



Pieceful Pastimes

Mississauga Quilters Guild
November 2020

Next Meeting: Thursday November 5 by Zoom
Zoom Website open at 7:15 pm
Meetings begin at 7:30 pm

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Message from the President

Greetings all!!

The trees have changed colour and the leaves have started falling. With the cooler weather, we usually start to retreat to our cozier living rooms and sewing spaces. For most of us, that's where we've spent a large amount of the past many months already, I hope your stash is holding up as well as mine has been.

With our region moving back to Stage 3 due to rising Covid-19 numbers, we have decided that our best course would be to keep our meetings virtual until at least February, and will carefully consider our options as we move into spring. Of course, the health and safety of members continues to be our highest priority, we will be listening to the guidance of our local public health professionals. We've opted to not book workshops for the near future, CORE has been making arrangements to access what they can so that important work can continue.

This month, our Program committee is pleased to bring another inspiring and talented speaker to our virtual meeting. I look forward to seeing Sandy Simmelink's presentation and trunk show!

We are very excited to see your work while we can't meet in person. Check out the section for December's meeting, we are looking forward to seeing your "Covid Quilts"! As quilters do, inspiration and humour are everywhere, and there will be prizes!

If you wish to participate in Show and Share, please forward your photos to this email (MississaugaQuiltersGuild@gmail.com), and it will be included in a Powerpoint slideshow during our meeting. It will also be forwarded to our Website coordinator if you wish it to be posted on the public side of our website. Please include the usual details, regarding designer, inspiration, etc. You will be invited to take a moment to speak about your quilt(s) during the meeting.

Please keep an eye out for another email with the invitation to our Virtual General Meeting via Zoom, scheduled for Thursday November 5, 2020.

Keep well, stay safe, and happy stitching!

Darlene Jenah, President

Membership

Hi everyone. Please welcome *Sumbul Hashmi*, who recently enjoyed our zoom meeting as a visitor and decided to join our Guild. We now have a membership total of 109 members of which 63 attended the last general meeting. We look forward to seeing everyone whether its by zoom or in person.

Elizabeth and Gunda, Membership Convenors

Community Outreach (Core)

Thank you to our Guild members for your continued support of CORE. We received several quilts and placemats this month, which are greatly appreciated. The quilts will be going out to our charity partners next week.

With increasing COVID numbers in our region, we are uncertain whether or not we can hold our next scheduled CORE workshop on November 11. We will let you know at the Guild meeting on November 5. In the meantime, we have some quilt top and placemat kits at home and can deliver them to you - just let us know if you want a kit.

Christmas is coming and the charities are always thrilled to receive our quilts so they can hand them out as part of their Christmas gift giving. So keep on quilting!

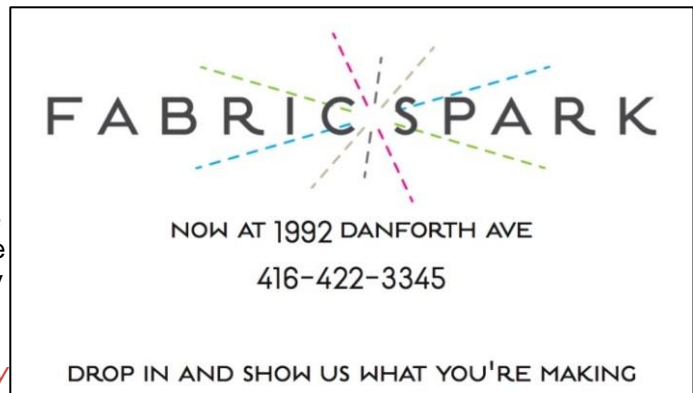
Thanks,

Wendy Yule and Kathy Chapman, CORE Coordinators

Library

All those who have library materials out have been notified and informed how to return those items. A big thank you to all those who have done so or have been in touch to explain their circumstances! We are still trying to track down a few items, but the majority have been returned. Both Jane and I thank you for making this part of our job easy.

Diane McCullough and Jane Crockford, Library Convenors



Program

One of the positives of virtual meetings, is enabling us to bring Guest Speakers from anywhere in the world! Also, you don't have to go out in the cold/rain/darkness (have you noticed it rained or snowed almost every time there was a Guild meeting?). Instead you get to sit back in your favourite chair, with a glass of wine and enjoy the show. So far, we had:



Brandy Maslowski from British Columbia, Canada (September 2020) <https://www.quilteronfire.com> and YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs44G9z5Z3LPdIEH9uXwe8A>

Lisa Walton presented her trunk show all the way from Australia (October 2020) <https://lisawaltonartist.com>, www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=M32ADkHwoSQ

Please note that Guest Speakers were booked for the remainder of the Guild year prior to Covid-19. If they are unable to fulfil their commitment, I will reschedule them for Fall 2021 and look for an international speaker.

