



South Sarasota Modern Quilt Guild

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From the Desk of Our President

Hello, Fellow South Sarasota Modern Quilt Guild Members!

What a year to push us to being our best selves. This is a year for crafting! A year of self-resilience, self-reliance. A year of learning something new! We are all a little smarter as techies. We have learned to appreciate what we have. We have learned how strong we really can be. Am I right? We can be one, but separately, from our own dwellings for the next couple of months. We will learn that togetherness may not be that far off in the future, but today, we stay in our bubble, just for a little longer. I am ready to break out of my routine. Wake, shower, go to work, come home, shower, repeat. I want to GO! I have canceled more trips around the world. This makes me sad. All the events I were to partake in has been postponed to 2021 and beyond. What happens when those postponements turn into another round? I will happily sacrifice my plans, if it means I will cause no harm to another soul. Unless they cut me off in traffic. Then all niceties are off. Four years as a guild, and we are unstoppable!

A new year will look hopeful. Brighter. Happier. We have a new board jumping in for 2021. We have programs, and classes, and virtual sewing, and gallery shows for 2021! We have wonderful members who wish to be a part of the committees, pods, community and charities, sewing B's.. I have stayed on as President, humbled, because many of you came to me and asked me to stay on. If I can spread positivity, or at least try and get you to have a zoom dance off, it is On.



Upcoming Events

January 7

S2MQG monthly meeting
Details to come.

February 18

QuiltCon 2021
Together Online
www.quiltcon.com

October 29

S2MQG's next retreat will run
October 29-31, 2021.
More details to come!



Zoom Sewing Days

Thursday, December 17th
11am - 2pm

Zoom links to be emailed
the week of each session.

I would like to say **THANK YOU, MERCI!** to:

- Jenni Engleman VP social media and Marketing (current and future)
- Jamie Naylor for staying on as VP of Communication (current and future)
- Peg Normandin for VP of Programs (current and future)
- Nicole Buckley VP of Programs (current)
- Carla Williams VP Education (future)
- Lisa Arndt VP Education (future)
- Nancy Larkin and Karis Hess VP Education (current)
- Joy Abbott Treasurer (current and future)
- Diane Kearney Secretary (future)
- Barb Thornquist Secretary (current)
- Mary Hayes Membership (current and future)
- Jo Haraf Newsletter Editor (current and forever?)

If you are interested in chairing in 2021, drop me a note. I have an email just for South Sarasota Modern Quilt Guild. Michelle.s2mqg@gmail.com I can then send it on to the VP's who are your leaders.

We need chairpersons/point of contact/ and committee for the following:

- EQ 8 group chairperson (needed)
- PODS (sewing groups) chairperson (needed)
- President's liaison to Sister Guilds (needed)
- Charity sewing chairperson (quilts, masks, food drives) - Jody Jordan
- Retreat Joy Abbott, Barb Thornquist and Anne Hyde
- QuiltCon Outreach Mary Hayes and Linda Crump

And anything else we can have! Everything else you can bring to the table!

Thank you for a great year of creativity and generosity! This young guild, turning four years old in January makes my heart grow two sizes too big! I am so happy to have found my people!

Michelle McMillan

This holiday season, may all
your masks be merry!

Thanks to Linda Crump
for sharing her festive crafting.



In Our Community

Mask Project

See our [web page](#)
for the most current status.



Lilly Pod - on pause

Riverview/Brandon area.
Contact [Carla Williams](#) for more
information.



EQ8 Royalty

Focused on designing quilts
using Electric Quilt 8
software. This pod is in search
of a new coordinator.



Mod Pod - on pause

Currently full. Contact [Katie Metheny](#)
for more information.



Jacaranda Pod - on pause

Currently full. Contact [Carla Williams](#)
for more information.



If anyone would be interested in
leading a Zoom Pod, please
contact [Carla](#). She'd be happy to
work with you to make your Pod
possible.

Our Members are Sew Special

Meet Megan, her husband J. W., and the little Jones: Jackson and Oliver.



I started sewing when I was pregnant with my first child and the first quilt I made was for him. It was just simple patchwork squares, but I was so proud of it at the time and it was so gratifying to make something for my child.

I find inspiration for my quilts everywhere! These days, social media is so full of talented makers, it makes it easy to see what others are doing all over the world and to be inspired by their work. I usually have more ideas for next projects than I have time.

After my second child was born (he's three now), I kind of stopped sewing, but when COVID turned our lives upside down, I came back to sewing to make masks. During these uncertain times, sewing and creating have been a sort of therapy for me, and that keeps me motivated.

The quilt that has given me the most joy has to be the quilt that I made for my youngest son, Oliver. He was my rainbow baby (born after two miscarriages), so I made him a quilt of appliquéd rainbow hexies during the final stretch of my pregnancy.



Enjoy these Holiday Gems from under the needle of Mary Hayes.



More Important News

Quiltcon Community Outreach Quilt Challenge

Just look at this beauty! So many of our members contributed curved pieces to make this year's quilt a colorful success. Do visit our [Facebook page](#) for more glorious photos.

Many thanks to Mary Ellen Hayes and Linda Crump for leading this project. Now meet the rest of the team.

The morning of Saturday, November 14th, the design team (Jenni Engleman, Susan Gotlieb, Chris Haddad, Jamie Naylor, Linda Crump, and Mary Hayes) arranged, rearranged, and finally settled on the fabulous design you see here.

