

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.

May/June Events

Make May Modern Member Retreat – May 2-3



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

Charity Sew-In

Saturday, June 28 9:00 to 5:00
Faith Lutheran Church, 8 Sherwood Road
Cockeysville, MD
(enter under the canopy)

The sign up sheet was sent with an email to everyone. After you enter your name and email to the area you would like to work – just close the form and it will save automatically. If you have difficulty with the form, please email Amy Krebs @ amelia.krebs@baltimoremqg.com and she will add you to the list. The form has what you need to bring in each station. Please have your name on your items. The Guild will be providing cutting mats and risers. Here is another link to the list:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wFOX5CBoaHgMoEQKw6oxPtGNw03tSwHgdRLVCa uBPgA/edit?usp=sharing>

Charity Quilts

March/April Charity Quilt Donations



Quilt-Con Committee

Karen Jennings is organizing a Quilt-Con Committee for the guild and would like people to get in touch with her if they are interesting in helping out.

Many of us have enjoyed going to Quilt Con both when it's closer to home and recently in Phoenix. The idea is for the committee 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.

Please contact Karen at Kpjennings@gmail.com or 410-961-1825 if you're interested or have any questions.

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.

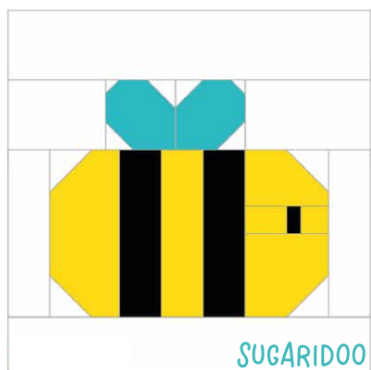
We have some completed quilts but need more. If you want to make a quilt top but don't want to do the quilting or if you'd be willing to quilt someone else's quilt top or do the binding, let us know. We can match people up and splitting up the sharing the tasks needed might make it more doable for each 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 1/2" 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.



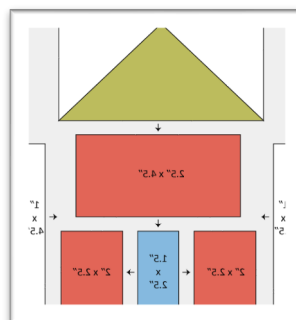
#4 - HOUSE QUILT- Veronica Jessamy

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 1/2" 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

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=1oBc4FJvt15RekjpBVC6aPZm8TuLJ40A&usp=sharing>

Looking Ahead

June

- Second round of lottery blocks due.
- Saturday, June 28 – Charity Sew In at Faith Lutheran

July

- Sunday, July 13th Fabulous Fabric Faces w/Ronnie & Monnie
- Swap

August

- Sunday, August 10th, 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!

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