

# Waterloo County Quilters' Guild

## SCRAPS OF WISDOM



Tracie Miller and her Heart Pillow



Virtual  
Hawaiian  
Cruise  
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pages 10  
& 11 for  
more  
pictures

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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## GATHERINGS

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

10:30am - 3:00pm

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

2023  
 Quilt Exhibit  
 October 13 & 14, 2023  
 Friday & Saturday – 10am to 5pm

These quilters received the most votes in their category, (after the three Rosette winners, pictured last month)



*Sandhu* by Judy Pearce - Small Wall Hangings



*Not Just a Wallflower* - Marg Notar - Mid Size Wall Hangings



*Elephant Zero* - Hannah B. - Large Wall Hangings



*Candlewicking Quilt* - Pat Costigan - Bed/Lap Quilts



*Paisley Abbey West Door* - Madeline Hughes - Other Items



Right: *Creativity* - art KWilt Connections (Ilene Atkins, Dorothy Holdenmeyer, Nancy Winn, Marg Notar and Judy Pearce - Group Quilt

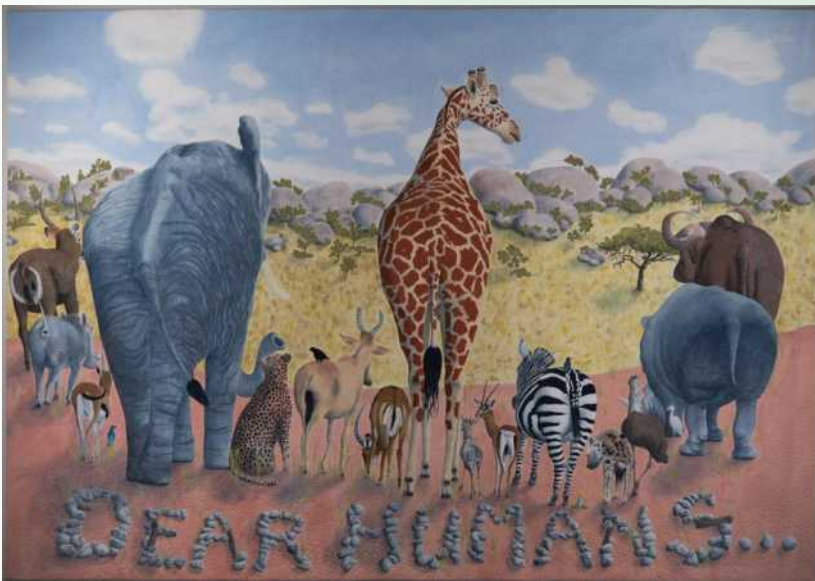
**February Program -  
Wednesday, February 21, 2024  
7pm ET on Zoom  
“Quilting Journey of a  
Renaissance Woman”  
with Sue Sherman**



We are delighted to have fibre artist Sue Sherman for our February guild meeting! Sue will present her lecture and slide show, “Quilting Journey of a Renaissance Woman”. She will cover her quilting journey, starting with traditional pieced quilts, and will include her time living in Hawaii, where she learned traditional Hawaiian quilting. The bulk of the presentation will cover her more recent realistic animal quilts, which she creates by painting with thickening dyes onto white cotton, and extensive machine thread painting/quilting.

Sue’s work is inspired by her own photographs of animals from around the world. She has travelled to all seven continents, both through her earlier work as an engineer, and more recently, on trips with a specific aim to observe animals in their natural habitat.

Sue has won awards for her work at national and international events, including the \$5000 Superior Threads Award for Thread Artistry at the 2022 Houston International Quilt Festival. She has been a Juried Artist Member of the Studio Art Quilt Association since 2019, and her work has been featured in industry magazines in Canada and the USA.



For more information about Sue Sherman and her work, please visit:

<https://sueshermanquilts.com/>

Instagram: @sueshermanquilts

Email: [sue@sueshermanquilts.com](mailto:sue@sueshermanquilts.com)

- Ev Cameron, for the Program Committee

Email: [sue@sueshermanquilts.com](mailto:sue@sueshermanquilts.com)



## Quilts of Valour - Canada Society

Pictured on the left is a recently presented QOVC quilt which was pieced by Lilla Hall and quilted by Marg Sandiford

### QOVC at the WCQG February 7th Gatherings

There will be a Quilts of Valour - Canada Sew Day at the February Gatherings, from 11am to 3pm. Deby Wettges will be giving a brief history of QOVC, accompanied by a display of donated quilt tops/ quilts that were donated by guild members.

