

Modern Quilting Group **Thursday June 4th - via Zoom**

Our **Pinetree Modern Quilting Group** met via Zoom on **Thursday June 4** with thirteen members present. Regrets were received from three others.

Thank you to Pam for sending out notice of the meeting and for allowing us to use her Zoom account and to Wendy for chairing our time together.

Having been home for so long we each **enjoyed catching up**. Wendy asked us to **share** what we had been doing lately, and if we were baking more than usual. Everyone mentioned making masks. Lots of masks.

Sandi has been knitting, sewing, gardening, walking. She made a baby quilt and has enjoyed quilting her Elvira Quarantine quilt. She is loving her new machine which has more space for quilting easily.

Zelda made onion marmalade and a dandelion balm to help with arthritis. She has a busy Zoom life, participating in Knit In The Pit at the Asbury Hotel with John Giswald and Fleece and Harmony, a podcast from PEI.

Pam took a labyrinth building course from Veritas online, exciting as these are usually held far away in person. She has also made a rag baby quilt.

Mary R has not been in a store since March. She has been quilting, baking numerous goodies and enjoyed her 60th U of T nursing graduation on Zoom. Twelve of the original twenty-four participated.

Mary M is enjoying puttering around the house and has an idea in mind for a baby quilt for a new great nephew Archie Crawford but nothing has been stitched.

Lynda G participated in Thimbles and Things' Square Dance quilt along but found her scrappy creation 'didn't dance' so needs some changes. She too enjoyed a U of T nursing graduation anniversary via Zoom, her 50th.

Ardith is grateful for her walks and completing jobs on the 'to do' list so all will be ready for future guests.

Carolyn seems to start much and finish nothing but is looking forward to a new grandchild in two weeks.

Carol made rhubarb scones and delivered them to neighbours' mailboxes. She created a modern half square triangle wall hanging sized quilt and asked the group about the best way to attach a hanging sleeve as the binding is a facing.

Sheila doesn't bake and didn't garden but this spring has learned she loves gardening. Her husband cooks now so she has time to play with a quilt and do church work.

Wendy B has made two Elvira Quarantine quilts and wants to do some rhubarb baking. Maybe a rhubarb custard pie!

Wendy W is looking forward to the birth of her first granddaughter the first week of July. She enjoys sewing, gardening daily, and baking. The rhubarb pie motivating Wendy B was Wendy W's.

Sheila showed us the **Block of the Month (BOM)**, # 38 from Tula Pink's book '100 Modern Quilt Blocks. Each block is 6.5". We decided to continue with the blocks going forward, especially as each is so small. We have done eight blocks so far,

1. 6.5" square in a square
2. Tula Pink #28 page 68
3. Half square triangle
4. TP #56 page 128
5. TP #100 page 220
- 6 TP #91 page 202
7. TP #49 page 113
8. TP #38 page 91.

The BOM for July will be Tula Pink #77 page 173 led by Wendy.

Considering many said they hadn't done much sewing we seemed to have had a generous **Show and Tell**.

Sandi used the scraps from her Rio de Janiero sweatshirt jacket to make a baby quilt for Frances Joyce, a friend's granddaughter. It was squares and rectangles using seven fabrics and solids, and she incorporated the baby's name into it. Quilting was cross hatching. She is also making a new Circle of Friends quilt using Liberty prints and fine cotton, but she finds the background puckers. Discussion ensued about types of cotton to use. Perhaps a chambray or Moda solid.

Zelda showed us the fruits of her labour in making an arthritis salve with dandelions, essential oils, and olive oil.

Carolyn completed a Gees Bend inspired geometric quilt pieced ten years ago and finished with curved stitching. It is ready for the quilt show now.

Mary Reimer purchased 'jaws' from Thimbles and Things and recommends them to roll a quilt for quilting. She showed a modern sampler in blues and yellows for her new sunroom, a Northcott 24 blocks in 24 days project and as they are mirror image you finish with 48 blocks.

Sheila has had fun 'making fabric' tutored by Victoria Findlay Wolfe's '15 Minutes of Fun'. Using tiny scraps she is making 10" squares, cutting them to 5" and using them plus wonky white stars to make her blocks. She said this technique is like potato chips...you can't make just one. Unbelievably this will become a king sized quilt. She also is enjoying VFW's 'Modern Quilt Magic: 5 Parlor Tricks to Expand Your Piecing Skills'. [Victoria Findlay Wolfe Quilts](#)

Mary M hasn't quilted, is still enjoying making herself some simple clothing.

Pam did a rag quilt for her new great niece Ella Louise and is gardening. She says finding tomato or zucchini plants this spring is like looking for toilet paper in April.

Wendy B wondered about the best mask pattern. Much discussion flowed...you tube, joann fabric, Missouri Star, Craft Passion, Thimbles and Things....many patterns available online.

Carol C showed her colourful scrappy half square triangle + white wall hanging quilt.

Wendy W thanked the group for her heart runner which is hanging on her banister. She has completed her 52-50 quilt and it needs to be quilted. She showed her fresh flowers and white baby quilt, and her girly improv house quilt. She also showed a lovely pohutukawa flower mini for Bill's 75th on June 22. And she has made a huge string block bag using an IKEA bag as a pattern.

Further discussion included Mary R asking about backing for string quilts...muslin, newsprint, not phone book paper. We also talked of the benefits of Zoom in being able to see and chat with family more often than before. We discussed the wider binding Sandi used on her baby quilt: benefits, best techniques. We also chatted about how Carol might add a hanging sleeve and felt adding the sleeve on top of the facing binding was best.

We talked about Pam's generosity in allowing us to use her Zoom account. She wouldn't let us to contribute to that but suggested we **make a donation to the Manna food bank**. That is easily done online at <http://www.mannafoodbank.ca>

We were each reminded to forward any **photos to Halina** for inclusion in the online minutes.

Pam will give notice for our next meeting **Thursday July 2 1:00 p.m. via Zoom**.

Happy sewing everyone. Stay healthy.
Mary McFarlane