SCRAPS OF WISDOM

Waterloo County Quilters' Guild



President's June Message

As I write this, my last newsletter submission as president, I can't help but think back on the past year, and the years leading up to it. I never would have thought I would have been given the opportunity to work alongside such an amazing group of volunteers. To the executive, committees, and outreach volunteers, I can't say 'thank you' enough. There are not enough words to properly express my gratitude for all you do to make our guild one of which we can all be proud. We are not perfect, but in my opinion, we are one amazing group of quilters.

I am going to leave you with a challenge, a personal challenge that could profoundly change your life, as a quilter, and as a person. Think back to your playground days, to those days when you were brave, when you were fearless. When you walked up to a total stranger and asked them to play on the slide with you. Or maybe, you were the fearless and silent type. You just walked up to someone and automatically started playing. I often wonder when did I start to become fearful? When did I stop being brave? When did I stop walking up to strangers and asking them to play? Over the next few weeks, I want you to reach out to someone you don't know in the guild. Go for coffee, do a day of the July Shop Hop. Be fearless. Maybe it won't work out; so what? Would that have stopped you on the playground, or would you have just walked up to the next person?

I had the strength to be fearless. One day last spring, during an Open Sewing Monday, someone tossed out an invitation into the air, "I'm going shopping on Wednesday, if anyone wants to join in." We were all still masking, we were still a bit fearful, but I swallowed up that fear and said, "That would be great. I will take you up on that offer". We had fun, lots of laughs, and still get together. It's been over a year of friendship. Two people had to be fearless to make that happen: the person who issued the invitation, and the person who accepted.

That step gave me the strength to be even more brave. Then I reached out to a few other people, I took the risk of being turned down, the risk of rejection. But the rewards, oh those rewards of laughter, tears, sharing and caring are so worth that little risk.

So this summer, **be fearless, be brave,** be that child on the playground with the strength, courage and tenacity to just keep looking until you find that friend who wants to play.

Thank you, for a great year; no, make that an amazing year. I just know the Waterloo County Quilters' Guild will continue to grow and strengthen in skills, knowledge, philanthropy and friendships.

- Gail Berry-Graham, President

GATHERINGS

Wednesday June 7, 2023 10:30am - 3:00pm

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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June Program on Zoom at 7pm, Wednesday, June 21st



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

&

"EPP VS FPP: The Showdown"

with Tina Craig

We are delighted to have Tina Craig join us from Rhode Island, USA, for our June meeting! Tina will present her lecture, "EPP (English Paper Piecing) vs FPP (Foundation Paper Piecing): The Showdown". In this presentation, Tina will give us an overview of each technique, followed by thirty quilts illustrating

the versatility of both techniques.

I Tina Craig has been quilting since 1990, and tries to challenge herself to learn something new with every quilt.

She specializes in precision piecing (Foundation and English paper piecing) and domestic machine quilting.

When she moved to a seaside town in southern Rhode Island in 1997, Seaside Stitches was born.

Tina is a member of the Modern Quilt Guild and three local guilds, serving as co-vice president of Ninigret Quilters. Her quilts have been awarded 'Best in Show' at three local shows and her work has been exhibited regionally and nationally.

For more information about Tina and her work, please read her blog and subscribe to her monthly newsletter, Seaside Scoop, or visit the following:

EPP vs. FPP: The Showdown!





Tina Craig

Website: https://seaside-stitches.com/

Instagram: @seasidestitches Facebook: Quilting with Seaside Stitches

June Workshop Foundation Paper Piecing with Tina Craig

Date: Saturday June 24,

2023





Waterloo County Quilters' Guild

2023 Quilt Exhibit

October 13 & 14, 2023

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Quilts of Valour - Canada Society



Left: 'My Canada' by Susan Anderson



Above: 'Veteran's Hug' by Edna Keown



Above: 'Red Squares with White Sashing' by Lynn Thomson-Haven

> Right: 'O Canada Sampler' by Joan Holland















Scraps of Wisdom - June 2023



HAVE YOU CONSIDERED MAKING A QUILT TOP FOR QUILTS OF VALOUR CANADA?

As a QOVC rep, I have 9½" pre-made blocks and a donation of over 50 metres of 'O Canada' fabric in 1 metre cuts. Stop by and see me at June Gatherings for the pre-made Hug Blocks, or fabric that could be used with a 3 yard quilt pattern and border to make the minimum size requirement of 55" x 70". For more information, or to pre-order a kit, contact Deby Wettges by email or phone (check the membership list). Your time and effort will comfort a veteran who has served in the Canadian Armed Forces.



