



# Pieceful Pastimes

Mississauga Quilters Guild  
February 2023

**Next Meeting: Thursday Feb 2 Virtual via Zoom**

**Following Meeting: Thursday March 2**

**Room opens at 7:00 pm**

**Meeting begins at 7:30 pm**

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## Message from the President



Greetings everyone,  
I am looking forward to Groundhog Day; I hope it is cloudy.

I would like to welcome our two new members.

Our virtual speaker on Groundhog Day is Beth Hefler, who is an author, pattern designer and national quilting instructor. We are looking forward to her presentation.

It is the start of the new year, and we are looking at the Executive positions that are up for election in the fall. They are: Vice-President, Treasurer, Program co-ordinator, Workshop co-ordinator, Membership co-ordinator, Website co-ordinator and Social Committee. If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact me.

Tomken Arena is closing for renovations after March break. We will have our in-person meetings at Huron Park Community Centre, on

Paisley Avenue just west of Mavis, south of Dundas. Along with a live speaker, Core will have a sale table, sandwiched quilts that need to be completed and placemat kits.

Please send your Show and Share pictures to [mississaugaquiltersguild@gmail.com](mailto:mississaugaquiltersguild@gmail.com) .

Marie Starr  
President

*Marie Starr - President*  
[presidentmqg@gmail.com](mailto:presidentmqg@gmail.com)

*Show us your projects –*

**MQG Show and Share needs you!**

**February Meeting Reminders:**

- Items for Show and Share -- please email photos along with consent form to [mississaugaquiltersguild@gmail.com](mailto:mississaugaquiltersguild@gmail.com)
- Your favourite hot drink
- Any early Valentine's treats



**Your Guild Needs a Vice President!**



One of the key positions on the Executive Committee is the Vice President. This role transitions into the President's job for 2 years, and then into the Past President role for another year. This is your opportunity to lead! If you are interested, please come forward, I promise you won't regret it.

*Darlene Jenah, Past President*

**MQG 45th Anniversary Gala - SAVE THE DATE!**

*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://kingdavistheband.com/>

Tickets on sale February 2, 2023,  
please consider your dinner choice:  
Beef, Chicken, or Fish (more  
information to come)

Please direct inquiries to:  
[mississaugaquiltersguild@gmail.com](mailto:mississaugaquiltersguild@gmail.com)



*Darlene Jenah, 45th Anniversary Gala Coordinator*



## Community Outreach (Core)

With only a couple more workshops before the Tomken Twin Arena shut down, we are busy making placemat and pillowcase kits to distribute at the April and May in person meetings. We appreciate everyone who takes them home to complete for us. We also have many treasures for our sale table in April, please stop by to see what we have! Any completed quilt or placemat/pillowcase kits can be returned to us at this time. Thank you to everyone for your support. Happy Sewing!

Mary Beth, Sandra, Wendy and Kathy

*Mary Beth Filegan, CORE Coordinator*

Deadline for submissions to the March Newsletter: February 23, 2023

## Program

### February 2, 2023 – Beth Helfter, EvaPaige Quilt Designs - Virtual Oompah Accordion Sewn HSTs

Beth’s penchant for scraps and her need to use as many fabrics as possible in her quilts led her to develop the Accordion Sewn HSTs™ method of creating half square triangles that don't have a match and yet waste no fabric. Delving into the method further, she discovered "ordering" the accordions could lead to the creation of whole blocks and quilts from a single accordion.



### March 3, 2023 – Corey Ralph, Sew Manly Quilting - Virtual

Corey (B.Bus, E.Ed, MBA, RMT) found quilting in the fall of 2014 when he needed an outlet for his creative side. He was inspired after seeing his mother completed/built a pinwheel quilt with love and passion some years earlier.



### April 6, 2023 – Rose Parr - Physical Healthy Quilting

Rose Parr can relate and wants to be a pain-free quilter for as long as she possibly can. Her studies of wellness and ergonomics are integrated into her daily studio practice, and she shows us how to do it, too. What inspires you to create?

### 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.

*Paula Lee-Len, Former Program Convenor*

## Workshops

There are three **Zoom** workshops scheduled for the remainder of this year. They will all start at 10AM, and cost \$50:

### Saturday February 4, 2023, Beth Helfter - **Intro to Accordion Sewn HST'S (half square triangles)**



[www.evapaigequilts.com](http://www.evapaigequilts.com)

In this this 3-hour workshop, you will learn a new, and incredibly fun method of doing scrappy half square triangles. We will practice with fabric, and then complete a 14" block pictured at left.

