

# Mini Newsletter June 20

Hello everyone!

Holy cow, 2020 is a year for the books! In January the only thing that was in short supply was sunshine! In March we all faced a toilet paper shortage and in April it was elastic. At our home, the planned backyard reno was held up for a few days because of a lumber shortage and a pretty limited supply of patio furniture. Our next door neighbour can't find a small wading pool. And I've heard that there are no basic model sewing machines to be had in the country (and if you know of one in the Ottawa area please let me know; my niece is looking for one). Thank heaven between my collection of UFOs and requests for face masks, placemats and a couple of quilts, I have lots to keep me busy. I hope you find something interesting in this newsletter to inspire you.

## Question from the Executive and Contest Opportunity

As noted in earlier newsletters, the Executive Committee continues to plan for speakers at meetings and workshops for the 2020-21 year. We are not sure if we will be able to hold in person workshops but there may be opportunities to book online classes using Zoom. We would like feedback from members about this new format. Members who respond to the following question by July 11 will be entered into a draw!

***Would you be interested in workshops offered using Zoom?***

***Please provide any comments that you think would be helpful for us to consider.***

## Guild Business Items

**Membership Renewal:** Thanks to everyone who sent in membership renewals! We are now at 46% of members renewed! The membership form is attached or can also be downloaded from the guild [website](#). Current members, regardless of whether you have renewed or not, and any new members will receive mini newsletters over the summer. The winner of the final membership renewal draw will be announced in the next mini newsletter.

**Program:** Change of plans for the September 10 meeting program! Our speaker will be Brandy Maslowski, a serial quilter and fibre artist from BC who loves humans, hiking and tea. She brings more joy and less 'overwhelm' to quilters as a speaker, teacher and worldwide traveller. [Check out her website](#), Instagram or facebook page and consider [signing up for her newsletter](#). The presentation by Mary Dodd and Linda Ward will be offered later in the year.

**Workshops:** The workshop with Paul Leger "More Patchwork Illusions" is booked at the Tomken Arena for Saturday September 26. [Check out Paul's website](#) for more information and contact Ruthie Snell to register. This workshop will proceed consistent with all public health guidelines to ensure the safety of everyone. Watch for updates on the website and in future mini newsletters.

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## Changes to the Quilt Shop Experience

First the shops were shuttered. Then lots of shops built up their online presence. There was curbside pick-up or courier delivery options. Now shops are starting to open their doors with booked appointments and drop in visits and new ways to order fabric online!

### Updates from our Quilt Shop Advertisers

Our newsletter advertisers showed incredible creativity and adaptability over the past few months. Because of social distancing and cleaning requirements and all the stuff that goes with managing a business during a pandemic, please be patient while waiting for responses to phone calls or email questions and confirmation of orders and deliveries. Please support our advertisers. Here are some updates and you can check their websites for more info:

- [Quilted Memories](#) – Michelle is taking appointments by phone or email for in person shopping (20 minutes). Face masks and social distancing required for shopping. Both front door drop off and pick-up remain an option. Longarm quilting available with in-person or online consultation.
- [Country Concessions](#) – Cynthia has opened the store both by appointment and drop in. Porch pick-up and mail delivery also available. The store is part of the 1 2 3 Online Shopping Spree that starts later this week (see story at the end of the newsletter).
- [Country Clothesline](#) – Sylvia is opening the store beginning on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Face masks required and limited number of customers in the shop.
- [Fabric Spark](#) – Daryl has not yet opened the shop but online and curbside pick-up is available. If you sign up for the newsletter you get a 10% off discount code for your first purchase.
- [The Quilt Store](#) (Newmarket and Burlington) – Clodagh has not reopened either storefront at this time but online shopping with mail or curbside pickup is available. Machine repairs and long arm quilting are also available. Please call ahead to confirm drop-off.
- [The Quilt Place](#) – Heather has opened the shop by appointment only. Face mask required. Washroom is not available. Porch pick up and mail options available.
- [Cherished Pieces](#) – Who plans to move their quilt shop during a pandemic? Cynthia did just that. They didn't go far, just across the street. The shop is open and porch pickup and mail delivery are also available. Masks optional. And the washroom is available (important to know on road trips)!
- [Village Square Quilt Shop](#) – “The best laid plans often go awry” especially in a pandemic. While the storefront closed, plans to move to the west coast are on hold. The online shop continues with the same website address but the shop has a new name – Village Clothworks. Long-arm quilting available.

