

**Modern Quilt Group Meeting**  
**August 6, 2020**  
**ZOOM**

**1. Welcome**

.It was nice to 'see' a number of our group's members at our meeting on Thursday August 6 and to think of others not in attendance.

Ardith, Halina and Sandi sent regrets but also some ideas for future meetings.

**2. Books, Blogs, Happenings.**

Quilt shows are virtual, but not as pleasing as in person and seeing the quilts.

Sue plans to close Quilting In Muskoka around Thanksgiving if a buyer is not found before then.

**3. Future Plans**

We discussed thoughts and ideas for the fall, recognizing that we will all be home and on zoom for the foreseeable future.

September we will talk about how we organize our sewing supplies and area, Mary M will do a little presentation, and it is hoped members will send in photos of their fabric/sewing supplies storage. From our conversation we realize some like everything tidy while others are more creative with mess nearby!

Learning more about curved piecing appeals to many. Perhaps we will have someone in to do a zoom demo. After the meeting I enjoyed watching [Rob Appel's you tube](#) curved piecing demo, and the quilt behind him. Google it.

Many of us would like to follow Sheila's lead in 'creating fabric' in the style of Victoria Findlay Wolfe. [vfwquilts.com '15 Minutes of Play Improvisational Quilts'](#) 'made fabric piecing'. We liked the idea of trading and sharing baggies containing one colour of fabric and each creating a block. Had visual images of handing over baggies of green to one person, yellow to another...in the library parking lot! More to come on this.

Several expressed an interest in doing another co operative outreach quilt, perhaps using the 'made fabric' from above. Possibly for Andy's House in Port Carling. Also making pillowcases for it and the hospice in Huntsville.

Sheila said she wants to learn new techniques and ideas this winter, rather than sewing the familiar. She wants to take a leap of courage in her sewing and reminisced about how at first our modern group was that challenge and leap for many of us. Others felt the same way.

Ardith would enjoy learning about applique techniques, modern quilting on a domestic machine, and seeing a demo of new gadgets. Though she hasn't participated in the BOM she has enjoyed seeing the blocks others have made.

Sandi wondered if we might cut kits for the breast pillow kits, is interested in learning about high definition quilting, liked doing BOM and is interested in charity quilt.

Pam suggested inviting her award winning quilt friend Vicky from Vancouver to talk with us. Having our meetings on zoom allows for participation from farther afield. She spoke about linking into zoom meetings with other modern guilds, Discussion followed about inviting or profiling Canadian modern quilters at our

meetings. One mentioned was Andrea Tsang Jackson of <http://www.3rdstoryworkshop.com> and we will look for other suggestions.

Wendy W would enjoy more quilt as you go projects and learning more about 'y' seams.

Several said 'yes' to every idea so far!

#### **4. BOM**

Participation has not been high, partly because many of the blocks were from Tula Pink's book, and not everyone has a copy. The consensus was to continue, but to choose 6.5" modern blocks more easily available. For September we are each encouraged to make and bring one of these, and we can decide then who will present their block at which month's meeting.

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

Halina sent in a photo of her paper pieced ducks bag for her granddaughter and reminded us to send in our show and tell photos to her.

Mary M showed an almost finished quilt for new great nephew Archie, using bird blocks from a few years ago and fabric on hand.

Zelda has participated in stitch meditation with a cancer group on retreat in Haliburton.

Lynda showed her square dance quilt made with oriental fabrics and quilted in a bamboo design by Sue Chin.

Mary Reimer has completed and hung a fabric art Muskoka scene in her new sunroom, perfectly fitting into the peak of the ceiling.

Sheila and others have been back at mask making, and many of hers have been hung from a cross outside her church in Orillia, available for anyone to take. The ongoing need for masks was discussed.

Carol has made lavender body scrub.

Wendy W is using the leftover tumbling triangle pieces for a pillow and showed a bag in strip piecing made from Margaret Gage's aunt's fabric.

#### **6. Upcoming meeting.**

Our September meeting will again be on zoom on **Thursday September 3 at 1.00**. We are each to make and show a 6.5" modern block of our choice from an easily found source, not copyrighted. Program will be 'getting organized for fall and to sew'. Show and tell as usual.

Happy sewing everyone, stay healthy.

Mary McFarlane