

September Program - Bridget O'Flaherty, Perth, Ontario



The Program Committee is excited to start the guild year off with Bridget O'Flaherty from Perth, Ontario. Bridget's lecture "My Journey as a Textile Artist" - will take us through her 30 year career as a textile artist. It will start with her early years, through to how she developed into a thread painting artist, focusing on eco-friendly materials.

Bridget is an internationally renowned, award-winning quilt artist, focusing primarily on free-motion thread painting in her natural landscape designs. She brings her sustainability consultant background into her textile art, beginning with local fleece from a neighbouring sheep farm and processing it to create felted fabric to use in her detailed thread work. She "draws" with her sewing machine, building up layers of multi-coloured thread to create her art. She uses combinations of local, recycled and organic threads, botanical and natural dyes, as well as sustainably managed materials in her original works.

Bridget is a member of TAFAList: The Textile and Fiber Art List, Lanark County Quilters' Guild and CQA.

Bridget will also be teaching her workshop - "Easy Peasy Thread Painting" - on Saturday, October 23, 2021. For more information about the workshop, please see page 7 and go to our on-line store.

You can find more information about Bridget on her website: <https://bridgetoflaherty.com> or on Instagram at [bridgetoflaherty_textileartist](#), on facebook: [BridgetOflahertyTextileArtist](#) and on YouTube at [TextileArtbyBridgetO'Flaherty](#).



UPCOMING

WORKSHOP INFORMATION



Details about workshops will be added to the online store.

September 25th - Leanne Parsons' 'Conquering Curves' (page 9)

October 23rd - Bridget O'Flaherty's 'Easy Peasy Thread Painting by Numbers' (page 7)

November 20th - Inez Drummond's 'Woven Basket'

December 4th - Diane Harris' 'Let's Play Drezzup'

January 29th - Melissa Marginet's 'Zen Tree'

February 19th - Kelly DuMareq's 'Scrap String Quilts'

March 19th - Linda Hahn's 'Wicked Wahini'

May 25th - Leianne McCallum's 'Studio 180 V Block Ruler'

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President's Challenge

3 Yard Quilt

The First President's Challenge for the coming year is a 3 yard quilt. There is some wiggle room with the parameters—you can use 3 yards (1 yard each of three different fabrics, plus an extra quarter yard for binding, or you can use 12 fat quarters or scraps to add up to 3 yard of fabric.)



Pictures and comments related to the finished project must be submitted to Jean McFarlane by **November 10, 2021**. This will allow for the development of a slide show and poll to determine the lucky winner.

Many of our local fabric shops are carrying the Fabric Café books, that feature 3 yard quilts. Some of the shops have curated bundles ready to go. Other shops are happy to help in the selection of a fabric bundle.



Quilts for Lytton Fire Survivors

Jean McFarlane is happy to co-ordinate the collection of completed quilts and arrange for them to be sent to British Columbia.

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TEDDY BEARS IN QUILTS

We are partnering again this year with the Knights of Columbus, Waterloo by making 25" square quilts for teddy bears. Last year, some members provided not only the quilt but the bear as well. Some even included masks!

Would you please hand in your completed teddy bear quilts by November 30, to give us time to take photos and deliver these gifts to K of C in time for their toy drive? Thanks! - Jean McFarlane



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Seeing Truth, a block designed by Catherine Henderson and donated to Quilts for Survivors, copied from the CQA/ACC website

Jean McFarlane, our president, is collecting 16.5" blocks (unfinished size), incorporating at least one orange fabric, for this initiative to support the survivors of residential schools in light of the recent discoveries of unmarked graves. The blocks will be assembled into lap quilts, approximately 48" x 62". Donations of thread, batting and backing fabric are also welcome. Please have your blocks to Jean by September 30th.

