



SCRAPS OF WISDOM

Waterloo County Quilters' Guild

September President's Message

Greetings, Quilters! And a big welcome to all of our new members. I hope you have enjoyed your summer, and are looking forward to the fall as much as I am. Cooler weather, leaves crunching underfoot, pumpkin everything, and an excuse to spend extra time with your quilts. What a dream!

Your guild executive has been hard at work over the summer preparing for a wonderful year with all sorts of exciting events. The long awaited return of our quilt exhibit in October, a virtual quilting cruise in January, and of course, a full schedule of speakers, workshops, charity projects, in-person Gatherings and more. Need help keeping track of what is coming up? Be sure to read our weekly emails and monthly newsletters, and follow us on Facebook and/or Instagram.

As someone who is still somewhat new to the guild myself, I am so excited to continue to get to know you both online and in person.

I hope to see you at our September Gatherings!

- Breanna Gaudaur, President

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 September 6, 2023

10:30am - 3:00pm

Please refrain from wearing perfume to guild meetings AND workshops as some members are allergic or sensitive to them.

Waterloo County
Quilters' Guild

2023 Quilt Exhibit

October 13 & 14, 2023

Friday & Saturday – 10am to 5pm

Admission \$10

Accessible Free Parking

Over 300 Quilts on Display!

Vendors

Small Quilt Draw

Handmade Boutique

Quilt Displays

Door Prizes

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wcquiltersguild.on.ca



**Look for opportunities, reminders and announcements
about our exhibit on pages 3, 4 & 13 of this newsletter!**

How Can I Prepare for the Guild's October Quilt Exhibit?

As I write this article for the September newsletter, we have 2 months left before our Quilt Exhibit on October 13 and 14! Here are some suggestions of ways to prepare for your role in making it a great exhibit:

1. At the September 6th Gatherings:

- pick up rack cards and magnets advertising the Quilt Exhibit to give to friends, family and neighbours
- hand in your finished quilted items for the Quilt Exhibit Boutique
- hand in your finished mini quilts for the Quilt Exhibit Small Quilt Draw
- sign up for any of the remaining volunteer jobs at the exhibit

2. At home:

- prepare your quilt for display at the exhibit—attach the hanging sleeve (as per the instructions on the web site), add a rod if required and attach your ID form which will be available at the October 4th Gatherings. Please arrange for a friend to pick up your ID forms if you are unable to get them yourself.
- advertise the Quilt Exhibit by handing out cards or sending digital copies to friends. Send out a personal invitation.
- review your volunteer jobs for the exhibit—what job is it, which day do you need to be there, when does your shift start?
- locate your Guild lanyard (if you have one) to wear for your volunteer job at the exhibit; if not, pick up a volunteer lanyard when you arrive for your shift.
- if you can't bring your quilts to RIM Park on the morning of Thursday, October 12, arrange with a friend to deliver them on your behalf; fill out the ID form to indicate someone other than yourself will be dropping off/picking up the quilt.

3. Contact Elaine La Ronde, Inge Ford or a member of the Quilt Exhibit Committee if you have any questions.

- submitted by Quilt Exhibit Coordinators, Elaine La Ronde and Inge Ford.

The Tea Room at the Quilt Exhibit will be open both days, from 10:30 to 4:30. To facilitate preparations and clean up, the first shift begins at 10:00 and the last shift ends at 5:00.

We need 3 servers and 2 dishwashers per shift.

Shift times are as follows:

10:00 - 12:30

12:15 - 2:45

2:30 - 5:00

We also need card tables. These will need to be delivered to Albert McCormick Arena at the October 4 Gatherings.

The sign up sheet for both of these will be at the September 6 Gatherings or by phoning Linda Henderson (519)886-9927 or by email, lghenderson@gmail.com.

Thank you so much for your help!

Peggy Herlick and Pamela Clarkson, Tea Room Committee



Quilt Exhibit 2023 Volunteers Needed

Thank you to all of the members who have already signed up to volunteer their time to help set up the exhibits for the quilt exhibit on October 13 and 14.

Thursday October 12 will be a busy day because all exhibits must be ready by the end of the day. We need your help!

We need more people to prepare quilts for hanging, as well as the actual hanging of the quilts on racks and on the display boards around the perimeter.

We need Tea Room Volunteers (see article on page 3 for details)

At the end of the exhibit, we need people to take down the quilts, and a few more for the quilt return.

We need more for the boutique on Friday and on Saturday. The boutique organizers would like 4 people per shift.

