

SCRAPS OF WISDOM

Waterloo County Quilters' Guild



A snippet of an Irish Chain quilt in honour of St. Patrick's Day

President's Message: Welcome Spring!

Turning the calendar page to March is something like opening the front door and hoping to get a peek at spring. It brings the expectation of more sunshine as we turn the clocks forward on March 14 – and suddenly our days are longer! This March marks another milestone – we have experienced COVID-19 for a year. We have all adapted and made so many lifestyle changes in this last year. This March, however, also brings renewed hope that we might be turning a corner on this virus with the arrival of vaccines.

While we are all hoping to return to a more normal sense of daily living sooner rather than later, for our guild, we are planning to continue with Zoom guild meetings well into the fall and perhaps even into early 2022. The Program Committee is currently booking speakers for the fall months for on-line Zoom meetings. We will wait for directions from health departments and governments as to when it may be safe and possible to return to in-person meetings.

For the last many months, we have enjoyed speakers from near and far, a variety of wonderful workshops and additional opportunities to gather to socialize and learn. This spring will continue to be a busy time for our guild. Be sure to check our website regularly to learn about the exciting workshop opportunities as well as continued Sewing Together, But Apart Days and Open Sewing Times. There are lots of ways to stay connected with quilting friends.

As a guild, we are hosting a “non-quilting” event on the morning of Friday, March 5th. This is being done to share current information about COVID-19 and the implementation of the vaccines. Dr. Kelly Grindrod, a professor with the School of Pharmacy at the University of Waterloo, will be sharing a presentation with our guild about COVID-19, the vaccines and providing some answers to frequently asked questions. More information and the Zoom link will be provided to guild members prior to the event.

The guild executive is beginning to look ahead to next year. We will have some openings on the executive and encourage you to consider becoming part of this group. We will be looking for a Vice President and someone to take on the role of Historian. If you have an interest in learning more about these roles, please contact one of the Executive members or Deby Wettges.

We are also developing a Zoom Technical Team, who will take on some of the Zoom tasks in our meetings. Thank you to these members who have stepped up and are learning more about Zoom and providing support at our meetings.

Amid these challenging times of change and adapting, our guild continues to thrive. Thank you to everyone who is making our year of change and challenge such a success – either by taking on leadership roles or supporting and participating in the many activities of the guild.

Happy quilting everyone. Stay safe.

Inge Ford

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 In-person Guild Meetings including Mannheim Sewing Circle and Workshops have been cancelled until further notice

March Program—Anna Hergert “Fanning the Fires of Creativity”



A day without creativity is a day not lived to its full potential. Ergo: “A creative act a day” is the motto Anna Hergert lives by! Finding inspiration, staying motivated, overcoming creative blocks, fanning the fire of desire and fighting self-doubt are important topics any fine craft artisan has encountered. How do you stay focused and excited about your work? Anna shares tricks and proven techniques based on the model established by Leonardo Da Vinci to keep the artist within alive and full of enthusiasm. The digital presentation is accompanied by actual work and provides plenty of opportunity to ask personal questions.

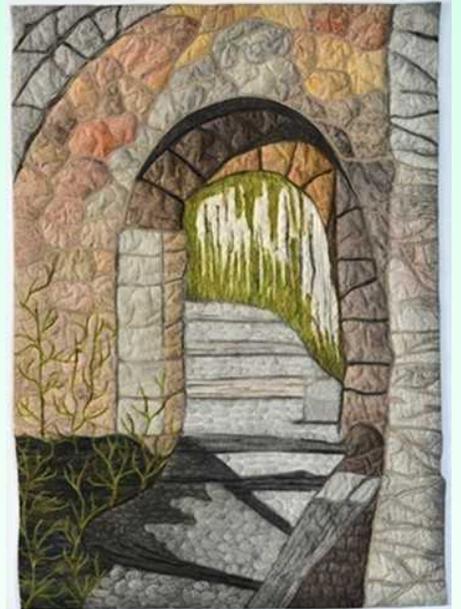


Frog Leg Tango



Elements That Please

Born and educated in Germany, Anna is a fibre artist living in Nova Scotia who holds a London City and Guilds Diploma in Art and Design, Embroidery, Patchwork and Quilting. Anna has been a full time professional artist since 2001 with commissioned pieces in public spaces and homes in many countries globally. She is a passionate artist, teacher, lecturer and writer of “Inspiration Kantha” published in 2018. Her art has been exhibited in solo and group shows across North American, Germany and Austria, winning her numerous awards, including the Grand Prize at the 2011 Grand National juried quilt show in Kitchener-Waterloo.



