

## SCRAPS OF WISDOM



### President's Message:

#### New Tasks and Approaches Amid Challenges

Amid all the current chaos as we continue to practice social and physical distancing, it is refreshing to see the hope that spring brings us. I'm reminded of this each time I hear birds tweeting outside the window, as I sweep away the dead winter leaves from the porch and deck, as I watch the new growth of early spring flowers, and most especially as I enjoy the warmer rays of sunshine with longer days and shorter nights. May this new season of spring with its signs of hope help to make our souls smile as we navigate our current uncharted territory amid CoVid-19.

The WCQG Executive met recently using the Zoom platform, at which time the following decisions were made:

All guild meetings and Mannheim Sewing Days continue to be cancelled until the region and government indicate that it is safe to meet. Community Centres where we meet are all closed at this point until at least June 30th . The Program Committee has a complete slate of wonderful guest speakers booked for the upcoming year – 2020-2021. The guild's Annual Meeting is postponed until we can safely meet. When that is possible, the Annual Meeting will be held as an additional meeting, rather than replacing an already scheduled regular meeting. The date for the Annual Meeting will be determined and announced when it is again safe to meet as a guild.

Because there is currently so much uncertainty as we move into the next year, the Executive made the decision that the current key Executive positions would continue for the upcoming year 2020-2021, which means that the current president, vice-president, past president, secretary and treasurer will continue in these roles for the upcoming year. (Continued on page 2)

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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**All Guild Meetings including Mannheim Sewing Circle and Workshops  
have been cancelled until further notice.**

President's Message - (continued)

Included in this newsletter, on the last page, is the Guild Membership Form for 2020-2021. The fees for next year continue to remain the same. All guild members are invited to complete this membership form, found on page 18, include your cheque to cover the membership fee and send it to Madeline Hughes (her address is in the Members' Handbook so you can drop it in her mailbox, rather than mailing it if you prefer). Thank you in advance for looking after your membership fees using this format. Your continued support is appreciated.

The President's Challenge draws to a close in May. Please see the information about how we plan to wrap up this challenge. As the President's Challenge ends, you are invited to consider participating in a new challenge opportunity, called the **"Isolation Challenge"** (page 15). You can make one or more blocks based on the theme and requirements. Please see the information later in this newsletter. We look forward to seeing your completed blocks at the first guild meeting when we can once again gather together.

Something new is coming in May. Interested members are invited to an on-line sewing activity – **"Sewing Together, But Apart"** (page 9). We will use the Zoom on-line platform for this. Please read the information about this new opportunity and, if you are interested, please remember to register for this special and unique all-day event.

During the last six weeks we have experienced such a total change to our normal, comfortable lifestyle. We have been confronted with new ways of living every day, coming to terms with physically and socially distancing, finding new ways to shop for groceries, and adapting to a new normal for how we connect with family and friends. As a guild so many of our members have embraced the requests from so many community organizations and agencies to make masks, scrub caps and isolation/hospital gowns. Every effort has been made to coordinate and streamline these requests and to keep our members updated with regular communications. It is our hope that you have found these communiques to be helpful.

I want to personally thank all of you for the overwhelming support you are providing for the community as you keep yourselves and your sewing machines busy making masks, scrub caps, gowns, and/or quilts for our community outreach programs. I have been receiving many heartfelt thank you emails or phone calls expressing how much these donations have been appreciated by the receiving group. As quilters, we are truly blessed to have a hobby that keeps our minds occupied and our hands busy. We recognize how therapeutic a good sewing session can feel. The minutes seem to melt into hours and before we know it, we have created something useful for someone else – and the worries surrounding us don't seem to be as important – or are momentarily put into the background. Sewing/quilting encourages mindfulness and reduces stress and anxiety. The meditative action of sewing and quilting encourages positivity and feelings of relaxation. So – I invite you to continue to focus on your quilting and sewing passions. It's a healthy way to approach the current stresses we are facing. Stay well everyone!

