



# Baltimore Modern Quilt Guild

**BMQG Newsletter – August 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.*

## **August/September Events**

### **August Meeting**

**Sunday, August 10th 1:30-3:30**

**Handcraft Happy Hour**

3600 Clipper Mill Road Suite 117

Baltimore 21211

- We will play a game of Left/Right/Center with fabric, please bring the following:
  - 10 - 2-1/2" squares
  - 10 - 5" square

Colors, solids, prints.... It doesn't matter, so dig into your scraps, and bring your squares for this meeting's programs.

### **September**

**Saturday, September 13th from 6:00 to 10:00**

### **BINGO**

Please join us at the FOP Lodge 69, 2832 Nine Mile Circle, Catonsville, MD 21228 on Saturday September 13th at 7pm for our Bi-Annual Quilt Bingo Fundraising event! Doors open at 6pm and the games begin at 7pm. There will be door prizes, food, special games, raffles and fun for guests and their families! You may bring your own food & goodies if you'd like but this is an alcohol-free event. Hotdogs, chips, candy, snacks and drinks will be available for purchase. Guests who purchase 10 or more tickets online will be guaranteed a reserved table at the front of the event.

Tickets are \$25 online in advance and \$30 at the door (if available) with cash or credit. Special Game Cards will be \$5.00

**[Click here to purchase your tickets.](#)**

## **Bingo Volunteer Signups**

**Volunteers  
needed for  
BINGO!**

**Scan the code to  
sign up for a spot**



OR use this link: <https://bit.ly/3IFJ6Wi>

## **Charity Quilts**

Here are the quilts that were made and donated in the last month.

Batting is available to go with the kits, and will be at all the meetings.

Amy Krebs, Charity



### **3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Lotto Block** - *Super super easy sewing for a hot summer sewing.*

**This block finishes at 5.5" square and only uses two fabrics, one 4.4" center square, with two white or white on white sides for 2 sided sashing**



#### **Center Colored Fabric is a 4.5" square :**

Use bright, happy colors, solids or small prints that read as solid are fine.

If possible for the center square, stick with one color family only if you make at least 2 or 4 blocks. More than 4 blocks, then do 4 of one color family and 4 of another color family, that's if you have the fabric.

Please no black, brown or greys for the center square.

#### **White or White on White Fabric for the sashing:**

Cut one at 1.5" x 4.75" (A)

Cut one at 1.5" x 5.75" (B)

*I'd suggest you cut them a little long so once sewed, it's easy to trim to the 5.1/2" finished size.*

Use a 1/4" seam to attach piece A to the 4.5" square colored block.

Press seam open, (if you cut piece A longer, trim it down to 4.5").

Use a 1/4" seam to attach piece B to the unit you just sewed. Press seam open, trim piece B down if needed.

Finished size of block is 5.5" square

#### **Here's the bonus feature for participating in this 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter lotto:...**

If you make 6, you'll get 8 tickets to win!

If you make 8, you'll get 10 tickets to win!!

If you make 10, you', get 12 tickets to win!!!



Example of a finished quilt using these blocks

## QuiltCon 2026

Mark your calendars! QuiltCon is returning to Raleigh, NC - February 19-22.

Quiltcon Registration Info:

Reminder to all that QuiltCon registration opens on August 20th at 10am Eastern.

Workshops fill up quickly - we recommend you make a plan ahead of time for your preferred workshops and sessions. You can find the guide online

here: <https://www.themodernquiltguild.com/quiltcon/show-schedule>

Make sure you know how to log into your MQG account, and we recommend you log in before registration starts at 10am.

If you are only interested in lectures and a show pass, you can register after August 20th.

Quiltcon Community Quilt Challenge

BMQG will once again participate in the Community Quilt Challenge. This challenge is designed for guilds to work on a quilt together. MQG specifies the required fabrics and the theme - this year is modern medallion. The team has started the design process and we have two different blocks we are asking guild members to prepare.

Plus / X blocks: We distributed fabric kits for the first type of block needed for the challenge quilt - plus or X improve block. Didn't get a kit and want to participate? Great news, we'll have more kits at the August meeting. Can't make it? Reach out to Laura Baltatzis.

Imagery blocks: We will have a signup sheet & detailed instructions at the August meeting for the second block - this one will have you creating an image out of the required fabrics (against the white background) in a smaller block for one of the medallion rings.

We will be sending information on coordinating carpooling or shared housing in a future communication as well.

## Looking Ahead

### August

- Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, Regular Meeting at Handcraft Happy Hour

### September

- 13<sup>th</sup> BINGO
- Third round of lottery blocks due.

### October

- Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup> Seams Out Quilted Pillows zoom w/ David Owens Hastings
- Sunday, October 12<sup>th</sup> October meeting lecture with David Owens Hastings, Minimal Design, Maximum Impact.
- October 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> Fall retreat; Location: Maritime Conference Center.

### November

- Design block challenge.
- Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> Quilt as you go – 7 techniques w/ Marie-Claire Charette
- Sunday, November 9<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month unless otherwise noted.

We typically meet in Baltimore Public Library Meeting Rooms except during the summer. 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.

We are not able to offer the summer meetings via zoom. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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/>

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