Memories of Italy

More about Anna can be found on her website: <https://annahergert.me/>

And on Facebook - Anna Hergert Designs (Photos used with permission)

Our Virtual Vendor for March is

<http://www.redredbobbins.com/>

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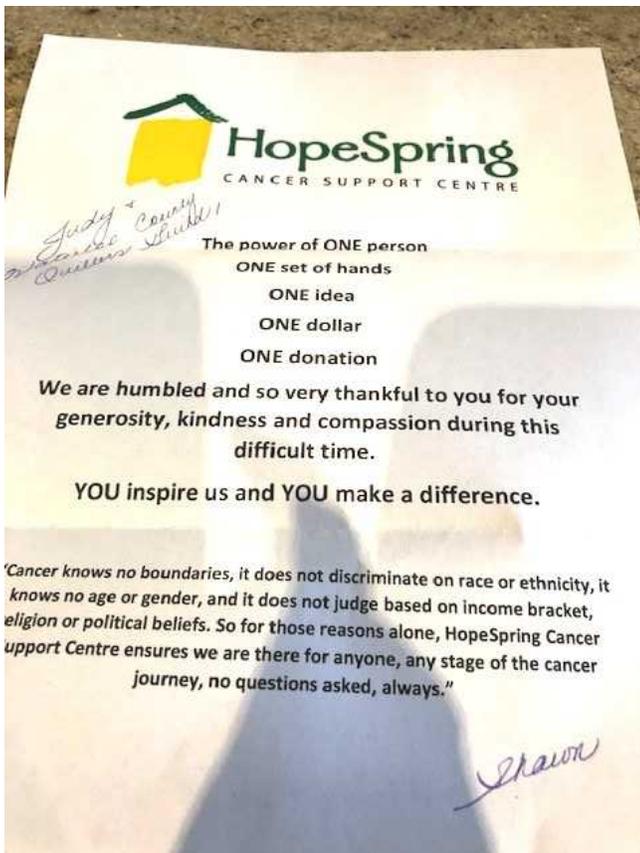


SLAB BLOCKS / WINDOW OF HOPE / QUILTS OF VALOUR CANADA QUILT



Thank you sew much to all the members who participated in this project. We have collected enough "Window of Hope" slab blocks to construct 3 quilts. The guild will be providing the batting and the backing needed. Marg Sandiford has very graciously volunteered to machine quilt them. These finished quilts will be donated to Quilts of Valour Canada. They will be presented, at a later date, to Canadian military members, past and present, who are ill or have been injured as a result of their service and sacrifice to our country. In this way we can use our talents to recognize and honour them. Hopefully we will undertake this project again in the near future.

Deby Wettges & Marg Sandiford



Donation to Hope Spring Cancer Support Centre

From Waterloo County Quilters' Guild

PAL Outreach Committee—February 24, 2021

The following items were donated to Hope Spring:

- 21 quilts
- Small crocheted afghan
- 2 knitted hats
- 70 masks
- 22 scarves
- Soft fabric for chemo caps
- Freezer bags
- \$20 cash donation

- Judy Siegner

WORKSHOPS!

Paper Piecing with Freezer Paper



With Leanne Parsons

Saturday, March 27, 2021

9:30 - 11:30 AM

Workshop Fee: \$20

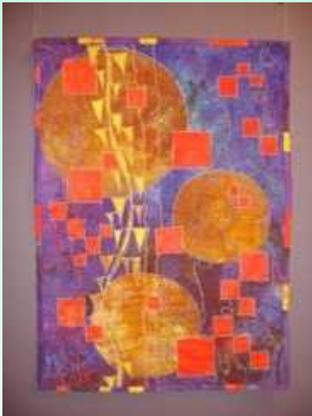


The cost of the pattern is \$11.20 A link to purchase the pattern will be sent to registrants.

Paper piecing with freezer paper is like magic! All the precision of paper piecing, but no ripping out tiny bits of paper at the end. In this 2 hour virtual workshop, you'll learn how to paper piece with freezer paper using Leanne's 'Burst' pattern. 'Burst' is a great scrap buster and the pattern includes three size options—mini, throw and large lap. No previous paper piecing experience is needed. As long as you're comfortable with your sewing machine, you'll be able to experience the magic as you create your own 'Burst' quilt.