For more information about this project, go to

<https://canadianquilter.com/news/quilts-for-survivors-deadline-august-1/>

And the facebook page, Quilts for Survivors

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1163361047509182>

SEPTEMBER WORKSHOP



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Leanne Parsons

Leanne Parsons, *The Devoted Quilter* from Newfoundland will bring us her new workshop, *Conquering Curves*. Her last workshop *Paper Piecing with Freezer Paper* was so popular that when she mentioned she was working on a new workshop, we knew we had to have her again this year.

Conquering Curves uses the *Noodles* pattern and will teach us how to conquer intimidating curves while learning tricks that can be used on any quilt with curves.

Skill level : Confident beginner. Participants should be comfortable with their sewing machine and with sewing a 1/4" seam allowance.

This workshop will be open to non-members on September 20, 2021.

Date: Saturday, September 25th 2021

Time: 9:30am to 12:00 noon

Cost: \$25.00

Pattern required: *Noodles*—\$11.20 available on Leanne's website

<https://www.devotedquilter.com/>

Check the online store for further details regarding registration and payment.

CONQUERING CURVES

Join Leanne of Devoted Quilter to learn tips and tricks for stitching curves while making your Noodles quilt.



OCTOBER WORKSHOP



Bridget O'Flaherty

“Easy Peasy Thread Painting by Numbers” Workshop

**Saturday,
October 23, 2021**



Have you ever wanted to try free motion thread painting but didn't think you were skilled enough at sewing or artistic enough? Then Bridget's workshop is one for which you might want to sign up.

This class gives you easy step-by-step instructions on how to tackle the basics. You get a chance to create 2 sweet little embroidered thread paintings. Create these thread paintings by number, a simple and easy to read pattern takes the guess work out of colour theory and shading.



It's a perfect class for beginners!

The workshop will be delivered via Zoom and will be 3 hours, starting at 9:30am. The cost of the workshop is \$25 and you will also need to order a kit \$35, (plus HST and shipping). The kit includes 2 pre-printed panels, 7 spools of thread,

tear away stabilizer and a 7" low profile hoop.

You will need to have on hand the following: backing, batting, border and practice fabric, bobbin thread, sewing supplies and a sewing machine which is capable of doing free motion stitching.

Sign up now at our online store on our website.



Internet Resources for Quilters

Prepared by Inge Ford

Hope you enjoy this month's selection of quilt related resources available on the internet. From on-line quilt programs to Youtube videos to virtual quilt shows, hopefully there is something here to pique your interest.

Susan-Claire Mayfield - The Gourmet Quilter, <https://www.gourmetquilter.com>

Susan-Claire Mayfield has been quilting since the seventies and was sewing as a child, encouraged by her mum before then. When asked to teach at a local quilting store, Susan-Claire decided to prepare her own patterns for the class. The designs and patterns were popular and quilters asked for more—and so the pattern designing began. Susan-Claire has many designs now and her own studio is in her home in the country, in New Zealand. Susan-Claire is known as “The Gourmet Quilter” where she features weekly videos on her Youtube channel.



Here is an example of one of her most recent videos - “How to Use Orphan Blocks to Make a Gift Bag”.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MtZPigz9gxl>

Link to her Youtube channel where you will find all of her other videos

<https://www.youtube.com/c/GourmetQuilter/featured>

The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show - A Virtual Event September 9-11, 2021

This is the second year that ‘The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show’ will take place virtually. There will be presentations taking place on facebook, Youtube and ‘The Great Wisconsin Quilt Show’ website. Guest presenters, videos, and vendors will all be available to attendees. This Quilt Show is free for all attendees. Click this link for more information: <https://quiltshow.com/>



The Quilt Show - Free Shows

‘The Quilt Show’ is an on-line bi-weekly show hosted by Alex Anderson and Ricki Timms that showcases a wide variety of quilters and quilt artists who share their skills and talents. This is a membership subscription program.

