

Baltimore Modern Quilt Guild

BMQG Newsletter – April 2025

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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.

April/May Events

Sunday, April 13th 1:30 – 3:30

Lecture with Becky Goldsmith – “The Secret Lives of Threads & Needles”

Owings Mills branch of the Baltimore County Public Library – 10302 Grand Central Ave, Owings Mills



Here's a link to Becky's website "Piece O'Cake":
https://pieceocake.com/?srsltid=AfmBOoqFi23P6ng95NPzu0sr2Tdt-2NTQC6UI5UpihsrEPpWkjX_K5E8

April 23rd, 10:00 – 3:00

Meet and Sew at Handcraft Happy Hour

Address:

Meadow Mill
3600 Clipper Mill Rd., Suite 117
Baltimore, MD 21211
443.948.5063

Make May Modern Member Retreat – May 2-3



The retreat will be held at the Maritime Conference Center (692 Maritime Blvd., Linthicum Heights)

Friday, May 2nd from 1pm -10pm - We will work on Bingo Quilts or feel free to bring one you've started on and get help from others who are also attending.

Saturday, May 3rd 8am – 10pm including lunch – Special activity or lesson TBD.

Registration is now open for Make May Modern, May 2nd - May 3rd. The cost is \$150 which includes lunch on Saturday. You can registers using this link <https://www.baltimoremqg.com/product/make-may-modern-2025/>

If you are planning to spend the night at the Maritime Conference Center, please be aware that the last day for reserving a room is April 11, 2025.

To make a reservation call: 866-900-3517 or 410-859-5700 for the hotel's main number.

Single occupancy rooms are \$169.00 per night.

If you reserve a double occupancy room, call the hotel main number (above) then press 7 for assistance making reservations.

If you stay at the MCC hotel, a full breakfast and dinner is included, as well as lunch. For retreat attendees not staying on site, lunch and two snacks are included.

Quilt-Con Committee Idea

It's been suggested that we establish a Quilt-Con Committee with a chair for the guild. Many of us have enjoyed going to Quilt Con both when it's closer to home and recently in Phoenix. The idea is that there would be someone or a group of someone's to coordinate all the various things around Quilt-Con like:

- The Community Outreach Quilt – selecting a pattern, buying the fabric, getting people to make blocks and putting it all together.
- Reminders to people when registration opens and who could be helpful about registering for classes.
- Coordinating housing and carpooling.

This will be discussed at the April meeting, and we will vote as a guild if this is something that we want to do.

Charity Quilts

March/April Charity Quilt Donations



Thank You to everyone who donated the beautiful quilts above. The next drop off to House of Ruth will be April 22, 2025.

The charity sew-in event that was originally scheduled for Saturday, April 5th is being rescheduled. We'll let you know when and where it gets rescheduled soon.

In 2025 we will be providing quilts for the children (infant to 18) at the [House of Ruth Maryland](#). The children will keep the quilts once they move away from the House of Ruth. Size guidelines are on our website. I will collect quilts at each meeting. If you are not able to attend a meeting, please contact me to arrange a delivery/pick up. I live in the Kingsville area of Baltimore County. Remember there are supplies available--batting, backing, binding, kits. Please give me batting sizes so I can cut for you.

Thanks again,
Amy Krebs, Director of Charity Relations

Lottery Blocks

2nd Quarter Lotto Block

Changing things up for the 2nd quarter, we're doing a paper pieced (PP) 6 1/2" (unfinished) kaleidoscope block! If you love PP, then these are like little candies, you can't just make one. If you are new to PP, these are super little blocks to hone your PP skills. You can find multiple resources on the web to learn PP. Here's two I googled, but there many sites, find one that's works for you: <https://www.leilagardunia.com/blog/how-to-foundation-paper-piece> , <https://www.polkadotchair.com/foundation-paper-piecing-tutorial-free-kite-paper-piecing-pattern/>

The free PP Kaleidoscope pattern is available at Duckadilly's (<https://www.duckadilly.com/pages/downloads>). There's no set colors for this sweet little block; however, it works best with two contrasting colors, a small print and a contrasting color. My recommendation: use a small print and a low volume or solid for the contrast. The drawing will be at our June meeting and make as many of these little candies as you like...the more the merrier!
Happy sewing!



