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INTERNATIONAL QUILTING DAY

ALL DAY VIRTUAL CELEBRATION

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

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SATURDAY 16 MARCH 2024

ADMISSION: \$25

ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS - VENDORS
PRIZE DRAWS - VIRTUAL QUILT SHOW

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The Waterloo County Quilters' Guild provides an opportunity for quilters to learn in a supportive, sharing, social environment. We encourage you to get the most out of your membership by becoming more deeply involved in the guild.

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Please refrain from wearing perfume to Gatherings as some members are allergic or sensitive to them.

GATHERINGS

Wednesday, March 6, 2024

10:30am - 3:00pm

INTERNATIONAL QUILTING DAY (IQD)

In just a few short weeks, International Quilting Day will be here. Have you registered for IQD, taking place on Saturday March 16th? It's an event you don't want to miss. There is no charge for WCQG members to attend.

If you haven't registered yet, please go to iqdonline.com to register.

What to expect at IQD:

Three amazing keynote speakers - Kaffe Fassett, Dana Jones and Laura Coia. Where would you be able to hear three such amazing speakers on one day?

Six additional sessions, featuring:

Maggie Dillon, from Florida, sharing her trunk show on *"Art Quilts and Fiber Collage"*. Maggie is an award-winning quilter, who will feature stunning quilts in her presentation.

Sarah Humphreys, from the UK, sharing her passion for free motion quilting in her lecture, *"Cultivate Confidence in Free Motion Quilting"*.

Vanessa Genier (Founder & CEO of Quilts for Survivors), will share her lecture, *"Quilts for Survivors: Our Journey: Past, Present and Future"*.

Emily Bailey, from Utah, will share her love of, and passion for, scrap quilting, in her lecture *"Bits of Joy"*, where she will inspire us on how to use our scraps to create lovely quilts.

Peter Byrne, from Toronto, will share his lecture, *"Behind the Seams"* - his personal journey in quilting. Peter is an award-winning Modern Quilter with a passion for innovation and design.

Michael Smith will share his quilting journey. With two diplomas in fashion design, Michael caught the quilting bug when his eldest son was born. Now, over 30 years and hundreds of quilts later, Michael shares his passion for sewing, quilting, and creating from his quilt shop, *The Sewcial Quilter Inc.*, in Clarksburg, ON.

Also available during the day will be four presentations by vendors, a virtual quilt show, and lots of door prizes and discounts, generously donated by many of our favorite quilt shops. None of the presentations will be recorded, so plan carefully. To assist you in that planning, Emily Humphreys will share her lecture for our quilt at the May STBA day and Michael Smith will share his presentation at the April 10th STBA day. You are also encouraged to ensure that your Zoom account is updated. To update it, go to [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us), scroll to the bottom, look for your device, and update Zoom. Follow the instructions provided.

For more information about any of the speakers or activities, please visit the website for IQD at iqdonline.com.

We look forward to seeing you on March 16th!



March Program

Wednesday, March 20, 2024 7pm ET on Zoom

“Intentional Piecing: Using Fussy Cutting in Quilt Designs”

with Amy Friend

We are delighted to have Amy Friend with us for our March guild meeting! Amy will present her lecture and slide show, “Intentional Piecing: Using Fussy Cutting in Quilt Designs”. Amy’s Zoom trunk show will focus on the quilts found in her book, *Intentional Piecing*, but will include additional quilts and quilt blocks as well. Amy



will use these quilts and blocks to illustrate different type of fussy cutting, and to discuss fabric selection in general. How can you pick the best fabric for a pattern? How can a pattern really showcase a fabric design? Delve deep into Amy’s fabric selection obsession!

Amy Friends is a former museum curator turned designer. She designs modern quilts and specializes in paper pieced designs. Amy has authored the books *Intentional Piecing* (2016), *Improv Paper Piecing: A Modern Approach to Quilt Design* (2017), and *Petal + Stem* (2020). Since 2019, Amy has run a paper pieced Block of the Month program each year. She is an award-winning quilter, and her quilts have been exhibited at a number of quilt shows as well as in museums. Amy is a national quilt teacher and lecturer. She lives in Massachusetts with her husband and three children. If she isn’t sewing or spending time with family, you might find her in her garden.

