

# August Newsletter

August 2, 2025 Member Meeting

29 members in attendance 2 new members & 1 guest

Welcome **Fran Caruso** & **Kathleen Kerber** - our newest members!

The August Program was fantastic! Tips & Techniques!

Presented by Hildreth Curran: Sewing Curves Arc Ruler

Susan Hadyniak: Bindings & Facing [www.TerryAskeArtQuilts.com](http://www.TerryAskeArtQuilts.com) for more info

Cathy Box: Stripology Ruler GE Designs

Charlene Smith: Embroidery Stitches Creative Stitches by Sue Spargo

## **Looking Ahead...**

September: Quilt As You Go presented by Brenda Scolaro

October: Organizing your Stash presented by Sue Michaels November: Tips & Techniques - would you like to present a technique? Please reach out to MaryLee.

**August Block of the Month:** After a few tries, we have the correct instructions & the block looks fun! \$1.00 per block gets you a raffle ticket for each block submitted. No limit to how many blocks you can make! The winning raffle ticket will be drawn during the break and you win all the blocks!

Any questions, reach out to Cathy Box or Joyce Pracuta.

**Diana Irish** has accepted the **Membership Chair** - Thank you, Diana! She is already hard at work updating our member information - any changes, please reach out to [Dlirish22@gmail.com](mailto:Dlirish22@gmail.com)

Charlene Smith is now part of the membership committee and can be reached at [charlenejsmith4132gmail.com](mailto:charlenejsmith4132gmail.com) Thank you, Charlene!

***Amy Friend Workshop!***

Registration is now open for Amy's Improv Paper Piecing Workshop

Saturday, October 18, 2025 9a -3p

Merrimac Police Station 2 Jana Way Merrimac, Ma

\$50. Member \$65. Non member

Checks can be mailed to PO Box 112 Exeter, NH 03833 or sent via SMQG Venmo

This is considered a fundraiser for the guild to continue to bring programs & workshops to our members. If a member would like to attend, but finds the cost a hardship for them, please reach out to Julie Avant, Treasurer, or Joanne Giblin, President.

The SMQG ByLaws have been updated and will be ready for you to vote on at the Sept 6 meeting. The most significant change is the length of time the Vice President is required to serve. If approved, it will be one year and no expectation to assume the President role the following year.

We are in need of a Nominating Committee!

There are 2 open board positions-

Vice President & Fundraising Chair!

### September Library Exhibit

MaryLee is accepting small quilts and wallhangings for the Sept exhibit at the Exeter Public Library Fiction Room. Please reach out to Marylee by phone or text if you have a quilt you would like to display - let's showcase the Guild's talent!

### Mark your Calendars for September 13

Exeter Public Library is having a **Craft Fair!**

& we have a table! **10a - 1p**

We will need volunteers to help set up  
(doors will open at 8:30a) & work the table.

We will be selling raffle tickets for the Janome Sewing machine, & 2 quilts. We welcome any donations of small crafts to sell at the table. All proceeds are for future guild programs.

Thank you, Teresa Herbert, for being our first volunteer!

### QuiltCon

We are looking for your designs !!

All designs must be submitted before the Sep 6 meeting when we will vote on the final design.

Please see the Modern Quilt Guild website for details & color palette. The winning designer will lead the team to help create your vision! The deadline to submit the design to QuiltCon is October 15 & the top must be completed by mid-December.

Please contact Karen Kenney or Brenda Scolaro with any questions.

### Sunday Sew Day

Every 3rd Sunday of the month will be Sunday Sew Day

Held at the Merrimac Police Station

2 Jana Way Merrimac, Ma

10:00a - 4:00pm

Next Sew Day is August 17, 2025

Other Sunday dates can be available,  
contact Joanne Giblin with requests.

### COD

26 quilts have been donated to Crossroads!

We need another community sew date!

Please contact Brenda Scolaro or Karen Kenney if you have any questions.

### Annual SMQG Retreat

Save the Dates! March 26-29, 2026

Fransiscan Guest House Kennenbunk, Me see Jane Boulay for more info.

### Smash your Stash Retreat!

### Registration is Open!

November 6-9, 2025

Franciscan Guest House Kennenbunk, Me

Join the Boston Modern Quilt Guild and SMQG members for a Fall Retreat!

This is an independent retreat open to our members only!

3 -night single \$441.45

2 -night single \$294.30 3-night double \$588.60 There will be **NO** meals available at the Guest House!

Boston Modern Guild order bagels for breakfast, boxed lunch Fri & Sat, Pizza Saturday night - we are welcome to add to their order! Please bring cash. We also have access to the kitchen off the sewing area. Fridge, micro, toaster, coffee maker & tea kettle available for our use.

We will have a sign up list for food & snacks to share ( our group ) At the September meeting -I will have informational forms for each member registering which includes everything we will need to bring to retreat. Pack lots of projects - I've been told the Boston gang take their retreats seriously! Heads down, headphones on and they sew into the night - I'm looking forward to seeing what's hanging on the design walls. PLEASE if you need a ground floor room, note it on your registration form and we will do our best to accommodate!

Franciscan Guest House does not accept Venmo. Checks, only. I will collect the checks and write one check to Franciscan House. Please send full payment to me by September 30,2025 if you are not at Sept meeting. All guild members are welcome!!!

Joanne Giblin 44 Border Winds Ave Seabrook, NH 03874

### Hospitality

Last names ending in A,B,C are being asked to bring a refreshment to the meeting. Please contact Diane Foos Hospitality Chair for more info.

**Please remember to wear your name badge to the meetings!** Your name will be entered into a raffle drawn at the meeting - Good

Luck! ♦♦

### Free Table at the Meeting!

Bring your no longer needed items, notions, fabric, books to the meeting for others to take home! Due to lack of storage, please take home what you bring if left on the table.

Support our sister guild!

MVQ annual Quilt Show is

Sept 26 & 27 9a-4p

Hope Church Newburyport, Ma

Who likes a challenge?

Who wants to challenge the members to a months-long commitment to complete those UFO's?

Or

Who would like to create a months-long project for those who like the idea of working on an individual project to be presented at the 2026 Holiday Party?

Let's present ideas for one of these challenges to begin in the New Year!

Assistance & prizes to offer participants will be available to whoever takes this challenge on!

Next Meeting to be held September 6!

Zoom link will be sent out via SMGQ email.

Thank you for your patience as I attempt to fill in for Elysia!!

Keep Sewing  joanne