Inge Ford, President

# Masks Made by Guild Members

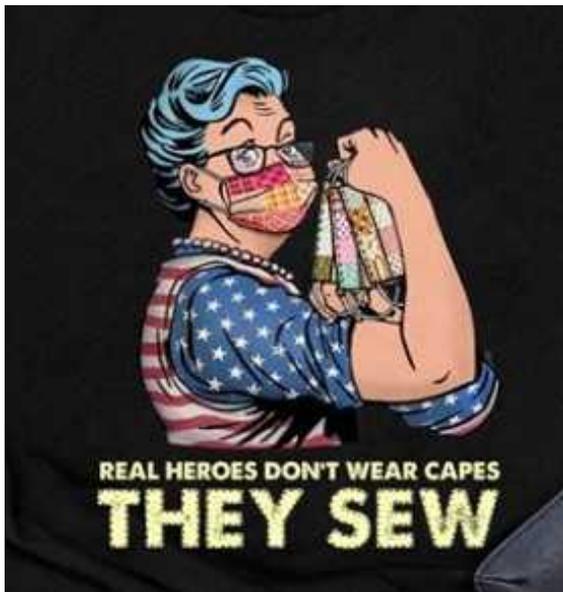
Gowns: 137

Scrub Caps: 309

Contact Inge Ford and let her know how many masks you've made so we can celebrate our progress!

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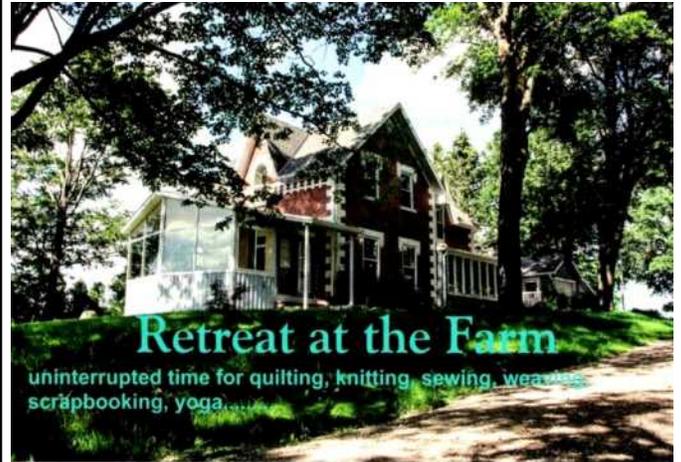
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Scraps of Wisdom - May 2020



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Phyllis Winfield, owner of St Jacobs Quilt Company Ltd., was interviewed by the Observer: Find the complete article by following this link:

<https://observerextra.com/2020/04/09/local-quilter-shifting-focus-during-covid-19-pandemic/>



Sandy Bussey was speaking to Barb Pye and she shared how Barb was responding to a need and staying home. Bonnie Murdoch went to her home and Barb caught Bonnie taking this photo. Barb told Bonnie that she has hung out more than 100 at the sidewalk. She is now asking for elastic and metal ties. Sure enough, when she checked her mailbox, there was a bag of elastic.

- Bonnie Murdoch

## May Virtual Show and Tell

**What project have you finished lately?**

Please send a picture of it to [kathleenbissett@me.com](mailto:kathleenbissett@me.com) so she can include it in our next slide show. It will be shared on facebook and via email.

**Please send it before May 18 to be included.**



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Pro Sewing Machine Doctor is taking calls and emails for advice only until further notice.

Creekbank Sewing Centre and Fabrics' retail store is closed. They are available by phone, during their regular business hours, for orders to be picked up at their door. They continue to service sewing machines and sergers, all makes and models - call to arrange pickup and drop off at the front door.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

[Laura Huras](#) has volunteered to be our Assistant Treasurer.

[Jean Simpson](#) has stepped up to work in the library.



**Looking for one more librarian...might it be you???**

Helene Stevens would like to step down and needs a replacement...you may speak to her or any executive member for more information

### Reminder for all Library Users:

For those of us who have signed out library books, we have been gifted with seven months minimum to read, enjoy and be inspired by the pages of these books. We are expecting the list of names that have participated in the "Library Challenge" to have grown when we return to normal.

Along with these pleasures comes the possibility of misplacing books and forgetting what was signed out and how many were signed out. We would encourage you to make a list of the titles and post it where you will see it frequently, or take a picture of each cover and keep it on your desk top, or dream up another way that works as a reminder for you. Having a specific place to keep guild library books works as well, except for people like us, who like to look through them while watching TV; then the book never gets back to that spot and after a month, one is left wondering what book it was and where it was left.

