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Waterloo County Quilters' Guild



President's Message - March Message

March, the start of meteorological spring, the shamrocks will be out in the full line of green to tease us with better weather, and most importantly, it is known as international quilting month. We are once again joining with two other guilds to put on a fun-packed day of presentations and vendors, and a virtual quilt show on Saturday, March 18th. There is more information on page 11 of this newsletter.

Whether March comes in like a lion or a lamb, you can count on another great month of program, workshops, Open Sewing times, GATHERINGS, and so much more. It's a great time to finish up your President's Challenge, and look forward to that spring weather, which is just around the corner.

May your month be filled with happy quilting.

Gail Berry-Graham, 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 March 1st, 2023 10:30am - 3:00pm

Welcome to our new members:

Anne Schott &
Sharon Smith

March Guild Meeting

March 15, 2023 7pm ET on Zoom

‘Scraps Versus Scrappy’

with Cheryl Arkison

We are delighted to have Cheryl Arkison join us from Calgary, Alberta, for our March meeting. Cheryl will present her lecture and trunk show, ‘Scraps Versus Scrappy’, where she will show us all the pleasures and joys of using your scraps. She will discuss the difference between a scrap quilt and a scrappy one, illustrating with her own scrap bins, and a collection of both scrap and scrappy quilts. That’s right; they’re not the same! Cheryl will also discuss colour, value, and a little bit of quilt history. Bad jokes always included!



Cheryl has been quilting for over twenty years and is well known for her use of bold colour, and the quiet whispers of low volume fabrics, but she will use anything in between as well. She says you should use what you love, make what makes you happy. Life is too short not to play with fabric. To play, period. Part instigator, part coach, she loves to get you exploring technique, ideas, colour and more as you dive into your stash. No piece is too small or too loud; fabric is meant to be used. Quilting, as is life, is about the process - the journey - not the product. Cheryl says we should enjoy all of it, knowing that each time we get our butt in the seat and sew, we are giving a gift to ourselves. She is a huge proponent of play, and through *The Quilters’ Playcation*, leads us all on adventures!

Cheryl has published three books: *Sunday Morning Quilts* (co-authored with Amanda Jean Nyberg), *A Month of Sundays*, and *You Inspire Me to Quilt*. She has also travelled the world to teach quilting in between raising three active kids, and running a business with her husband. Sometimes, she sleeps!



For more information about Cheryl or her books, please see:

Instagram @Cheryl_arkison

and her websites:

<http://www.cherylarkison.com/> and

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

Cheryl will be teaching her full day workshop ‘Traditional Variations’ on Saturday April 15, 2023. Playing with improvisation, scale and colour, we will create fun and funky alternatives to traditional blocks. For more information about the workshop, please go to page 4 of this newsletter and to our website to register.

2022 - 2023 Guild Program

The Program Committee is excited to share our upcoming guild year program. The survey results from the more than 70% of our membership who responded was used as a guideline for discussion in determining our monthly meeting speakers and workshops. We are confident there is something for everyone, so stay tuned for details in upcoming newsletters and on our website. Enjoy!

Upcoming Meeting Speakers

April 19, 2023 - Diane Murtha will come to us from Iowa to present

'Accept the Challenge and Win the Prize' www.dianelmurtha.com

May 17, 2023 - Christina Cameli from Oregon will give her 'Combining Designs' lecture. www.christinacameli.com

June 21, 2023 - Tina Craig from Rhode Island will present her lecture 'EPP vs. FPP: The Showdown'. www.seaside-stitches.com



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'Traditional Variations' with Cheryl Arkison

Join Cheryl Arkison for a day of playing with improvisation, scale, and colour to create fun and funky alternatives to old favorites by taking some familiar traditional blocks and shaking them up.



Traditional Variations



Date: Saturday, April 15, 2023

Time: 9:30am to 4pm ET

Cost: Members \$45, non-members \$55

Skill level: Confident beginner

Opens to non-members on March 31, 2023



'Modified Quilt-As-You-Go' with Diane Murtha

Diane Murtha will teach her 'Modified Quilt-As-You-Go' workshop where we will learn techniques that work on any size quilt with endless access options and quilting is easy!



The class project is a 20" x 20" square.

