

ROCKET CITY MODERN QUILT GUILD



Community Outreach



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UPCOMING EVENTS

We hope to see you at these upcoming Guild events!

- **March 11th - Sewing Saturday;** 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM; via Zoom
- **March 21st - RCMQG Monthly Meeting;** 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM; Publix at Airport and Whitesburg (4851 Whitesburg Dr, Huntsville, AL) **AND** via Zoom; additional information in the newsletter

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Crystal Brewer



MARCH GUILD MEETING

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

- Finishing Details with Amanda Conger and Debby Lee
- Pot Luck Party: An Auction Item Challenge
- Stitched-In-Color Circus Cabin Quilts Reveal
- RCMQG August Retreat Sign Ups
- Nashville Shop Hop Bop Sign Ups
- Budget Adjustments
- Sew & Tell

SEW & TELL

We love to see what our members have been sewing!

Share your photos on Slack or by [email](#) no later than Monday, March 20th to be included in the March 21st meeting presentation!

FEBRUARY MEETING RECAP

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

- Amanda lead a program on Quilt Photography, starting with the question of why are you taking the photograph -- is it for personal documentation, to share on social media, or to submit to a show/publication? Discussion centered around a detailed shot list, cell phone photos vs. SLR photos, how to handle common issues such as shadows or lint on the quilt, lighting sources. Excellent examples were provided using many of Amanda's quilts. The recorded presentation is available [here](#) and will be placed on the website.
- The new volunteer sign up process by task begins soon.
- A new in-person general meeting location has been found! Beginning on the March 21st meeting, the guild will meet at the Publix at Airport and Whitesburg. Further information is detailed in the newsletter. Zoom will still be used for those members unable to attend in-person meetings.
- The Stitched in Color Sew Along concludes in March; members finishing the quilt by March are eligible for a prize.
- Sew and Tell was presented.

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IN-PERSON GENERAL MEETINGS RETURN

Yippee! We have secured an in-person location for our general meetings! Thank you so much Danica Pruett for all your work in scouting out this location.

Join us on **Tuesday, March 21st**, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM at the **Publix Super Market at Piedmont Point Shopping Center**, located at **Airport and Whitesburg** (4851 Whitesburg Drive, Huntsville, AL). In addition, the guild remains committed to virtual accessibility and will continue to offer the meeting via Zoom for those members unable to attend in-person events.

The community room is on the first floor, accessible without stairs. When you enter the store, turn left just before the customer service desk. The community room will be located to the left by the AED defibrillator and dry ice dispenser. See photo directions at the end of the newsletter.

In addition, the guild will offer different color nametags to indicate your Covid comfort level. Masking requirements will be based on the current CDC community levels, but masking is welcome regardless of requirements.

Don't forget to bring:

Sew and Tell items | Community outreach items to drop off | Guild name badge



RAY'S GEORGIA QUILT



Congratulations to RCMQG Members Diane Lyles, Cathy Parsons, Glenn Pettaway, Pam Casey and Laura Huckabee-Jennings.

Their quilt, "**Ray's Georgia**", placed Third in the Group/Bee Quilt category at QuiltCon 2023 in Atlanta, Georgia! We are proud of your accomplishment!

QUILTCON 2023 DIGITAL GOODY BAG

Were you unable to attend QuiltCon 2023? Or, did you not have time to visit all the amazing vendor booths when you were there? Well, don't fret. The QuiltCon 2023 sponsors are gifting all MQG members a digital goody bag that is chock full of freebies, discounts and offers.

Check your email from The Modern Quilt Guild, dated February 27th, subject line: "02.27.23 Modern Monday: Post-QuiltCon Party!"

Don't delay as these goodies are only available for a limited time.

QUILTCON 2023 - DIGITAL QUILT SHOW

If you missed the opportunity to attend QuiltCon 2023, or even if you attended and just missed some of the quilts, The Modern Quilt Guild is excited to share "QuiltCon 2023 Quilt Show: Digital Edition"! This members-only benefit will allow you to peruse the juried quilts and the Modern X special exhibit that hung at the show in Atlanta. You can zoom in for the details on each quilt, and explore hundreds of quilts on a device of your choice. All you need is internet access and a web browser to enjoy the Digital Edition of the quilt show!

Check your email from The Modern Quilt Guild, dated March 1st, subject line: "03.01.23 Post-QuiltCon Party: Quilt Show Edition!"

Quilt viewing ends on March 31st at 11:59 EST.

