

S2MQG

South Sarasota Modern Quilt Guild

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Upcoming Events

July 1

S2MQG monthly meeting

July 12 - January 3, 2022
Playing with a Modern Deck
Art Ovation Hotel, Sarasota

August 4

Quiltcon member
registration begins

August 5

S2MQG monthly meeting

September 2

S2MQG monthly meeting

October 7

S2MQG monthly meeting

October 29-31

S2MQG Retreat

February 16 - 20, 2022

Quiltcon convention
Phoenix, AZ

Hang
loose.

It's
summer.

Sew Quirky mini
quilt from the Toby
the Rad Jack

Carla Williams



A moment of your time with Michelle

June 2021

Hello S2MQG MEMBERS!

It seems like I have lived a thousand years this year, and it is only June. If only we had a second to slow down. Now that we can meet in person and on Zoom for our meetings, we are able to laugh, share works of art, and gather with old and new friends, building our community. Inspire our community. This is why our founding members have joined together to make S2MQG a bit different. This guild was created by some of the most amazing people, artists, and friends to be unlike any other guild, breaking the mold, if you will. I am so happy you are here. I look forward to seeing more people in person at the meetings. But as many may fly north, Zoom is a wonderful opportunity to stay in tune with the South Sarasota Modern Quilt Guild.

We have some wonderful events happening this year. We have a Retreat Committee that has sew in days scheduled for late October. QuiltCon Charity Quilt , number 4, to be made (Who will be traveling to Phoenix for QuiltCon?) New committees starting to meet in person (community outreach charities, as well as an education committee). A Kona Color of the year (Horizon) Fabric Challenge is in the works. Our program challenge Playing With A Modern Deck from 2020 on display in the Art Ovation Gallery. I cannot tell you how excited I am to see Peg N., V.P. of Programs, really knock this out of the park. And show and tell. I love the stories behind the show and tells! Check our website for more details, as well as the Modern Quilt Guild's website.

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I wish everyone a wonderful, peaceful summer. Best Wishes, warmest regards,

Michelle McMillan

President and cheerleader

South Sarasota Modern Quilt Guild

Our Members Sew the Summer

TOMATOES!



Carla Williams



Twirling Tomatoes Lisa Parker



Maggie Dillon 37" x 48" 2019

Summer Tomatoes

Our Members are Sew Special

Meet Katie Metheny

Hi, Katie, what inspired you to quilt?



I made my first quilt after meeting a ninety-four-year-old woman who lived in the same two-room house where she was born, raised, and had birthed and raised her children in the mountains of North Carolina.

She had a quilt frame on a pulley system from the ceiling. Her children would come to lower it for her in the morning and raise it up again in the evening. A great way for them to check on “Mama”.

I thought that was so cool to be ninety-four years old and quilting. So, I took a quilting class.

That first quilt was loved to death by our cat at the time, Daffy, short for Daffodil. I was happy for her to have that awful quilt.

I am still inspired by quilters, their quilts, but also by artists, events, everyday life, colors, emotions, and primarily, nature. I love making things, putting colors together. It’s finishing that is the challenge.



Daffy



In the past year, I have learned a lot about my quilting and creativity interests, and they are wide reaching. I enjoy a bit of everything quilt related and have to be careful not to be too distractable, or else nothing gets done. Lucky for me, I have a terrific sewing machine which has been known to call my name on occasion for more playtime in my sewing room.

*Thanks for sharing your story with us, Katie. And, by the way, I **love** the bird over your right shoulder!*

It's Lisa Parker Time!

Tell us the tale of your first quilt.

When I first moved to Florida in 1993, I needed a gift for my sister's college graduation, but I didn't have any money. My future mother-in-law, Boots, suggested a homemade quilt. Together, we shopped for fabric and found the perfect novelty fabric in soft rose, my sister's name, and violins, a nod to her music degree. Boots only ever made Dresden plate blocks. She was so old school that she used homemade plastic templates, then she pillow-cased and tied all her quilts. So that's what we did. I cut each and every piece individually. Boots was so proud of me for finishing it. My sister loved it.



We're excited to learn who or what inspires your quilting.

While I was taught to sew growing up, I never quilted until I met my mother-in-law. I was hooked immediately. After all this time, I still get a thrill of cutting up fabric and sewing it back together again. Boots has been gone a long time now and I feel her over my shoulder. I get inspired when I find something I have never done before, especially with techniques or design.



How would you describe your quilting style?

I float between traditional and modern. I love the contemporary fabrics, but I still appreciate a fun novelty print. I want to grow into more art quilting.

What keeps you coming back to your sewing machine?

My sewing machine is always set up and handy. I consider sewing a spiritual practice. I rarely keep what I finish, but often I won't know who it's for until I am almost done. By then, I'll know just who I made it for and gift it away. I consider each stitch a prayer.

Tell us about the quilt that gave you the most joy.

Every quilt gives me joy, but the one I particularly love is one I call Spirit of Stars. It was my first quilt a long with Craftsy about six years ago. All Batiks, All Stars and I mustered up some courage and entered it in the Sarasota County Fair. I was totally surprised to win a blue ribbon. I had no idea until then that I was really any good at this. My husband and I always take it with us when we travel in case, we need an extra blanket at whatever cabin or yurt we rented.



What skill are you interested in learning or polishing?

I would like to finally try my hand at free motion quilting and thread painting.

What is on your design board? We're keen to hear what's next!

As a deacon in the Episcopal Church, I must participate in some form of continuing education this fall. I have an idea that I am playing with that would meld my quilting and my role as a deacon to engage the needs, hopes and concerns of the World. It would be my first real attempt at designing and creating an art quilt from start to finish.