There are a number of free shows available currently. No credit cards or trial memberships are required to access these shows. Consider watching the renowned Barbara Black, or learn some new organizational tips from Lilo Bowman (Show 2801), learn about surface design with Deborah Boschert (Show 2108), Appliquik tools with Rosa Rojas (Show 1912), or watch Susan Cleveland as she explains how to make a modern Dresden quilt (Show 2308). The following link will take you to these free shows: <https://thequiltshow.com/watch/free-shows>



Thank you to all my quilting friends for all the sympathy cards phone calls visits and words of comfort in the loss of my precious son Brian. Also thank you for the lovely PAL quilt all in blues Brian's favorite colour.

These acts of kindness will always be remembered and stay close to my heart.

God bless you

Kitty Mitchell and family

(with sincerest apologies from Marg Sandiford for neglecting to include this note in our mid-summer edition)



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Please review existing member listings to see what to include.

Zoom Training Sessions

For New Users or as a Refresher

Are you new to using Zoom or would you like to participate in a refresher training/practice session? Do you have questions about using Zoom or some of the features of Zoom?

In September, there will be two practice sessions provided for anyone who is new to using Zoom. Basics including how to join and participate in a Zoom meeting will be briefly reviewed. Some of the features including using virtual backgrounds, applying fun filters, finding new emojis, how to move in and out of break-out rooms of your choosing, new apps and features available in Zoom, etc. The two dates of the sessions will be Thursday, September 9 at 7:00pm and Friday, September 10 at 1:00pm. No need to register. A Zoom link will be sent to all guild members the day before the sessions. If you are interested in participating, just click on the Zoom link and join us for some fun as we refresh and refine our Zoom skills.



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PAL Quilts

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this initiative! Our total for the year is amazing, **100** plus 40 for the Tiny Houses.

Several large donations of tops and fabrics were received. So, if you're looking for a project, contact Judy for some batiks.

Backing and batting are now available for your completed tops. There is a brown (Kim Diehl) and a charcoal black, as well as a lighter coloured bolt still to come. Contact Judy with your quilt measurements.

These photos show completed quilts with tops donated by Lynn Fulton, a former member, with quilting by Bonnie, Barb and Marg(above). The photo below is of batik quilts, pieced by Judy with donated fabric. To the right are several of the scrappy quilt tops, donated anonymously through Kathy Bissett. These are nearing completion and will be ready for donation, perhaps to some new immigrants.



If anyone is interested in doing some machine quilting, please let Judy know. We seem to be receiving the pieced tops, in need of quilting

- Judy Sieger, for the PAL Committee

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LIBRARY NEWS

We will continue with curbside pickup. The big news is that members can choose books from any category in the guild's library on the WCQG's website. The number of borrowed books increases to 4. With the increased choice and number of books, we will insist that the members be responsible for returning their library books themselves or by friends. The number of "Used Books for Sale at Quilt Shows" is occupying essential cupboard space. When members come to pickup/return their books, they will also be able to choose 2 books from the Give Away table.

Important Dates to Remember: September 17—members' book orders to librarians, September 21—Librarian select/bag for pickup, September 22—3:00pm to 5:30pm, members pickup/return books. COVID rules apply.— Jean Simpson & Donna MacKay

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This month, I'm highlighting our new vice president,

Gail Berry-Graham

JM *When did you start quilting?*

GBG Officially, I began my quilting journey about 15 years ago—UNOFFICIALLY I started in 1989 when my sister invited me to a class where we could each make a whole quilt in just one day! Well, that 'quilt' sure didn't get finished in a day and got

packed in a box and moved, house to house, and town to town. Fast forward—I now love piecing, quilting and machine embroidery.

JM *Who or what inspired your quilting journey?*

GBG Several roads led me to quilting. I had spent much of my adult life looking for just the right hobby—the one that would speak to my soul, then a sister-in-law from Australia that I had never met (who was a quilter) was coming for a visit so I arranged a visit to St Jacobs quilts shops, and then a trip to the Spring Creative Festival, where I saw my first long arm quilting machine and decided THAT's what I wanted to do. Then my best friend died suddenly and I knew I needed a hobby that would surround me with loving, kind, funny women—which is exactly what I found.

