



Seacoast Modern Quilt Guild
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January 2025 Newsletter



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year, SMQG members!!

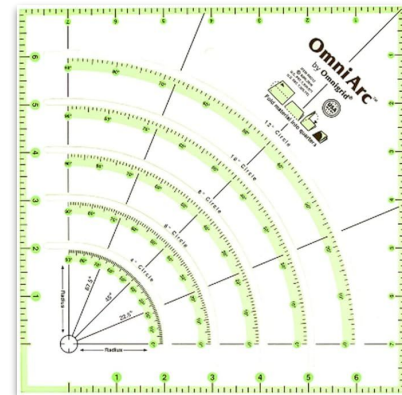
Let's welcome 2025 with hope, health & kindness.
We look forward to a fun & creative year with new adventures!
Cheers to a fresh start!

All the best,

Joanne Giblin
SMQG
President

January Meeting Wrap Up

Our January education program was presented by Hildy Curran on sewing a drunkard's path block without a special template. She demoed cutting fabric using the Omnigrad OmniArc Circle Cutter, trimming the background fabric a half inch, pinning the two curved pieces, and flawlessly joining them together. Thank you to Hildy, the program was very well received!



Annual Dues: Due!

If you have not yet paid your \$50 annual SMQG dues, please pay them them before the end of January via Venmo or check sent to our new PO Box:

Seacoast Modern Quilt Guild
PO Box 112
Exeter, NH 03833

Your final opportunity to pay this year's dues will be by bringing a check to the February meeting and delivering it to Elysia Williams, Member at Large.

If you are still looking for another reason to join/renew, please be aware that your dues also include membership to the national Modern Quilt Guild, which gives you access to members-only areas, such as the Resource Library that contains block patterns and interesting educational materials. There are also discounts to attend events such as the Guild's annual show, QuiltCon.

[Mark your calendars, members!](#)

Retreat May 1- May 4, 2025

Ferry Beach Saco, Maine

The retreat registration form is attached to this newsletter! Please read carefully!

Forms can be completed online and emailed to our treasurer, Julie Avant at Julieavsnt007@gmail.com



To accept your form, payment must be included. We will have forms available at the Feb 1 meeting. No registration forms will be accepted BEFORE Feb 1, 2025. 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.

Remember, first come, first serve! Ferry Beach can accommodate only 30 members and our guild has grown to 65 members so come prepared for our Feb 1 meeting!



[February Meeting](#)

Looking ahead to our February 1st meeting, our educational program will focus on Boro Stitching, in response to a member poll requesting slow stitching programs. Boro stitching is a 400+ year old Japanese textile art form that involves repairing and reworking clothing and other fabrics through stitching, piecing, and patching. The word "boro" comes from the Japanese word boroboro, which means "tattered" or "repaired".

Badges:

Please come to the February 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.

President's Block:

Joyce Hoelzer 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 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:

Going forward, the lottery block challenge will be organized by Kathy Box and Joyce Pracuta. The lottery block for next month will be 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 and Joyce for overseeing this challenge and keeping it going!

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BLOCK OF THE MONTH

RETREAT GALLERY

GUILD NEWSLETTER

FOR SALE BY MEMBERS

Community Outreach:

Brenda Scolaro showed the group the nearly finished quilt that was created by several of our members for the MQG QuiltCon challenge. It was displayed at QuiltCon 2025 in Phoenix, AZ next month. Brenda thanked everyone involved in this special project.

Hospitality:

Diane Foos thanked the “ABC” folks who bought refreshments to the meeting. For the next meeting, folks with last names beginning with D, E and F are asked to bring something for the refreshment table. Please email Diane Foos at dianemfoos@gmail.com to let her know what you plan to bring.

[Mark Your Calendars For 2025!](#)

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

- Merrimack Valley Quilters in Haverhill, Massachusetts is having their annual UFO auction on Thursday, February 20th. They are located at Northern Essex Community College; doors open at 6 pm, with the auction beginning at 7. There will be both a live and silent auction, and non-members are encouraged to attend.
- 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](#)

18 Shattuck Street, Lowell, MA

[1/14 - 5/3](#)

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

[1/14 - 3/29](#)

- Just Wanna Copyright for Makers

[March Preview](#)

Wolfgang Therrian will be teaching us how to use Electric Quilt software.



New England Quilt Museum

