

Pinetree Modern Minutes for Thursday September 2, 2021

We met under the pavilion at Annie Williams Park in Bracebridge on a fresh afternoon and welcomed eighteen to our meeting, including newcomers Leslie W., Janet S., Kim W., Phyllis F, Judy B., Carrie L., Suzanne B-R, and Donna S.

Happenings:

A reminder to all that our modern group is an offshoot of the Pinetree Quilters Guild of Muskoka, so your membership to that guild should be up to date.

The Barrie Modern Quilt Group (look on Facebook) will have Jacqui Gehring speaking at a zoom presentation on September 30 at 7 pm. Online tickets can be purchased before September 15 for \$15.

Carol Lyles Shaw will be the zoom guest of the <http://www.londonmodernquiltguildcanada.com> on September 10.

Lynda told us about a Mending Circle Project Show which will take place at the Huntsville Fine Arts Studio from September 16-October 3.

BOM;

The group overwhelmingly decided to not continue with Block of the Month. For the past two years, our members have presented blocks monthly. Sandi showed us her almost finished quilt top and the group gave her a number of ideas for next steps.

Crumbs;

At an earlier meeting we discussed crumbs and crumb quilts, which Pam describes as crazy quilts using very small pieces. Some members brought bags of crumbs in a single colour to share. If members choose, they might play with crumbs to create fabric, and make a tote bag to give to one of our charities. Sheila showed us her beautiful wonky star/crumb king sized quilt with various Kaffe Fassett fabrics for backing. As it was so big she chose the 'quilt as you go' technique.

Library;

We were reminded that our guild library is available online and librarian Jan MacDonald would be happy to get books to you. A number of modern quilting books have been recently purchased.

Pick Up Sticks Outreach Quilt;

Members made pick up sticks blocks over the past year using a variety of modern black and white fabrics for the sticks, and all had the same white tone on tone fabric for the base of each block. Mary M and Wendy W put them together, but the quilt needs to be larger. More blocks have come in. The group decided three randomly placed blocks with a hit of red would help the design. Mary R has diagonal striped red and black fabric for the backing and she will add blocks to enlarge the quilt front.

Bring a few dollars to the next meeting to reimburse Mary for the fabric.

Share Modern;

Lynda showed her 'Find The Rainbow In The Storm' quilt. The pattern was free from issue 10 of http://www.yumpu.com/xx/modern_by_the_yard which Carol told the group about in February. Sue Chin quilted Lynda's quilt.

Janet Slater shared her 'Warmth of our Stars' in batiks from www.quiltingdaily.com and designed by Scott Flanigan. Janet quilted it on her longarm machine.

Sandi showed Sorrento bucket hats by <http://www.elbetextiles.com.au> The online pattern had been free but is now \$5 with proceeds going to various charities. She feels her black, white and red stack and whack quilt for her grandson, now 14, and made from Libs Elliott fabrics needs more quilting. The backing is camo flannel and will have a large Star Wars label. Sandi also shared a sweet baby quilt in pastels she is calling 'Bubbles', made in her own design.

Mary McF has completed her improv lap quilt in browns and rusts as well as a reversible table runner in black and white.

Mary R showed her granddaughter's Thangles pattern quilt in black and white with pops of lime green. It was an ongoing project from Thimbles and Things.

Kim shared her detailed scrap modern improv quilt top. Lots of fun in it.

Sheila shared her king-sized crumbs/wonky star quilt, and her Butterfly quilt along quilt from Thimbles and Things. She told of using 'hotel soap' and painters' tape to keep lines straight for quilting.

Leslie showed her Blossoms quilt for survivors of residential schools and a CQA mystery quilt in mauves and purples. By chance she quilted it on her longarm with the same design as Mary had Sue Bogers use on her black, white and green quilt. Both looked terrific.

Wendy W showed a huge strip pieced tote bag. She had used an IKEA bag for a pattern. She shared some beautiful fabrics she has purchased recently including a Liberty piece from <https://darrellthomas.com/> in Almonte Ont.

Carol Cragg has completed a wall hanging she called 'Birch Trees'. Designed by Jacqui Gehring, Jacqui calls it 'Night Forest' and says it was inspired by her grandmother's silver birch china and her husband's birch bark. A variety of these can be seen on Pinterest. Carol also made a tote bag for a women's shelter.

Linda shared a fine piece designed by Jennifer Houlden <http://www.quiltsbyjen.com> as well as a small fall piece which reminded her of our day to finally meet together.

October's meeting

We will meet Thursday October 7 at 1:00 with location to be determined, depending on covid protocols at the time.

Mary will lead a discussion of what to do with improv blocks and ideas for how to put them together. If you have some BOM's languishing, bring them along for discussion and placement on our design wall.

Happy sewing.

Submitted by Mary McFarlane