<https://www.devotedquilter.com/>

Layers of Intrigue with Anna Hergert



SKILL LEVEL: ALL LEVELS

DURATION: 2 days/6 hours per day

DATES: Saturday May 1st and Saturday May 8th, 2021

TIME: 9:30am to 4:30pm

FEE: \$90 for the two days

MAXIMUM ATTENDEES: 16

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LIBRARY NEWS

Access to library books will be possible but not in the usual way. This is a trial run that has possibilities for expansion. The process will mean that a guild member may access the library online, via the guild's website: <https://www.wcquiltersguild.on.ca/>

There will be only two categories of books from which to choose at this time; "New" and/or "Missouri Star" (together over 65 books). Search these two categories for a total of two books of your choice. **YOU CANNOT BOOK YOUR CHOICES ONLINE.** You need to email your choice of books to **BOTH Jean Simpson and Donna MacKay before Friday, March 13th.** This will be 'first come, first served'.

We have already booked a visit with the site management to pick up and bag your choices from the two categories. On Wednesday, March 17th, you can pick up your bagged books in the parking lot of Albert McCormick Arena, between 1 & 2pm. The books will need to be returned the following month on Wednesday, April 21st, between 1 & 2pm. We still need to keep track of the books with a Library Card from 2019-2020. If you borrowed books last year, we have your Library Card on file. In the following months, we'll change and add more categories from which you may choose books, and possibly allow more books per person to be checked out at one time.

If you have any further questions, please contact:

Jean Simpson ajeansimpson@yahoo.ca and Donna MacKay mckay65jd@gmail.com

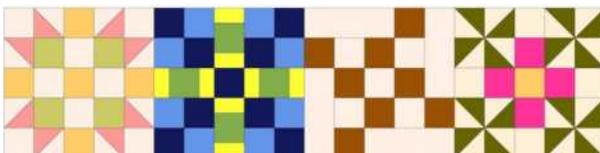
"Let's Play with Scraps" Workshop #2 with Kelly DuMaresq"

Please register soon at the guild online store for this repeat workshop with Kelly.

Saturday April 10th

from 9:30 to 3:30

Cost: \$30





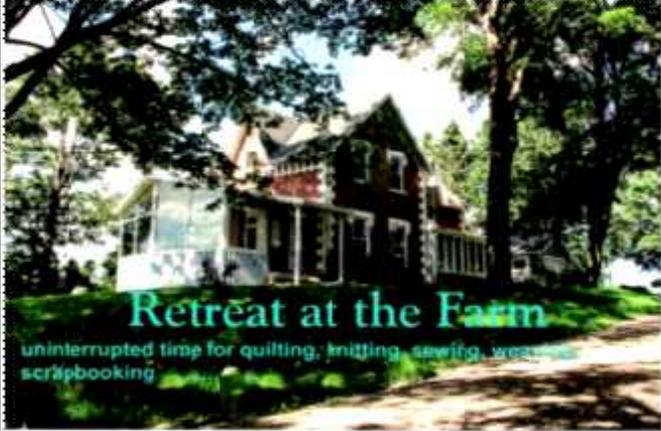
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PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE 2021

Create a wall hanging, mini-quilt, table topper or pillow for the theme:

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Requirements: What does the phrase “Home is...” mean to you? Members are invited to create a piece that addresses this theme. Use any colours, fabrics and embellishments you wish. Completed projects must have a maximum perimeter of 100 inches. Please take a photo of your completed project and send it to Kathy Bissett by May 10th, 2021.





Open Sewing Days

We recently introduced a new opportunity for interested guild members. Every Monday afternoon from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. a Zoom meeting is open for anyone who wishes to participate in an Open Sewing Time. This is a free activity. Come and join the fun. Put your computer or tablet by your sewing machine or bring your hand quilting, crocheting,

knitting or quilt binding and join us as we sew, socialize and learn from each other in a very relaxed atmosphere. No agenda – just an informal get together to enjoy some quilting fun! For those members who are working and unavailable during the day or anyone for whom Monday afternoons is inconvenient, we will periodically provide Open Sewing opportunities on Zoom during an evening or on a Saturday. Watch the Friday email for updates. The Zoom link for the Monday afternoon days will always be included in the weekly email, and if any evening or Saturday sewing times are available, they will be provided as well. There is no need to register and there is no cost involved. Hope you are able to join us.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: SNAP FLOOR QUILTING FRAME like new. Also 'Q tilt' accessory which can be used to tilt the frame. When new, it cost \$175 for the frame and \$25 for the tilting accessory. My price is \$100 for both items. If interested, please contact Susan Hemmerich 519-885-4427

IN SEARCH OF 80's Fabric, dark brown tiny flowers on a medium beige background. Trudy Dey is looking for a piece about 9" x 12". Please contact Trudy at trudy.dey@gmail.com



April 17th, 2021

Canadian Zippered Pouch

Workshop

with Guild Member,

Inez Drummond from Manitoba

Details coming soon

Keep an eye on the website!

