



Pieceful Pastimes

Mississauga Quilters Guild
February 2024

Next Meeting: February 1, 2024 via ZOOM
Virtual doors open at 7:00 PM
Invite to be sent to your email

Following meeting: March 7, 2024 – via Zoom

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Message from the President

Hello everyone and welcome to February.

We are looking forward to our speaker, Allie McCathren. The title of her program is "My Quilting Journey and Creative process" Allie is an artist and a marine biologist, she loves to experiment with fabric, and very often science and biology find their way into her work. I am looking forward to her presentation.

The executive is currently without a secretary, workshop convenor and we need a new website master. Please consider stepping up and filling these openings.

Please send your photos for Show and share to mississaugaquiltersguild@gmail.com by Tuesday January 30th.

Reminder:
Our Meetings in 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. 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



February'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

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2024 RETREAT

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

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.

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.

There are 2 options for the weekend:

The 2 night, 3 day option

– double room is \$580.38 each

– single room is \$796.21

For the 3 night, 4 day option

– double room is \$755.38 each

– single room is \$991.81

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.

Please let Marie Starr know if you are planning to come.

Payment is due in full by February 15, 2024

2024 Program

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

"My Quilting Journey and Creative Process"

Allie comes to us from just outside Houston, Texas. Allie McCathren has a degree in marine biology and is currently a stay at home mom to three boys. Her love of science and the ocean finds its way into her work. She started quilting after her third son was born requiring a major surgery. Quilting was a way to express herself and make order out of the chaos of their lives at that time. She's all about using scraps whenever possible but loves playing with texture and color to create interesting art pieces often with a focus on colour gradation. She loves challenging the limits of what she can do, and is not afraid to make mistakes in the process. Check out her beautiful works on her website:

<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

Exciting news!

Date: May 4, 2024

Time: 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Cost: \$20 per person

We have 2 members who are going to share their talents with us at the day retreat on May 4th. The fee for the day is \$20, please bring to the April meeting, a sign up sheet will be available then. You can also sign up for either or both demonstrations, supply list and examples will be there for you to see.

We hope many of you can join us for a fun day of creating!

Sandra and Mary Beth

News from the CORE team



Happy New Year!

Our Guild outreach is off to a great start, with 113 quilts logged in and 10 more out for completion.

We are currently waiting to get numbers from Armagh Transition house so we can deliver quilts to the mothers and children. We have also reached out to Interim Place women's shelter in the hopes of adding them to our community group.

We hope you are enjoying the X and O block challenge, please bring completed blocks to the April meeting. Our last challenge created 3 quilts.

There will be a sale table at the April meeting, we are continuing our fundraising efforts so we don't have to ask for funds from the general guild account. Since we haven't had a quilt show, we are finding ways to raise funds for our supplies. There will be placemat kits for purchase, as well as some quilt kits we've assembled with patterns included. These kits are for your personal use, as always there will be placemat and pillowcase kits available to take and return to us. More details will follow next month

Stay warm and see you soon!

Mary Beth Filegan, Sandra Dunlop and Wendy Yule

Mary Beth Filegan, CORE Coordinator



Block of the Month

With the new year well underway, I hope you've all been able to enjoy putting together a few Drunkard's Path or Pseudo Drunkard units during the month of January! If you haven't made all of your units yet, don't worry! Everyone works at a different pace and the instructions for this pattern will remain available on the Block of the Month page of guild website

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

Coming up in February, we have two new star themed blocks to put together! Queen of the Sky and Tangled Ribbon use many of the same techniques and units made in some of our past star blocks, but also introduce the four at a time method for piecing flying geese, as well as a stitch and flip chevron unit!

Instructions for both of these blocks will be posted on the website following the virtual meeting on 01 February 2024!

With those blocks introduced, I now have a request for all of you; we are more than half way through this guild year, so I'm hoping you will help me to prepare for next year's block of the month project by sharing a little feedback! I'll be sending out a separate email soon with some prompts, but I'm interested to hear any comments, criticisms, or wishes for future projects that the membership may have! Any thoughts you are willing to share will help shape the projects we make together in the years to come!

Happy Quilting!

*Valerie Herrmann,
Block of the Month Convener*



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.



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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




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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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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

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, 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

