

Seacoast Modern Quilt Guild

♣ March 2024 Newsletter ♣

Welcome to all of our new members! We are so glad you have joined the guild. While we are a small guild, we have big plans. The enthusiasm, creativity, talents, and skills of each of you benefits all. You each bring fresh ideas, a new voice, a different perspective – and all of these make for a strong guild.

What's Happening in March

Retreat! Retreat! Retreat! – Everyone's favorite. All is in place and an information packet has gone out to each attendee. Many thanks go out to the Retreat Committee: Susan Hadyniak, Karen Kenney, Kelly Patrick, Brenda Scolaro from the Retreat Chair (and guild president) Joyce Hoelzer.

Extra thanks go to Susan Hadyniak. She created and made title plaques for each board officer and committee chair. These title plaques will be pinned onto one's guild name tag to identify the person holding a given position. These tag plaques will be distributed at the April meeting.

April Membership Meeting

Our April meeting program is meeting one of the highest requests from the January member survey – **Color for Quilters**. One of our new members, Holly Read, is presenting. Saturday, April 6th.

“Color for Quilters”

Understanding how your eye processes color is the key to selecting the 'right' fabrics for your creation. We will have hands on exercises using Joen Wolfrom's "Color Play" books, an Ives Color Wheel and Joen's 3 in 1 Color Tool. Please bring Joen's books, charts and tools if you own them.

In anticipation of our **May meeting and sew-in**, the Community Outreach committee will also be presenting at the April meeting. The sew-in is to make quilts for donation to the guild's 2024 designated recipient, Crossroads, a shelter for seacoast homeless. Crossroads provides overnight shelter, food, clothing, rehabilitation services, job counseling, and more. All size blankets are welcome, but twin size is in the most demand. The sew in will be Saturday, May 4 at the Portsmouth Public Library, Levenson Room, 175 Parrott Avenue, Portsmouth NH, 10:30am – 4:30pm. The Community Outreach committee is planning this event and will be emailing full details. Chairperson: Brenda Scolaro, Co-Chairperson: Karen Kenney

The Pizza Box Mystery Round Robin is Here!

Your program committee is delighted to bring a year of fun to all of our members. This ongoing event is suitable for beginners and experienced quilters alike. Your committee will provide the guidelines, the demonstrations and the pizza box to hold your project. You get to select the fabrics, create the design, and you piece it. You control how challenging your design will be!

So how does this work? What is the goal? Are there strict deadlines? And where is the fun?!?

1. Say yes to participating! (The Programs committee will be supplying plenty of laughs and assistance to those who ask....)
2. You will have plenty of time to get your parts done. (We have a backup plan for participants whose lives throw them curve balls. No quilter will be left behind!)
3. The goal is to create a medallion style quilt top while practicing or trying new quilting skills. The tops, when completed, will be throw size.
4. The fun starts when you make the center block (details demonstrated and handout supplied at the April meeting). In your pizza box, you return your block, and some fabric that complements it to the next meeting. The boxes will remain closed at the meeting (no peeking allowed! The mystery begins!).
5. At every meeting there will be a demonstration of ideas and techniques and a handout with the guidelines for the next border. As the borders increase in size, more time will be given to complete a border.
6. You will take home a different Pizza Box each time! You complete the assignment, add some fabric and return it at the next meeting.
7. Repeat step #6 until the tops are done.
8. At the end, all the tops will be displayed and returned to the person who made the center block!

NEW 50-50 Raffle

The April meeting is the inauguration of the *50-50 raffle*! This will be a monthly event at every membership meeting. Raffle tickets will be sold at \$1.00 each, 6 for \$5.00. The winning ticket will be drawn during the refreshment portion of that meeting. The winner gets one half of the proceeds, the other half goes to the guild operating fund. The more tickets you purchase, the greater your chances and the greater the pot!! Must be present to win.

Follow Up to January 2024 Meeting

Two member programs were announced at the January meeting: Novice Classes and a Mentor Program. These are still available, but we need volunteers to coordinate and teachers/mentors each program. Once these volunteers are in place, we will send post an electronic sign up for the "students" to register for each program. For further information and to volunteer, contact Joyce Hoelzer. Email: jbusacct@gmail.com Phone: 603-834-9779

SMQG is Seeking...



A guild cannot operate on membership dues alone. **Fundraising is essential.** The guild is seeking a committee, not just one person, to suggest, develop, and manage fundraising activities. One or two people are needed to chair the committee. Current ideas range from a simple monthly 50-50 raffle and Lottery Blocks (already in place and managed by Diane Sheckells) to a raffle quilt. Other suggestions include applying for grant requests and registering for the New Hampshire Gives campaign sponsored by NHPBS. Fundraising is be to our own members *and* to the community at large. Please consider offering your enthusiasm and creativity to this much needed part of *every* guild.



Your president has realized that she cannot run a meeting and zoom to the members at home simultaneously. Disaster ensues. Would anyone be willing to manage the zoom side of each meeting? For more information, contact Joyce Hoelzer. Email: jbusacct@gmail.com
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Mark Your Calendars

SMQG Activities and Upcoming Meetings

- Saturday, April 6th** April SMQG Membership Meeting. Doors open at 9:30am; meeting starts at 10:00am. Exeter Public Library, 4 Chestnut Street, Exeter NH. Monthly board meeting immediately follows.
- Saturday May, 4** Sew in to benefit Crossroads. Guests welcome. Portsmouth Public Library, Levenson Room, 175 Parrott Avenue, Portsmouth, NH. 10:30am to 4:30pm. Additional information forth coming.

Area Quilt-Related Activities

- March 14 – 16 Southern New Hampshire Shop Hops <https://southernnhshophops.com> for more information. The fall Southern New Hampshire Shops Hops is held the end of October. Dates to be announced.
- April 11 – 13 New England Quilt Expo, Double Tree Hilton in Manchester. Go to <https://bnpquilts.com> for complete information.
- April 1 – 30 Maine Quilt Shop Hop <https://maineshophop.com> for more information

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

- March 1 – April 4 Pine Point Quilters, exhibit at Libby Memorial Library, 2 Staples Street, Old Orchard Beach ME. Expanded show Saturday, March 16.

Thimbles Pleasures, Blackstone Valley Technical School, 65 Pleasant Street, Upton MA, \$10.00

March 22 - 23

Quinobequin Quilters, Needham Mason Hall, 1101 Highland Avenue, Needham MA, \$10.00

April 6 - 7

Burlington Quilters' Guild Annual Show & Boutique, Wilmington Knights of Columbus Hall, 112 Middlesex MA, \$10.00

April 20 – 21

Amoskeag Quilters Guild Show, Memorial High School, 1 Crusader Way, Manchester NH, \$10.00

May 17 - 19

Genesee Valley QuiltFest, Rochester institute of Technology, 1 Lomb memorial Drive, Rochester NY, \$12.00

July 25 – 27

Maine Quilts, Augusta Civic Center, 76 Community Drive, Augusta ME, \$15.00

July 31 – August 2

Bayberry Quilt Show, Cape Cod Technical High School, 351 Pleasant Lake Avenue, Harwich MA