Date: Saturday, May 6, 2023

Time: 9:30am to 1:30pm ET

Cost: Members \$50, non-members \$60

Skill level: Beginner to experienced

Opens to non-members April 1, 2023





UFO Challenge

Entries must be received by
April 14, 2023 for the April
2023 Zoom meeting. The

winner's name will be drawn at the end of the
'Show and Share' and announced that evening.
Contact Deby at dwettges@gmail.com

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Wednesday March 1st 2023 10:30am - 3:00pm

Gatherings, an in-person event sponsored by the Waterloo County Quilters' Guild, takes place on the first Wednesday of every month in the community centre of the Albert McCormick Arena in Waterloo, from 10:30am to 3:00pm. The guild library is open, and there are representatives from SMILE, PAL, Quilts of Valour Canada, Memory Quilts, and the Curated Fabric Team. You can participate in the UFO Challenge and the Strippers' Club. There is also an opportunity to sew and socialize.

March 1st, 2023 - Glenda Dippel - Free Motion Quilting on a Domestic Machine "I quilt all my large quilts on my domestic sewing machine. Both the quilt's top and back are fully constructed before the batting is added in a quilt-as-you-go technique. I'll be demonstrating throughout the day, and will be prepared to answer questions. There will be quilts on display that have been quilted using this technique." - Glenda Dippel

For the health and safety of all, we continue to ask you to:

Wear a mask and save lives (Public Health Agency of Canada), **clean your hands, keep a safe distance from others** when participating in the Gathering activities. **Please have proof of your vaccination available** to show to the person at the membership desk. - Jean McFarlane & Elaine La Ronde



CONGRATULATIONS, Marg Notar!

A Rose is a Rose is a Rose is an Orange Blossom - Marg Notar, Waterloo, ON
Dimensions 14" x 42" - STATEMENT Who says a rose can't be an orange blossom? This piece, transformed from a photo I took that I cropped, colourized, converged, and transferred to a muslin base. To this, I added about 800 fused fabric pieces embellished with beads, crayons, and plenty of stitching.

TECHNIQUES AND MATERIALS Free motion embroidery; machine applique; machine piecing; hand painted with Neocolour wax crayons. Commercial and hand-dyed cottons, felt, silk, beads, Neocolour was crayons. Aurifil thread.

QUILTING Self quilted on a frameless machine.

Marg received third prize at Quilt Canada 2022. This information and picture were taken from Canadian Quilter Autumn 2022.

Internet Resources for Quilters

Prepared by Inge Ford

Welcome to March 2023. As quilters we often have questions about how to do things in our quilting, e.g. prewashing fabrics, using starch, achieving an accurate ¼ inch seam. The internet is filled with suggestions and strategies for these question and many more. Here are just a few to explore:

To Starch or Not to Starch - This question often comes up in quilt conversations. Is it a good idea to use starch on our fabrics? If so, is it better to do so before the fabric is cut or after? Leslies from “The Seasoned Homemaker” provides an ‘*Ultimate Guide to Starching Quilt Fabrics*’. She shares how she believes starching will take our quilting to the next level. Here is the link to her information. <https://www.seasonedhomemaker.com/starching-quilt-fabrics/>



If starching is something in which you are interested, Lisa Bongean provides detailed instructions on how she does this process here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TVJW2blPEqY> and Kimberly Jolly of “The

Fat Quarter Shop”, is also a strong supporter of starching her fabrics - here is a link to her video, where she demonstrates her starching method: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bYc6yBdQcsE>

To Pre-wash or Not to Pre-wash - This is another question that come up frequently when quilters gather. There are advantages and disadvantages to doing either one. Where do you fall—pre-wash or not? The *National Quilters Circle* has a short, helpful video that shares some guidelines and information on this age-old debate.



Here is a link to their video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Q5xHxySNQM>



To Press Seams Open or to the Dark Side? Do you press your seams open all the time, some of the time, or both? In her video, Kim Jamieson-Hurst of “Chatterbox Quilts” shares her strategies/opinions on how to effectively press seams, and when to press open, or to the side. Here’s the link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vvqYJE_QW6k

To Use Short or Longer Stitches Lengths - When is it best to use a shorter stitch length or a longer stitch length? Vanessa, from “The Crafty Gemini”, shares her strategies and suggestions for when she uses longer and/or shorter stitch lengths, and what lengths work best for



WORKSHOPS: DETAILS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS, ON OUR GUILD WEBSITE, AND IN OUR ONLINE STORE

April 15, 2023 - Cheryl Arkinson - 'Traditional Variations'

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May 27, 2023 - Christina Cameli - 'Free Motion Compositions'

June 24, 2023 - Tina Craig - 'Spring Fling FPP Table Runner'

Free Draws at March Gatherings

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

- Wheeled storage cabinet with 4 drawers
- A set of hexagon templates
- One package of 5 45mm Olfa rotary blades
- One pair of 3½" stork scissors
- A Sunbeam full sized iron
- A set of 3 Wiltshire scissors
- One package of Omnigrid Invisigrip liner for rulers
- One 12" Olfa spinning mat

- A 6" Omnigrid square ruler
- A 3½" x 9½" Easy Rule Jr plastic ruler

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 March 1st. The draw will happen at 1:30pm.