We need people to assist Glenda Dippel in setting up and taking down the decorations that are placed here and there around the exhibit hall. This will involve putting items on the floor area after the quilts have been hung on Thursday (about 2:00 pm), and then removing them on Saturday at 5:00 pm prior to the quilts being taken down.

I will have the sheets available for all volunteer opportunities at Gatherings in September, or you could phone me (Linda Henderson) and sign up any time over the summer. The shifts will be scheduled as follows:

Friday and Saturday: 10:00 am – 12:30 pm, 12:30 pm – 2:30 pm, 2:30 pm – 5:00 pm

The response over the last three months has been really great, but we still need more volunteers. The show needs your help, so please consider signing up. We can find a task to suit you.

If you can not make it to the September Gatherings, you could phone me.

Linda Henderson - (519) 886-9927 or email: lghenders@gmail.com

Thank you for your participation. We are going to have a great exhibit!

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM - WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023



7PM ET on Zoom

'Free Motion Quilting: Little Changes, Big Variety' with Angela Walters

We are delighted to have Angela Walters join us from

Missouri, USA, for our September guild meeting! Angela will present her lecture, 'Free Motion Quilting: Little Changes, Big Variety'. In the presentation, Angela will show us that learning different ways to quilt your favorite designs can make quilting so much fun! Angela will show us classic quilting designs, as well as easy ways to make variations. Not only will we learn how they go together, she will also share common troubleshooting suggestions, and ideas on where to use them on your quilts.



Angela loves all things related to quilting! She started her quilting career over 17 years ago at the side of her husband's grandpa. He patiently taught her the art of quilting by helping her make her first quilt, a nine patch quilt that is still on her bed today! Angela can't believe how much has changed since that first quilt. She is still a quilter, of course, but now she can add author, quilting teacher, fabric designer and shop owner to her resumé! Angela loves to give lectures and teach quilting classes. She also has classes online with Craftsy, with the most recent being 'Quilting with

Rulers: Free Motion Made Simple'. And, since she doesn't think she's quite busy enough, she is also the host of 'The Midnight Quilter', a free YouTube series. But, no matter what accomplishments Angela lists on her bio, she says it pales in comparison to the titles she holds in her personal life: mother to three adorable children, wife to her awesome husband of over 19 years, and confirmed coffee addict! And, of course, Grampa's Girl.

Angela will also be teaching her half day workshop 'Free Motion Quilting: Master the Meander', on Thursday, September 28, 2023. For more information about the workshop see page 5 of this newsletter, and to register, please go to our online store.

Website: <https://quiltingismytherapy.com/>



Instagram: @angelafmq

YouTube: @AngelaWaltersfmq

Facebook: AngelaFMQ

SEPTEMBER WORKSHOP - Introduction to Sashiko with Renske Helmuth, in person



Date: Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Time: 9:30am - 3:30pm

Location: Renske's home in Drayton area - directions will be provided closer to the date

Cost: \$55, includes a kit provided at the workshop

Skill level: Beginner and above

Maximum registrants: 12

Bring your own lunch, coffee and tea will be provided.

Spend the day with Renske to learn the history and technique of Sashiko; hear about Renske's trips to Japan, and see her favorite resources. She will talk about fabric, needles, threads and patterns. After stitching your own pre-marked fabric provided in the kit, you'll see an up close show of Renske's amazing work. Don't miss out on this opportunity.

One opening left for this workshop!

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A few examples of Renske's incredible work.



SEPTEMBER WORKSHOP

Master the Meander with Angela Walters, on Zoom



Date: Thursday, September 28, 2023

Time: 10am –1pm ET (3 hours)

Cost: \$45

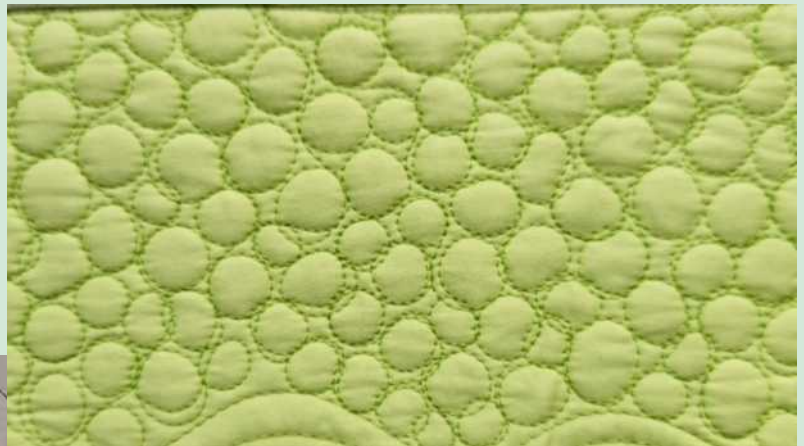
Skill level: Beginner and above

Maximum registrants: unlimited over Zoom

Getting started with free-motion quilting is easier than you might think! In this class, Angela Walters shows you everything you need to get started on your free-motion

