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This month we are able to feature two guest speakers.

In the morning, Michael Smith, who will also be doing a presentation at the IQD, will be joining us to share his lecture – **“My Quilting Journey”** in which he will explain how he got into quilting and he will show the progression of different techniques and patterns through his quilts. His hope is to inspire other quilters by showing a variety of quilts and quilting styles, as well as sharing his sources of inspiration. Michael has two diplomas in Fashion Design. He caught the quilting bug when his eldest niece 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* in Clarksburg, Ontario.



<https://www.thesewcialquilter.ca/>

In the afternoon Beth Sullivan joins us from Massachusetts. She will share her lecture **Quilts to a Tee: Using T-Shirts and Unique Clothing in Quilts**.



This lecture is designed to provide inspiration and guidance for quilters who are thinking about tackling a T-shirt or memory quilt or who might be interested in just learning more about how to make these kinds of unique and special quilts.

Beth will share quilt samples and photos to show how quilters can expand the possibilities of the conventional T-shirt

quilt and use interesting items. Quilters are invited to include anything that can be washed, sewn and made to lie flat.

Beth has now made over a thousand T-shirt and memory quilts and pillows in her career. Beth specializes in using unique materials in memory quilts. Her motto is that if it can be washed, sewn and made to lie flat, it can usually go in the quilt.