



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

Upcoming Sew Ins *November 9*

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. Whether you're diving into a personal project, crafting something special for the Yuletide Fair, piecing a quilt for Community Outreach, or helping bring our QuiltCon entry to life, it's the perfect chance to sew, share ideas, and spark inspiration together!

Guild Yard Sale **9:30 am - 10 am & during refreshment break**

For the **Guild Yard Sale**, organized by Brenda Scolaro, members are invited to bring **fabric only**, limited to what fits in **one** grocery or Trader Joe's-sized bag. Donations should be clean and scent-free, and can include:

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| <p><b>\$5 per pound</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scraps smaller than ¼ yard (approximately 2 yards per pound)</li> </ul> | <p><b>\$5 per yard or 5 yards for \$20</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pre-cuts or fabric chunks between ¼ and 1 yard</li> <li>• Measured, marked, and neatly folded yardage over 1 yard</li> </ul> |
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November Meeting

*November 1*

**10 am - 12 pm**

Our next meeting will take place at the Exeter Public Library. The Zoom link will be sent by e-mail prior to the meeting.

Education Program

Our November education program will feature **three fun demo stations**—a round-robin style event where members rotate between demonstrations every 15 minutes. The lineup includes:

- Susan Hadyniak – How to sew a hanging sleeve on your quilt
- Hildreth Curran – How to make a project book
- Brenda Scolaro – Quilt-as-you-go technique

All proceeds from the sale will support guild programs. Any leftover fabric will either be donated to **Community Outreach** or returned to the owner.

Brenda will be setting up before the meeting and during the break, allowing plenty of time for browsing and shopping between demos.

Yuletide Fair

The **Yuletide Fair** in **Stratham, NH** features more than 100 vendors. A sign-up sheet for volunteers to assist at our table will be available at the November meeting. This is our **final opportunity to sell raffle tickets** for the quilts and sewing machine before the winners are drawn at the Holiday Party.

This is SMQG's first time participating in this large, handmade-only fair, and it's a fantastic chance to introduce our guild to the community. Our main focus will be the raffle items, but please continue to donate your small quilts, table toppers, wallets, and other small quilted or sewn items. This year's fair will serve as a wonderful foundation for **2026**, when we can plan ahead and make it one of our major annual fundraisers.

*November 22*

**9 am - 3 pm**



- **Board Updates**

Voting for the **2026 Board Officers** will take place during the November meeting. The slate includes:

- **President:** Joanne Giblin
- **Vice President:** Charlene Smith
- **Secretary:** Mary Young
- **Treasurer:** Julie Avant
- **Member-at-Large:** Elysia Williams



If you would like to challenge any of the candidates for a role on the board, please inform Joann Giblin to have your name added before the guild members cast their vote!

- **Committees**

All **Committee Chairs** are reminded to either attend the monthly board meetings or submit a brief committee update to keep the board informed. Board meetings are held at the library immediately after the member meeting (12–1 p.m.). If you would like to set up a Zoom meeting for your committee, please contact Joanne, who will get the Zoom link from the national MQG.

- **Membership**

Thanks to Diana Irish for updating our roster! If your contact info has changed, let her know.

We're delighted to welcome **Diana Svahn**, **Mary Gay Leahy**, **Casey Rich**, and **Kimberly Crouse** to the Seacoast Modern Quilt Guild! We're so happy to have you join our creative community.

- **Communications**

**Julie Ogilvie** will be stepping down as **Webmaster**, and she's kindly offered to train one or more members for the role. **Sally Cedarholm** is already part of the team, but additional help is needed. If you have an interest in maintaining the website or learning more about it, please consider volunteering—it's an important part of keeping our guild connected!

- **Holiday Party**

Get ready to celebrate the season at our **Annual Holiday Party on December 6**, from **10 a.m. to noon**, at the **RiverWalk community room** in Carol Brown's condo complex in Hampton, NH! It's always a highlight of the year—good food, great company, and plenty of quilty cheer. Sign-up sheets for food and beverages will be available at the November meeting, or contact **Diane Foos** to let her know what you plan to bring..



We'll also hold a **voluntary gift exchange**—please bring a wrapped sewing or quilting-related gift valued at around \$25 to exchange with another member.

- **Quiltcon**

We're thrilled to share that **Susan Hadyniak's medallion quilt design** has been submitted to **QuiltCon**, and she was among the first to apply—only 80 quilts are accepted, and it's first come, first served! If selected, Susan will lead the team to bring her design to life. Her chosen palette is blue, and she already has creative plans for the quilting. Thank you, Susan, for representing SMQG with such artistry and enthusiasm!

## October Meeting Recap

Sue Michael's presentation was a big hit! Members enjoyed her lively talk, and we're excited to share that you can join her private Facebook group, [Dragonfly Fiber Art Show & Share](#), where she offers free paper piecing patterns, blocks, and tutorials.

## Badges

Please come to the November 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)

## Hospitality

Diane Foos thanked the "DEF" folks who bought refreshments to the October meeting. For our November meeting, members with last names beginning with members whose last names begin with G,H, I, J, or K are asked to bring fruit, pastry, or a cold drink to share. Please email Diane Foos at [dianemfoos@gmail.com](mailto:dianemfoos@gmail.com) to let her know what you plan to bring. Thank you to everyone for keeping our snacks and drinks so enjoyable!



## Lottery Block

The **November Lottery Block** is a **10-inch "square in a square"** using a 5-inch block with a blue background. Move the smaller square around to create interest. Blocks are \$1 each, and you can contact **Cathy Box** for details.

## Programs

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

- ❖ November - Round Robin Demos
- ❖ December - Holiday party

Be on the lookout for a link to a survey to gauge member's interest in topics for 2026!



## November Meeting Checklist

- Name badge
- Small bag of fabric for Guild Yard Sale
- Cash for Guild Yard Sale
- Hospitality table donation (if G-H-I-J-K last name)
- Lottery Block and dollar bill(s)
- Show 'n Share quilt or other item
- Quilt(s) to donate to Community outreach
- \$1 for 3 raffle tickets for a small prize drawing