You are invited to bring your sewing machine (and neutral thread), for a few hours of sewing and chatting. There will be new block kits, ready to be sewn, and hopefully there will be enough participation to complete a quilt top before the day is finished. Once again, there will be a draw for those who participate that day. For every quilt block you complete, your name will go in for the draw. One name will be drawn at the end of our session, and a "surprise" prize will be awarded. Those who do not wish to sew at Gatherings, but would like to sew a QOVC block or two may take kits home with them provided they are returned completed at the March Gatherings.

Please join in to help complete a quilt which will be gifted to support physically or mentally injured Canadian Armed Forces members, past and present, in this area, with a quilt of comfort.

**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](http://royalcityquiltersguild.ca/communityoutreach)

- Deby Wettges, QOVC Kitchener and Area Representative.



Our Virtual Vendor for February is

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## 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 (see details in the January newsletter), you may borrow an extra book to help with the technique you are learning. Think about doing the Challenge? Visit the library at Gatherings to ask about it or to sign up (or email [wcqglibrary@gmail.com](mailto:wcqglibrary@gmail.com)).

The library recently received a donation of over two dozen DVDs that you may also borrow. The DVDs are about long arm quilting and quilting on domestic machines. Come and have a look!

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](mailto: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

## Interested in Slow Stitching or Appliqué?

### 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](http://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
- February 21, March 20, April 17, May 15. and June 19
- **Any questions? Contact Fabia Joyce**

# CLASSIFIED

**In Search of...** somewhere to take quilt clippings. The guild has recently lost a couple of outlets for our "quilt clippings". Some time ago a store in Waterloo took them, but it has long since closed. We are all so used to saving these bits and pieces and feel guilty throwing them in the trash. Would anyone know of a different place that could use these snippets of fabric and batting? We would love to hear from you if you have any ideas for recycling. You can direct your information to Helene at 519-208-3326 or [helened08@yahoo.com](mailto:helened08@yahoo.com)

## 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

## SMILE QUILTS

Last month we received 12 quilts. For the new members, and to remind others, these quilts go to the Grand River Hospital for children with cancer, diabetes, and other life threatening conditions, and also to adolescent psychiatric patients. Some are given, at the co-ordinator's discretion, to the emergency department, as a need arises. When Rosemary Plummer started Smile Quilts many years ago, there was only the Cancer Clinic.

We provide batting and flannel backing, should you need them. You can call or email your request to Helene at 519-208-3326 or [helened08@yahoo.com](mailto:helened08@yahoo.com)

Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Smile Quilt Committee

## Teddy Bears at the December Gatherings patiently wait for their quilts



# INTERNATIONAL QUILTING DAY

ALL DAY VIRTUAL CELEBRATION

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

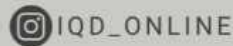
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PRIZE DRAWS - VIRTUAL QUILT SHOW

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This exciting day is approaching quickly. Be sure to keep Saturday, March 16 open to join us as we celebrate IQD.

Here are some things to remember as you prepare for IQD.

- Be sure to register (no charge for WCQG members): go to [iqdline.com](http://iqdline.com)
- Invite a friend to join us for the day. Non guild members pay a fee of \$25
- Check out the day's activities at [iqdonline.com](http://iqdonline.com)

Some of the events to which you can look forward include:

- Keynote addresses from Kaffe Fassett, Dana Jones and Laura Coia
- A vendor showcase
- Six concurrent session speakers from Canada, the US and the UK
- A Virtual quilt show featuring work from attendees
- Door prizes and
- Discounts!

We invite our guild members to submit a photo of one or two of your quilted creations for the Virtual Quilt Show. The deadline to submit your quilt(s) is **February 3, 2024**. Consider submitting quilts you shared at our Quilt Exhibit in October 2023.

## WELCOME TO OUR GUILD!

We're so glad you've joined us:

**Ann Green, Karen Bowes, Linda Smith, Joanne Euler,  
Caren Watchorn, Teresa Harrison, and Nancy Grundy**

We look forward to meeting you at Gatherings and getting to know you over Zoom.

### Virtual Show and Share for February

Please send pictures of your quilts, with a sentence or two about them, and the dimensions, to [kathleenbissett@me.com](mailto:kathleenbissett@me.com) by Sunday, February 18th, so they can be included in our virtual Show and Share.

# GATHERINGS

**Wednesday, February 7, 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 is a Quilts of Valour - Canada quilting bee, led by Deby Wettges. Deby will have kits available for you to make a block at Gatherings. Our veterans helped keep us safe and you can contribute a block to make a quilt to help keep them cozy.

Our regular guild activities will be represented: Membership, Library, SMILE, PAL, Memory, Quilts of Valour-Canada, UFO's and Fabric Curator.

Bring a mug and enjoy a hot beverage.

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

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Our secretary, Doris Martin, would happily accept more donations of fabric postcards. If you would like to make some postcards for the guild's use, please follow these guidelines:

- 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.



