



# Pieceful Pastimes

Mississauga Quilters Guild  
September 2022

**Next Meeting: Thursday September 8 via Zoom**

**Following Meeting: Thursday Oct 6 at Tomken Twin Arena**

**Room opens at 7:00 pm**

**Meeting begins at 7:30 pm**

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## Message from the President

Greetings

I hope everyone had a productive summer and you're ready to start the new season. We are looking forward to seeing everyone, so if you haven't done so already, please renew your membership.

I would like to welcome Melissa MacInnes as our new secretary, Valerie Herrmann as our new Block of the Month coordinator and Sonja Vandermeer as our Newsletter coordinator. We still need volunteers for Program, Workshop and Library.

Also, we are looking for a Social Media Coordinator! If you are fluent in Facebook and Instagram, we need you. This would be a great opportunity to bring a fresh face to the guild, please let me know if you are interested in this position.

We are also looking for a couple of volunteers to organize the in-person December social meeting. We don't have a speaker, and would like this to be a fun social gathering.

The September meeting is virtual, and Paula has planned a virtual sewing bee. We will be sewing the disappearing hourglass blocks and donating them to CORE. Please read Paula's instructions and be ready at your machine, with your 10 inch squares on September 8.

Valerie Herrmann has done a lot of work organizing the Block of the Month, please look for her instructions for a great new project. We would like everyone to bring the last season's Block of the Month to the October 6th meeting.

Darlene Jenah will be handling the show and share for the virtual meetings, please send your submissions to the [mississaugaquiltersguild@gmail.com](mailto:mississaugaquiltersguild@gmail.com).

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





**MQG 45th Anniversary Gala - SAVE THE DATE!**  
*Please mark your calendars for Thursday, November 2, 2023*

Credit Valley Golf and Country Club, Mississauga  
 Dinner! Music! Prizes! And best of all - YOU!

Much more information to come, keep your eyes on the newsletter!

*Darlene Jenah, 45th Anniversary Gala Coordinator*

As everyone probably remembers, we were mere weeks away from our May 2020 Quilt Show when the pandemic forced us to put those plans on hold. Since then, we have had some key show committee members step away, for personal reasons. I myself may not be able to pick the torch back up and run with it, based on my current job's workload.



With this in mind, we have 2 things that need to be dealt with sooner than later. We have well over 100 Mini Quilts that were donated for auction during the show. Also collected and being stored at a member's house are all the goods for the Member's Boutique. I am looking for volunteers to help figure out where to go from here.

Many thanks in advance

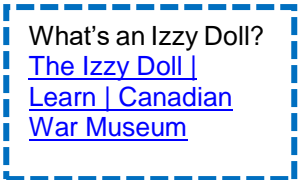
*Darlene Jenah, 2020 Quilt Show Convenor*

**Community Outreach (Core)**

For the benefit of our new members, we thought we would explain what the CORE Group does. We would like to emphasize that the group is open to all members and we appreciate the donations and help from those who participate.

Part of the Mississauga Quilt Guild Constitution states that the Guild is to contribute to the community by way of charitable donations. The City provides us with meeting space at a special rate because of the contributions we make to a variety of local charities.

Due to the pandemic, some of our previous charities are now not taking donations. Currently, we make deliveries of quilts to the Salvation Army, Hospice of Peel, Children's Aid Society, Peel Family Shelter and Breakfast with Santa Layette Program. We provide placemats to Meals on Wheels, and knitted Izzy dolls to accompany the children's quilts. Last year, the Salvation Army asked us for teen pillowcases which they distribute at Christmas to teens in shelters.



The CORE group meets on the Wednesday following the Guild meeting, at the Tomken Arena from 10AM to 1:30PM. During this time, batting for quilts is cut and fabric from donations is available to pick up. Patterns and backing fabric can also be obtained. Placemat kits have been assembled for an easy make-and-take project, or bring your machine and work on one while you catch up with your fellow Guild members. It's also a great opportunity to pin your quilts while the big tables are set up. Pins only please. Basting spray is not allowed. Bring your lunch and be prepared for some social chat while you get some quilt preparation done.

