

Modern Quilt Meeting
Thursday June 6, 2019

We had eighteen keeners at our meeting on Thursday June 5 including Halina's guest Glenda.

1. Shows, websites, shops, books:

- *The Muskoka Fibre Fest* will be Saturday June 29 at the Bracebridge Fairgrounds.
<http://www.muskokafibrefest.com>
- *Cottage Country Yarn Crawl* will continue over the next months.
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- Hanne attended a workshop with [Maria Shell](#) in Rochester and shared her book '[Improv Patchwork: Dynamic Quilts Made With Line and Shape](#)'.
- Thimbles and Things has the [GnomeAngel](#) book '100 Days 100 Blocks' from Tula Pink's City Sampler.

2. Strip Club: Lynda G won our blue strip of the month and we decided this program is done.

3. Help Me Modern:

Mary M introduced a new feature, 'help me modern' and asked the group how her simple blocks could be put together in a more modern format. Many ideas followed, as did a discussion about irons, steam, starch.... If you need ideas to make an older or ongoing project more modern, let her know and we will help you at a future meeting.

4. Quilt Show Raffle Quilts:

Halina and Lynda showed the braid quilt top in rusts browns and green they had received and have modernized which looks terrific. They have a second quilt top which is receiving their modernizing expertise as well.

Our group will be making a wonky pine tree quilt in neutral colours, perhaps with a pop of colour to be decided by Halina and Lynda to be raffled at the show. We are each asked to make wonky pine tree blocks, any size, over the summer. Each participant's contributions should total about 100 square inches in as many blocks as you wish. We sorted and auditioned cream, beige, taupe modern fabrics and decided to take our own fabric back home to create blocks over the summer. The tree should be darker than the background so it stands out. Halina has provided some links to wonky tree construction below. Blocks should be brought to the September meeting. Carolyn has volunteered to quilt this project.

A few links to Wonky Tree ideas

- <https://wombatquilts.com/2014/06/19/a-wonky-tree-forest-and-tutorial/>
- <http://quiltinspiration.blogspot.com/2015/07/free-pattern-day-christmas-2015-part-1.html>
- <http://stashbee.blogspot.com/2017/01/hive-6-january-tutorial-magical-forest.html>
- https://leahday.com/pages/wonky-christmas-trees-free-quilt-pattern-by-leah-day?utm_medium=Social&utm_source=Pinterest
- https://sewhooked.files.wordpress.com/2011/10/12_in_sweetsuetopsthetree_ofenjen.pdf
- <https://www.thesprucecrafts.com/patchwork-christmas-tree-quilt-block-pattern-2821142>
- <http://www.windhamfabrics.net/images/project/To%20Grandmothers%20House%20tested.pdf>

5. Show and Tell:

Mary R showed her small Tumbling Triangles quilt in white and black/multi coloured fabric from the Studio 180 design workshop. It has already been shown at her other guild's show in Elmira. She appreciated that the instructions are given for both left and right hand sewers.

Wendy W showed her large Tumbling Triangles quilt, from the same workshop. She used the Kaffe Fassett mille fiore fabric and a swirly turquoise. She had watched the video and read the book before sewing but asked for suggestions for how to quilt it. She recently attended the Mystery Bus Tour and felt the \$65 entrance fee was fair as gifts and prizes were so generous including charm packs. She also has made several eco bags.

Carol C made an eco bag out of fabric she had dyed and printed as well as a cute pincushion for the quilt show boutique.

Dorothy made several eco bags and cleverly used markers to highlight areas of the navy and white dotted fabric.

Lynda G is using every bit of her cork fabric and showed a small credit card purse.

Ardith is happy to be back at her sewing machine recently and her next project will be using a panel to make a quilt.

Margaret is excited her sewing machine is in her new almost finished home and she is looking forward to using it.

Sheila H showed two bright and cheery quilts. The first is a wedding gift using Tula Pink's '100 Blocks' book and quilted with a ribbon pattern from Jacqui Gehring's 'Walk'. The second used two Tula Pink jelly rolls. She initially tried making it totally random but was dissatisfied so organized the colours into a plan and liked that much better. This will be a summer quilt for her living room. She has had fun with Tula but feels she needs a new designer for inspiration.

Sandi told us that our meeting day was 'National YoYo Day'. Although this is an old traditional technique she showed us an Amy Butler yo yo quilt pattern, made recently. She also showed her string quilt almost completed as a gift for her brother and sister in law.

Nancy L is working on baby quilts, and the adorable one she showed had an orange goldfish with multi hued blue bubbles on a turquoise background.

Mary M showed a finished turquoise and lime quilt from her UFO pile as well as several almost finished lotus bags. (They are now done).

6. Program:

Ardith led us in a wonderful chair yoga session which we all enjoyed. We would like to do this again and it reminded us that we should move and stretch while sewing.

7. Summer meetings:

Our July 4 meeting will be held at Wendy Wight's home and the August 1 meeting will be at Mary McFarlane's home. Details and directions to follow.

Hope you have a happy fun summer and get some sewing done. Bring any cream/taupe/beige wonky tree blocks to our summer meetings, but we hope to have all of them done by September.

Submitted by Mary McFarlane