

Pieceful Pastimes

Mississauga Quilters Guild June 2023

Next Meeting: JUNE 1, 2023, at 7:30 PM
Annual General Meeting -- This meeting will be in person; your attendance is important!
Huron Park Recreation Centre

Room opens at 7:00 pm Meeting begins at 7:30 pm

Message from the President Greetings

June 1st is the start of Meteorological summer, and we are ending our Guild year with our Annual General Meeting at Huron Park Community Centre. Doors open at 7.00 pm and the meeting starts at 7:30. During the meeting we will be voting on the proposal to increase membership fees for the 2024-2025 season from \$45.00 to \$55.00 per year. New members will pay an extra \$10.00 for their name badge.

We will have goodies at break, unfortunately we cannot provide tea or coffee, so bring a water bottle. We will also have an extended Show and Share, I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.

Our upcoming year will consist of Zoom meetings in January, February and March, and in-person meetings for the other months starting in September at Tomken Arena, provided the renovations are completed by August 31. If September 7th meeting cannot be held at Tomken Arena, I will send out an email at the end of August.

REMINDER: We need to fill vacancies on the executive. The vacant positions are: Vice-President, Treasurer, Program, Workshop, Website and Social Committee. Please step up and fill these positions.

The present executive has started making plans for next year. We have a lot of ideas, and we welcome any new ones, so join us and add your voice to the mix.

Over the summer, especially on the rainy days, please keep yourself busy by making quilts for CORE, placemats for Meals on Wheels and Comfy Cases pillowcases. We will be continuing the Sew & Chat sessions on Tuesday and Thursday Afternoons, and Monday (starting July 1) and Wednesday Evenings.

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June Meeting Reminders:

- Your 2023-24 Membership Renewal Form and payment, if you haven't renewed yet
- Your name tag
- □ Your mask
- □ Items for Show and Share
- Cash or cheque for your Anniversary dinner ticket, if you haven't already got yours
- Money (in small denominations) to purchase books or magazines surplus to the MQG Library
- Donations for CORE
- Pick up pillowcase and placemat kits
- Pick up the library books you preordered
- Return library books
- Your completed BOM quilt top (aka "flimsy")
- Sign up for the MQG mentoring opportunity (see page 2 for info)

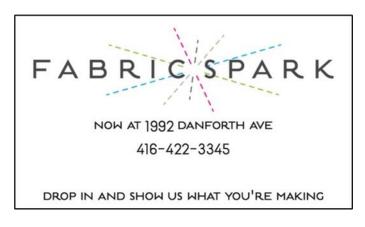


Mentoring Opportunity

A few of our newer members have asked me about some way in which they can get 1:1 or hands-on quilting assistance. I am setting up a mentoring opportunity. Anyone who is seeking this kind of connection can sign up on June 1 at the meeting or contact me directly. Similarly, I am seeking volunteers from our more experienced members to sign up as a mentor. I will try to match people who live fairly close together. Mentorship can be via phone or Facebook or Zoom or in person if you are so inclined.

Questions?

Melanie Blake, Membership Convenor





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 has not come to reality but there is still time for you to make it happen.

As it's been mentioned many times in the past many months, without members filling these key roles, our Guild is at risk of collapse.

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

- Vice President
- Treasurer
- Membership Convenor
- Program Convenor
- Workshop Convenor
- Website and Social Media
- Social Committee

These are all important roles that are essential to a guild that provide members with inspiration and education. All of these roles can be learned "on the job" as long as you bring enthusiasm and interest.

Consider taking on one of these roles or encourage a fellow member to!

Contact us or the members currently doing these roles for more information:

Mississaugaguiltersquild@gmail.com

All of the Job Descriptions can be found on the Guild's website for your reference. We need members to keep our Guild vibrant and active.

Darlene Jenah Past President

MQG 45th Anniversary Gala – TICKETS CONTINUE TO BE ON SALE, RESERVE YOUR PLACE NOW!

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 are on sale now! Payment can be made in person by cheque or cash, or by email through etransfer.

Please direct inquiries to:
mississaugaquiltersquild@gmail.com



Darlene Jenah, 45th Anniversary Gala Coordinator

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News from the Library Convenors

The last of the new books have arrived and have been updated on our book list. I will bring them, along with any requests, and/or subjects that may be brought up in the week ahead. Please return your borrowed books and remember, there will be more for you to peruse. We will also have a few books and magazines available to purchase. An itemized list by Author, and by our new organized system will be made available to all on the website. Please look at it and let me know which books you want me to bring to the June meeting. Thank you.



