



Seacoast Modern Quilt Guild

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February 2025 Newsletter

February Meeting Wrap Up / March Meeting Preview

Our February education program was presented by Marylee Welling on Boro - the art of Japanese visible mending. Given the snow situation in February, Marylee has graciously agreed to present the same topic for our March meeting!

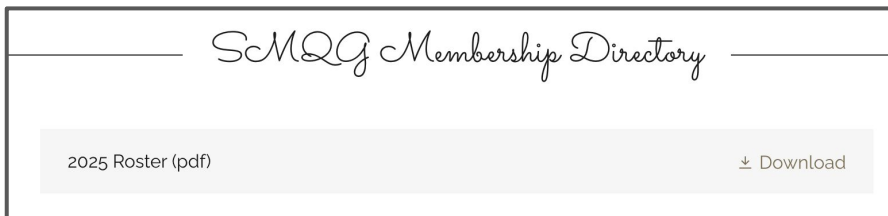
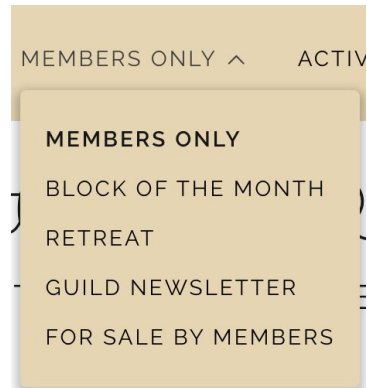
As a reminder, please bring the following:

- an article of clothing to be patched and scraps of fabric that blend or contrast with that article. If choosing not to mend something, bring a piece of fabric as a base for a mug rug or pot holder. It should be at least one inch around larger than the finished product, and several fabric scraps in any colors of your preference.
- scissors to cut fabric
- embroidery floss or other heavy thread such as topstitch thread in a color or colors contrasting with your scraps
- a needle with an eye large enough to take the thread you plan to use
- a few pins and a thimble if you use one
- fabric marker if you insist on sewing very straight lines.

Phone Tree/Cancellations

We apologize for the late cancellation of our February meeting. Going forward, we will communicate this to the listserv by 8:30 am the morning of the meeting.

Additionally, we will be setting up a phone tree for texting members in case of a cancellation. We ask members to review their phone numbers listed on the Member Roster on the Members Only section of the website between now and the March meeting and email Patty Crafts (craftscustomquilting@ gmail.com) with any updates.

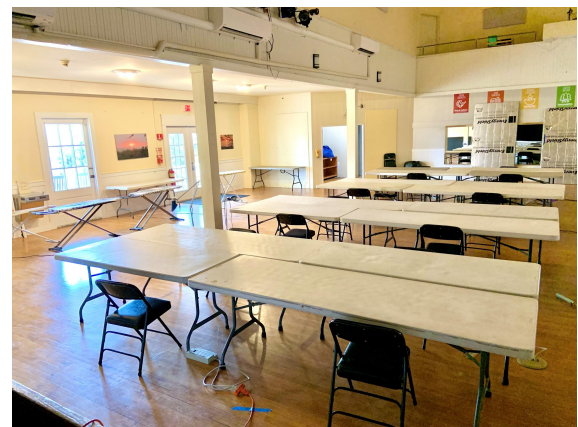


Mark your calendars, members!

Retreat May 1- May 4, 2025
Ferry Beach Saco, Maine

We still have a few openings left for the retreat! Please bring your application and payment to the March meeting or complete the form online and email it to our treasurer, Julie Avant at Julieavnsnt007@gmail.com

If you want to room with friends, please include names of your preferred roommates. If you are unable to use stairs, please also note this on the form.



[Community Outreach:](#)

We have enjoyed partnering with Cross Roads House in Portsmouth, NH as our Community Outreach partner for the past year. However, we know that there are many local charities in need of quilts, and we want to encourage members to come to the March meeting with any suggestions for a new Community Outreach partner. We will share the nominees and plan to vote on our partner(s) during the April meeting.

Our next Community Outreach Sew-In will take place on April 12 from 11-4 at the Portsmouth Public Library. A second one will be planned for October.