JM *What style of quilting do you like best?*

GBG It's not so much about style as colour—I love bright, and happy. So, I'm not a real fan of the 30's reproduction or Civil War—but really, I haven't seen a quilt I don't like.

JM *Do you have a favorite quilting story you would like to share?*

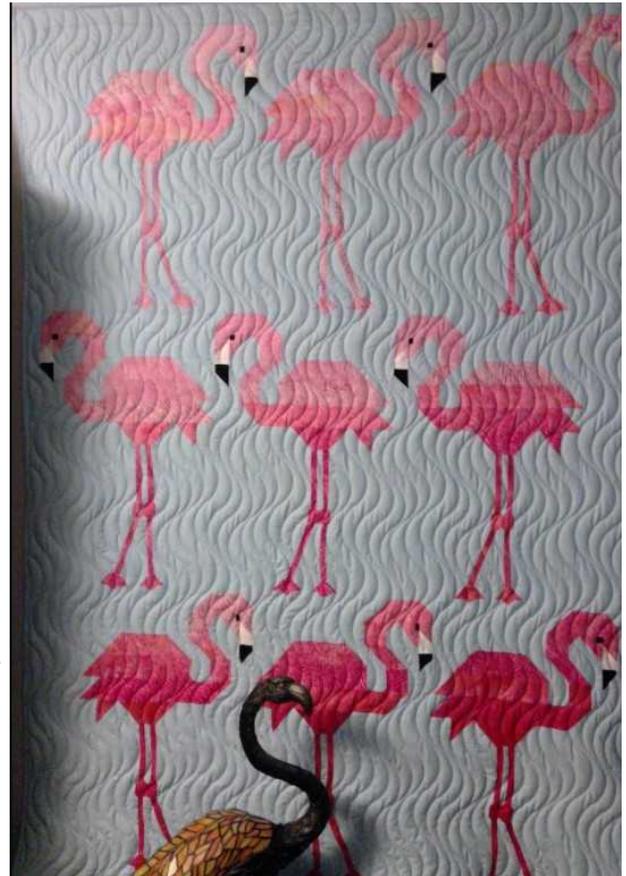
GBG Not so much a story as an encouragement—get involved, joining a group, volunteer your time, exhibit a quilt in the guild show—getting involved in my last home town guild was the best decision I ever made—it took courage to volunteer that first time, but I have met some of the best people in the world by just getting off my chair and getting involved.

JM *Would you like to share something about yourself that few people know or would expect?*

GBG I am exploring my part of this new-to-me city on bicycle—it's a great way to find new little pockets of the city, great trails and I'm advocating for more and safer bicycle lanes for people like me and commuters.

JM *Would you submit a photo of a project of which you are most proud?*

GBG I have a real thing for flamingos—since the early 80's and not just since they're become mainstream.



- Jean McFarlane, President

Open Sewing Days



Our Open Sewing Days will continue as we enter the fall season. Consider joining us for the Monday afternoon or Saturday morning Open Sewing Days. This is a great way to participate in informal on-line gatherings on Zoom. Guild members are invited to come and join us as we sew, laugh, ask questions, share ideas, learn from each other - and most importantly, connect with one another and have fun! We continue to gather every Mon-

day afternoon from 2 to 4pm (except holiday Mondays - September 6) and one Saturday from 10am to noon each month. There will be a new Zoom Link for all of our fall Open Sewing times. The new link will begin on September 11. While the link will remain the same for all of our Open Sewing times, it will continue to be sent out on Monday or Saturday mornings so that participants can easily locate the link. For any new guild members - this is a great way to get to know fellow quilters. We look forward to connecting on Monday afternoons or Saturday mornings!

