



Pieceful Pastimes

Mississauga Quilters Guild
DECEMBER 2023

Next Meeting: December 7, 2023, at 7:30 PM - In Person
LOCATION: TOMKEN TWIN ARENAS – Upper Level

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

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Message from the President

Hello Everyone,

I hope you all enjoyed the Black Friday sales. I have decorated the outside of my house. I will start the inside next week.

I may sound like a broken record by now, but we still don't have a Vice-President. To all those saying to themselves that someone else will step up, we have been waiting 6 months for this fictional "someone else" to step up. We don't need a someone else, we need a SOMEONE to be Vice-President. We also need someone for Program, Workshop and Website. If we reach June 30th, 2024 without a Vice-President, the Guild will have to fold. Please volunteer now..



Our December meeting will be a social evening with a take home craft and goodies. Please remember to bring your own water or soft drink. Also bring a non-perishable item for the food bank.

The 2024 Retreat at Elmhurst Inn & Spa in Ingersoll is booked for Thursday March 21st to Sunday March 24th, there is a two night option for the retreat, Friday the 22nd to Sunday the 24th. Mothers, sisters, daughters and friends are welcome to attend the retreat with you. I have sent an invitation to Janice Telfer, who organized the 2020 retreat and is now a member of the Etobicoke Guild, asking her invite members of her guild to attend the retreat. She has expressed an interest in coming. Please let me know if you are coming. Registration forms will be at the membership table.

Members are reminded to continue making placemats, pillowcases, and blocks or whole quilts for CORE. There has always been a need for these items in our community, but the need is increasing.

The Show and Share for this meeting is a little different, we ask that you bring a Winter Holiday Item that you have made for yourself or someone else.

Looking forward to seeing you on the 7th of December at Tomkin Arena.

Reminder: our Meetings in January, February and March will be Via Zoom..

Marie Starr
Marie Starr - President
presidentmqg@gmail.com

Call for Executive Committee Volunteers

Volunteers are the heart, soul and backbone of the Mississauga Quilters Guild. Without you, our Guild cannot function. This has never been more dire than it is now, as we are still without some very key parts of our Executive Committee. We still need:

- **Vice President**
- **Program Coordinator**
- Workshop Convenor
- Website and Social Media

Darlene Jenah
Newsletter Editor and Past President

<p>Book your space now!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2024 RETREAT</p> <p>Thursday March 21 to Sunday March 24, 2024 Elm Hurst Inn & Spa, Ingersoll, Ontario Ingersoll is about an hour and a half west of Mississauga, just north of the 401</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>We have the Grand ballroom for the weekend. We can set up our sewing machines and sew whenever we want. The Inn will supply the irons/ironing boards, lamps, garbage pails and large tables. We have to bring cutting boards, rotary cutters and rulers.</p> <p>There are 2 options for the weekend:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><i>The 2 night, 3 day option</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – double room is \$580.38 each – single room is \$796.21 </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <p><i>For the 3 night, 4 day option</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – double room is \$755.38 each – single room is \$991.81 </td> </tr> </table> <p>The cost includes all breakfasts, lunch on Saturday, dinner on Friday and Saturday, and brunch on Sunday. Coffee and tea on Friday afternoon, and Saturday morning and afternoon.</p> <p>Please let Marie Starr know if you are planning to come. A \$100.00 deposit is required with your registration form and the balance is due by January 31, 2024.</p> <p>If we don't have enough members we will open the weekend to non-Guild members.</p>	<p><i>The 2 night, 3 day option</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – double room is \$580.38 each – single room is \$796.21 	<p><i>For the 3 night, 4 day option</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – double room is \$755.38 each – single room is \$991.81
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2023-24 Program

December 7, 2023 – Our CORE Christmas Social -- In Person

Please come out to participate in a make & take craft and learn a new quilt block for the winter block challenge.

January 4, 2024 -- Krista Moser -- Zoom Meeting

Krista Moser from The Quilted Life <https://www.kristamoser.com/> on “Diamonds are a Girl’s Best Friend”.

