

Modern Quilt Group October 3rd, 2019 – Bracebridge United Church

Thirteen keeners were out to our meeting on Thursday October 3 and regrets were received from several more. Lots of laughs, lots of ideas flowed.

1. Books blogs classes shows:

Our wonky houses quilt was part of a window display at the Bracebridge library for the past few weeks to advertise the Bracebridge Fall Fair.

[Bill Stearman's](#) workshop following his talk at the September guild meeting was attended by several of our members. Using his hand dyed fabrics and pre-prepped kits, variations on the disappearing nine patch block were stitched. Each participant took their blocks home but it was interesting to see them together yesterday. Sandi abridged the original design and made a pillow from one of her blocks.

Carolyn showed Natalia Bonner's book '[Creative Straight Line Quilting](#)'. Her website is <http://www.piecelandquilt.com> and she has a youtube show called '[Let's Stitch](#)'.

Joanne sent out info about an interesting fibre show at the Wellington County Museum in Fergus running Sept 15-Jan 5. Members of the Connections Fibre Artists group each chose an item from the museum collection to use as inspiration for the fibre art piece they created to display.



Sandi Hanne and Pam raved about their session with [Jacqui Gehring](#) in St Mary's recently. Both about her and the things they learned. They also loved the quilt store, <http://www.hyggelight.ca> in St Mary's.

Jacquie prefers [Painters Palette Solids](#) over [Kona](#) and these can be purchased online for \$10 yd CDN from the store in St Mary's. She uses large Dollar Store clips to hang quilts.

Several of our group have her book '[Walk](#)' and it is now available at the Bracebridge library. We look forward to hearing about Sheila's workshops with Jacqui in November.

2. Quilt Show Update:

Halina couldn't attend our meeting but sent an update from the latest quilt show planning meeting. The modern quilts will be displayed together and will be eligible for Viewer's Choice. The Modern Group may have an interactive display, we will discuss this in upcoming months. The Boutique Babes suggested we make items which would sell for less than \$20. They loved the bucket hat. The wonky tree quilt design has been seen by several and changed several times. Halina hopes to have the top done by the November meeting so Carolyn can quilt it.

3. November Sew Day Plans:

Thursday November 7 will be a sew day from 9:30-3:00 with a pot luck lunch, (bought or homemade food). Irons, cutting mats, rulers, ironing boards are needed. Bring your machine and fabric to sew boutique items. Suggestions include (google these) 'funky and fabulous reversible bucket hat' from mister domestic, the 'sorrento bucket hat' from Sue at <http://www.fadanista.com> the 'elbe bucket hat' from [SewAndrew](#) , the scissors cozy from Svetlana at [s.o.t.a.k handmade](#) . We talked about making crossback aprons, children's reversible pinafores and bloomers, pot holders....and other ideas will be welcome.

4. Block of the Month:

Wendy's square in a square block was made by some last month, and Carolyn showed the block for us to make this month.

It is #28 in Tula Pink's '100 Modern Quilt Blocks'. Directions:

- Sew 3 1/2 in squares together
- Sew 3 1/2 x 2 1/2 rectangles together
- Sew 1 1/2 inch square to 3 1/2 x 1 1/2 focus fabric and 2 1/2. X 1/ 1/2 on other end
- Line up with ends matching in colour and narrow strip in the middle

Each block will be 6.5".



A sign up sheet was passed for volunteers to present a block in upcoming months. Dec -Gillian, Jan - Sandi, Feb - Stella April- Joanne, June - Margaret. Missing months may be needed to catch up due to snow days.

5. Program:

Hanne attended a workshop by [Maria Shell](#) author of '[Improv Patchwork](#)' presented by the Genessee Valley Quilt Guild in Rochester N.Y. Hanne loves paper piecing so the improv no ruler mat cut technique stretched her. We enjoyed seeing her work from the day and learned Maria quilts intensely, stitching around each bit twice over top of previous quilting, she changes thread colour to match each fabric, she strip pieces then cross cuts, and she likes solid colours with good contrast.

6. Show and Tell:

Gillian is back to sewing and was thrilled to discover her Janome which spent five seasons packed away just needed a cleaning and now purrs. She has made a large flannel improv quilt top for her daughter's dog to replace the nice quilt the dog uses.(!!) and she is part way through a summery quilt top using vintage sheets. We look forward to seeing if she does cut that one up or leaves it with long strips.

Margaret feels inspired to sew again and her new sewing room is almost complete. She showed a Kaffe Fasset quilt top called 'ice cream' which is often done in pastels but hers is purples for her bedroom.

Discussed Kaffe's '[Quilt Romance](#)', '[Quilts of Provence](#)' and '[Quilts From The Cotswolds](#)'. Wendy B wants that one as she was born there.

Sandi power sewed a random cut square in a square toddler quilt in coral, turquoise and brown for a family member arriving from Sweden and used Jacqui Gehring's echo curves motif to quilt it.

Joanne told us about '[The Annex](#)' in Bracebridge where she has donated beads, scrapbooking materials, and fabric.

Wendy W fussy cut a Kaffe Fassett floral fabric in pinks as the centres for a square in a square variation and quilted it with her machine's serpentine stitch. She plans to use the fabric's peach flowers fussy cut for another quilt. She gleaned ideas from the group as to what to do with a beautiful large fall scene/Muskoka chair/Hudson's Bay blanket panel and co-ordinating fabrics.

Mary showed a toddler girl quilt top which will be a gift to a friend for her first granddaughter.

7. Whew! Still with us?

Our next meeting will be a sew day Thursday November 7. Hope to see you there. Please let me know of errors or omissions to these minutes.

Mary



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