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

Sweet Scones - Anni Rice, Liverpool England

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. (450g) self-raising flour
- 1 heaping teaspoon baking powder
- 4 oz. (100g) hard butter, diced
- 3 oz. (750g) caster sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 200g Greek style yoghurt (not low fat) **or** 6 fl. oz. (170g) milk (Anni uses semi-skimmed) **or** 6 fl. oz. buttermilk

Method:

1. Preheat oven to 220°C/ 425°F/Gas 7. Bake on top shelf of oven for 12 minutes.
2. Put the flour and baking powder into a large bowl and rub in the diced butter until the mixture resembles fine breadcrumbs, then add the sugar. (You could use a food processor, KitchenAid mixer, or hand held mixer. I use either my KitchenAid, or my Cuisinart Food Processor, whichever method you prefer.)
3. Beat the eggs and yoghurt (milk or buttermilk, I prefer yoghurt). I use my Bamix to do this in a measuring jug. (Bamix puts lots of air into the mixture.)
4. Gradually add liquid mixture to the dry ingredients, (leaving approx. a tablespoon of the liquid in the bottom of the measuring jug for glazing later), until you have a soft dough, making sure it stays fairly wet, this will help the scones rise.
5. Turn out onto a lightly floured work surface, flatten out with your hand, (if using fruit, i.e., sultanas, etc., work into the dough). Keep flattening, with your hand or a rolling pin until about 1 to 2 cm thick.
6. Use a 5 cm (2") fluted cutter to stamp out the dough by pushing cutter straight down into the dough (as opposed to twisting the cutter) then lift it straight out. This ensures that the scones will rise evenly and keep their shape. Gently push the remaining dough together very lightly, then re-roll and cut more scones out as before. Place scones on baking tray not touching each other and brush top with rest of mixture in measuring jug, then bake for 12 minutes. (I use a timer.)

TOP TIP

Dip the cutter in flour before cutting each scone to prevent the dough from sticking to it. The secret of good scones is not to handle them too much before baking, and to make the mixture on the wet, sticky side.

Serve with strawberry jam and whipped or clotted cream for a lovely creamed tea.

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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.



Cornwall Quilters Guild Presents

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April 14th and 15th, 2023

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We hope to see you at Gatherings on Wednesday, March 1st, to pick up your online book orders and to return the books borrowed in February. The Library opens at 10:30am, and you may borrow up to 3 books in total.

At the guild's Book Sale Table there is no limit on how many books you can buy for \$2.00 each. The guild's free magazine exchange "Bring One—Take Two" continues.

The deadline for April online orders is Tuesday, April 4th, and curbside pickup is on Wednesday, April 5th, between 11:30am to 12:30pm.

Enjoy the quiz, on page 21! The prize is a fat quarter for a completed quiz when borrowing library books.

- Jean Simpson and Donna McKay

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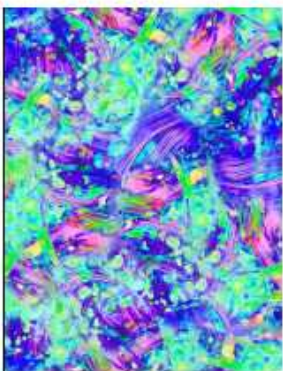


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International Quilting Day Saturday, March 18, 2023

Have you registered for this amazing event, happening on March 18? The Royal City Quilters' Guild, York Heritage Quilters' Guild and Waterloo County Quilters' Guild have finalized the plans for the International Quilting Day. This virtual celebration will have presentations by members from the three guilds. There will be presentations by vendors from a variety of quilt shops, as well as lots of door prizes offered throughout the day. There is now a "Schedule at a Glance" page as well as a detailed "Program" document that highlights descriptions for each of the presentations. To round out the day, Helen Godden, from Australia, will be the keynote speaker. Helen is known as an extreme free-motion quilter and award-winning artist. Throughout the day, there will also be a virtual quilt show available for viewing in its own Breakout Room. So much to do, hear and learn—all packed into one amazing day.

