# Welcome!

STLMQG Meeting August 12, 2023

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# ACCOMMODATING ZOOM PARTICIPANTS

- Come to the Podium
- Use the Microphone
- Repeat any questions

# **BOARD UPDATES**

- Financial Review
- Membership & Communications
- Events, Speakers & Committee Announcements
- Guild Business & Actions

# MONTHLY FINANCIALS

- Account Balance: \$26,573.84
- Tia Curtis Workshops:
   Cost: \$4955.00
   Profit: (2680.00)
- **Upcoming Expenses** 
  - Sew-me

# **MEMBERSHIP**

- Attendance Last Meeting 93
- Current Membership 203
- Today's attendance will be in the recap email

### STAY IN TOUCH!

- Facebook: St. Louis Modern Quilt Guild
- Instagram: @stlmqg
- Website: stlmqg.org
- Email: stlmqg@gmail.com
- Sharing on IG:
  - Keep it modern
  - Tag us #stlmqg
  - Set profile to public to share on guild feed

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Quintessential Quilt Exhibit presented by Circle in the Square Quilters October 1-28, University City Public Library
- QuiltCon 2024 Registration Opens! August 15 February 22-25, 2024 Raleigh, North Carolina
- All Missouri Shop Hop: September 1 October 31 <a href="https://allmissourishophop.com/shop-hop-basics/">https://allmissourishophop.com/shop-hop-basics/</a>
- Illinois Shop Hop: August 1 September 30 <a href="https://allillinoisshophop.com/">https://allillinoisshophop.com/</a>

# STLMQG UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 15: Hand Sew Happy Hour
  - Host: Tess McMahon @ 6607 Chippewa Bread Co.
- August 16: Hand-Stitchers
  - Host: Lynda Mueller Drendel @ Buder Library
- August 26: Virtual Sew

Host: Octavia Pitts

### STLMQG UPCOMING EVENTS

- No September meeting
- September 15-17: Sew Me St Louis
- September 19: Hand Sew Happy Hour

Host Needed!

September 23: Virtual Sew Host: Susan Muszynski

# STLMQG SPEAKERS SERIES 2024 SAVE THE DATES

- January 24: David Hastings 6:30-8:00pm on ZOOM - Free for Members
- April 12-14: Kitty Wilkin, Night Quilter In-person Trunk Show & Workshops
- August 16-18: Carolina Oneto Virtual Trunk Show & Workshops

### **GUILD BUSINESS**

- No meeting in September (SewMe baby!)
- Bylaw amendments voting
- A Thrifty Notion
- December meeting update
- Website calendar (dates are also posted HERE)
- Workshop survey
- Round Robin

# COMMITTEE ANNOUNCEMENTS Turn in your Charity Quilts

- Challenge & Swap Committee
- Sew Me
- QuiltCon Charity Quilt
- Quilt Show
- Social

# Log-Cabin Challenge Reminders

- Due date: October meeting
- Participants may make a 2D item (i.e., quilt) or 3D item think outside the box!
- There are no size limitations. Winners will be chosen based on how well they respond to the prompt, regardless of size or type of item.
- All entries must be
  - completely finished.
  - include quilting in some form.

Sunrise at the Cabin by Chris Batten



#### Swap & Challenge Committee

- Entries must include a short "artist's statement" that explains what makes their interpretation modern. If a quilt is made from a pattern, the pattern name and designer must also be included in the statement. We will send out a Google form for you to complete ahead of the meeting.
- Entries will be judged and winners chosen by the full Board + Swap and Challenge Committee (or their proxies). No judges will be eligible for a prize.
- Three generous prizes (fabric-store gift cards):
  - $1^{st} = $150$
  - $2^{nd} = $125$
  - $3^{rd} = $100$
- Full rules are posted on the STLMQG.org website under Guild Activities > 2023 Challenges.

Swap & Challenge Committee

# Favorites Swap

- **Due date: December meeting** (there is no official sign-up; just bring your items in December if you want to participate)
- Bring three "favorite" items in a paper bag to swap:
  - your favorite notion
  - a FQ of fabric by your favorite MODERN designer
  - a FQ of fabric in your favorite color
- Price limit of approx. \$20
- Random swap will be done with a version of the left, right, and center game.
- Have fun picking your favorite items to share with a fellow member! *Please make sure FQs are modern and quilt-shop quality.*



#### **September 15-17, 2023**

Marriott St. Louis West 660 Maryville Centre Dr. St. Louis, MO 63141

- 3 days of Sew Me Fun: Demonstrations, Raffles, Activities, and up to 16 Hours Sewing/Day!
- Registration on Wild Apricot App
  - Closes 5 p.m. August 15.
  - Only a few spots left!
- Raffle donations accepted at table in back
- Additional volunteers still needed for valet, registration tables, irons, ironing boards, cutting boards—use SignUp Genius from link in email
- Raffling Two Rooms! Winners TBA.