That afternoon, the construction team (sewists extraordinaire Jenni Engleman, Debbie Sipp, Jamie Naylor, Linda Crump, and Mary Hayes) pieced the top.

Chris Haddad created the back from the leftover fabric and blocks.

Cass Bowen contributed the oh-so-important label.

The power duo of Helen and David Abernathy quilted our masterpiece.

Joy Abbott made and attached the binding.



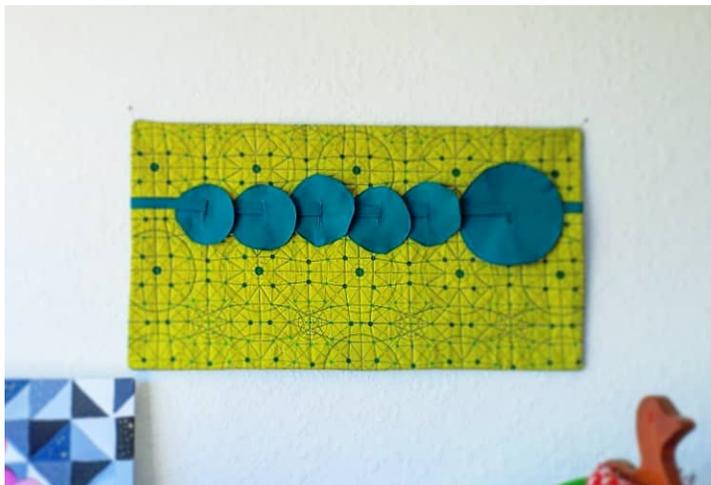
Karen MacCarter pieced this stunning poinsettia to warm a snowy Montana winter. She reports using "many many different reds and greens from my 40+year fabric stash."

Here's a little poinsettia trivia for you:

Both *poinsetta* and *poinsettia* (final i stressed) are acceptable pronunciations for this traditional holiday houseplant, a native of Mexico, named for Joel Roberts Poinsett, the first United States Ambassador to Mexico (circa 1820).

The Kona Color Challenge for 2020

[Hop on over to the S2MQG website](#) for more information on this year's color challenge. [Nicole Buckley](#) is your resource for questions and support. Email a photo of your finished Kona Challenge to [Jo Haraf](#) to be featured in our next newsletter.



Nicole Buckley's Kona Challenge Abacus Abstraction

Playing with a Modern Deck



Coming Soon!

We are delighted to announce that our 2020 Challenge *Playing with a Modern Deck* quilts will be on display at the Art Ovation Gallery in downtown Sarasota. Associated with the Art Ovation Hotel, this wonderful professional gallery space allows us to showcase our quilts in our community.

Specific show dates in the June-September 2021 timeframe will be announced once they are final.

Be sure you set your New Year's resolution to **finish your quilted playing card by January 31, 2021.**

Still need a card or ready for another card? Don't be left out of this opportunity to build awareness of modern quilting. Please contact [Peg](#) for available cards.



Tricks and Tips



During our November Zoom meeting, Mary Hayes and Linda Crump shared a presentation on sewing curves, very helpful for the Quiltcon Challenge Quilt. You'll find their videos and handouts on the Members Presentation page on our website or through the links below.

[Video One](#) Handout: [Quarter Circle](#)

[Video Two](#) Handout: [Hilly Curve Using Stacked Fabrics](#)

Buying and Selling

A Steal of a Deal!

I'm selling my 1-year-old Juki Miyabi J-350 QVP sit-down long arm quilter with Smart Stitch, Stitch Regulator and table. It is in perfect condition, like new. Machine sells online for \$5,999.00. I'm asking \$3,999.00. The Juki is excellent for anyone who loves to free motion quilt but doesn't have the room for the large longarm quilting machine. Quilter has been used only four times.

Table 35.4" X 33.7"

Throat plate 18" long and 10" high

LED light, speed control, needle up/down, bobbin estimate settings

Automatic thread cutter

This is a final sale and includes free delivery, professional setup and adjustments. I'm Happy to answer any questions.

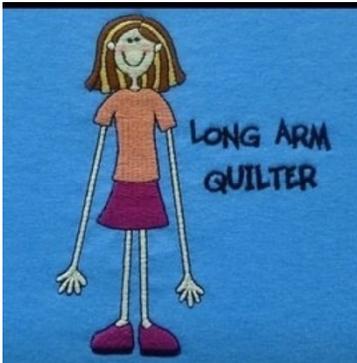
MAKE ME AN OFFER... Contact [Susan G](#) 954-812-4417





Longarm Services

Peg Normandin Quilts provides high quality edge-to-edge computer guided longarm quilting. Most quilts are completed in three weeks or less. Visit her [Facebook page](#), Peg Normandin Quilts, to see some of her work. Contact Peg at PegNormandinQuilts@gmail.com or 941-451-9881.



ISO a Longarm Quilting Machine to Rent

Linda Crump is looking for a longarm quilter or shop who rents time on their machine. If you know of where to rent longarm time, please reach out to Linda Crump [email](#) 402-540-9180.

Have a service or product to sell?

A trick or tip to share?

In search of something quilt-related, new or used?

Send ideas and questions to [Jo Haraf](#) for a future newsletter.