Virtual Show and Share for March

Please send pictures of your quilts, with a sentence or two about them, to kathleenbissett@me.com by Friday, March 12 so they can be included in our virtual Show and Share.



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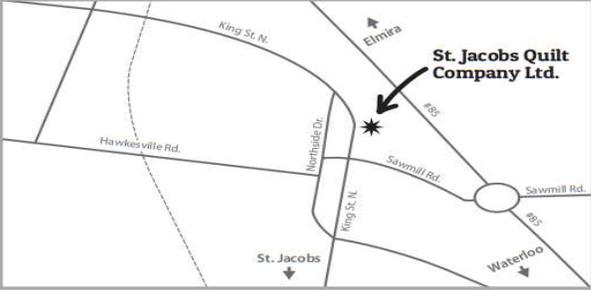
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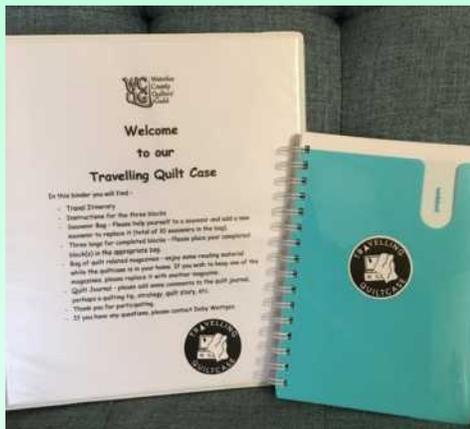
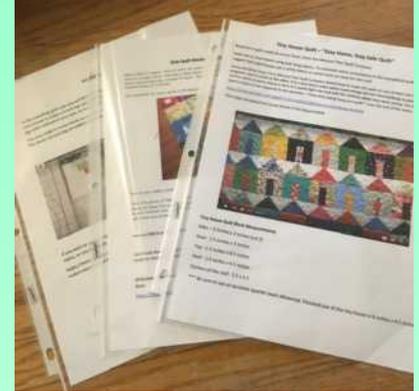
If you know of a guild member who has become ill, please let our secretary, Doris Martin, know so she can send a get well card from all of us.

Casey

the Travelling Quiltcase!



Despite all the travel restrictions these days, our “Casey” is still travelling. Would you like to welcome a visitor for one week? Casey is full of surprises, projects and reading material for your enjoyment.



She is currently busy until early May, but she would love to come and visit you then. If you are interested, contact Deby at dwertges@gmail.com to book a visit.



Internet Resources for Quilters

Prepared by Inge Ford

March is here! That means spring is just around the corner. For this month a variety of internet sites are highlighted. Visit Pat Sloan's site for a variety of free projects, sew-alongs and lots of ideas. If you are looking for opportunities to take online workshops the Global Quilt Connection will provide connections to quilt teachers from around the world. If you are weary of Netflix, I encourage you to visit Karen Brown's new series of videos where she interviews well known quilters.

Pat Sloan's Free Projects

Pat Sloan provides a daily video to her followers where she shares free patterns and quilt ideas. Most recently she shared this "Love Notes" mug rug that features some favourite buttons to brighten up the project. You can find the pattern at this web link:

<https://patsloan.typepad.com/files/pat-sloan-2021-feb-button-club.pdf>

She is currently also featuring a shamrock quilt pattern for St. Patrick's Day. Some of our guild members are sewing along with her "Home Is..." block of the week. Pat shared block 8 this week if anyone is still interested in this project – click here:

<https://www.ilovetomakequilts.com/home-is/>



Global Quilt Connections



Do you have special interests as a quilter? Have you been wanting to find on-line workshops that address your special interest or quilt passion? If so, you may wish to visit Global Quilt Connections. This organization was begun by Lyric Kinard and Sue Bleiweiss to help connect quilt teachers who are ready to offer live online teaching to guilds and quilters from around the world. To learn more about on-demand classes that you, as a quilter, can take, check out their website:

<http://globalquiltconnection.com/> and click on the 'Teacher Directory' button. Here you will find teachers from around the world who are offering all kinds of quilting classes,

ranging from a wide variety of topics - fibre artists to scrap quilts to appliqué, portraits and so much more.

Let's Talk About Quilting

Many of you are likely familiar with Karen Brown and her YouTube videos under the title of "Just Get It Done Quilts". Karen is now also doing a series called "Karen's Quilt Circle" where she talks about quilting and interviews special guests. Here are links to some of her recent interviews. More can be found at her site.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ioF5dTBjYiY> – interview with Mary Fons – "Let's Talk about Legacy".

