



# Baltimore Modern Quilt Guild

**BMQG Newsletter – February 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**

I hope you enjoyed the lecture by Carole Lyles Shaw last month. I left the meeting with lots of new ideas on how to create a more manageable stash and am getting started with destashing some of my fabric.

Jenni Baker of In Color Order recently posted Fabric Stash Tracking sheets for Excel and Google Sheets users. The tracking sheets allow you to keep tabs on how much fabric you have coming in and going out. I love this idea and thought I would share the tracking sheets with you. You can find them [here](#).

I hope you are having a wonderful winter and getting lots of sewing in with all the recent snow/icy days we have had.

If you have any suggestions or ideas, feel free to email the board at [baltimoremqg@gmail.com](mailto: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 February, March, and April.

**February 13th:** The 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **March 13th:** *Charity Sewing Day*

Our meeting this month will be a Zoom Charity Sewing Day. The event will kick off at 10am and run until 3:30pm. This year our charity pattern is Wash Your Paws by Wooly Petals. You can find the pattern [here](#). To make a child/baby size of the pattern, use the cutting directions found [here](#).

This year this we have set a goal of one charity quilt per member. The March meeting is a great way to connect with other quilts and have fun while working on your charity donation.



### **April 10th:** *Jo Avery Lecture*



So what is a temperature quilt? It's a way of using the daily temperature to 'choose' the colors you use in whatever block you are making. Join Jo as she goes through her process of making a temperature quilt. We will learn the ins and outs of how you can choose your colors, track your temps and plunge into this adventure.

A lifetime of playing with fabric and yarn has culminated in a career as a teacher, entrepreneur and designer. Jo's natural affinity with colour and detail informs all her quilts as well as a love of intricate techniques such as needle-turn applique and embroidery. Straddling both modern and traditional quilting, she enjoys inspiring others through her workshops and retreats.

Jo organizes the annual [Stitch Gathering retreat](#) and designs quilts and embroideries for a wide range of quilting publications and books. Her first solo book 'New Patchwork and Quilting Basics' is published by Stash Books and is [available now](#).

After 9 years of running her own shop and studio in Edinburgh, Jo recently sold my Bearpaw and now runs all her enterprises from home including her online store where you can buy her book, thread collections, patterns and quilt kits.

This month will also feature part 2 of our Make It Modern series lead by Janet Schoenfeld.

Our meeting this month will take place via Zoom.

## Workshop

**Saturday, April 9th**

Jo Avery Workshop via Zoom

Appliqueing Circles and Leaves

9am-Noon

\$10 for members. \$15 for non-members



Are you a little scared of needle-turn applique? Or just want to improve your technique? Jo will be showing you clever techniques for two basic shapes – leaves and circles. Jo's methods for applique fabric preparation use a variety of materials including foil, interfacing and even leather! Make a start on this charming Ombre Flower panel (perfect for a zippy pouch!), which can be finished at home using your new found knowledge and confidence. A hand sewing class suitable for all levels though some experience of hand sewing will be helpful.

**Workshop Policy:** Currently, all workshops will be held via Zoom and in general, more people can attend a workshop, so we have not had the need for a wait list.

If you have signed up for a workshop and cannot make it, it is your responsibility to find someone to take your spot. They can pay you directly. You will also need to notify the Education Chair if you cannot make it so that Zoom links can be sent to the correct people.

## Membership

As of January 29<sup>th</sup>, we have 79 members for 2022.

All members should have received an email from Sarah Lefebvre ([sarah.lefebvre@baltimoremqg.com](mailto:sarah.lefebvre@baltimoremqg.com)) on January 16<sup>th</sup> with 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](http://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!

## QuiltCon

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



## ***Social Media***

Guild members can keep up with all the latest news and updates and see what their fellow BMQG-ers are making by following the guild on Instagram (@baltimoremqg) and Facebook (search Baltimore Modern Quilt Guild).

If you would like photos of your makes to be shared on the guild accounts, submit them to [communications@baltimoremqg.com](mailto:communications@baltimoremqg.com) or use #BMQGSHowAndShare as permission to repost."