Stay well, enjoy the books and we will see you when we can be together once more!

Kathy and Helene

"Everyone should be taught to sew, not merely for the sake of making something, but as an accomplishment which may prove

*a stabilizer in time of perplexity or distress.*

Many a time when I need to hold myself firmly, I have taken up a needle - a sewing needle, some knitting needles, or a crochet hook. Whatever its form or purpose, it often proved to be as the needle of a compass, keeping me to the course."

- First Lady Grace Coolidge

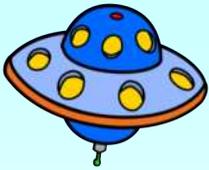


Copied from "Diary of a Quilter" - Amy Smart's Blog

## An Opportunity to Sew Together – But Apart

During this time of social and physical distancing we are unable to attend guild meetings or Mannheim Sewing Days. However, we are going to try something new to allow interested members to connect in a unique opportunity. Interested guild members are invited to participate in a “Sewing Together – but Apart” on-line activity. This is an opportunity to experience a day of quilting and/or sewing together – but apart. It will be a day that the participants sew together as a virtual group. The Zoom internet platform will be used. We will come together in the morning on-line at 9:00 a.m., where the plan for the day will be shared. You will then leave your computer and spend your time sewing. We will meet again on-line as a group at specific times during the day, where we will share our projects, questions, and more. There may be some surprises and special on-line activities throughout the day. You are encouraged to work on whatever project you wish, perhaps a UFO, the new “Isolation Challenge” (described on page 15 in this newsletter), the “Block of the Month” blocks from the newsletter, Library Challenge, Stripper’s Club project, etc. This event will take place on-line on **Thursday, May 21**, beginning at 9:30 a.m. with special gathering times throughout the day, ending at 3:30. Using Zoom is relatively easy, and detailed instructions and support will be provided to the participants. In order to ensure security for everyone participating, you will need to register for this special activity in advance. **Registration is easy – just send an email to Inge Ford (her email is in your handbook) indicating that you plan to attend. Special instructions and password access will be sent to you on May 18th .** We look forward to experiencing this first time unique opportunity to “sew together – but apart”.

Graphic by Little Miss Shabby



## UFO CHALLENGE

The draw for the UFO challenge will take place in June. Jean McFarlane has been in touch with all of the participants to determine the status of their projects. For those who are still working on a UFO, Jean will be touch with everyone again toward the end of May to get a tally of the completed projects. Everyone with a completed project will have their name placed in a draw. If participants have entered more than one item, they will have a chance for each of their completed projects.

Good luck and happy UFO sewing,

Jean McFarlane

## PAL Quilts

Hopefully you are all making good use of your i-sew-lation time!

I've finished many ufos and am quickly running out of batting and backing. If this is your story, I can help!

There will soon be more batting available and there is backing on hand as well. Let me know your needs and I will be happy to arrange for a drop-off or pickup.

### PAL Packets

If you picked up a kit for the President's Challenge, your runner is due in May. Please follow our President's suggestions for handing them in or let me know to arrange a pickup or drop-off. My porch in Breslau will have a waiting basket. Please be sure to include your name if you are dropping off a completed project. **I will do a pickup of PAL kits for the runners intended for the hospices at Albert McCormick Arena, near our regular entrance, on Wednesday, May 20th, between 1 and 2pm.**

Thanks, Stay well and stay safe!



**If you've bought a fabric face mask or received one for "free", here's what you should know.**

#### **That fabric has a story.**

It may have been chosen for a quilt that was never made, or perhaps it's remnants of a homemade Easter dress. It could have been passed from owner to owner or even bought with express intent to make a cool mask. Either way, the sewist assessed its "mask worthiness" and thought it'd be perfect.

#### **The sewist who made it is tired.**

She's been sewing for days; she tires of the monotony. She's pricked her fingers with pins and sliced her knuckles with rotary cutters. Yet she continues to make masks...for you

#### **It was worth every penny.**

Whether you bought it for \$5 or \$15, you paid fair market value for someone's materials, time and talent. If you received it for free, it has already been paid for with the maker's charity and hope.

#### **The sewist made it to help you, but it's helping her too.**

She's decided the best way to work through this situation is to help those who protect all of us.

