



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.

Note from the President

First let me thank everyone for their patience at last month's meeting as Laura worked diligently to resolve the sound issue that allowed us to hear our featured speaker: Sarah Ruiz. We are returning to the Arbutus Library in March for our second speaker of the year: Bianca Springer who will also appear on Zoom. The library staff has assured Laura that they have fixed the audio problem that we were finally able to resolve last month with the use of a Bluetooth speaker.

Phyllis Cook
BMQG President

February's Meeting

This coming Sunday, February 11 we will meet on Zoom and come together virtually for our Super Bowl sew-in. Feel free to sew with your quilt guild friends in person, and sew one of our featured patterns: the Multi Use Mega sewing caddy or the Find Your Path pattern to practice

your Flying Geese half square triangles. If you prefer to work on a different project of your own choosing, that is also an option. See page 3 for additional information about the sew-in. We will check in during the morning Zoom to see what everyone is working on. The zoom starts at 9:00 am with a break for lunch, and our regular membership meeting starts at 1:30 pm. If you have any show-and-share images to share with the group, please send me a jpg file (photo) and I will show them in our afternoon meeting.

Membership Update

Welcome back to the Baltimore Modern Quilt Guild! We currently have a total of 82 members who have signed up for the 2024 year.

We welcome and support members of all skill levels and backgrounds and we look forward to seeing everyone in person soon. Below is a summary of the great benefits that come with your membership in our guild and other important passwords and information.

Membership Update cont.

- Monthly meetings held the second Sunday of every month from 1:30pm to 3:30pm. We typically meet at Baltimore County Public Libraries throughout the area.
- Fantastic guest speakers and trunk shows.
- Opportunities to participate in community outreach quilt sewing and events.
- Opportunities to participate in Quilting with Friends small groups, members-only workshops, and the annual quilting retreat.
- Bi-Annual Quilt Bingo event. *Coming back in 2025!*
- As a member of our guild you also have access to the national Modern Quilt Guild's many resources including webinars, tutorials, patterns, and discounts to QuiltCon, the premier modern quilting show! <https://www.themodernquiltguild.com/> Your username is the same email you used to register for the Baltimore Modern Quilt Guild. Click "Reset Password" to set up or reset your personal password for access to this site.
- Check out the Baltimore Modern Quilt Guild's Website for all the latest information. <https://www.baltimoremqg.com/>
 - Log in to the members-only area using the password: **Ch@rmB32G**

QuiltCon notes

QuiltCon will be here soon! February 22-25! On Instagram, be sure to follow the hashtag, #BMQGgoestoRaleigh to see what guild members are up to! And, if you ARE going to QuiltCon but haven't received any communication about the group picture and Friday dinner from Laura, please email her at laura@baltimoremqg.com.

Do you have a quilt (or quilts) at QuiltCon? If so, [please fill out this form](#) so that those attending in person know to look for it! Laura will email the list of all the quilts to the whole guild just before QuiltCon so we can all celebrate our members' accomplishments!

Bees and Lotto Blocks

Guild Quilting Bee: It's been a while since BMQG has had quilting bees. This year we have two full hives, named the Ohio Stars and the Log Cabins. Bee members have been notified. The fun starts for the Queen Bee and Worker bees on February 11!

Lotto Blocks: Have you made a lotto block or two, or three for the March drawing? If not, there's still lots of time to make this simple, but dramatic block. You can find the block on the MQG site under the resources section, it's called Puzzle Patch. Just three values of one color and a neutral make up this fun block. This block works best with solids, however, a blender could be used in a pinch. Remember to write your name on the back of each block you make for a chance to win! Drawing will be held at the March guild meeting!



This is 4 lotto blocks together. Make as many as you like to increase your chances of winning them all.

February and Superbowl Sunday Sew-in

The Superbowl falls on the second Sunday of the month of February, which is the day of our planned sew-in. This year Kate Lane found two projects to offer as our suggested sewing projects:

Ok...let's get ready to rumble at the 2024 BMQG Super Bowl Sew In!
BMQG is hosting a Super Bowl Sew In on Sunday, February 11th from 9am to 3pm.
First, let's put together your game plan:

We will be featuring two quilt designs that we will be doing as a group (however you may choose to work on whatever project you like).

