

General Meeting Minutes - May 2026

May 2, 2026 / Exeter Community Center, Exeter, NH

Seacoast Modern Quilt Guild, P.O. Box 112, Exeter, NH 03833

Meeting Called to Order

10:00 am

President's Remarks - Joanne Giblin

- Welcome members and guests
- Our next meeting will be June 6 at the Exeter Community Center, 10 Hampton Rd, Exeter, NH
- There is no meeting on July 4th
- Aug. 4th meeting will be a sewing day at Exeter Community Center, same time as our regular meeting. A suggestion was made to use this time to make items for the Yuletide Fair.
- Our guild is now a member of the NE Quilt Museum in Lowell, MA. Joyce Pracuta is our liaison. We have 8 tickets that members can use to attend.
- Introducing Maggie Skagidas as our new Sunshine ambassador. Please email Maggie if you know of anyone in our guild who may benefit from a card, etc.
- Introducing Debbie Kraulkin, a new member and co-owner of D&D Sewing and Quilt Shop in Plaistow, NH. She has invited us to their customer appreciation event on Saturday, May 16 from 10-12 at the store. More details are posted on D&D's website, <https://www.ddsewing.com>.

Membership - Diana Irish

- Members present: 35
 - Guests: 4
 - Zoom: none
 - Name badge raffle winner: Congratulations to the winner!
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- Patti Crafts volunteered to help Diana at the membership table
- If you have links to patterns, please send them to Diana and she will post them on the website

Treasurer - Julie Avant (absent)

- None

Secretary - Mary Young

- April minutes were accepted as distributed

Fundraising

- The Newcastle Fair is our next fundraising event. Brenda Scolaro is the point person.
- Beth Diamond is the Yuletide Fair chairperson.
- We have a raffle quilt for the Newcastle Fair.
- We need items to sell, for example,
 - Mug rugs
 - Bowl cozies
 - Wine bags
 - Baby quilts and smaller quilts

Hospitality - Diane Foos

- Thank you to everyone who brought refreshments today
- Folks with last names beginning with S, T, U, and V are asked to bring something for the refreshment table for June
- Please bring your own drinks in a spill-proof container

Fall Retreat - Joanne Giblin (for Jane Boulay)

- Our 2026 Fall Retreat is being planned for Nov. 12-15 at Ferry Beach in Saco, ME
- Details are still being finalized
- The rooms will be \$95 per room per night. If you have a roommate you can split the cost

Community Outreach/QuiltCon - Brenda Scolaro

- Brenda collected the placemats for Meals on Wheels to be delivered to Seacoast Sewing
- A date for the next COD sew-in will be forthcoming, most likely to be held after a regular meeting

Programs-Charlene Smith

- Today's program is a Demo Derby featuring three members teaching various techniques. The presenters are:
 - Teresa Herbert-Fussy cutting
 - Diane Foos-Depression Lace aka Chicken Scratch Embroidery
 - Janet Cass-Machine-sewn Binding
- The program for June will be a Zoom presentation by Leila Gardunia
- We are working on getting our own Zoom account
- The Program committee is busy working on programs for next year.
- Workshops:
 - June 20-Sue Michaels, Quarry Bag, a Noodlehead pattern. The payment is due today.
 - Sept. 26-David Owen Hastings "Seams Out" program on Zoom.

Sew-In

- The next Sew-In is scheduled for Sunday, May 17 from 10-4 at the Merrimac Police Station community room. The address is 2 Jana Way, Merrimac, MA

Mystery Quilt

- The next clue was handed out and is also posted on our website.

Lottery Blocks - Cathy Box

- Cathy Box collected and displayed the lottery blocks for April. Well done to those who participated!
- The lottery block raffle was won by Debbie Krauklin. Congratulations!
- Cathy explained the instructions and displayed samples of the next lottery block. The instructions will be posted on our website.

Meeting Adjourned



12:00 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Young, Secretary