



Baltimore Modern Quilt Guild

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The purpose of the guild is to share knowledge of modern quilting techniques, patterns, modern fabrics and quilt-making by providing meetings, social gatherings, educational workshops and field-trips to support quilting activities, encourage modern quilt-making and promote the appreciation of this craft. The Baltimore Modern Quilt Guild supports and encourages the growth and development of modern quilting through art, education and community.

Note from the President

If you are looking for a quilt show to see, I can recommend one that I visited last week in DC at the Smithsonian American Art Museum on G St., NW (Gallery Place Metro stop). It is called Pattern and Paradox: The Quilts of Amish Women.

It runs from March 28 to August 26, 2024, so you have plenty of time to plan your visit. The quilts there are both traditional and modern from Amish quilters across the country. Here are a couple of quilts that are in the exhibit.

Phyllis Cook
BMQG President



April's Activity – Sew-In

This coming Sunday, April 14, we will meet at the Pikesville Library on Reisterstown Road to sew quilts for this year's selected charity: the House of Ruth. This charity provides shelter and counselling services for victims of intimate partner violence. All quilts that are donated will go to the shelter occupants and their children. When they leave the shelter, they will be able to take the quilts with them.

Additional information about the Charity Sew-In:

We cannot get into the library until they open at 1 PM.

We **MUST** be out before they close at 5 PM.

Please judge the time that you will need in order to be walking out the door by 4:55,

The parking lot is behind the building.

Enter the door from the parking lot.

Our room is the door at the end of the short hallway. We will have a sign on the wall.

The automatic door to the left takes you into the library. There is no direct access to our room from the library.

It's not too late to sign up--- send a note to Amy Krebs at Amelia.krebs@baltimoremqg.com
Thank you for coming !



Bees and Lotto Blocks

Guild Quilting Bee: Bring your completed blocks to our charity sew-in on April 14 or make arrangements with your March queen bee to drop off or mail your block(s) to them.

Second Quarter Lotto Blocks:

Wow, our first quarter lottery block was a success with 35 blocks contributed and one lucky winner, Susan Brightman! Now onto the second quarter....

Field of View from the MQG resource page is our second quarter Lottery Block. Using your stash, please use a **blue print** for the 3 squares, and two **solid blues** which accent the printed fabric along with a solid white or cream for the background. Please reference the picture for the color placements. Blocks will be collected at the April, May and June guild meeting; the lucky winner will be drawn at our June guild meeting.



This is the second lotto block of the year. Make as many as you like to increase your chances of winning them all.

Guild Audit Coming Up

Thanks to our Treasurer, Amy May and two generous volunteers: Janine F. and Heather V., an annual audit of our guild finances will be conducted on April 20. Thank you ladies!

Make May Modern Retreat

We still have spots available at the May Guild Retreat. To sign up, go to the Meetings tab on the BMQG website, scroll down to the May meeting and you will find the link to sign up.

We have two classes, which are free to our retreat goers. Each class will be taught by one of our members. This year our instructors will be Cindy Barcelles and Renee Anderson. We will also have a featured speaker who is our talented guild member Sarah Lefebvre.

This retreat was established to provide free education to our members to gain new sewing and quilting skills as well as build new relationships.

Our 2024 Make May Modern event is fast approaching at the Maritime Conference Center near the BWI airport! 6-11 pm Friday, May 17th, 8 am-10 pm on Saturday, May 18th. 19 hours of sewing time!

All activities will be done in a single conference room – so no need to move machines back and forth between rooms. More details on the free workshops will be coming soon. Registration will be open to non-guild members on April 15 so grab a spot now.

Cost: Base price is \$92/person that includes a dedicated sewing space, access to morning and afternoon snacks, coffee, tea, and cold drinks. On site meals can be purchased separately. Attendees have the option of staying overnight at the Maritime Center or heading home Friday evening at your convenience and returning the next morning.

We are looking for volunteers to help with setup, cleanup, registration, and activities. A sign-up sheet will be sent in April.

