

SCRAPS OF WISDOM

Waterloo County Quilters' Guild



Lynne Fisher's Basket from the WCQG Tenth Anniversary Poster for Quiltfest '95

President's Message: Welcome April A month to make all things new again!

Traditionally we welcome April as the month of rebirth, regrowth and renewal. The robins are back. The days are longer. We welcome rain and sunshine, warmer temperatures, and look forward to cleaning and planting our gardens. Possibly most importantly, many of us feel a renewed sense of hope especially as we look forward to safer times ahead - perhaps more so this year as we welcome the hope that vaccines bring after months of lock-downs, isolation and developing new ways of coping.

As a quilt guild, the spring months are filled with opportunities for renewal and new learning. Exciting speakers are lined up for our remaining guild meetings. There are four outstanding workshops available from April to June, and lots of opportunities to connect with other guild members through our Open Sewing times and STBA days.

As quilters you are encouraged to rejuvenate some of your UFO's, by bringing them out especially on rainy days and finding new inspiration to complete them.

Information about membership renewal for next year will be available soon. At this point, our guild plans to continue with guild meetings and activities taking place on Zoom from September to December (yes, we will have another special guild meeting in December). It is quite likely that we will continue on Zoom from January to March 2022. The Program Committee is currently arranging speakers for next year. This needs to be done well in advance. Returning to in-person meetings is all dependent on when it will be safe for everyone to meet in person. Open Sewing Times and STBA will continue on Zoom as long as there is interest among our members to do so – even beyond "COVID times".

Our guild executive is also experiencing some renewal. **Have you considered becoming involved as a member of the executive?** It is probably the best way to get to know other members of the guild. While some may be wary of the perceived amount of work involved in any position, there is lots of support and each role has been designed so that it is doable and not overwhelming (even the role of president)! Our guild is currently looking for someone to take on the role of Historian, and also the role of Vice-President. Please give it some thought, and contact Deby Wettges if you are interested in more information or have questions about these roles.

So – April can be summed up this way –

- A** new month, a time for renewal and rejuvenation
- P**ush yourself – Attend the guild meetings, register for a workshop, participate in the open sewing times or STBA days. Volunteer for a role on the executive!
- R**ejuvenate those UFO's or yourself. Finish a PAL or SMILE quilt. Find ways to get involved in your guild.
- I**nspire others – Be the reason someone smiles this month!
- L**earn new skills, laugh often and love much.

Stay safe, everyone. Happy quilting. 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

April Speaker - Bill Stearman of Picton, Ontario



I Will Be Silent No More

Bill struggled with storytelling as a way to make sense of his life for many years. And then discovered his voice in quilt making. Fabrics and carefully placed stitches express joy, anguish, hope, gratitude and love, providing glimpses into deep and important stories: stories that matter on personal and social levels.

His quilts make bold statements and provoke thoughtful consideration of a variety of issues. "With the help of about 20 of my quilts, I'll tell their stories...my stories. I doubt that these quilts and their stories will

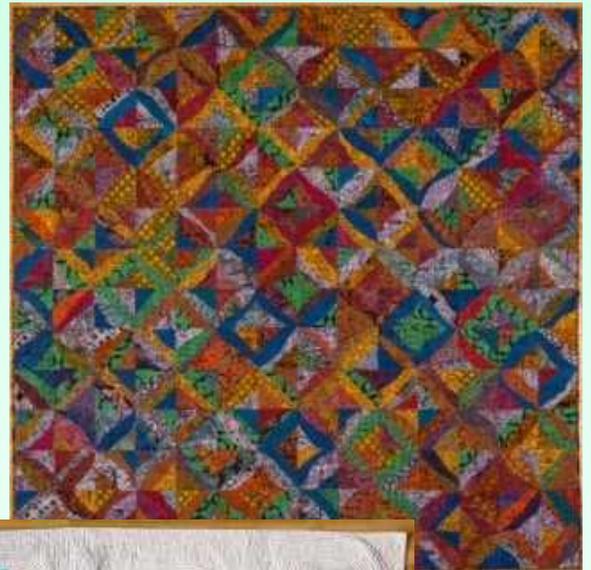


remind you of your grandmother's quilts."

