



Pieceful Pastimes

Mississauga Quilters Guild
NOVEMBER 2023

Next Meeting: DECEMBER 7, 2023, at 7:30 PM ← REMINDER - NO REGULAR MEETING IN NOVEMBER

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Message from the President

Greetings!

Reminder:
THERE IS NO REGULAR MEETING IN NOVEMBER

I am so ready to party at our 45th Anniversary Gala on November 2 at the Credit Valley Golf and Country Club. There will be good food, music and a presentation from Kathy Wylie. The evening can't get any better.

The only thing that will make it better is if we had a Vice-President. I know I have been a pest with my persistent request for someone to step forward and take the position. But if we don't have a President next year the Guild may be forced to close. I'm sure no one wants that to happen, please step up and volunteer for Vice-President.

By popular demand, the 2024 Retreat at the Elmhurst Inn & Spa in Ingersoll has the option of 2 nights or 3 nights: Thursday March 21 to Sunday March 24 OR Friday March 22 to Sunday March 24. Please let me know if you are going to attend, I have sent out a new registration form to everyone. I would like a \$100.00 deposit by the December meeting, and the rest by January 31, 2024. Remember, no cooking, no cleaning and no chores for a whole weekend.

Marie Starr
Marie Starr - President
presidentmqg@gmail.com

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 is almost a reality. We still need:

- **Vice President**
- **Program Coordinator**
- Workshop Convenor
- Website and Social Media

Darlene Jenah
Newsletter Editor and Part President



Book
your
space
now!

2024 RETREAT

Thursday March 21 to Sunday March 24, 2024
Elm Hurst Inn & Spa, Ingersoll, Ontario
Ingersoll is about an hour and a half west of Mississauga, just north of the 401

*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.*

We have the Grand ballroom for the weekend. We can set up our sewing machines and sew whenever we want. The Inn will supply the irons/ironing boards, lamps, garbage pails and large tables. We have to bring cutting boards, rotary cutters and rulers.

There are 2 options for the weekend:

The 2 night, 3 day option

- double room is \$580.38 each
- single room is \$796.21

For the 3 night, 4 day option

- double room is \$755.38 each
- single room is \$991.81

The cost includes all breakfasts, lunch on Saturday, dinner on Friday and Saturday, and brunch on Sunday. Coffee and tea on Friday afternoon, and Saturday morning and afternoon.

Please let Marie Starr know if you are planning to come.
A \$100.00 deposit is required with your registration form and the balance is due by January 31, 2024.

If we don't have enough members we will open the weekend to non-Guild members.

2023-24 Program

November 2, 2023 – NO REGULAR MEETING!!
45th Anniversary Dinner with special guest speaker Kathy Wylie

December 7, 2023 – Our CORE Christmas Social -- In Person
Please come out to participate in a make & take craft and learn a new quilt block for the winter block challenge.

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

Day Retreat - Saturday October 21, 2023

Our October Day Retreat was a great success. We had 15 who attended. There was fun, sharing and some teaching moments. There were requests for another sewing day, we are currently planning another day retreat for May. Stay tuned for details!



Sandra and Mary Beth

Membership

Our current membership stands at 83. This is still fewer members than we had last year and I'm told that once upon a time our membership soared to the 200's. I have pocket cards that can be spread around our community telling people about who we are and what we do. Please help distribute them.

I am pleased to welcome one new member. Adrienne Franklin is an experienced quilter who am sure will be able to share her knowledge with us. I hope to welcome her at our December meeting.

Melanie Blake
Melanie Blake, Membership Convenor

News from the Library Convenors

The library debuted the new bookcase at last month's meeting. The last of the books from the old cabinet are being categorized and labelled. They will be available at the December meeting for you to borrow our next in-person meeting. We have a NEW book - Quilt Recipes by Jen Kingwell.

We also have an assortment of books for sale. Come and see for yourself.

Darlene Harvey and Penka Stoyanova
Library Convenors



News from the CORE team



CORE workshops will now be held on TUESDAYS.
Workshops have been booked for:

TUESDAY November 7

Once again, we were thrilled to receive so many donations at the October meeting. Please bring any items you have to the December meeting as we are planning our drop offs to our charities. We are currently planning a donation to Armagh transition house for 9 women and 14 children.

