



Pieceful Pastimes

Mississauga Quilters Guild
April 2024

Meeting Date: April 4, 2023 - In Person
LOCATION: TOMKEN TWIN ARENAS – Upper Level
Doors open at 7:00 pm Meeting begins at 7:30 pm

Following meeting: May 2, 2024 – in person

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Message from the President

Welcome to Spring. We are in person at Tomken Arena.

The meeting starts at 7:30, but the doors are open at 7. This half hour is available to socialize with friends and get caught up with what has been happening in the last 4 months.

We are still looking for a new Secretary. Though the position is critical, it does not have an overwhelming workload. We also need a Workshop Convenor and a Web Master. Please consider

stepping up and filling these positions. If you accept one of these positions, we promise to provide you with support and help from previous convenors.

Our speaker is Sherida Giddings, she is from Ottawa and has a terrific Trunk Show. We are looking forward to her presentation.

I know everyone has spent the last few months sewing. (Like Marie at the last CORE working group – piecing a quilt back. This one made from fabric donated by Northcott.) Please bring your quilts for Show and Share.

Also remember to bring your CORE stash friendly blocks. CORE was able to make 3 quilts from the blocks donated in the fall. Let's aim for at least 4 quilts this spring.

Looking forward to seeing you on April 4th.

Marie Starr
Marie Starr - President
presidentmqg@gmail.com

April's meeting reminders:

- ✓ Bring your name tag
- ✓ Items for Show and Share
- ✓ Renew your membership, if you haven't already done so
- ✓ Bring \$20 to secure your spot for our Spring Day Retreat
- ✓ Bring \$2, \$5 or \$10 to purchase something from the CORE team table or the Library table and help support their great work
- ✓ Bring something for April's "Too Good To Throw Away Table"
- ✓ Bring your CORE stash-friendly block(s). The pattern is on the website.
- ✓ Bring any embroidery floss or batting you can donate – the CORE team has a project for us
- ✓ Contact Darlene Jenah regarding volunteer opportunities – on the Executive
- ✓ Invite a friend or family member to be a guest at a MQG meeting

Call for Executive Committee Volunteers

Volunteers are the heart, soul and backbone of the Mississauga Quilters Guild. Without you, our Guild cannot function. We are still without some very key parts of our Executive Committee. We still need:

- **Secretary**
- Workshop Convenor
- Website and Social Media

Darlene Jenah
Newsletter Editor and Past President

2024 Program

In recent years our membership has seen a steady decline. Fees for guest speakers have increased and there seems to be a trend toward more artistic kinds of quilting. Our members, especially our newer ones, are looking for more opportunities to share and learn. We have many experienced members who could well provide demonstrations/education sessions in place of guest speakers. Perhaps there are members who are involved in non-guild quilting endeavours that they could tell us about. I've heard that some of the newer speakers are reinventing the wheel in the way we do things, and sometimes the old ways are the better ways. I invite you to please step forward and let me know what you can teach us. I'd love to have our members not just showing us their quilts but sharing their knowledge with us. I look forward to hearing from you, either at a meeting or by way of texting, emailing or even a telephone conversation!

April 4, 2024 – Our guest speaker on April 4 is Sherida Giddings from Ottawa. Sherida is not set up to do Zoom sessions but is going to be in the vicinity and is available to speak to us. Sherida belongs to several quilt guilds, having joined her first one over 20 years ago. She is a Certified Instructor with approximately 50 quilts she can provide for her Trunk Show. Sherida has even taken a quilting group to Hawaii to quilt with her. Be sure to join us for this exciting opportunity. – **In Person**

May 2, 2024 – Our own Karen Menzies will be presenting a Wearable Art Fashion Show. Be prepared to model! – **In Person**

June 6, 2024 – **Annual General Meeting and Wrap-Up Social – In Person**

Melanie Blake

May 4, 2024 – MQG Spring One Day Retreat – Arranged by the CORE Team

The time is coming! May 4th, from 9:30-4:00 at the Tomken Twin Pad Arena. Join us for a great day of sewing and optional project demonstrations. Sign up sheets will be set out at the April meeting, please bring \$20 to reserve your spot. There will be examples of 2 projects, you can sign up for a demonstration of these creations if you wish, or just bring your own supplies and sew with the group. Kettle available, bring your hot drink supplies and your lunch. Hope to see you there! Sandra and Mary Beth

News from the CORE team

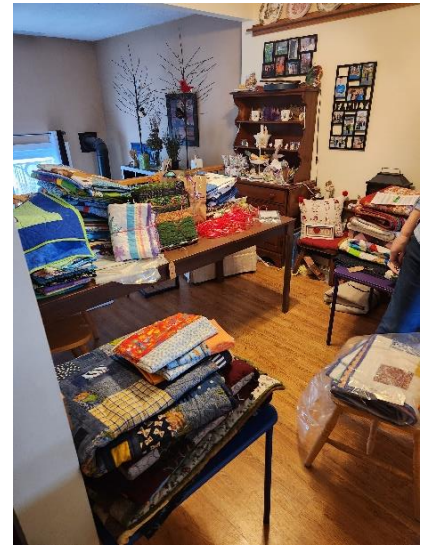
We are looking forward to seeing everyone in person in April. CORE will have a sale table of sewing supplies, quilt kits, and placemat kits. We will show an example of the placemat, which uses 4 fat quarters. These kits will include the pattern and 4 co-ordinated fat quarters. If you wish, you can

purchase a further kit of 4 pieces of batting and 4 seasonal fat quarters to complete the project. These would make a great gift, or something new for your own table. Items on the table will be \$2, \$5, or \$10. Please drop by to see what we have. The proceeds from the table will allow us to replenish CORE supplies.

