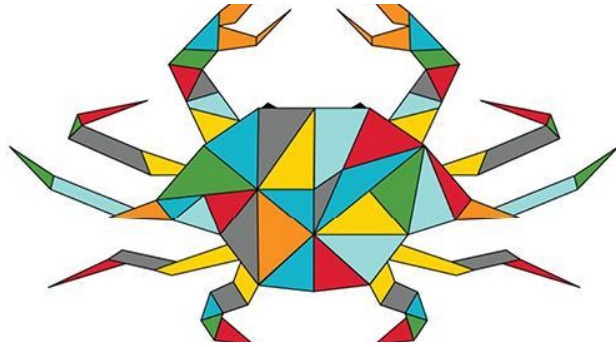




Baltimore Modern Quilt Guild

BMQG Newsletter – August 2026

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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.

A Personal Request from Laura (our Director of Programming):

Hey everyone! I'm hijacking Karen's usual "president's note" spot to send out a plea for help. I'm currently the only person in charge of the programming for our guild meetings and I NEED YOU!!!

1. Our upcoming meeting in September is scheduled for demos and **I need volunteers who would be willing to do a short (5-10 minute) sewing/quilting demonstration during the meeting.**
2. More broadly, and being totally transparent here, I'm really struggling to do this job by myself. It's a lot for one person, feels super overwhelming at times, and I would LOVE for a couple more quilty friends to join me in planning/executing the fun times at meetings. **Join my team, please pretty please?!?!?**



If you are willing to do a demo or join my fun team (and rescue me!), or both, please email me ASAP at laura@baltimoremqg.com. Thank you so much!!

If planning activities doesn't seem like a good fit for you but you do want to volunteer, we will be looking for more volunteers for other roles in the next couple months. So be on the lookout for more information. And feel free to talk to me at the meeting on the 9th about how you can get involved. We only have nine members on the board but almost 100 members in the guild and we need YOU! (Gratuitous chicken quilt pictures, taken two weeks ago, just for fun!)

August Happenings

August Meeting: Sunday, August 9th, 1:30 pm

Miller Branch of Howard County Library System, Ellicott Room
9421 Frederick Rd, Ellicott City, MD 21042

We will have a Stash Sale and a participatory trunk show, “What is a Modern Quilt” at the August Meeting. In other words, bring your extra stuff and at least one quilt (or top)! See below for more details!

Stash sale: It's time for our biennial stash sale! This is your opportunity to purge your stash and our opportunity (as a guild) to raise a little money!

Bring your extra/unwanted sewing supplies (fabric, notions, books, machines - everything is welcome) to our meeting on August 9th. You'll get to shop the sale (at very low prices: \$15/pound for fabric, which is about \$5/yard). The proceeds from the sale will help fund guild programming over the coming year. Checks and PayPal accepted (no cash). (No need to measure or label your fabric this year because we'll be selling it by the pound, rather than by the yard.)

What is a Modern Quilt? (Please bring a quilt!!!!!!)

At this month's meeting, we will be working together to create an interactive trunk show entitled "What is a Modern Quilt?"

[The MQG lists the following characteristics](#) as common aspects of modern quilts:

- bold use of color
- high contrast and graphic areas of color
- minimalism
- maximalism
- improvisational piecing
- expansive negative space
- alternate grid work
- modern traditionalism

Your challenge is to bring at least one quilt (or quilt top) you've sewn that you think is an example of at least one of those 8 characteristics. This will be a fun way to further our understanding about what makes a modern quilt modern and will also be a way to get to know each other and our particular quilting styles. And remember: the quilt police aren't allowed in the room so you can bring early work, experimental work, pieces with mistakes, pieces that you're not sure are modern or not, and so on. Everything will be talked about with love and respect and curiosity! Let's see what we can co-create!

You can also bring in your current makes for show and share if you have something to show that doesn't necessarily fit into the discussion theme for the meeting activity. Feel free to bring hand crafts for hanging out afterwards.

August 26, 11:00-3:00: Monthly Guild Sew-in at Happy Hour Fabric

Our monthly guild sew-in at Happy Hour Fabric (formerly Handcraft Happy Hour) will be on Wednesday, August 26th, 11:00-3:00, drop-in as you can. (Future sew-in dates: September 23 and October 28). Join your fellow guild members for a time of sewing, conversation, and maybe some fabric buying?! :)

Fall Retreat

Our Fall Retreat will be held October Friday, October 9 (8am -10pm), Saturday, October 10th (8am-10pm), and Sunday, October 11th (8am-3pm) at the Maritime Center in Linthicum. More information about details and registration will be sent in the near future.