November 5, 2020 – Sandy Simmelink Virtual

Fibre Artist and teacher in the Art of Fine Quilting. Sandy Simmelink is a 3-time National Canadian Quilt Association award winner in the small wall quilt division. Her quilting techniques range from very difficult needle turn appliqué, to free motion quilting, and 3D embellishments. With Sandy's permission, we will record and post

her presentation on Youtube for a limited time and for Guild members only. www.wix.com/24894255/sandy-simmelink

December 3, 2020

Virtual

Covid-19 Challenge (Idea borrowed/stolen from another Guild – Thanks to Jane Sanders)

Since we will be conducting December's meeting virtually, kindly send me (p.jhappan_leelen@yahoo.ca) a picture of your Covid-19 Challenge quilt no later than November 29, 2020. Please include banner/piece of paper with your name below the quilt for the photograph (makes it easier to track). The intent is to create a power-point presentation – you will be given the opportunity to talk about your quilt. You will use the *Chat* function on Zoom to vote. The pictures will be posted on the website (with your permission) as well.

If you are still having difficulty for this challenge, check out Pinterest – *Humourous Quilts* for inspiration. The requirements are simple: a humourous quilt, circumference between 48" and 144" using any technique, design, embellishments or colours you chose. We have prizes for the top three quilts that elicit the loudest laughs/votes. The prizes are 1st: \$75; 2nd: \$50; and 3rd: \$25. All participants will receive a small gift as well.

During this i-sew-lation period, many of us worked on UFOs; please submit a picture of the oldest UFO you have completed for *Show and Share*.

Northcott Challenge – Theme: Grand Entrance

The Executive committee have decided to reveal the Northcott Challenge at December 3rd Guild meeting. There were 13 participants – thank you. Once the reveal is done, Sonia and I will arrange with you on how to collect your artwork.

January 7, 2021 – Sampler Quilts and Collage Quilts – Nancy Mccracken

Nancy started her quilting career at age 40. With Jill Petit as her mentor, she learned piecing, paper piecing, appliqué, persistence, and stamina.

Nancy have won several quilting awards which includes a group award of excellence and individual award from CQA.

February 4, 2021 – Johanna Masko Trunk Show / Lecture

Johanna, Quilt Designer, and Instructor, is a 3-time Canadian Quilters' Association National Juried Show award winner. She is the designer and producer of a growing line of quilting and needlework patterns, including: Donuts, Houses, Hexcentric, Trapezoids and Mod Blocks. <https://ca.linkedin.com/in/johanna-masko-70757166>

March 4, 2021 - Robin Bogaert

Robin is a long arm quilter, owner, and creator of quiltingintheloft.com. 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. Her commercial patterns are marketed on her website. As a quilting enthusiast, she remains current by being involved with local quilt guilds. In addition, she enjoys blogging about her quilting adventures on her own website and as a guest writer for Quilt Social. www.quiltingintheloft.com

April 1, 2021 – Mary Dodd & Linda Ward

Mary and Linda will show and share their experiences of group projects. Be prepared for a fun evening.

May 6, 2021 – Valerie Miller

"To create in the spirit of innovation and experimentation; to encourage the freedom to play and coax the imagination beyond it's limits."

Valerie creates graphic quilts employing traditional techniques and modern style. Primarily self-taught, her influences include sewing and tailoring as a teen, post secondary study in design and her Grandmother's quilting and craft. Currently living and working in Eastern Ontario, she is creating custom and gallery pieces, publishing patterns, touring workshops and trunk shows. <https://valeriemillerstudio.com/>

Paula Lee-Len, Program Convenor

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Workshops

Workshops, for the next foreseeable future will be online. I have booked December, and February. However, since the world is now available, let me know if you have anyone you really want to hear, for the other months. I will be charging \$50 per workshop. To make it work, I need a minimum of 14 participants, and a maximum of 24 people. Looking forward to hearing from you. Register with me, but payment will be e-transfer, or checks sent to Sandra Schlosser.

Lisa Walton : December 10th, and December 17th: from 6:30-9:30 both days
"Fantastic Fusion" - check it out at <<http://coursecraft.net/c/fantasticfusion>>

Johanna Masko: Feb. 6th - 10-4 (set up 9:30), Secrets of a Patchwork Pro:
Ruthie Snell and Elizabeth McDowell, Workshop Convenors

Newsletter

Have something for the newsletter? Please email ideas or suggestions to the guild email address MississaugaQuiltersGuild@gmail.com

Deadline for next December Newsletter: Nov 20, 2020

Deadline for future Newsletters:

January Newsletter: No Newsletter sent.