QUILTCON 2022 COMMUNITY OUTREACH QUILT



Congratulations to Adrienne Osborne for placing the highest bid on the 2022 QuiltCon Community Outreach quilt during last year's fundraising auction! We hope you are enjoying the quilt!

All monies raised during the auction are allocated for general guild operations.

RETREAT REGISTRATION

It's time to sign up for the guild retreat! Registration opens at the March 21st meeting as well as through an email to be sent to members.

The retreat will be held at Place of Grace Quilter's Retreat, August 11th - 13th, in Clarkrange, Tennessee.

The large sewing room is bright, and features an eight foot table and comfortable chair for each guest. A dedicated outlet for each table assures ample power for your sewing machine, small iron, and light. The sewing room includes two design walls, two cutting stations, and four ironing stations.

There's a fully-equipped kitchen for cooking meals, or you may opt to have your meals provided for an additional fee.



NEW VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION PROCESS

We are launching a new volunteer registration process this year. Open the Google form [here](#), select the tasks you are interested in, and submit the form! It's that easy. You will be contacted by the event organizer with the particulars of your volunteer task.

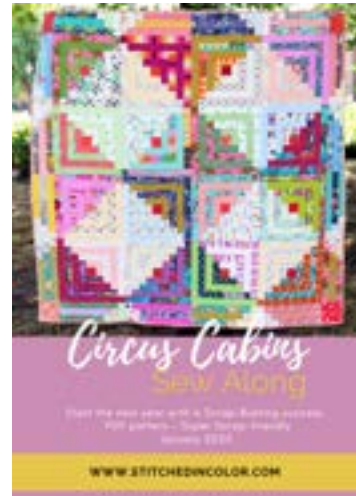
Volunteer opportunities include helping with community outreach quilts and pillowcases, greeting new members at meetings, developing an activity for the Celebration of Quilting event in September, documenting auction items, assisting with retreat preparation, and so much more!

STITCHED IN COLOR SEW ALONG

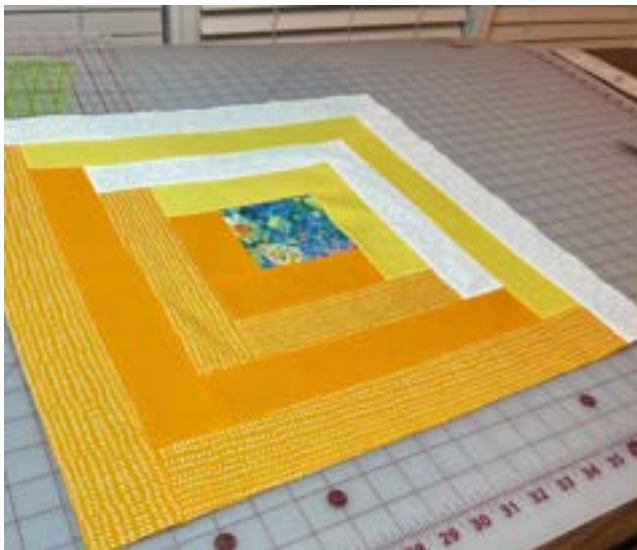
How's it going with your Circus Cabin quilt? As a reminder, members that finish the quilt by the March 21st meeting will be eligible for a prize!

Still want to join in the fun? Make the baby size quilt....it's a quick sew! Grab the pattern from Rachel Hauser of stitchedincolor.com to make this scrappy log cabin block.

Here's a few of the quilts in progress.



Circus Cabin Pattern



Linda Hornsby



Laura Huckabee-Jennings

NASHVILLE SHOP HOP BOP

Join us on Saturday, April 22nd for the Nashville Shop Hop Bop!

Starting in Huntsville, we will caravan to Nashville to visit at least three quilt shops.

A tentative itinerary includes:

- Depart Huntsville (possibly from multiple departure points)
- Travel to Nashville area quilt shops (tentatively selected)
 - The Dancing Bobbin, 5326 Main St, Spring Hill, TN 37174
 - Stitcher's Garden, 144 Wilson Pike Cir, Brentwood, TN 37027
 - Textile Fabrics, 471 Craighead St, Nashville, TN 37204
 - Stitcher's Playhouse, 540 Rock Springs Rd, Smyrna, TN 37167
- Partake in a wonderful lunch at a house on top of a hill overlooking Nashville; show and tell displaying the marvelous items you have purchased
- Return to Huntsville

Please indicate your interest in attending this fun day of shopping in the Nashville area quilt shops by completing the Google survey [here](#).



