

## **Gatherings - Featured Members January to June 2023**

### **January 4, 2023 - Elizabeth Schneider**

My Quilting journey started in 1997. My second quilt had appliqué and from then on I was hooked. I am going to share techniques that I have learned over the years and that work for me. There are many different ways to get each step accomplished. Whatever works for you is great and you may wish to share your ideas and we can all learn together. Appliqué is easy and very portable once your prep work is done. Also, it uses those little scraps of fabric that seem to keep growing in our sewing rooms

Who knows you may become another hand applique addict!!!!

### **February 1, 2023 - Quilts of Valour Sewing Bee - Deby Wettges**

My quilting journey started in 2005 in Dunnville. Fast forward to 2017, when I moved to Kitchener and joined WCQG. I was now retired and although I enjoyed working with the Guild, I needed something more. In February 2021 I volunteered to fill the empty position of Regional Rep for Kitchener and Area for *Quilts of Valour – Canada*. I had researched QOVC and felt I would like to take part in honouring injured members of our Armed Forces. February is the month that QOVC celebrate their yearly nation-wide SEW DAY (being held on ZOOM and YouTube on Feb. 3rd.). This is why I chose to sponsor *Gatherings* in February. I encourage you to register to come and sew blocks for QOVC. I will have pre-cut kits available for the day and perhaps with many hands we can make enough blocks for a full quilt top! I will have info on the organization as well as a couple of surprises. Hope you will join me.

### **March 1, 2023 - Glenda Dippel - Quilt a large quilt on a domestic machine**

I quilt all my large quilts on my domestic sewing machine. Both the quilt top and back are fully constructed before the batting is added in a quilt-as-you go technique. I'll be demonstrating throughout the day and will be prepared to answer questions. There will be quilts on display that have been quilted using this technique.

**April 5, 2023 - Kathy Bissett**

In my presentation for the 2022 *International Quilting Day*, I said that celebrating life's milestones for a quilter can only be done in one way – with a quilt. I plan to have the quilt, *Golden Threads*, on display along with its album and also about twenty or so additional quilts I have made or received over the years. I'll be prepared to answer questions about my quilts and would be delighted to have you bring a quilt or two to discuss with me.

**May 3, 2023 - Grace Cameron - Purses**

I started making quilts around 2010. I really enjoy the process but, when the pandemic hit in 2020, I decided I needed to do something that was quick and useful at the same time. My friend, Arlene, introduced me to bag making – that's it!! I found my niche!! Once you know the basics of making a really good tote bag, it doesn't take much to modify it to create a bag that you really like. Maybe wider straps or more pockets! Need a quick gift for someone special? It's so much fun!

**June 7, 2023 - Judy Pearce – Collage Quilts and Craft Swap Exchange**

I will bring along several collage quilts for display and a collage project in process. I will demo how I choose an image and use that image to create a fabric collage. A lot of the success of a piece is determined before a piece is even started by choosing a good image. We will look at some photographs and images to determine which ones would work well to create a successful collage quilt and some that wouldn't work well. Unfortunately, there won't be time for each participant to create a collage on June 7th but hopefully participants will pick up some tools and tricks so they have confidence to try it on their own."