Scraps of Wisdom - June 2023





Tannis Dawson was in town from Winnipeg a couple of weeks ago, so we arranged for Deby Wettges to present her with her rosette for the UFO Challenge.

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GATHERINGS

Wednesday June 7, 2023 10:30am - 3:00pm ET

Please join us for the final Gatherings of the year.

Our Featured Member is Judy Pearce. She will delight us with her approach to fabric collage.

"I will bring along several collage quilts for display and a collage project in progress. We will look at some photographs and images to determine which ones would work well to create a successful collage quilt, and some that wouldn't work well. A lot of the success of a piece is determined before a piece is even started, by choosing a good image. I'll also speak briefly about several methods I use to make a collage quilt. Unfortunately, there won't be time for each participant to create one on June 7th, but hopefully participants will pick up some tools and tricks so they have confidence to try it on their own.

If you have some photos you are considering for a fabric collage, and if you would like some input, I'll be happy to talk about it with you. May you have a project underway you'd like to bring along. I will do my brief presentation at 11:00am and the rest of the day I'll be there to brainstorm with you about your projects or answer questions about mine." - Judy Pearce

We will have the regular outreach groups, (PAL, SMILE, Memory, Fabric Curator, Quilts of Valour Canada, Strippers' Club), as well as Library (for returns and culled book sales) and Membership at the meeting.

The craft swap will also take place at the June Gatherings.

Doors open at 10:30 for the members.

Since this is our last event of this year, let's have a party. Please feel free to bring a savoury or sweet treat to share. We will supply the hot beverages. Remember to bring your mug.

We ask that you continue to wear a mask when in the Community Room, for everyone's protection.

- Jean McFarlane & Elaine La Ronde





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.

September Gatherings: 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 journal cover for a dollar store journal. See the internet link in our January newsletter on page 11.
- How about a mug bag using the pattern featured on page 10 of our February 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.

Membership Renewal Information

The Waterloo County Quilters' Guild program year runs from September 1 to August 131 each year. Membership renewal starts May 1 for the following September.

Membership rates: New members Fee:\$45, Renewing Member Fee: May 1 to June 30: \$40, July 1 and following: \$45. Youth Member (under 18 years of age): \$10

Payment Online: Payment of membership fees can be made at the WCQG Online Store. Once payment has been made, an automatic pop-up form will be provided for you to fill out.

Payment by Cheque (payable to Waterloo County Quilters' Guild): Renewal forms are available to print or available at Gatherings for you to fill out. Hand in to the membership committee at the sign-in table or mail to Laura Huras at the guild address:

Waterloo County Quilters' Guild
Attention: Laura Huras
Bridgeport Post Office
PO Box 38044, Waterloo ON N2J 4T9

Early Bird Special!!! May 1 to June 30, 2023 \$40

Payment may be made online or by cheque, no cash payments allowed

Free Draws at June Gatherings

The following items will be on the Curated Fabric table for you to enter for the draws:

- 1. Fiskars Batting Scissors
- 2. EZ Small Twinkle Star/Floating Star ruler set
- 3. Quilt in a Day Scallops, Vines & Waves template
- 4. O'LIPFA 60° mini ruler
- 5. EZ Easy Squares Jr. 6½" square ruler
- 6. EZ Hexagon with instructions
- 7. Log Cabin Hexagon Tool from Today's Quilter (no instructions)

- 8. 5" x 23" ruler with lip edge
- 9. Batting Buddy by Fun & Done Quilting for the 'quilt as you go' technique

10. Piping Hot Binding ruler & book.

All of these items are used and have been donated to the guild. If you are unable to attend Gatherings, but would like to have your name entered into the draws, please have a friend who attends put your name in the appropriate boxes. Please include your phone number and make arrangements to pick up your items by 2pm on June 7th. The draw will happen at 1:30pm.

All items are "as is" and the guild takes no responsibility for their condition.



Here are some of the over 200 quilts donated to the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale that took place on Saturday, May 27, 2023. The quilts pictured here were donated or worked on it some way by our guild members. There will be more in next month's newsletter.



