



Pieceful Pastimes

Mississauga Quilters Guild
April 2023

Next Meeting: Thursday April 6,
Huron Park Recreation Centre
Following Meeting: Thursday May 4, Huron Park

Room opens at 7:00 pm
Meeting begins at 7:30 pm

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Message from the President: Welcome to Spring



I am so looking forward to meeting in person again, but at Huron Park Recreation Centre at 830 Paisley Blvd W. Paisley, one block south of Dundas and west of Mavis. Please park in the north lot; we will have someone there to wave you to the correct door. We have been assigned the Iroquois Rooms, A and B. These rooms are directly across from the reception desk. It is a smaller room than we are used to. It will be cozy.

We are looking forward to hearing Paul Taylor tell us how to fall back in love with our sewing machines, and not be afraid of them.

As we all know the guild has been operating with a deficit for a few years. Our last membership fee increase was in 2007. There were many reasons for this deficit. First, the loss of income from members that did not renew their membership because of COVID. Second, the increase costs for rent, program presenters, workshops and Insurance, both Accident and Liability. We are saving rent money with our Zoom meetings in the winter, but we have to pay for the Zoom subscription.

At the last executive meeting, we passed a motion to increase the membership fee to \$55.00 for existing members and to \$65.00 for new members for the coming year. The name tags now cost \$15.00 each. The membership has to vote on this issue, and at the general meeting I will request a motion for the increase of the membership fees. Please bring any questions you have; the executive will be there to answer them.

We are looking ahead to September, and we have executive positions available. We need a Vice-President, Treasurer and Social Committee members. We also need coordinators for Program, Workshop, Membership and Website. Please step up and volunteer, these positions do not require a lot of time and they do make life interesting.


Please remember your quilts for show and share. I am looking forward to seeing you at Huron Park Recreation Centre.

Marie Starr - President
presidentmqg@gmail.com

April Meeting Reminders:

- Bring driving instructions to the Huron Park Recreating Centre
- Cash or cheque for your Anniversary dinner ticket
- Items for Show and Share
- Your mask
- Money for purchases at the CORE table – small bills and change appreciated.
- Donations for CORE
- Return library books
- Your completed March BOM
- Bring a friend

<p>SAVE THE DATES</p>	<p>2024 RETREAT Thursday March 21 to Sunday March 24, 2024 Elm Hurst Inn & Spa, Ingersoll, Ontario</p> <p><i>Come for some dedicated "Me" time, to sew and be inspired by your quilting friends. You don't have to cook, clean, or do any other chores. This weekend is a time to refresh and do some serious sewing and shopping in Ingersoll.</i></p> <p>Details and registration form are on the web site in the Members Only section.</p>
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MQG 45th Anniversary Gala – TICKETS ON SALE AT APRIL MEETING
Please mark your calendars for Thursday, November 2, 2023

Fine Dining! Door Prizes! Live Music!
 Guest Speaker!
 \$60 for Members (present and past)
 \$70 for Guests
 (NO increase from the 40th Anniversary Gala, and the Tax and are Tip included)

Guest Speaker - Kathy Wylie,
 International Award-Winning Quilter
 and Designer <https://kathykwylie.com/>

Musical Guests - King Davis
<https://kingdavisband.com/>

Tickets on sale at the April Guild meeting. Dinner choices will be announced closer to the date of the event.




Mississauga Quilters Guild
45th Anniversary Gala
 Thursday, November 2, 2023
 Cash Bar 6:00 pm - Dinner 7:00 pm - Lecture 8:15 pm
\$60 for Members (present and past) - \$70 for Guests
 Credit Valley Golf and Country Club
 2500 Old Carriage Road, Mississauga ON
 Guest Speaker: Kathy Wylie
kathykwylie.com

Please direct inquiries to: mississaugaquiltersguild@gmail.com

Darlene Jenah, 45th Anniversary Gala Coordinator

News from the Library Convenors



We are in the process of updating all our library holdings in our online catalogue, and adding a few new book titles, that you will be able to borrow in the fall, once we are back at Tomken Arena. If you have any specific suggestions for new titles to be added to the collection, kindly email them to us.

Please return any books, borrowed at previous meetings, or let us know if you want to keep them for an extra month.

Darlene Harvey and Penka Stoyanova
Library Convenors

News from the CORE team

We are excited to see everyone in person for the April meeting. Please bring any completed projects to our table, and also bring some money to shop our sale table. We have some great new items that need new homes.

We hope you will consider taking home some placemat and pillowcase kits for our future deliveries. There are also a few quilts that need finishing. Thank you for your support.

A delivery was made to the Compass in Port Credit and we are preparing for a delivery to the Breakfast with Santa layette program. We continue to be told that the need is great, and that our donations are appreciated by so many.