Darlene Harvey and Penka Stoyanova Library Convenors

News from the CORE team



We would like to thank everyone for all the support this year. We raised \$486 on the sale tables, which has been deposited into general funds of the guild. We hope everyone found some great treasures! The donation numbers show us that many of you see the importance of these community deliveries.

We would like to especially thank Michelle, Patrick and Kathy for providing long arm quilting for some of our quilts. This is very much appreciated!

We are currently sorting out a large fabric donation from Northcott fabrics. There will be some great kits being assembled at the fall CORE workshops. Please remember that all are welcome to attend the workshops, they take place on the Wednesday following the monthly meeting, once we are back to Tomken arena. The dates will be provided in the newsletter each month.

Our team was happy to learn that <u>Armagh transition house</u> is once again taking donations. During the pandemic, they were only taking monetary donations, but are now back to accepting quilts for the mothers and children who live there before finding their own accommodation. Sandra and I were happy to deliver 11 adult quilts and 18 children's quilts, which were handed out on Mother's Day. What a great way to celebrate this special day.

Our June table will have examples of pillowcase assembly, as well as pillowcase and placemat kits. Please consider taking some home to work on over the summer. We will also be presenting a block challenge for the summer, with blocks being brought to us in September for quilt assembling. The block is fun and scrap friendly. The pattern will be on the website the day after the meeting.

Enjoy a happy, sewing summer!

See you soon,

Mary Beth, Sandra, Wendy and Kathy

Mary Beth Filegan, CORE Coordinator



2022-23 Program

JUNE 1, 2023 -- NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - Physical

Huron Park Recreation Centre

This meeting will be in person, your attendance is important!

2023-24 Program

Thanks to Paula Lee-Lin, our past Program Convenor, for setting up the excellent speakers and quilting demonstrations we have enjoyed this past year. Because we did not (and still don't) have a Program Convenor I took it upon myself during the months of January through March to see what I might arrange, with the Executive's support and input. We have talked about having one or two Quilting Bee days, where people can bring their own projects and share their challenges and triumphs. Sessions to support CORE and our community commitments are other thoughts. If you have any other ideas for speakers, etc. I would be happy to gather them. This is what has been booked so far.

September 7, 2023 -- Sue Sherman - In Person Trunk Show

Sue Sherman will be presenting a Trunk Show consisting of a mix of her earlier quilts and her current passion of realistic animal quilts. Visit her website: https://sueshermanquilts.com/

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 3 of the newsletter for details and cost.

December 7, 2023 -- Our Christmas Social -- In Person

This meeting will include some technique demonstrations and provide some great learning opportunities along with some gaiety for the holiday season. 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

Melanie Blake, Interim Program Convenor

Workshops

You can register for the first of the 2023-24 MQG workshops. This workshop will all start at 10AM, and cost \$50:

Saturday, October 14th, 2023, Sharon Fisher This workshop will be in person!

The Gardening Mum Quilts' website (https://gardeningmumquilts.com/where-it-all-began/) shares Sharon's quilting journey – including selling her and her husband's motorcycles to pay for an embroidery sewing machine.

The website says this about their "Crafty Founder", "From ultra-modern to centuries-old hand methods, our founder has embraced them all, but her heart and major passion is and always will be with primitive style hand embellishment and the traditional and modern look this achieves." Check out the website for samples of Sharon's work.

When people sign up, Ruthie will ask which one of the following three workshop they want:

- 1. "Basic Wool Appliqué"
- "Embellishing Stitches" OR
- 3. "Beading your Wool Appliqué"

To sign up for this workshop, 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, you will receive a list of what you need to have on hand for the class.



Ruthie Snell, Workshop Convenor

Membership

Welcome Connie Kim, our newest member of MQG!

Our membership drive is on from now until June 30. Those members who renewed their membership by our May 4 meeting are eligible for a free membership. That draw will take place at our June meeting. Those people who join by or at our June 1 meeting are eligible for the next draw which, hopefully, will also take place on June 1. Anyone joining between now and June 30 are eligible for the third and final draw. If you procrastinate renewing your membership you will no longer qualify, so get those membership renewals in!