MQG COLOR PALETTE INSPIRATIONS

New this year, the MQG will share a color palette each month to use as inspiration for future quilt projects. Each month's color palette will center around a theme. Feel free to use these colors as an inspiration for your next project! Tag your makes with **#MQGColorPaletteInspiration**.

The inspiration for the January palette is QuiltCon 2013.



The MQG notes that "the tomato red color appears to be making a comeback through various color trend reviews for 2023. Our biggest surprise was remembering how popular grey was as a background color!"

February's colors are inspired by QuiltCon 2013-2022 Best in Show quilts!



Quilts featured, top left to right: Bling by Katherine Jones, Double Edged Love by Victoria Findlay Wolfe, and Blooming by Emilie Trahan.

Middle left to right: iQuilt by Kathy York, 2020 Vision by Hillary Goodwin, and Going Up by Steph Skardal.

Bottom left to right: My Brother's Jeans by Melissa Averinos, Starring You by Peter Byrne, and Smile by Leanne Chahley.

2023 YEAR AT A GLANCE

Month(s)	Event
January - March	Circus Cabin Sew Along
February	QuiltCon
March - June	Potluck Party: An Auction Item Challenge
April	Nashville Shop Hop Bop
April - September	Secret Stitcher: Getting to Know You
June	Community Outreach Assembly Day
June	Summer Supply Sale (Online)
July - October	Collaborative Color Challenge
August 11th - 13th	Retreat at Place of Grace in Clarkrange, TN
October	Community Outreach Assembly Day
November	Fundraising Auction
TBD	Workshops

2023 PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

MARCH 2023

Date	Event	Details
03/11/2023	Sewing Saturday	11:30 AM - 2:00 PM; Via Zoom
03/21/2023	RCMQG General Meeting	Finishing Details with Amanda Conger and Debby Lee
03/21/2023	Challenge #1	Potluck Party: An Auction Item Challenge
03/21/2023	Stitched-In-Color Circus Cabins	Reveal

APRIL 2023

Date	Event	Details
04/08/2023	Sewing Saturday	Time and Location TBD
04/18/2023	RCMQG General Meeting	Mosaic Quilting with Danica Pruett
04/18/2023	Summer Supply Sale	Start sorting and gathering fabric, notions, and patterns for fundraising consignment sale
04/22/2023	The Nashville Shop Hop Bop	Travel to Nashville for a fun day of bop shop hopping! Date tentative
April	Challenge #1	Potluck Party: An Auction Item Challenge
April - September	Secret Stitcher: Getting to Know You	Kickoff and Sign-up

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MAY 2023

Date	Event	Details
05/06/2023	Summer Supply Sale	Work Day (Drop off your consignment items, sorting, tagging, photographing, measuring, etc.); Location TBD
05/13/2023	Sewing Saturday	Time and Location TBD
05/16/2023	RCMQG General Meeting	Binding with Beverly Keyser
May	Global Quilt Connection Sampler	Time and Dates TBD; Virtual
May	QuiltCon Community Outreach Quilt	Sign ups; pattern selection; fabric purchase
May	Challenge #1	Potluck Party: An Auction Item Challenge

PHOTO DIRECTIONS TO COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM AT PUBLIX

4851 Whitesburg Drive, Huntsville, AL



Entrance to Shopping Center



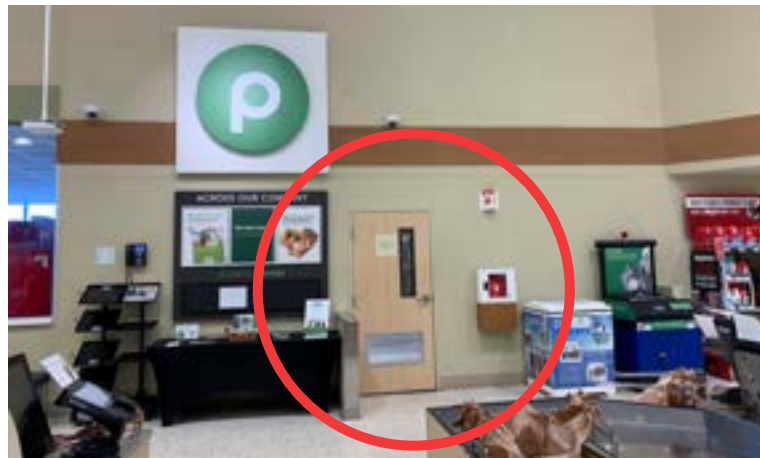
Publix



Entryway



Turn Left at Customer Service Desk



Community Meeting Room Door

QUILTCON 2023 PHOTOS



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