Bill will join us from beautiful Picton, Ontario where he will share his amazing quilts and their stories. Bill started quilting in his late 60's and says he is too new to quilt making to store his quilts in a trunk and does what he calls "a backpack" show. It's hard to believe so much can be achieved in such a short period of time.

For more information about Bill and his journey, visit his website:

<http://billstearmanquilts.blogspot.com/>



QUILTS OF VALOUR CANADA

NEW ANNOUNCEMENTS



Thank you sew much to all the members who participated in this project. All of the "Hug Blocks" have been submitted for the July 1st draw (we are even included in the Early Bird draws for April 1st, May 1st and June 1st). The guild has provided the batting and backing needed to complete the quilt. Marg Sandiford has very graciously volunteered to machine quilt it. The finished quilt will be donated to Quilts of Valour Canada. It will be presented, at a later date, to a Canadian military member, past or present, who is ill or has 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. I hope you will



continue to work with me in this worthy cause.

*** I am very excited to share with all of you that I have applied for and been accepted as the new Kitchener and Area representative for QOVC. If you have any questions regarding QOVC, or know of a service member you would like to nominate, please feel free to contact me dwettges@gmail.com *** Deby Wettges

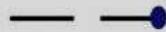
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WORKSHOPS!



Canadian Zippered Pouch Workshop with Inez Drummond

DATE: Saturday, April 17th, 9:30am to 3:30pm

Fee: \$25



We are fortunate to have one of our new members from St. Andrews, Manitoba provide this special workshop for us. Inez enjoys creating and teaching others how to make zippered pouches in this full day workshop. These pouches can be used for so many purposes and look wonderful. Consider making one of these to store knitting,



makeup, embellishments, quilting tools – so many possibilities. They would also be wonderful gifts! Inez will share twists and tricks that make pouch and bag sewing satisfying. Fabric choices, embellishments, threads and quilting will be discussed, and questions are always welcome. Options for resizing the pouch and stitching it with different looks will also be discussed. There will be a Prep-Work demonstration posted online for those registered for the class to watch before April 17th, 2021. Come and join the fun of making one of these pouches in this fun workshop. Register in our on-line store. This workshop opens to non-members on April 1st, so be sure to register soon.

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



Are you looking for a playful way to combine coloured, patterned and/or batik fabrics? Join us in layering and cutting back intriguing combinations of quilting cottons. Create your very own composition based on the principles and elements of design. At the same time learn to listen to your heart...you will emerge from this class with an exciting and original art quilt, countless ideas for future projects and confidence in your ability to design.

WORKSHOPS!

Spinoff Workshop with Daisy Aschehoug

Dates: Saturday, June 19th and 26th

Time: 9:30am - 12pm

Cost: \$75

Maximum Participants: 20

The 'Spinoff Quilt' is perfect for quilters new to piecing with curves. The class includes the basics of sewing a precise quarter-circle square, and we'll talk about how to achieve an accurate circle for the centre of the quilt design. The class will cover strategies for selecting fabric, tips and tricks for curved piecing and alternate arrangements to create different effects. 'Spinoff' finishes at 45" square. Class fee includes pattern pdf for digital download. Register now at our online store.



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LIBRARY NEWS

Thanks to those members in March who visited the Library Inventory site through the Guild's website

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The process is the same for April. The limit is 2 books per member. The categories this month are **Appliqué** (88 books), **Paper-Piecing** (23 books) and **Kaffe Fassett** (24 books).

Friday, April 16th is the last day to e-mail your choices to **both** of us.

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

Wednesday, April 21st is for **March book returns** and **April's pick up of books** at Albert McCormick Arena, in the parking lot from **3:30 - 5pm in the afternoon**.