Mid Atlantic Mod Retreat

The Mid-Atlantic Mod retreat will be held March 18-21, 2027 in Lancaster, PA. Keep an eye out for an email about the retreat and attendance, including how to enter the lottery for registration.

Quilt Con 2027 – February 25-28, 2027, in Atlanta GA

Registration is coming soon! Look for an email from Laura on Monday with more information about registration and coordinating housing and transportation. While you wait for that, **NOW** is a great time [to log into your MQG account](#), to be sure you're set up and ready to go for registration. Contact Seema, membership@baltimoremqg.com, if you have any questions about logging in.

Charity Quilt Donations

I'll be finishing my Star of Triumph (from Feb!), so please send yours in. Happy sewing!
Amy Krebs, Charity

Photos of some of the quilts donated over the last couple of months:



Around Town & Quilting News

Tidewater Guild Quilt Show: August 21 and 22

Bayside Baptist Church, 1920 Pleasure House Rd, Virginia Beach, VA

TIDEWATER QUILTERS' GUILD QUILT SHOW 2026



Friday, August 21

10 a.m.—6 p.m.

Saturday, August 22

10 a.m.—4 p.m.

Bayside Baptist Church

1920 Pleasure House Road Virginia Beach, VA

Juried Quilt Show—Hundreds of Quilts

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS TO MILITARY VETERANS

Door Prizes—Vendors—Silent Auction

Quilt Appraisals—Quilt Raffle—Quilt Walks

Quilt for Charity Area—Children's Activity

Admission \$12—Allows entry
for both days.
(Discount for Cash)

For more information:

www.TQGVA.org



Quilt Appraisals by Brenda Grampas

*Certified Appraiser, American Quilter's Society

*Member, Professional Association of Appraisers—Quilted Textiles

Written Appraisals—\$65 ea. Verbal Evaluation—\$25 ea.

Written appraisals will be mailed to the owner within two weeks of the show.

Use the QR Code on the front to schedule an appointment.



Free Quilting Technique Demonstrations

Join us in our Charity Quilt Area
to sew blocks for Linus or Quilts of Valor.



PENNSYLVANIA NATIONAL QUILT EXTRAVAGANZA

Greater Philly Expo Center - Oaks, PA

Lectures, Workshops

Demonstrations, & Merchant's Mall

Sept 17-20, 2026 | Admission \$18

MANCUSO
Show Management

includes re-admit for all days (\$16 Sunday Only)

FREE PARKING



Links to other Quilting Articles and Events

[Spring and Summer 2026 Quilt Outings - put together by the Uhuru Quilters Guild](#)

[Exhibitions - International Quilt Museum - Lincoln NE](#)

[Nationwide Quilt Show Calendar](#)

Looking Ahead

August 2026

- August 9th – BMQG Monthly Meeting 1:30 – 3:30 PM
Howard County Library – Miller Branch (9421 Frederick Road – Ellicott City - Ellicott Room)
- August 26th – BMQG Monthly Guild Sew-In – Happy Hour Fabric 11:00 – 3:00

September 2026

- September 14th – BMQG Monthly Meeting 1:30 – 3:30 PM
Baltimore County Library – Arbutus Branch
- September 23rd – BMQG Monthly Guild Sew-In – Happy Hour Fabric 11:00 – 3:00

October 2026

- October 9-11 – Fall Retreat
Details and Registration coming soon.
We're looking for guild members that want to teach a workshop at the fall retreat, please contact Wanda for more information.
- October 17th – Community Outreach Challenge Quilt Assembly
Join us while we assemble the community outreach challenge quilt for 2027 QuiltCon.
Location and additional details coming soon.
- October 28th – BMQG Monthly Guild Sew-In – Happy Hour Fabric 11:00 – 3:00

November 2026

- November 7th – Michelle Wilkie Workshop
Registration and Information coming soon
- November 8th – BMQG Monthly Meeting 1:30-3:30 PM
Location TBD | Michelle Wilkie guest lecturer

December 2026

- December 12th - BMQG Monthly Meeting and Holiday Party 1:30 – 3:30 PM
Harford Park Community Association Hall

February 2027

- Quilt Con – February 25-28 – Atlanta GA

March 2027

- Mid Atlantic Mod – March 18-21 – Lancaster, PA

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Typical Meetings

We meet on the 2nd 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.

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 at

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

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

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

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