

Baltimore Modern Quilt Guild

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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

Time is just flying by- Spring is just around the corner and we have some fantastic programs coming up this spring including our first ever Make May Modern event at the Maritime Center.

If you have wanted to try needle turn applique, Jo Avery's upcoming class in April is a great opportunity to try it out at a very reasonable price. You can register for the class via our new website, or you can click [here](#).

Thank you to Sue Myers for donating a door prize for the February meeting. And a big thanks to Elizabeth Berger for creating our amazing new website!

Have a lovely March everyone!

If you 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 March, April, and May.

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. Consider sewing with friends at one person's house and joining on Zoom.



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 color 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.

May Meeting

As our Make May Modern event will be taking place on May 14th, we will not have a formal guild meeting this month. Enjoy the extra sewing time on Sunday and be sure to take advantage of the digital Make n Take which will be send out to all members prior to the Make May Modern event.

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 newfound 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 March 1st, we have 83 members for 2022.

Welcome new members: Arianna Vogt, Barbara Cencich, and Amy May.

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!

QuiltCon

QuiltCon 2023 will take place in Atlanta, Georgia from February 23-26, 2023. More information about next year’s show will be available closer to the summer.



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).

Did you know that we have two Facebook pages for our guild? One is a member only page. This page will communicate specifics of what is happening within our guild and celebrate our members.



There is also a public page where you can see what is happening with the National Modern Guild and have some fun.



If you would like photos of your makes to be shared on the guild accounts, submit them to 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

Make May Modern Retreat

Our Make May Modern event is fast approaching! Thanks to all that answered the short survey, it provided some great suggestions for education topics. The event will run from 7 am – 6 pm on Saturday, May 14th at the Maritime Conference Center near the BWI airport. Detailed information will be provided on our new Baltimore MQG website. We have tentatively reserved 10 of their hotel rooms for those that would like to stay Friday night. The cost to attend the daytime event is \$57/person. Each attendee will have a dedicated sewing space as well as access to morning and afternoon snacks, coffee, tea, and cold drinks.

Three 75-minute workshops and a Make and Take project will be available to all attendees at no cost for the instruction (workshop supplies would be at your cost). While we are unable to include a virtual component to the workshops, we will be sharing the Make and Take instructions to all members the day before the event to make at home. In addition, we can use social media to share progress, tips and techniques throughout the day. We are also pleased to share that we have a "Featured Quilter" exhibit, with Heather Kojan's modern quilts on display and Heather will also be leading the first workshop!



Call for Instructors!!

We have two 75-minute workshops planned from 1:00-2:15 and 3:00-4:15 on Saturday, May 14th.

These are short workshops focused on teaching a quilting technique or process. Frequent themes requested in our membership survey were narrowed down to improv techniques & design process, as well as piecing techniques such as curves, inset circles, or reverse applique. If you have a unique technique to offer not mentioned here, feel free to submit a proposal as well. Instructors will be paid \$125 for the event.

To submit your proposal, provide a short description of the workshop and what is unique about it, pictures of samples or a finished piece that used the technique, and any supplies that the student would have to pay for.

Proposals need to be emailed by March 10th to Janet.Schoenfeld@baltimoremqg.com.

Instructor expectations:

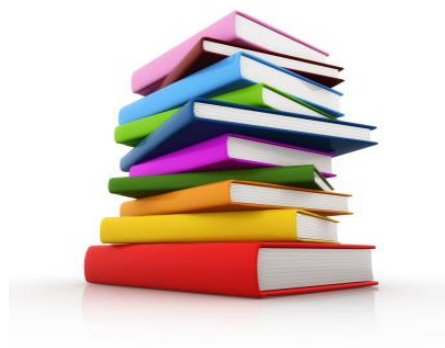
1. Any technique or process taught must have a unique aspect to it developed by the instructor.
If you propose any technique created by another instructor, you need to have approval by the instructor to teach it.
2. Prior experience teaching/demonstrating sewing or quilting techniques
3. Provide a comprehensive supply list
4. Provide a 1-3-page tutorial that includes a short description and steps for the technique, include pictures when needed. We will be

happy to print student copies for the class if provided in advance of the retreat.

Looking forward to hearing your ideas!!!

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.



COVID 2022 Policy

For indoor events longer than 2 hours, you will be required to be fully vaccinated as defined by the CDC.

The guild will follow local, state, and business rules regarding masking, distancing, etc. as set forth by those entities.

Board Meetings

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

Community Relations News

Quilts will be collected at Loch Raven High School, off the Baltimore Beltway at exit 29 every 2nd Saturday of the month at 11am starting on Saturday, March 12th. If you are planning on dropping off a quilt, contact JoAnn Stelmack.

Kim Rotter is collecting quilts in the Columbia area. If you would like to drop off a quilt to Kim to pass along to JoAnn, please reach out to Kim. Both Kim and JoAnn's contact information is available in the [members only section](#) of the website.

Quilt labels available are also available by request.

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Calendar of Activities for 2022

(subject to change)

Date	Activity	Time	Location
3/13/22	March Meeting: 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	April Meeting: 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	May Meeting: No meeting this month	1:30-3:30PM	NA
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](#)
Email us at baltimoremqg@gmail.com

Community News

Save the Date for Faithful Circle Quilters' Garden Party Quilt Show 2022 May 19-21, 2022

Faithful Circle Quilters of Columbia, Md., will celebrate the art of quilting with the ***Garden Party Quilt Show 2022***, on May 19, 20, and 21, 2022. ***The Garden Party Quilt Show 2022*** showcases quilts made by group members and will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Howard County, 9325 Presbyterian Circle, Columbia, Md.

More than 300 quilts displayed include traditional, modern, and art quilts of all sizes and a wide range of quilting techniques. In addition, there will be daily quilting technique demonstrations, quilting vendors, a \$10-and-under boutique, a silent auction, peddler's table, raffle baskets and quilt art presentations.

The show also features the guild's award-winning raffle quilt, *Starlit*

Garden, which placed second at the 2021 Maryland State Fair. The drawing for the raffle quilt will be held on May 21, 2022. Winner need not be present to win.

The Garden Party Quilt Show hours are Thursday, May 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Friday, May 20, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; and Saturday, May 21, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Adult admission is \$10.00, which covers entry for all three days. Children 10 and under are free.

For more information about quilting or guild membership, visit the guild's website at www.faithfulcirclequilters.com.

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