

Maritime Modern Quilt Guild
Membership Meeting
January 9, 2020
LeBrun Centre, Lion's Den

Attendance: 43

Chantal (Social Media Maven) made a brief announcement about the Guild's Facebook page; asking new members to join our private group. She asked all members to tag the Guild (@mmqg) when they are willing to allow her to share their images on social media.

Christine announced the Annual General Meeting would be postponed until February. The Executive needs another meeting to finalized the budget for 2020. We are waiting to get numbers on important expenses.

Christine presented a program called "What is Modern Quilting" using a slide show from the MQG site as a springboard to a conversation about the nature of modern quilting. Some of the key characteristics found in modern quilts were described. As a guild, we do not expect members to follow any rules and want to maintain an open, supportive environment for all members' creative work.

Swaps & Challenges

CQA Gateway to Adventure Member Guild Challenge. This was announced by the Canadian Quilt Guild back in the fall. To be eligible, quilts must feature a visible amount of Kona Jungle and three other fabrics. The maximum perimeter is 72". The piece must have a hanging sleeve and a label. We have to choose a piece to represent our guild before the end April so all bring your entry to the March 12 meeting so that they can be viewed and voted on by the members. Voting will be done online to give all members the chance to participate even if they cannot attend the meeting in person. The selected quilt when be displayed at Quilt Canada to be held this year in Edmonton in June. Attendees will vote for their favourite and the winner will receive a cash prize.

Barb is unable to attend tonight's meeting, but when she returns she will present her ideas for more swaps and challenges.

Workshops

We had Bill Stearman lined up for our fall workshop, but unfortunately he is no longer available. We are still looking for suggestions of workshop teachers of interest to members. We want to confine ourselves to Canadian instructors to keep travel costs affordable. Please complete the member survey now available to have your say on workshops.

Christine has been talking to John Renaud of Art East to see if he can do a workshop for us in the spring. He is known for his patterns and dog portraits.

Retreat Committee

The newly formed committee will be chaired by Amanda who has been organizing the retreat for the last several years. The committee will help her with the many tasks like finding prize sponsors and programming. Amanda will recruit members on Facebook and via email. If you are interested, get in touch with her.

Show and Share

As always, we had an impressive array of new work from our members, including Andrea TJ's latest pattern tested by Dena. We saw her completed top and Andrea's made with Keephouse's hand printed fabrics. The new pattern is called Common Ground and it will be released soon.