

ROCKET CITY MODERN QUILT GUILD



Community Outreach



St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

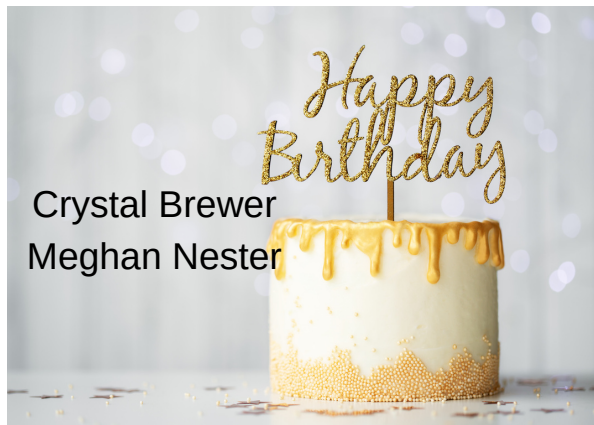
St. Jude Affiliate Clinic at
Huntsville Hospital for Women & Children



UPCOMING EVENTS

We hope to see you at these upcoming Guild events!

- March 9th -**RCMQG Sewcial Saturday**; 9:00 AM to 4:30PM; North Huntsville Public Library (3011 Sparkman Dr. NW, Huntsville, AL) and **via Zoom** at 9:30 AM
- March 19th - **RCMQG Monthly Meeting (Hybrid)**; Publix at Airport and Whitesburg (4851 Whitesburg Dr., Huntsville, AL) **AND Via Zoom** (5:30 PM to 6:00 PM - Social Time; 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM - General Meeting



MARCH GUILD MEETING

Join us at the March Guild meeting as we learn about the following exciting topics and activities:

- Program: Quilted Fashion Inspiration and Fashion Show and Tell
- Challenge #2 Continuing: Mini Inspired by a Book Cover
- Challenge #1 Continuing: Panel Party!
- Sew & Tell

SEW & TELL

What's under your needle? Share your photos on Slack or by email no later than Monday, March 18th to be included in the March 19th meeting presentation!



FEBRUARY MEETING RECAP

If you were unable to attend the February meeting, here's a rundown of what you missed:

- Meg led a program on Book Inspired Quilts and Minis.
- Pam introduced the February Challenge: Book Cover Inspired Mini. Make a mini quilt inspired by a book cover. Quilt should not be more than 22 inches on any side. They are due at the June meeting and will be displayed at the library.. All challenges completed on time will be entered into a prize drawing.
- Try It Out Day - RCMQG will host a table for adults.
- RCMQG members are invited to attend the HQH Fanfare Judge's Reception on March 14th at 7 pm for a discounted rate of \$5 if you purchase tickets between 6:30 and 7 pm that evening.
- Sew and Tell was presented.

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GUILD HAPPENINGS

March 9th is Sewcial Saturday! Come join us in the beautiful space at the North Huntsville library to work on your current project. This is a great time to start up your book mini or the panel challenge! Setup is at 9 am and we need to be cleared out by 4:30 pm.

The March meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19th at 6:00 pm at the Airport/Whitesburg Publix. The theme this month is Quilted Fashions. Our own Paula Newquist will be sharing a retrospective with us on her 20+ years of created quilted coats and other garments. She will share tips and tricks she has learned along the way. Please wear and/or bring your own quilted fashions as we will have a little fashion show fun for Show & Tell!



TRY IT OUT DAY

RCMQG will be supporting Weird Kids/Weird Kids for Life at their Try It Out Day, which will be held on March 3rd. Weird Kids and Weird Kids for Life is a community organization started by Shenanigans Comedy Theater, and focuses on being welcoming to neurodiverse, LGBTQ+, disabled, and other “weird” kids, families, and folks. It is organized through Facebook and both groups have over 1000 members each. Try It Out Day is a day for their members to try different hobbies. RCMQG is signed up for the adult session from 2 pm to 3:30 pm and will be doing a coaster project. Volunteers are needed to both prep materials and staff the table.



BOOK COVER INSPIRED MINI

The second challenge of 2024 was introduced at the February Meeting - Make a Mini Quilt Inspired by a Book Cover. Several sources for design idea inspiration were given. Remember - the mini quilt should not measure more than 22 inches on any side. Your book inspired mini is due at the June meeting and all quilts turned in on time will be entered into a prize drawing. They will be displayed at the North Huntsville Library. The link for the presentation can be found [here](#).



IT'S A PANEL PARTY CHALLENGE

The first challenge of 2024 introduced last month is - It's a Panel Party! Members are challenged to make a finished quilt to donate to St. Jude's using a panel.

Panels, as well as coordinating fabric, are available at the guild meetings and Sewing Saturdays, or you may use panels from your stash. If you are unable to attend in person, please contact rocketcitymqg@gmail.com to make other arrangements so we may send you a panel.

While St. Jude's does not have a quilt size requirement, we try to follow these guidelines: (i) Baby: 36" x 48"; (ii) Throw: 48" x 60"; and (iii) Hospital: 36" x 84".

You may work individually or collaboratively with other members. Quilts are due at the November meeting. All challenges completed will be entered into a prize drawing!

2024 YEAR AT A GLANCE

We are excited to present the 2024 programs and activities highlights. In addition, each newsletter will feature the next three-month's programs and activities chart in greater detail. We welcome your participation in any or all of these events!

