

Pinetree Modern Quilting Group Minutes
Thursday July 2nd, 2020 via Zoom

Twelve members in attendance. Thank you to Pam Rimmer for arranging and sending out the notice for this Zoom Meeting. Thank you, Mary McF. for chairing the meeting.

Mary asked us two questions to share with the group: Do you sew in this heat? Has your creativity been hindered by COVID-19?

Halina is at her cottage in the Restoule Lake since the beginning of June. She has sewn sundresses for her grandbaby. She has also been busy planting flowers, maintaining her cottage property and protecting the wildlife on the property.

Ardith has been busy planting gardens and doing lots of watering. She has also been doing a little sewing. COVID has been unsettling for her, but staying in contact with family and friends.

Pam is cranky and is waiting for hip replacement surgery, delayed four months because of COVID. She doesn't like the heat, but has been outside doing a lot of gardening. Pam has four projects she needs to cut out and then she is ready to get started sewing. She has been to the hair salon and collected her white hair for a friend to make fly fishing lures.

Zelda is feeling unsettled (and a bit cranky too) with COVID. She feels it is too hot for sewing. Zelda has been making ointments with comfrey, plantain and cedar and she also made more onion marmalade.

Mary D. has missed attending the group because of an extended work contract. She hasn't done much sewing, but has made some masks and done some gardening. She is missing hugs from family and was able to attend a small family gathering on the weekend, it seemed almost like "normal" times.

Sheila is happy that her daughter and grandson have joined their bubble. She continues to be making fabric from small bits. Sheila is an introvert and is enjoying the slower pace of the last few months. Her dog is also happy that she is home!

Hanne went camping last week for the first time. She is almost finished working on a quilt from fabric from her stash. Hanne likes staying home and loves Zoom.

Mary R. has been busy during this social-isolation time and not leaving the home for shopping. She has been biking, walking, sewing quite a bit and making masks from the Thimbles and Things' new mask video. She feels this pattern (designed by J. Ricca) is more comfortable.

Carolyn has just got home from Niagara on the Lake and has a new granddaughter, Ruby Isla and was enjoying extra time playing with her grandson. Carolyn loves the heat, but not gardening. She sews at night and is presently working on a quiet time book for her grandson.

Wendy W. modeled the new mask pattern from Thimbles and Things' website and says it is easier to make. She is still waiting for the arrival of a new baby granddaughter. Wendy is doing lots of

gardening and has begun to machine quilt her 52/50 quilt. She is also working on Carol Cragg's pattern of Sewing for a Day making 2-1/2 inch squares from her stash. Sometime ask Wendy about her golf swing in a sand trap story!

Wendy B. says that life keeps moving along.... People kindly are bringing a few things (food and refreshments) into her. She has been doing lots of sewing.

Mary M. made a cute top from a half yard of fabric and few other extra bits from [Make a Garment a Month Sewalong](#) using half yard focus fabric, sideways, plus quilting remnants, with June's Challenge of [#jugglingjune](#) and July's Challenge [#joinupjuly](#) on Instagram [#magamsewalong](#) ([@sewing_in_spain](#); [@suestorey](#); [@hportemanteau](#)). Nice modeling Mary! Mary's Mom died after failing health over the last month. COVID has small family gatherings for funerals. Mary has also joined into her daughter's family bubble and enjoying time with grandchildren and great granddaughter Tatum. She has made some masks, but not sewing in the afternoons as her sewing room is too hot.

Block of the Month (BOM) #77 is the ninth block from Tula Pink's book "100 Modern Quilt Blocks". Wendy W. , Sheila and Mary showed their BOM. Next month, Sheila has suggested that the August's BOM is crosses. Please check out Block #1 on page 13 in Tula's Pink's "100 Modern Quilt Blocks". We will not be posting the instructions because of copyright issues.

Other Discussion:

September's BOM will be chosen from an online 6-1/2 inch block. Please consider bringing block suggestions to the August meeting.

Wendy and Mary are considering a more formal meeting style for the Fall with a monthly theme and maybe some teaching/learning. Please make a list of things you would like to learn or teach to the August meeting (e.g., Wendy's idea curved piecing).

Show and Tell:

Carolyn showed her new book that just arrived called "[Walking 2.0](#)" by Jacquie Gering. It combines stitching designs, done with a walking foot.

Mary R. showed a book that she purchased at Thimbles and Things called, "[Straight Line Quilting Designs](#)" written by a few authors, one is Angela Walters, with 154 different designs. Mary also made the "[Square Dance Pattern](#)" that Sheila showed last month. Mary was very happy, as she says it wants to dance! She hopes to machine quilt it. She is also working on relief quilts for Mennonite Church group. She has made 48-10 inch strip quilt blocks using newsprint as the backing and is finding the newsprint easy to remove.

Wendy W. made an adjustable BBQ apron for her husband for Father's Day with adjustable neck strap using plackets (side seams that are wide enough to pull ties through, so it is easier to fit the strap over the head. Wendy used [Mr. Domestic-Adjustable BBQ Apron](#) I pattern. She also made one for herself. She is presently making 9 patch blocks from batik fabrics, along with half square triangles for another quilt.

Sheila is continuing to work on Wonky Stars and presently making orange fabric and cutting this fabric into various sized blocks. She is having fun with this process. When she is finished, she will

have a very colourful quilt (and a few bits of fabric left over?). Check out [Victoria Findlay Wolf's Making Fabric online](#).

Halina made some baby outfits for her granddaughter from the "[Happy](#)" fat quarters that she purchased and showed us in May. Check out the photos online.

Hanne is scrapbusting an [Aviatrix](#) quilt, very colourful and almost finished! She is using lots of bits and still has bits of fabric left over.....

Wendy W. suggested that she is going to use her tiny bits to scatter on fabric and cover with netting and free motion quilt over like Rita Budd's 2002 wall hanging of an Autumn tree. Wendy B. then showed her Spring Tree wall hanging from the same workshop.

Next Meeting: August 6th at 1:00 pm

Please bring ideas for programming for the Fall
Please send photos to Halina to post online.

Pam mentioned that the Quilting Guild of York Region is using Zoom for meetings throughout 2020 and 2021.

Check out the Pine Tree Guild for information for September's Meeting

Guelph's Royal City Guild is using Zoom for meetings now through to June 2021

Please let Ardith know if there was anything missed in the minutes. Thank you