*Ruthie's very excited about this class. It's a technique she's never heard of in her many years of quilting.*

### Saturday March 4th, 2023 Christina de Miranda - **Fundamentals of Foundation Paper Piecing - Lara's Hymn.**

[www.shipsandviolins.com](http://www.shipsandviolins.com)

"Cristina De Miranda has been crafting and creating since her early years watching Art Attack. A tactile world of colour, pattern, and design appeared before her when a colleague introduced her to quilting in 2018. Cristina quickly dusted off her sewing machine and dived into a plethora of designer fabrics. Today, she is totally and irreversibly immersed in a whimsical world called Ships & Violins.



The name Ships & Violins was inspired by a Pablo Neruda poem called "How much happens in a day" which celebrates the transient nature of life. Both ships and violins require exceptional craftsmanship to be successful in their purpose - a reminder to bring the same care and attention to her own craft every day.

Cristina is has proudly served on the Board of the Toronto Modern Quilt Guild.

She is based in Toronto, Canada, and works from her home studio where her husky-shepherd, Maia, keeps her company." <https://shipsandviolins.com/pages/about>



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

[www.quiltingintheloft.com](http://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 7th, 2023, Sharon Fisher

**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*

## Newsletter

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

*Sonja Vandermeer, Newsletter Convenor*

## Block of the Month

With the most challenging block, Dove at the Window, completed last month, we are moving into a much simpler block for February. In my opinion, it's the simplest block we'll be making for Summer Garden!

The February block is Snowball! This block uses larger pieces than many of the others we've made so far and introduces the stitch and flip method! It's very quick to put together so if you fell a little behind on your January blocks, you'll have some extra time in February to get caught up! I'll need that extra time myself since my January blocks aren't all completely finished just yet.

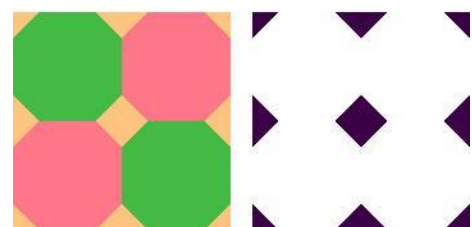
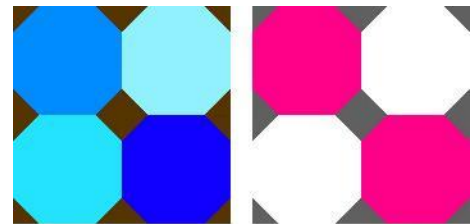
Following the virtual meeting on 02 February 2023, instructions for the Snowball block will be posted on the Block of the Month page of the guild website: <https://www.mississaugaquiltersguild.ca/block-of-the-month.html>.

If you have any questions or comments while making your blocks, please reach out to me, I'm happy to help! Send me an email or visit my blog: <https://vafibrearts.wixsite.com/vafibrearts>

And as I mentioned at the January meeting, I am looking for feedback on this year's BoM pattern; what you like about the blocks, instructions, etc., and what can be done better. Your feedback will help me to make next year's project even better!

Happy Quilting!

*Valerie Herrmann, Block of the Month Convener*





## 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

For new members, this is a great way to get to know others in the Guild. You can stitch away while visiting with other members.

Watch your email inbox for the new meeting Zoom links.



## Membership

Welcome Gail MacHaffie and Patricia Nazareth, the newest members of our guild. I have updated our membership list yet again and it should be posted in the Members Only section of the website. Our membership stands at 98 quilters.




Remember that our dues are pro-rated so if you know of anyone who wants to join for the second half of the year the fee is \$25.00 plus \$5.00 for a name tag. If anyone wants a new or replacement name tag at any time let me know and I can order one for you with a pin or magnet closure at a cost of \$5.00.

*Melanie Blake, Membership Convenor*

**Shop Hours:**  
Tuesday—Friday  
10-4


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### February's to do list:

- ✓ Consider making a quilt to donate to a local community organization through Core
- ✓ Start/continue this year's Block of the Month (BoM)
- ✓ Consider which MQG workshop(s) to register for
- ✓ Invite a friend or family member to be a guest at one of the MQG meetings this year
- ✓ Respond to the email from Valerie Herrmann, Block of the Month Convener, regarding next year's BoM
- ✓ Get in touch with the library convenors if there are books you would recommend the Guild purchases for the library
- ✓ Visit the MQG website <https://www.mississaugaquiltersguild.ca>.

## Canadian Quilters (CQA)

Check out the website for upcoming lectures. You can find the details about the lectures here: <https://canadianquilter.com/webinars/> . CQA members and non-members can purchase tickets online.


Carolina Oneto – The Power of Color Composition  
Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 7:00pm

David Owen Hastings – Indigo Dyeing in Japan  
Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 7:00pm

Sonja Vandermeer:

## 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! Thanks to Darlene Harvey for additions to the event list. Know of any other events – please let me know, Sonja Vandermeer.