quilting journey, and teaches you several meanders you can use on your quilts. This class is for the true machine quilting beginner, starting with taking your first stitches, to maneuvering your way around a quilt.

With practical tips for getting the most out of our practice sessions, as well as real-life advice on how to make your quilting look



perfect (even if it isn't), this class will leave you more confident and ready to tackle your unfinished quilt tops.



!! WELCOME BACK TO THE LIBRARY !!

September is all about getting back into the swing of things, a routine, and our Quilt Guild is no different—our first Gatherings of this guild year is in just a few days!!

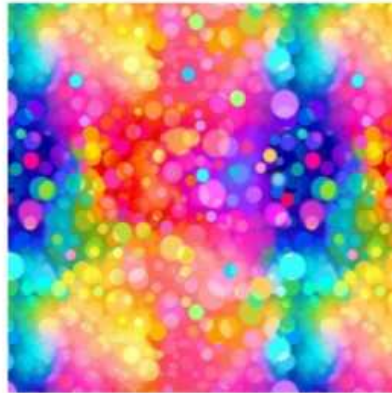
New to the Library routine is the Library Learning Challenge (see page 9) - we hope you've all read about it on the website and in the mid-summer newsletter. Be sure to stop by on September 6 to sign up or have your questions answered. The Challenge runs from September 2023 to April 2024.

Here are a few reminders about your Library:

- ◆ We are open from 10:30am to 2pm at each monthly Gatherings.
- ◆ You can borrow 3 books each month, or 2 books and 3 magazines (Quilting Arts and Canadian Quilter).
- ◆ If you participate in our Challenge, you can borrow an additional book to help with the "Technique" you pick.
- ◆ 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 Monday, September 4. You can preview the Library Inventory by clicking on that button on our website.
- ◆ Book Sale table will be open—same price as last year: \$2.00/book or 3 books for \$5.00

We hope you have had a great summer, and we look forward to welcoming all of you back to the Guild Library.

- Anne Schott and Donna McKay



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Library Learning Challenge

Want to try something new? We invite you to participate in our **Library Learning Challenge**, and your name will go into a draw at the end to win one free ‘Sewing Together But Apart’ day.

Come to the library at any of the fall Gatherings and here is what you’ll do:

- ◆ Pick a technique from the first bag (a list will be posted).
- ◆ You may have a 2nd chance to pick a technique if it really isn’t what you’d like to learn or you already know how and what to learn something new.
- ◆ Pick a fat quarter from the second bag—to be incorporated into the project you make learning this new technique.
- ◆ You can take out an ‘extra’ book to help you , and it may also help you pick a project. (For example: if you already have 3 books you want to borrow and you pick “Appliqué”, you can add one book from the Appliqué tag.)
- ◆ Make a gift or something for Outreach—project size can be as small as a placemat or up to a teddy bear or lap quilt (max. perimeter 200”).
- ◆ Challenge will run from September 2023 to April 2024—watch the weekly update email, guild website, and monthly newsletters for updates.

Once your “Learning” is finished, send a picture to Kathy Bissett for the next month’s ‘Show and Share’ (by the Sunday before our monthly guild meeting), making sure you state the item pictured is for the **Library Learning Challenge**. Be sure to include what you learned, and if you would use this technique again. Was it easier or harder than you thought, and mention the book(s) that helped you.

After the item has been shown at the 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 be announced that evening.

Hope you join in the fun! Looking forward to seeing you on September 6, 2023.

- The Library Team



Professional Guild Members

Any guild members who provide a quilt-related service or operate a quilt-related business have an opportunity to be listed on our website under “Member Professionals”. Please review existing member listings to see what to include.

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200)
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Teddy Bear Outreach

Hello Quilting Friends! My buddies and I are in need of a quilt before we go to the Knights of Columbus Toy Drive in December. The Knights give us to our forever homes in Waterloo Region, where we get lots of love from our new friends. Some of us are on the small size, and some of us are a bit bigger. We will fit into quilts that are anywhere from 26” square to 30” square.