We also still have over 20 quilt kits available for those who would like to work on one for charity. If interested, please see Karen Kenney at the March meeting.



President's Block:

You still have time to turn in your President's block at the March meeting! It is our guild's longtime tradition to make a block for our outgoing President. Joyce Hoelzer, our 2024 guild President, has requested that members make the August BOEOM (block of every other month) in warm colors (think fall!), any size, for a quilt to be made and donated to Crossroads, our 2024 Community Outreach charity. The directions for the August block are posted on our website under the Members Only - Block of the Month tab.

Lottery Block:

The lottery block for March is a curved piece/drun kard's path designed to explore curved piecing and color theory principles. Instructions and a template are posted on our website. This month's lottery block donation will be the bargain price of \$1 for your two blocks. Many thanks to Kathy Box and Joyce Pracuta for overseeing this challenge and keeping it going!

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BLOCK OF THE MONTH

RETREAT GALLERY

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FOR SALE BY MEMBERS

Hospitality:

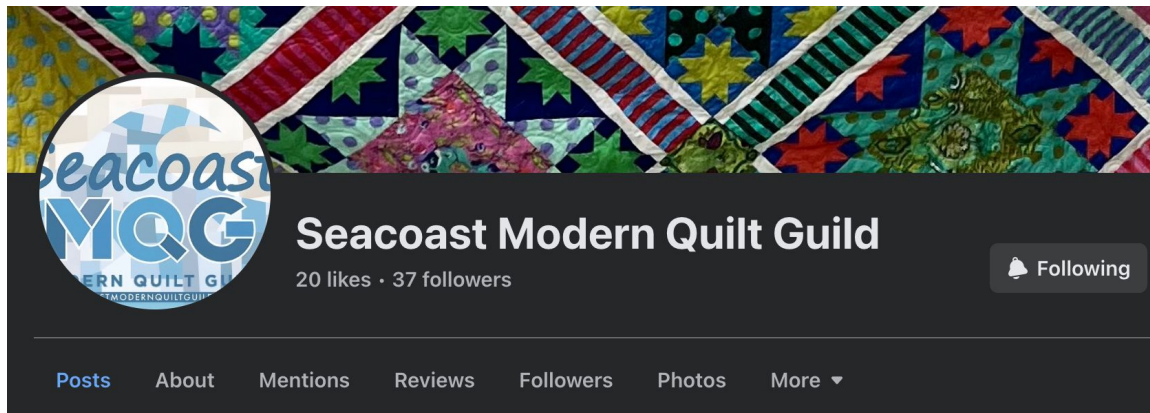
Diane Foos thanked the "DEF" folks who bought refreshments to the February meeting. For our March meeting, members with last names beginning with H, I, J, and K are asked to bring a cold drink or a snack to share. Please email Diane Foos at dianemfoos@gmail.com to let her know what you plan to bring.

Badges:

Please come to the March meeting wearing your badge! We have so many new members, and wearing your badge is a great way to appear more approachable. As an incentive, everyone wearing their name badge will receive a raffle ticket and there will be a drawing for a door prize during the meeting.

Website

Julie Ogilvie (blurbomat@gmail.com) is looking for an interested member who would like to help out with our social media presence (both posting content and monitoring feedback) and acting as a backup for updating the SMQG website. Not to fear, Julie is happy to show the interested member how to use the GoDaddy platform.

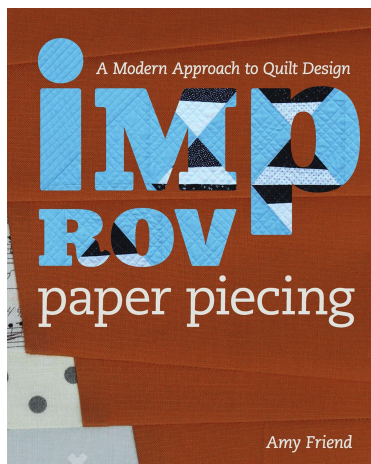


April Preview

Founder of the SMQG, Amy Friend, will be presenting on Improv Paper Piecing:

"This approximately one hour long trunk show is based on a new design approach that I present in my second book, [Improv Paper Piecing: A Modern Approach to Quilt Design](#). I illustrate through my quilts, how I approach paper piece design improvisationally to create unique, modern quilts."
- [Amy Friend](#)

More info on Amy: <https://duringquiettime.com/#publications>



Local Sewing Groups:

We are looking to collect a list of community sewing groups accepting new members. If you know of any, please email Elysia Williams (elysiaalleman@gmail.com) with the location, timing, and any other pertinent details. We plan to post this information on our website.