Jean Simpson and Donna MacKay



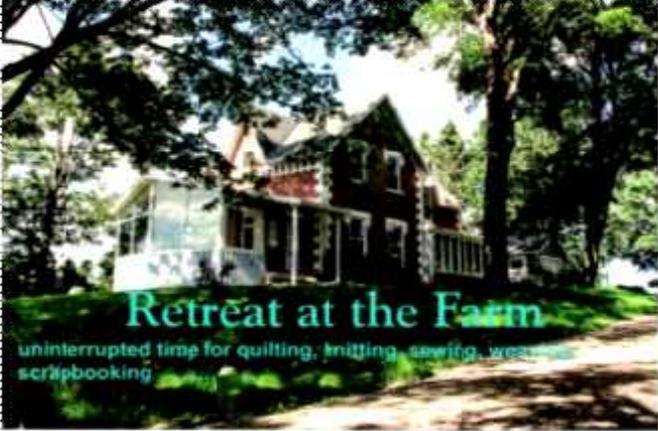
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PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE 2021

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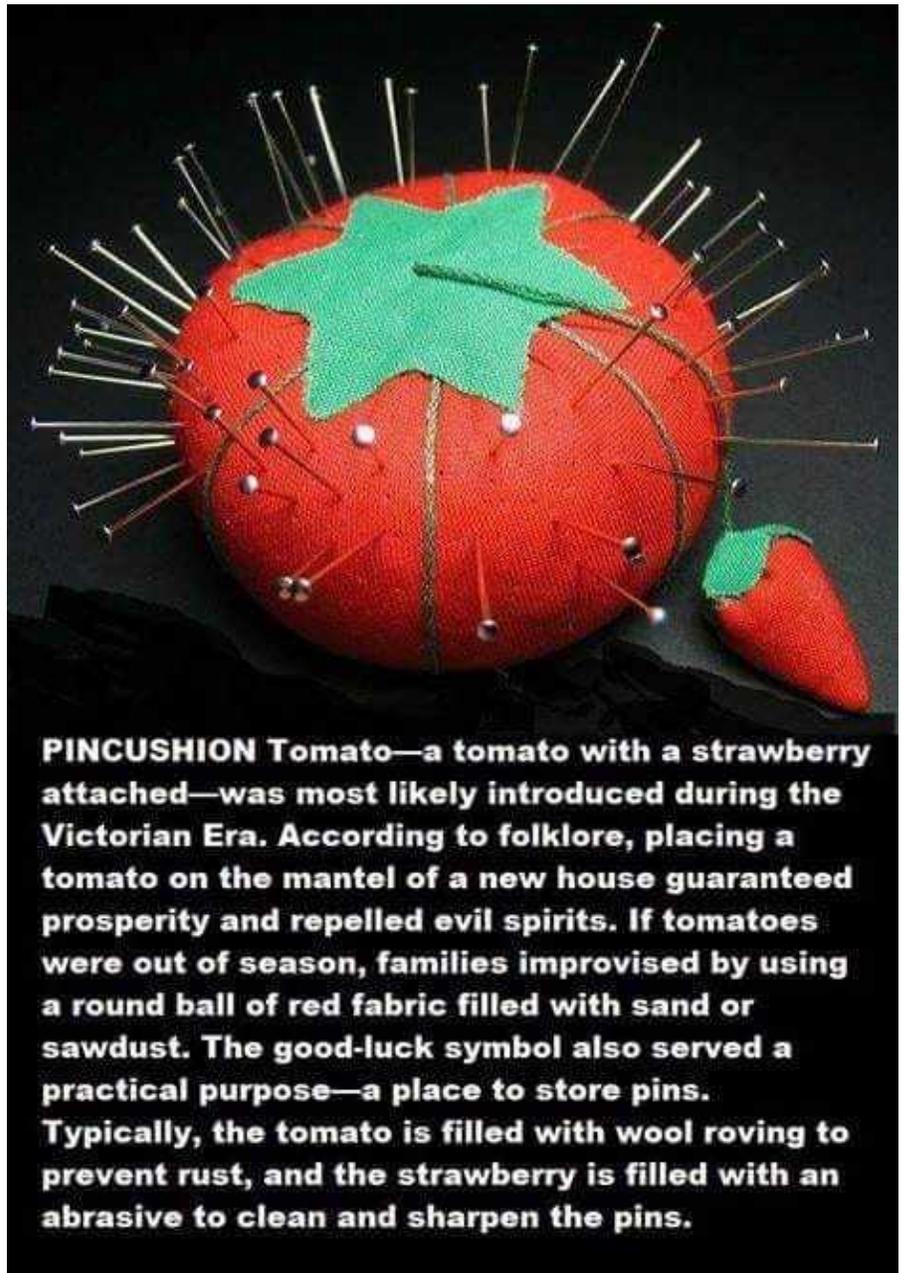
Requirements: What does the phrase “Home is...” mean to you? Members are invited to create a piece that addresses this theme. Use any colours, fabrics and embellishments you wish. Completed projects must have a maximum perimeter of 100 inches. Please take a photo of your completed project and send it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