We will also have placemat kits and pillowcase kits for you to complete and return to us for donation.

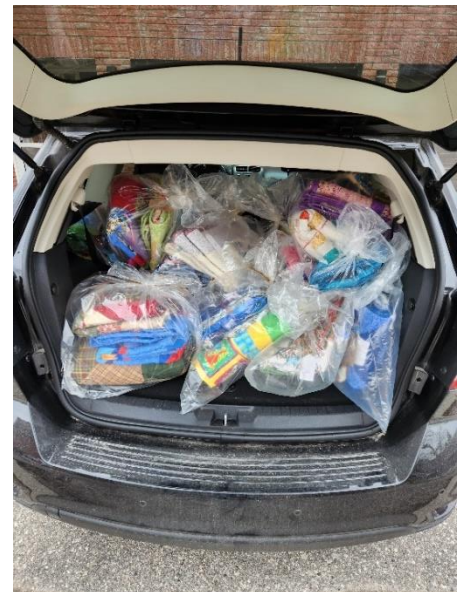
Please think about attending the CORE workshop on Tuesday April 9th. You are welcome to bring your own quilts to pin, or help the team prepare kits for distribution. The group is there from 10 am to 1pm.

We will be showing the 3rd quilt made from the June challenge block. What a great response we've had from these blocks. We hope to collect many X and O blocks from the December challenge and are preparing a new block for the June demonstration.



Please continue to bring us your batting scraps, and any embroidery floss you can donate for a June fun project

Pictured below are Sandra and Mary Beth with the "big cheque" presentation from Rotary of Streetsville, as well as pictures from our recent delivery to Armagh House. Each woman and child over 10 years of age received a quilt and pillowcase. The children under 10 received a quilt and knitted Izzy doll. **We could not have made this delivery to 19 women and 37 children without the continued support of many members of the Guild.** We will once again be collecting quilts for our usual deliveries and will deliver to the new intake next year. In September, the current families will receive placemats to brighten up their tables.



See you soon!

Mary Beth Filegan, Sandra Dunlop and Wendy Yule

Mary Beth Filegan, CORE Coordinator



The "Too Good To Throw Away Table" – resumes in April!

Our in-person meetings now include the **Too Good To Throw Away** table.

Bring in anything quilt related that you no longer need: Leftover fabric from your latest quilt, triangles you cut too many of, a ruler you no longer use, that half-finished kit you got tired of, fabric that no longer pleases you, etc... and leave it on the table.

Take anything you like from the table. No charge! Even if you have nothing to leave on the table, you can still take anything you like.

PLEASE REMEMBER: If your contribution has not been taken by another member by the end of the meeting, please take it home with you.

April to do list:

- ✓ Renew your membership, if you haven't already done so
- ✓ Consider making a quilt, pillowcase or placemat to donate to a local community organization or individual through CORE
- ✓ Contact Darlene Jenah regarding volunteer opportunities – on the Executive
- ✓ Invite a friend or family member to be a guest at a MQG meeting
- ✓ Support our advertisers
- ✓ Keep working on your block of the month
- ✓ Make a few blocks to donate to CORE – the pattern is on our website
- ✓ Visit the library catalogue
- ✓ Support our advertisers



Block of the Month

The passing of the month of March puts an end to the Drunkard's Path saga. I'm sure many of you are happy to have those finished and out of the way, but for those of you who haven't quite finished their Drunkard's Path units, know you're not alone as I'm not quite done all of mine either! And if you're still working on some of your other blocks, remember that the instructions will remain available on the Block of the Month page of the guild website for you to revisit when you're ready to finish those:

<https://www.mississaugaquiltersguild.ca/block-of-the-month.html>

For the upcoming month of April, we will be putting together the final blocks for our Stars of the City quilts! The new block for this month is called Double Ribbon Star, which uses many of the same techniques and units introduced previously; however, this month also has a twist! In addition to the Double Ribbon Star block, you will select your favourite star block from past months and make another one--or two depending on your finished quilt size--to feature as the central block of your quilt. I look forward to seeing which block each of you chooses!

Our next meeting will be in person at Tomken Arena on 04 April 2024. I'm not sure yet whether I will be able to make it to that meeting, so if you see me, please say hello, or if I'm not there, Marie will be showing samples of the Double Ribbon Star block in my place! Instructions for that block will be posted to the Guild website following that meeting!

Happy Quilting!