Modern Star - designed by Melissa Marginet, donated by Blossom Zink and quilted by Quilting By Design, 89" x 90"



Spring Star - pieced by Sharon Webb, quilted by Marg Sandiford, 62" x 61"



Magic Tiles - designed by Kathy Bissett, donated by Wyandot S Sewing Circle MWMC, 112" x 94"



Agape - donated by Dianne Hahn & Carol Brownridge, quilted by Kathy Janzen, 69" x 59"



Traditional Log Cabin for Cat Lovers - pieced by Carol McLaren and quilted by Marg Sandiford, 86" x 65"



China Blue - designed by Kathy Bissett, donated by Sandra Campbell, quilted by Audrey Vrooman, 97" x 80"





Purple/Pink Delight - donated by The Caring Connection, quilted by Barbara Pye, 74" x 59"



Four Seasons - donated by Lyndsey Janzen, quilted by Kathy Janzen, 88" x 90"



Missouri Star Quilt - designed by Missouri Star Quilt Co., donated by Shakespeare Quilt Club, quilted by Kathy Janzen, 81" x 81"



Crisscross Applesauce - donated by Helene Stevens, quilted by Trudy Dey, 47" x 45"

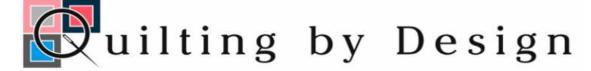


I Spy Hexagons - designed and hand pieced by Renske Helmuth, quilted by Marg Sandiford, 49" x 48"



Entangled Sky - designed by Krista Moser, pieced and hand quilted by Emily Hunsberger, 82" x 55"

Our Virtual Vendor for June is...



in New Hamburg, Ontario

Final Month for Registering Quilts

We need YOUR quilted items for our 2023 Quilt Exhibit!

Every member of the WCQG has a contribution to make to our upcoming quilt exhibit. Why do we have a quilt exhibit? We think the main purpose is to demonstrate the creativity and love of quilting of our members. We have no judges at our exhibit—just friends, family members and fellow quilters, who share our love of quilting, and enjoy seeing a variety of quilting styles.

Beginners quilters, more experienced ones, and master quilters all have something to offer. We value every contribution and look forward to seeing what our members have accomplished over the last 4 years.

Please take this opportunity to add at least one quilt to our exhibit this October. Be proud of where you are in your quilting journey, and help us demonstrate all the diverse styles and creativity that our members possess.

You can find the registration form on the Guild website, under Quilt Exhibit, or at the June Gatherings on June 7th. Send your registrations and photos to Marg Sandiford by June 30th, and help to make our October 13th & 14th special.

- Elaine LaRonde and Inge Ford



Kerry Johnson will continue to collect empty thread spools of all sizes and materials (not just the wooden ones pictured above), even long arm cones, during Gatherings.



Virtual Show and Share for June

Please send pictures of your quilts, with a sentence or in two about them, and the dimensions, to kathleenbissett@me.com

by Sunday, June 18, so they can be included in our virtual Show and Share.

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 quilt exhibit on October 13 and 14. Thursday, October 12 will be a busy day because all displays must be ready by the end of the day. We need your help!

We need people who can go up on ladders to assemble the PVC quilt racks. A lot of the ladies are bringing their husbands to help. We also need white rubber mallets, and a few more ladders; both tall and short. (Remember to put your name on your ladder.)

We could also use a few more volunteers on Wednesday evening, October 11, to help unload the PVC racks, etc., from the van. This is also the time when people are needed for washing the racks, sorting out hanging sheets, and marking the floor with masking tape for the various placement of exhibits.

We have offered to help students make up their community volunteer hours.

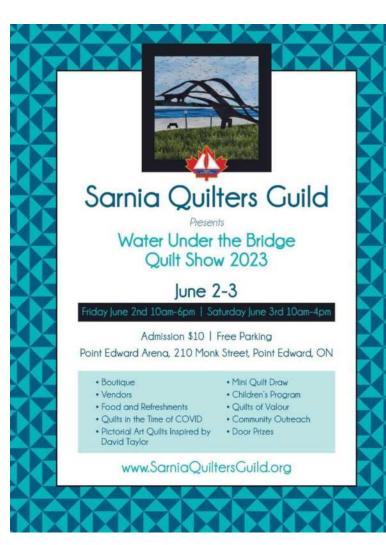
We need more people to take in quilts and prepare them for hanging, as well as the actual hanging of the quilts on the racks and around the perimeter. At the end of the exhibit, we need people to take down the quilts, and a few more for the quilt return. We also need a few more for the boutique on Friday at 2:30pm, and on Saturday at 5pm.

