



Pieceful Pastimes

Mississauga Quilters Guild
May 2022

Next Meeting: Thursday May 5 in Person!
Following Meeting: Thursday June 2 via Zoom
Room opens at 7:00 pm
Meeting begins at 7:30 pm

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Message from the President

Hello all!!

As I look out my office window, I see beautiful pink buds on the tree in my front yard. I can't wait for the blooms to open! This is my favourite time of year when the colours of spring awaken.

April saw the Mississauga Quilters Guild reunited in person for the first time in 2 years. While it took a little while to sort out the microphone, it was a good meeting. The reduced seating allowed lots of space for members to distance. Our guest speaker, Nancy McCracken, delighted us with her beautiful collage works, and it was so nice to see Show and Share live.

We are pleased to bring you Robin Bogaert for our May in-person meeting. I truly believe you'll want to see her work up close and live! Her workshop, Ruler Quilting, will follow on May 7. There is space in the class, and space at the arena. Please contact Ruthie Snell to join.

MASKS WILL CONTINUE TO BE REQUIRED TO ATTEND OUR IN-PERSON MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS.

Our June meeting will have no guest speaker, as it is our Annual General Meeting. Please join us via Zoom.

Also, we are planning the following for the membership year to follow:

September will be via Zoom, watch for details of a fun Bee Night from the comfort of your home.

October, November, December will be in-person.

January, February, March will be via Zoom. This follows the lead of some other guilds who feel the unpredictable nature of winter weather made planning remote meetings a safer choice. This also allows us to bring you speakers from around the globe.

April and May will be in-person.

June may be via Zoom for the AGM, or in-person. It's too far away to determine how Covid-19 may still be affecting daily life.

URGENT!!!!

So, you can see that our program, and the workshops that usually follow, have been laid out for the year. Both our **Program** and **Workshop** coordinators must step down from their positions. The hard work is already done for these positions. We have an URGENT need for members to step up and join us on the Executive Committee. We are also in URGENT need of a new **Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Block-of-the-Month Coordinator, Librarian, and Website/Social Media**. I can't say URGENT enough, filling these positions has become beyond URGENT. Please come forward, you can contact Marlene Weaver for more information about each role.

URGENT!!!

Looking forward to seeing everyone in May. Many thanks and happy stitching!

Darlene Jenah, President

Community Outreach (Core)

Thank you to our Guild members for your continued support for CORE. This month we received several quilts, pillowcases, and placemats as well as some fabric donations. These will all go to good homes with our charity partners. We are supporting the kids who have come from Ukraine to Sick Kids Hospital for cancer treatment by donating some of our children's quilts to them. Your creation of wonderful quilts is benefitting people in our community.

The last CORE workshop of the year will be held on Wednesday, May 11 from 10 to 12:30 at Tomken Arena. All participants are required to wear masks. We look forward to seeing you at the CORE table at the next Guild meeting.

Wendy Yule, Kathy Chapman, Sandra Dunlop and Mary Beth Filegan CORE Coordinators

Nominating

As we slowly return to normal, we are all looking forward to getting our guild back to full tilt again and getting all our committees up and running. Many of our committee members have graciously stayed on in their positions longer than normal, to ensure continuity throughout the past two years. But now we will have some vacant spots ready to be filled with new, fresh faces. We are currently looking for people to step in for the following positions:

Secretary
Program
Workshop
Newsletter
Block of the Month
Website/Social Media
Library

Remember, you will be stepping into a role that is already well-established! You don't need to start from scratch. And, you will have the support of many previous committee members right behind you.

If you are wanting more info on any of these positions, please contact

Marlene Weaver

Block of the Month

Another year is coming to an end, and we are wrapping up the mystery quilt. Check the website. You will find the last instructions as well as pictures of Mary's and my quilt. You can tell Mary's as she has added an extra border. We both need to get our tops quilted. We hope you have enjoyed the process

Linda Ward and Mary Dodd, BOM Convenors

Program

Learn more about our speakers by pressing Ctrl+Click on their links below.

