



Pieceful Pastimes

Mississauga Quilters Guild

April 2021

Next Meeting: Thursday April 1 by Zoom
Following Meeting: Thursday May 6 by Zoom
Zoom Website open at 7:00 pm
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Message from the President

Welcome to SPRING!! The weather is warming up, the daffodils and tulips will be starting to peek from the ground soon, it's my favourite time of year.

The City of Mississauga has run a program called COVID Heroes, looking to recognize individuals and organizations for their contributions to the community during this COVID-19 pandemic. After our last General Meeting, I had asked all of you to send me notes about what you've been doing this past year. I was blown away by dozens of emails, listing numbers of masks, scrub caps, hospital gowns, and other important gear that you have been making. Other contributions to your communities and neighbours have been simply amazing. I have included the text of the nomination application in the newsletter, as I wanted you all to see just how great our members are.

This month's guest speaker is Phyllis Cullen all the way from Hawaii. I'm excited to hear all about faces!

Speaking of faces, we are still looking for some new ones to join the Executive Committee. Marlene Weaver is heading up the nominating committee, to find people to fill some important jobs: Program, Workshops, Membership, CORE, and a Vice President. The current executive is here to help, a lot of hard work has gone into ensuring these positions are set up for success!

Keep well everyone, and Happy Stitching!

Darlene Jenah, President



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Covid Heroes Nomination Text

Quilt guild members aren't just gray haired ladies sitting around a quilt frame with needle and thread in hand anymore. We are a creative bunch of both women and men with a long history of giving back to the community. Founded in 1978, MQG is a volunteer nonprofit with 95 members. Last March, MQG pivoted and adapted and found new purpose in using our skills to support residents of Mississauga.

When PPE was impossible to find, members dug into their fabric stashes and got to work to support local hospital staff and other essential workers. Collectively, they shared pattern ideas, tips and hints to produce over 2,500 masks for hospital personnel and patients, family and friends, and community groups, hundreds of scrub caps for nurses, doctors and dentists. They also made a wide range of other much needed resources, including ear savers, headbands, mask and scrub bags, hospital gowns, and laundry hamper covers. Our knitters also made baby sweaters and hats for Peel CAS.

By April 2020, MQG volunteer coordinators initiated drop-off/pick-up plans in order to continue our regular community support projects and made 144 cuddle quilts for donation to community groups such as Peel Children's Aid Foundation, over 130 pillowcases for donation to children in inpatient/outpatient programs at local hospitals, and over 215 placemats delivered in December to Meals on Wheels

In addition to using their skills to sew for others, our members have cared for elderly neighbours, done grocery runs, home repairs, and ensured the vulnerable people in their communities were being looked after. It's also worth noting that our members walked through their neighbourhoods to clean up carelessly discarded masks, they donated fabric to other groups who needed it, and made substantial donations to the Mississauga Food Bank and smaller food banks in their neighborhoods.

Although outside the scope of this program, but noteworthy, when others were affected by crises, MQG responded to needs across Canada and beyond. Quilts were sent to Nova Scotia for those affected by the mass shooting, and to Australia for those affected by devastating bushfires. Quilts and incubator covers were donated to St. Michael's NICU.

To support the well-being of members, Zoom was used to offer members the opportunity to connect with one another and sew as a group twice weekly. We used zoom to offer lectures and workshops to inspire and teach new techniques. To relieve the stress and frustration of lock-down, members were challenged to create a quilt to represent the impact of COVID-19 which resulted in some hearty and much needed laughs.

In times of war, quilting and sewing skills have sustained communities and COVID-19 is no exception. Never a group to just sit around. MQG members experienced the impact of COVID-19 and found ways to use their talent and creativity to continue to deliver our existing community programs and initiate strategies to respond to new needs in Mississauga. I am proud to nominate the members of the Mississauga Quilters Guild.

Darlene Jenah

Nominations

There are a few positions becoming available next year that we are seeking to fill. It is essential that we fill these vacancies for the guild to continue to operate and offer the great programs and services that we offer. Currently these positions are open:

Vice President -- Support and learn the role of President, and step into the Presidency in 2022.

Programming -- Most of the programming is already in place for next year, so you have lots of time to work with the Workshop coordinator and continue booking in future speakers.

Workshops -- Also well-booked into next year, you will work with the Program coordinator for future workshops.

CORE -- Working with a team, you will continue to provide the community with our donated quilts.