#### **The maker is being flooded with requests.**

People who haven't spoken to her in years are calling to chat and "ask for a mask". She's being offered money to make more than she can handle; sometimes it's enough, sometimes it's not. If she's got too many to make, she won't turn you down because she really wants to help you.

#### **It will make her smile when she sees you wearing it.**

She'll remember the fabric, the batch, she may even tell you it was one of her favorites. She'll smile knowing that she did this small little thing that's helping you in such a big way. She'll smile knowing that in the most difficult of times, she has a skill that so many will value.

#### **It should give you hope for a better world.**

In a situation where members of our community are struggling, others have risen up, offered their time and talents to provide what they can. It means there's hope for humanity supporting one another and that people truly do care for one another.

## Internet Resources for Quilters

Prepared by Inge Ford

While we are all honouring the social / physical distancing, I thought it might be a good time to share a variety of different internet sites that can be explored when you have a few minutes and are perhaps looking for some inspiration, motivation, small projects or just want to surf the quilting internet to see what's out there! Hope you enjoy these sites.

**The Quilter's Cache** - <http://www.quilterscache.com> Marcia Hohn began Quilter's Cache in 1997 as a one page tribute to her passion for quilting. Over the years this site has grown to include viewers and followers from all over the world. You will find all sorts of instructional pages, hundreds of free patterns, photos of finished quilts and so much more. Go to the bottom of the web page, where you will find links to the many resources on this site.



**Tula Pink** – [www.tulapink.com](http://www.tulapink.com) Are you a Tula Pink fan? Her fabrics are certainly bright, colourful and unique. A visit to her site provides an opportunity to view her latest fabrics. I invite you to click the button at the top of her website – “free patterns”. Here you will find many free patterns that may provide some inspiration or just some “eye candy” to get you thinking about a future quilt project.



**Shabby Fabrics Pocket Prayer Quilt** - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cwd2ONug-5E>. I shared this site in one of the weekly email updates, but thought it might be worth a second visit. If you are looking for a small gift item to make (perhaps as a diversion from other projects) for your friends or neighbours especially during this time of isolation, these pocket prayer quilts might be just the thing. In the video a cross has been included in the pocket prayer quilt, but a heart could be substituted (perhaps a heart shaped button) and as an alternative suggestion, perhaps add a “thinking of you” message to go with the mini-quilt. Let other folks know you are thinking of them during this difficult time.



**Amy's Creative Side** – [www. https://www.amyscreativeside.com/](http://www.amyscreativeside.com) If you're looking for a quilting blog that offers more than just patterns, this is a great place to start. Amy, the blog's author, offers helpful tips on her blog on everything from trimming to organizing your sewing room and sharing “quiltcasts”. Amy also has wonderful tutorials, quick links to the quilt patterns, etc. She also features quilts made by her readers and other bloggers.



**Sew Can She** <https://www.sewcanshe.com/> Caroline hosts this website, which is filled with sewing ideas, ranging from free patterns, bag tutorials, blog entries, holiday sewing ideas, quilt patterns, applique and so much more. For Caroline creating beautiful things brings her joy. She provides an almost daily email to her subscribers, providing a new idea for a sewing project in each message. I enjoy reading about the projects she shares in her daily messages.

## President's Challenge 2019-2020 "BRIGHTEN SOMEONE'S DAY"

All entries for the President's Challenge are due in May. While we are unable to meet as a guild, we plan to share your creations using a virtual show and tell of the projects you've created – table runners or mini quilts – similar to what we did to select the winning project for the CQA Challenge. Please take a photo of your project for the President's Challenge and send it to Kathy Bissett by May 15th. Kathy has kindly offered to put together a slide show of your projects. Please include any comments or descriptions of your project when you send your photo. During the week of May 18th, you will receive an email with the slide show which you will be able to view. You will be asked to select your favourite project, and using the link in the email, you will be able to go to "survey monkey" where you will be able to vote for your favourite. If you used one of the kits provided by Judy Siegner for a table runner for the new Waterloo Hospice – or if you plan to donate your completed table runner to the Hospice, you are asked to give your project to Judy. To do this, you may drop off your table runner to Judy, who will be at the Albert McCormick Arena parking lot on Wednesday, May 20 from 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. You can also drop it off to Judy's home, leaving it in the basket on her front porch. Judy is also willing to pick up your table runner if you are unable to get it to her. Please contact Judy directly if you would like to arrange for her to pick it up. These donated table runners will be given to the hospice in late May. Thank you to everyone who participated in this challenge and created a table runner or mini quilt. The theme this year has been very timely as we look to support the new hospice with these projects – or perhaps you will gift your table runner to someone who will enjoy this special and unique gift. Many thanks for your participation.