For more information about Amy Friend, and to follow Amy’s creative path, please visit the following:

Website and blog: www.duringquiettime.com

Instagram: @duringquiettime

- Ev Cameron, for the Program Committee





Quilts of Valour - Canada Society



Left - Donna McKay, who won the draw during February's Gatherings.

Right - Barb Fooks with her donated quilt top

Below - Anne Nicholson with her two donated quilt tops



Thank you to everyone who participated in the February Gatherings QOVC Sewing Day. Please remember to bring your finished blocks to the March Gatherings so they can be assembled into a QOVC quilt.

Congratulations to Donna McKay for being the draw prize winner and for participating in the February Gatherings Sew Day for QOVC.

Sewing for QOVC with Royal City Quilters Guild (Guelph) The RCQG is inviting all those who are interested in supporting this cause for an open Sew Day on Monday, March 11th, from 10am to 4:30pm at the Royal Canadian Legion, 57 Watson Pkwy, S., in Guelph. This building is wheelchair accessible. For more details, visit royalcityquiltersguild.ca/communityoutreach



- Deby Wettges, QOVC Kitchener and Area Representative.

Our Virtual Vendor for March is

Lori's Country Cottage
#250-130 Broadway Blvd.
Sherwood Park, Alberta

<https://loriscountrycottage.com/>



Quilt Trimmings and Small Scraps

We have found a place for these bits, thanks to Anne Schott. If you bring them to our March Gatherings, Helene Doerfler will forward them. This person is most appreciative and offers her thanks, but this is only for one month.

We have since found a permanent home for our “scraps”. The Shoebox Workshop, on Mill Street in Kitchener, is most happy to make use of them. The volunteers there make crafts, school supply kits, sewing kits, art kits, toques/mitts sets, little children’s outfits, and so many more items. All of these items are for the Shoeboxes that are distributed at Christmas time. The many friendly volunteers come and go, attending for one or two days a week, working there or working from home. They also work with other charity organizations. Helene visited the site and was totally blown away.

Keep saving all of your quilt trimmings and small scraps. Bring your donations to Gatherings.

**Let’s share/recycle
and not trash!**

Thanks for your efforts, Helene
Doerfler

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Virtual Show and Share for March

Please send pictures of your quilts, with a sentence or two about them, and the dimensions,

to kathleenbissett@me.com

by Sunday, March 17th, so they can be included in our virtual Show and Share.



Save the Date

Global Quilt Connections

Sampler Platter

April 13 & 14, 2024

3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

There will be 18 amazing teachers sharing their presentations.

WCQG is once again sponsoring this All-Star Sampler Platter for our guild members. There will be six hours (three hours each day) of 15-minute demonstrations by Global Quilt Connections teacher.

The viewing links will be available for 72 hours after the live events.

The list of teachers and their demonstrations will be published in the April newsletter, and the Zoom link to participate will be sent to all members in the Friday weekly update before the event.



LIBRARY NEWS

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New for 2024, members may now borrow 5 books each month from the guild library. If you are participating in the Library Learning Challenge, you may borrow an extra book to help with the technique you are learning.

Library Learning Challenge: If you complete a project for the Challenge, send a photo to Kathy Bissett for 'Show and Share' with the following information:

1. Tell her it's for the Library Learning Challenge
2. What you learned.
3. Whether you would use the technique again.
4. What book helped you.

After your item has been shown at a monthly guild meeting, there will be one ballot deposited in the draw. Entries must be received by April 14, 2024, for the April Zoom meeting to qualify for the draw. The winner's name will be drawn at the end of the 'Show and Share' in April, and will be announced that evening.

Book Sale:

The book sale at our monthly Gatherings has been a great way to cull old books and raise money for purchasing new books. Inventory is disappearing, and March Gatherings may be the last time we sell books. Be sure to come upstairs and see if there's anything that interests you! The sale has been running since 2022; thank you for supporting this initiative!