During our in-person meetings, we have a table with quilts that have been made for us, and you can help us build up our supply for the fall deliveries. Our challenge for the fall is for each member to bring us at least 1 placemat either at the October or November meeting. One side of the placemat is usually winter/seasonal and the other side more of a spring design. Please keep in mind while picking fabric, that there are also men who receive them. We would love to collect 300 placemats for this year.

*MaryBeth Filegan, CORE Coordinator*

## Program



### 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 check with the CORE convenors to see if you can get some fabrics from them prior to the meeting.

### October 6, 2022 – Sharon Fisher, Gardening Mum Quilts - Physical Focus on wool applique and stitch

Sharon combines her love of texture and colour with traditional, primitive and whimsical themes. She uses embellishments to enrich basic designs, therefore creating a niche for herself as a teacher sharing her skills and passions with others. Sharon considers herself a life-long learner, enhancing her skills and knowledge through various forms.

### November 3, 2022 –Breanna Gaudaur, Rose & Ivy Quilts - Physical A Modern Trunk Show

Enjoy a fresh look at quilting through the eyes of a passionate 26-year-old. Be inspired by a multitude of exciting new patterns and colour ideas.

### December 1, 2022 – To be determined

### January 5, 2023 – Joanna Dermenjian - Virtual Canada's Forgotten Wartime Quilts

Did you know that Canadian quilters made over 400,000 quilts in World War 2 for families in Europe? The story of the quilters and these quilts are at risk of being lost to history. However, Joanna Dermenjian of Suture and Selvedge is an independent researcher who is working towards rediscovering the truth behind the Canadian women. Joanna will be talking about her research and the important contribution these women had to world history.

### February 3, 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 – To be determined – Virtual

### 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*

## Block of the Month

Block of the Month is a quilt along program that I've loved participating in every year that I've been a member of this guild!

Every month, instructions for a new block are released on the guild website. Participants follow along, making one block at a time, and when the guild year ends in June, everyone will have made a completed quilt top!

I love seeing each member's unique quilt come together; the choices they make regarding colour selection and block placement effect the final look of the quilt so much so that the end result may appear to be that of a totally different pattern!

I hope that all of our members, both new and returning, will consider joining me in making this year's BoM project: Summer Garden!

This quilt was designed following advice sent in by members over the past summer; mixing elements of traditional and modern quilt styles, use of simple and beginner friendly blocks, a scrap friendly design, and can be made in a variety of sizes.

For a first look at this year's BoM project, tune in to our first virtual guild meeting of the year on 08 September! Fabric requirements for the quilt will be posted to the website following that meeting.

Happy Quilting!

*Valerie Herrmann, Block of the Month 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*

Deadline for October Newsletter:

September 19, 2022

## Membership

The 2022-2023 Membership Drive is well underway. To date I have welcomed 9 new members to the MQG with a detailed letter explaining the ins and outs of our meetings. I also welcomed back 2 former members, Pat Edwards and Wiesia Radzik. As of Aug 31, this still leaves 26 members from last year who have not renewed. I have sent reminder letters to all of them. Because our September meeting is on Zoom I've asked them to renew via email or snail mail. Please encourage your friends to do so ASAP so they don't miss out on our exciting upcoming quilting year.

*Melanie Blake, Membership Convenor*

Thanks to **Virginia Rothwell** for passing along this inspiring read! Here is an article that mirrors what our wonderful ladies do with the Comfort Quilt Programme.  
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/canadian-quilters-for-london-ontario-women-exiting-homelessness-1.6547188>

## Workshops

All of the 2022-3 workshops will be virtual and delivered using Zoom.

Start Time: 10AM

Cost: \$50.00 per workshop

To sign up for one or more workshops, please contact Ruthie Snell.

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.