We have a new task category for setting up and taking down the decorations that are placed here and there around the exhibit hall. This will involve putting items around the exhibit after the quilts are hung on Thursday (about 2pm), and then on Saturday at 5pm, they will need to be collected prior to the quilts being taken down.

The Admissions table needs people on Saturday from 2:30 to 5pm. The Small Quilt draw need a few more people for Saturday from 10am to 12:30pm and 12:30pm to 2:30pm. White Gloving needs a few more people early Friday and Saturday, and one for Saturday from 12:30pm to 2:30pm. More people are needed for dismantling the racks, and for loading the truck at the end of the exhibit. This group will need white rubber mallets to disassemble the PVC racks. If you have a quilt in the exhibit, you could maybe plan to stay and help with the take down.

If you cannot make it to the June Gatherings, you could phone Linda Henderson 519-886-9927 or email: lghenders@gmail.com

Thanks you for your participation. We are going to have a great exhibit! - Linda Henderson





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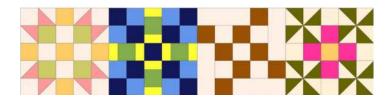


Quilt Show

Goodwill - 255 Horton Street East, London

Friday, September 8, 2023 · 10_{AM} - 7_{PM} Saturday, September 9, 2023 · 10_{AM} - 4_{PM}









In June, we need to complete a full Inventory of the Library collection. Thanks to the many volunteers who take on this responsibility. At the June Gatherings, culled books will be available for sale. This guild year we added 14 new books to the library. Thanks to the members who made suggestions for purchasing the books. No library materials will be able to be signed out on June 7th.

I - Jean Simpson & Donna McKay







Our 12th Annual
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& Fabric Garage Sale

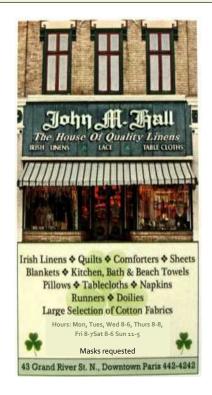
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PAL Quilts

Quilts were delivered to The Working Centre for the new Erb Street community. They were much appreciated. This will be your last chance to pick up batting and backing for this guild year. Please let me know your quilt measurements so I can bring your supplies to Gatherings. These quilts will be due back by the end of August to be counted in this guild year. Thanks to everyone for all the support. - Judy Siegner

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PRIZES





PARADE SQUARE & HUG BLOCK 2023 CHALLENGE

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with your block.

33 Patrick Lane

B2V 2V4

Cole Harbor, NS

Mail your blocks to: OOVC - HUG BLOCKS

PARADE SQUARE

The Parade Square is a 13 ½ unfinished block. In the past QOVC has created a block of the year to help generate blocks that could be efficiently put together to create much needed quilts.

The 2023 block is the Parade Square. It is 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches unfinished. It is comprised of 5 inch blocks and 5 x 2.5 and 7 x 2.5 inch sides. It can be made with

Northcott Oh Canada fabric or red and white fabric.

Blocks can be mailed to: QOVC- Blocks 33 Patrick Lane Cole Harbor, NS B2V 2V4

5 SVC booth during Quilt

Or dropped of at the QOVC booth during Quilt Canada Halifax 8-10 June 2023 The pattern can be found at:

https://www.quiltsofvalour.ca/what-s-new









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Viewer's Choice Award Winner 2019



BLOCK CHALLENGE

To enter the Blocks contest: Make your Parade Square and/or Hug Blocks and mail them or drop them off to OOVC.

One Block = 1 Chance to Win Five Blocks = 5 Chances to WIN 35 Blocks (Full Top) = 35 Chances to WIN! The PRIZE is a NORTHCOTT Fabric Bundle Valued at over \$200 WINNER will be Drawn June 11th 2023



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COMPLETED QUILT CONTEST 2023

To Enter the Quilts of Valour Canada Society

Completed Quilts Contest:

- Make a complete Quilt of Valour as per the instructions found at: https://www.quiltsofvalour.ca/what-we-do
- ✓ Donate your completed Quilt of Valour during the contest period (3 Feb II June 2023) to a QOVC Regional Representative or drop off at the QOVC Booth during Quilt Canada in Halifax June 8-10th 2023 https://www.quiltsofvalour.ca/contacts

AND

 Email a PHOTO of your quilt with your NAME, ADDRESS and PHONE NUMBER to contest@quiltsofvalour.ca



For <u>EACH</u> Completed Quilt + Email entry submitted You will be entered in the draw.