Membership -- Manage the membership renewals and new members throughout the year.

I can tell you from experience, it is a pleasure to be a part of the MQG executive, and to work together as a team. You always have the support and guidance of the other exec members, and there is great satisfaction of knowing that you are contributing to keep our guild humming!

If you have any questions or would like to step in and take on one of these positions, please contact me!

Marlene Weaver, Past President

Community Outreach (Core)

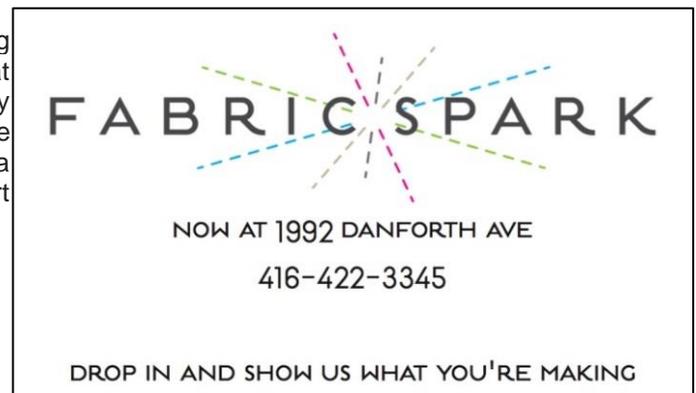
Thank you to our guild members for continuing to support CORE. We received several completed quilts this month and have distributed batting, backings and quilt sandwiches for quilting. If you would like any supplies to make a CORE quilt let us know. We really appreciate your contributions.

Wendy Yule and Kathy Chapman, CORE Coordinators

Library

I guess we are stating the obvious when we say there is nothing new happening with the library. We are in a holding pattern at the moment. We hope you are making use of the Public Library to get your "quilt fix". In addition to physical books from the library system. Check out the ebooks. The library also has a number of magazines available electronically. This is now part of Libby, the library app for ebooks.

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
- Sandy Simmelink, Burlington, Ontario, Fibre Artist and teacher in the Art of Fine Quilting. (November 2020) Sandysimmelinke@hotmail.com
- December 2020:
 - Northcott Challenge
 - Revealed at the December general meeting: The winners were: 1st: Patrick Chan; 2nd: Lil Budden; and 3rd: Tish Leupen.
 - Covid Challenge

- Also revealed at the December general meeting: The winners were: 1st: Ruthie Snell; 2nd: Paula Lee-Len; and 3rd: Jane Sanders
- Bonnie Langenfeld, Artist and surface design teacher (January 2021) www.landscapesinfabric.com
- Johanna Masko – Lecture on *Make Do and Mend* (February 2021) <https://ca.linkedin.com/in/johanna-masko-70757166>
- Eleanor Levie – 12 Ways to rock your quilting. (March 2021) www.eleanorlevie.com

April 1, 2021 – Phyllis Cullen – It's all about the Face Virtual

It's all about the color! Phyllis' goal is to recreate the color and light and bring out the story, and the soul, of her subject, whether she is painting on fabric, canvas, or paper, or WITH fabric or paper, in mixed media and collages. Photography, drawing, painting, mixed media, fabric, beads, clay - it's all good. Phyllis showed, sold, and taught all over the world. She now lives and work on the beautiful Hamakua coast of Hawaii's Big Island and enjoys sharing her studio and her knowledge with others. She is the Hawaii regional rep for SAQA, an international organization (StudioArt Quilters Associates). <http://phylliscullenartstudio.com>

May 5, 2021 – Cheryl Arkison – Scraps vs. Scrappy Virtual

Writing, teaching, creating and quilting make up the bulk of Cheryl's current freelance portfolio. According to her blog, it appears that she thrives on chaos. Check out her website www.cherylarkison.com

Tips

Hobbs batting : Subject: LET'S TALK ABOUT BATTING with Stephanie Hackney - YouTube

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0fqXTUAM1Yo>

Squaring up Quilts, large blocks <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=txM3UdNqHmM>

September 9, 2021 – Mary Dodd & Linda Ward Group Quilts

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

October 7, 2021 – Sampler Quilts and Collage Quilts – Nancy Mcracken

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

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

November 4, 2021 - Robin Bogaert Trunk Show / Lecture

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

January 5, 2022 – Kim Caskey – Virtual Tour of Japan Virtual

Kim is passionate about quilting and is grateful to have the opportunity to inspire others. She is a quilter, educator and organizes quilting tours. www.kimcaskey.ca

Paula Lee-Len, Program Convenor

Please send your Show and Share Pictures for the April meeting to Marlene Weaver

Block of the Month

This month we are nearing the end of our Wetlands quilt. You should receive one block as well as directions for putting a narrow border around all the pieced blocks. This will continue your progression towards the end of this process. There is only one more installment waiting for you next month.