Despite the COVID-19 restrictions, I believe there were more positives in this 2021-2022 Guild year:

- Virtual meetings allowed us to bring Speakers from across Canada and the US
- We did not have to venture out in the cold at night
- We all had front row seats with our favourite drink and snack in hand

September 2021: Paul Leger's – Ottawa

October 2021- Dawn Hunt, Alberta

November 4, 2021 – Julia McLeod – California

December 2021 –Paul Leger – Ottawa; Marlene Weaver - Mississauga

January 2022: Kim Caskey – Edmonton

February 2022 - Jackie White – Ontario

March 2022 – Melissa Marginet – Manitoba

April 2022 - Nancy McCracken – Guelph; and

May 5, 2022 – Robin Bogart – Lecture/Trunk Show – Physical

Robin is a long arm quilter, owner, and creator of Quilting in the Loft. As a past owner of a quilt shop in Windsor, Ontario, she has years of valuable experience. Robin's roots in quilting are traditional, however she appreciates modern quilt design. Robin considers the focus of work to be professional quilting, teaching classes, designing, free motion quilting, ruler work and thread painting. www.quiltingintheloft.com

September 8, 2022 - Bee Night for CORE – Virtual

We hope you will participate in the comfort of your studio in a Bee-workshop on September 8, 2022. It is an opportunity to use some of your scraps and at the same time support our CORE. Prior to the meeting, a pattern along with the fabric requirements for one quilt block will be emailed to Members. If you are willing to part with your block, CORE will be happy to accept them. If you need fabrics for this project, please feel free to pick up some at the CORE table at the May 5th meeting or May 12th at Tomken Arena (CORE workshop) or check with Wendy Yule for alternatives. More details to follow.

Paula Lee-Len, Program Convenor

Workshops

Last workshop of the year!

May 7th, from 9:30 AM - 2PM.

Robin Bogaert teaching ruler quilting.

This is a way of making perfect shapes and straight lines, while doing free motion quilting.

Cost \$50.

E-mail Ruthie if interested.

Ruthie Snell and Elizabeth McDowell, Workshop Convenors

Newsletter

Have something for the newsletter? Please email articles, tips, ideas or suggestions to the guild email address

MississaugaQuiltersGuild@gmail.com

Deadline for June Newsletter: May 19, 2022

Deadline for future Newsletters:

September – August 18, 2022

Membership

It is finally spring, and that means it is time for membership renewal for the 2022-2023 MQG year. Attached here you will find the Membership Renewal Letter along with the membership renewal form. Please read the instructions carefully! As we move to in-person meetings there are three different ways to renew your membership, depending on whether you attend in person and whether I am at the meeting! These will also be posted on the website, where the form can be filled out electronically and your name typed in on the signature line.

Melanie Blake

Thank You!

Like many of you I have made many quilts. They are on our bed, our walls, chairs and couch. Just about everywhere. But the quilt that is used the most is not one I made. My husband was diagnosed with cancer last year and gifted a quilt from CORE. Most nights he can't stay comfortable in bed and ends up on the couch snuggled under the CORE quilt. Many a nap has been enjoyed with it. We want the guild members and especially those that have worked with CORE to know that they are truly appreciated. Thank you. Your quilt has been a great comfort.

LBW

Quilts of Valour

Recognition for Virginia Rothwell

Last month the Canadian Armed Forces presented a plaque to Virginia and David Rothwell for their many years of dedication to the Quilts of Valour. Virginia has been a member of our guild for many years, serving in various offices on the executive including President in addition to organizing a local group of Quilts of Valour. At a presentation at her home last month members of the Denison Armoury, Toronto presented a plaque in recognition of their efforts.

The plaque describes the goals of Quilts of Valour and how instrumental Virginia and her husband have been in organizing the local volunteers and ensuring that quilts are available to distribute by the Armoury.



Left to right: Rear: Lieutenant Commander Humphries, Lieutenant-Colonel (Ret) Zenon Myshevich, Lil Budden, David Rothwell, WO Sevan Mardisrossian, Chief WO Parris, Front: Virginia Rothwell, Shirley Hoad
Shirley Hoad



Comfy Cases

Mark your calendar and come out to join a fun day event with Comfy Cases! Volunteers from all over Southern Ontario will be coming together for a day of sewing pillowcases, with raffles and prizes to add to the fun.

It will be held at our very own **Tomken Arena** here in Mississauga, on **Sunday, May 15, 10**

am to 3pm.

We provide the fabric, you bring your sewing machine, and together let's whip up lots of happy pillowcases for Comfy Cases to distribute!

RSVP to Marlene Weaver

Marlene Weaver, Past President

Library

NO LIBRARY FOR THE REST OF THIS QUILT YEAR. Although we will start meeting again, in person, in April the library will remain closed.

There are several reasons for this decision. First, and most important, the inventory is not complete. For the first time in years, it has been possible to conduct a proper inventory which has uncovered some problems. If the books were to be put out in the usual manner it would be impossible to complete the inventory and rectify the problems. We have no volunteers at the present time and there is no guarantee we could get any for only three months. Our student volunteers would need to feel safe, as well as our members. Also, I could be on my own for the three months as Jane had eye surgery in March and will have it again in April.

