

Modern Quilt Group September 7, 2017

Our third meeting was held at our new location, the recently renovated seminar room at Bracebridge United Church. We all agreed it is a good location, bright, clean, and has plenty of plugs should we decide to do some sew days in the future. Seven members were present, regrets were received from those away and those attending the executive meeting, and then Margaret and Sue arrived part way through our meeting to join in our fun.

1. Day trips, shows, shop hops: There are a number of quilt related events upcoming, the Simcoe County Show Sept 15-17 at the Simcoe County Museum; the local shop hop Sept 28-29; Fibre Frenzy in Guelph at Dublin St United Church October 20-21 put on by the Guelph Go Go Grannies with proceeds going to the Stephen Lewis Foundation; and the CreativFestival in Toronto Oct 26-28.

2. Mary did a little lesson on 'low volume fabrics' to be used as backgrounds instead of solid fabrics, or to make a whole quilt. She used Kristy Daum's info on her website [St. Louis Folk Victorian](#) for reference. The website showed from March 2 2014 a charity quilt made with 12 x 24" blocks sent in by members of the online charity group do.Good.Stitches using just low volume 2 1/2" strips. This technique might be fun for us to try in the future for outreach quilts.

St. Louis Folk Victorian

Blogger, Modern Quilter, and Old House Lover...what a combination.

3. Our Block of the Month for August was Circle of Friends, and it was obviously well received as most members tried it, Wendy B did an interesting variation with a black background as well as the regular one, and Sandi C just couldn't stop making them and now has enough for a sweet quilt for her niece.

The September Block of the Month will be any variation on 'pick up sticks'. Continue with the colour tones you already used for our monthly blocks, or try low volume prints, or branch out with whatever fabrics appeal. As most modern guilds do not hand out paper copies of patterns, we will follow in the same way, giving online references for you to explore instead. You can obviously print out your own patterns at home. One tip for this month is to start with a background fabric cut larger than you want the final block to be, then trim down to the size you'd like after you have inserted your strips.

For ideas and instructions check out :www.paulsblockparty.blogspot.ca from Apr 20 2011 or [Pink Robin Studio](#) from Sept 30 2016.

For inspiration check out 'Dialogue' by Sylvia Einstein, 'Red Sticks' by Freddy Moran, 'September' by Sandra Grusd, 'Jubilee' by Diane Melms, and lots of listings on Pinterest.

We gave the group a little teaser about the block of the month challenge for October. It will be to make an 8x12" block of 'made' fabric, quilt it, trim it back to 7 1/2 x 11 1/2" then use that to make a triangle pouch. Don't get panicky, we will tell you all about it in October, as well as the wide mouth pouch from www.noodlehead.com We thought these would be good bazaar/hostess/Christmas gift ideas.

4. For Share Modern we enjoyed a baby quilt Sandi C has made for a newborn who has had some health concerns, and Lynda G's Lawren Harris themed modern block from our July block of the month challenge as well as her colourful runner.

5. Wendy and Mary asked for feedback from the group now that we have had three meetings, wondering if things are going well, what the group would like to do, etc. Sounded as if everyone present was content with how things are going so far.

6. Books shared include 'Modern Machine Quilting' by Catherine Redford, 'Stack Slash and Sash', 'Sunday Morning Quilts' by Amanda Jean Nyberg, and 'Quilting Modern'.

7. Wendy and Mary will speak at our large guild meeting next week about our modern group. We agreed that new members are most welcome but we enjoy each other so far and the opportunity to share and chat in a way we can't with such a large number at general guild meetings.

8. Our next meeting will be Thursday October 5, 1-3 p.m. at Bracebridge United Church, [46 Dominion St.](#) in Bracebridge, \$2 each.

9. Our November 2 meeting will be a sew day from 10-3 with a pot luck lunch. Cost to be determined, but will be more than \$2.

10. Meeting was adjourned at 3 pm. so everyone could go home to sew.



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