



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 fieldtrips 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

Fall is just around the corner. With fall comes time for getting back into the sewing room after a season of outdoor fun. The changes of the seasons also means it is time to be searching for a new board for the upcoming year. There are several vacancies on the board this coming year so please consider stepping up to help out. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact me. 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

September 11th: Catonsville Art Festival

We are scheduled to be at the Catonsville Arts Festival from 10:00am to 5:00pm sharing our love of modern quilting. Part of our mission as a guild is to educate the public about modern quilting. The Catonsville Art Festival is a great way to achieve this goal through sharing our beautiful quilts and teaching adults and

children about quilting with hands on techniques.

If you are interested in the event, you can learn more about the Catonsville Art Festival [here](#).

October 9th: Sewing Marathon Day

This year's October guild meeting falls on the same weekend as the guild retreat. In the spirit of sewing fun, for the October monthly meeting the guild will be hosting an all-day sewing marathon from 9am to 4pm in Parkville. This is a free event for all guild members and does not require sign up.

Members are responsible for bringing their own extension cords for the event. The guild will not be providing them. Please bring your own brown bag lunch with you. The marathon site address and parking information will be sent out later in the month.

November 13th: Rose Parr Lecture

Sew Smart: The Ergonomics of Healthy Quilting

Quilting can be a real pain in the neck, so can cutting, pressing, and handiwork! How high should your cutting table be? How about your ironing board, your sewing chair, or your sewing table? Be ready to learn about: the ergonomics of sewing, pressing, cutting, and handiwork. Her stretches are designed for quilters' trouble spots including text/quilters neck, tight shoulders, lower backache, carpal tunnel syndrome prevention, and they can all be done right in your sewing room.

The lecture will take via Zoom and a link will be sent out prior to the meeting.

Workshops

None scheduled at this time.

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.

The retreat is now full.

Membership

As of September 1st, we have 99 members for 2022.

Welcome new members Emily Herbster, Sarah Durso, Lori Parr, Kayla Hampton, Jessica Halpin, and Nina Kellner!

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!

National Modern News

Ready to stitch, craft, and connect from home?

Spend the weekend learning from some of the best quilting instructors in the comfort of your own home with the first MQG Sessions Virtual event on October 13-16, 2022.

Registration begins on July 26th. You can view more information about the event [here](#).

QuiltCon 2023 registration begins on August 16th.

The upcoming show will take place in Atlanta, Georgia from February 23-26, 2023. Information about the show and registration process can be found [here](#).



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.



Community Relations

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, October 29th at 11am 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

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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.

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Calendar of Activities for 2022

(subject to change)

Date	Activity	Time	Location
9/11/22	September Meeting: Community Event	10am to 5pm	Catonsville Arts Festival
10/7/22 to 10/9/22	BMQG Retreat	All Day	Maritime Institute
10/9/22	October Meeting: Sewing Marathon	9am to 4pm	In Person- Parkville MD
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](#)

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