To learn more about Helen or to see her work go to her website: <https://helengodden.com/> We appreciate Handi-Quilter sponsoring Helen for this special event.

To register for the International Quilting Day or to submit a quilt please go to <https://yhgg.org/iqd2023/> There is no cost for our members to participate in the day. For non-members there is a fee of \$20.00 to participate, which can be paid upon registration. Please share the information with your quilting friends in other guilds. You must be registered to participate and to receive the Zoom link, which will be sent out several days prior to the event. If you have forgotten if you have registered, go to the link shared above and register again.

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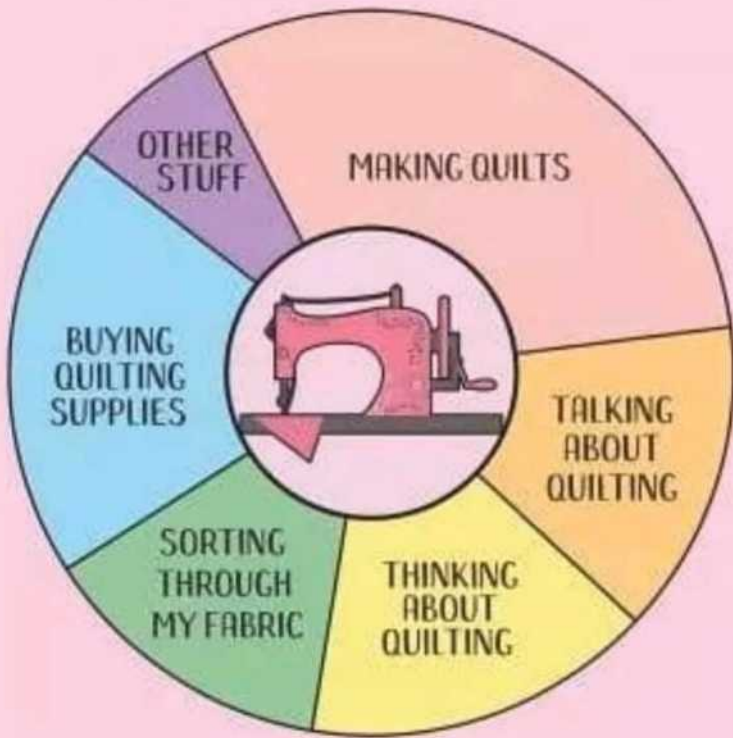
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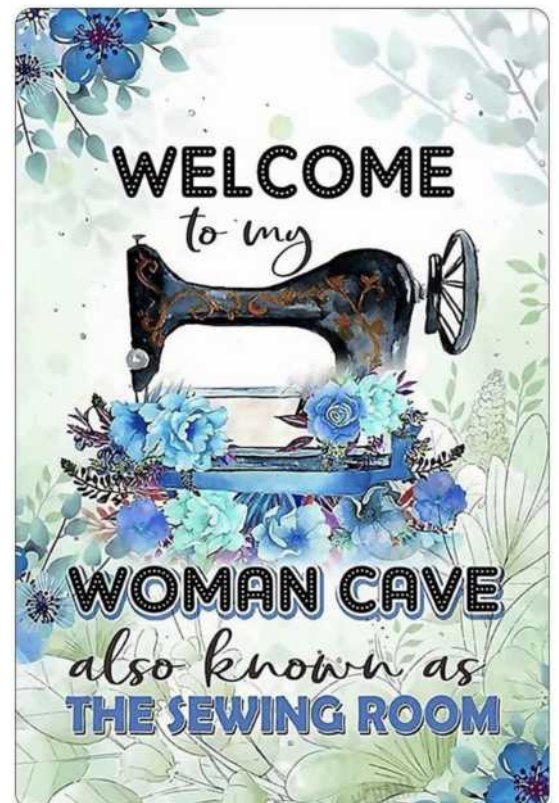
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President's Challenge 2022/2023

Home...means different things to different people

Just the word itself evokes emotions, remembered smells, sounds, sense of belonging, and the list goes on and on. For some, when they hear "home", they think of where they came from; others think of where they are; and still others think of someplace in between. Maybe home is a simple cup of coffee or a favorite footstool. **Home is...whatever you need it to be.**

Now that our world is opening back up more and more, let's not forget that our imposed time at home has changed us forever, and we can only hope that the change in each of us has been for the better.

