



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

Greetings! I hope you are having a fabulous day today and are ready for all the latest guild news. First off, I would like to give a huge shout out of thanks to Janet Schoenfeld for organizing the guild's recent Make May Modern event. It was a day full of learning, friends, and fabric fondling. Thank you Janet!

On June 12th, Cindy Grisdela will be our speaker and will be teaching a workshop on June 11th on Improv Curves. It is sure to be a day of learning and fun. Sign up for Cindy's workshop [here](#).

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 June, July and August.

June 12th: Cindy Grisdela Lecture

The Art of Improv



Have you ever wondered how to create an Improv Quilt without a pattern? Where do you start? How do you know when it's finished? Author and award winning artist Cindy Grisdela will share her tips and tricks in this entertaining lecture about the process for working improvisationally from start to finish.

Cindy is pictured at QuiltCon with her Blue Confetti quilt.

Our meeting this month will place via Zoom.

July 10th: Fabric, Friends, and Fun at Patapsco State Park

Our July meeting will be held at Patapsco State Park from 10am to 3pm. The day will kick off at 10am with the guild library book sale and guild community destash. If you would like to sell items in the community destash, please plan to arrive prior to 10am to set up your destash items. Picnic tables will be available to use. Please bring your own change for the event. For those who are planning to shop, please bring cash for the event. Guild library books will be on sale for \$5.00 each.

At 12noon, we will take a break for lunch. The guild will provide water and there is a grill available if you want to really get crazy for lunch. After lunch we will spend the afternoon stitching in the wild. The pavilion does have electricity if you would like to bring your machine.

At 2pm, we will have Show n Tell. This is great opportunity to show off all the quilts you have created over the past few months.

We are site number Pickall 704.

Patapsco Valley State Park - Pickall Area
8125 Johnnycake Road
Woodlawn, MD
21244

Driving Directions:

From Beltway (I-695) take Security Blvd. (exit 17) westbound. Go 0.5 miles and turn left on North Rolling Rd. Take next right (Fairbrook Rd.). Go 1 mile, turn left on Johnnycake Rd. Go 1.5 miles to park entrance on the left.

From Rt. 40 take Rt. 40 east to North Rolling Rd. toward security square mall. Go 2.5 miles, turn left onto Fairbrook Rd. Follow above directions.

Please contact Kathy if you have any questions about the event at Kschwabeland@yahoo.com.

August 14th: Laura Hartrich Lecture

Labels as Love Language



Laura will talk about how labels factor into her quilting practice. She will share lots of images and discuss technique, inspiration, and motivation for creating labels as detailed and unique as her quilts.

The meeting will take place via Zoom.

Workshops

Fabulous Freehand Curves – 6 hour class with Cindy Grisdela

Saturday June 11th 9am-3pm via Zoom

\$40 for members



According to Cindy...I believe that each one of us has the ability to be creative—we just need to allow our creativity space to grow. Improv is a great way to give yourself permission to play with no rules and no patterns. I encourage my students to explore their own ideas using my techniques as inspiration to design their own original art quilts. We talk about color, about simple design principles to keep in mind as you create, explore improvisational techniques that I use in my work, and discuss ideas for quilting and finishing. I enjoy teaching and my classes can be successfully adapted to different skill levels.

We still have some spots available for this great class. Click [here to register](#)

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.

October Retreat

This year's fall retreat will take place at Maritime Conference Center from October 7th to October 9th, 2022. The cost of this year's retreat will be \$265.00 and includes daily continental breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snack.

The majority of the retreat is unstructured so you have time to work on your own personal projects. There will be one free mini workshop open to everyone and as always we will have some fun games.

Single day passes are not available- if you are unable to attend all three days, you can share a retreat pass with another member. Several people did this last year and it worked out well.

Retreat registration will begin in late June and more information about the registration process will be send out later this month.

September Community Event

Looking for quilters who are interested in sharing their quilt stories. Anyone interested in getting involved with sharing their quilt/story or helping to video tape members sharing their stories, please reach out to Janine Fesler, 443 354 0834 or choppiepanda@gmail.com.

This is an important part of sharing modern quilting with our community. Your stories are important! We want to see and hear your story. This is for ALL modern quilters from novice to experienced.

<https://quiltalliance.org/projects/qsos/>

Membership

As of June 1st, we have 90 members for 2022.

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. Information about the upcoming show will be send out by the national office in the summer.



Bingo

Save the date! Yay! We have an official BMQG Charity Bingo fundraising event scheduled for Saturday, April 15th 2023. The bi-annual bingo event hosts approximately 300 people to include friends and family for an evening of fun and helps the guild raise money for the support of guest speakers/events throughout the year. During the evening there will be 20 rounds of bingo, 5 special rounds of bingo and lots of door prizes, raffles, fun and food! We will be collecting any sewn or quilted items to give at the event. This is a great time to look at your sewing stash to try new techniques or make small projects such as coasters, pot holders, mini quilts, table runners, wall hangings, etc. We will also be giving away lap size quilts (or bigger) as a prize for each bingo round. Several quilts have been collected but there are still some open spots for completed quilts. If you are interested in making a quilt or donating a recently finished quilt please let me know at meganprice1011@gmail.com. Be on the lookout for a sign up sheet coming out soon! Thank you to the many guild members who have already donated a completed quilt or sewn prize for this event! See you there- it's gonna be a blast!



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

Community Relations

What an outstanding group of members we have! During the month of May, 42 quilts were collected. Thanks to all who participated in this effort!

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 Cromwell, if coming from the west, or the Loch Raven exit, if coming from the east, exit 29, every 2nd Saturday of the month at 11am, unless otherwise noted.

The next pick up will on Saturday, June 18th at Loch Raven High School.

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.
isewmuchtime@gmail.com

If you are in the Ellicott City/Columbia Area, Kim Rotter has agreed to collect



charity quilts to deliver to me. If you are in that area, call Kim to make arrangements.

I have quilt labels available. Let me know if you want any, and I'll put some in the mail to you.

If you have any questions, feel free to email me at isewmuchtime@gmail.com

JoAnn Stelmack
Community Relations/Charity Chairperson.

Library

This year we will be dissolving the guild library. The guild library book sale will be taking place at the July 10th meeting in Patapsco State Park.

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.



Board Members for 2022

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Calendar of Activities for 2022

(subject to change)

Date	Activity	Time	Location
6/5/22	BMQG Board Meeting	10-11AM	Zoom
6/11/22	Workshop – Cindy Griselda	9am to 3pm	Zoom
6/12/22	June Meeting: Lecture by Cindy Griselda	1:30-3:30PM	Zoom

7/10/22	July Meeting: Fabric, Friends and Fun!	10am til 3pm	Patapsco State Park
8/14/22	August Meeting: Lecture by Laura Hartrich	1:30-3:30PM	Zoom
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
10/9/22	October Meeting: Lecture TBD	1:30 to 3:30PM	Zoom
11/6/22	BMQG Board Meeting	10-11AM	Zoom
11/13/22	November Meeting: Lecture with Rose Parr	1:30-3:30PM	Zoom
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