Mary Beth, Sandra, Wendy and Kathy

Mary Beth Filegan, CORE Coordinator

Member Tip: Cutting green fabric and can't see the lines on your ruler? Try cutting the fabric with the wrong side up. I've found this very helpful as I work on this year's BOM. *Sonja Vandermeer*

Program

April 6, 2023 – Paul Taylor - Physical The Educated Sewer and Tales of a Tech

Paul Taylor, Sew Tec Sewing Machine Repair, kindly agreed to present in April when our original speaker was no longer available. Paul's presentation will demonstrate the basics of how a sewing machine stitches. He will then look at various components of sewing machines: thread tension, spool types and spool orientation (I only recently found out about this – and it's made a difference. SV), bobbin winding and bobbin selection, and presser feet. Paul writes, "My purpose in creating this part of the presentation was to help people get the most from their machines by giving them the confidence to explore and experiment."

In Tales of a Tech, Paul will share his Rogues' Gallery photos. He'll share examples of some of the dirtier machines that he's serviced. They weren't as bad as they looked, while some of the less dramatic examples can in fact pose real problems. It's important that we know what machine owners can do to take better care of our machines and how a technician can do when we need help. <http://www.sewtec.ca/>

May 4, 2023 – Millie Cumming, Fibre Artist - Physical Making your own quilts more personal

Millie made her first attempt at textile art during late nights looking after her newborn son.

Beginning with an applique course, Millie has gone on to acclaim in the world of Art Quilts. Her textiles are not of traditional patterns, but creative interpretations of subjects close to her heart. Delicacy and a demanding perfection mark her work, tinged with a sweet nostalgia for nature, memories and cottage life.

Millie was a featured artist in Create Whimsy – view her creations and learn more about her in this online article: <https://www.millieandgraeme.ca/about-millie/spotlight-interview-on-create-whimsy-november-2020> .

Paula Lee-Len, Former Program Convenor

Workshops

There is one more **Zoom** workshop scheduled for this year, and one for 2023-24. Workshops will all start at 10AM, and cost \$50:



Saturday, April 15, 2023: Robyn Baumgart - **Crayon Appliqué**

www.quiltingintheloft.com

This class explores how to work with a time honoured & classic child's art tool--- Crayons applied to fabric!

In this class you will learn how to apply (appliqué) crayons to solid white cotton & a canning jar vase of flowers. (Design will be provided prior to the class). You will also learn how to set the crayons properly so that the colour is permanent & the colour will not wash out. Outlining of the whole design can be done with permanent black markers &/or free motion quilting. Robin will demonstrate all techniques so all skill levels can attend this class. These new techniques can be applied to all of your future projects & will allow you to customize almost anything for one of a kind results. So much fun!

Saturday, October 14th, 2023, Sharon Fisher – **note the date change.**

This workshop will be in person!

When people sign up, Ruthie will ask which one of the following three workshop they want:

1. "Basic Wool Appliqué",
2. "Embellishing Stitches", OR
3. "Beading your Wool Appliqué".

To sign up for one or more workshops, please contact Ruthie. Payment can be made by e-transfer, or by cheque or cash at a face-to-face guild meeting. Contact our treasurer, Sandra Scholsser, for more information regarding payment. Closer to the date, the Zoom meeting link will be shared with participants. You will also receive a list of what you need to have on hand for the class. No need to lug your sewing machine for these Zoom classes!

Ruthie Snell, Workshop Convenor

Sew and Chat

There are now three Zoom sewing sessions for Guild members to join each week. During COVID, these informal virtual "get togethers" were a great way to keep our Guild members connected during the long months of lock down. There were some positive things to come out of that situation and continuing with "Sew and Chat" is one of them.

Join other guild members,

- Wednesday evening starting at 6:30
- Tuesday and Thursday afternoon starting at 1:30

The Zoom link should be in your email inbox.

Deadline for submissions to the May Newsletter: April 28, 2023

Block of the Month

I hope all of you have been enjoying the March block, Jack's Delight, and are excited for the next one!

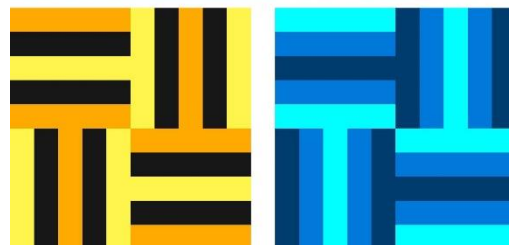
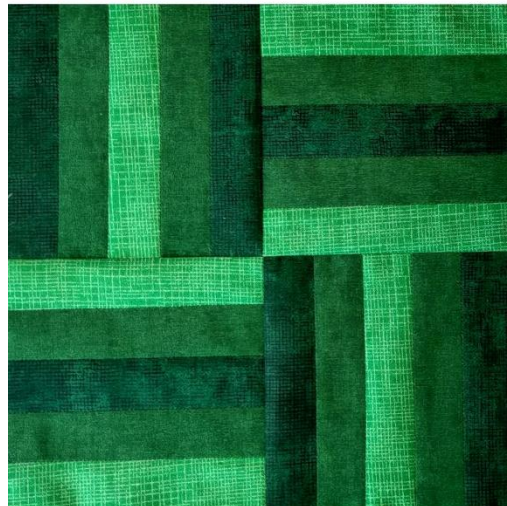
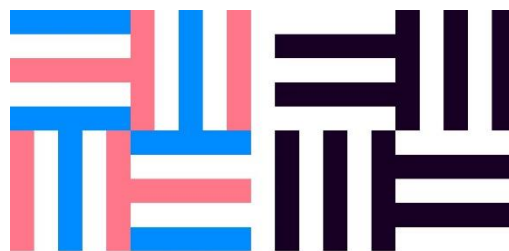
April's block will be the last one for this year's project and is a very simple pattern; Rail Fence! This is one of my all-time favourite blocks and was used in my first ever quilt! The instructions include two different methods; strip piecing for those of you using yardage and scrap piecing for those of you working from remnants. Be sure to follow the instructions that best fit your materials!