Thanks, Lisa!

Dear Readers, if you're anything like your editor, you wanted to know more about Boots. Lisa kindly shared her memories of the best mother-in-law ever!



Boots stood four feet, ten inches tall and weighed about eighty-five pounds—soaking wet. She grew up the youngest of twelve in the mountains of Pennsylvania.

Her real name was Beulah. She hated it. Her brothers and sisters nicknamed her Boots for the way her bare feet looked after wearing Bobby socks. White feet and super tanned legs.

She was a hoot. Everyone should have a woman like her as a mother-in-law. Only thing she never quite mastered was cooking.

Boots, I hear you never had a quilting community beyond your sisters. Welcome to our guild!



Summer Flowers - Mary Hayes

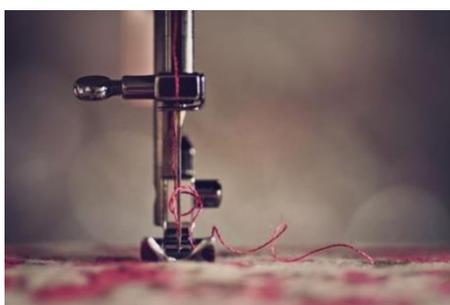
More Important News



The Bees are buzzing!

Co-moderators Mary Hayes and Nancy Stasiewicz have assembled a baker's dozen of worker bees to exchange blocks over the next twelve months - June 2021 through May 2022.

Hopefully, they will share photos of their creations for the newsletter.



Education Committee News

Co-chairs: Carla Williams and Lisa [Ardnet](#)

The Education Committee met on May 14th. Topics were budget, policy updates, and future education opportunities.

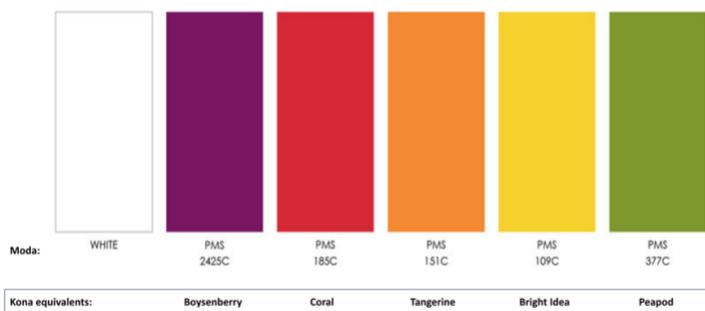
We are currently working on a fall 2021 lecture and workshop with [Carolina Oneto](#) from Chile. Watch the website and newsletter for updates.



Details on the blocks needed for the Quiltcon Community Outreach Quilt Challenge can be found at the [S2MQG website](#).

Loving the citrus color palette!

Color Palette





October Retreat

Sign up now on the guild website and join
the fun at the 2nd Annual daytime Retreat
October 29-31st
At the Carlisle Inn in Sarasota

Click [HERE](#) for more information at the S2MQG website.





Giving/Charity Quilt Committee

The committee recommends Guardian Ad Litem as our target charity. Guardian Ad Litem serves children and teens who have been removed from their homes due to allegations of abuse, neglect, or abandonment. You can learn more about the group and their fine work [here](#).

SIMPLE, gender neutral, quilts are encouraged. Teen appropriate quilts are greatly needed. Sizes should range from 42" x 60" up to 60" x 70". Pieced backs make the quilt two-sided, double the fun! The target drop-off date for completed quilts is the November 4th meeting.

Check the S2MQG website for specific charity quilt details.

Many thanks to our committee members:

Jody Jordan, Pam Morris, Chris Haddad, Carole Lyles Shaw, Jill Platt, Linda Crump, Carole Debbie Sipp, Marie Black, Sue Balazs, Lenore Loftus

Sample Giving Quilt by Pam Morris

54" x 44"

The back is pieced with leftover stripes and turtles.



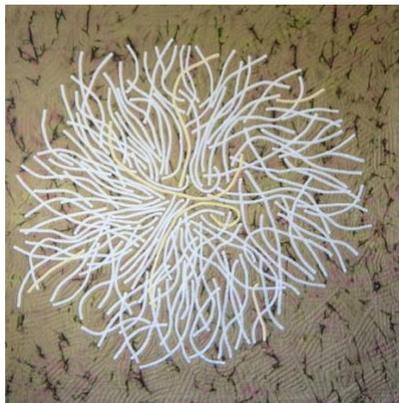
Tricks and Tips



Do you listen to music or recoded books while quilting? There are over a dozen quilt related podcasts available and while I haven't tried them all, I'm particularly fond of *Running Stitch* hosted by Janneken Smucker, Professor of History at West Chester University.

At roughly 30–45 minutes, the episodes explore quilt stories, revealing the inner thoughts, feelings, and motivations of contemporary quilters by mixing Quilt Alliance Quilters S.O.S. (Save Our Stories) oral histories with contemporary interviews.

In the April 7, 2021 episode, historian and quilter Joe Cunningham discussed a quilting tradition of experimentation, problem-solving, and creativity inspiring today's quilters.

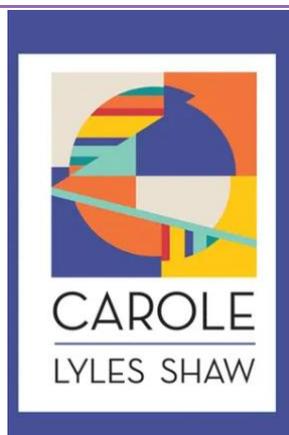


Learn more about Joe, his quilts, and classes at www.joecunninghamquilts.com.

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In search of a quilt-related product or service, new or used?

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