June Meeting Activity

Find Your Complement: A color exercise and design challenge in June. Are you comfortable or intimidated when picking colors for your next project? Do you generally stick with designer recommendations or those beautifully curated fat quarter bundles? Are you bold and bright, warm or cool, or a monochromatic, color quilter. Find Your Complement is a fun exercise to interact with other members and explore color options using the color wheel!

We will have a few color wheels for you to use for this exercise, but if you have one, please bring it along for this fun & interactive exercise.

Featherweight Machine Maintenance

There is still time to sign up:

Got a Singer Featherweight? Want to learn more about how to properly maintain it? The Central Maryland Featherweight Group is sponsoring a Featherweight Maintenance Class on Saturday, April 20th from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm at Faith Lutheran Church, 8 Sherwood Road, Cockeysville, MD 21030. Payment by check or PayPal. For PayPal or other information at: marylandfeatherweightgroup@gmail.com



Coming September 2025

BINGO!

We are currently finalizing the contract details for the BMQG bingo scheduled on Saturday 9/13/25. For those members that are new to the guild, our bi-annual bingo event is our primary fundraiser which helps fund the cost of the wonderful guild speakers and presenters we have throughout the year which help teach, motivate and inspire us.

For the 9/13/25 bingo event, we give quilts as prizes for each round of bingo and ask members to donate lap size quilts or bigger for the event. We ask that the quilts be modern and reflect the aesthetic of our guild. It's a great opportunity to show off your work! The quilts will be shown on a hanging display during the event and it is fun to watch everyone in attendance "oooh!" and "ahhh!" over their favorites. Donated quilts are being collected by Valerie McNeese at our meetings or you can make arrangements to drop them off to her. We currently have 3 completed quilts for the event and will be looking for 17 more for our 20 rounds of bingo.

We will also be having 5 "special rounds" of bingo where the quilts won contain blocks that are made by multiple members of the guild. These quilts help us raise extra money at the event! Our first special quilt pattern is **'To You with Love' Heart Blocks by the Stash Bandit**. You can find the pattern Link at: <https://stashbandit.net/free-patterns/to-you-with-love-free-quilt-pattern/> (copy and paste this link in your browser)

We will be using solid white or Low Volume white fabric for the background of the block. The two rectangles used to construct the heart should be two different fabrics of the same color value as instructed in the pattern. Ex- two green scraps, one dark and

one light. The blocks for this quilt are also being collected by Valerie McNeese.

Throughout the year we will also be collecting any sewn items to be given as door prizes during the event. At our 2023 bingo we were able to give away 50 door prizes! You are welcome to make anything that would be appreciated as a door prize and can fit into a small gift bag. These sewn door prize items will also be collected at the meetings up until the event.

Too Long Didn't Read: How can I help?



Make and donate **lap size (or bigger) quilts**



Make and donate sewn/quilted **items** for door prizes



Make and donate **blocks** for our "special rounds" Heart Block quilt (pattern link to the left and example below)



Check out the Baltimore Modern Quilt Guild's Website for all the latest information.

<https://www.baltimoremqg.com/>

Log in to the members-only area using the password: Ch@rmB32G

Looking Ahead for 2024

April: Charity quilt sew-in. Location Pikesville Library. Open 1:00 – 5:00.

May: Make May Modern Guild Retreat. Location: Maritime Conference Center

June: Second round of lottery blocks due. Color challenge exercise.

July: Stash sale. Bring your lovely but unwanted fabric to the meeting to raise money for the Guild. Buy more lovely and wanted fabric for yourself.

August: Blind Chicken Pin Cushion Sew and Swap. Sew a pin cushion and take another home with you. That's the blind swap part.

September: Member demos in a round-robin format. Third round of lottery blocks due.

October: Lecture with Sheila Frampton-Cooper. Fall retreat also this month.

November: Design block challenge.

December: Holiday party. Fourth round of lottery blocks due. All bees completed.

Note that library meeting room space can only be reserved two months in advance so meeting locations will change by month.

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