilting through art, education and community.

Notes from the President

Welcome to 2022! This year promises to be a busy one with the guild and full of quilty fun. We will continue to offer Zoom meetings on some months while on other months we are looking at ways to meet in person. We will also be changing the format a bit for some of the monthly meetings to allow more time for in-depth hands-on activities. To keep you up to date on what is going on this year, the newsletter will be coming out on a monthly basis so be sure to check your inbox for the latest news.

A reminder, if you have not yet renewed your dues please do so ASAP.

Looking forward to a fantastic year!!

If you ever have any suggestions or ideas, feel free to email the board at baltimoremqg@gmail.com

Happy sewing,

Kathy Schwabeland
BMQG President

Meeting Programming

We have an amazing line up of activities in store for you during our monthly meetings this year. Here is what is coming up in January, February, and March.

January: Carole Lyles Shaw: *My Journey to Modern Quilts*

I love making modern quilts and the occasional art quilt. In this lecture, I will share some of my most recent modern quilt projects and the value of working in a series. Topics that I cover include maximalism, minimalism, AfroModern, ombre fabrics and working with scale.

In addition, I will talk about how we can create a sustainable stashing process to support an ecofriendly quilting life. Like all quilters, I love fabric and I love buying and using the newest fabrics by old and new favorite designers. But....what happens when our sewing space is so full of our precious stuff that we can't find what we already have...so we buy more.....Or we

keep looking at our fabric and say, 'Some day, I'll make a really special quilt with this...' I will share a few of my strategies for living more sustainably as a modern quilter and challenge you to choose how to live your quilt life more sustainably.



This month will also kick off our Make It Modern series lead by Janet Schoenfeld. Be sure to read her article in the newsletter prior to our January meeting.

Our meeting this month will take place via Zoom.

February: *The 2nd Annual Superbowl Sunday Sew Along*

This year's project will again be a stash or scrap buster- yay!! We will be creating [Plaidish by Kitchen Table Quilting](#). This will be an all-day event via Zoom and will include sewing time, games, and some door prizes. The pattern is free and there are all kinds of amazing examples of the pattern on Instagram to spark your imagination.

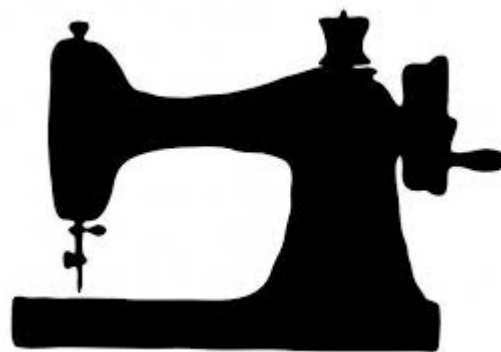


Don't want to sew Plaidish? That's ok too- you can still join in the Super Bowl Sunday Sew Along fun. We will have a pause in sewing fun at 1:30pm to conduct some guild business and have a sneak peak at the NEW guild website so feel free to join us then if you are unable to attend the sew along.

You do not need to sign up for this event. A link for the event and more information will be send out to all members in February.

March: *Charity Sewing Day*

This month we will have a in-person and Zoom sewing event on the day of our guild meeting. More information about this event will be forthcoming in the February newsletter.



Education

We have an amazing line-up for 2022. All workshops and lectures will be held via Zoom, so you can enjoy and participate in your comfiest clothing.

Carole Lyles Shaw lecture, January 9th. My Journey to Modern Quilts with added Sustainability.

Jo Avery, workshop and lecture April 9th and 10th

Cindy Grisdela, workshop and lecture June 11th and 12th

Dena Wilkins, workshop and lecture October 8th and 9th



Community Outreach Activities

Hello, my name is JoAnn Stelmack. Thank you for the opportunity to head up the charity events for this year. Our March meeting will be a Charity Sewing Day via Zoom and in-person so you will have a choice in how you wish to join in for the charity sewing fun. In the past we have donated to the Y's Head Start program and I will be checking with them to see if they still have a need for donations. If you have other suggestions for a charity or where to reserve a physical room, please contact at me at:

communityrelations@baltimoremqg.com.