## ***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](mailto: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.

## Freebie Block Tutorial



Another opportunity to use your stash: check out this great block from Rachel Hauser at [Stitched in Color](#). Click [here](#) for the pattern and tutorial

## Recent Charity Donations



## Community Relations News from JoAnn Stelmack

I have been in touch with Kim Cosgrove and Olivia McCall from the Early Head Start Program at Kennedy Kreiger. Kim said they are thankful for our group and the beautiful quilts that we donate to them. Olivia picked up 8 quilts donated by members at my house on Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>. I also spoke with Elle from the DCMQG and she told me that with our help last year, they donated a record of 382 quilts to Comfort Cares and the DC Diaper Bank.

I would like to set a goal/challenge this year that each guild member makes 1 quilt using the Wash Your Paws pattern. This quilt goes together easily and takes 2-3 yards of fabric. Another option, if you can't make this quilt for some reason, is to donate your larger leftover fabric to members that can make this quilt. I will be responsible for getting your scraps and distributing to other members. Of course, if you want to make more than one, that's okay too! If you make quilts from other patterns, the size recommended is from 30" by 30" – 45" by 60" being the max.

With that being said, Olivia and/or Kim is willing to pickup quilts from my house every month to six weeks throughout the year. Since we are not meeting in person for our guild meetings, I will be available for you to drop off items to me once a month in the parking lot of Loch Raven High School, off the Baltimore Beltway at exit 29 every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 11am starting on Saturday, March 12, 2022. I will collect any donated fabric at that time, as well.

Please let me know in advance if you will be dropping off as to avoid any communication issues. Or, you can drop off at my house on Stansbury Mill Road in northern Baltimore County, if that is more convenient.

I also have quilt labels available. Let me know if you want any.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me at [isewmuchtime@gmail.com](mailto:isewmuchtime@gmail.com)



## Board Members for 2022

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## *Calendar of Activities for 2022*

*(subject to change)*

<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
2/6/22	BMQG Board Meeting	10-11AM	Zoom
2/13/20	<b>February Meeting:</b> Superbowl Sunday Sew Along and Website Preview	9AM-3PM	Zoom
2/16/22 to 2/20/22	<b>Quilt Con</b>	Varies	Phoenix, Arizona
3/13/22	<b>March Meeting:</b> Charity Sewing Day	10AM-3:30PM	Zoom
4/3/22	BMQG Board Meeting	10-11AM	Zoom
4/9/22	Workshop – Jo Avery	TBD	Zoom
4/10/22	<b>April Meeting:</b> Lecture by Jo Avery and Part 2 of the Make It Modern Series	1:30-3:30PM	Zoom
5/14/22	Make May Modern Retreat	All Day	Maritime Institute
5/15/22	<b>May Meeting:</b> 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	<b>June Meeting:</b> Lecture by Cindy Griselda and Part 3 of the Make It Modern Series	1:30-3:30PM	Zoom

7/10/22	<b>July Meeting:</b> Sit and Sew	1:30-3:30PM	TBD
8/14/22	<b>August Meeting:</b> Sit and Sew	1:30-3:30PM	TBD
9/10/22	BMQG Board Meeting	10-11AM	Zoom
9/11/22	<b>September Meeting:</b> 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	<b>October Meeting:</b> Lecture by Dena Wilkins	1:30 to 3:30PM	Zoom
11/6/22	BMQG Board Meeting	10-11AM	Zoom
11/13/22	<b>November Meeting:</b> TBD	1:30-3:30PM	TBD
12/11/22	<b>December Meeting:</b> End of the Year Celebration	1:30-3:30PM	TBD



**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.

The graphic features a stylized crab at the bottom, composed of colorful geometric shapes. The background is light blue with a white dotted pattern. The text is in bold, black, sans-serif font.

We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month unless otherwise noted.

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

Instagram: [@baltimoremqg](https://www.instagram.com/baltimoremqg) [#baltimoremqg](https://www.instagram.com/hashtag/baltimoremqg)

Facebook: [BaltimoreModernQuiltGuild](#)  
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