If you do not know of any in your area, but would be willing to host a group and/or have suggestions on locations, please include this in an email as well. Thank you!

To kick things off, Mary Young shared the following:

Saturday Sew

When: Last Saturday of every month from 9 am to 4 pm.
(Next one is this Saturday, Feb. 22)

Where: Merrimac Police Station, Community Room
2 Jana Way
Merrimac, MA

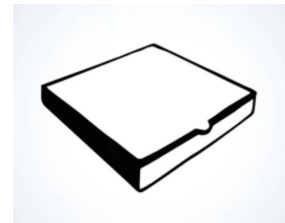
What is there: Room and tables to sew on, ironing board and iron

Bring: your sewing machine, cords, and projects
Sew all day or come and go as you wish.

LAST CALL

2024 Pizza Box Challenge

If you are missing your pizza box from last year's challenge, please reach out to Gail Forthoffer (gforth@comcast.net) as she still has 3 pizza boxes that have not been claimed!



Mark Your Calendars For 2025!

Area Quilt Shows (Resource: <https://quiltnewengland.com>)

- New England Quilt Expo (NEQE): April 10–12, 2025 at the Double Tree by Hilton in Manchester, New Hampshire. The event will include a quilt show, vendors, and classes. Sign up [online](#) for in person classes.
- Franklin County Quilters Guild Show: April 5–6, 2025 at St. Albans City Hall in St. Albans, Vermont.
- 31st Festival of Quilts by Maple Leaf Quilters: April 26–27, 2025 at Rutland Town Elementary School in Rutland, Vermont.
- Hands All Around 19 Quilt Show: May 3–4, 2025 at Robert Crown Gymnasium at Hampshire College in Amherst, Massachusetts. The show will feature quilts, a special exhibit, a mini-quilt sale, raffle baskets, quilt appraisals, and live demonstrations.
- Maine Quilts 2025: July 24–26, 2025 at the Augusta Civic Center in Augusta, Maine.

New England Quilt Museum

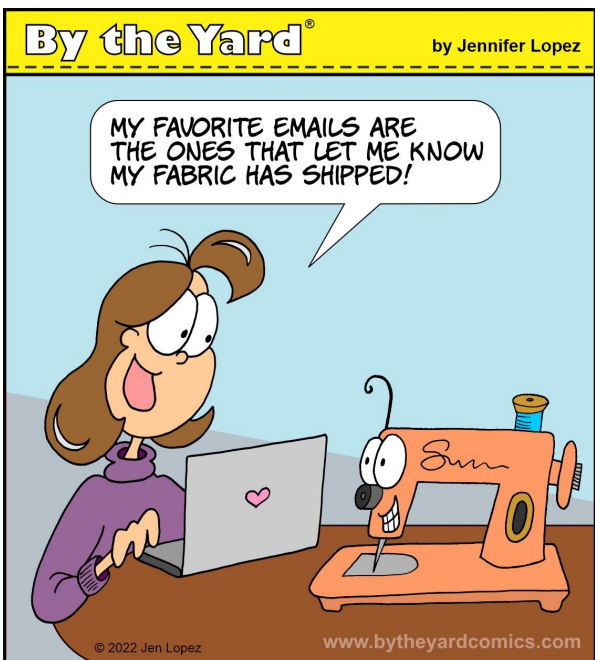
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- Fierce Planets
- A SAQA and Johns Hopkins Wavelengths Global Exhibition



New England Quilt Museum



March Meeting Checklist

- Items needed for the Program activity (see page 1)
- Name badge
- Hospitality table donation (if H-I-J-K last name)
- President's Block
- Lottery Block
- Dollar bills for the lottery block raffle
- Show 'n Share quilt or other item
- Quilt(s) to donate to Community outreach
- Your application and check for the retreat