



Pieceful Pastimes

Mississauga Quilters Guild
March 2024

Next Meeting: March 7, 2024 via ZOOM
Virtual doors open at 7:00 PM
Invite to be sent to your email

Following meeting: April 4, 2024 – in person

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Message from the President

Hello everyone and welcome to March, the beginning of Meteorological Spring.

The executive is presently without a Secretary, Workshop Convenor and we need a new Web Master.

The Secretary is a critical position, but the workload isn't overwhelming. They record the minutes of the General and Executive Meetings, they type a formal copy and forward to the president. Please consider stepping up and filling the vacant positions.

We are looking forward to our speaker Terry Aske. The title of her program is "My Evolution as an art Quilter". She will present a trunk show to illustrate the evolution of her work.

Please send your photos for Show and Share to mississaugaquiltersguild@gmail.com by Tuesday March 5th.

I will be send out the link to the zoom meeting on March 5th. The meeting starts at 7:30, but you may sign in at 7:00 and chat.

Reminder:
Our Meeting in March will be Via Zoom...
We will be returning to in person meetings in April

Marie Starr
Marie Starr - President
presidentmqg@gmail.com



February's to do list:

- ✓ Download the CORE stash-friendly block pattern from the website and make a few blocks to donate
- ✓ 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
- ✓ Invite a friend or family member to be a guest at a MQG meeting
- ✓ Support our advertisers

Call for Executive Committee Volunteers

Volunteers are the heart, soul and backbone of the Mississauga Quilters Guild. Without you, our Guild cannot function. We are still without some very key parts of our Executive Committee. We still need:

- **Secretary**
- Workshop Convenor
- Website and Social Media

Darlene Jenah
Newsletter Editor and Past President

2024 Program

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 – Exciting News! Sherida Giddings from Ottawa is going to be in the vicinity and is free to speak to us on! Sherida belongs to several quilt guilds, having joined her first one over 20 years ago. She is a Certified Instructor with approximately 50 quilts she can provide for her Trunk Show. Sherida has even taken a quilting group to Hawaii to quilt with her. Be sure to join us for this exciting opportunity. – **In Person**

May 2, 2024 – Our own Karen Menzies will be presenting a Wearable Art Fashion Show. Be prepared to model! – **In Person**

June 6, 2024 – Annual General Meeting and Wrap-Up Social – **In Person**

Day Retreat – May 4th, 2024

Exciting news!

Date: May 4, 2024
Time: 9:30 am to 3:30 pm
Cost: \$20 per person

Bring your own lunch and tea supplies if desired

Save the Date! Sign up sheet will be ready for the April meeting. Samples and sign up sheets for three projects in case you would like to watch the demos. Otherwise, bring your own projects and enjoy a day of sewing!

Sandra and Mary Beth

News from the CORE team



We hope everyone is staying warm in this late winter weather we are having.

CORE continues to collect donations, please let us know if you have anything completed for us and we will arrange pick up or drop off.

We recently donated 30 pillowcases to Rotary of Streetsville to include in their teen hygiene kits. Currently we are preparing to tag and deliver quilts to Armagh transition house for 19 women and 37 children.

Patrick and Kathy Scofield have quilts to long arm for us and many of you have contributed quilts as well. All this is very much appreciated. We will include Izzy dolls with the children's quilts and pillowcases with the teen quilts.

At the April in person meeting, we will have a sale table. Items will be \$2, \$5, and \$10. We have three yard quilt kits, I SPY squares and many more goodies for you to see. We will be demonstrating a 4 fat quarter placemat which will be perfect as a gift to yourself or a friend. Kits will be sold for the placemat tops and also batting and seasonal backing. Thank you for supporting CORE fundraising.

We continue to collect batting scraps to join for some projects. Also, we have an activity planned for the June meeting that requires embroidery floss. Please bring us any floss you are not using so we can add it to our supplies.

Core workshop is Tuesday March 12th. 10am to 1pm. All are welcome!

Mary Beth Filegan, Sandra Dunlop and Wendy Yule

Mary Beth Filegan, CORE Coordinator

The "Too Good To Throw Away Table" – resumes in April!

Our in-person meetings now include the **Too Good To Throw Away** table.

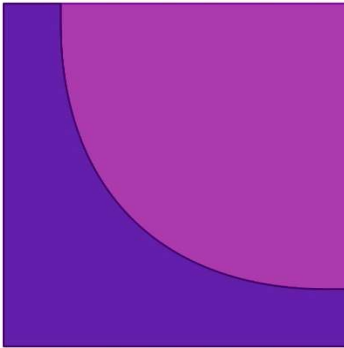
Bring in anything quilt related that you no longer need:

Leftover fabric from your latest quilt, triangles you cut too many of, a ruler you no longer use, that half-finished kit you got tired of, fabric that no longer pleases you, etc... and leave it on the table.