Our September Virtual Vendor will be



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Julie McAuliffe, Chapter Co-ordinator, wants to thank everyone who donated quilts to the NICU at Grand River Hospital. She said, "We received some lovely little quilts that are just perfect for the NICU at the hospital". The need is still there, so if you have small (25" square) quilts available, Julie would be happy to pick them up or you can drop them off at her place. Her phone number is 519-749-2704 and her email is mcauliffe@golden.net. Please use child appropriate fabric as these will go to very tiny babes. Julie reports that during 2020, she delivered 1202 blankets to various agencies in our community. Your donations may also be dropped off at Fabricland (Kitchener), Len's Mill (Waterloo & Hawkesville) and Farmer's Plus (Elmira).



September 20 - 24, 2022

Hope to see you there!

Quilt Block Challenge

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Submission deadline: October 31, 2021

The International Plowing Match will be held in Kemptville (North Grenville) in September 2022. The Quilt Tent is always a popular part of this event. Leading up to the IPM, there will be a number of events. The first event is a Quilt Block Challenge. The theme this year is “Home on the Farm: Yesterday, Today & Tomorrow”. There will be three prizes: \$100, \$75 & \$50. The kit includes 4 fabrics and participants may add one cotton fabric of their choice. The entry deadline is **October 31, 2021**. Good luck to all who participate!



Fall Shop Hop

It's time for a Fall Shop Hop !! This one is in Eastern Ontario. It runs from September 9 – 11. There are 7 quilting/scrapbooking shops involved and although they are all located too far for a road trip (??), I have been in touch with the organizer and was assured they will have great presentations virtually. There will be a flyer going out on various social media and publications very soon. There are prize draws already happening at the FB page.

If you are interested/want updates then go to
<https://www.facebook.com/Quilters-Quest-Shop-Hop-Eastern-Ontario-100599825067557>

Passports are available .. email dwettges@gmail.com if interested.

If you know of a guild member who has become ill, please let our secretary, **Doris Martin**, know so she can send a get well card from all of us.

Save the Date for International Quilting Day 2022



Saturday, March 22, 2022

Hosted by the Royal City Quilters' Guild, the York Heritage Quilters' Guild and the Waterloo County Quilters' Guild

Watch for more details coming soon!



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Saturday, October 2 and Sunday, October 3, 2021

Presenters

(These lists do not denote order of presentation)

Oct 2, 2021 3-6pm EST

April Sproule, Brandy Maslowski,
Candy Grisham, Jane Haworth,
Carole Lyles Shaw,
Daisy Aschehoug, Jane Hauprich
Jenny Kae Parks, Julia McLeod

Oct 3, 2021 3-6pm EST

Kena Tangi Dorsey, Lisa Walton,
MJ Kinman Rhonda Denney,
Sandra Chandler, Susie Monday
Tina Craig, Tori McElwain,
Valerie Goodwin

New: you'll be able to watch the events for 24 hours after they end!

GQC will make each day's event accessible to you to watch for 24 hours after each live event ends! We know that our viewers are located all across the globe and we want to make it easier for you and your guild members to watch. We don't want you to miss any of the great content that our presenters have for you!

Our guild is already registered for this event!

More information and Zoom links will be sent closer to the date





SMILE QUILTS

The Smile Quilt committee did some purchasing of flannel backing in August so there is more to choose from on the Smile Quilt Fabric Request page on the website. The colours are shown via the **Community Outreach** page of our website.

On the Community Outreach page, scroll down a quarter of the page to the **Smile Quilt Fabric Request** heading in blue lettering and click on this. You will arrive at the page that shows you the current selection of backings. *Read the instructions at the top of the page, so that when you telephone or email Helene, you will have all the required information available.*

Requests must reach Helene by Monday, September 13

Pick up of your requested order is at Marilyn Weckworth's home, 16 Muskoka Court, Kitchener and will take place on **Monday, September 20th and Tuesday, September 21st, after 12:30pm.**

- Bonnie Murdoch, Smile Committee Member

Below: a couple of Smile Quilts made by Ginny Hess





COMPLETED QUILT CONTEST 2021

(All quilts received by Deby will be presented to Canadian Armed Forces Members in this area)

