



# Niagara Modern Quilt Guild

## About

The Niagara Modern Quilt Guild is associated with the Modern Quilt Guild (MQG) and members of the Niagara Modern Quilt Guild enjoy the benefits of membership in the Modern Quilt Guild. Please visit our web site for a list of the benefits. [www.niagaramqg.ca](http://www.niagaramqg.ca)

Our meetings are held the 2nd Thursday of each month at Bethany Community Church, St. Catharines. Time: 7-9 pm, Room 204. Guests are always welcome for a \$5 per visitor fee. Sew-ins are also held in this location.

## Membership

Membership is \$35.00 CA per year. The membership fee runs from January 1 to December 31. Membership includes benefits of MQG. Guests are welcome with a \$5 visitor fee. Membership fees are due in December.

## Upcoming Monthly Challenges

**September:** Canadiana

**October:** Music

**November:** Orange

**December:** Gift Exchange

## Executive

President: Susan Bowslaugh

Vice-president: Lorna Costantini

Treasurer: Stephanie Baisley

Secretary: Effie Faubert

Publicity/Social Media: Debbie Eccles

## Meeting Dates

**2016:** Sept. 8th, Oct. 13th, Nov. 10th and Dec. 8th is our final meeting for 2016 with our gift exchange.

**2017:** Jan 12th, Feb 9th, March 9th, April 13th, May 11th, June 8th and July 13th. No Meeting in August and final dates TBA.

At our meetings we typically go over new business, share new ideas, have a Stitch & Reveal, (aka Show and Tell) take a short break and talk our little hearts out about all things "Quilty".

## Sew-Ins

We schedule a Sew-In four times a year and our next scheduled Sew-In dates is Oct 1st. Sew-ins are a time to sew, share ideas and learn new things. Please bring your sewing projects, and sewing machine or hand quilting to work on your own projects. We will be doing the lay-out for our QuiltCon 2017 Charity Quilt at the October Sew-In (non-members welcome for \$10)

## How do you recognize a Modern Quilt?

We get asked this question a lot and it is not an easy answer. A Modern Quilt has some or all of the following characteristics. Minimalistic, negative space, bold colours or prints, high contrast, improvisation, alternate grid, solid, asymmetrical.

We do not have modern quilt police but as a Modern Quilt Guild we are trying to inspire quilters to look at quilts with a non-traditional eye using these characteristics. It is a process and there is no shortage of books, resources or helpful quilters who create modern quilts and are willing to share their ideas.

## QuiltCon 2017 Charity Quilt

The NMQG is working on a charity quilt to be submitted to the MQG QuiltCon. Heather Salter has been busy organizing her team (Susan, Tara, Debbie & Lorna) shopping for fabric, cutting it and packaging up hand outs for anyone who would like to make a few. A pattern mockup will be presented at the September meeting. We hope you will take up the challenge and perhaps go beyond your own comfort level and enjoy the experience at the same time. QuiltCon is scheduled for Feb 23-27, 2017 in Savannah, Georgia.

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