February 1, 2024 -- Allie McCathren -- Zoom Meeting

“My Quilting Journey and Creative Process”

<https://exhaustedoctopus.com/>

March 7, 2024 -- Terry Aske -- Zoom Meeting

Terry Aske from B.C. will share the talk she gave at Quilt Canada 2022 entitled, “My Evolution as an Art Quilter - from raw beginner to award winner.” <https://www.terryaskeartquilts.com/Studio/>

April 4, 2024 – Pending; an invitation has been issued – 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

Day Retreat – May 4th, 2024

The October day retreat was a success and we have booked another one for May 4th 2024. Mark your calendars and find a new project to tackle. We are looking into some teaching and demonstration opportunities from our members, Stay tuned for updates

Sandra and Mary Beth

News from the Library Convenors

Looking forward to some downtime after the holidays have settled? Need a good book to read and relax with? Come see the choices we have in our new bookcases. We have a selection of coffee table books as well, if you don't want to be tempted to sew. The majority of the books have been separated into categories. The bookcases have also been labelled to make perusing easier, with the newest acquisitions placed on top of the bookcase.



We will also have some books and magazines for sale. Come see our selection! Also, if you have taken any books out previously, don't forget to return them so others may enjoy them too.

Darlene Harvey and Penka Stoyanova
Library Convenors

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News from the CORE team



We are excited to announce we have received \$800 from Rotary Club of Streetsville. Because of our work with Armagh house, and a recommendation from a personal friend, Sandra and I were invited to do a presentation to the Rotary executive. We will be able to continue ordering batting for our donated quilt tops, and can replenish some seasonal fabrics. They hope to give us another donation in the spring.

We continue to organize and clean out our cabinets. The Workshop team has done a wonderful job with our new storage area. Fat quarters and quilt blocks are being cut for future sale tables

Thank you for the donated blocks from our June Challenge. We will show two completed quilt tops, assembled by Mary Dodd. Please continue to bring in any blocks, and we hope you like the new challenge block we will present at the December meeting.

In order to use our batting in the best way, we usually use pieced sections for our placemats. Some members have provided us with donations in the past. If you have any batting pieces you don't need, we would love to use them for our placemat kits. Please bring to the December meeting if possible.

Deliveries are right on schedule to Children's Aid and Meals on Wheels. We provided Armagh House with 9 adult and 14 child's quilts.

DECEMBER MEETING--Come prepared for a fun craft and a special show and share. We are asking everyone to bring in a favorite Christmas project they have made. It can be a quilt, placemat, runner...whatever you would like to show. Please bring your own beverage, we will have some festive cookies as a treat. CORE is hosting this meeting as a thank you to everyone who supports our community donations.

This month, we are highlighting Meal on Wheels, who accept our placemat deliveries each December. This organization is run by the Victorian Order of Nurses and provides affordable and nutritious meals 5 days per week. Volunteers prepare the meals in government inspected kitchens, dietary needs and restrictions are taken into account. Recipients are older adults, adults with disabilities and those recovering from illness or surgery. Placemats have a seasonal side to them and are a bright addition to the homes.

See you in December. Thank you for all your support

Mary Beth Filegan, Sandra Dunlop and Wendy Yule

Mary Beth Filegan, CORE Coordinator

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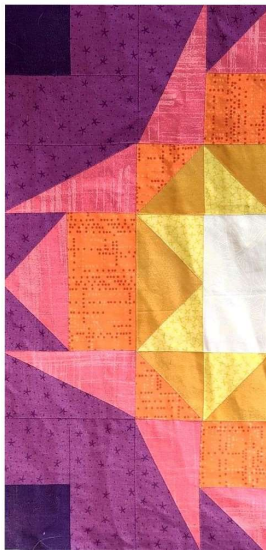
Block of the Month

With November coming to an end, I hope you were all able to find the time to piece a few Drunkard's Path or Pseudo Drunkard units!