Thanks so much, The Stuffie Family (for Jean McFarlane)



The 2023-24 UFO Challenge Will Be Starting Soon!

The challenge is open to all members!! Starting in at the September Gatherings, you can register you UFO's 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.

Any questions? Contact Deby Wettges at
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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.

DONATIONS OF USED GIFT BAGS & PLASTIC BAGS

...for use by the Boutique at our Quilt Exhibit, would be greatly appreciated. Please drop them off at the Boutique table with Leah or Ev at September and October Gatherings.

ALOHA!

WELCOME ABOARD!

Join us on a Virtual Quilting Cruise to

HAWAII

On the Nautical Needle's Maiden Voyage

January 26-28, 2024

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What to Expect:
Two Keynote Speakers
Four Workshop Presentations
Prizes, Prizes, Prizes
Entertainment
Exercise Opportunities
Community Outreach Projects
Pre-Cruise Project Packages
Food & Drink Menus
Early Bird Registration Prize
Games

Registration for the Virtual Cruise opens September 1st on our website. Be sure to register early so that you can be included in the Early Bird Draw Prize. Pre-cruise project packages will be sent to all registered passengers twice per month beginning September 11th. You must be registered to receive these special packages. Once they are sent, they will not be resent.

Check the website or the Weekly Updates for the most recent video describing in detail the key-note speakers and the four workshops, and more of the fun events planned for this unique cruise—first of its kind for our guild. This unique cruise is available for guild members only. Not a member yet? Consider joining the WCQG. The crew of the Nautical Needle is so excited about this virtual trip—and we know you will be too! This will be a unique event in the middle of the cold winter. Be sure to get registered early so you are included in all the fun communications, including a private Facebook group for this special cruise.

September Gatherings: Quilt Exhibit Boutique Sew Day

By Ev Cameron and Leah Mitchell

1. Ev Cameron will demonstrate how to machine sew a sock monkey.
2. Leah Mitchell will demonstrate how to sew an armchair chatelaine with a cathedral window design on the pocket using the “one seam flying geese” technique.
3. Leah will also demonstrate how to sew a bowl cozy for use in the microwave.



If you bring your sewing machine, you can sew one of the kits available. Please let Ev (evcameron@me.com) or Leah (hileahandbob@gmail.com) know which kit you would like to sew at Gatherings so they will know how many kits of each to prepare.

Looking for ideas for what to make for the Boutique?

- You could try your hand at making a cover for a dollar store journal. See the internet link in our January 2023 newsletter on page 11.
- How about a mug bag using the pattern featured on page 10 of our February 2023 newsletter?
- Casserole carriers are handy for carrying food to family picnics or church suppers. There are videos on YouTube for you to follow.
- Annie’s “Fun & Fast Sewing” Summer 2023 issue has some great ideas, including an iron caddy for transporting your hot iron at the end of your workshop day.
- And, last but not least, Leah has prepared five roll-up tote bag kits to make for the boutique. You may take one home to make or work on it at Gatherings.

BONUS! Learn how to put a sleeve on your quilt (Kathy Bissett will demonstrate).

There is no need to sign up, just show up and join in the fun!



No Draw Items for September but....

If you find Marg Sandiford at Gatherings and say:

“I read this in the newsletter”,

you can have one of these handy project boxes. Outside measurements are 10” x 14” x 3¼”. There are 24 available; first come, first served.

You must be at Gatherings to receive one. One per member.

Open Sewing Mondays

Our Monday afternoon Open Sewing get-togethers continued to be very popular this summer. Quilting ideas, projects, challenges, questions were all shared, as well as other interesting topics and just some fun social time where we have been able to build quilting friendships. If you are new to the guild—or have wanted to find a quilting group with which to gather regularly—please consider joining us on any Monday afternoon from 2 to 4pm. The link is always included in the Friday Weekly Update. Just click the link and you will be taken right into our Zoom gathering.

September 4 will be our first Open Sewing of the new guild year. That means there will be a new Zoom link beginning September 4th. Be sure to check the Weekly Update on Friday, September 1st to access the new link. This link will remain the same for each week. Perhaps add it to your calendar, or save it on your desktop, so you will have quick and easy access to it. Remember the link will continue to always be included in the Weekly Update so that it is easily accessible each week. We look forward to having you join us. Please don't hesitate—we would love to have you participate!

