



Seacoast Modern Quilt Guild
DISCOVER THE FUN OF MODERN QUILTING
May 2025 Newsletter

Sew In

Join us for our sew in at the Merrimac, MA police station (2 Jana Way). Bring your sewing machine and project(s) and enjoy socializing with fellow guild members. We can book another sew-in for June 8 if there is interest!

June 1
9 am - 4 pm

June Meeting

Our next meeting will take place at the Exeter Public Library (for June, July, August we will meet in the 2nd floor Library Conference Room rather than our normal room). Our education topic will focus on 'Alternate Grid Work'.

June 7
10 am - 12 pm

Join [Zoom Meeting](#)
ID: 891 7316 8058
Passcode: 538562

Volunteer @ Multicultural Fair

We are still looking for volunteers for the Haverhill Multicultural Fair - even if you can only commit to joining for an hour! We will have a table if members want to contribute to table small items to sell*. We will sell raffle tickets for the Janome sewing machine, a quilt & art work. All proceeds go directly to supporting our Programs Fund, helping us bring in inspiring guest speakers and create even more enriching experiences for our community.

June 14
12 pm - 6pm

**If you cannot attend, please consider joining us for the June 1 sew-in and sewing for the table. We are looking for simple, quick items such as placemats, mug rugs, needle books, pillowcases, etc.*

Amy Friend Workshop

We are still working on finalizing dates for the Amy Friend workshop, but we are aiming to book it for September.

Sept

November Retreat

The Boston Modern Quilt Guild has invited the SMQG to their retreat at the Franciscan Guest House in Kennebunk, ME. Details will be provided during the June meeting.

Nov 6-9

Winning Raffle Baskets

Joanne Giblin has two raffle baskets from the retreat that she will bring to June meeting.

The 2 winners are Patti Sullivan and Cathy Box!

New on Netflix!

In this award-winning short documentary, men in a Missouri maximum-security prison design and sew beautiful, personalized quilts for foster children.

<https://www.netflix.com/title/82006530>

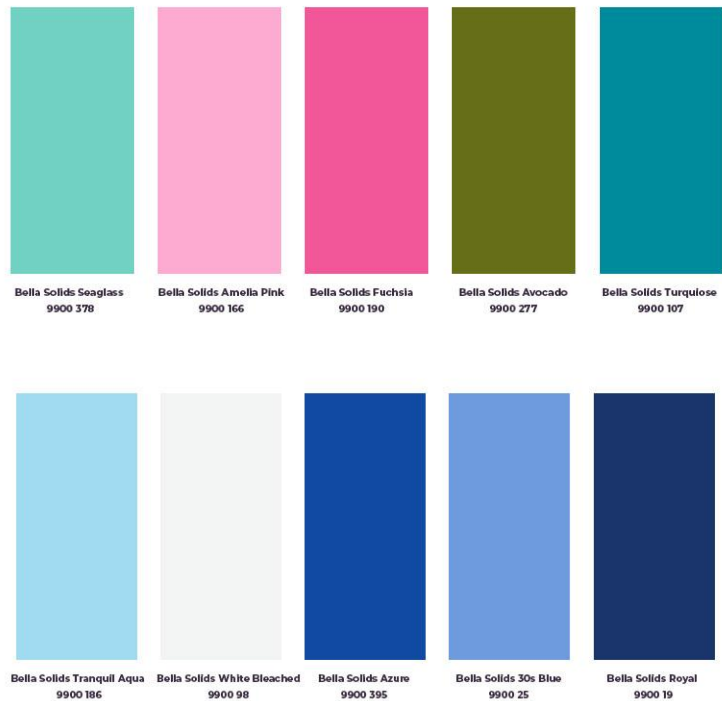
Community Outreach:

SMQG would like to submit a quilt for the 2026 Quiltcon Community Outreach Challenge. Details here:

<https://community.themodernquiltguild.com/quiltcon/quilt-show/community-outreach-challenge>

Our President will lead the discussion on the challenge at the June meeting. Members interested in submitting a design in one of the two color palettes shown (per MQG rules at the link) can share it at the July meeting or in advance of the meeting.

