

General Meeting Minutes - April 2026

April 4, 2026 / Exeter Community Center, Exeter, NH

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

Meeting Called to Order

10:03 am

President's Remarks - Charlene Smith (for Joanne Giblin)

- Welcome members and guests
- Our next meeting will be May 2nd at the Exeter Community Center, 10 Hampton Rd, Exeter, NH
- Charlene announced that Marylee Welling will be our "new member ambassador". She will reach out to new members to answer their questions about our guild
- Members were asked if they'd be interested in a fall retreat and several indicated that they were. Tentative dates would be Nov. 13, 14, and 15, and venues are being considered.
- Help to set up and tear down the room is requested. Please bring your chair to the storage room after the meeting.

Membership - Diana Irish

- Members present: 41
- Guests: 5 (all have joined)
- Zoom: 1 on Zoom
- Name badge raffle winner: Congratulations to Kathleen Kerber!

Treasurer - Julie Avant

- Liabilities \$0
 - Net Assets \$10,006
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- Total Bank Assets \$10,006
- Net dues paid to MQG \$1,767
- Retreat raffle baskets brought in \$1,090
- The Spring Retreat netted \$211.09

Secretary - Mary Young

- March minutes were accepted as distributed

Fundraising

- Retreat raffle was successful and brought in over \$1,000
- The April meeting raffle raised over \$80. Three items were raffled off today and the winners were:
 - Kathleen Kerber won the thread box
 - Margaret Lima won the storage box and TJ bag
 - Charlene Smith won the project bags
- Beth Diamond is the Yuletide Fair chairperson. Let her know if you will have hand-made items to donate for sale at the fair.

Hospitality - Diane Foes

- The refreshment table was moved to the outer room for convenience
- Folks with last names beginning with N, O, P, Q and R are asked to bring something for the refreshment table for May
- Please bring your own drinks in a spill-proof container

Retreat - Megan Donnelly (for Jane Boulay)

- Our 2026 Spring Retreat was held March 26-29 at the Franciscan Guest House retreat in Kennebunk, ME.
- There were 26 full-time attendees including 3 friends, and 2 Saturday-only attendees
- Each attendee received a door prize and a goodie bag (donated by Jill at Seacoast Sewing and Quilting in Portsmouth NH)
- Prize winners:
 - Tracy Jordan won L-R-C
 - Julie Olgilvie won Jack the Ripper

- Maggie Skafidas won the Community Outreach giveaway
- Winners of each raffle basket and the number of tickets sold:
 - #1- Cat Lovers-Charlene Smith - 27
 - #2-Improv-Judy Cook-75
 - #3-Gardening-Beth Diamond-17
 - #4-Tilda Solids-Teresa Herbert-83
 - #5-Movie Night-Maggie Skafidas-18
 - #6-Ice cream-Tricia Lyon-23
 - #7-Kaffe-Mary Young-62
 - #8-Patriotic-Brenda Scolaro-20
- Thanks to everyone who donated to and bought tickets for the baskets!

Community Outreach/QuiltCon - Brenda Scolaro

- At the retreat, Brenda organized two Community Outreach projects:
 - Finish the quilt started at the last retreat
 - Make blocks for a modern take on the traditional Courthouse Steps block

Programs-Charlene Smith

- Today's program will be presented by Hildy Curran featuring disappearing 9-patch made modern.
- The program for May will be a Demo Derby featuring three members teaching various techniques. Members will be divided into groups to cycle through to each presenter, who will have about 20 minutes to discuss their topic. The presenters are:
 - Teresa Herbert-Fussy cutting
 - Diane Foos-Depression Lace
 - Janet Cass-Machine-sewn Binding
- Charlene will send out an email with current workshop information, including deadline dates for signing up and paying to reserve your spot.
 - June 20-Sue Michaels, Quarry Bag, a Noodlehead pattern. Participants must commit by June 1st. More details will be available on our website.
 - Sept. 26-David Owen Hastings "Seams Out" program on Zoom. We need a minimum of 20.

Sew-In

- The next Sew-In is scheduled for Sunday, April 19 from 10-4 at the Merrimac Police Station community room. The address is 2 Jana Way, Merrimac, MA

- Members were asked if they were interested in having 2 sew-in days per month and some expressed interest. Charlene will discuss it with Joanne and let us know if it's feasible.

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 for April was won by Margaret Lima. Congratulations!
- Cathy explained the instructions and displayed samples of the May lottery block, and distributed paper-piecing templates. The instructions and template will be posted on our website.

Meeting Adjourned

11:48 am

Respectfully Submitted,

Mary Young, Secretary