TO ENTER THE QUILTS OF VALOUR CANADA SOCIETY COMPLETED QUILTS CONTEST:

1. Make a complete Quilt of Valour as per the instructions found at:
<https://www.quiltsofvalour.ca/contacts>
2. Contact and Donate your completed Quilt of Valour during the contest period Jan 1st – Dec. 30th 2021 to your QOVC Reg. Rep. for Kitchener/Waterloo and area
Deby Wettges (deby.wettges@quiltsofvalour.ca)
3. A PHOTO of your quilt with your NAME, ADDRESS and PHONE NUMBER will be emailed to contest@quiltsofvalour.ca. For each **completed** quilt + email entry submitted, there will be 1 ballot entered in the draw in your name.



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Sewing Together, But Apart Days

Spend the day together, sharing and learning, while staying safe.

We have continued to have wonderful support for our STBA days, with consistently great attendance and interest for these activities. Our next STBA day is Wednesday, September 8th. Each day runs from 9:00am to 3:30pm. Come for the full day or come when you can.

Our theme for the September 8th STBA day will be *"finding our quilting inspiration"*. In the afternoon, we will welcome Frances Arnold, from Georgia. Frances will share her lecture called *"Viewing the World Through Quilt Coloured Glasses"*. Frances has been quilting for many years and also loves to travel. We will travel with her across five continents, looking at how we, as quilters, view the world. Frances stresses that it is not so much about the travels but about finding the inspiration for our quilts - whether it is from an exotic site in India or an everyday experience at home. She will share techniques and strategies for turning our inspiration into beautiful quilts. Come and join us for a day of fun, learning and socializing.



Sign up for September's STBA day soon at our online store! A detailed agenda and Zoom link will be sent to all registered participants on Tuesday, September 7th.

COMING SOON FOR OUR 2021-2022 SEASON

Wednesday, October 13, 2021—Pat Speth from Minnesota, Trunk Show: "Nickel Quilts - 5 Inch is a Cinch"

Wednesday, November 10, 2021—Jane Bromberg from Kansas, Trunk Show: "Finishing Up"

Wednesday, December 1, 2021—Michele Crawford from Washington, Trunk Show: "Just Cut the Scrap"

Wednesday, January 12, 2022—Linda Martin-Mills from Hopewell, New Jersey—"The Reluctant Quilter". Linda shares an amazing and inspirational story of her quilting journey featuring a trunk show of over 50 quilts.

Wednesday, February 9, 2022—Sarah Ruiz from Houston, Texas—"Quilted Fabric Postcards"

More information about each of the above sessions will be posted on the website's on-line store as we approach the months ahead. Sign up for these STBA days soon on our website and email, Inge Ford, our Sewing Together Co-ordinator.

Upcoming ONLINE Speaker and Workshop Information

September 15 - Bridget O’Flaherty
 September 25 - Conquering Curves Workshop
 October 20 - Jenny Doan
 October 23 - Easy Peasy Thread Painting Workshop

November 27– Diane Harris
 December 8 - Kate Colleran
 January 19 - Melissa Marginet
 February 16 - Linda Hahn
 March 16 - Krista Moser
 April 20 - Helen Martin
 May 18 - Sandy Lindal
 June 16 - Annual General Meeting



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The Quilting Months Ahead...

Month	Day	Activity
September	8	Sewing Together But Apart Day
September	9-11	Fall Shop Hop
September	15	Regular Guild Meeting on Zoom 7pm
September	25	‘Conquering Curves’ Workshop with Leanne Parsons
October	2, 3	Global Quilter Connection All Star Sampler Platter Event 3 - 6pm
October	13	Sewing Together But Apart Day
October	20	Regular Guild Meeting on Zoom, 7pm
October	23	Easy Peasy Thread Painting by Numbers Workshop with Bridget O’Flaherty, 9:30am



Our website: <http://www.wcquiltersguild.on.ca/>

Newsletter Deadline for the October issue is September 23, 2021