

Modern Quilt Group
July 27, 2017
First Meeting

Eleven enthusiastic women met at Mary McFarlane's home Thursday July 27 for our initial meeting of the Pine Tree Quilt Guild - Modern group. Regretful regrets were received from eight others.

1. We introduced ourselves and shared sewing/quilting experience. Mary McFarlane gave a brief summary of what is often known as 'modern quilting' and the Modern Quilt Guild's background.
2. We wrote down then discussed our expectations, goals, issues, questions, ideas for the group. From this exercise we learned that we want to learn new techniques and more about modern quilting itself, we want new challenges but fewer rules, we wonder how to use up our 'traditional' fabric stash but are always keen to buy new fabric, and perhaps we'd like to start with smaller projects rather than committing to a full modern quilt. We recognize we are in different places as to the continuum from traditional quilting to modern. And all of us are eager to make new friends.
3. Mary and Wendy Wight chose meeting dates which suit their schedules and hope they fit well for others, recognizing we cannot choose a date/time/location convenient to everyone.

Our next meeting will be held Thursday August 17 from 1-3 p.m. at Wendy Wight's home, 1779 Hwy 118 West, between Bracebridge and Port Carling. 705-645-5931.

Starting in September our meetings will be the first Thursday of each month, 1-3 p.m. at Bracebridge United Church 45 Dominion St Bracebridge, at a cost of \$2 each per meeting.

September's meeting will be Thursday September 7 from 1-3 p.m. at Bracebridge United Church Bracebridge.

4. Mary McFarlane will handle communications til October then Wendy Wight will take over.
5. We decided a voluntary Block of the Month (BOM) would be fun but didn't decide what to do with the blocks made. Keep them? Lucky draw them to participants? Use them for outreach projects?

Our August BOM challenge will be to make any modern block, any size, using white or white on white and summery toned solids. Can be improv or from a published block pattern.

6. Mary shared five modern quilting books from the Bracebridge Library. 'Quilting With A Modern Slant', 'Vintage Quilt Revival, 22 Modern Designs From Classic Blocks', 'Strip Your Stash', 'In The Studio With Angela Walters', and 'Free Motion Quilting With Angela Walters'.

7. For 'Share Modern' a number of us brought quilts to show and they generated much discussion about why/how they were modern. Perhaps in the future we will manage photos!
8. For 'homework' members are challenged to read online about any modern quilt guild or any modern quilter and to be prepared to share this at our August meeting. Unlike school, 'homework' is optional and won't be marked!
9. Meeting was adjourned after snacks and tea and everyone seemed keen to get home and get sewing.