New Books:

Is there a quilting book you'd love to get your hands on? We're open to suggestions for new books to purchase for the guild library. Email wcqglibrary@gmail.com with your suggestions.

Friendly reminders about your Library:

- Open from 10:30am to 2pm at each monthly Gatherings
 - You can borrow 5 books each month, or 4 books and 3 magazines
 - If you participate in our Challenge, you can borrow an additional book to help with the technique you chose
 - Borrowers must be current members and use their new library card - which you will receive when you check in at the Membership table
 - Online orders are welcome. Email us at wcqglibrary@gmail.com by 6pm on the Monday before our next Gatherings. You can preview the Library inventory by clicking on the "Library Inventory" button on the website
 - Book Sale table will be open - \$2.00 per book or 3 books for \$5.00
- Anne Schott, Eileen Yorysh and Sandra Bussey, Your Library Team

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FOR SALE: ONE SHELVING UNIT previously used for curated fabric. Measures 36" wide, 24" deep, 72" high approx. Asking \$100, payable to the guild. If interested, contact Marg Sandiford.



PAL Quilts

Thank you to everyone who has donated a quilt to PAL so far this year. These quilts bring the comfort of home to patients who are in hospice. We have had a few long-arm quilters volunteer to quilt tops for PAL, so if you have a top that needs quilting, please let us know and we will put you in touch with a longarmer.

Batting and backing are also available - please email the dimensions of your quilt to Megan.

Another alternative - why not try an easy Quilt-As-You-Go quilt? Megan has been working on this sample, shown above, and we will have directions available at our March Gatherings, along with packs of pre-cut batting squares. These QAYG quilts are simple to make on your domestic machine, and are a great stash/scrap buster. The best part, when you're finished, the quilt is already quilted!

We are at the PAL table from 10:30 to 12:30 at Gatherings to accept donations and to answer your questions.

- Megan Stauch and Tamara Gilhuly

OPEN SEWING MONDAYS

Every Monday afternoon, from 2-4pm, a keen group of quilters meet on Zoom to share ideas, learn from each other, enjoy some hand or machine sewing, perhaps some knitting, and above all, share some laughter, fun, and friendship. If you are looking for an informal quilting community within our guild, this is the place to be. Feel free to participate, or sit back and enjoy the conversation. It's also a great opportunity to ask questions and get feedback on a project on which you might be working. We have local members who join us, but we also have our quilting friends from the US, central and western Canada, and as far away as the UK and The Netherlands who join us. We invite you to come and enjoy an afternoon of quilting, perhaps get to know some new people, and build some quilting friendships. The Zoom link for our Open Sewing days is always the same and can be found in the weekly update, sent out each Friday. Hope you can join us. - Inge Ford

Heart Pillows for St. Mary's Hospital Cardiac Unit



Thank you to the many guild members who brought completed heart pillows to the February Gatherings. We received close to 80 pillows. Your generosity of time and fabric is much appreciated.

On Thursday, February 15, we made our first delivery of 40 heart pillows to St. Mary's General Hospital Cardiac Unit. A hospital volunteer receives the pillows and takes them to the cardiac unit, where they are stored and distributed to patients as needed. Another 40 will be delivered at the end of February. We have agreed to provide 80 pillows per month, 12 months of the year, to support this worthwhile community project. The pillows are greatly appreciated by the staff and patients at the hospital, and they easily go through close to 80 pillows each month.

Heart pillow will be the featured event at our March Gatherings. We hope you will be able to join us and help with this special project. Here are some ways you can assist:

- Bring a completed pillow(s) to March Gatherings.
- Pick up a heart pillow kit (which includes the front and back of the pillow, heart shape and 3.5 oz. of fibre fill with which to stuff the pillow). Bring your sewing machine and make the pillow(s) at Gatherings, or take some home, sew them and return them to April Gatherings.