Open Sewing Days

Zoom has provided a great way for guild members to get to know one another each week during these Open Sewing opportunities. We sew, laugh, ask questions, share ideas, learn from each other – and most importantly connect with one another and have some fun! Consider joining us for all or part of the afternoon. Everyone is most welcome to join us. We meet every **Monday afternoon from 2:00pm – 4:00pm**. It is a very informal gathering with no agenda. Participants can join in the dialogue, share what they are working on or sit back and listen. For those members who are working and/or unavailable during the day on Mondays or anyone for whom Monday afternoons is inconvenient, we will have one Open Sewing time on a Saturday. Put **Saturday, April 24th – from 10:00am-12:00pm** on your calendar for an extra Open Sewing time this month. Hope you can join us on these Open Sewing times. It's as simple as clicking on the Zoom link that is included in the Friday email update each week. Come when you can, leave when you wish.



PINCUSHION Tomato—a tomato with a strawberry attached—was most likely introduced during the Victorian Era. According to folklore, placing a tomato on the mantel of a new house guaranteed prosperity and repelled evil spirits. If tomatoes were out of season, families improvised by using a round ball of red fabric filled with sand or sawdust. The good-luck symbol also served a practical purpose—a place to store pins. Typically, the tomato is filled with wool roving to prevent rust, and the strawberry is filled with an abrasive to clean and sharpen the pins.

Virtual Show and Share for April

Please send pictures of your quilts, with a sentence or two about them,
To kathleenbissett@me.com
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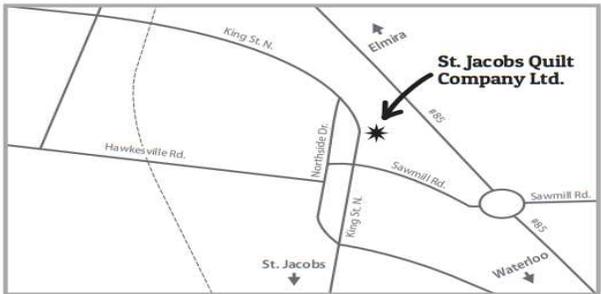
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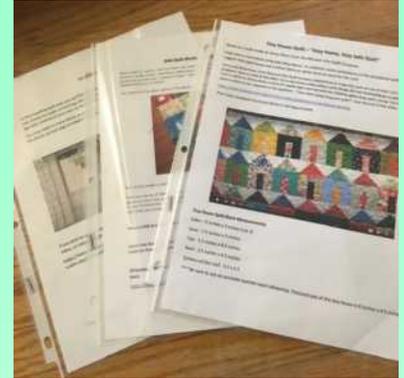
If you know of a guild member who has become ill, please let our secretary, **Doris Martin**, know so she can send a get well card from all of us.

Casey

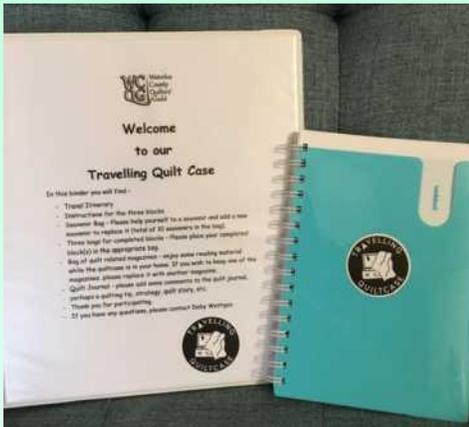
The Travelling Quiltcase!



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 the end of May, but she would love to come and visit you then. If you are interested, contact Deby at dwettges@gmail.com to book a visit.