Take anything you like from the table. No charge! Even if you have nothing to leave on the table, you can still take anything you like.

PLEASE REMEMBER: If your contribution has not been taken by another member by the end of the meeting, please take it home with you.

Block of the Month

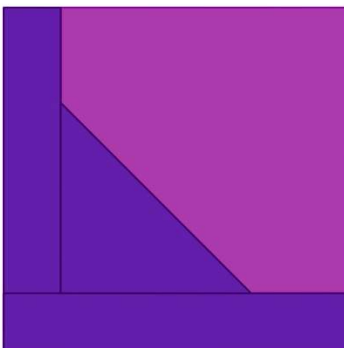


With another month quickly coming to an end, I hope you've all had a chance to put together one or both of the February star blocks! Personally, I'm particularly fond of the Queen of the Sky block and had a lot of fun piecing it together! If you haven't yet completed your February blocks, there's no rush to get them done as the instructions will remain available on the guild website to access at any time: <https://www.mississaugaquiltersguild.ca/block-of-the-month.html>



Moving into March, we will be piecing together the last set of Drunkard's Path and Pseudo Drunkard units, called unit C! I'll admit that I'm a little behind on my Drunkard's Path units, I haven't finished the batch from January yet, but I find they come together quickly once you get the hang of them!

Some members have shared that they're struggling their way through the curve piecing method from the instructions, and have sought other methods for piecing their curves. What a great idea!



I found a post on Quilting Daily by Sarah Erickson outlining several different methods for curved piecing by machine which may help if you haven't quite gotten the hang of the method from the block instructions: <https://www.quiltingdaily.com/curved-piecing-quilt-tutorial-a-curvey-roundup/>

Or, if you enjoy hand sewing, you could also try piecing your Drunkard's Path units by hand using traditional hand piecing, English paper piecing, or by appliqueing template A (the circle) onto template B (the crescent).

And if none of those methods are quite what you're looking for, you can always try putting together the Pseudo Drunkard unit, which uses only straight line piecing!

Block instructions for Drunkard's Path and Pseudo Drunkard unit C will be posted to the website following our next virtual meeting on 07 March 2024, I hope to see you there!

Happy Quilting!

*Valerie Herrmann,
Block of the Month Convener*

Membership

We resume in-person meetings in April and along with them comes the season for membership renewal. Watch for the new membership forms to be sent out and posted on the website. Remember our annual fee is going up by \$5.00.

Melanie Blake

Melanie Blake, Membership Convenor

Treasurer's Report

December 31 marked the half way point in our Guild Year.

Balance Sheet and Year to Date Income Statement, as of December 31, are posted in the Members Only section of our website. Please take a look at these, email me with any questions.

Thanks for your support,

Kathy Chapman, Treasurer



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News from the Library Convenors

The **Library Thing** is fully updated, and can be accessed on the Guild website, from the Library tab.

The books can be sorted by Title, Author, or tags. If you want to search for a particular theme, use the search bar under the DISMISS box in the upper right corner, and it will bring up the subject/theme you searched for. If you don't have the DISMISS word, use the lower/smaller search bar. The tags will let you know what section the books are in. No tag, except for the book number, then those books are on the top shelf.



If you have any questions, Penka and I are happy to help.

Link also provided here: <https://www.librarything.com/catalog/MQGbooks>

Darlene Harvey and Penka Stoyanova
Library Convenors



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Sew and Chat

There are 4 opportunities per week to join these 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.

- 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.
The links will also be posted on the Members Only section of the website.

Darlene Jenah

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 us know

Check out this link for other shows and events on Ontario and Quebec:
<https://quiltguilds.com/quilt-shows-in-ontario-and-quebec/>

Dates	Location	Event
Now until the end of June 2024	Rockway Mennonite Collegiate 110 Rockway Rd, Kitchener	Carpenter of the Cloth Solo Quilt Show by Deb Beirnes
April 19-20, 2023	OE Banquet & Conf, Centre 2245 Speers Road Oakville	Quilted Expressions Oakville Quilters Guild
April 27, 2024	164 Grand River St N Paris, Ontario	Quilts on the Grand Paris Quilting Bees
May 3 – 4, 2024	Fonthill Ontario	Niagara Modern Quilt Expo Niagara Modern Quilt Guild

Dates	Location	Event
May 31 – June 1, 2024	Sheridan Conference Centre, Oakville ON	Stitched In Our Time Halton Quilters Guild
May 31 – June 1, 2024	No 6 RCAF Museum 536 Port Maitland Road, Dunnville ON	Garden of Quilts DOTS (Dunnville's Own Tiny Stitchers)
Opening June 29, 2024	ROM – Royal Ontario Museum Level 3, Third Floor Centre Block	Quilts: Made in Canada https://www.rom.on.ca/en/exhibitions-galleries/exhibitions/quilts-made-in-canada