We'll vote on the final design at the July meeting (and plan to research an absentee voting option for those unable to attend in person). The winning designer will organize the quilt's creation, with a budget provided by the guild.



Lottery Block:

The lottery block for June is a large 18"x18" finished block. Instructions are posted on our website under Members Only → Block of the Month. Please make sure to use yellow, a focus fabric, and white on white fabric to ensure that the winner can put together a cohesive quilt top! (Bonus: with such large blocks, piecing the top will be lightning-quick!)

Remember to bring your \$1 to the June meeting!

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BLOCK OF THE MONTH

RETREAT GALLERY

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FOR SALE BY MEMBERS

Hospitality:

Diane Foos thanked the "LMN" folks who bought refreshments to the April meeting. For our June meeting, members with last names beginning with O, P, Q, R and S are asked to bring fruit, pastry, or a cold drink to share. Please email Diane Foos at dianemfoos@gmail.com to let her know what you plan to bring.

Badges:

Please come to the June 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. (If you forget your badge, but would still like to enter the raffle, tickets are available for \$1)

June Meeting Checklist

- Name badge
- Hospitality table donation (if O-P-Q-R-S last name)
- Lottery Block and dollar bill(s)
- Show 'n Share quilt or other item
- Quilt(s) to donate to Community outreach

Programs:

Please see a preview of the education programs for the remainder of the year:

- ❖ July - picnic in the park/hand stitching
- ❖ August - TBD
- ❖ September - Quilt as You Go
- ❖ October - Sue Michaels
- ❖ November - TBD
- ❖ December - Holiday party

Mark Your Calendars For 2025!

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

- Maine Quilts 2025: July 24–26, 2025 at the Augusta Civic Center in Augusta, Maine.



New England Quilt Museum

18 Shattuck Street, Lowell, MA

4/1 - 6/21

- The Art of Make Do Quilting

5/6 - 8/9

- Quilts Japan: The 17th Quilt Nihon Exhibition

Through 6/21

- Showing Off: Selections from the Permanent Collection

Upcoming Tent Sale!

Bits 'n Pieces Quilt Shop is having their annual tent sale (May 30-June 1). Please see postcard for details.

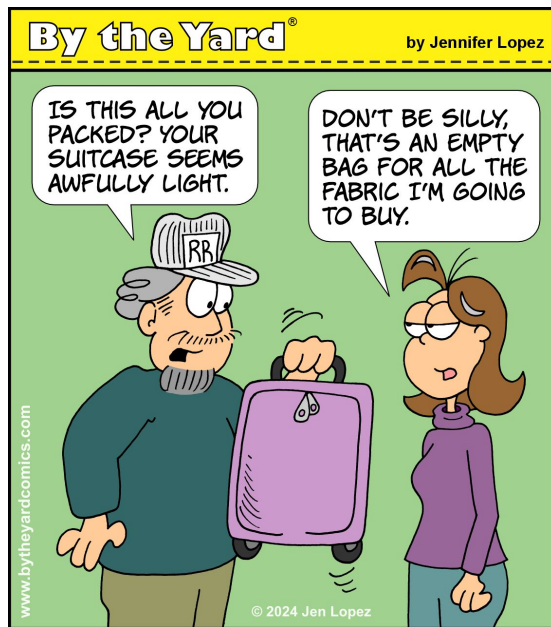
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Holiday Party

Carol Brown has generously offered to host the Holiday Party again this year. Thank you, Carol!

Mystery Quilt?

Is anyone interested in creating a mystery quilt for our members? We could donate to Community Outreach at our Holiday Party in the spirit of giving. If interested, please reach out to Joanne Giblin (seacoastmodernquiltguild@gmail.com)



The Tent Deals can't be beat !!!
Bits 'n Pieces Quilt Shop
70 Bridge Street, Pelham NH
May 30 & 31: 9 am - 4 pm
June 1: 9 am - 3 pm
2025
30 miles north of Boston
30 miles south of Manchester
bolts of fabric, quilt kits, thread, precuts,
cuddle, cottons, flannels, patterns,
embroidery supplies, panels, stuff a bag of
scraps and so much more !!!