More information about the Charity Sewing Day will be coming in the February newsletter.

Membership

As of December 29th, 59 members have renewed their membership for calendar year 2022.

The renewal deadline is January 15th, 2022. Please use the following link to pay your dues (\$50) by the deadline:

<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/BaltimoreMQG/50>

Members that have renewed by the deadline will receive an email from Sarah Lefebvre (sarah.lefebvre@baltimoremqg.com) on January 16th with all of the important information you need for 2022, including the new members-only password for the website and a link to fill out your Membership Directory information.

Reminder: To access the National Modern Quilt Guild site:

- Navigate to themodernquiltguild.com
- Click Member Login
- Enter the email address you used to register with Baltimore Modern Quilt Guild
- Enter your password, **OR**
- To create a password, enter the email address you used to register with Baltimore Modern Quilt Guild and click "reset password"
- Enjoy all of the resources available to you!



Welcome new members, Vanessa Cross and Carolyn Sutton!

QuiltCon

This year Quilt Con will take place in Phoenix, Arizona from February 16th to 20th, 2022. This will be an in-person event and more information about the show can be viewed [here](#).



Care Committee

We have a care committee that sends out notes of encouragement for members during their time of need. The committee is led by Membership. If you know of a member that could use some words of encouragement, please let us know via email at membership@baltimoremqg.com

Make May Modern Retreat

We are excited to share a new event for 2022. On Saturday, May 14, 2022, we will be hosting a retreat for the day at the Maritime Institute! The event will include classes, sewing time, vendors, a make and take activity, and most importantly, social time. After a very successful retreat in fall 2021, we thought this would be a perfect location to host this next function.

There will be an attendee fee that covers healthy snacks in the morning and

afternoon along with sewing space. We are happy to share that all classes will be free.

There will be more information coming soon, so save the date on your calendar, and keep your eyes out for more details. We will be looking for instructors, and there will be a call for proposals as well.

Library

This year we will be dissolving the guild library. The lack of regular meeting space and challenges with housing/transporting the books to physical locations make the library difficult to manage. We will be having a guild book sale at some point later this year to find new homes for the guild's books.

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

As you know our guild is run 100% through the generosity of our volunteers. We really appreciate any way that you can volunteer.

Here are just some ways you can help:

- Volunteer to lead Education
- Volunteer to lead Retreat 2022
- Make a quilt or quilted item for bingo
- Volunteer to help with one of our special guild events

Board Meetings

BMQG Board meetings are open to all members. The calendar of board meeting is included at the end of the newsletter

Make It Modern Series by Janet Schoenfeld

Part One: Designing a Modern Quilt

This is the first in a series of three newsletter articles sharing tools and techniques that can be used in the process of making a quilt. These topics will be discussed in the breakout rooms at our January, April, and June guild meetings. You can bring your ideas and questions to collaborate with other members.

This article focuses on sharing design techniques for modern quilts, including a few ideas on how to get started, as well as links to resources.



Have you ever thought about designing your own quilt, but don't know how to get started? Feel a little overwhelmed on picking a color scheme, or what the design should look like?

Finding Inspiration

Ideas can come from many sources. A walk outside, looking through a colorful magazine, or studying art can help you find some inspiration. Make a mood board or notebook for fabric swatches, paint chips, and any photos or magazine clips you love. I use a bulletin board in my sewing room to hold pictures, postcards, and fabric swatches.



Making a Design

I like to start with paper and pencil. Think about the purpose and size of the quilt you would like to make. A small piece is a great starting point to try your ideas out and gratifying as they are quick to finish. Building design skills takes practice, so I recommend starting with basic shapes. My favorite quilts were designed with a single shape such as rectangles, half square triangles, tumbling blocks, and half hexagons.

A quilt constructed with basic shapes allows you more time for the design process, fostering creativity to explore layout, size, color, and contrast for the overall design. I particularly love rectangles which offer endless possibilities. As an example, using a rectangle with a height twice the size of the width, allows you to pair two rectangles together, making a larger square which you can rotate here and there to create secondary patterns.