Internet Resources for Quilters

Prepared by Inge Ford

For quilters, the internet is filled with amazing learning opportunities. We can see beautiful quilts, learn new skills or just relax and have some fun while viewing all that YouTube has to offer. This month, I'm highlighting some of my favorite YouTube channels, as well as a blogger who provides regular tutorials. Hope you enjoy this collection of internet resources.

Krista Moser, The Quilted Life

Krista Moser is a quilting and fiber arts enthusiast, who has been teaching sewing and quilting for more than twenty years. Her work has been featured in quilting magazines and books. She shares lots of ideas and strategies on her blog. Here is her most recent blog post where she shares combining trapunto and scraps to create an "egg-citing pillow" – just in time for spring. Click this link to her tutorial to learn more: <https://www.kristamoser.com/blog>



Edyta Sitar's Quilting Window – Live Each Week



Edyta Sitar is a passionate and well know quilter, author, fabric designer and teacher. In recent months she has increased her YouTube presence by creating a weekly live broadcast on YouTube. It airs every Thursday and the recording is available on her YouTube channel. Here are the links to her most recent videos. Each one reflects a different theme and the quilts are beautiful!

Quilting Window – March 11, 2021 – Making stars using diamonds - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cb3kQm2uRtY>

Quilting Window – March 18, 2021 – Making stars using half square triangles, squares and other shapes - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7_bv0SWAifA

To find all of her Quilting Window videos, click here - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW84VnSKTrrVQMZHKal1hzQ/videos>

Missouri Star Live with Misty Doan

Jenny Doan from Missouri Star Quilt Company shares a quilting tutorial every Friday – all of which can be found at their website. Her daughter-in-law Misty provides a weekly live tutorial each Tuesday morning. The collection and recording for each one can be found at this link - <https://www.missouriquiltco.com/msqc/missouri-starlive>. Lots of great ideas and fun projects from another member of the Doan family.



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Sewing Together, But Apart Days

Spend the day together, sharing and learning, while staying safe

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

During this time of COVID, our Sewing Together, But Apart (STBA) Days have proven to be lots of fun and a great opportunity to learn new skills, share ideas and get to know other members in our guild. We have been fortunate to access such a wide variety of talented and interesting speakers coming to us from some significant distance. During April, May and June, we continue to welcome speakers who will each share presentations on unique topics. 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 by 6:00 p.m. the day before each STBA Day. The guest speakers during the afternoon for each of the next for months' STBA Days include the following:

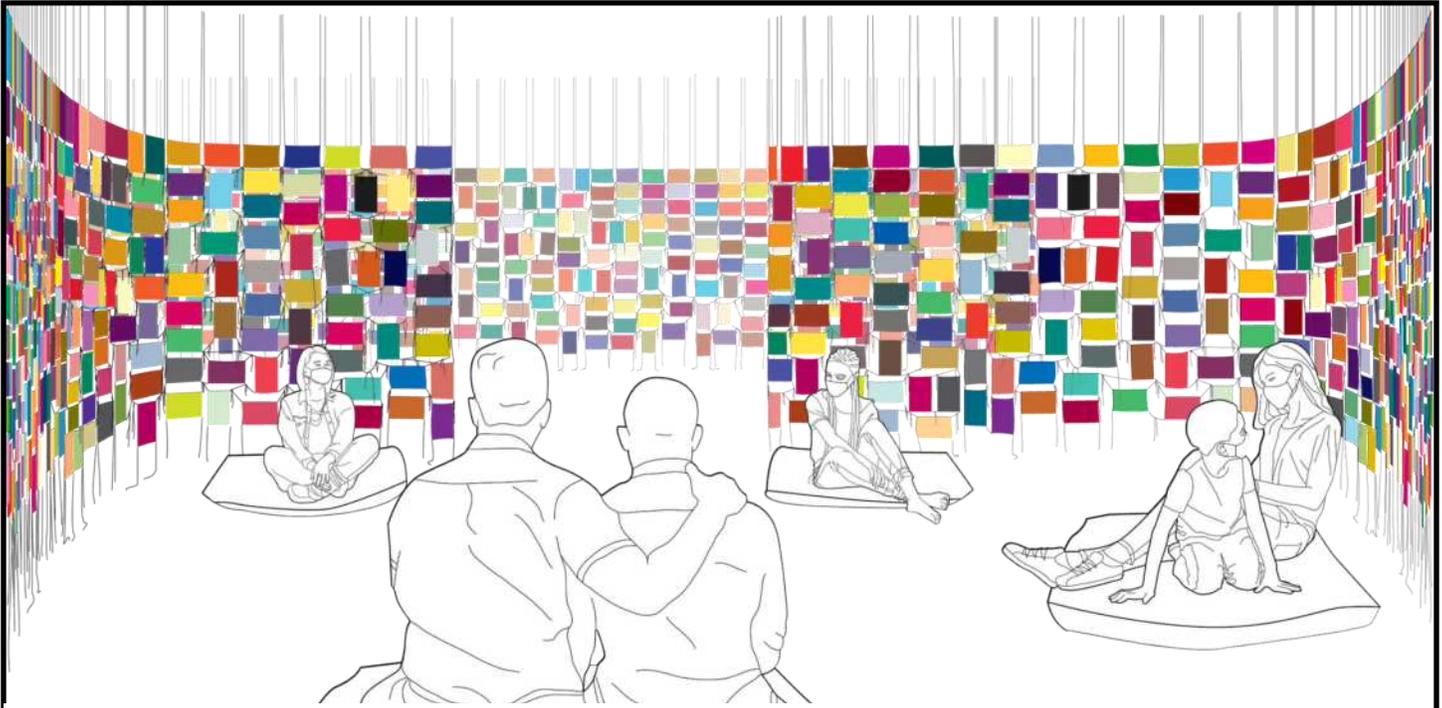
Wednesday, April 14 – Eleanor (Elly) Levie from Pennsylvania will do a virtual trunk show called “Twelve Ways to Rock Your Quilting”. She will feature lots of quilts and quilted accessories, showcasing a dozen different and unconventional ways to inject originality and unique style into your quilting. 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!

Plans are underway for STBA days to continue in the fall of 2021. Interesting speakers have already been contacted and more information will be shared in the months ahead.

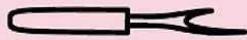


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| 4. Made a quilt entirely by hand | 14. Measured incorrectly |
| 5. Gotten mad at someone for using fabric scissors | 15. Bought fabric that wasn't needed |
| 6. Bought too little fabric | 16. Attended a guild meeting |
| 7. Driven past a quilt shop | 17. Used a seam ripper |
| 8. Worked on a project in a waiting room | 18. Forgotten a needle in a finished quilt |
| 9. Finished only part of a quilt | 19. Given away a quilt |
| 10. Found a mistake in a finished quilt | 20. Entered a quilt in a show |

Upcoming ONLINE Speaker and Workshop Information

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

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April 17 - 'Canadian Zippered Pouch Workshop' with

Inez Drummond

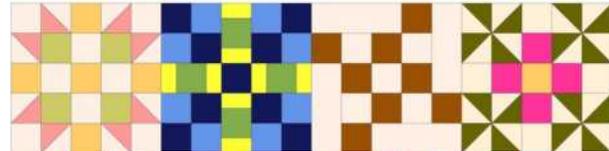
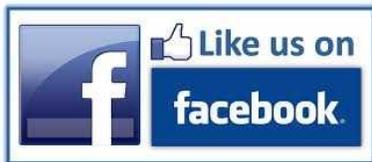
April 21 - Bill Stearman, Picton, Ontario

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

May 19 - Lorraine Roy, Dundas, Ontario

June 16 - Daisy Aschehoug, Nesodden, Norway

June 19 & 26 - 'Spinoff Quilt' workshop with Daisy Aschehoug



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The Quilting Months Ahead...

Month	Day	Activity
April	10	'Playing with Your Scraps #2' with Kelly DuMaresq SOLD OUT!
April	14	Sewing Together But Apart
April	24	Open Sew <u>Saturday</u> on Zoom 10am to noon
April	17	Canadian Zippered Pouch Workshop with Inez Drummond
April	21	Regular Guild Meeting - Zoom Online at 7pm
May	1 & 8	'Layers of Intrigue' Workshop with Anna Hergert
June	19 & 26	'Spinoff Quilt' Workshop with Daisy Aschehoug

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