Your Challenge: Create an 'oversized' postcard, depicting your interpretation of "HOME"

Size: 18" x 12" - which includes a 3/4" solid black finished outer border. No binding, finished with a facing. A hanging sleeve will be required with instructions on sizing to come. A label will also be required—full details to follow.

Requirement: All work must be done by the entrant (piecing and quilting)

Due: by April 19th, 2023 Guild Meeting

Process: Pictures to be sent to Kathy Bissett by April 15th. You can bring your completed quilt to the April Gatherings meeting or send it to Gail by April 15th. These will be shown live at the MAY Gatherings meeting, and collected to be reshowed at the October Quilt Exhibit. Members who live in the county can pick up their pieces at the end of the show, and we will make arrangements with out-of-town entrants to have their pieces returned to them.

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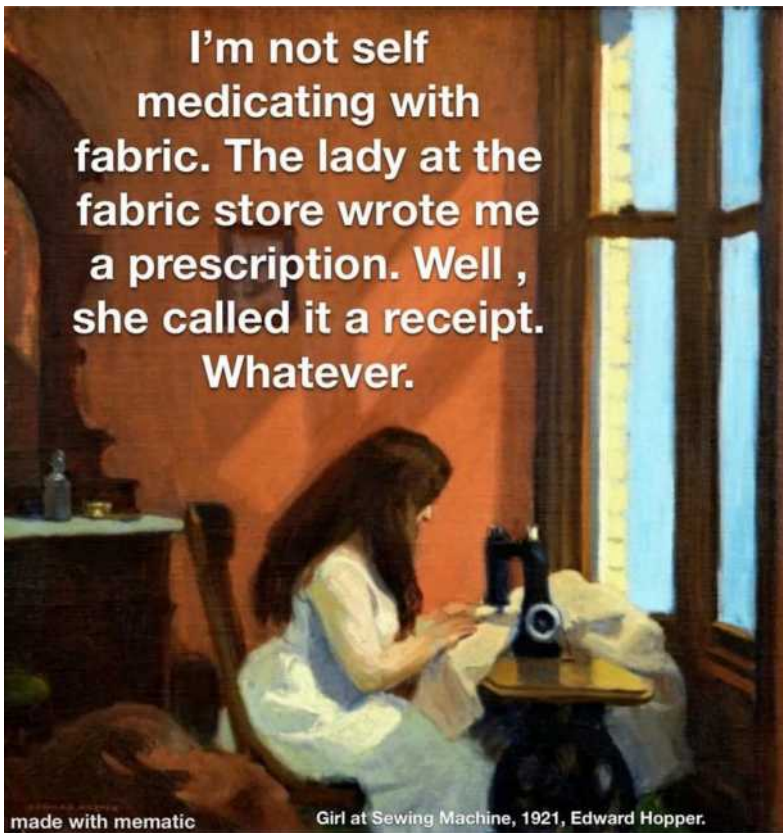
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Virtual Show and Share for March

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by Sunday, March 12th, so they can be
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CLASSIFIED

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Pictures available upon request. Please contact matt_robinson72@hotmail.com, or text 519-577-4607, if interested. Prices will be very fair, and seller will look to reduce further if you are interested in multiple items.



WANTED: EMPTY THREAD SPOOLS Empty thread spools and cones of any material and size are needed for teaching science to public school children. You may bring empty spools to our monthly Gatherings for Kerry Johnson to collect.

WANTED: I'm looking for your unwanted denim jeans!

I am making pillows for the homeless out of denim jeans and I am looking for more jeans (and yes, it is okay if they have holes in them: I will repair them.) If you are willing to donate any to this project, please contact Cathy Jurchuk 519-579-0343 or cjur27@hotmail.com