- Pick up a bag of fibre fill to stuff the pillows you are making from your own stash.
- Pick up a pre-made pillow that just needs to be stuffed and sew the opening closed. This can be done at Gatherings.

We invite you to bring your sewing machine and sew some pillows on-site, or bring a needle and thread, stuff some pre-made pillows and sew the opening closed, leaving a completed pillow with us on March 6th.

We are hoping to be able to work ahead and make sufficient pillow from March to June - so that we will have pillows to give to the hospital for the summer months of July and August.

The pillows are 13" x 14", with a 6" heart sewn to the front of the 14" side, then stuffed with 3.5 oz. of fibre fill (NOT batting). Each pillow weighs approximately 5 oz. when finished. Complete instructions, including a template for the heart, can be found on our website under community projects - or click this link - <https://www.wcquiltersguild.on.ca/copy-of-pal-quilts-3> We also provide pre-cut heart shapes if you are using fabrics from your stash. It's a great way to use up orphan blocks for one side of the pillow, perhaps adding a border to ensure the correct size of the pillow.

If any members have red fabric available to donate to the heart pillows, we would appreciate your donations. We will use this fabric to cut heart shapes using our Accuquilt heart die, and add them to our heart pillow kits.

Any donations of darkish fabric would also be welcome as we create kits for this project.

You will receive the kits and fibre fill in Ziploc bags: please return these bags with the completed pillows so they can be refilled and used again for more kits.

Thank you for helping make heart pillows to support the patients in the cardiac unit of the hospital. - Inge Ford



GATHERINGS

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 10:30am - 3:00pm

Please join us for Gatherings on Wednesday, February 7, 2024 at Albert McCormick Community Centre. You are welcome to come between 10:30 and 3:30—stay for all or a part of the day.

Our Featured Event will be **Heart Pillows for St. Mary's Hospital Cardiac Unit**. See article on page 8.

Our regular guild activities will be represented: Membership, Library, SMILE, PAL, Memory, Quilts of Valour-Canada, UFO's, and Fabric Curator. Deby Wettges, our historian, has photos of past events available for anyone who is interested in having them.

Bring a mug and enjoy a hot beverage.

Looking forward to seeing you. - Jean McFarlane and Elaine LaRonde

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- Use card stock for the back (fabric is too difficult to write on).
- Each postcard must be accompanied by a correctly sized envelope that will properly fit the postcard, to insure confidentiality for the recipient.
- The envelope must be no larger than 9" x 6", and no thicker than .02" with the postcard inside (minimum size according to Canada Post is 5.6" x 6.1" with a thickness of 0.007").

Please drop off your donations of postcards at Gatherings beginning in October—there will be a labelled basket or box on the sign-in table at the entrance for you to leave your postcards. - Doris Martin.



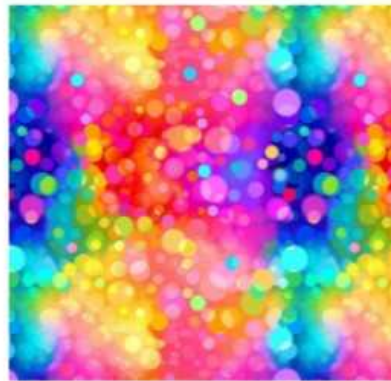
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If you know of a guild member who has become ill, please let our secretary, **Doris Martin**, know so she can send a get well card from all of us.

SPOOLS FOR SCHOOLS



As Gatherings continue, we'll continue to collect empty spools of any shape, size or colour to support STEM programs in schools. Bring your empty spools to Gatherings and deposit them in the box marked for that purpose. If you have any questions, contact Kerry Johnson at kerryjohnson30@gmail.com



The 2023-24 UFO Challenge Continues

The challenge is open to all members!! You can register your UFOs for the challenge. The fee is \$2 per UFO, and you can register as many items as you wish. The prize is the total \$\$\$ registered, plus a WCQG Rosette. If you cannot make it to Gatherings, and you wish to enter, then send your UFO information (a short description of the item), and your money, with a friend. For those members who are out of town, you can send Deby an email with the information about each item you wish to enter, and we will make arrangements on how your fees will be handled. The last date for registration will be March 2024 Gatherings.