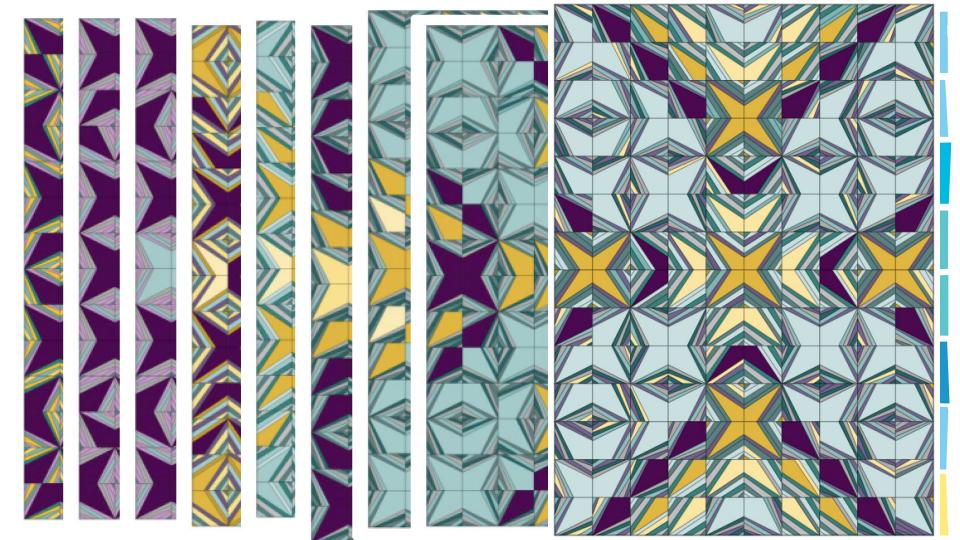
# Community Outreach Challenge

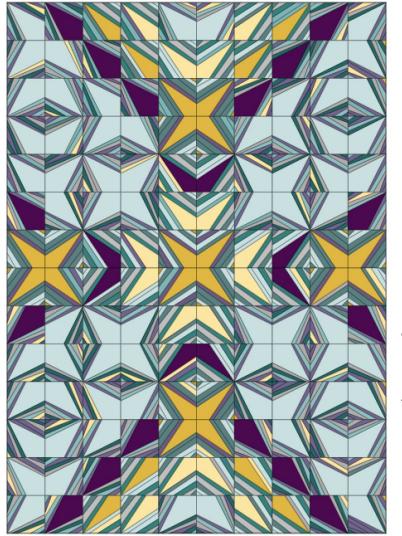
Each year the Modern Quilt Guild invites member guilds and individuals to make a quilt to be displayed at the next QuiltCon and to benefit charity.

2024 Theme: Symmetry

2024 Color Pallet:







# The **FINAL** Design!

60" x 84"

140 string blocks (1 per person)

2 center widths

4 center colors

All fabric provided

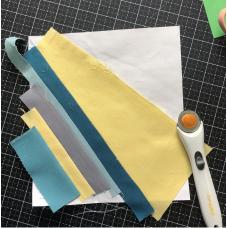
Lots of fun!



#### **Basic Block Instructions**

- Kit contents
- Modified foundation paper-piecing technique
- A step-by-step tutorial can be found at www.leilagardunia.com/blog/string-block-tutorial











#### Dates to Remember

Aug 12th - sign out a block packet

Sept 15-17th - SewMe STL

- Sign out a block packet
- Ask for help/extra fabric
- Turn in finished block

Oct 14th - LAST DAY to turn in blocks

You may also mail the blocks if postmarked by Oct 7th.

# **Quilt Show News**

- March 23 24, 2024
- Set up March 22

Greensfelder Recreation Complex at Queeny Park

# Important Dates

- Submit Quilts Online
- Jan 1-31, 2024

- Quilt Drop Offs
- Feb and March meetings

### Show of Hands

How many members are planning on entering at least one quilt?