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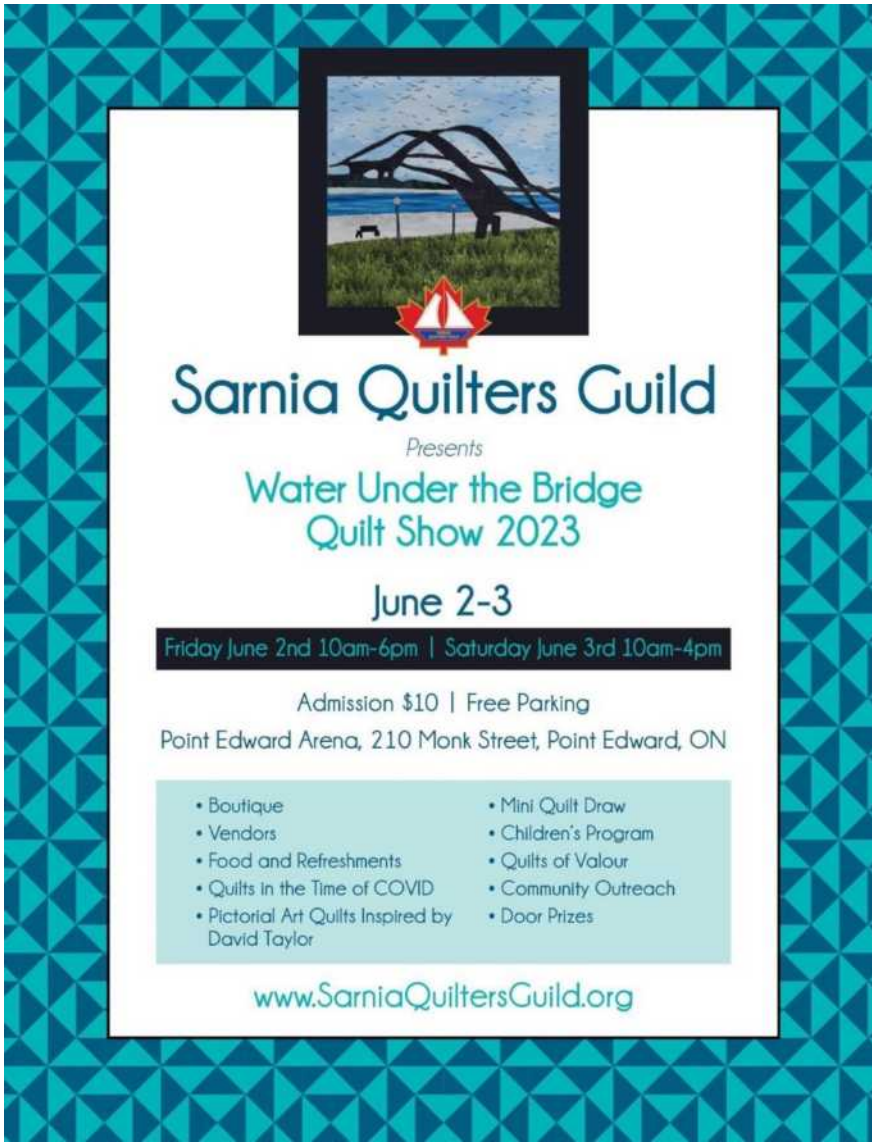
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- Food and Refreshments
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Friday, April 21 • 10am-7pm
Saturday, April 22 • 10am-4pm

Pyramid Recreation Centre
317 James Street South
St. Marys, Ontario

Piecemakers 2023

Featuring:

- New Quilts
- Merchant's Mall
- Boutique
- Quilted Articles
- Luncheon/Tea Room

Admission: \$10

Presented By:
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Quilt Fever 2023**

**Quilt Show and Sale
March 24 & 25, 2023
10 am—5 pm Admission \$10**

**Café, Door Prizes
Pick to Win, Merchants Mall
Members Boutique
Quilting Demonstrations**

info at: etobicokequiltersguild.ca

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Etobicoke, ON
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**Huron Perth Quilters' Guild &
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**- PIECEMAKERS 2023 -
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April 20, 21 & 22
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**Admission
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*New Quilts • Lunch • Door Prizes
Merchant's Mall • Demonstrations • Boutique*

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**QUILT SHOW 2023
Pieces of Magic**

- PRESENTED BY -
Oxford Quilters' Guild
(part of the Ingersoll Creative Arts Centre)

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THURSDAY 11th 10AM TO 6PM	FRIDAY 12th 10AM TO 6PM	SATURDAY 13th 10AM TO 4PM
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Location: Embro Zorra Community Centre
355644 35th Line, Embro, ON N0J 1J0

Admission: \$8

FEATURES:

- Over 200 new quilts by members
- Guild challenges
- Door prizes
- Merchant mall
- Boutique of hand made items
- Tea room
- Raffle quilt (draw Saturday at 3pm)

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Quilting Corners Guild Presents
Stitching Among Friends
QUILT SHOW

June 10 & 11, 2023 10:00 am to 4:00pm

Viewer's Choice Award Winner 2019 Kerry Burke

To Everything There is a Season Simple Bird Studio

Alliston Curling Rink, 52 Albert St., W, Alliston, ON

**Admission Adults - \$8.00
Children (12 & Under) - \$5.00**

Quilts, Wall Hangings, Quilted Apparel
Mini Auction, Quilt Raffle, Merchant Mall
Bed Turning, Tea Room, Corner Store

Free and Handicap Parking www.aqcguild.edublogs.org

Sewing Together, But Apart - March

Our next STBA day will take place on Wednesday, March 8th, when we once again gather on Zoom for a fun day of sewing activities, socializing, sharing, and engaging in fun conversations. Our focus for the day will feature free motion quilting. Many of us would like to develop and/or enhance our free motion quilting skills.