Throughout the month, I received a few questions regarding the templates for these units -- I'm sure many of you noticed how flimsy the paper templates can be -- and wanted to share more information about my particular process with you all! Here is a link to my personal blog where I go through my full process for making a traditional Drunkard's Path unit using home made templates:

<https://vafibrearts.wixsite.com/vafibrearts/post/stars-of-the-city-november-blocks>

I wish I had thought to share this at the beginning of the month, but we will be using these templates twice more for Drunkard's units B and C, so I hope the information there will help you in the future!



Moving on from those units, the upcoming month of December will bring two new star blocks; Birds of the Night and Farmer's Star! These blocks use some of the same techniques from the October star blocks, but also introduce a new unit, the half rectangle triangle! These are made in a similar way to half square triangles, but the orientation of the seam matters a lot, be sure to double check the diagrams in the pattern as you go!

I won't be at the meeting on 07 December to share my blocks, but Marie Starr has prepared some samples on my behalf. Thanks Marie!

As usual, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns while working on your blocks, please don't hesitate to reach out! Or if you'd like a virtual demo of any part of this year's BoM pattern, I am available to meet during the Sew and Chat sessions, just let me know which one you plan to attend and I'll meet you there!

Happy Quilting!

*Valerie Herrmann,
Block of the Month Convener*

The "Too Good To Throw Away Table"

Starting October 5, 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.

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MQG 45th Anniversary Gala

I wish to thank all those who attended the 45th Anniversary Gala at the Credit Valley Golf and Country Club on November 2, 2023. Unlike our last few galas, it did NOT coincide with the first snowstorm of the season, and for that I am extremely grateful.

It was wonderful to spend social time with friends we haven't seen in a while, and fun to examine the door prizes and mini quilts as we decided where to place out ballots. Our band, King Davis, entertained us during cocktail hour and through dinner. Our Guest Speaker, Kathy Wiley took us on a quilting journey through the Time of our Lives.

Special thanks goes out to the Event Team at the Credit Valley Golf and Country Club. They ensured the evening ran as smoothly as planned, and delivered excellent meals that were enjoyed by all.

I would like to acknowledge our generous sponsors who provided Door Prizes:

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Membership

Our current membership remains at 83. Remember to pick up a few pocket cards to distribute around our community to encourage people to join us. I am always looking for a co-Convenor to help me out, particularly at those times when I cannot be in attendance at a meeting.

Melanie Blake

Melanie Blake, Membership Convenor

Friendship Opportunity

Are you looking for someone to join you when you're fabric shopping? Are you looking for someone you can call when you have a quilting challenge? Maybe you would just like to get to know someone from the guild who you could share your plans and ideas with and get a second opinion? Maybe you're an experienced quilter who likes to chat about their challenges and successes.

Sign up on our Friendship List at the Membership Table at the entrance to the meeting room and we'll try to pair you up with someone who lives close by, although that's not always necessary. Of course, you can always approach someone in the guild on your own to make a new quilting connection.

Melanie Blake, Membership Convenor



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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

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 us know

Dates	Location	Event
Now until the end of June 2024	Rockway Mennonite Collegiate 110 Rockway Rd, Kitchner	Carpenter of the Cloth Solo Quilt Show by Deb Beirnes
April 19-20, 2023	OE Banquet & Conf, Centre 2245 Speers Road Oakville	Quilted Expressions Oakville Quilters Guild
April 27, 2024	164 Grand River St N Paris, Ontario	Quilts on the Grand Paris Quilting Bees
May 3 – 4, 2024	Fonthill Ontario	Niagara Modern Quilt Expo Niagara Modern Quilt Guild
May 31 – June 1, 2024	Sheridan Conference Centre, Oakville ON	Stitched In Our Time Halton Quilters Guild

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December's to do list:

- ✓ Register for the 2024 MQG Retreat – more info in the Members Only section of the MQG website <https://www.mississaugaquiltersguild.ca>
- ✓ Download the CORE stash-friendly block pattern from the website and make a few blocks to donate
- ✓ 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