The PRIZE:

Janome 3160 QOVC Sewing Machine WINNER will be Drawn June 11th 2023



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June 10 & 11, 2023

10:00 am to 4:00pm



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Sewing Together, But Apart - June & July 2023

Our June STBA will again feature two speakers.

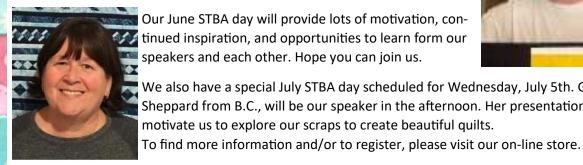


On June 21st, we will have the opportunity to hear from Breanna Gaudaur, who will share her International Quilting Day presentation - "Instagram, Your New Quilting Tool". This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn from Breanna, as she shares a beginner friendly intro to Instagram. She will share how to use this platform as a tool to find quilting inspiration, and, possibly, new friends. Our guild's Instagram account is buzzing with lots of helpful posts. Breanna will help us gain confidence in our use of Instagram. She will also be able to answer any questions we might have been reluctant to ask at other times. This is your opportunity to do so. Instagram is becoming increasingly popular with younger generations. This is a great time to learn more about using Instagram and how to connect with quilting,

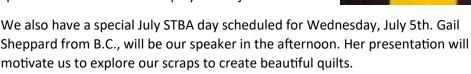
but also with your younger family members. Our guild Instagram account (and Facebook) are very active accounts. Hannah Barlow, from our guild is posting regularly. Breanna's presentation will help all of us become better users of Instagram.

In the afternoon, Reed Johnson will join us from Florida. He will share his quilting journey, and a trunk show of beautiful quilts. Reed is a former trial attorney, who has now become

a nationally known quilt designer, presenter, certified Quilt-in-a-Day instructor, and pattern designer. He has a special love of batiks, and all things related to quilting. He has a quilt pattern featured this month in one of the popular quilting magazines. Reed's trunk show will provide lots of inspiration, with the beautiful quilts he shares, as well as the wide variety of approaches patterns, fabrics, etc.



Our June STBA day will provide lots of motivation, continued inspiration, and opportunities to learn form our speakers and each other. Hope you can join us.



Open Sewing Mondays

Our Monday afternoon Open Sewing has continued to be well received by our guild members. From 2pm to 4pm every Monday afternoon, interested guild members are invited to join in our informal Zoom meetings. These will continue all summer long for any members who wish to join in. There is lots of conversation, sharing of ideas and questions, helpful tips and strategies, sharing what we might be working on—and always lots of fun and laughter—sometimes (often including other discussion topics)and social conversation. It is a wonderful way to get to know other quilters in our guild and to build friendships. Some people stay for a short time, many stay for the entire two hours.

It's a very relaxing and informal atmosphere, and a great motivator to explore and share quilting ideas and opportunities. Consider joining us during the summer as we continue with these fun Monday afternoon events. You can do this from your cottage, while sitting on your deck or balcony enjoying some iced tea, or from the comfort of your sewing room. The Zoom link for these sessions is always the same (until the end of August) and can always be found in the weekly update. - Inge Ford

Upcoming ONLINE Speaker and

Workshop Information

June 21 - Annual General Meeting and June Guild Meeting with Tina Craig of Rhode Island, USA speaking on "EPP vs FPP: the Showdown" on Zoom



Elected Officers of the Guild 2022-2023

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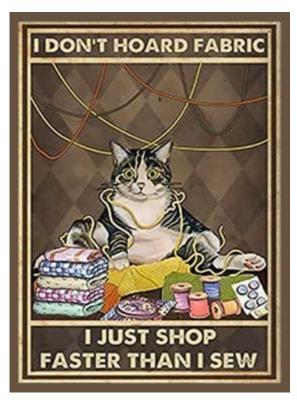
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The Quilting Months Ahead...

Month	Day	Activity
June	7	Gatherings at Albert McCormick Arena - Judy Pearce will speak on share her collage knowledge and facilitate the Craft Swap Exchange
June	14	STBA with Breanna Gaudaur and Reed Johnson
June	21	Annual General Meeting and June Guild Meeting with Tina Craig "EPP vs. FPP: The Showdown" on Zoom
July	5	STBA with Gail Sheppard
October	13,14	WCQG Exhibit at Manulife Sportsplex at RIM

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Newsletter Deadline for the Mid-Summer 2023 issue is July 27, 2023