*Valerie Herrmann,
Block of the Month Convener*

Membership

Membership Renewal for the 24/25 quilting year is now open. I will be receiving Membership forms and fees at the April, May and June in-person meetings. A copy of the form has been sent out in a separate mailing. However, a copy is included here and will also be available on the Website. Please note our fee for renewing members has gone up from **\$45.00 to \$50.00**. These fees are what allow us to bring in talented speakers, run education/workshop sessions, provide library resources and support our community work through CORE.

More members allow for us to do even more exciting things that our members are asking for. So, please renew your membership in a timely manner and bring a friend!

Melanie Blake, Membership Convenor

Treasurer's Report

December 31 marked the halfway point in our Guild Year. Balance Sheet and Year to Date Income Statement, as of December 31, are posted in the Members Only section of our website. Please take a look at these; email me with any questions. Thanks for your support,

Kathy Chapman, Treasurer



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Sew and Chat

There are 4 opportunities per week to join these informal "get-togethers" from your home. Please remember that you can join in using your phone or tablet, you're not limited to just your computer.

- Monday and Wednesday evenings, starting at 6:30 PM
- Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, starting at 1:30 PM

New Zoom links will be sent to your email inbox. The links will also be posted on the Members Only section of the website.

Darlene Jenah



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News from the Library Convenors

The Library will be open, and we are looking forward to seeing you and helping you find the books you need. Our online catalogue on The Library Thing is fully updated, and can be accessed on the Guild website, from the Library tab. The books can be sorted by Title, Author, or tags. If you want to search for a particular theme, use the search bar under the DISMISS box in the upper right corner, and it will bring up the subject/theme you searched for. If you don't have the DISMISS word, use the lower/smaller search bar (Search your library). The tags will let you know what section the books are in. If there is no tag listed, except for the book number, then those books are on the top shelf of the library cabinets. If you have any questions, we are happy to help. We will also have some books and magazines for sale.

Link also provided here:

<https://www.librarything.com/catalog/MQGbooks>



Darlene Harvey and Penka Stoyanova
Library Convenors



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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 2023-24! Know of any other events – please let us know

Check out this link for other shows and events on Ontario and Quebec:
<https://quiltguilds.com/quilt-shows-in-ontario-and-quebec/>

Dates	Location	Event
Now until the end of June 2024	Rockway Mennonite Collegiate 110 Rockway Rd, Kitchener	Carpenter of the Cloth Solo Quilt Show by Deb Beirnes
April 19-20, 2024	OE Banquet & Conference Centre 2245 Speers Rd, Oakville	Quilted Expressions Oakville Quilters Guild
April 27-28, 2024	Dr. Edgar Leclair Community Centre, 158 St. Agnes Street, Azilda, Ontario	Quilted Treasures Rayside Balfour Quilting and Stitchery Guild
April 27, 2024	164 Grand River St N Paris, Ontario	Quilts on the Grand Paris Quilting Bees
May 3 – 4, 2024	Bobcaygeon Curling Club 49 Mansfield Street Bobcaygeon, Ontario	2024 Harvest of Quilts Show and Sale Settlers' Village Quilters Guild
May 3 – 4, 2024	Forest Brook Community Church 60 Kearney Drive Ajax, Ontario	Quilts from the Valley Rouge Valley Quilters' Guild
May 3 – 4, 2024	Meridian Community Centre 100 Meridian Way Fonthill, Ontario	Niagara Modern Quilt Expo Niagara Modern Quilt Guild
May 10--11, 2024	Scugog Community Centre 1655 Reach St Port Perry	Still Stitching Together Quilt Show Port Perry Patchers Quilt Guild
May 31 – June 1, 2024	Ancaster Fairgrounds 630 Trinity Road South Jerseyville	Quilts in Bloom 2024 Hamilton Quilters' Guild
May 31 – June 1, 2024	Sheridan Conference Centre, Oakville	Stitched In Our Time Halton Quilters Guild
May 31 – June 1, 2024	No 6 RCAF Museum 536 Port Maitland Rd, Dunnville	Garden of Quilts DOTS (Dunnville's Own Tiny Stitchers)
May 31 – June 1, 2024	Osprey Community Arena 494196 Grey Rd 2 Feversham, Ontario	It's a Charming Quilt World Exhibit Grey County Charmer's Quilt Club & Threads that Bind
June 7--8, 2024	Centre Wellington Community Sportsplex 550 Belsyde Avenue East, Fergus	Quilts on the Grand Grand Quilt Guild
June 14--15, 2024	Earl Armstrong Arena 2020 Ogilvie Rd Ottawa	Quilt Show 2024 Common Thread Quilt Guild
June 19--22, 2024	Edmonton, Alberta	Quilt Canada 2024: Gateway to Adventure Canadian Quilters Association

Dates	Location	Event
Opening June 29, 2024	ROM – Royal Ontario Museum Level 3, Third Floor Centre Block	<i>Quilts: Made in Canada</i> https://www.rom.on.ca/en/exhibitions-galleries/exhibitions/quilts-made-in-canada