1. Multi Use Mega Pinnie<<https://bluepatchquilter.blogspot.com/2017/01/multi-use-mega-pinnie.html>> - purchase for \$5.00 on Etsy<https://www.etsy.com/uk/listing/456730010/mega-pinnie-companion-set?ref=shop_home_active_1>

2. Find Your Path
<https://my.modafabrics.com/webfiles/fp_P_S47530-CreativityGlows-FindYourPathQuilt.pdf> - Free Moda Pattern using up your stash - getting comfortable with Flying Geese

Check out the Website links. The first project is a square cube you can make to hold your sewing equipment. Scissors, seam rippers, needles, pins etc....
The second is a great way to use up some fabric and work on your Fleeing Geese half square triangles. With a free pattern you make it to the desired size you want. With a

mix of low volume and high volume prints, prints and solids or color matching of your choice.

Get your Super Bowl snacks ready! We can't wait to see you on the big day! Kick off starts at 9am!

The halftime show is at 1:30pm for all guild general membership. Meeting information and Zoom link to follow. The sew-in is expected to end at 3pm.

For extra fun, contact your quilt guild friends who live nearby and arrange for a small group sew-in.



Make May Modern Retreat

This retreat was established to provide free education to our members to gain new sewing and quilting skills as well as build new relationships.

Our 2024 Make May Modern event is fast approaching at the Maritime Conference Center near the BWI airport! 6-11 pm Friday, May 17th, 8 am-10 pm on Saturday, May 18th. 19 hours of sewing time!

All activities will be done in a single conference room – so no need to move machines back and forth between rooms. More details on the free workshops will be coming soon. Registration opens March 15th .

Cost: Base price is \$90/person that includes a dedicated sewing space, access to morning and afternoon snacks, coffee, tea, and cold drinks. On site meals can be purchased separately. Attendees have the option of staying overnight at the Maritime Center or heading home Friday evening at your convenience and returning the next morning.

I am looking for volunteers to help with setup, cleanup, registration and activities. A sign-up sheet will be sent in April.

Featherweight Machine Maintenance

Got a Singer Featherweight? Want to learn more about how to properly maintain it? The Central Maryland Featherweight Group is sponsoring a Featherweight Maintenance Class on Saturday, April 20th from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 8 Sherwood Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030. Payment by check or PayPal. For PayPal or other information at: marylandfeatherweightgroup@gmail.com



A quilt by Elizabeth Talford Scott.

Happening in Baltimore!

You're encouraged to participate in the **Elizabeth Talford Scott Exhibition Community Celebration** happening now at many places around Baltimore City!

No Stone Left Unturned: The [Elizabeth Talford Scott Initiative](#) brings together five museums and four university sites across Baltimore City, now through May 2024. [See the link below](#) for a list of all the exhibits and public programs. Of particular note, our guild member, Christa Gillam (@sewcialwork on IG) has two quilts hanging in the exhibit at the [Maryland Center of History and Culture](#). Christa is also [teaching a class](#) there on February 10, 2024. Laura Baltatzis is planning on going to as many of these events as she can so email her (laura@baltimoremqg.com) if you want to go with her!

LINK:

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Looking Ahead for 2024

February: Superbowl sew-in with sewing at home or in small groups. Log in starting at 9am. Meeting on Zoom at 1:30. QuiltCon in Raleigh. February 22-25.

March: Lecture with Bianca Springer –
Location: Library location: Arbutus.
First lottery blocks due. Name badges due for swapping. First bee blocks due.

April: Charity quilt sew-in. Location Pikesville Library.

May: Make May Modern Guild Retreat.
Location: Maritime Conference Center

June: Second round of lottery blocks due.
Color challenge exercise.

July: Guild swap. Swap with another guild or within our guild. Stash sale.

August: Community meet-ups for socializing outside of meeting time.
Handwork demos and time for practicing during the meeting.

September: Member demos in a round-robin format. Third round of lottery blocks due.

October: Lecture with Sheila Frampton-Cooper. Fall retreat also this month.

November: Design block challenge.

December: Holiday party. Fourth round of lottery blocks due. All bees completed.

Note that library meeting room space can only be reserved two months in advance so meeting locations will change by month.

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