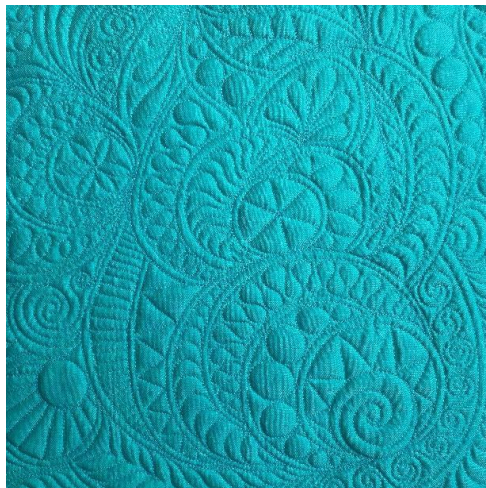
Closer to the date, the Zoom meeting link will be shared with participants. You will also receive a list of what you need to have on hand for the class. No need to lug your sewing machine for these Zoom classes!

Saturday November 5th: 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!



Friday January 6th,  
Christina Cameli - **Free Motion Compositions**

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

Saturday January 7th,  
Cristina Cameli - **Scrappy Quarter Cabins**

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

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

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



In this three-hour workshop, you will learn the basics of Accordion Sewn HSTs™, the innovative and incredibly fun method of making HSTs invented by Beth Helfter of EvaPaige Quilt Designs. We will practice with fabric scraps, then create a quilt block.

**From Beth: Why take the Intro to Accordion Sewn HSTs™ Workshop?**

The Accordion Sewn HSTs™ method came to me almost in a fever dream, and since then I've been on a mission to bring it to groups everywhere, showing the cool things it can do, from scrappy to ordered accordions that create a block practically in one fell swoop. In this class, you will learn the basic technique, and apply it to an ordered accordion block. We will take it one step further and learn Accordion Sewn QSTs™ too! So much fun!

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

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



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*Ruthie Snell, Workshop Convenor*

## Retreat

2023 Mississauga Quilters' Guild Retreat

at [Elm Hurst Inn & Spa](#)

Thursday 23 February – Sunday 26 February

This is a marvelous opportunity to carouse with fellow quilters in a hassle free environment.

- ✓ You can lie in until midday or rise at 5 to quilt. It's your time.
- ✓ Relax with a treatment at the Spa; I can recommend a hot stones massage.
- ✓ Go to various quilt shops in Ingersol, Tillsonberg, Woodstock or London (they are relatively nearby compared to Mississauga)
- ✓ No cooking required, excellent meals provided by the Inn.

- ✓ Of prime interest is the support, advice and ideas you gather from other quilters. I have always learned something more about methods, colour usage and many tidbits from the retreats I have attended.

Register now to reserve your spot

*Pam Sawyer*

## Canadian Quilters (CQA)

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

Naila Janzen -- **Choosing Abundance**  
Wednesday, September 14, 2022, 7:00pm

Celeste Compion -- **Cotton, Colonies and Culture: The Social Justice Story of Shweshwe**  
Saturday, September 17, 2022, 3:00pm

You can start planning now for the 2023 conference, June 7 to 10, 2023 in Halifax, Nova Scotia. For more information: <https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2023/>

There is also a new (old) Quilt along for 2022 and it's not too late to join. 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.

The Guild was well represented in the JN Harper 2022 Youth Challenge Barb Kemp's granddaughter Portia submitted her quilt, Space Dino, to the 10 - 14-year-old category. Heather Black's granddaughter also had a piece, Butterfly Garden, in the same category. Jane Sanders sponsored Adelaide Luckhart Dutfield in the 5 - 9 year old group. Her piece is called Funest Time Ever.

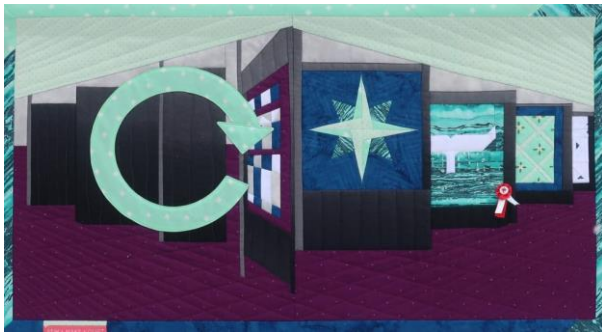
It's great to see young people interested in quilting. The prizes last year were impressive. If you have young quilters in your life, you might want to encourage them to enter the 2023 challenge. When available, details will be posted to the CQA website: <https://canadianquilter.com/>. Until then, check out the wonderful work of our young Canadian quilters: <https://canadianquilter.com/2022-youth-challenge-gallery/>.