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Dates	Location	Event
December to April on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 7:30pm	Online	<b>Pieceful Night Quilters' Guild</b> is offering hybrid/virtual meetings. Check out our 2022-2023 program line up here: <a href="https://www.pnqq.ca/program/">https://www.pnqq.ca/program/</a>
March 24 & 25, 2023 10am – 5pm	Neilson Park Creative Centre, Etobicoke M9C 1V7	<b>Quilt Fever</b> Etobicoke Quilters' Guild <a href="https://etobicokequiltersguild.com/quilt_show/">https://etobicokequiltersguild.com/quilt_show/</a> <i>Etobicoke Quilters' Guild Show and Sale features an amazing display of traditional to modern quilts and quilt art, daily draws, fabulous door prizes, Pick-to-Win, Members' Boutique, Café &amp; Merchant Mall. Admission \$10.00</i>
April 15 & 16, 2023	Newmarket Community Centre 200 Doug Duncan Drive Newmarket	<b>A Million Little Stitches Quilt Show 2023</b> Region of York Quilters Guild <a href="http://www.regionofyorkquiltersguild.ca/quilt-show/">http://www.regionofyorkquiltersguild.ca/quilt-show/</a>
April 20 -22, 2023	Pyramid Recreation Centre, 317 James Street South, St. Mary's ON	<b>Piecemakers Quilt Show</b> Huron Perth Quilters' Guild <a href="https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064659880775">https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064659880775</a>
April 29-30, 2023	Tiny Township Community Centre, Tiny Township, Ontario	<b>Reflections of Georgian Bay</b> Georgian Bay Quilters Guild <a href="https://gbqq.ca/gbqq-quilt-show/">https://gbqq.ca/gbqq-quilt-show/</a>
May 26 – 28, 2023	Canadian Lakehead Exhibition Thunder Bay, Ontario	<b>Superior Quilt Show,</b> Thunder Bay Quilters Guild, <a href="https://thunderbayquilters.org/">https://thunderbayquilters.org/</a>

Dates	Location	Event
May 26 – 27, 2023	Lindsay Curling Club 18 Peel St Lindsay, Ontario	<b>Quilted Treasures</b> Lindsay Creative Quilters Guild <a href="https://lindsaycqqg.com/quilt-show">https://lindsaycqqg.com/quilt-show</a>
June 2 – 3, 2023	Bracebridge	<b>Pinetree Quilters Guild of Muskoka</b> <a href="http://www.pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com/">http://www.pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com/</a>
June 2 – 4, 2023	Royal Kingston Curling Club 130 Days Road, Kingston, Ontario	<b>Quilts Kingston Show and Sale</b> Limestone QG / Kingston Heirloom Quilter <a href="http://quiltskingston.org/http://quiltskingston.org/">http://quiltskingston.org/http://quiltskingston.org/</a>
June 8 – 10, 2023	Halifax, Nova Scotia	<b>Quilt Canada 2023</b> <a href="https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2023/">https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2023/</a>
June 10 – 11, 2023	Alliston Curling Rink 52 Albert Street, W. Alliston, Ontario	<b>Stitching Among Friends</b> Quilting Corners Guild Stitching Among Friends <a href="http://www.agcquilt.edublogs.org">www.agcquilt.edublogs.org</a>
July 8 -- 9, 2023	Wellington & District Community Centre LeHigh Arena 111 Belleville Street Wellington, Ontario	<b>Quilt Show by the Prince Edward County Quilters' Guild</b> <a href="https://pecquilt.weebly.com/2023-quilt-show.html">https://pecquilt.weebly.com/2023-quilt-show.html</a>

## Mississauga Library – Handicraft Social

Handicraft Social is a free, drop-in program offered at a variety of branches. Each program is tailored to the leader's skill set – click on the [link](#) to learn about programs at all of the branches.

The sessions at Meadowvale focus on quilting, quilted items and fibre art. We pick topics for discussion as a group, discuss projects in process, show and share. There will be another session starting after March Break.

All skill levels are welcome, and everyone can contact me with questions at [Traceyann.Crawford@mississauga.ca](mailto:Traceyann.Crawford@mississauga.ca) or drop in to the Meadowvale branch.

### Handicraft Social Drop In Program 2023 [Meadowvale Library](#)

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- Jan 12, 2023 - Feb 16, 2023
- 2pm to 3:30pm
- Meadowvale Library - Program Room 1 or Youth Room

13 yrs +

Description:

*Drop in with your handicraft projects for a friendly, informal handicraft social. Bring your knit, crochet, quilting, sewing, fibre art, weaving or needlework project and supplies to socialize while you craft. Open to all skill levels.*

*At the January MQG executive meeting, Mary Beth Filegan shared her experience delivering Core quilts to various Mississauga agencies – “the need is great.” Please consider making and donating a quilt to Core.*