



Pieceful Pastimes

Mississauga Quilters Guild
October 2023

Next Meeting: October 5, 2023, at 7:30 PM
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

Welcome Home!!

I am glad to be welcoming everyone back to Tomken Arena for another great year of meetings, Sew & Chat, outreach initiatives, retreats and other good things that happen when quilters get together.

The only thing that would make the homecoming better would be to have a Vice-President, a Workshop Convenor and a Website Convenor. I hope you have been considering the opportunity to work with an executive committee dedicated to ensuring the growth of the Guild.

The Vice-President position is a four year commitment: one year as Vice-President, 2 years as President and one year as Past President. The Workshop and Website convenors are two year commitments. Please step up and join the fun.

We are thrilled to welcome Marilyn Farquhar and her trunk show to our meeting, Marilyn loves to make contemporary and modern quilts using traditional techniques.

We have a day retreat scheduled for Saturday October 21 at Tomken Arena. Only \$20.00 for the day, bring your lunch, a mug, your sewing machine, your UFO's or your current project. We have cutting boards, rotary cutters, irons and ironing boards at Tomken. I am looking forward to chatting with everyone and getting to know more of our members.

Reminder: This year marks 45 years of the Guild, we have a lot to celebrate and we want to keep celebrating. If you haven't purchased your tickets for the Anniversary Dinner please do so at this meeting.

Reminder: The 2024 Retreat is set for Thursday March 21 to Sunday March 24 at the Elmhurst Inn & Spa in Ingersoll. Please come to Ingersoll to sew and chat for the whole weekend. No cooking, no cleaning, no chores. Please let me know if you are coming. I will need your money by December 1, 2023.

Marie Starr - President
presidentmqg@gmail.com



October Meeting Reminders:

- Your name tag
- Items for Show and Share
- Cash or cheque for your Anniversary Gala ticket, if you haven't already got yours – LAST CHANCE!!
- Please remember to bring in blocks from the block challenge
- Bring small bills for the CORE sale table, there will be \$1 and \$5 items
- Please bring \$20 for the DAY RETREAT
- Donations for CORE
- Pick up pillowcase, placemat kits
- Return library books
- Sign up for the MQG mentoring opportunity (see page 2 for info)
- Anything you wish to bring to the Too Good To Throw Away table
- Don't forget about the 2024 RETREAT!

Call for Executive Committee Volunteers

Volunteers are the heart, soul and backbone of the Mississauga Quilters Guild. The dream to have all the positions filled by now is almost a reality. We still need:

The roles that need to be filled for the up-coming year include:

- Vice President
- Workshop Convenor
- Website and Social Media

Darlene Jenah
Newsletter Editor and Part President

MQG 45th Anniversary Gala – TICKETS CONTINUE TO BE ON SALE *** LAST DATE TO BUY A TICKET IS OCTOBER 5! ***

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 are on sale now!
Payment can be made in person by cheque or cash, or by e-transfer.

Please direct inquiries to: mississaugaquiltersguild@gmail.com



Darlene Jenah, *45th Anniversary Gala Coordinator*

The "Too Good To Throw Away Table" Grand Opening

Starting October 5, our in-person meetings will now include a **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.

2023-24 Program

The Guild is excited to bring you another year of interesting, inspiring, and engaging speakers and presenters.

October 5, 2023 -- Marilyn Farquhar – In Person

Title to be determined

Marilyn Farquhar will present a Trunk Show that has been enjoyed by other guilds in the area.

<https://marilynsquiltstudio.wordpress.com/>

November 2, 2023 -- 45th Anniversary Dinner with special guest speaker Kathy Wylie – In Person

Credit Valley Golf and Country Club – see page 2 of the newsletter for details and cost.

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. More details to follow.

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 – TBD – In Person

May 2, 2024 – TBD – In Person

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

*Brenda Bott and Melanie Blake,
Program Convenors*

Day Retreat - Saturday October 21, 2023

Date: October 21, 2023

Time: 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Cost: \$20 per person.

Time to sign up! A Day Retreat has been booked for October 21st. Join your quilting friends from 9:30 to 3:30 to work on your UFOs or a new project you can't wait to start. Irons, ironing boards, cutting boards and rotary cutters will be available for you to use. We will have tables available for pinning your creations. Please bring a mug and tea or instant coffee, our kettle is there for your use. If staying for the day, bring your lunch as well. See Sandra or Mary Beth at the meeting to sign up and pay the \$20 fee. Hope to see you there!

Mary Beth Filegan and Sandra Dunlop

News from the Library Convenors

We have some new books and Canadian Quilter Magazine issues available for borrowing at the October guild meeting.

We will also have Art, Design and Appliqué books for you to peruse.

Please return any overdue, and due books to the October meeting. Thank you.

Darlene Harvey and Penka Stoyanova
Library Convenors



News from the CORE team



CORE workshops will now be held on TUESDAYS.

Workshops have been booked for:

TUESDAY October 17

TUESDAY November 7

Thank you for all the wonderful donations brought to us in September. We delivered quilts and teen pillowcases to the Salvation Army and are now preparing other drop offs. Please bring completed items to the October meeting, as we do not have a November meeting to collect donations.

