

Notes from the Modern Quilt Group Sept. 1, 2022 at Annie Williams Park

1. Wendy W. welcomed 14 members and gave a brief history of the group, which is starting its 6th year. Mary McF and Wendy are happy to continue leading the group unless there are other volunteers.
2. The Oct. 6, 2022 meeting was going to be a working/sewing meeting but Wendy was unable to book the room at the church. It was decided that it would be a finger food picnic and socializing meeting at 1 pm. at Annie Williams Park. If the weather is poor/too cold, Sheila will convene the meeting on zoom.
3. News/Reviews Sheila mentioned the Len's Mills store at 66 Orfus Rd., in Toronto is worth visiting. The Bracebridge Fair is on Sept. 16,17,18 and quilts can be entered. The Pinetree Guild Quilt Show is June 2,3, 2023
4. Each of the 2022-2023 meetings will have a focus on 1 of the Basics of Modern Quilting, which include bright colours, high contrast, improv piecing, negative space etc. For Oct. the topic will be bright colours. Members can make/bring a block demonstrating bright colours. Some of the blocks could be used in a display for the Quilt Show in June. Carol C, Wendy W. and Mary McF are all doing the 30 days of Improv challenge.
5. Outreach – the Huntsville family mentioned last month, has returned to Ukraine. Mary R has a contact who could take quilts for families in the Kitchener Waterloo area. Kim W will connect with Ramara group to discuss donating a quilt. Wendy W will take the quilts to show at the Guild meeting on Sept. 8, hoping that after the mention in the newsletter, some members will have other suggestions for places to donate. These quilts will need Guild labels. Wendy W mentioned that the “stick quilt” donated by this group to Andy's House Hospice was used to cover a deceased resident as s/he was transported out of the building – very touching and respectful.
6. At the last meeting, it was suggested that members could make fabric letters. Kim made 2 letters for the word “Care” and Wendy W showed her sample “Free”
7. Kim showed a beautiful king size quilt with a matching daybed size quilt. Anna showed 2 wall hangings based on the theme of modern log cabin and 1 with cascading colours. Carol C showed her 30 days of improv quilt top and explained the process.
8. Leslie and Anna were asked to speak about the Restoule Quilter's quilt which was accepted into Quilt Canada in Vancouver. It depicts a sewing room and was made by several members during the pandemic, when members could not meet. Anna had the challenge of fitting the different blocks together. Leslie will forward a picture of the quilt to Sheila. It has also been shown at the Ploughing Match display. CQA has requested that this quilt be part of the “Quilts Of Canada” exhibit at the Quilt Museum in Lowell, Mass., USA (Jan.-Apr. 2023)
9. Next meeting – Oct. 6, 2022 at 1 pm at Annie Williams Park, weather permitting. Bring your own dishes and finger food to share.