

**Modern Quilting Group**  
**Thursday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019-05-03**  
Bracebridge United Church  
9:30 - 2:00

We had a fun sew day making shopping bags and lotus bags for the boutique at the upcoming quilt show in June 2020. Twelve shopping bags and a number of lotus bags were completed, and lots of visiting was enjoyed. As usual, our pot luck lunch was delicious but there was nothing 'usual' about the selection of foods. Who ever heard of honey and coffee grounds on cheese?

Thirteen members were present, and regrets were received from several others.

After lunch we held a brief meeting.

**1. Shows, websites, books, blogs:**

Mary M showed hand dyed fabric and booklets brought to her from Vancouver by her daughter from Maiwa. [Maiwa Online Store](#)

She also mentioned a new store in Exeter near London called The Quilt Kitchen. <http://www.thequiltkitchen.ca>

We heard about an interesting event to be held at the Bracebridge fairgrounds Saturday June 29 from 9-5 called Muskoka Yarn and Fibre Fest. \$5 admission. <http://www.muskokafibrefest.com>

**2. Quilt Show:**

Halina and Lynda G spoke about the quilts to be raffled at the quilt show, and their goal of raising \$8000 to be shared between the hospital and hospice. They have two donated quilt tops but will modernize them before quilting. One is a lone star pattern in burgundy and rose, and the other is a french braid in caramel cream and burgundy.

They would like us to help create a third quilt, modern, neutral colours, possibly modern wonky pine trees and they will spearhead this project. But would welcome helpers..

We are asked to bring neutral, cream, beige, taupe modern fabrics to the June meeting to be auditioned for use in this quilt. The plan is for us to make wonky pine tree blocks, any size, and have them completed for the September meeting . The goal is to have the quilt done by December so it can be displayed to pique interest. Raffle tickets will be sold in advance as well as at the show.

### **3. Program:**

Our sew day was this month's program and Wendy did a demo of the [lotus bag](#).

Next month Ardith will do a chair yoga session and we will audition the neutral fabric we have brought in for use in the raffle quilt.

Looking way ahead, November will be a sew day and December will be Christmas projects.

### **4. Strip Club:**

Blue was our colour, but Mary M was the only one to bring in a strip so we will carry over blue til June and see if this is still of interest.

### **5. Show and Tell:**

Pam shared a table runner she made with appliqued Muskoka images to gift a friend in England when she sees her later this month.

Sheila tempted us with Tula Pink jelly rolls and fabric she purchased at The Modern Sewist in Sarasota Florida. <http://www.themodernsewist.ist>

Carolyn displayed two table runners. The first was the [EZ Breezy quilt](#) as you go table runner by Tiger Lily Press and the second was an improv design with gray sides and turquoise/mustard slab blocks down the almost centre for her daughter.

Sandy created fabric from the Curious Mondo in England and asked for quilting suggestions. She plans to make a bag from this fabric piece. <http://www.curiousmondo.com>

The group enjoyed seeing the bags made in the morning but laughed to realize we are each more productive when sewing alone at home, but have more fun when sewing as a group.

### **6. Next meeting:**

Our next meeting will be Thursday June 6 from 1-3 at Bracebridge United Church.

Happy sewing!

**Submitted by Mary McFarlane**

