



South Sarasota Modern Quilt Guild

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**PREMIER ISSUE**

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**“NAME THE  
NEWSLETTER  
CONTEST”**

**Welcome to the 1st issue of the S2MQG Newsletter!!!**

First item needed is a NAME for our newsletter unique to S2MQG.  
Put on those thinking caps and come up with some great ideas to be chosen at the next  
meeting on April 4th 6:45 – 8:30.  
PRIZE for winning name!!!!

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**PRESIDENTIAL  
NOTE**

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Welcome to the inaugural issue of the South Sarasota Modern Quilt Guild newsletter! As we enter our second year of existence, the newsletter is another major step in further building our community and strengthening our communication to and between guild members. Each month the newsletter will share information concerning meetings, events, and other items of interest. It also will help you get to know your fellow guild members. In this month's issue get to know Joy Abbott, Linda Crump and Jennie Engleman a little bit better. A big thank you to Michelle McMillan, Secretary, and Mark Beach, dedicated guild member, for their hard work in getting this newsletter off the ground and published.

Hopefully the newsletter will also help with one of my major goals this year for the S2MQG -- to get more people involved in the activities of the guild. Whether it's joining a committee, helping at the membership desk, participating in a challenge, teaching a class, sharing at show and tell, whatever the activity big or small - I encourage each of you to participate in whatever way works for you. Our guild consists of hugely creative and talented people - if everyone participates in some way, big or small, in the best way for them, then the guild will grow exponentially!

Julie Dimmick  
President, S2MQG

## S2MQG EVENTS

- March 25th - 10am - 2pm - Fidget Quilt Charity Sew at the Cottonpatch!!!
- Sept. 20th - 22nd - 9am Friday - 4pm Sunday - Quilting Retreat at Day Springs!!!

## LOCAL QUILTING EVENTS

- March 16th - 9am - 4pm - Trenton's 12th annual Quilt Festival on Main Street.
- March 16th - 9am - 4pm - Koreshan State park Quilt and Antique Engine Show.
- March 17th - 9am - 3pm - Koreshan State park Quilt and Antique Engine Show.
- March 31st - Suwannee Valley Quilt Shop closing.
- April 12th - Quilts by the River Quilt Show Palatka.

- April 13th - Quilts by the River Quilt Show Palatka.
- April 13th Road trip bus tour of Happy Apple, Fabric Smart and Inspire!!! Check with those stores for times and prices of event.

# Getting to know S2MQG

## Joy Abbott

•How long have you been stitching? Approx. 24 years of quilting. Wish I had that many finished quilts to show for it! I seem to start more than I finish.

•How long have you been a member of South Sarasota Modern Quilt Guild? How did you hear about S2MQG? Since the beginning meeting. I heard from Jenni at Modern Sewist and it sounded fun.

•What first interested you in Modern Quilting? I was slow to appreciate it but after seeing a lot of different quilts I decided I love the asymmetry and different rules of Modern Quilting. A whole different system to learn.

•Do you have any favorite quilting social media accounts you like to follow? Not really. Sometimes I look at Pinterest but find I get lost in it and end up spending way too much time. I try to keep up with the Guild's social media but I'm slow at it.

•Where do you look for inspiration or ideas for your projects? It usually starts with a pattern I see but I generally change it up to suit me. I do have favorite designers and fabrics but I have so many quilts to finish, I am trying to keep my head down and just finish!

•What is your favorite quilt making process? More piecing that applique but no real favorites, I like lots of things. Probably more things I avoid like fabric dyeing and yo-yo's. There are so many more people that dye fabric better than me that I can buy so I would rather sew. And I have made 20 yo-yo's for a group project and think that's my allowance for life!

•Is there a new project or technique you want to try this year? Some improve straight line and curved piecing. I want to learn how to take random blocks and set them into solid fabric and make it look good. I can take a pattern and adjust it to what I like or need but I struggle with more original designs. I'm not sure if I just lack the artistic ability or can some of that be taught. I think some art classes for quilters would be helpful, or just lectures on what were they thinking and how did they do that.

## Linda Crump

•How long have you been stitching? In 1990 some friends invited me to learn how to quilt. We were instructed to pick fabrics and design a block. We then hand pieced the materials and I announced that "quilting was not for me!" That block became a pillow for my daughter! In 2004 a friend talked me into making a baby quilt for my first grandson. Armed with Quilting for Dummies and a children's coloring book I created a my Five Little Monkeys Jumping on a bed quilt for my grandson since he was born in the Year of the Monkey! I continued the theme for my other grandsons born in 2008 and 2010. I did not get serious about quilting until I retired in 2014 and found a modern guild in 2016.

•How long have you been a member of S2MQG? I joined the S2MQG in 2018 when I rented a villa in Sarasota FL. I became an official Floridian in January 2019 and we are building a home in Venice.

•What first interested you in modern Quilting? I got hooked on modern quilting when I took a class at the International Quilt Museum in Lincoln NE for one of the Gees Bend quilters. She started the class by say "there are not rules- do what makes you happy." The class was centered on improv piecing and I knew it was for me!

•Do you have any favorite Quilting social media accounts you like to follow? I'm still learning how to really use social media platforms to help inspire my quilting. In the past I've watched lots of videos on You Tube. Recently I've been enjoying Instagram.