FALL CRAFT SWAP

Back by popular demand!!! For those of you who were part of the previous craft swap, and would like to participate again, you'll be able to in the fall. For those of you who didn't participate last time, but would like to get in on the fun this fall, here's your chance.

I will be making announcements between now and our September guild meeting. Since we will have a shorter time line this fall (and a quilt exhibit to keep us busy), the deadline to sign up for the craft swap will be **Friday, September 22nd**, 2 days after my final announcement at our September guild meeting. I'll then send out your assignments within a couple of days. You will have until Wednesday, December 6 (the December Gatherings) to create a craft for your assigned person. We will have the exchange at 1pm that day.

So sign up whenever you want between now and September 22nd. Email ju.di.pe@outlook.com When you sign up, be sure to mention your favorite themes (e.g., flowers, birds, tea, camping), your favorite colours (to wear and in your home), whether you have any pets in your home or if you are allergic to any pets, and if anyone in your home smokes indoors.

Looking forward to it! - Judy Pearce



All-Star Sampler Platter

Youtube Livestream Event
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by some of GQC's very best teachers

Saturday Sept 23, 3:00 - 6:00 pm eastern

Kelly Ashton: Kelly's "Partial" to Partial Seams; You Can Be, Too!
 Dara Tomasson: Doodles to dazzling designs
 Jennifer Houlden: Creating Eye Catching Fabric Runs is as Easy As 1-2-3
 Beth Cunningham: POP! POP! Punch Needle(an ancient embroidery technique)
 Katie Lewis: No-Reverse Applique Design Transfer
 Cyndi McChesney: Surprising settings for Multi Image panels
 Emma Powell: Itty Bitty Dolls for Applique based on South American Arpilleras
 Dana Jones: Demystifying Design for Foundation Paper Piecing (FPP)
 Lyric Kinard: Foil + Fabric = Fun!

Sunday Sept 24, 3:00 - 6:00 pm eastern

Nanette Zeller: Painterly Applique Using Colored Pencils
 Elizabeth DeCroos: A Quilt that's not a Quilt
 Julia McLeod: The 4 'S's of Piecing with Silk
 Jane Hauprich: Fear The Negative No More!!
 Carole Lyles Shaw: Vibrant Stitching - Big Stitch Hand Quilting
 Melissa Marginet: Dot-to-Dot Walking Foot Quilting
 David Owen Hastings: Backing, Binding, Batting, Beauty: designing a quilt from back to front
 Stephanie McIntyre: Sew Sustainably! Recycled Leather Reverse Appliqué
 Kristin Echols: Add a Bold Seminole Band to Your Next Project

globalquiltconnection.com/sampler-platter-live-link2023
 link will go live at the time of the event

**SPOOLS
 FOR
 SCHOOLS**



As Gatherings start up again, 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



Quilts of Valour - Canada Society

QOVC at WCQG October Gatherings

There will be a **Quilts of Valour - Canada Sewing Day** at Gatherings held on Wednesday, October 4th, from 11am to 3pm. Deby Wettges will be giving a brief history on QOVC and there will be a display of currently donated quilts. She will have block kits available to be sewn and hopefully enough participation to complete a quilt top (or two?) before the day is finished. I invite you to come and bring your sewing machine (and neutral thread) for a few hours of sewing and chatting. Oh...did I forget to mention? There will be a draw. For every quilt block you complete, your name will go into the draw. One name will be drawn at the end of our session and a prize of fat quarters will be awarded. Hope to see many of you join in to help complete quilts to support physically and mentally injured Canadian Armed Forces members, both past and present, with quilts of comfort.

Sewing for QOVC with Royal City Quilters Guild (Guelph)

The RCQG is inviting those interested to join them for open sewing days for QOVC on Monday, September 25th from 10:30am to 4:30pm and Monday, November 13th from 10:00am to 4:30pm, at the Royal Canadian Legion, 57 Watson Pkwy South, Guelph. For more details, visit royalcityquiltersguild.ca



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

INTERNATIONAL QUILTING DAY

ALL DAY VIRTUAL CELEBRATION

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

KAFFE FASSETT LAURA COIA DANA E JONES



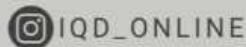
SATURDAY 16 MARCH 2024

ADMISSION: \$25

ADDITIONAL SPEAKERS - VENDORS
PRIZE DRAWS - VIRTUAL QUILT SHOW

FOR MORE DETAILS & TO REGISTER:

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We are excited to share that Waterloo County Quilters' Guild, Royal City Quilters Guild and York Heritage Quilters Guild are once again partnering to present another wonderful International Quilting Day Event for March 16, 2024.