- Inge Ford, President

## Challenging all Waterloo Region Realtors, Retired and Active.

Kitty Mitchell, local resident of KW, retired Remax real estate agent of 31 years, has a challenge for you!

To Donate: <https://regionreadyrealtors.ca/>

## Our Program for September, October and November

The program committee has been hard at work on next year's guild program and we are so excited with the line up of speakers and workshops planned for you. So this month we thought we would give you a sneak peek at what has been planned for the fall meetings. Not all of the details for next year's program and workshops are finalized as we had to make some changes so we could bring the speakers that were scheduled for the March, April and May meetings to you as promised. So here's the line up for our fall meetings – we hope you are as excited as we are to have such talented quilters come our way!! Stay tuned for the details of all that is planned for next year's program in the June newsletter.



### Tracey Lawko – September meeting

Tracey is an award-winning quilter, longarmer, embroiderer, and textile artist. She combines her love of traditional needlework techniques with free-motion longarm machine stitching to create realistic landscapes and still life in thread.

Tracey's work has been selected for numerous North American juried shows, including CQA's National Juried Show, Art Quilt Elements, Fantastic Fibers, Fibreworks and the Niche Awards. One of her landscapes has been selected for the permanent collection of U.S. National Quilt Museum in Paducah, Kentucky. She is a Juried Artist Member of Studio Art Quilt Associates and a CQA/ACC Certified Quilt Judge.

You can find more about Tracey and her work on her website: [www.traceylawko.com](http://www.traceylawko.com)



### Kathy Wylie – October meeting

Kathy is a multiple international-award winning quilter specializing in applique, quilt design, domestic machine quilting and English Paper Piecing techniques. She started sewing and embroidering as a young girl, laying the foundation for the life-altering discovery of quilting two decades later. Over the past twenty-five years, quilting has grown from a hobby into a full-time creative career.



Kathy's quilt designs have received recognition in Canada as well as internationally. Her quilt *Instruments of Praise* earned the 2011 Bernina Machine Workmanship Award from the American Quilter's Society and now resides in the U.S. National Quilt Museum as part of its permanent collection. Her most recent quilt *For*

*Such a Time as This* has received multiple awards, including the AQS Best of Show at the 2018 Fall Paducah QuiltWeek and the CQA/ACC Best of Show at Quilt Canada 2019.

You can find more about Kathy and her work on her website: [www.kathykwylie.com](http://www.kathykwylie.com)

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## Our Program for September, October and November (continued)



### Gunnel Hag – November meeting

Gunnel studied textile design in Sweden and England. Her studio, Trees Textile Designers and Printers in Toronto produces fabrics for film and theatre productions. She has taught in the Textile Studio at Sheridan College for 12 years, been a visiting lecturer at the National Institute of Design in Ahmedabad, India, teaches workshops and gives lectures internationally. Her fabrics

and quilted wall pieces have been represented at International Design and Art Exhibits. Gunnel has published two books: "Creating Texture" and "Creating Texture: Soft Textures".

You can find lots more about Gunnel on her website: [www.colourvie.com](http://www.colourvie.com)