BINGO is Coming September 13, 2025

We have finalized the contract for the BMQG bingo which is scheduled for 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 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! Donated quilts are being collected by Valerie McNeese at our meetings or you can make arrangements to drop them off to her.

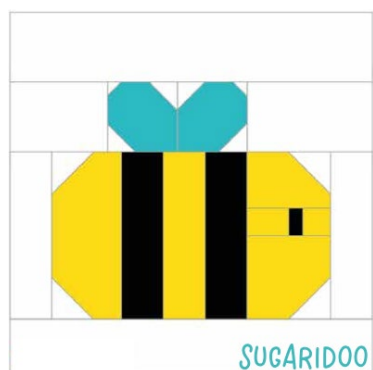
We have some completed quilts but need more. If you want to make a quilt top but don't want to do the quilting or if you'd be willing to quilt someone else's quilt top or do the binding, let us know. We can match people up and splitting up the sharing the tasks needed might make it more doable for each of us. If you can make a quilt or part of a quilt for our Bingo event, please contact Valerie McNeese (vgmcneese@comcast.net).

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! This is a preview of each of the 5 quilts. [Please contact the person listed if you want to get started and need more information.](#)

#1 – HEART BLOCK- Megan/Valarie McNeese – Currently there are enough of the heart blocks.

#2 - BEE QUILT- Diane Winter

Happy Bee Blocks 6"- Free Sugaridoo pattern – Go to: <https://sugaridoo.com/happy-bee-quilt-block/> Fabrics required: Modern patterned Gray or solid gray background black/yellow stripes and light blue wings.



#3 - MAXIMALISM QUILT – Megan Price

Maximalism Quilt Strip Sets- MQG Pattern as found at:

<https://www.themodernquiltguild.com/resource/maximalist-mini-tutorial/> Members can use the busiest "maximum" modern fabric and make strip set "blocks" to be cut fabric into 45 degree strip sets. Use 2 ½" wide fabric for the strip sets. Please construct the strip sets but don't cut them on the diagonal. That will be done by the quilter assembling the quilt top.



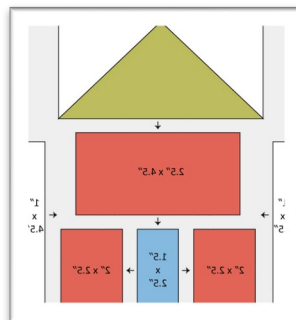
#4 - HOUSE QUILT- Veronica Jessamy

Improv house quilt- blocks- Members can use improv style quilting or any method they prefer to make a house. Height of the block should be 12 ½" unfinished and width can be any size.

Trees are desired

Having trouble finding a house pattern? Here is one you can use.

<https://www.hemmein.com/the-wonky-house-quilt-block-tutorial/se>



Quilting Activities in Our Area



Raffle Quilt

More than 300 quilts and fiber arts on display, plus:

Vendor Mall
Demos and Tours
Sewing Machine Raffle
Member's Boutique & Raffle Baskets
Stash to Treasure Sale
Buy It or Bid It Auction

April
26 & 27
2025

10 AM - 5 PM

Admission

\$12 at the door
\$10 in advance

(Advance sales available through April 23)

Maryland State Fairgrounds
4-H/Home Arts Building
2200 York Road
Timonium, MD 21093

FREE PARKING

(Accessible Parking Available)

The 4-H Building is the first building on the right



Want to know more?
Go to <http://www.baltimorequilters.com>



"Aussie Sunset" - Annapolis Quilt Guild's 2025 Raffle Quilt

The Makers: Eleanor Huggins, Bethany Cecere, Amanda Kopp, Miki Burgnon, Julie Antinucci, Elaine Green, Lynn Hapchuk, Sue Kramer, Kathy Lomaskin, Carolyn Hall, Kate Gollsneder, Connie Doster, Patty Tideman, Rebecca Musliner, Amy Oswald, Hilke Hoefler, Polly Schatz, Janice Andrucyk, Karen Acosta, Sue Cochrane, Tammy Barlet, Jenn McCaskey, Leanne Juliana, Diane Gerritor, LizAnn Lizotte, and Kathy Sorci. Quilted by Julie Antinucci.