### New Options for Online Fabric Shopping

Earlier this month, [TrendTex](#), the leading fabric wholesaler in Canada, announced a partnership with quilt shops across the country. If you can't find a particular fabric or colour or design at your favourite quilt shop, you can check out TrendTex online

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warehouse to hopefully find just what you are looking for. Canadian prices, low shipping fees and a vast inventory of fabrics from Moda, Hoffman, RJR, Stof, Benartex, Michael Miller and Lewis & Irene among others. You need to enter a special code from a participating shop; so check the website or newsletters from your “go-to” shops. I have heard that the website filters are limited but no doubt that challenge will be addressed shortly. evolve over time.

## News from Cotton Mill Threadworks

Earlier this month, Anita Zobens of Cotton Mill Treadworks announced she was closing and that [Kawartha Sewing and Quilting](#) would be the new distributors of Superior Threads. Anita was a fixture at local quilt shows and spoke at the Guild several times. Her open thread bar workshop was an adventure in using thread. All the best to Anita and John.

## Cases for Smiles

Marlene Weaver has fabric and kits ready to be sewn into pillow cases. If you are interested, contact Weaver to arrange for her to drop off packages. Trillium Health Partners was thrilled with the first batch of 65 pillowcases and sends a huge thank you to all the pillowcase makers, they look amazing! Congratulations to Sandra Dunlop who made the most pillow cases this year. Enjoy your prize!



## Fun Stuff

**Go Behind the Scenes** - Have you ever wondered what it's like inside the walls of a fabric company? This video of Hoffman California is really interesting and informative. [Click here](#) to watch.

**Fashion Forward** - Thanks to Traceyann Crawford for sending this link. Since we can't go to London or Kyoto, this link will take you to the *Kimono: Kyoto to Catwalk* exhibit at the Victoria and Albert Museum (an amazing place if you are ever in London – plan on spending a couple of days). There are 5 videos in total – [click here](#) to watch.

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## Canada 1-2-3 Shopping Spree

Nine shops have teamed up for a uniquely Canadian shopping event. [Click here](#) for more information. Each day 3 stores will release a demo video with announcements of special sales that expire at midnight each day. There are also word puzzle challenges, lots of projects to inspire you and prizes galore!

## Looking for a Road Trip?

Hills and Valleys Quilt Shop Tour: The pandemic created some bumps in the road but this popular spring shop now has morphed into something new and exciting. How about an 8 week shop hop you can do in person or virtually! Shipping and contactless pickup available. Great prizes too!



The graphic features a stylized landscape with rolling green hills and a blue sky. A green spiral path winds through the hills. On the path, there are three colorful houses: a purple one, a pink one, and a yellow one labeled 'Quilt Shop'. A quilt square is also visible. The text 'Hills and Valleys Quilt Shop Tour' is written in a decorative font across the hills.

**Quilt Shop Tour**  
July 6 -  
August 29, 2020

5 Quilt Shops,  
8 Weeks,  
Lots of fun!

For more info, visit <https://quiltshoptour.wixsite.com/hillsandvalleys>

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The logos include: 'Colours @ Cancer' with a person icon, 'COUNTRY CONCESSIONS Quilt Shop' with a colorful 'Q', 'Creemore House of Stitches' with a sewing machine icon, a '10' anniversary seal for '2009-2019', and 'Threads That Bind' with a spool of thread icon.

## Quilters/Crafters Garage Sale – July 3rd and 4th

We were asked to share this information about an upcoming garage sale. Rosanne Lomas is helping out the husband of a friend whose wife passed away last fall. The friend was a mad quilter, knitter and cross-stitcher and as a result, the contents of a craft room and two storage units are being offered at a garage sale this coming weekend.

The sale includes 100 yards of quilting cotton fabric, fat quarters, patterns and books along with balls of knitting yarn, knitting needles and crochet hooks and cross stitch patterns, kits and fabric to count that are too many to count. Rosanne's double car garage is full!

- Location: 1350 Edgeware Rd., Oakville, south off Upper Middle Rd. onto Grand Blvd. To Fleetwood and Edgeware.
- Dates: Friday July 3<sup>rd</sup> from 10:00 – 2:00 and again Saturday July 4<sup>th</sup> 8:00 – 1:00.
- Safety: Please wear a face covering. Hand sanitizer available.
- Payment: Cash or cheque.