We have been able to purchase a special “for guilds only” presentation by Leah Day. Leah does not do lectures or trunk show, but she has prepared a special video which we have been able to purchase, and will share during the morning of our March STBA day. Leah will share helpful strategies for free motion quilting.

In the afternoon, we welcome Julie Plotniko, from Vancouver Island, who will join us to share her excitement and knowledge about free motion quilting. She will inspire and motivate us to apply her strategies. Julie presents this lecture across Canada, and this past year, at Quilt Canada.



To register for a STBA day, please go to our on-line store on the website and remember to email Inge Ford, our Sewing Together co-ordinator. Please visit our on-line store on our website to learn more about our future STBA days.

In **April**, Maggie Dillon, from Florida, will share her ‘**Art Quilts & Fibre Collages Virtual Trunk Show**’ which features her journey through quilts that combine portraiture, traditional techniques, and fine art. Hear the stories behind the creation of many award-winning quilts.

In **May**, Sarah Humphreys joins us from Yorkshire, England. Have you ever felt you’ve misplaced your quilting mojo? You want to sew but have lost some enthusiasm or inspiration—or perhaps you are looking for some new motivation. Sarah will share her lecture - ‘**Help! I’ve Lost My Quilting Mojo!**’ Sarah has lots of ideas to get you stitching again. Sarah has over 30 years of quilting experience, and was a presenter at the Birmingham Quilt Show this year.

In **June**, 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.

We also have a special July STBA day scheduled for the first Wednesday in July. Gail Sheppard from B.C., will be our speaker in the afternoon. She enjoys creating quilts using scrap fabrics.

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2023 QUILT SHOW



Guild Boutique
Raffles
Prizes
Book Sales
Vendors
Refreshments

Friday, May 5 10 am - 6 pm
Saturday, May 6 10 am - 4 pm

Royal Canadian Legion 594
5030 Howard Avenue
Tecumseh, ON
(Across from Heavenly Rest Cemetery)

Admission: \$8 adults
\$5 children under 12

Prizes!

67"x73" Egret Quilt
60"x75" Redwork Quilt
\$100 voucher for THE KEG Steakhouse and Bar




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- ✓ 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 - 11 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 EACH 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



Your Quilt Exhibit Team at Work

Our Quilt Exhibit Committee has about 30 guild members who are working hard to prepare for our upcoming quilt exhibit. Since much of that work takes place in the months before the actual exhibit, I'd like to highlight a few of those dedicated volunteers in this newsletter.

Kathy Bissett and **Breanna Gaudaur** have created the rack card and poster that will be used to advertise our exhibit. **Linda Collins** and **Grace Cameron** will be using those materials as they advertise the exhibit using social media and other media resources. **Deby Wettges** and her many volunteers have created about 3,000 magnets which will add to our advertising campaign.

Sylvia Fernley has arranged for the wonderful vendors who will be selling their products at our exhibit. **Darlene Ekmanis** and **Ev Cameron** continue to attend Gatherings to accept Boutique items, and to supply you with more ideas for projects. Over the next months, **Pat Lockyer** and **Judy Pearce** will also be at Gatherings to accept quilts for the Small Quilt Draw. **Marg Sandiford** has helped edit the registration form which you will use to register your quilts online for the exhibit. Look for it soon on the guild website and in the newsletters.

These are just a few of the committee members who are already hard at work preparing for our October 13th and 14th exhibit.

Many thanks to them and to the other committee members! Thanks also to you for doing your part by completing those display quilts and items for the Boutique and the Small Quilt Draw. - Elaine LaRonde



Thank you, **Deby Wettges**, for educating us with regard to Quilts of Valour Canada at the February Gatherings, and for providing block kits on which we can work. Your dedication to this project is admirable! Please bring your completed blocks to Gatherings.