The block challenge brought in over 60 blocks, we will begin assembling quilt tops at the next workshop.

The date for that workshop is TUESDAY OCTOBER 17TH, at 10:00 am.

We are happy to be back at Tomken arena for this workshop.

Back by popular demand--a CORE sale table will be at the October meeting. We will have \$1 and \$5 items, please drop by to check them out.

Friendly reminder, if you take pillowcase kits from the CORE table, they need to be returned to the CORE group. The fabrics for these pillowcases are donated to CORE or are purchased by us from our funds. Please return the completed pillowcases to us for distribution.

We had some inquiries regarding the charities we donate to. We have decided to highlight one charity each month in the newsletter, so you can learn about our community partners. This month, we are donating quilts to a silent auction at the DAM, so we will feature them this time

The DAM, which stands for Develop, Assist and Mentor, was started in Meadowvale in 1995, and also has a building in Cooksville. They provide drop in times for youth in both areas. It is a safe, inclusive space for youth age 13-19. There are after school and lunch drop in times, as well as other programs relating to school, co-op placements and job opportunities.

As always, thank you for your support!

Mary Beth Filegan, Sandra Dunlop and Wendy Yule

Mary Beth Filegan, CORE Coordinator

<p>Save the Date!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">2024 RETREAT</p> <p>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>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>The prices for 3 nights and 4 days are: – For a double room - \$755.38 each. – For a single room - \$991.21</p> <p>This includes: 3 Breakfasts, Friday, Saturday and Sunday Lunch on Saturday Dinner on Friday and Saturday Brunch on Sunday Coffee and Tea on Friday afternoon, Saturday morning and afternoon.</p> <p>Friday lunch we will go shopping in Ingersoll and Thursday's dinner will be a pot luck. If you are worried about transportation to Ingersoll, we can organize carpools.</p> <p>Please let Marie Starr know if you are going to attend. Your payment will be needed by December 1st</p> <p>If we don't have enough people from the Guild we will open the retreat to non-members.</p> <p>Details and registration form are on the web site in the Members Only section.</p>
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Membership

Currently we have 74 members registered for the 23/24 Guild year, with 2-3 more pending. This is considerably fewer members than we had last year, which means less income for the Executive to work with.

Membership renewal for the year closes after our next meeting on Oct. 5. After that the membership lists will be updated and circulated and the access password for the Members Only section of the website will be changed.

The Membership Form includes all the information on how to renew. It is important I receive an updated form for everyone because on it you are signing that you will abide by the Guild's rules (as per the constitution). If you are e-transferring your membership fees please note the password is 22MQG23.

Melanie Blake (416) 200-9125
Melanie Blake, Membership Convenor



I hope you've all had enough time to select your colours and pick out some beautiful fabric for your Stars of the City quilts! I've chosen a new colour scheme myself, which I'm really excited to be working with!

Now, with October on the horizon, it will soon be time to start piecing our blocks!

October will bring the first two star blocks; Harbour at Dawn (left) and Square in a Star (right). These blocks feature the stitch and flip method, two at a time half square triangles, and four at a time quarter square triangles. Many of these techniques should be familiar from past BoM quilts, but all are great for beginners who may be joining the BoM quilt along for the first time!

Instructions for these blocks will be posted on the Block of the Month page following our next guild meeting on 05 October 2023. You can also check out that page prior to the meeting to review fabric requirements or revisit BoM quilt patterns from past years: <https://www.mississaugaquiltersguild.ca/block-of-the-month.html>

I'm hoping to be able to attend the October meeting in person, so if you see me, please come say hello! I really enjoyed speaking with many of you at the September meeting, which is the first in-person meeting I've been able to attend since 2019! But If I don't make it, I can always be reached by email with questions, comments, or just to chat!

*Valerie Herrmann,
Block of the Month Convener*



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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

October's to do list:

- ✓ Renew your membership
- ✓ 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 or for the Anniversary dinner
- ✓ Register for the first MQG Workshop for next year
- ✓ Invite a friend or family member to be a guest at a MQG meeting
- ✓ Support our advertisers
- ✓ Consider attending the 2024 MQG Retreat – more info in the Members Only section of the MQG website <https://www.mississaugaquiltersguild.ca>

Dates	Location	Event
Oct 13/14, 2023	Forbe Family Hall at RIM park - 2001 University Ave, Waterloo	2023 WCGG quilt Exhibit
October 21, 2023	Faith United Church Sanctuary 842 Main St East, Hamilton ON	UCW Quilt Show
Oct 20-21, 2023	Teeswater-Culross Community Centre	"Tis the Season to be Quilting" Five Star Quilters Guild
October 21 – 22, 2023	Strathcona paper Centre 16 McPherson Drive, Napanee ON	Quilts on Fire 2023 Heritage Quilters Guild
October 28 -- 29, 2023	Audley Recreation Centre 1955 Audley Road, Ajax, Ontario	Twisted 2023 Quilt Show The Twisted Stitchers https://www.tsqguild.ca/2021-quilt-show