•Where do you look for inspiration or ideas for your projects? I draw my inspiration from all around but going to classes and doing challenges in a guild have been the best to help me grow and learn new techniques.

•Is there a new project or technique you want to try this year? I'm currently doing the Alison Glass Trinket Sew-a-Long again to improve my skills since I've not done much paper piecing. I'm so happy to be a part of this guild and the wonderful quilters!

## Jennie Engleman

•How long have you been stitching? 25 years

•How long have you been a member of South Sarasota Modern Quilt Guild? How did you hear about S2MQG?  
1 year and 3 months. I am a founding member.

•What first interested you in Modern Quilting? I have always loved to improv quilts and did not know it was even a thing. I grew up in the land of Texas and super traditional quilting and I thought I was just an odd ball. Then I discovered Instagram and an entire community that were odd balls like me!

•Do you have any favorite quilting social media accounts you like to follow?  
Hmm. That is a tough one. There are SO many creative people out there. @littlepincusionstudio because I have a soft spot in my heart for kids and teach a kid sewing class myself. @sjsacademy because teens with ideas and gumption are the bomb dot com. @cauchycomplete @thencamejune @carolynfriedlander

•Where do you look for inspiration or ideas for your projects? I look at the world around me. Architecture, plants, patterns in sunlight. If only I had time to make all the quilts in my sketchbook or in my head!

•What is your favorite quilt making process? Planning it and choosing colors. Oh! And hand binding!

•Is there a new project or technique you want to try this year? SO many!! Right now I am working on making new fabric on my embroidery machine and cutting that up into pieces for quilts. Hard to explain but I think it will neat! If it doesn't then delete this answer before printing it. Haha!

# PODS

Lilly Pod - Riverview/Brandon area hosted by Carla Williams the first Tuesday of the month from 10am-3pm Contact info: [endearme.williams@gmail.com](mailto:endearme.williams@gmail.com) 912-547-1893. Can hold up to 12 quilters. Call, text, or email to reserve your spot.

The Pod Squad - South Sarasota area and is hosted by Karis Hess and is held at The Modern Sewist. It is the second Monday of each month from 10am-2pm and can hold up to 12 quilters. Contact info: [info@themodernsewist.com](mailto:info@themodernsewist.com) or call (941) 706-3846 to reserve your spot.

Mod Pod - The host is Katie Metheny and is full at this time, until further notice.

Jacaranda Library Pod - Venice area IN NEED OF HOST. Fourth Tuesday of every month 4pm - 7:30pm in the computer lab. Can hold up to 12 people. Contact info: Nicole at [saphre1964@comcast.net](mailto:saphre1964@comcast.net) Can hold up to 8 quilters. Email to reserve your spot.

# LOCAL SHOPS

Happy Apples Quilt Shop  
13013 W Linebaugh Ave Tampa

Gigi's Fabric Shop  
706 W Lumsden Rd  
Brandon FL

Inspire Quilting  
101 N Collins St  
Plant City FL

Fabric Smart  
5401 Gulfport Blvd So  
Gulfport FL

Jay's Fabric Center  
801 Pasadena Ave  
Saint Petersburg FL

Boca Bargoons  
130 N Orange Ave  
Sarasota FL

Sew Worth It  
5507 Palmer Crossing Circle  
Sarasota FL

The Modern Sewist  
2264 Gulf Gate Drive  
SARASOTA FL

Pennie Fabrics  
8854 S Tamiami Trail  
Sarasota FL

Deborah's Quilt Basket  
337 W Venice Ave  
Venice FL

Quilter's Haven and More  
925 10th St E  
Palmetto Fl

Crazy Quilters Fabrics  
709 Shamrock Blvd Venice Fl

Cotton Patch Quilt Shop  
8480 Cooper Creek Blvd  
Bradenton Fl

Charlotte Sewing Center  
1109 Tamiami Trail  
Port Charlotte Fl

Alma Sue Quilts  
737 Bahia Vista  
Sarasota Fl

Three Crafty Ladies  
1628 Periwinkle Way  
Sanibel Fl

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# SALES AND SERVICES

We are carving out a section for items for sale, swap, or just sweeping up our creative crafty rooms. We are going to run a small section in the next edition for items you no longer want, but wish to sell, gift, or swap. All we would need is information from you.

No forms, just informal things like

- What you wish to sell, swap or gift
- How to contact you
- How to finish transaction

Email me at [Michellekmcmillan@gmail.com](mailto:Michellekmcmillan@gmail.com)

Before the 10th of each month.

Subject should state "newsletter sale lists"

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# FINAL THOUGHTS

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We are looking for ideas to add to our ever growing newsletter. Ideas can be submitted either at our next upcoming meeting, please bring ideas written so I can have a hard copy, or via email to [Markjbeach@yahoo.com](mailto:Markjbeach@yahoo.com). Please keep it to just one email per member per month. Although I love creativity, getting possibly 100's of emails will overrun my account. This has been a learning curve for us here at the

Newsletter! Next issue we will work on pictures, maybe some videos and links. If interested in making this next issue the best yet!!! Volunteer for the Newsletter as well as other S2MQG events and groups!!!