Once your UFO is finished, send a picture of it to Kathy Bissett for 'Show & Share', **making sure you state it is for the UFO Challenge**. As each completed UFO is shown, one ballot with your name on it will be submitted for the draw. The last showing will be at the April 2024 Zoom meeting. The winner's name will be drawn that night at the end of the 'Show and Share'.

Hope you join in the fun, and empty your cupboards of those old UFOs.

Any questions? Contact Deby Wettges at
dwettges@gmail.com

Interested in Slow Stitching or Appliqué the Afternoon Away

Join us every third Wednesday of the month to work on your own appliqué or slow stitching project. This is a self-led, drop in program, all skill levels are welcome.

WMRC Pavilion

101 Father David Bauer Drive, Waterloo

- Drop-in takes place at the Waterloo Memorial Recreation Complex - Community Pavilion, unless otherwise noted.
- View the schedule and register at www.waterloo.ca/activewaterloo
- Adult Leisure fees are \$2.25 per visit unless otherwise noted. Purchase an Adult Leisure 10-visit pass for \$20.24
- 1 to 4pm
- March 20, April 17, May 15. and June 19
- **Any questions? Contact Fabia Joyce**

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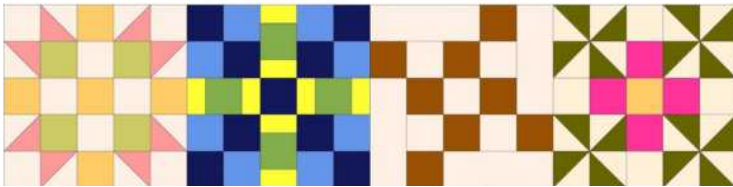
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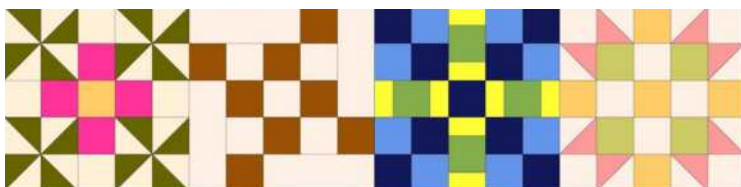
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Sewing Together, But Apart - March 13, 2024



The March STBA day takes place Wednesday, March 13th. Our day will once again feature two guest speakers. The speaker in the morning will be Cindy Hilfiger, from Pennsylvania, who will demonstrate how to make “fabric pottery” (rope bowls). Her presentation is called “Exploring the Art of Cotton Pottery: A Creative Journey in Fabric, Rope and Stitch”. She will walk us through the process, sharing the materials and tools, demonstrate how to make cotton pottery, share the design and

creativity, featuring a trunk show. If you’ve ever wanted to know about the process of making cotton pottery (rope bowls), you will want to participate in this session.

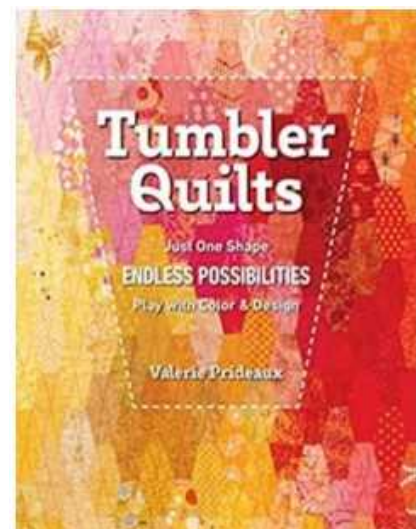


In the afternoon, we will welcome Valerie Prideaux from Toronto. Valerie was originally scheduled for later in the year, but Judith Gauthier, our scheduled speaker was invited to be a guest on The Quilt Show, and filming takes place that week in March. Valerie was able to step in and will share her lecture - “Evolution of Tumbler Block Designs and Quilts”.