Registration for IQD opens on September 1, 2023. **Registration is free for members of our guild and the other sponsoring guilds. Visitors may join the festivities for \$25.**

We will again have a Virtual Quilt Show as part of the event. Members of the sponsoring guilds and paying guests are welcome to submit up to two quilts to the Virtual Quilt Show. WCQG members might wish to submit a quilt to IQD that will also be in the upcoming WCQG Quilt Exhibit. When submitting a quilt for the IQD Virtual Quilt Show, please be prepared to provide the following information about your quilt(s): Quilt name, pattern designer, quilter (if other than yourself), an artist's statement or brief history of the quilt (limit of 50 words), and up to five photos for each quilt (we recommend an overall view of the quilt, along with several close-ups of interesting details). The deadline for submitting quilts for the Virtual Quilt Show is February 3, 2024.

We are thrilled to announce that we have three keynote speakers this year:

1. Kaffe Fassett—Colour Inspiration
2. Laura Coia—Sew Very Easy, featured on Youtube
3. Dana Jones—Pagtinabangy: The Quilts and Quiltmakers of Caohagan Island

Visit the website listed above for more information about IQD, to register for the big day, and to submit your quilts for the Virtual Quilt Show.

Watch for our special ad in the fall issue of *Canadian Quilter* magazine and help spread the word on your social media accounts.

See you at the celebration!

Fold It, Snip It, Rip It Challenge - Coming to September Gatherings

A fun new Challenge will begin Wednesday, September 6, 12:30pm at Gatherings. Be ready to have fun! Get to know some members of the guild and possibly win door prizes, all before you even start your project! On top of all that, you will go home with several different pieces of quilting cotton to use to make your Challenge item!

The Challenge is: To make any quilted item you like (a quilt, wall hanging, place mats, bag, journal cover, etc.) using at least a piece of each fabric you receive at Gatherings. You may add up to ¼ metre of additional fabric on the front or main part of your project, and you may add other fabric for the back and binding of your project. Your project must be finished and photos received by Kathy Bissett by December 1, 2023. So, lots of time to create!

Here's how it works:

1. Each participant will bring one metre of quilting cotton fabric (be sure to bring along something you like, as it will be the biggest pieced in your collection!) and a pair of scissors.
2. If someone wants to participate, but is unable to attend, they may arrange with someone else to participate for them, *as long as that person is not participating themselves*. They must arrange for someone to get the fabric to the event and arrange for someone to deliver their pile of fabric back to them.
3. Each participant must bring their fabric in a bag or container *that CANNOT be seen through* (we want your fabric to be a surprise! So please don't show it when you arrive.)
4. Numbers will be assigned to the seats. This will facilitate the door prizes that will be given out on September 6th at Gatherings (yes, before you even start your project!)



Now the fun starts: You will receive your fabric for your project in this fun event.

The facilitator will walk you through the Challenge.

- * Fold your fabric in half (directions will be given at the event).
- * Snip the fabric at the fold and rip it.
- * Keep one half for yourself and pass the other half to your right.
- * The 'Fold It, Snip It, Rip It' activity will continue 7 times. (Yes, you will go home with 7 different pieces of fabric) Don't worry, facilitators will help you with these steps.
- * During the above 'folding & ripping' **there will be some additional fun activities to help us to get to know other members and door prizes.**
- * Once you have received all of your ripped fabric, it will be displayed for everyone to see.

PLEASE contact Cathy Jurchuk either by email cjur27@hotmail.com or by phone at 519-579-0343 to let her know you would like to participate. This will help facilitate the set up for this activity. Last minute participants will certainly be accepted!

Be sure to take a photo of your collection of fabric before you start your project, and a picture of your finished project to send to Kathy Bissett before December 1st, 2023

Challenge organized by Joan Holland, Cathy Jurchuk and Inge Ford.

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PAL Quilts

PAL quilts bring comfort and beauty to residents in care at local hospices. We are thankful for Judy Siegner's assistance as we step in to lead this committee.

In order to best meet the hospices' needs, there are some new guidelines for PAL quilts. This updated information will soon be on the guild website. We are grateful for all donations, but please be aware that we cannot accept quilts that do not meet the new guidelines.