We are looking forward to seeing all the different interpretations of this pattern.

Linda Ward and Mary Dodd, BOM Convenors

Workshops

Please email Ruthie to sign up for this workshop. It is the final workshop of the year. The cost is \$50.

Last zoom workshop for this year - Saturday, May 8th, 9:30 - 12:30. Cost \$50

Cheryl Arkison: Maple Leaf Quilt. You will get the pattern, and learn to make this improv maple leaf.

www.cherylarkison.com



Workshops for next year - These workshops will be in person!!!

September 18th - Paul Legere - Patchwork Illusions

October 9 - Nancy Mvcracken - Collage Quilts

November 6th Robin Bogaert - Ruler Quilting

Workshop for next January 2022

I am thinking about bringing Phyllis Cullen, our April speaker, to give a virtual workshop next January, as a zoom workshop. Check out her webpage at www.phylliscullenartstudio.com and let me know what workshop you want.

Ruthie Snell and Elizabeth McDowell, Workshop Convenors

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Newsletter

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

Deadline for April Newsletter: April 23, 2021

Deadline for future Newsletters:

June Newsletter: May 21

September Newsletter: August 20



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Quilts of Valour

A positive aspect of these “unprecedented times” is that we have accumulated a number of quilts requiring actual quilting. They are approximately 55” x 70”. Some will be fine with simple corner to corner, while others require a longarm. We have tops, batting and backings all packaged, just waiting.

If you are able to help, please contact Virginia Rothwell or Shirley Hoad.

Virginia Rothwell and Shirley Hoad

Comfy Cases



To date our guild has donated 132 pillowcases, going to our local hospitals to cheer up the kids!

We're now waiting for donated fabric to arrive and will then have more kits ready to sew up. In the meantime, you can help by sewing up cases with your own fun, cheerful fabric, or can donate the fabric and we'll sew it up. I'm happy to pick up whatever you have, wherever you

are!

Marlene Weaver, Past President



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Membership

Well, this has been quite a year of change for us all. Although we all missed meeting in person, we had some interesting changes, like learning to ZOOM, having great speakers from close to home and as far away as Australia. So here we are again, it is time to renew your guild membership for 2021-2022 year. We will be sending you a separate email with all the renewal details for everyone some time next week. So, don't forget to check the email In Box before April 1st.

Elizabeth & Gunda, Membership.



CQA

The CQA is holding a zoom lecture on April 17, 2021, has a member mystery quilt and an open Row of the Month Quilt along. Please see the [CQA website](#) for more details on these and other activities.

Challenges

- Purchase your TrendTex fabric bundle for the 2021 **TrendTex Challenge – Friendship**. Purchase your fabric kit on the website [here](#)
- Mentor a young quilter in the 2021 **CQA/ACC Youth Challenge – BFF (Best Friends Forever)**. Details are on the CQA Website [here](#)

Quilt Shows

- June 16 – 19, 2021 – Canadian Quilt Association Virtual Quilt show. See their page [here](#).
- Saturday April 9 & 10, 2022 (Tentative) – Region of Yourk Quilters Guild: A Million Little Stitches Newmarket Community Centre 200 Doug Duncan Drive.

Other Possibilities

- QuiltTalk has a series of paid lectures available. You can find their schedule [here](#)
- The Royal Ontario Museum has several ongoing lectures which are free. There is one coming up on March 31st at 4pm about Chintz gowns. You can register [here](#) Most of the past lectures are available on the website.
- Keep an eye on the CQA website. They've had a paid monthly lectures. Coming up April 17th at 3 pm is Kate Ward. At the moment, tickets are only available for CQA members but they should go on sale to the public soon.
- Jane Sanders sent me this CBC Radio Article [link](#) about how quilting has had a lot of successes over the last year and how hard it is for the sewing machine companies to keep new machines in stock these days.

Helen Anne Lemke, Newsletter Convenor