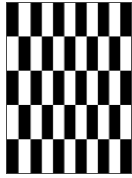
Modern Quilt Design Tips

Modern quilters use bold colors with high contrast, expansive negative space, alternate grid layouts, and asymmetry. Here are a couple of ideas to explore when designing a quilt:

1. Try a two- or three-color palette of complementary or analogous colors. As an example, choose two complementary colors such as blue and orange, and add one lighter or darker shade within the blue or orange color family.
2. Build your design from the inside out, using design elements in the center, with negative space on the edges. Explore placing the main design elements off center, creating asymmetry and eye movement.
3. Using rectangles as an example, vary the width of the rectangles in each row. This can be impactful in a 2-color quilt.

I hope this provides some inspiration to jump in and start building your design skills. The next newsletter article will focus on choosing color palettes. If you decide to play with design, be sure to

share on Instagram, our Facebook group, guild” Show and Shares”, and participate in our breakout rooms at the January meeting.



Resources

Instagram Artists: @heatherjonesstudio, @tarafaughnan, @karenbduling, @s.d.evans, @emily_dennis (quiltylove.com)

[The MQG Quilt Gallery](#) – Quilts grouped by quilting style

[Modern Quilt Guild Monthly](#) – newsletter with quilt designs, block studies, and other articles

[Color-Name Website](#) – Choose a color and browse through multiple color palettes (complementary, analogous, etc)

BMQG **New Website**

**WILL GO LIVE IN FEBRUARY.
YOU WILL BE ABLE TO EASILY
REGISTER FOR CLASSES AND
RENEW YOUR DUES AND SO MUCH
MORE.**

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Calendar of Activities for 2022

(subject to change)

Date	Activity	Time	Location
1/8/22	BMQG Board Meeting	10-11AM	Zoom
1/9/22	January Meeting: Lecture by Carolyn Shaw and Part One of Make It Modern Series	1:30-3:30PM	Zoom
2/6/22	BMQG Board Meeting	10-11AM	Zoom
2/13/20	February Meeting: Superbowl Sunday Sew Along and Website Preview	9AM-3PM	Zoom
2/16/22 to 2/20/22	Quilt Con	Varies	Phoenix, Arizona
3/13/22	March Meeting: Charity Sewing Day- details to be shared	TBD	TBD
4/3/22	BMQG Board Meeting	10-11AM	Zoom

4/9/22	Workshop – Jo Avery	TBD	Zoom
4/10/22	April Meeting: Lecture by Jo Avery and Part 2 of the Make It Modern Series	1:30-3:30PM	Zoom
4/30/22	BMQG Bingo Event	TBD	TBD
5/14/22	Make May Modern Retreat	All Day	Maritime Institute
5/15/22	May Meeting: TBD	1:30-3:30PM	Zoom
6/5/22	BMQG Board Meeting	10-11AM	Zoom
6/11/22	Workshop – Cindy Griselda	TBD	Zoom
6/12/22	June Meeting: Lecture by Cindy Griselda and Part 3 of the Make It Modern Series	1:30-3:30PM	Zoom
7/10/22	July Meeting: Sit and Sew	1:30-3:30PM	TBD
8/14/22	August Meeting: Sit and Sew	1:30-3:30PM	TBD
9/10/22	BMQG Board Meeting	10-11AM	Zoom
9/11/22	September Meeting: Community Event	TBD	TBD
10/7/22 to 10/9/22	BMQG Retreat	All Day	Maritime Institute
10/8/22	Workshop- Dina Wilkins	TBD	Zoom
10/9/22	October Meeting: Lecture by Dena Wilkins	1:30 to 3:30PM	Zoom
11/6/22	BMQG Board Meeting	10-11AM	Zoom
11/13/22	November Meeting: TBD	1:30-3:30PM	TBD
12/11/22	December Meeting: End of the Year Celebration	1:30-3:30PM	TBD

We meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month unless otherwise noted.

Want to see what we're up to? Connect with us on social media!

Instagram: [@baltimoremqg](#) [#baltimoremqg](#)

Facebook: [BaltimoreModernQuiltGuild](#)

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