We have thought of different ways to make it safe to choose and return books, but no solution comes without its problems. If we need room to keep our members safely distanced, then we may not even have room for library tables. Presently, only a small core of members makes use of the library. Therefore, for all the stated reasons the library will not be open this year. The hope is that the new librarians can open a library in excellent shape in September!

Diane McCullough Jane Crockford

CQA

Check out the website for upcoming lectures. You can find the list of lectures here:

<https://canadianquilter.com/webinars/> This month the speakers are Karen Brown and Mary Fons. Tickets are available on the CQA website.

This year's conference is a go. The workshop and lecture descriptions are on the website:

<https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2022/>

Also check out the challenges for Quilt Canada 2022. The kits for Trendtex Refresh Challenge are available for purchase now. There's a Rewire challenge for members and a Real Fun Youth Challenge for youth up to 19 years of age. Entries for this challenge need a CQA member to sponsor it. Finally, there is a Reaffirm challenge for member guild. This requires fabric colours to represent our province blue some red. The guild votes which challenge is their favorite and submits it. Details for all the challenges can be found here:

<https://canadianquilter.com/cqa-acc-quilt-challenges-2022/>

There is also a new(old) Quilt along for 2022. They are re-releasing the millennium Quilt each month over the course of this year. This was a quilt originally published in 1999. You can find all the details here:

<https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-alongs/> and the link to join the related facebook group.

If you have sponsored a youth challenge entry, please let us know so we can publish a list of these quilts. We have received information about one such entry and look forward to sharing the information with you once the links go live.

Other Possibilities

- There are two zoom sewing sessions for you to join each week. Wednesday evening starting at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon starting at 1:30. You can stitch away while visiting with other members
- You might enjoy this article by Haptic and Hue Tales of Textiles about the rediscovery of more than 400,000 quilts that were sent from Canada to Europe during WWII.
<https://hapticandhue.com/canadas-forgotten-quilts/>
- If you have a link to a tip, please send it to me for future issues.

Helen Anne Lemke, Newsletter Convenor

Social

Since we are asking that no refreshments be brought to the meeting, no recipe this month.




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Comfy Cases Sewing Event Day!
Everyone welcome for a fun day of
Sewing Pillowcases
and
Treats, Raffles and Prizes!

Sunday, May 15, 2022
Tomken Twin Arena
4495 Tomken Road
Mississauga
10am - 3pm

RSVP
Marlene Weaver
marlene.weaver@hotmail.com
416 806 6245

Upcoming Events

Please check the website for each event prior to attending for any changes.

Dates	Location	Event
May 15, 2022	Tomken Twin Rinks 4495 Tomken Rd Mississauga	Comfy Cases Sew Day
May 27 – 28, 2022	Mildmay-Carrick Recreation Complex 24 Vincent St., Mildmay ON	Making Memories Quilt Show New Millennium Quilters Guild Admission \$10 (Cash Only) https://newmillenniumquiltersguild.wordpress.com/quilt-show/
June 2 – 3, 2022	Ancaster Fair Grounds 630 Trinity Road South Jerseyville, ON L0R1R0	Hamilton Quilters Guild Show. http://hamiltonquiltguild.ca/show-quilts-in-bloom.html Admission \$10 Cash Only
June 16 – 18, 2022	Vancouver Convention Centre East	Quilt Canada2022
May 27, 2022		Trendtex Challenge Received by deadline for donation of quilt.
July 30 – 31, 2022	Morris Lawrence Building, Washtenaw Community College Ann Arbor, Michigan	Greater Ann Arbor Quilt Guild https://www.gaaqg.com/our-events/quilt-show/
September 30 – October 1, 2022	Best Western Brantford Conference Centre, 19 Holiday Drive, Brantford, Ontario	Once Upon a Quilt 2022 Featured Artist: Judy Taylor Brant Heritage Quilters Guild Show https://www.brantheritagequiltersguild.com
November 11 – 12, 2022	Toronto Botanical Garden	A Celebration of Quilts XIV York Heritage Quilters Guild https://yhqg.org/quilt-show/
April 15 & 16, 2023	Newmarket Community Centre 200 Doug Duncan Drive Newmarket	A Million Little Stitches Quilt Show 2023 Region of York Quilters Guild http://www.regionofyorkquiltersguild.ca/quilt-show/
June 8 – 10, 2023	Halifax, Nova Scotia	Quilt Canada 2023



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