- Sandy Bussey,  
for the Program Committee



## Cancelled and/or Postponed Area Quilt Shows & Events

Original Date	Event	Status
n/a	Fibre Fling 2020 - Out of the Box Fibre Artists - Nepean Ontario	Postponed to October 16, 17 2020
May 1,2	Rouge Valley Quilters' Guild Quilt Show	Postponed
May 1,2	Feelings in Fabric Quilt Show and Sale - Kawartha Quiltmakers	Cancelled
May 1,2,3	Quilted Expressions - The Oakville Quilters' Guild	Postponed to April 29 - May 2, 2021
May 2,3	Sunshine Quilt Show - Orillia Quilters' Guild	Postponed to August 29, 30 2020
May 8,9	Mississauga Quilts! Quilt Show	Postponed
May 18-23	Quilts of Spain - Ailsa Craig Quilt and Fibre Arts Festival	Cancelled
May 26 - 30	St Jacobs Quilt Festival	Cancelled
May 29 - 31	20/20 Visions of Quilts in Niagara - Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild	Postponed
May 30	New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale	Postponed to Saturday, October 17, 2020
June 5,6	Pine Tree Quilters' Guild of Muskoka 2020 Quilt Show	Postponed
June 2020	Quilt Canada 2020 in Edmonton	Cancelled
July 2020	Prince Edward County Quilters' Guild	Postponed to July 10, 11, 2021

## An “Isolation Challenge”

Many of us – as we continue to socially and physically distance ourselves from others – are missing our families, friends and our quilting guild. Many of our members have been busily sewing masks, gowns and scrub caps for the community. With our President’s Challenge and UFO Challenge coming to a close in May, guild members are invited to participate in a new Guild Challenge to perhaps help us energize our motivation in a new direction. You are invited to participate in something that will hopefully result in a happy memory of this difficult time we are all sharing together – yet apart.

Here’s the challenge – Theme of the Challenge: **Value of Friends and Family Construction**

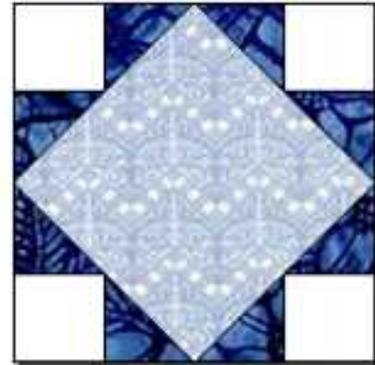
- Theme should be obvious in the motif or pattern name, etc.
- Block measures 10 ½ inches square unfinished
- Use any technique/colours of your choice in the block
- Use only fabric from your stash; no new shopping. Remember, we are isolating

When we can once again gather as a guild, please bring your completed blocks to that first meeting. We hope to make it a meeting where we can celebrate coming together again! The blocks will be shared and displayed. Every block entered will receive a ballot. Names will be drawn, and prizes awarded. The winner (or winners depending on the number of blocks submitted) who opts for the completed blocks (one of the prizes) will be able to make a beautiful quilt for themselves or perhaps a quilt that can be donated to one of our community outreach programs. Make one or more blocks. Perhaps use ideas from the block of the month provided in our newsletters as inspiration for your creative process. Perhaps use your strips from the “strippers’ club”. We look forward to sharing these blocks at our future guild meeting. Hope you enjoy the process. Please contact Inge Ford if you have any questions.

## BLOCK OF THE MONTH

# Art Square

- Colour 1 (shown as dark blue)  
needs one 2-7/8" x 11-1/2" strip
- Colour 2 (shown as light blue)  
needs one 6 3/8" square
- Colour 3 (shown as white)  
needs one 2 1/2" x 10" strip

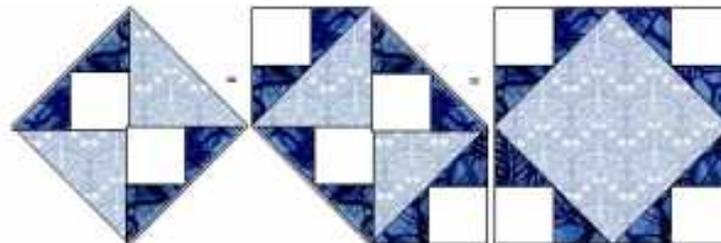


### Making the Block (8" finished)

1. Start by cutting the Colour 1 2-7/8" x 11-1/2" strip into four 2-7/8" squares. Stack the squares (with all edges aligned) and cut once on the diagonal to get eight half square triangles.
2. Cut one square from the Colour 2 to be 6-3/8" square.
3. Cut the Colour 3 2-1/2" x 10" strip into four 2-1/2" squares.
4. Using a scant 1/4" seam allowance, sew one Colour 1 half square triangle right sides together to the right edge of a Colour 3 square. Press the seam towards the triangle. Add another half square triangle to the bottom edge of the square, again pressing the seam towards the triangle. This should measure 4-1/2" along its right angle sides. Make four units like this.



