



Seacoast Modern Quilt Guild
DISCOVER THE FUN OF MODERN QUILTING
May 2026 Newsletter



May 2026 at a Glance

Guild Meeting: Saturday, May 2

Exeter Community Center, 10 Hampton Road, Exeter, NH
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Program: Demo Derby

Board Meeting (Zoom): Monday, Apr 20 | 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Sunday Sew Day: Sunday, Apr 19 | 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Merrimac Police Station, 2 Jana Way, Merrimac, MA

May 2026

President's Message

We hope everyone is doing well! Thank you to Charlene and Mary for their informative email updates this month.

We're excited to announce that our May meeting will feature a Demo Derby, where members can learn new techniques in a fun, small-group format.

- Teresa Herbert – Fussy Cutting
- Diane Foos – Depression Lace
- Janet Cass – Machine-Sewn Binding

We also received a generous fabric donation, including many prints featuring cats, children's designs, and holiday themes. These will be available at the May meeting—members are welcome to take fabric and consider making items to donate to upcoming fairs.



April Meeting Highlights

April 4, 2026 | Exeter Community Center

- 41 members, 5 guests (all joined!)
- Guild assets: \$10,006
- Retreat raffle raised over \$1,000
- Spring Retreat (Kennebunk, ME) was a success with 26 attendees
- Many thanks to **Hildy Curran** for presenting on the disappearing 9-patch made modern. Who knew that something *seemingly* so simple could be remixed in so many countless ways?

Workshops & Events

Quarry Bag Workshop – Sue Michaels

June 20, 10 AM – 4 PM
Wentworth-Douglas Hospital, Dover, NH
\$45 | 6 seats remaining

- Register & pay by: May 2
- Pattern: Quarry Tote ([Noodlehead](#))
- Supplies available at Seacoast Sewing or Wawak
- Non-refundable after May 20

“Seams Out” Workshop – David Owen Hastings (Zoom)

September 26, 12–6 PM
\$65 | 3 seats remaining

- SMQG registration deadline: May 2
- Payment due: June 6
- Open to non-members after May 2
- Non-refundable after August 26

Class description:

<https://davidowenhastings.com/portfolio/workshop-seams-out-quilted-pillow/>

Payment Info:

Workshops can be paid via:

- Venmo @SeacoastModern-QuiltGuild (please include class name)
- Check payable to SMQG

Hospitality

Diane Foos (dianemfoos@gmail.com) reminds members with last names beginning **N, O, P, Q** or **R** to bring a light snack to share.

Please note: We will no longer be able to provide drinks - we don't have storage, so please remember to bring your own hot or cold drinks in a **spillproof container**.

Lottery Block

Congratulations to Margaret Lima, winner of our April Lottery Block drawing!

Cathy Box presented us with her design for the May Lottery Block, which uses foundation paper piecing and finishes at 8"x8" (8.5" x 8.5" unfinished). It is available in the members-only section of our website, under [BOM - 2026](#). The center should be white or white-on-white only, and the sides should be pieced using strings no larger than 1.5" wide (no color limitations). Please keep the paper on the back, as it will help the block maintain its shape.

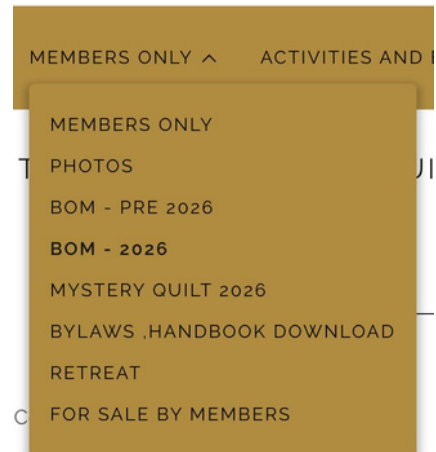


As usual, each block is \$1. The more blocks you make, the more chances you have to win them all!

Mystery Quilt

Our **9-month Mystery Quilt**, led by Suzanne Wulf and Gail Forthoffer, is moving right along as we follow the clues!

Fabric requirements and cutting instructions are posted in the [members-only](#) section, under Mystery Quilt 2026. The final reveal is planned for November.



Community and Fundraising

- Yuletide Fair planning is underway—contact **Beth Diamond** to donate handmade items
- Community Outreach projects continue from the retreat, with **Brenda Scolaro** leading a modern take on the traditional Courthouse Steps block

Badges

Please continue to come to meetings 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)

Congratulations to **Kathleen Kerber**, winner of this month's door prize

The name badge pattern is found in the [members-only](#) section of our website!



Save the Date: Fall Retreat

We're planning a Fall Retreat for: November 13–15
Details and location coming soon!

Show and Tell

A reminder that you can view members' amazing quilts on our [Quilt Stories](#) section of the SMQG website!



May Meeting Checklist

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