Donated quilts will be collected at guild Gatherings: you will see one of us there, or perhaps one of our committee members—Marilyn Hollinger, Bonnie Murdoch and Marg Sandiford.

Please contact Megan via email regarding availability of batting/backing for PAL quilts.

- Megan Stauch and Tamara Gilhuly



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This year, they are specifically looking for 12 quilts 52" x 70" in size for the oneROOF Emergency Outreach program.

These finished quilts would be given to those who may choose to find outdoor sleeping conditions. Just wanted to inform members of this additional request early. Please check your UFO'S and see if you may find something suitable for a young adult in need. Any questions, please contact Deby Wettges by phone or email. Hope you can help !

oneROOF Wish List: ALWAYS WELCOME: GIFT CARDS!

Gift Cards to: Amazon, Walmart, Giant Tiger, Dollar Store, Canadian Tire, Home Depot, Grocery Stores, Tim Hortons, Shoppers, Visa etc.

- Boxer Briefs, Underwear, Pyjamas, Bras ***BRAND NEW***
- Bath Towels, Hand Towels, Medical Grade Pillows or Pillows with Vinyl Pillow Covers
- Gently Used Bras, Track Pants, "DriFit" Wear, Leggings/Tights
- Cleaning Supplies: Paper Towels, Mr.Clean Wooden Floor Cleaner, Windex, Sponges, Garbage Bags, Latex and/or Disposable Gloves

Hair Care Products: Brushes, Combs, Accessories, Travel Size Shampoo/Conditioner

Please Note: We are currently not accepting donations for winter scarves, hats or toques, bars of soap, menstrual products, and/or clothing (unless they are items otherwise noted on this wish-list)

- Earbuds, USB Drives, Earplugs, Back Packs & Bags
- Paper Plates, Disposable Cups (for cold and warm beverages), Dixie Cups, Plastic Cutlery
- Toothpaste, Chap-Stick, Bug Spray, Sunblock, Travel Size Shampoo, Conditioner & Body Wash, Liquid Pump Hand Soap *All health care products must not be opened* Toilet Paper & boxes of Kleenex

Food Donations:

Non-Perishables Needed: sugar, mayonnaise, flour, peanut butter, jam, margarine, canned meat (tuna, ham, chicken), frozen juice, **healthy snacks to go**

Drinks: Cases of Bottled Water, Powerade/Gaterade, Ensure, Boost, **Drink Boxes**

Dairy Products Needed: Grocery gift cards to purchase milk, butter, cheese

Thank you!

Thank you to the guild executive and the many members that send sympathy cards on my Dad's passing. I thank you all very much for your support and thoughts.

Trudy Dey



STRIPPERS CLUB may be returning !

Registration closes at the September Gatherings

The Stripper's Club ran last year with 14 participants. If there is enough interest, it will run again. In this club, we exchange 2½" x WOF strips of good quality quilting cotton with other members of the group. We do one exchange each month. There will be no more than 14 people per group, and we will have as many groups as required.

That means you will need to contribute 2½" x WOF (width of fabric) with selvages left on x 14 strips. This equals 35 inches of unwashed fabric per month, (8 months from October through May).

You will bring your strips of the assigned month's colour/pattern in a Ziplock bag (with your name printed on the outside) to the monthly 'Gatherings' at Albert McCormick Community Centre, starting in October. The next month, you will bring your strips for that month, but you will also get your bag back from the previous month with your strip and 13 others of the same colour/pattern group, hopefully each in a different pattern. Each month is a different colour/pattern. Once I know how many members are interested, I will send out the colour/pattern requirements for each month. The colours/patterns will differ from last year.

If you need more information or wish to sign up before the September Gatherings, please email Deby at dwettges@gmail.com

GATHERINGS

Wednesday September 6, 2023 10:30am - 3:00pm ET

The first Gatherings of the 2023-24 WCQG guild year is just around the corner. Please join us on Wednesday, September 6 from 10:30 to 3:30. You may drop in at any time or stay for the day. We have a full agenda of fun and participation options available.

This has been designated the **Sewing Bee Day for the Quilt Exhibit Boutique**. Ev and Leah will have kits available (see page 13) and demonstrations throughout the day of projects you might like to make and donate to the Boutique.