5. Now sew corner units to opposing sides of your center square, pressing seams towards the center. Add the last two corner units to the adjacent sides of the center square to finish up your Art Square!



For more information on other blocks and to see the pattern for the wall hanging you may go to <https://www.quilterscache.com/A/ArtSquareBlock.html>

**“IT HELPS TO REMEMBER THE OBJECTIVE:**

**• WE’RE STAYING IN SO**

**WE CAN GO BACK OUT.**

**• WE’RE STAYING APART SO**

**WE CAN GET BACK TOGETHER.**

**• WE’RE LOVING ONE ANOTHER WELL SO**

**WE DON’T MAKE ONE ANOTHER SICK.**

**ALL OUR HARD TODAYS ARE FOR**

**A LOTTA HAPPIER**

**TOMORROWS.” -BETH MOORE**

### **Elected Officers of the Guild 2019-2020**

**President:** Inge Ford  
**Vice President:** Jean McFarlane  
**Treasurer:** Andrea Heimrich  
**Assistant Treasurer:** Laura Huras  
**Secretary:** Doris Martin  
**Past President:** Deby Wettges

### **Standing Committees**

**Historian:** Alin Chan  
**Librarians:** Jean Simpson & Helene Stevens  
**Membership:** Madeline Hughes (E)  
 Pat Lockyer (E)  
 Kitty Mitchell (E)  
 Betty Anne Scott (A)  
 Bettie Schuurman  
**Newsletter:** Marg Sandiford  
 Pat Lockyer - Mailings  
**Advertising Coordinator :** Marg Sandiford  
**Program & Workshops:** Bonnie Murdoch,  
 Barbara Pye, Sandra Bussey,  
 Sylvia Fernley & Cathy Jurchuk  
**Quilt Exhibit:** Elaine LaRonde, Co-chair  
 & Inge Ford, Co-chair  
**Website:** Kathy Bissett



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

Newsletter Deadline for June 2020 issue is May 28, 2020



## NEW or RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP 2020-2021

### CONTACT INFORMATION:

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY OR FILL IT IN ON YOUR COMPUTER

NAME:		PHONE:
ADDRESS:		CELL PHONE:
CITY:	POSTAL:	EMAIL:

Cheques should be made payable to Waterloo County Quilters' Guild (a \$15.00 NSF fee applies)

#### Membership Fees:

- New Members** - \$40 (includes a guild name tag and lanyard)  
 **Renewing Members** - \$35  
 **Junior Members** - \$10 (under 18 years of age)

I have included a cheque or cash in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_  Cheque Number \_\_\_\_\_  Cash

- Renewing memberships received by June 17, 2020 will be entered in the early bird draw for a free membership.
- New lanyards (\$5) and WCQG Membership pins (\$6) are available at the membership desk

Check this box if you **do not** want your name or contact information printed in our annual Membership Address Booklet or on our Web site.

**If you are having your newsletter mailed please bring 10 SASE (Self-addressed-stamped-envelopes to the September meeting. The legal-sized envelopes should each have \$1.80 in postage.**

Please mail your completed form with a **cheque made out to the Waterloo County Quilters' Guild** to our Membership Coordinator. You may also hand deliver your form and payment to Madeline's mailbox.

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In order to plan and organize future guild years we rely on member participation. We ask that you take a few minutes to tell us which positions or committees would interest you this coming year and/or in the future. Please check all that apply.

Executive positions and committees needed for 2021-22 and the following years:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> President    | <input type="checkbox"/> Vice-President | <input type="checkbox"/> Secretary      | <input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer           | <input type="checkbox"/> Membership |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library      | <input type="checkbox"/> Quilt Exhibit  | <input type="checkbox"/> Workshops      | <input type="checkbox"/> Program Coordinator |                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter   | <input type="checkbox"/> Website        | <input type="checkbox"/> Mannheim       | <input type="checkbox"/> Mini – Retreats     |                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fabric Bank  | <input type="checkbox"/> Bulletin Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Block Exchange | <input type="checkbox"/> Smile Quilts        | <input type="checkbox"/> Pal Quilts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Touch Quilts | <input type="checkbox"/> Memory Quilts  | <input type="checkbox"/> Days For Girls |  |                                     |