QOV CANADA **PARADE SQUARE & HUG BLOCK 2023 CHALLENGE**

PARADE SQUARE
 The Parade Square is a 13 1/4 unfinished block. In the past QOV Canada 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 1/4 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: QOV-Blocks 33 Patrick Lane Cole Harbor, NS B2V 2V4 Or dropped off at the QOV Canada booth during Quilt Canada Halifax 8-10 June 2023 The pattern can be found at: <https://www.quiltsofvalour.ca/what-s-new>

HUG BLOCKS
 Make your Hug Blocks from any of the patterns found on our website: <https://www.quiltsofvalour.ca/hug-block-patterns>

PLEASE - USE ONLY the Northcott Stonehenge OH CANADA lines of fabric for these blocks. This makes it possible to mix blocks from across the country! Do Not write on your block. Please include your Name and Address with your block.

Mail your blocks to: QOV - HUG BLOCKS 33 Patrick Lane Cole Harbor, NS B2V 2V4 For more information, please email: Hugblocks@quiltsofvalour.ca

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

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

March Library Quiz

We hope you enjoy our quiz, and also enjoy looking at other titles while searching for the answers. The answers to the March Quiz can be found in these three tags: **Blocks, Modern and Small Projects**.

To help you use our online Library search tool, be sure to click on [Library Helpful Hints](#) button in the Library section of the guild's website. Click on the Library Inventory button when you're ready.

If you have any questions, please call or email Jean and/or Donna for assistance. Don't forget there is a fat quarter prize for all who complete the quiz and borrow library books (max. 3).

1. How many books are in each Tag of this quiz?
2. Author Kim Schaefer has 4 books in one of these tags. How many projects does she offer? In what tag did you find them?
3. What is the title of Sarah Bisel's 2010 book? - it's a tongue twister.
4. Name the author of New York Beauties & Flying Geese, and how many block patterns are offered.
5. Donna Lynn Thomas' 2018 book offers 'Tips & Techniques' to help with what?
6. Could there really be a 'Five-Minute Quilt Block? Who is the author? And in what tag can you find it?
7. Name the fruit that Ann Jean Wright likes to play with in her quilt creations? And name that tool.
8. Another tongue twister—the title of Carrie Nelson's book?
9. What does Julie Herman want you to skip in your modern quilts?
10. Kathy Doughty has 2 books in this tag, what the title of her 2016 book?
11. What was John Adams' inspiration and name of his 2014 book?
12. Sharon Rotz offers a New Twist on an Old Favorite. What is the Old Favorite?
13. Bernadette Mayr's 2014 book offers nature-inspired quilts—but there are a couple of things the quilter won't need.
14. What does Sandy Thompson want you to save?
15. 'Simple, Fun and Quickly Done: 18 Easy-to-Sew Projects—Who is the author and what are they making?
16. Where does Martingale (2012) want you to go to make modern quilts?
17. What word does Katia Marek use to describe her Dresdens?
18. Author Debby Kratovil offers 22 quilts which have _____.
19. What is Judy Martin's favorite quilt to make?
20. 'One-block Wonders Cubed!' is one of the books by this author. Who is the author and in what tag can you find them.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Deadline to order books—Tuesday, April 4, 2023

Curbside pickup at Gatherings—Wednesday, April 5, 2023, 11:30am to 12:30pm

Upcoming ONLINE Speaker and Workshop Information

- March 15** - March Speaker - Cheryl Arkinson - 'Scraps vs Scrappy'
- April 15** - 'Traditional Variations' workshop with Cheryl Arkinson
- April 19** - April Speaker - Diane Murtha - 'Accept the Challenge and Win the Prize'
- April 25** - 'Modified Quilt-As-You-Go' Workshop with Diane Murtha



The Quilting Months Ahead...

Elected Officers of the Guild 2022-2023

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Month	Day	Activity
March	1	Gatherings at Albert McCormick Arena - Glenda Dippel - 'Quilting on a Domestic Machine'
March	8	STBA with Julie Plotniko - 'Free Motion Quilting'
March	15	Regular Guild Meeting on Zoom with speaker Cheryl Arkinson—'Scraps Versus Scrappy'
March	18	International Quilting Day
March	23	Weft Fest Fibre Art
March	24 & 25	Etobicoke Quilters' Guild Quilt Fever 2023
April	5	Gatherings at Albert McCormick Arena - Kathy Bissett - 'Celebrations'
April	12	STBA with Maggie Dillon 'Art Quilts & Fibre Collages Virtual Trunk Show'
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