Mary Dodd put two quilts together from the block challenge during the day retreat. Thank you, Mary!!

CORE is excited to host the December meeting, please come ready to create a small project to take home, no supplies needed. We will also be presenting another block challenge for the winter months. Your block helps create a quilt for donation so please consider making one or two from your scraps.

Workshop will take place on Tuesday November 7th at 10 am. We have been busy sorting out the cupboards in our new storage space,

This month we are highlighting the Cawthra Salvation Army .The Community and Family Service group was started in 1974, after the church received requests to help 200 families in the neighborhood. They provided furniture, food vouchers and counselling services to all and began a donation centre to help with these requests. Currently they offer food and clothing, community referrals and a listening ear to those in need. The Mississauga Quilters Guild provides quilts to be distributed to families in shelters, and as of 2020, pillowcases for teens in shelters. They also accept donations of hats, mitts, and knitted baby items.

As always, thank you for your support!

Mary Beth Filegan, Sandra Dunlop and Wendy Yule

Mary Beth Filegan, CORE Coordinator

The "Too Good To Throw Away Table"

Starting October 5, 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



We have just a few days left of October, so I hope all of you have had enough time to put together at least one of this month's blocks. Remember, the instructions will remain available on the guild website, so take your time and piece at your own pace!

With November just around the corner, we have the Anniversary Gala and the next set of pattern instructions to look forward to!

The challenge for November will be to piece the first set of Drunkard's Path units! Drunkard's Path is a traditional, curve pieced unit that can be used on its own as a finished block or combined with other units to create larger, more intricate designs. Curves add a lot of movement to the design of a quilt and can be really easy to piece if you are careful and take your time!

If you're new to curved piecing, or just out of practice, I would recommend using some scrap fabric from past projects to make a few test units as a warm up before starting on your Stars of the City fabric.

To cut your curved pieces accurately, the pattern includes a printable template for the two sections of the Drunkard's Path unit. If you don't have your own home printer, all branches of the Mississauga Public Library offer printing services at 15¢ per page for black and white documents. Library staff will be happy to help you download and print the necessary page of the instructions!

Or, if curved piecing is not your thing, this pattern has a straight line alternative that you can make in place of the traditional Drunkard's Path unit! The Pseudo Drunkard's unit uses the stitch and flip method from last month and a few straight pieced rectangles. It has a similar overall shape to the traditional Drunkard's Path unit, but creates a unique geometric effect!

Either of these units can be used to complete your Stars of the City quilt, or you could use a combination of both to create something totally unique! Instructions for both the traditional Drunkard's Path and the Pseudo Drunkard will be posted to the Block of the Month page of the guild website following the Anniversary Gala on 02 November 2023. I have my ticket and will be attending, along with my Mom, who has never been to an in-person guild meeting, and my Grandma. Please come say hello! And, as always, if you have any questions or concerns while working on your blocks, you can reach out to me at any time!

Happy Quilting and Happy Anniversary!

*Valerie Herrmann,
Block of the Month Convener*



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Friendship Opportunity

Are you looking for someone to join you when you're fabric shopping? Are you looking for someone you can call when you have a quilting challenge? Maybe you would just like to get to know someone from the guild who you could share your plans and ideas with and get a second opinion? Maybe you're an experienced quilter who likes to chat about their challenges and successes.

Sign up on our Friendship List at the Membership Table at the entrance to the meeting room and we'll try to pair you up with someone who lives close by, although that's not always necessary. Of course, you can always approach someone in the guild on your own to make a new quilting connection.

Melanie Blake, Membership Convenor

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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

November's to do list:

- ✓ Register for the 2024 MQG Retreat – more info in the Members Only section of the MQG website <https://www.mississaugaquiltersguild.ca>
- ✓ 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 or for the Anniversary dinner
- ✓ 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

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

Dates	Location	Event
April 27, 2024	Paris, Ontario	Quilts on the Grand Paris Quilting Bees
May 3 – 4, 2024	Fonthill Ontario	Niagara Modern Quilt Expo Niagara Modern Quilt Guild
May 31 – June 1, 2024	Sheridan Conference Centre, Oakville ON	Stitched In Our Time Halton Quilters Guild