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mhJeB0G-yKE> – interview with Sugaridoo – from the Netherlands.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fK2YRnswqdA> – interview with Kim Soper of "Feel Good Fibres" (Buy and Sell Second Hand Fabric Online) – "Let's Talk about Destashing"

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iz_8VaZODCs – interview with Peter Byrne – "Let's Talk about Quilt Shows"

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Big Stitch Hand Quilting for Beginners

Alex from Royal Quilts, our February Virtual Vendor, mentioned on-line classes with Lorna Costantini. Here's her website if anyone is interested in taking a class in this technique:

<https://lornacostantini.com/2021/02/08/class-alert-big-stitch-hand-quilting-for-beginners/>

PAL Quilts

Just a reminder that batting and backing are still available and Judy Siegner is happy to deliver this essential service!

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Sewing Together, But Apart Days

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Our Sewing Together, But Apart (STBA) Days are continuing into the spring months.

We have some exciting plans for the next four months. Interested guild members are invited to join us on any of our STBA days. Come for part or all of the day. We spend the day sewing, sharing ideas in small groups, learning through video experiences as well as special guest speakers who join us each afternoon. If interested, please register for these days on our website through the on-line store. Detailed information and the Zoom link for each day will be sent to all registered participants the day before each STBA Day. The guest speakers during the afternoon for each of the next four months' STBA Days include the following:

Wednesday, March 10 – Kellie Willey of “Little Quilt Creations” from Sacramento, California is passionate about making miniature and small-scale quilts. She has won many awards for her little quilts. She will share tips and techniques that will take the fear out of miniature quilting. She will also share many examples of her miniature quilts.

Wednesday, April 14 – Eleanor (Elly) Levie from Pennsylvania will do a virtual trunk show called “Twelve Ways to Rock Your Quilting”. She will feature lots of quilts and quilted accessories, showcasing a dozen different and unconventional ways to inject originality and unique style into your quilting. From classic blocks, to adding unusual materials, techniques and embellishments, Elly will help us discover how to put our own personal stamp on everything we do. Elly is a quilter, author and popular teacher who has a lively outgoing presentation style.

Wednesday, May 12 – Lilo Bowman from California will share a presentation about how to organize our sewing spaces – “Love Where You Create: It’s Not a One Size Fits All Solution”. Lilo currently works as the Editor-in-Chief of “The Quilt Show”. She is a garment sewer, quilter, author and teacher, who has recently published a new book, “Love Your Creative Space”.

Wednesday, June 9 – Barbara J. Eikmeier, from Lansing, Michigan will share a lecture called “It’s All in the Sashings!” Do you have a set of blocks that you just cannot decide what to do with? Barbara will share a series of quilts and tops that feature blocks set with sashings and cornerstones. Some are simple and others are more involved with secondary designs created within the sashings and cornerstones. See side by side examples of the same setting and learn how different they look based on the blocks and fabric choices. Barbara is a quilter, fabric designer, author of four quilting books and popular teacher who presents programs and workshops across the country.

Participants can register for any of the STBA Days on our website in the on-line store. We look forward to having you join us. What a great way to spend a day - sewing, socializing and learning with quilting colleagues. Hope to see you there!



COMPLETED QUILT CONTEST 2021

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
(1 Jan – 30 Dec 2021) to a QOVC Regional Representative
<https://www.quiltsofvalour.ca/contacts>
- AND**
- ✓ Email a PHOTO of your quilt with your NAME, ADDRESS and
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Upcoming ONLINE Speaker and Workshop Information

March 17 - Anna Hergert

March 27 - 'Paper Piecing with Freezer Paper Workshop' with Leanne Parsons

April 10 - 'Playing with Your Scraps' with Kelly DuMaresq #2

April 17 - 'Canadian Zippered Pouch Workshop' with Inez Drummond

April 21 - Bill Stearman

May 1 & 8 - 'Layers of Intrigue' Workshop with Anna Hergert

May 19 - Lorraine Roy

June 16 - Surprise Guest Speaker



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The Quilting Months Ahead...

Month	Day	Activity
March	10	Sewing Together But Apart
March	17	Regular Guild Meeting - Zoom Online at 7pm
March	27	'Paper Piecing with Freezer Paper' Workshop with Leanne Parsons
April	10	'Playing with Your Scraps #2' with Kelly DuMaresq
April	14	Sewing Together But Apart
April	17	Canadian Zippered Pouch Workshop with Inez Drummond
April	21	Regular Guild Meeting - Zoom Online at 7pm

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Newsletter Deadline for April 2021 issue is March 25, 2021