

**January 3, 2019**  
**Modern Quilt Group Minutes**

Fourteen modern sewists attended our first meeting of 2019. We welcomed Lynda's guest Janice and new member Dorothy Stoddard. Regrets were received from several members.

1. Wendy W. told us about **quilting trends** for 2019...

- ♥ -modern samplers
- ♥ -modern medallion quilts
- ♥ -whole cloth quilts, modern in their quilting
- ♥ -bohemian minis
- ♥ -modern appliqué
- ♥ -science themed quilts, black and white
- ♥ -pre-cuts, laser cuts
- ♥ How do you like this Bohemian chair?



2. **Resolutions/Intentions** for 2019...

- ♥ Sandi plans to label quilts, both old and new
- ♥ Lynda has set herself a goal of finishing one UFO (unfinished object) per month
- ♥ Ingrid intends to 'shop from her stash'
- ♥ Dorothy wants to finish her Orillia quilt
- ♥ Carol wants to create something with the fabric she has indigo dyed at the art quilt group
- ♥ Wendy W's goal is to tidy up between projects

3. **Books, shows, websites...**

- ♥ -Next Wednesday Quilting In Muskoka will host a strip quilting morning. Sandi has made and brought a number of strip pieced blocks using an online [Moda string along](#) for inspiration. She stitched on 9" paper then trimmed the blocks to 8 1/2". Some like to sew these blocks on muslin, or old phone book sheets. Use a

tighter stitch length on these blocks so they don't come apart as you tear off the paper.

- ♥ -Sandi showed the Modern Patchwork magazine which seems to still be in print.



- ♥ -Several members have shown interest in the quilt show in Orillia on till later in January
- ♥ -Carol mentioned she thought Maggie, who is coming to us later this year, is going to be in Orillia as well.
- ♥ Mary mentioned that her Florida friend Natalie Dodd VanRandwyk from the Emerald Coast Modern Quilt Guild has had a quilt accepted to be displayed at Quiltcon 2019 in Nashville. It is called 'Walk On Robot'. Clever, huh?



- ♥ . Mary shared a quote from [www.lelandavestudios.com](http://www.lelandavestudios.com) under the 'Creativity Project Week 50' with guest [Sam Hunter](#).

Sam was asked: 'How would you define "making with intention"?'

Sam: "Exactly that. Having some type of intention sparking your making, whether that intention is to play, to make a competition quilt, to make a snuggle quilt, or to explore a new technique."

*"Sometimes I make mundane things (like simple strip quilts) when I need to ponder something, because the rhythm of making soothes my body, so that my mind can sink in to the problem."*

#### 4. **Programme..Carol Cragg...**

Carol showed us '[cross cut blocks](#)' from <http://www.aquilterstable.blogspot.com> using low volume background fabric. There are many variations possible with this block, so take a look!

Sandi will present a short program next month.

#### 5. **Quilt Show Discussion...**

A lively discussion was led by Halina. Our group will have a display area at the show, similar to what the art quilt group has had in the past. We tossed around ideas such as displaying BOM (block of the month) projects, our wonky house quilt (to be quilted in the winter by Sandi and Wendy), and other items we have made showing modern quilting.

One item which would possibly sell well at the quilt show boutique is the origami stars shown by Sheila in December. Wendy W. has found them fun to make also. The [tutorial](#) can be found at [Geta's Quilting Studio - Fresh Ideas for Quilts and Bags](#). No decisions were made, we will talk about it again next month.

6. Wendy W. gave everyone large fluffy **pipe cleaners** to clean our sewing machines, getting them ready for lots of projects. That led to discussions about titanium needles, dryer sheets, and sewer's aid on thread.

#### 7. **Strip Club...**

Halina won the gold strips, our December colour, but held over as we had no December meeting. We will have two colours for February, both pink and gray. We will discuss whether to continue this program next month also.

#### 8. **Show and Tell...**

Sandi showed her feed sack bag, made from the door prize she won at guild in the fall. In it she used some Provencal fabric from France she has had for years, and it was perfect in this project. She also showed her Christmas trees pillows using vertical quilting. She suggested 'matchstick quilting' where you quilt straight lines match stick distances apart was way too much stitching. She showed a picture of an 'Intentional Improv' trees and stars quilt in the Modern Patchwork magazine which we may consider doing in the fall.

Sheila made a tree skirt for her daughter, using techniques learned in our group...white background, lots of negative space, modern mittens with pom poms, and a red and white binding.

Carol showed a clever plastic bag, great for lego or small objects. The pattern is at [www.hungryhippiesews.com](http://www.hungryhippiesews.com) She also shared a homemade '[best press' recipe](#) using vodka (many jokes made....) and found at <http://www.reddeliciouslife.com>.

Mary M showed the partially made bits bought at a garage sale in Florida, we considered settings and decided the simplest would be best.

Wendy shared her black and white mat with a Christmas tree, and the reverse was green and red. She has made several '[lotus bags](#)' which can be made with two fat quarters. The pattern can be found at <http://www.allfreesewing.com> and many can be seen with a google search. These could sell well at the guild boutique. She also showed her giant flying geese quilt top, now bordered with fabric from Thimbles And Things and tiny flying geese. We discussed several possible quilting options. She may quilt it at Quilting In Muskoka after hearing Mary R's success using the long arm there for several projects.

9. Our ***next meeting*** will be Thursday February 7th from 1-3 pm at Bracebridge United Church.

Happy sewing!  
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