Month(s)	Event
January - November	Panel Quilt Challenge
February - June	Mini Inspired by a Book Cover Challenge
March	Program: Quilted Fashion Inspirations and Fashion Show and Tell
April	Community Outreach Assembly Day
May	Program: Destashing Bonanza! QuiltCon Community Outreach Quilt
June	Program: Art Critique Techniques
July	Challenge 3 Mini Portrait of a Person or Animal
August	Retreat at Place of Grace, Clarkrange, TN
September	SewSignment Sale
October	Huntsville ShopHop
November	Panel Quilt Challenge Reveal
December	Holiday Party

MARCH 2024

Date	Event	Details
03/03/2024	RCMQG Board Meeting	
03/09/2024	Sewing Saturday	Theme: Work on a Challenge
03/14/2024	HQH Quilt Show Judge's Reception	7 pm Purchase Tickets from 6:30 to 7 for a discounted rate
03/19/2024	RCMQG General Meeting	Program: Quilted Fashion Inspirations and Fashion Show & Tell
March	Challenge #2	Continue Working on Mini Inspired by a Book Cover Challenge
March	Challenge #1	Continue Working on Panel Quilt Challenge

APRIL 2024

Date	Event	Details
04/07/2024	RCMQG Board Meeting	
04/16/2024	RCMQG General Meeting	Program: Sally Wright Trunk Show (tentative)
04/27/2024	Sewing Saturday	Theme:Community Outreach Assembly Day & Prize Drawing
April	Challenge #2	Continue Working on Mini Inspired by a Book Cover Challenge
April	Challenge #1	Continue Working on Panel Quilt Challenge

2024 PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

MAY 2024

Date	Event	Details
05/05/2024	RCMQG Board Meeting	
05/11/2024	Sewing Saturday	Theme:UFOs
05/21/2024	RCMQG General Meeting	Program: Destashing Bonanza
May	Workshop	Serge T-Shirts (date TBD)
May	QuiltCon Community Outreach Quilt	Sign-ups, pattern selection, fabric purchase
May	Challenge #2	Continue Working on Mini Inspired by a Book Cover Challenge
May	Challenge #1	Continue Working on Panel Quilt Challenge

THE MODERN QUILT GUILD HAPPENINGS

Log on to The Modern Quilt Guild website for more information about the following events and activities!



Digital Goodie Bags

The MQG emailed out the QuiltCon Digital Goodie Bag. There are coupon codes and a few free patterns from QuiltCon vendors.

<https://quiltcon.com/digital-goodie-bag/>



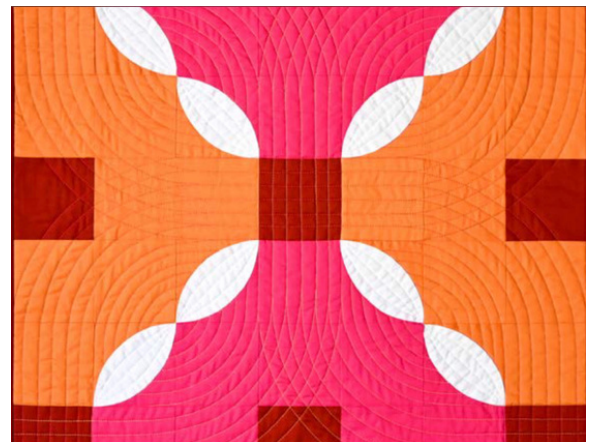
QuiltCon 2024 Winners

MQG members can view all QuiltCon 2024 Winners by clicking [here](#).

MQG RESOURCES

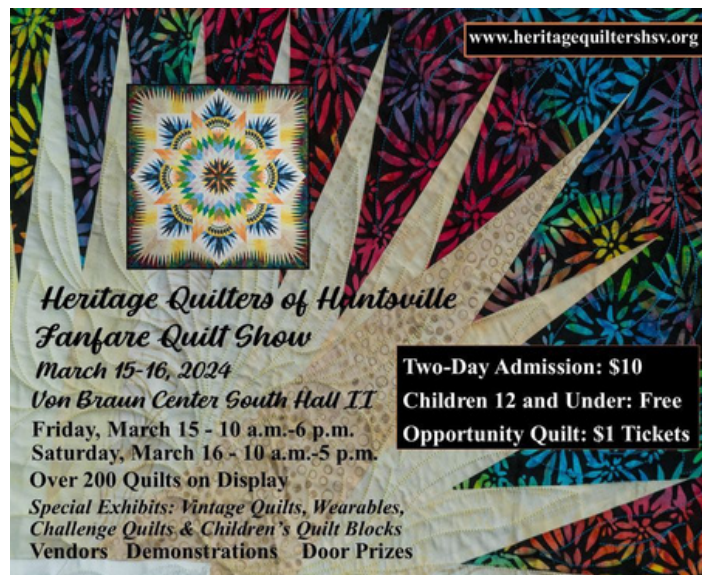
On-Demand Education: Modern Traditionalism with Holly Clarke

The Mini Satsuma quilt pattern, by Holly Clarke, explores the theme of Modern Traditionalism on a small scale. In it, the traditional Irish Chain quilt layout is updated by substituting curved Orange Peel blocks in place of squares. Log in to the MQG website to get the free pattern.



HQH FANFARE

The Huntsville Heritage Quilters (HQH) Fanfare Show will be at the VBC on March 15th and 16th from 10 am to 5 pm each day. Admission is \$10 at the door. RCMQG members are invited to attend the Judge's Reception on Thursday evening, which includes a program presented by the judge. This year's judge is Brandy Maslowski, who is also known as The Quilter on Fire. The reception begins at 7 pm. Tickets may be purchased for a discounted rate of \$5 between 6:30 pm and 7:00 pm. This includes admission to the show either on Friday or Saturday.



QUILTFOLK COUPON CODE

In appreciation of RCMQG'S involvement in their guild program, Quiltfolk has generously given our guild members a custom coupon code **GUILD29** to use on their website. The code is good for 15% off the total amount of your next order - now through March 31st.