

Pinetree Modern Group Minutes -Zoom Thursday September 3 2020

1. Welcome: We had eleven members on our zoom meeting and received regrets from Halina, Margaret, Zelda and Linda.

Halina did send a reminder to **forward photos to her** so they can be posted on the website. Not photos of our sewing spaces though!

2. Books Blogs Events What's New:

Hanne and Sheila have enjoyed [Sheila Christensen's](#) Hemisphere quilt along online using the book ['The Quick and Easy Triangle Block Tool'](#) You can join in by searching on Facebook or Instagram and joining the group to receive access to the video.

Sandi wondered about Jacqui Gehring's new book ['Walk 2.0'](#). Does anyone have it? Has anyone tried it out? Sheila said it is similar to 'Walk" but uses more marking.

3. Modern Quilter of the Month:

Mary McF spoke about Krista Hennebury of #poppyprint and [Poppyprint](#) from Vancouver Modern Quilt Guild. She is 'a geologist by training and a quilter by choice' and is the author of ['Make It Take It - 16 Cute and Clever Projects to Sew With Friends'](#). She will be the program speaker at the Guelph Royal City Quilt Guild this month, as with zoom speakers can come from afar. Hanne heard her speak along with Angela Tsangon an instagram tv interview.

Next month Hanne will speak about her choice of a modern quilter and Sheila will tell us about Carolyn Friedlander in November.

4. Block of the Month:

We decided that for this year each month one of our members will present a block found without copyright restrictions. These could be used in a sampler quilt or as inspiration for a project. We discussed that these blocks could be modern interpretations of vintage blocks.

Mary McF showed Simple Sampler Block #25 which can be found on <https://colorgirlquilts.com/category/freequiltpatternsandtutorials/>. Please look up directions on your own, to avoid copyright infraction .

We have set up a schedule for a few months...

Wendy W-October 'bordered nine patch'

Hanne-November 'modern vintage farmers wife'

Sheila-December 'Modern Monday #34 - skewed checkerboard'

Sandi -January 'sticks/strips'

Lynda-February curved pieced quilt 'a cut above'

Carol-March 'improv flowers' from the Emerald Coast Modern Quilt Guild

5. Program: Sewing area organization:

We enjoyed a number of photos of our sewing stations and fabric storage thanks to Pam's technical wizardry and agreed these should not go onto the guild's general website.

Ardith uses bins under the stairs for fabric storage and two IKEA tables for cutting and sewing. Sandi uses Sapporo beer boxes (sturdy) to collect and store items for each project. She shared the memory of Donna Edwards showing how to fold fabric around the 6" ruler so all is symmetrical and easily stored on a shelf. In colour order of course!

Mary R has storage bins in a spare bedroom cupboard so all can be tidied away.

Sheila has had custom furniture built for her small 9.5x8 ft space which is both sewing room and office. She sorts fabric by colour in brown bins then into zip lock bags for projects.

Pam's stash is organized by colour in bins in the basement, but she has always enjoyed sewing in a corner of the living room. Wendy W keeps fabric in an old armoire, stores rulers and the colour wheel in a block of wood with slatted grooves and sews on an old dining room table in her sewing room.

Mary McF showed scissors, rotary cutters, and seam rippers on a magnetic strip. She also recently saw the idea of a large mirror behind your sewing machine, not to look at yourself but to provide more light.

6. Show and Tell:

Hanne won the most laughs with her 'plague mask'. She sews in her unfinished basement and has done so for eleven years. She doesn't want the construction mess of having it finished or having to lose even an inch of space.

Mary R is working on a quilt for Lois in Ottawa. Sixty people have sent in notes, cards and fabric bits for Mary to use in the scrappy railroad quilt.

Ardith has done an alphabet quilt using fabric from her stash.

WendyW showed a Kaffe Fassett hot pad, a runner using charm squares, and a cheery pumpkin for her front door.

Sandi's square in a square baby quilt has gone to the baby so couldn't be shown. She used two of the 'bird blocks' from a few years ago for cheery pillows.

Sheila used a layer cake to make 36 blocks from last year's BOM's for a bordered quilt and used the 'orange peel' technique for quilting it. She told us also about an online auction of fabric from a closing store in Sarasota Florida.

Hanne showed a bag with straight line quilting and a purse started two years ago featuring flying geese.

Did I miss anyone?

7. Next month's program:

We will look at curved piecing. Some of our members like to know what we are doing ahead so they can look up projects and ideas while others prefer to wait and see what is presented. Both choices work! Rob Appell of 'Man Sewing' has a 13 minute Youtube video '[Quilts With Curves](#)' which is simple and instructional. Some of us have used the quick curve rulers from <http://www.sewkindofwonderful.com> Their site also has free patterns.

8. Outreach:

Andy's Place, the new hospice in Port Carling, will open October 1. They are most appreciative of the quilts made so far.

Andrea is in charge of outreach for the guild now, and pillowcases for the two local hospices are always welcome.

Our group decided to make a twin sized co operative quilt using the pickup sticks or toothpicks quilt block with a white background and black and white patterned 'sticks'. Many examples can be found on Pinterest.

Mary Reimer will purchase white fabric at Quilting in Muskoka and will cut it into 9"WOF strips. These will be distributed (watch for separate email with details) and we are to cut that 9" strip into 9" squares and use those to make our pickup sticks improv blocks with black and white fabrics. Don't trim them, it will be done later.

9. Membership:

As our modern group is a subset of the Pinetree Quilters Guild we are reminded that we all should be paid up members. Annual dues are \$25 and can be paid online by e-transfer or with a cheque. Details on the guild's newsletter or website.

We will place a welcoming note in next month's newsletter in case anyone would like to join our group. We all agreed we love the group as it is though...but we would welcome newcomers.

10. And Also...

Sandi lost her first quilting friend recently. She prided herself for never having to get up, as she had her sewing machine, iron, and cutting board within swivel chair reach. She never got up or moved around as we all should. She fell, and couldn't get up.

Wendy W reminded us to not leave a pot simmering and lose track of time while sewing. We have all done that!

11. Next meeting:

Thursday October 1 1:00 by zoom.

Happy sewing!
Stay healthy!

Mary McFarlane