

Modern Quilt Group
August 17, 2017

Wendy Wight welcomed 14 modern quilters to her lovely home on Thursday August 17. Regrets were received from several more.

1. After introducing ourselves, Mary McFarlane showed an improv quilt she and her grandson had made, and discussed stepping outside of one's comfort zone at times. Wendy read a wall plaque from her home 'My 10 Rules of Thumb' which gave us laughs and 'outside of the box' points to consider.

2 After our initial two meetings at Mary and Wendy's homes we will begin our regular schedule and location for meetings at Bracebridge United Church, [46 Dominion St Bracebridge](#) the first Thursday of each month from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. \$2. each per meeting.

Our next meeting will be Thursday September 7 at Bracebridge United Church, downstairs, from 1:00 - 3:00. \$2. each.

3. Our July Block of the Month was to be any modern block, any size, using white plus solid summery coloured fabrics. A wonderful selection was shown and laid out on Wendy's coffee table. Though they could have co-ordinated nicely into a quilt, we decided to keep our own blocks each month for the time being. Several members tried to purchase solids at Muskoka Quilting but couldn't. Wendy will speak to Debbie about our new group and the possibility of her carrying some basic solid fabrics. Mary's block had some curved piecing and a possible future workshop on that was discussed.

4. The August Block of the Month is 'Circle of Friends'. Mary handed out printed instructions. An email copy will be sent to those who missed the meeting. Further directions can be found at [Emerald Coast Modern Quilt Guild](#) and click on 'block lottery' tab then scroll down to February 2014; and also at [toefeather](#) Ignore the photos which pop up at websites mentioned, you need to find the 'Circle of Friends' or 'Circle of Squares' block.

[Toe Feather](#)

5. Mary showed a beautiful selection of modern fabrics she recently received as the prize for her mini quilt entry from a Northcott Fabrics challenge handed out at Quiltcon, the modern quilting convention in Savannah Georgia in February 2017. She felt fortunate to receive the pile back intact as there were many 'ooh's and aah's'.

6. In 'Share Modern' Wendy Beverly showed an unfinished quilt and sought suggestions for completing it. Joanne Kourtz shared bento box blocks which she has cut apart and her paper sketches for how she plans to proceed with them. Several current modern quilts were shared.

7. Quilty books shown (and purchased this month) were 'Walk' by Jacqui Gehring, 'Improv Handbook For Modern Quilters' by Sherri Lynn Wood, and '100 Modern Quilt Blocks' by Tula Pink.

8. Last month's 'homework' (completely optional) was to find and read about a modern quilter or modern quilt guild online. Our members had a fun time....Mary R got hooked on Angela Walters' youtube videos 'The Midnight Quilt Show', Linda was surprised by Fons and Porter's contemporary website, Rosemary enjoyed a variety of modern quilts on [Pinterest](#), Carolyn found Erin Wilson's shape studies interesting at [:: ERIN WILSON QUILTS ::](http://www.erinwilsonquilts.com) Sheila told us about Canadian quilter Erin Wilson at [Gallery](#) and her geometric quilts, Hanne got lost in the Portland Oregon Modern Quilt Guild at [Home](#) website, Sandi is a fan of Tula Pink at [Fabric](#) and Mary McF has a crush on Victoria Findlay Wolfe at [Victoria Findlay Wolfe Quilts](#)

There is no 'homework' for this month but probably members will get hooked on the websites listed above, some of which have an automatic link when their name was typed into this email.

9. The group enjoyed treats and conversation before heading home to sew. Future meetings won't have snacks, that was just a summer enticement!

Mary McFarlane

LINKS

[Libs Elliot](#) Geometric quilts handmade using generative design and Processing code.

[Victoria Findlay Wolfe](#) Fresh, Modern, Timeless

[Tula Pink](#)

[Portland Modern Quilt Guild](#)

[Erin Wilson](#)



[Emerald Coast Modern Quilt Guild](#)