# What can be submitted?

- Must be Modern as defined by (international) Modern Quilt Guild
- Pieced by STLMQG member
- Completed within last 5 years
- Max 9 quilts

# How Will Quilts be Selected for the Show?

- Anonymously quilts and quilters will be assigned a number
- First round, review by Selection Committee
- Second round, selection confirmed by smaller group chosen by board and Show Chair

# The Modern Quilt Guild's Definition

- · Elements of the modern aesthetic
- Visual impact
- Use of balance
- Use of color
- Use of contrast/value
- Fabric choices
- Innovation/Creativity

### More Rules

- Must sign release of liability
- Quilts wider than 40" need a sleeve
- Quilts must remain on display for entire show
- Quilts can be offered for sale

# Categories

- Art Quilts
- Applique
- Maximalism
- Bee
- Traveling
- Small
- Improv

- Minimalist
- Negative Space
- Piecing
- Modern Traditionalism
- Challenges
- Misc.

# Calling for (2) Volunteers for each Committee

- Publicity
- Vendors
- Registration
- •Quilt Storage
- Staffing
- Display
- Wood prep

- Admissions
- •Set up
- Demos
- Program/Ballots/Raffle tickets/Placards
- Show Chair Apprentice

# How to Help now?

- Take postcards to local quilt shops
- Post on Social Media
- Sew, Sew, Sew

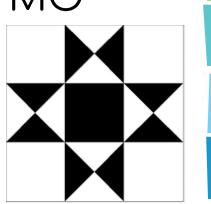
# BARN QUILT PAINTING NIGHT OUT

September 30th, 6:30-9pm

- Select from a custom Barn Quilt Design or other item
- AR Workshop Chesterfield, MO

<u>Link to event</u> password:party

• More info to come



# AFTER MEETING LUNCH

# Today Raising Cane's

2707 S. Big Bend Blvd. Maplewood, MO 63143

# AFTER MEETING LUNCH

# October 14 Cowbron

3248 Laclede Station Rd Saint Louis, MO 63143

# MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Part of a bigger project?
- Quilting events?
- Know about an Estate sale?

### UFO CHALLENGE

- Ends June 30, 2023
- Drawing at August Meeting
- 3 yummy FQ collections



Mystery prize for the most UFOs completed



## MINI-QUILT CHALLENGE Inspired by Chihuly





Entries Due September 30th

### MINI-QUILT CHALLENGE

- July 1 September 30, 2023
- Inspired by Chihuly Glass
- Modern aesthetic
- No larger than 18" x 18"
- Submit completed quilt, inspirational picture and short artist statement by 9/30/23 to be entered to win a prize at the October 2023 meeting
- #stlmqg2023CC / stlmqg@gmail.com

### FABRIC RAFFLE

- Everglow by Tula Pink
- 2 FQ bundles = 2 winners!
- ONLY ONLINE! Link in Email and QRL Code in the rows
- Open until Noon





THANK YOU COTTON CUTS!!!

## Bylaw Changes

New Board Member Proposal

Proposed Bylaw Amendment Art. 7, Officers & Their Responsibilities New Role Description

#### Web Director

- The Web Director shall maintain all member and public STLMQG web pages with guild meeting details, recaps, committee information, and a detailed annual calendar of events.
- The Web Director shall take pictures or ensure pictures are taken at guild events and activities so that they may be used on the webpage and social media as needed, and ensure that pictures and other media files are stored and shared with all board and committee leads for archiving purposes.
- Work with board members on maintaining an overall modern presentation and ensuring modern content is presented on the website.
- The Web Director shall perform all other responsibilities as necessary for the Guild to succeed.

## Proposed Bylaw Amendment Art. 7, Officers & Their Responsibilities

#### Existing wording:

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- The President shall create and dissolve all Committees and appoint all Committee Chairpersons if a vote is not needed.
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- The President is the voice of the Guild and is responsible for ensuring the Modern aesthetic is included in all guild meetings, events, and public-facing media and will coordinate with the web director on the overall website maintenance.
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- The Vice President shall either post or ensure that a social media posting is created to remind guild members of upcoming meetings and regularly scheduled guild events and coordinate with other board members or committee leads on posting information on events and activities outside of the regular schedule.
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## CITY SEWING ROOM DONATION

To better fulfill our mission of *Stitch, Teach, Share* and to meet growing demand from our community of sewing enthusiasts, we are building an **Annex.** 

Currently under construction along our parking lot's west side, the 975 sq.ft. Annex will open later this summer, creating space for:

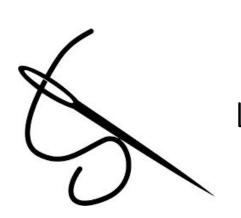
- A dedicated location for Quilting
- A bigger and better Maker's Mart, with more fabric, notions, and craft items
- A larger sewing studio for additional classes and drop-in sewing
- A workshop for sewing machine repair services
- A dedicated area for youth sewing

### **BREAK!**

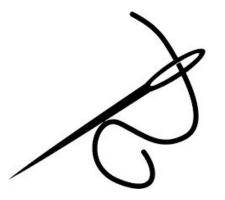
- Check In
- Pass Round Robin Blocks
- Purchase Raffle Tickets
- Drop off charity quilts
- Turn in ballots
- Turn in donations for Sew Me Raffle
- Return library books
- Free Table anything not claimed will be thrown away!



# Preparing to send your quilt to a Longarmer

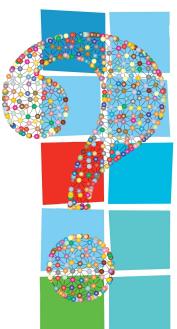


Annie Cook Dottie Vaughn Emily Wall Lilo Whitener-Fey



## Selecting your longarmer/Questions to ask

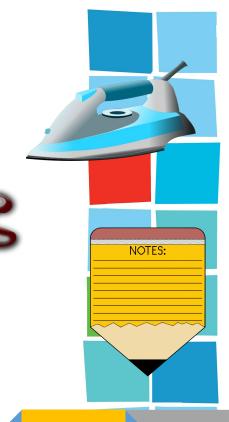
- What is the turnaround time?
- What are the various fees?
- What kind of batting/thread do you use?
- What patterns are available? Custom vs Edge to Edge
- Can you refer to someone who can do what I want?
- Density and scale of quilting?
- Ask to see examples of work
- What other services do you offer besides the actual quilting?
- Notification of completion?
- Forms of payment? Cash/ checks/ money transfer services?





### Prepping your tops

- PRESS those seams please!
- Trim those threads please!
- Get rid of that pet hair!
- Remove all buttons, sequins, pins, etc
- Stay stitch sometimes yes, sometimes no
- Measure your top and write it down
- Mark the top of the quilt top with a pin/note



### Prepping your backs

- 4-10" larger than your top on ALL FOUR SIDES (lay it out to get the visual)
- Mark the top of the back with a pin/note
- Measure your backing
- Press your backing
- Trim the selvedges off
- Make sure pieced motifs, labels, patterns on the back are well inside that backing allowance

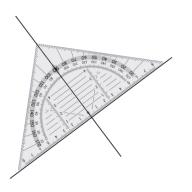
## Prepping for drop off/mail/hand

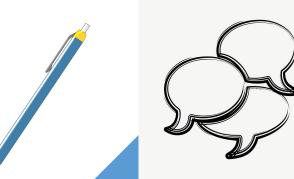
- Do fold top, back, and batting SEPARATELY (not sandwiched together)
- If mailing, include your return information, pinned to the quilt top
- Know what your longarmer wants in regard to order forms
- Package in a plastic bag, but avoid scented trash bags

## Things to expect

- Possible marking on your quilt (disappearing blue pen or chalk) for custom work
- Quilter discretion in design, thread choice
- Free advice





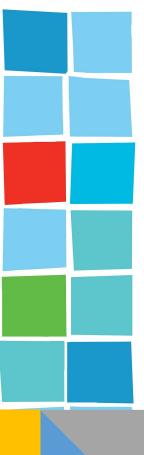


## What to do when you are happy or unhappy with the results

- Tell everyone about how awesome your quilter is!
- Include your quilter's name on label, artist statements, entry paperwork for shows
- Have an honest non-confrontational conversation
- A good quilter will fix a problem (thread nests or tension issues)
- We WANT to know if there is a problem!

The better you prep your quilt, the better the results will be!







### Resources

- Check out the guild roster for Modern Longarmers
- Auribuzz- Selecting Quilting Designs
- Find My Longarmer- Longarmer Locator
- Longarm League- Longarmer Locator
- Suzy Quilts- Hiring a Longarm Quilter
- Threaded Spools- Squaring Up Backs
- Trace Creek Quilting- Trimming Selvages
- Quilting Smith- Preparing your Quilt Top
- <u>Urban Elementz Longarmer Locator</u>

Slide show will be posted on Guild website

# SHOW AND SHARE!



## ROUND ROBIN PRIZE WINNER!!

## Kathy Bridges



# ATTENDANCE PRIZES!



### FABRIC RAFFLE WINNERS...



## THANK YOU COTTON CUTS!