# JANUARY GATHERINGS

## CHAIR SALE



Thank you to all who participated in the Chair Sale during January Gatherings, both buying and selling - trading was brisk!



## WCQG Virtual Cruise to Hawaii

The WCQG Virtual Cruise to Hawaii was such great fun. There were 115 passengers and crew who sailed away this past weekend for a fun-filled virtual adventure to Hawaii. We laughed, learned, and got to know many of our fellow passengers.

On Friday afternoon, during the pre-boarding time, there were videos to watch of Hawaii, to learn more about the islands and what life is like there. A video of the WCQG Quilt Exhibit was also available. Phyllis Cullen, from Hawaii, joined us as a keynote speaker on Friday evening, sharing beautiful photos of the islands, along with a trunk show of her beautiful art quilts. On Saturday morning, Julie Plotniko from Vancouver joined the cruise to share lots of great ideas and inspiration for making quilted postcards. In the afternoon, passengers could select from five workshops/presentation: making Hawaiian quilts, project bags, journal covers, beach bag totes, or hibiscus flower collages. Many of these projects were completed, as well as a number of heart pillows - a new charity project for the guild.

On Saturday evening, Tara Bissett (singer/actor) and Mary Baldasaro (storyteller) provided wonderful entertainment, bringing passengers to both tears and laughter.

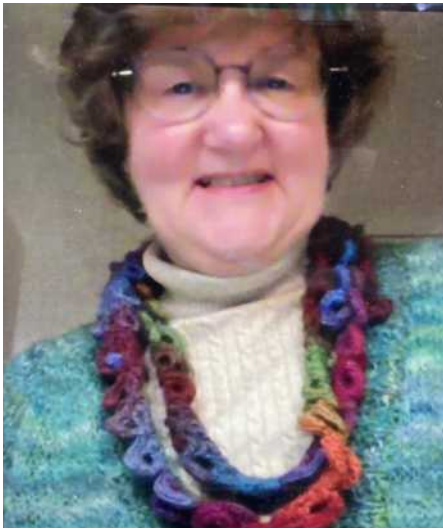
Sunday, we had a wonderful Fashionista Event. The pictures on the following pages share some of the fun experiences during this celebration.

Cissy Serrao was an amazing speaker at the finale event of the cruise on Sunday afternoon. She is a highly sought after Hawaiian quilter and teacher. She shared pictures of beautiful quilts, and provided excellent strategies and tips for making Hawaiian quilts.

In additions to all of the above, there were lots of opportunities throughout the cruise for the passengers to get to know other quilters during breakout rooms, games and informal conversations in the main lounge of the ship. There were also opportunities to participate in Qigong, Yoga and/or Meditation activities, as well as many door prizes provided throughout the cruise and lots of grand prizes at the end.

It was truly a fun virtual cruise to Hawaii. The crew will soon meet to start the planning for our next virtual trip in 2025.

We hope to see you there!





**Mahalo**  
**to the Virtual Cruise Crew!**



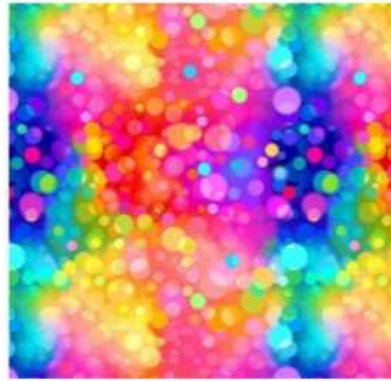
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If you know of a guild member who has become ill, please let our secretary, **Doris Martin**, know so she can send a get well card from all of us.

**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](mailto: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 the 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.

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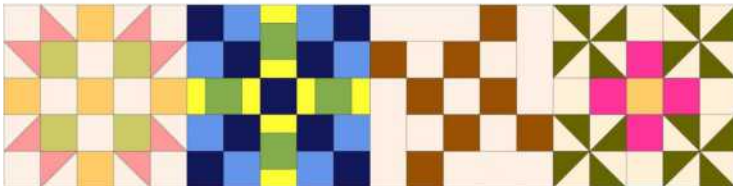
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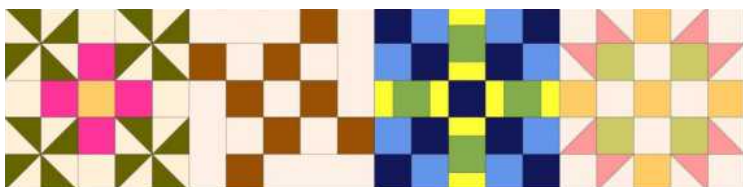
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## Sewing Together, But Apart - February 14, 2024

The February STBA day takes place on Valentine's Day. What a great way to celebrate it! Join a group of quilting friends, learn some new quilt strategies, and have some fun socializing.

