



Seacoast Modern Quilt Guild

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March 2025 Newsletter

March Meeting Wrap Up

Our March education program was presented by Marylee Welling on Boro - the art of Japanese visible mending. Many thanks to Marylee for generously repeating her presentation from February!

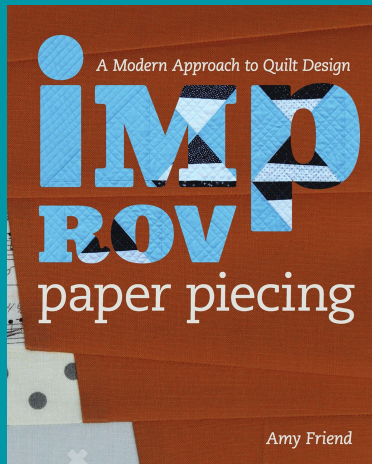
April Meeting

Founder of the SMQG, Amy Friend, will be presenting on Improv Paper Piecing:

"This approximately one hour long trunk show is based on a new design approach that I present in my second book, Improv Paper Piecing: A Modern Approach to Quilt Design. I illustrate through my quilts, how I approach paper piece design improvisationally to create unique, modern quilts."

- [Amy Friend](#)

More info on Amy: <https://duringquiettime.com/#publications>



As a fun tie-in, the Guild's President Joanne Giblin has secured a copy of Amy's book Improv Paper Piecing to raffle off at the April meeting. Raffle tickets will be \$2 for one ticket or by three tickets for \$5 to up your chances of winning!

Please feel free to bring a guest to this special event. Just for April guest admission will be **\$10 per person** to offset the cost of having guest presenter.

Last Call: May Quilt Retreat

Retreat May 1- May 4, 2025
Ferry Beach Saco, Maine

We still have a few openings left for the retreat! Please complete the form online and email it to Jane Boulay (jane.boulay@gmail.com). Payments can be sent via Venmo or to PO Box 112, Exeter NH 03833.

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.

We will soon open up registration to non-members, so grab your spot while guild members still have preference! And if you are still on the fence and need an additional incentive to sign up, Jane Boulay will be sharing a preview of the amazing raffle baskets during our April meeting!

Quilt Retreat - Raffle Baskets

Jane Boulay has asked for donations for specific themes:

1. Halloween/Fall
2. Beach/ summer
3. Christmas/Winter
4. Floral
5. Kaffe Fasset

If you have fabric, patterns, or kits to donate, please bring to the April meeting! Note: The raffle baskets are open to members not attending the retreat, and will be posted online to bid.



[Community Outreach:](#)

Our next Community Outreach Sew-In will take place on April 12 from 11 am - 4 pm at the Portsmouth Public Library. Please contact Brenda Scolaro via e-mail (friendasboutique1@gmail.com) or at the April Guild meeting to sign up for a timeslot (11 am - 1 pm OR 1 pm - 4 pm) and job (design, cut, iron OR sew).

As a reminder we will vote on our 2025 Community Outreach partner at the April meeting!



Lottery Block:

We were asked to hold onto our lottery blocks another month as our organizers were unavailable to attend the March meeting. The lottery block for April is 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 under Members Only → Block of the Month. This month's lottery block donation will be the bargain price of \$1 for your two blocks. Many thanks to Kathy Box and Joyce Pracuta for overseeing this challenge and keeping it going!

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BLOCK OF THE MONTH

RETREAT GALLERY

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FOR SALE BY MEMBERS

Hospitality:

Diane Foos thanked the "HIJK" folks who bought refreshments to the March meeting. For our April meeting, members with last names beginning with L, M, and N are asked to bring fruit, pastry, or a cold drink to share. Please email Diane Foos at dianemfoos@gmail.com to let her know what you plan to bring.

Badges:

Please come to the April 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)

Fundraising

Our Fundraising committee has requested input from the membership regarding:

- Where proceeds from our fundraising efforts should go
- Ideas for how to sell items we currently have
 - Janome Sewing Machine
 - Donated Artwork from Nancy Morgan
 - Quilt(s) to be raffled
 - Any other donated items

Contact Crystal Daugherty (crystaldaugherty@gmail.com) with any ideas!

Miscellaneous

Guild inventory: If you have any items belonging to the guild, please list them in an email to Joanne Giblin (joannegiblin@gmail.com)

Opinion poll: Would members would like to have another retreat this year? What time of year? What location? We will ask via show of hands at the April meeting, but if you are unable to attend the meeting, please reach out directly to Joanne Giblin (joannegiblin@gmail.com)

SMQG Bylaws: Currently, the Seacoast Modern Quilt Guild bylaws limit a board member's commitment to one year. The board has proposed modifying the bylaws to allow a board member to continue beyond a one year commitment. Our reasoning is that it is extremely helpful for continuity and less intimidating for folks without previous board experience to join, knowing that they will have support from more experienced members.

We will present the language at the April guild meeting, and plan for the membership to vote on it at the following meeting in June.

Mark Your Calendars For 2025!

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

- 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

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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

April Meeting Checklist

- Name badge
- Hospitality table donation (if L-M-N last name)
- Lottery Block
- Dollar bills for the lottery block raffle and **Improv Paper Piecing** book raffle
- Show 'n Share quilt or other item
- Quilt(s) to donate to Community outreach
- Your application and check for the retreat
- Any donations of fabric, patterns or kits that match the 5 retreat basket themes