

Modern Quilt Meeting April 5, 2018

Minutes by: Mary McFarlane

We had fourteen quilters present and received regrets from Sheila Hamilton and Marta McIntyre.

1. Winter Updates - We reminded each other of our names (!) and several shared winter experiences...

- Sue B and the [Missouri Star/Jenny Doan](#) stores,
- Halina and [Country Clothesline](#) and [Fabric Sparks](#) stores in Toronto, [Landscapes of Israel](#) Quilt Show in London
- Hanne and [Oh Look Fabric](#) in Milton,
- Wendy visited [Mary Jo's](#) in Gastonia NC,
- Gillian's prize winning wall hanging,



- Carol enjoyed shows in Sarasota and Orlando, and
 - Mary M attended a [traditional guild in Niceville Florida](#).
2. Upcoming - [Sunshine Quilt Show in Orillia](#) April 14, 15.
- [Barrie Modern outreach work day Saturday April 28](#)
3. Stars! - Hanne attended a presentation by [Tula Pink](#) in Ottawa which was inspiring and a bit overwhelming.



- Halina spoke about [Libs Elliott](#) being at our Pinetree Guild in October 2019. Our group voted ahead of the meeting on options for her workshop and 'Embrace Chaos' was the the overwhelming winner.



Full-Day Workshop: Embrace the Chaos - An Exercise in Controlled Randomness

Using only paper and pencils - no computers required! - I will walk students through a series of worksheet exercises that mimic the programming language I use to generate my quilt patterns. By using controlled elements in a random way, each participant will end up with a unique quilt pattern layout - no two Chaos Quilts are the same!

As a group, we'll discuss design flow and tweak our individual layouts. Then we'll cut fabrics and work on piecing our designs, using provided block-building instructions. At the end of the class, each participant will leave with her/his own random geometric quilt design and will have the knowledge required to complete the project at home.

1 Full-Day Session allows time for drafting, design and initial block construction.
Level: All Levels

- Several of us will be attending the [Ricky Tims day in Newmarket](#) in May and will report back to the group afterwards.

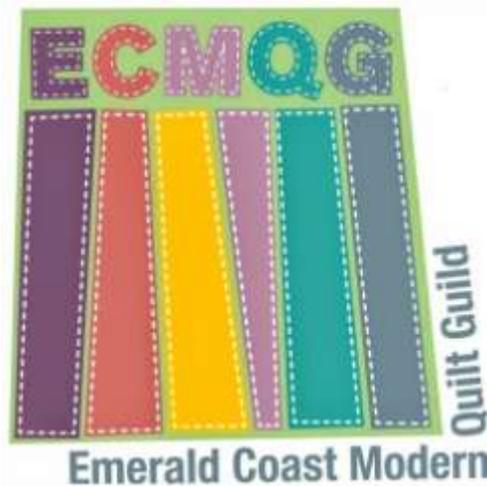
4. Block of the Month - The group looked like a bunch of kids keeping a secret from their teacher before revealing the 'Mary' blocks which will be put together by Sandi and Mary M as an outreach quilt. The grays in the background along with the bits of colour will be bright and cheery for a teenaged girl. Sandi bought sweet fabric for the backing at a [Joann's](#) in the States.



-For May our BOM will be any modern 'spring flower' block. Lots of options online and on Pinterest.

5. Sharing with Florida Guild - The Emerald Coast Modern Quilt Guild loved the bits of pink and red fabric Mary M brought to them and the block design was popular. 29 blocks came in and were won by a keen new quilter. They have sent a bag of scraps in their guild's colours to us for us to enjoy. Let's think what we'd like to do with these after adding some of our scraps in the same colours. Check the [Emerald Coast Modern Quilt Guild](#) website for their beachy guild colours.

-Mary M won the Elizabeth Hartman 'Knee Socks' blocks from the Florida guild last month and would like to use them for two outreach quilts for our group. The design is intense so perhaps deconstructing several of the blocks and adding white or a solid would tone them down a bit. Let's think about it. Google [Elizabeth Hartman Knee Socks](#) Block for several images.



6. Books and Blogs - I forgot to add this section to the agenda but Mary R had a modern blocks book and Joanne read us a modern Red Riding Hood story ['Picture This - How Pictures Work'](#). Joanne later sent a link to a block per day in April site www.createinthesticks.blogspot.ca

7. Show and Tell - Mary M showed her winter sewing, some of which had already been seen online, Halina shared her postage stamp sized work and wondered how it might be embellished or perked up, Wendy shared several pieces, Sandi has finished her epic Canada 150 quilt and shared a sweet story about one block, Gillian showed us a work in progress and Carol showed her quilt inspired by Rayna Gillman's book 'Create Your Own Improv Quilts'.

8. Next meeting is Thursday May 3, led by Wendy Wight. Our June 7 meeting will be held at the new quilting store in Bracebridge, Quilting In Muskoka.

So good to be back with all of you.