Our day will feature two guest speakers. The mystery speaker we have hinted at in the morning will be our own Barbara Pye. She will share the presentation on how to create a collage hibiscus flower. The finished product can be used as a postcard, trivet, block for a quilt or a wall hanging, etc. If you



saw this presentation on the cruise, seeing it again will be a good opportunity to ask any additional questions, create a second one, or just review the technique. For those who would prefer something else, we will also provide a special video in a break-out room that will feature an interview with Freddy Moran. Freddy is an internationally recognized, award-winning artist, author, and teacher. She began quilting when she was 60 years old. Since that time, she has created countless quilts, all with her signature 'joie de vivre'. She is now 93, and still quilts every day. (A link to this video will be included with the link to the recordings of both speakers to be sent out to participants following the STBA day.)

In the afternoon, we will welcome Barbara Craceffa from Boston, who will share her lecture focusing on how to use fabric panels, large-scale floral prints, and /or geometrics in a new way



to create unique wall hangings, table linens, door banners, or bed-sized quilts. She will share a variety of strategies and ideas for collage, cut 'n paste, fracture, along with embellishment techniques, and so much more.



If you are interested in having a fun quilting Valentine's Day, be sure to register using the on-line store. Hope you can join us for the day or part of 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**

**Exeter United Church**  
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(Dunnville's Own Tiny Stitches)

# Garden of Quilts

**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**

Hamilton Quilters' Guild presents:



**QUILT SHOW DATES**

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**Sat June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024**  
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## Upcoming ONLINE Speakers

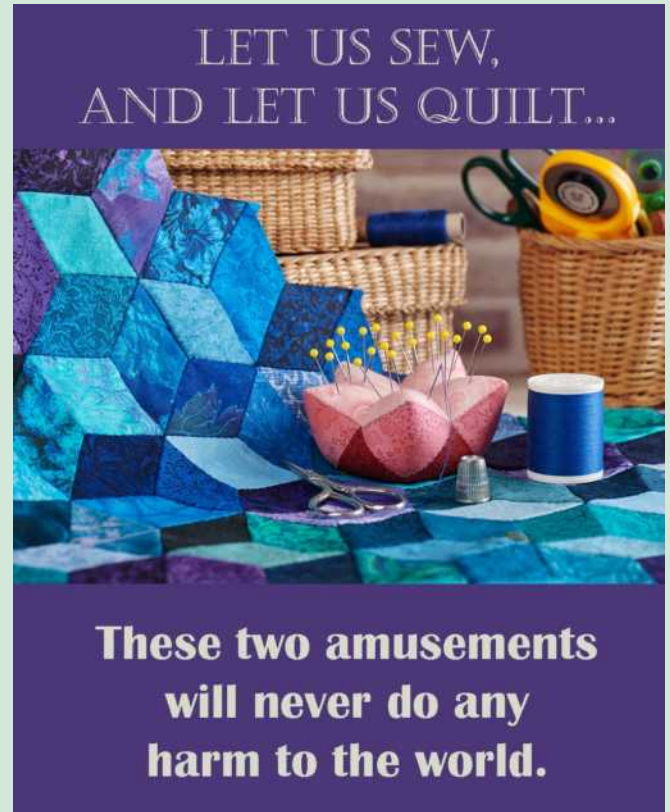
**February** - Sue Sherman - 'Quilting Journey of a Renaissance Woman'

**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'



### Elected Officers of the Guild 2023-2024

**President:** Breanna Gaudaur  
**Vice President:** Ruthanne Snider  
**Treasurer:** Andrea Heimrich  
**Secretary:** Doris Martin  
**Past President:** Gail Berry-Graham

### Standing Committees

**Historian:** Deby Wettges  
**Librarians:** Anne Schott, Eilleen Yorysh & Sandy Bussey  
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**Quilt Exhibit:** Elaine La Ronde & Inge Ford, Co-chairs  
**Website & Online Store:** Kathy Bissett  
**Communication Coordinator:** Gail Berry-Graham  
**Zoom Coordinator:** Inge Ford  
**Gatherings Coordinators:** Jean McFarlane and Elaine La Ronde



### The Quilting Months Ahead...

Day	Date	Activity
<b>Month</b>		
Wednesday	7	Gatherings at Albert McCormick Community Centre featuring QOVC Sewing Day
February		
Wednesday	14	STBA Day with Barbara Pye and Barbara Craceffa
February		
Wednesday	21	February Guild Meeting via Zoom with Sue Sherman 'Quilting Journey of a Renaissance Woman'
February		
Wednesday	6	Gatherings at Albert McCormick Community Centre
March		
Wednesday	13	STBA Day
March		
Wednesday	20	March Guild Meeting via Zoom with Amy Friend "Intentional Piecing: Using Fussy Cutting in Quilt Design"
March		

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