This is the time to encourage friends and family to join too so they get the benefits of a full quilting year, not to mention the opportunity to celebrate at our 45th Anniversary Dinner at the Member's rate.

Melanie Blake, Membership Convenor

Block of the Month



Thank you so much to everyone who participated in this year's Block of the Month quilt along; Summer Garden! It has been such a joy to see your quilts come together over the past guild year and I can't wait to see the finished products!

I would like to ask that anyone with a completed quilt top please bring it to show and share at the next meeting on 01 June at Huron Park. It will be so much fun to see how each of your unique colour choices and block placements have effected the final look of your quilts!

For those of you who are still working on your quilts, the instructions will remain available on the block of the month page of the guild website.

https://www.mississaugaquiltersguild.ca/block-of-the-month.html

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns over the summer, I'm always happy to offer help! Happy Quilting!

Valerie Herrmann, Block of the Month Convener

BoM webpage link:

https://www.mississaugaquiltersguild.ca/block-of-themonth.html

Newsletter

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

MississaugaQuiltersGuild@gmail.com (please include MQG

Newsletter in the subject so it doesn't get lost). Thanks.

Canadian Quilters (CQA)

CQA is counting down to June 8 – 10, 2023 Quilt Canada in Halifax, Nova Scotia. https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2023/. Please let me know if you have had a quilt selected for the show, or if you have sponsored a junior quilter. Other news from CQA:

- The list of quilters who have had a piece selected for Quilt Canada 2023 is online – a number of familiar names – both previous and upcoming MQG presenters and workshop leaders
- Part 3 of Sustainable Quilting is available
 https://canadianquilter.com/sustainable-quilting-part-three/

 An inspiring read in terms of how some quilters are focusing on sustainability in their practice.

Sonja Vandermeer Newsletter Convenor

June's to do list:

- Renew your membership
- Download the CORE stash-friendly block pattern from the website and make a few blocks to donate in September
- 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
- ✓ Finish this year's Block of the Month (BoM)
- 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

Sew and Chat

Effective July 1, we will be adding another Sew and Chat Zoom session, for a total of 4 opportunities per week.

These sessions are open to any and all members, as 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.

See who's chatting:

- 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 in the next few days.

The links will also be posted on the members only section of the website.

Darlene Jenah Past President



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 me know. Sonia Vandermeer

Dates	Location	Event
June 2 – 3, 2023	169 James Street Bracebridge, Ontario	Muskoka Quiltsfrom the heart! Pinetree Quilters Guild of Muskoka http://www.pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com/
June 2 – 4, 2023	Royal Kingston Curling Club 130 Days Road, Kingston, Ontario	Quilts Kingston Show and Sale Limestone QG / Kingston Heirloom Quilter http://quiltskingston.org/http://quiltskingston.org/
June 3 – 4, 2023	Brighton Community Centre 75 Elizabeth St Brighton, Ontario	Behind the Seams Trent Valley Quilters' Guild https://www.trentvalleyquiltersguild.com/quilt-show.html
June 8 – 10, 2023	Halifax, Nova Scotia	Quilt Canada 2023 https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2023/
June 10 – 11, 2023	Alliston Curling Rink 52 Albert Street, W. Alliston, Ontario	Stitching Among Friends Quilting Corners Guild www.aqcguild.edublogs.org
June 16 – 17, 2023	450 Park Ave, West Chatham, Ontario	Stitches in Bloom Quilt Show Chatham-Kent Quilters Guild https://ckquiltguild.com/

Dates	Location	Event
July 8, 2023	Smiths Falls Memorial Community Center 71 Cornelia St West Smiths Falls, Ontario	Quilts on the Tay Quilt Show Lanark County Quilters https://www.lanarkcountyquiltersguild.com/
July 8 9, 2023	Wellington & District Community Centre LeHigh Arena 111 Belleville Street Wellington, Ontario	A Stitch in Time Quilt Show Prince Edward County Quilters' Guild https://pecqguild.weebly.com/2023-quilt-show.html
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

It's time to renew your MQG Membership – see page 6 for more information.



2024 RETREAT

Thursday March 21 to Sunday March 24, 2024 Elm Hurst Inn & Spa, Ingersoll, Ontario

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.

Details and registration form are on the web site in the Members Only section.