The next meeting will be back to in person, so I will be unable to attend. My sample blocks have been sent ahead, including samples from the Winter blocks if you're interested in seeing those. Visit Darlene Jenah to check them out! And remember, the next meeting is at Huron Park, not our usual meeting place, so be sure to check your directions before 06 April!

As usual, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out!

Happy Quilting!

Valerie Herrmann, Block of the Month Convener



Membership

Registration for the 2023-2024 guild season will soon be upon us. Watch for more information after the April meeting.

Several name tags for new members were mailed out recently. If you are new to MQG this past year and still don't have a name tag or membership card, please let me know. If you have lost your name tag and want to be eligible for the drawing of a fat-quarter, you can order a new name tag through me.

Melanie Blake, Membership Convenor

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April's to do list:

- ✓ Consider making a quilt to donate to a local community organization or individual through CORE
- ✓ Contact Darlene Jenah regarding volunteer opportunities – on the Executive or for the Anniversary dinner
- ✓ Start/continue this year's Block of the Month (BoM)
- ✓ Register for the final MQG workshop this year or the first for next year
- ✓ Invite a friend or family member to be a guest at a MQG meeting
- ✓ Consider attending the 2024 MQG Retreat – more info in the Members Only section of the MQG website <https://www.mississaugaquiltersguild.ca>.

Newsletter

Have something for the newsletter? Please email articles, tips, ideas or suggestions to the guild email address MississaugaQuiltersGuild@gmail.com (please include MQG in the subject so it doesn't get lost in my inbox). Thanks,

Canadian Quilters (CQA)

CQA is busy getting ready for the June 8 – 10, 2023 Quilt Canada in Halifax, Nova Scotia. Now is the time to submit any of the challenge quilts you've been working on. Last year, members sponsored junior quilters – the prizes this year look terrific! For more information on the show or the challenges, visit: <https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2023/>

*Sonja Vandermeer
Newsletter Convenor*

Upcoming Events

Please check the website for each event prior to attending for any changes. It's great to see face-to-face shows planned for 2022-23! Know of any other events – please let me know, Sonja Vandermeer.

Dates	Location	Event
April 29 -- 30, 2023	Tiny Township Community Centre, Tiny Township, Ontario	Reflections of Georgian Bay Georgian Bay Quilters Guild https://gbqg.ca/gbqg-quilt-show/
May 5 – May 6, 2023	Royal Canadian Legion 594 5030 Howard Ave Tecumseh, ON	Sew Lovely Windsor Quilters' Guild https://windsorquiltersguild.com/
May 6 – May 7, 2023	Trillium Manor 12 Grace Avenue Orillia, ON	Sunshine Quilt Show Orillia Quilters' Guild https://www.facebook.com/oquilt/

Dates	Location	Event
May 26 – 28, 2023	Canadian Lakehead Exhibition Thunder Bay, Ontario	Superior Quilt Show Thunder Bay Quilters Guild, https://thunderbayquilters.org/
May 26 – 27, 2023	Lindsay Curling Club 18 Peel St Lindsay, Ontario	Quilted Treasures Lindsay Creative Quilters Guild https://lindsaycqq.com/quilt-show
June 2 – 3, 2023	Bracebridge	Pinetree Quilters Guild of Muskoka http://www.pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com/
June 2 – 4, 2023	Royal Kingston Curling Club 130 Days Road, Kingston, Ontario	Quilts Kingston Show and Sale Limestone QG / Kingston Heirloom Quilter http://quiltskingston.org/http://quiltskingston.org/
June 3 – 4, 2023	Brighton Community Centre 75 Elizabeth St Brighton, Ontario	Behind the Seams Trent Valley Quilters' Guild https://www.trentvalleyquiltersguild.com/quilt-show.html
June 8 – 10, 2023	Halifax, Nova Scotia	Quilt Canada 2023 https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2023/
June 10 – 11, 2023	Alliston Curling Rink 52 Albert Street, W. Alliston, Ontario	Stitching Among Friends Quilting Corners Guild Stitching Among Friends www.aqcguild.edublogs.org
July 8, 2023	Smiths Falls Memorial Community Center 71 Cornelia St West Smiths Falls, Ontario	Quilts on the Tay Quilt Show Lanark County Quilters https://www.lanarkcountyquiltersguild.com/
July 8 -- 9, 2023	Wellington & District Community Centre LeHigh Arena 111 Belleville Street Wellington, Ontario	A Stitch in Time Quilt Show Prince Edward County Quilters' Guild https://pecqguild.weebly.com/2023-quilt-show.html