I was honoured to win second place in the traditional quilt category at the National Juried Show for my quilt, *Canada: Our Favourite Things* (right). This quilt has also been selected for the 'Best of Canadian Quilts' exhibit at 'The New England Quilt Museum' in Lowell, Massachusetts.

The original design was inspired after I took a math workshop with the MQG – examples from the Farmer's Wife Sampler quilt inspired me to make a quilt with Canadian blocks – can you identify all 47 images? Prizes to the first 3 people who email me their lists – you might need to zoom in on your computer







I was very surprised when my Trendtex Challenge Quilt, 2020-21 *You Need to Refresh Your Screen*, was awarded second place.

All of the entries for this challenge can be viewed online: <https://canadianquilter.com/2022-trendtex-challenge/>  
 This Challenge is a fund raiser for the CQA/ACC.  
 It's always interesting to see what a group of quilters can do with a theme and the same five fabrics. I was thinking about our postponed quilt show when I was brainstorming what to create.

Please don't hesitate to share your quilting stories for inclusion in our MQG newsletter – it's always nice to hear what other quilters are up to!

Sonja Vandermeer

### Other Possibilities

- There are now three zoom sewing sessions for you to join each week. Wednesday evening starting at 6:30 and Tuesday and Thursday afternoon starting at 1:30. You can stitch away while visiting with other members. (Note: New session being added on Tuesdays)

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<https://www.nationalsewingmonth.org/>

## 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!

Dates	Location	Event
Sept 17 – Oct 14	Queen Elizabeth Park Community and Cultural Centre 2302 Bridge Road, Oakville, ON	<b>Hanging by a Thread</b> Oakville Fibre Artists (See below for more details)
September 30 – October 1, 2022	Best Western Brantford Conference Centre, 19 Holiday Drive, Brantford, Ontario	<b>Once Upon a Quilt 2022</b> Featured Artist: Judy Taylor Brant Heritage Quilters Guild Show <a href="https://www.brantheritagequiltersguild.com">https://www.brantheritagequiltersguild.com</a>
November 11 – 12, 2022	Toronto Botanical Garden	<b>A Celebration of Quilts XIV</b> York Heritage Quilters Guild <a href="https://yhqg.org/quilt-show/">https://yhqg.org/quilt-show/</a> (See below for more details)
December to April on the 2nd Wed of the month at 7:30pm	Online	 <b>Pieceful Night QG</b> is offering hybrid/virtual meetings. Check out our 2022-2023 program line up here: <a href="https://www.pnqg.ca/program/">https://www.pnqg.ca/program/</a>
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>
June 2 – 3 2023	Bracebridge	<b>Pinetree Quilters Guild of Muskoka</b> <a href="http://www.pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com/">http://www.pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com/</a>
June 8 – 10, 2023	Halifax, Nova Scotia	<b>Quilt Canada 2023</b>

**If You Enjoy Art Shows**  
see  
**Hanging By A Thread**



over 100 art pieces  
by 25 fibre artists, in diverse mediums  
4th bi-annual show

**Oakville Fibre Artists**  
September 17 to October 14, 2022

Monday - Friday 12 - 7 p.m.  
Saturday & Sunday 12 - 5 p.m.

Queen Elizabeth Park Community and Cultural Centre  
2302 Bridge Road, Oakville, ON

Accessible Free Admission and Parking

York Heritage Quilters Guild  
*presents*

**A Celebration  
of Quilts XIV**

November 11 & 12, 2022

Toronto Botanical Garden  
777 Lawrence Ave. East  
Toronto, ON

[yhqg.org/quilt-show](http://yhqg.org/quilt-show)

**Admission: \$10**

In addition to the quilts on display we will have:

- Vendor marketplace (15+ vendors)
- Quilts and quilt-related items (made by members) in our Gift Shop
- Delicious refreshments at the café
- Toonie sale - each \$2 ticket = a bid on a fabulous sewing-related item
- Featured Artists - each day our members will offer dynamic presentations focusing on a variety of topics

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