

January Meeting Information

Join us on Thursday, January 18th, 2024

Environmental Services Building 9850 64th St. W., University Place, WA

Social starts at 6:30 p.m. General Meeting starts at 7 p.m. Virtual Meeting connects at 6:45

If you need a Zoom link, email <u>TacomaMQG@gmail.com</u>

From the Presidents

Happy New Year! What is on your New Year's list of projects you have planned to work on? We would love to hear about what your big plans are. Christine L. and Melissa R. have cleaned and reorganized their sewing areas so they are ready to go. This is a picture from @mdruddy85 on instagram of her very organized space!



We need a Secretary! Dawn G had to put away her pen as she has too many other obligations to be part of the guild right now. If you are a good note taker, we would love to have you take meeting notes. You can email us at the guild, <u>Tacomamqg@gmail.com</u> or talk to us at the meeting. Thanks again!



We hope to see you at the meeting!

Trisha and Kathy



January Meeting Highlights

- Check out our December meeting minutes on <u>our website</u> and be prepared to vote on them.
- We will have a short business part of the meeting.
- Block of the Month: Bring BOM blocks if you have them.
- Wear your handmade name tag to get a raffle ticket!
- Birthday Raffle. Is your birthday this month? If so, we ask you to bring a small item for the "Birthday Raffle Basket". Raffle tickets are 2 for \$1 and sold prior to and during the meeting. Funds from this raffle help us pay for our meeting space rental.
- We will spend 30 minutes to work on Committee work for the year. We need you to come and be involved in making our guild better! Committees will be by table and we will have a brainstorm session, write down ideas, choose a spokesperson, and hear a summary.
- For the new year as well, please come and share if you are doing a SewALong for this 2024 year. What is it, and where did you find the information to sign up? Or you can share if you have a special quilt design you want to do for 2024. We want to hear about it.
- Come get your TMQG challenge fabric for quilt the block to be done for February. Details to be shared at meeting.
- Please bring show and tell.
- Do you have quilts ready for donation that just need a label? We'll have TMQG labels available at the January meeting. Bring your sewing kit and completed donation quilts and sew your label on then! Or grab a label and return your community quilt at one of our next meetings.

As always, guests are welcome to come to the in-person meeting or join via Zoom. For those who can't join in-person, please send an email to tacomamqg@gmail.com if you plan to Zoom so we know to look out for you. Be sure to send us your show and tell pictures as well so we can share them on the big screen! We look forward to seeing you and will watch for your login.

Pin Cushion Gift Exchange

This picture does not do these pincushions justice, there were so many fun, creative, quality, creations. It was fun to see each one opened and finding their way to their new owners. Thank you Christine for leading this fun event.



Tech & Communications Committee

Did you know you can connect with the Tacoma Modern Quilt Guild using various platforms across the web?

Email <u>TacomaMQG@gmail.com</u> Website <u>https://www.tacomamqg.com/</u> Facebook <u>https://www.facebook.com/groups/143457665696482</u> Instagram <u>https://www.instagram.com/tacmqg/</u> Pintrest <u>https://www.pinterest.com/tacomamgg/</u>

If you'd like to help the Guild by managing one (or more!) of our social media feeds or if you think there is a platform that you think we should be using but are not, talk to Nannette or email TMQG (link above!)

Nannette Huber VP Technology & Communications



Education/Events Committee

The Education/Events committee met on January 8 to discuss potential speakers and events for 2024. Stay tuned for details of events, but hold March 16th as a sew in for National Quilt Day. We have Midland Community Center reserved and will be there all day. We are also getting more information on a couple of workshops and will be back with more details when we have some of them worked out. We are always looking for member talent as well. If you have a skill to share with the group or any ideas for workshops or speakers, please send them to me at tacomamqg@gmail.com.

Sue Perkins VP Programs

TMQG Events

Sew Along Support Group Join us the 2nd Thursday of each month from 6:30 to 8:30 pm for a virtual sew in. For January, that will be January 11th. In February, that happens on February 15. This is an opportunity for us to socialize and support each other in whatever thing we are sewing on right now. Sewing during the meeting is encouraged but completely optional.

If you need a Zoom link, email <u>TacomaMQG@gmail.com</u>

In-Person Sew In The next Sew-In will be held at the Midland Community Center on Saturday March 16 to celebrate National Quilt Day. We will have the space all day. Stay tuned for more details.



TMQG Spring Retreat at the Seabeck Conference Center

Thursday May 2 - Sunday, May 5, 2024

Our Spring Retreat in 2024 will be held at the Seabeck Conference Center. This is a lovely facility located near Hood Canal. We will be staying in Huckleberry Lodge which features double space rooms with a bathroom. The ground floor is fully accessible. We will be limited to 16 attendees if all rooms are fully booked and can also allow daytimers after we reach our minimum (which is 10). All meals are included in this retreat and the dining hall is located adjacent to the building we will be sewing in. We will be sewing in Juniper lodge. The cost per member is \$340 and includes a shared double occupancy room with a full bath, a separate sewing space in a lodge adjacent to the dining hall, and all meals. Single rooms are available for an additional \$150. You can pay on our <u>web site</u> via PayPal with an additional fee or bring a check to the meeting.

For more information about Seabeck Conference Center, please check out their website: https://www.seabeck.org/.



The Huckleberry Lodge

The Juniper Meeting Room (sample layout, we'll customize it!)

Community Events

<u>Kitsap Quilters</u> is having their annual quilt show, <u>Color In Motion</u>, February 16th & 17th at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds. Featured artists are Debbie Snyder and Nancy Parrott. They plan to have over 200 quilts on display, demonstrations, vendors, shopping boutique, a cafe, and scissor sharpening. Admission is \$10.

<u>Sew Expo</u> is back February 29th-March 3rd at the Washington State Fair Events Center in Puyallup. Class registration starts January 16th.

<u>Quilters Anonymous</u> is having their annual quilt show, <u>Galaxy of Quilts</u>, March 15-17 at the Evergreen State Fairgrounds in Monroe. They will have over 400 quilts, a merchant mall, demonstrations, food and beverages. Parking is free but admission is \$10 for adults.

<u>Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show</u> is July 13th in Sisters, OR. Class registration starts January 10th. The good classes go like hotcakes so register soon if you want to go!