Valerie has recently published a book called “Tumbler Quilts: Just One Shape, Endless Possibilities, Play with Color and Design”. Valerie’s book features 27 quilts, which she will share in her lecture. She will also describe her process as she became more familiar with the many ways the tumbler block can be used in quilts. Come and learn how to play with colour and design, while planning and making lovely quilts using the tumbler shape.

Our March STBA day will provide lots of inspiration and motivation - whether it’s learning more about the tumbler shape or cotton pottery. Hope you are able to join us.

Be sure to check the website for more details and/or to register for the day. Once you have registered, please email Inge Ford.



A Labour of Love Quilt Show 2024

Thursday, April 18, 2024 10:00am - 4:00pm
Friday, April 19, 2024 10:00am - 7:00pm
Saturday, April 20, 2024 10:00am - 4:00pm

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Friday May 31, 2024 10am-6pm
Saturday June 1, 2024 10am-5pm

No. 6 RCAF Museum, 536 Port Maitland Rd., Dunnville

Admission - \$10.00 Children under 10 free

***Food Trucks *Vendors *Boutique *Silent Auction**
***Special Guest – Vanessa Genier of Quilts for Survivors**

Contact Debra Rolfe at 289-214-4166 for more information or raffle tickets.



Note: The museum will be open for tours during the quilt show

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QUILT SHOW DATES

Fri May 31st, 2024

10am to 6pm

Sat June 1st, 2024

10 am to 4pm

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- Demonstrations



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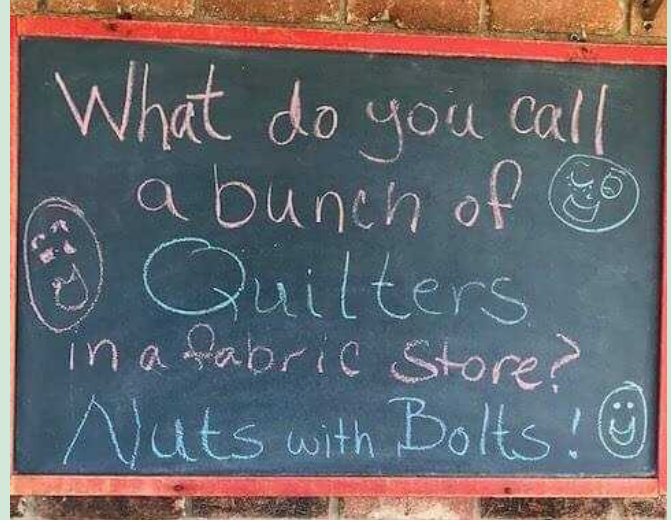
Upcoming ONLINE Speakers

March - Amy Friend - 'Intentional Piecing: Using Fussy Cutting in Quilt Design'

April - Racheldaisy Dodd - 'Creative Adventures of Racheldaisy: A Showcase of Quilts and Their Stories'

May - Susan Madu - 'Blended Modern'

June - Edyta Sitar - 'Edyta's Trunk Show of Favorite Quilts'



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Zoom Coordinator: Inge Ford
Gatherings Coordinators: Jean McFarlane and Elaine La Ronde



The Quilting Months Ahead...

Day	Date	Activity
Month		
Wednesday	6	Gatherings at Albert McCormick Community Centre - Heart Pillows for St. Mary's Cardiac Unit
March		
Wednesday	13	STBA Day with Cindy Hilfiger and Valerie Prideaux
March		
Wednesday	20	March Guild Meeting via Zoom with Amy Friend "Intentional Piecing: Using Fussy Cutting in Quilt Design"
March		
Wednesday	3	Gatherings at Albert McCormick Community Centre
April		
Wednesday	10	STBA Day with Michael Smith
April		
Wednesday	17	April Guild Meeting via Zoom with Racheldaisy Dodd
April		
April	18-20	Labour of Love Quilt Show—Exeter ON
April	23-27	LMH Auxiliary Quilt Show—Listowel ON

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