

## Modern Guild Zoom Meeting June 3, 2021

10 members attended this virtual meeting.

Ardith volunteered to take the minutes.

### **Books, Blogs, News:**

Sandi asked if anyone received the magazine, 'Make Modern', from Australia? She likes it.

At the CQAO Show, Donna Edwards has a quilt in the show. (a previous member from PTQG, who now lives in Saskatoon). You will need to buy an online ticket to see quilts online.

Wendy W. recommended that 'Today's Quilter' Magazine has a good article on colour.

Mary McF. commented on the increased number of men who are quilting with some are quilting 10 hours plus a day. An example is Dale Allen-Rowe, The Quilting Cowboy (@quiltingcowboy), a National Acclaimed Fibre Artist.

Ardith and several others mentioned that they attended (virtually) the Global Quilt Connection's 'All Star Virtual Sampler Platter' on May 22nd and 23rd and enjoyed it. Another presentation will be offered again in October. Mary R. asked if we could approach the PTQG executive about buying a guild membership again for October? Lynda G. is on the executive and will follow up.

Mary McF. suggested that in the Fall PTQG Newsletter we place an invitation to any PTQG members who would like to join in the Modern Guild. Wendy W. placed an invitation in March 2021 newsletter. It was discussed that an invitation be placed in the August Newsletter to say that all are welcome to join in and that we will continue to meet virtually over Zoom the first Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm. The first Fall Meeting will be September 2nd, 2021, with Mary McF. and Wendy W's contact information.

### **Block of the Month:**

The samples of BOM for May were shown by several members.

Wendy W. showed the Wonky Flowers or Wonky Posies for June's BOM using slashed, improv, wonky techniques and using circles with 'Wonder Under' fusible web. Wendy recommends going online to check out UTubes and blogs. Wendy fussy cut some of the pieces and pieced the stem and leaves. It is time consuming for the leaves and stems (she recommends bigger stems) and recommends that tulips are easier.

### **Program:** Share thoughts about this group over the past four years

Each member in attendance had the opportunity to express their thoughts about this Modern Guild. Here are the feedback comments: helped me be more creative, MG makes the PTQG more worthwhile, opportunity to meet people with common interests in quilting and pass along tips, "found my peeps", stretched my creativity, inspiring, fun group, "found my tribe", this group has helps me be more open to to new ideas with different blocks and techniques, more open to try new techniques, it's a whole new thing that I didn't know about and new learning (and more negative space in quilting), like the small group sharing and ability to ask questions, getting to meet and know more Modern quilters and learn from them (e.g., Jacqui Gerhing), this Modern G pushes me to try new things, gives me encouragement and courage to try new techniques, the ability to show up and have fun and learn in a group setting, well organized meetings by ex-teachers, new adventures in learning like using a walking foot and modern ideas, like the agenda, the sharing in this group is outstanding, many thanks for Mary and Wendy for their

leadership, like the sharing and helping each other attitude of the group, and thank you also to Pam and Sheila for setting up virtual meetings via Zoom.

Mary McF wants us to think about next steps like shared leadership and think and plan a few months in advance. She asked about whether there should be a change in leadership? There was a unanimous response of "no". She also commented that the learning and the friendships of the group are important. Wendy W's comments that we seem to be comfortable with each other and that the mindset of this group is more open to trying different things. The MG is a highlight of the month, especially through this pandemic and that none of us have run out of fabric during this pandemic..... thread maybe!! She likes the idea of outreach opportunities too.

### **Share Modern:**

Mary McF. shared that she has had lots of fun participating in "Me Made May" on Instagram by making and wearing an article of clothing each day in May. The Instagram site has 78 thousand posts of mostly young women and independent pattern makers who have used mainly linen for their projects. Mary has recycled fabric from previous projects (like duvets, curtains) and can hardly wait for thrift shops to open again.

Mary R. working on Tula Nova, from an English paper piecing workshop at Thimbles and Things. She started in January and it's 53 by 53 inches. She asked the group for some input on how to complete it.

Sandi showed her completed Puzzle Box Quilt. She said it was easy to put together using fabrics from her stash. It's a Christa Watson's pattern, free from Christa Quilts website.

Sandi asked the group about whether they wash a quilt after quilting it and before giving it away? There seemed to be a variety of responses from the group with some saying no (when it is a baby quilt as there is an assumption that the family would wash it before using it) and some saying yes (wash after quilting). Sandi gave us a tip from the Global Quilt Connection that before 'stitching in the ditch', clean the ditch with a stiletto before quilting.

Sheila designed and fabricated a cycling cap with her son who loves cycling. He wears the cap under his bike helmet. Sheila used 2 layers of Pellon Decor Bond for sturdiness in the brim of the cap. She also made a sun hat, a clothesline basket as a basket for a large plant and a purse.

Wendy W. made sundresses for her granddaughter.

Carolyn made a balloon dress for her granddaughter.

### **Summer Plans and next meeting:**

Mary McF. asked if the group wanted to meet in the summer and the group said yes to meeting virtually.

Next meeting is Thursday July 1st, 2021 at 1:00 pm via Zoom

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Warmest regards,

Ardith