February newsletter: January 22

March newsletter: February 19

April Newsletter: March 19

May Newsletter: April 23

June Newsletter: May 21

September Newsletter: August 20

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Block of the Month

Hopefully getting the BOM blocks on our website on time has been corrected. Thank you for your patience. We have seen several completed blocks. We are impressed. You guys rock!! Mary and I would like you to share with the rest of the guild. We will run a short slide show with your name and blocks. Please send your pictures to Marlene before our next meeting. We look forward to seeing what you have done. Let's have fun.
Linda Ward and Mary Dodd, BOM Convenors

Retreat 2021

Pam will be in touch shortly about the retreat for next February. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Sawyer.

Comfy Cases

In order to gain charitable status in Canada, Cases For Smiles has made a few changes. They are now known as Comfy Cases, a Canadian non-profit bringing smiles to children in hospitals due to cancer or other life changing illnesses – with fun, colourful pillowcases. Comfy Cases has been formed as a part of OPACC (Ontario Parents Advocating for Children with Cancer) <https://www.opacc.org/>.

The new website is: <http://www.comfycases.ca/>, and they now have a facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/354360395912941/>

You can find an easy pattern for pillowcases here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rMbaL1Rp6IE>



Our guild has been supporting this project with donations of fun, colourful pillowcases, which are being distributed to the Mississauga hospitals regularly. If you'd like to donate finished pillowcases, fabric, or make a monetary donation, please contact me, Marlene Weaver, and we can arrange pick-up/drop-off.

We have received a request from Comfy Cases for Christmas-themed pillowcases for kids in Credit Valley and Mississauga Hospitals. The hospitals are asking for a total of 27 cases, and I know we can do this! If you have some fun cute Christmas fabric that wants to be put to good use, this would be a perfect way! I'll be happy to

pick up either fabric or finished cases, or you can drop them off to me.

Marlene Weaver, Past President

Social

While we aren't meeting in person you will each need to provide your own beverage of choice and snack. For snack inspiration here's a link to a recipe. Growing up, we called them Angel Bites but the recipe book called them Prize Skillet Cookies – a little confusing the first time I wanted to make them. This recipe is like the one I know:

<http://archive.jsonline.com/features/recipes/111125064.html>

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Quilts of Valour - Canada Society



For the first time since February, our Quilts of Valour group spent a wonderful day in September at the Streetsville Legion, sewing, socializing, and practicing social distancing.

However, since this pesky virus is still wreaking havoc, we have had to cancel our meeting days until further notice. So, we are back to working "remotely" in our individual homes.

If you would like to help, the website has free block patterns and patterns for sale by designers Elaine Thériault, Paul Leger, Quilts on Fire, and others. If you are not able to donate a finished quilt, we are happy to accept quilt tops. Please refer to requirements on the website. <https://www.quiltsofvalour.ca/what-we-do>

If you would like to make a monetary donation, keep in mind that Quilts of Valour Canada has no paid positions - everyone is a volunteer - and you can request an income tax receipt.

If you have any questions, know a veteran who might like a quilt, or are interested in participating in whatever capacity, please contact Virginia Rothwell, Shirley Hoad or Lil Budden. Our phone numbers and email addresses are on the membership lists.

More info about recipient eligibility and how to request a quilt is available at [https://www.quiltsofvalour.ca/Virginia Rothwell, Shirley Hoad or Lil Budden](https://www.quiltsofvalour.ca/Virginia%20Rothwell,%20Shirley%20Hoad%20or%20Lil%20Budden)

Tips and Tricks

I'm attending some virtual classes this fall. In one class, they pointed out the cheat sheets on the Live Art Gallery Fabrics website. There are notes for how to make HST (4 different ways), Flying Geese (2 different ways) and cutting charts for different sized blocks.

<https://liveartgalleryfabrics.com/quilters-cheat-sheets/>

They also pointed out the Robert Kaufman Quilters Little Helper app which was mentioned earlier this year in our March Newsletter.

<https://www.robertkaufman.com/quilting-calculators/>

. I downloaded the app and played a bit. When I entered the size of a quilt, and the binding strips I wanted, it calculated the number of strips I'd need and how much fabric would be required and I had the option of emailing the results. It gives piece counts, pieces to yardage area, binding and border yardage as well as calculating square in square, set in and corner triangles and other resources.



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Challenges

The CQA Trendtex challenge(theme: Friendship) is available to order now for CQA Members. Non members can order kits starting November 1. Challenges are due April 5, 2021 for judging or May 27, 2021 to donate for sale at Quilt Canada 2021. The Youth challenge (theme: BFF) and Member challenge (Ties that bind) have also been announced. See <https://canadianquilter.com/cqa-acc-quilt-challenges/> for more details