The new and returning **Guild Executive members** will be at the event between 11:30 and 1:00 (work schedules permitting) to meet members. Come and say hello to the members who have developed a wonderful year of quilting. You might be interested in joining in the **Fold it, Snip It, Rip It Challenge** (page 18) organized by Joan Holland, Cathy Jurchuk and Inge Ford, or the **Library Learning Challenge**, (page 9) organized by Donna McKay and Anne Schott. Do you want to participate in the second annual **Craft Swap** (page 14)? Now is your chance. Judy Pearce is organizing the fun again. As usual, there will be reps from Membership, Library, SMILE, PAL, Touch, Quilts of Valour Canada, Strippers' Club, and UFOs.

And if that isn't enough to encourage you to come, we will also have **cake, tea and coffee** (be sure to 'lug your mug') for our September welcome.

Looking forward to seeing you!

- Jean McFarlane & Elaine La Ronde

Sewing Together, But Apart - September 13, 2023

September brings a new year of STBA days, which will continue to take place on the second Wednesday of each month. Our format will continue to be the same, using Zoom. In many cases, we will try to have a theme for the day. We will participate in break-out rooms, share ideas, questions, projects, etc. In the morning we will watch a video based on a quilting theme. In the afternoon, we will always have a speaker join us to share their lectures and presentations.

We have a great line-up of speakers for our STBA days this year. A full schedule of speakers can be found on the Program video on the guild's website. There is a cost of \$10 to participate in the day. This fee is used only to cover the cost of the speaker. Currently the on-line store lists the STBA speakers for September to January. In December, we will add the remaining speakers for February to June. It is possible to register for more than one STBA day at the same time, and if you are interested in doing this, it helps reduce the cost of the store expenses for the guild, because we pay fees for each single transaction.

Our upcoming September STBA days takes place on Wednesday, September 13—which is quickly approaching. Our theme for the day will focus on quilt bindings. The speaker in the afternoon will be Liz Thompson from British Columbia. She will share her lecture "Let's Kick Our Quilt Binding Up a Few Notches". There are many different ways to finish the edges of your quilts. If you are bored with completing them in the same way—or are looking for some new ideas, strategies or motivation, this will be the day for you. Liz will show that there are at least 15 options from which you could choose to finish your quilts. She will provide a PDF handout to all participants and is happy to answer questions about your quilt binding challenges.



Please register for the STBA days on the guild's website. We look forward to having you join us.

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Edyta Sitar Alaska Quiltalong 2023-2024

In October, interested members from the Waterloo County Quilters' Guild are invited to join interested members from the Royal City Quilters' Guild (Guelph) and York Heritage Quilters Guild for a fun quiltalong. This year's project will be Edyta Sitar's Alaska quilt.

For more detailed information about the quiltalong, how to sign up, when it begins, how often the group will meet on Zoom, ordering fabric and patterns (should you wish to), tutorials and support provided for the group, and much more – click this link.

<https://royalcityquiltersguild.ca/activities/edyta-sitar-alaska-quiltalong-2023-2024/>

You can use your own fabrics for this project. If you wish to purchase a curated kit for this project, you can find more information about that at the link provided above.

We have now confirmed that Edyta Sitar will be our guest speaker for the June 19, 2024 guild meeting. Perhaps this might be a motivator to join this quiltalong!



Rainbow colourway available from Quilting by Design

Aurora Borealis colourway available from Mad About Patchwork

Upcoming ONLINE Speakers

September – Angela Walters - ‘Little Changes, Big Variety’

October - Gloria Loughman - ‘The Quilted Landscape’

November - Brita Nelson - ‘Every Last Crumb, An Adventure in Scrap Quilting’

December - Ricky Times - ‘Eleven Cool Things Every Quilter Should Know’

January - Carol Wilhoit - ‘Hexagon: Six Sides, One Angle and Oh So Many Possibilities’

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’



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Gatherings Coordinators: Jean McFarlane and Elaine LaRonde

PAL: Megan Stauch & Tamara Gilhuly



The Quilting Months Ahead...

Month	Day	Activity
September	6	Gatherings at Albert McCormick Arena
September	12	‘Introduction to Sashiko’, in person workshop with Renske Helmuth
September	13	STBA with Liz Thompson, British Columbia
September	20	September Guild Meeting via Zoom with Angela Walters
September	28	‘Master the Meander’ with Angela Walters, Zoom workshop
October	4	Gatherings at Albert McCormick Arena
October	11	STBA with Joy Duke, Virginia
October	13,14	WCQG Exhibit at Manulife Sportsplex at RIM
October	18	October Guild Meeting via Zoom with Gloria Loughman

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

Newsletter Deadline for the October 2023 issue is September 21, 2023