

## Modern Quilt Group November 2, 2017

What a terrific sew day we had on Thursday November 2 at Bracebridge United Church making triangle pouches, open wide zippered pouches and one hour baskets.

And enjoying a delicious pot luck.

We sewed in the morning, had lunch at noon and then held our meeting at 1:00. Another sew day is planned for May 2018.

1. We welcomed seventeen sewists at tables and doing hand work. Two newcomers, Ardith Symmes and Linda Boon joined our group along with Halina who has been eagerly watching us and competently recording our progress online the past months but was only now able to be with us. Marta McIntyre sat in at our meeting. Regrets were received from Pam Rimmer, Gillian Woan and Sue Bogers (who can't currently join the group but wants to keep up with our happenings).

2. Shows and news...Bracebridge news is that Muskoka Quilting is closed but a quilt shop will open December 4 at the same location. Mary showed a selection of modern Christmas fat quarters her daughter picked up for her at the Guelph sale sponsored by Grandmothers to Grandmothers earlier in October. An excellent book sale is held the same dates nearby. We may consider a road trip next year. York Heritage will have a show November 10,11,12 at the Botanical Gardens on Sheppard. The MAC Christmas show will be November 17, 18. The Bracebridge United Church Christmas Marketplace will be November 18. A show called '4 Skins' at the Chapel Gallery featuring four local women artists will run until November 11

3. Books and blogs...Carol C shared '[Lines By Design](#)' by Debbie Grifka, Joanne brought '[East Meets West Quilts](#)' by Patricia Belyea and '[Inspiration Kantha](#)' by Anna Hergert. Carol C told us about a blog she is following at [badskirt](#).

4. Our modern group's photo and activities are posted by Halina on our [www.pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com](http://www.pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com). Look under 'How the Guild Operates' and you will find our modern link. You can see photos from our meeting there as well.

5. Mary will be responsible to show a block of the month in January 2018 which members will bring in February 2018 at her Florida guild, the Emerald Coast Modern Quilt Guild. She has received small pieces of red and pink fabric from our members which she will distribute in Florida for the women there to create a nine patch block inspired partly by [Amanda Jean Nyberg's](#) 'Chain of Diamonds' quilt in her book '[No Scrap Left behind](#)' and Mary's love of scrappy bits. We all liked the idea that bits from our scrap bins will go to Florida and hopefully they will send some back so we can make a 'Friendship Bits' quilt. Photos to follow in the winter.

6. Wendy shared her spacious and just completed weekender bag and tote bag from Annie's Quilting For The Home at [Annie's - Crochet, Knitting, Quilting, Sewing & More](#). Here's the link to the [Weekender Bag Pattern](#).

7. Mary showed her [wonky Christmas tree blocks](#) from [Blog - Diary of a Quilter - a quilt blog](#) by Amy Smart and shared pictures of the outreach quilt using the same block pattern recently completed by [Emerald Coast Modern Quilt Guild](#)

8. Our December block of the month or monthly challenge will be to make anything with a [wonky Christmas tree](#)...pot holder, table runner, tree ornament, quilt!

9. ***We need a stand-in second leader*** for days when neither Wendy nor Mary are available. Contact Wendy Wight if you would be willing to do this. In the winter, if buses are cancelled in our area, then our meeting is cancelled as well. There is no need to send out a notice that day. If it is snowy, check to see if buses are running so you know if our meeting is on or off. If that happens, Wendy will send out a small program or sewing idea for you to explore on your own at home.

10. Share modern...Mary showed the wool blanket pieces she had hand dyed at the quilt art group recently. These will be made into scarves for the Christmas Marketplace November 18. She also had several stitched items for the sale. Stella made a small quilt wall hanging using fabric she had dyed with the quilt art group and thankful squares given out in October, along with her imagination. Carol showed a modern fans quilt top found in the Quiltcon 2016 magazine as well as a large kid's storage bag. She shared the math for figuring out the size for boxed corners on larger projects. Hanne made a modern wall hanging using the traditional drunkard's path block, but with modern fabric and placement, and quilted in a circle motif. Both Stella and Hanne agreed their projects stretched them. Sandi has finished her modern tree wall hanging and shared images of her Canada 150 quilt on her design wall. Every block represents a woman in Canada, and she wonders how to best document the women's names. Joanne shared her leaf prints made from her cyanotype sheets. An interesting process. Our group is creative and inspiring!

11. Several women generously left their bags and pouches to be sold at the Christmas Marketplace as a thank you for using the room at the church.

12. Our next meeting will be Thursday December 7 1-3 p.m. at Bracebridge United Church, \$2. each.