Find us at:

<https://annapolisquiltguild.org/quilt-show/>



Quilts by the Bay Quilt Show

Admission:
\$12 non-members,
under age 12 free

Friday, June 13th, 2025 10am - 4pm

Saturday, June 14th, 2025 10am - 4pm

at Riva Trace Baptist Church

475 W Central Ave., Davidsonville, MD

The Annapolis Quilt Guild is proud to be entering our 42nd year. We've had a long-standing tradition of sharing the love of quilting with each other and the community. We hope you will join us for our annual quilt show at a new and improved location and with a new Friday/Saturday format.

- Approximately 175 quilts
- 8-Point Star Exhibit
- Raffle Quilt & Baskets
- Country Store (fabrics, notions & craft supplies, etc.)
- Boutique (handcrafted new items)

Free Demos Planned!

Faux Piped Binding
Prepping Your Quilt for Long Arming
Techniques for Art Quilters
Modern Selvage Quilting
Large Hand Applique
Scrap Quilting
Art Quilt, Face Collage
Rulers
Deb Tucker Rulers

10 Confirmed Vendors!

Birdland Boutique
Capital Quilts
Cottonwood
Crabby Quilter
Deb's Flying Needle
Domesticity
Dover Quilt Retreat
SewLoveLee
Stone Row Studio
Stick-It-To-Me Pincushions

Smithsonian American Art Museum and the Renwick Gallery:

New Exhibition now open! "We gather at the Edge: Contemporary Quilts by Black Women Artists" highlights the Smithsonian American Art Museum's recent acquisition of quilts from the collection of Dr. Carolyn Mazloomi and celebrates her legacy as the founder of the Women of Color Quilters Network. On view February 21, 2025 – June 22, 2025 at the Smithsonian Renwick Gallery. For more information, click the link:

<https://americanart.si.edu/exhibitions/black-women-quilters>



Other:

Someone on the Maryland Quilters FB page made a map of independently owned fabric stores in the MD/DC/PA areas. I'm including a link here for your use.

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=1oBc4FJvt15RekipBVC6aPZm8TuLJ40A&usp=sharing>

Looking Ahead

April

- 13th Lecture The Secret Lives of Thread & Needles w/Becky Goldsmith

May

- 2nd-3rd Make May Modern Guild Retreat. Location: Maritime Conference Center

June

- Fabulous Fabric Faces w/Ronnie & Monnie
- Second round of lottery blocks due.

July

- Stash sale.
- Swap

August

- Community meetups for socializing outside of meeting time.
- Handwork demos and time for practicing during the meeting.

September

- 13th BINGO
- Third round of lottery blocks due.

October

- 11th Seams Out Quilted Pillows zoom w/ David Owens Hastings
- 12th October meeting lecture with David Owens Hastings, Minimal Design, Maximum Impact.
- Fall retreat Location: Maritime Conference Center.

November

- Design block challenge.
- 8th Quilt as you go – 7 techniques w/ Marie-Claire Charette
- 9th November meeting lecture Quilting as you go (QAYG) is the way to go! w/Marie-Claire Charette

December

- Holiday party.
- Fourth round of lottery blocks due.

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Typical Meetings

We meet on the 2nd Sunday of the month unless otherwise noted.

We meet in Baltimore Public Library Meeting Rooms (please note that we are not affiliated with the Library). The Library's policy is that we can only book rooms three months in advance. As such, please continue to check our website for meeting locations in the future. We are not dedicated to a single branch but rather select locations based on availability. To attend the meeting by Zoom, use the following link.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87060038333?pwd=WwU8bdGcEMDc3My0yfl6M8JBpOKsLV.1>

If you have a friend who you think might enjoy our guild feel free to invite them to one complimentary meeting so they can see what we're all about.

For more information about our guild and a members only page, go to our website/blog

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

Want to see what we're up to? Connect with us on social media!

Instagram: [@baltimoremqg](#) [#baltimoremqg](#)

Facebook: [BaltimoreModernQuiltGuild](#)

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