



Pieceful Pastimes

Mississauga Quilters Guild
December 2020

Next Meeting: Thursday December 3 by Zoom
Following Meeting: Thursday January 7 by Zoom
Zoom Website open at 7:00 pm
Meetings begin at 7:30 pm

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Message from the President

I hope everyone is well, as we head into the holiday season. Although we had all hoped to start seeing a sense of normalcy by this time, we have been faced with more restrictions regarding Covid-19. The City has cancelled all in-person activities, which means our meetings will continue to be virtual, as we had planned for anyway.

You've probably seen the emails regarding the virtual workshop with Lisa Walton. We're very excited to bring this opportunity to the guild, and hope this format is something you will enjoy.

Don't forget our Covid Challenge Quilts! We are looking forward to seeing what you've been up to! We are also pleased to be able to present the Northcott Challenge entries and winners from our Mississauga Quilts show, postponed from May.

Please remember to send your Show and Share photos to Marlene Weaver.

Keep your eye on your email for the invitation to the Virtual General Meeting via Zoom, scheduled for December 3, 2020.

Keep well, Stay Safe, and Happy Stitching!

Darlene Jenah, President



Please remember to mute during the zoom meetings if you are not speaking.

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Community Outreach (Core)

Thank you to our Guild members for your continued support of CORE. We received several quilts, quilt tops and placemats this month, which are greatly appreciated. Meals on Wheels will be starting to deliver our placemats to their clients in early December, so get those Christmas placemats completed and we will pick them up.

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! One of the charities that normally receives a large number of our quilts in December is Armagh House, which is an interim house for abused women. Due to concerns about COVID, they are requesting cash donations this year instead of items like our quilts. The Guild does not make charitable donations, but if any of you are interested in supporting Armagh House, you can visit the Get Involved section of their website at armaghhouse.ca

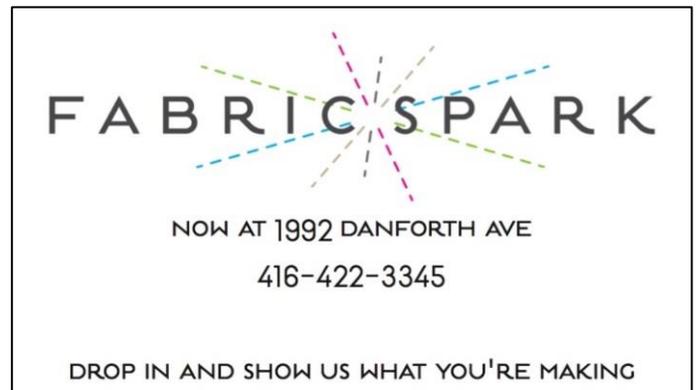
As you know, Peel region is now in the "lock down" stage of COVID response so all community centre meetings rooms are closed for the next 28 days. This means we will not be able to hold our regular CORE workshop in December. We do have some quilt top kits and lots of batting at home so let us know if you want either of these and we will get them to you.

Wendy Yule and Kathy Chapman, CORE Coordinators

Library

Jane and I are delighted with the return rate of library materials. A big thank you to all those who returned library materials so promptly. We really appreciate the effort made by our members. Our first goal this year was to get library items returned and we feel we have accomplished 98% of that goal. Getting library materials back into the hands of our members will be our next challenge!

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. Sandysimmelink@hotmail.com

Please note that I have rescheduled Guest Speakers January, March and April 2021 for the Fall of 2021. We confirmed international Speakers for these months. Check out their websites.

December 3, 2020 – The Covid-19 Challenge (Idea borrowed/stolen from another Guild)

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 – Humorous Quilts for inspiration. The requirements are simple: a humorous 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-sewation 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 12 participants – thank you. Once the reveal is done, Sonia and I will arrange with you on how to collect your artwork.

January 7, 2021 – Bonnie Langenfeld Lecture / Trunk Show Virtual

Landscapes in Fabric is a creation of Bonnie Langenfeld. Bonnie creates realistic fabric art in raw edge applique and thread sketching, focusing on landscapes. The work is done with purchased fabrics, and free motion thread work on a home sewing machine. Two Stitch Magic is a set of techniques Bonnie created and sells to teach her unique life-like stitching techniques. Bonnie teaches her art online and in person in presentations and classes.

www.landscapesinfabric.com

February 4, 2021 – Johanna Masko Trunk Show / Lecture Virtual

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 – Eleanor Levie - 12 Ways to rock your quilting Virtual

Though born and raised in Baltimore, MD, Eleanor Levie (rhymes with Chevy) has a personality that is less Baltimore Album and more Crazy Quilt. Elly is a prolific and original quilter of quilted gifts such as pillows, table runners, and tote bags. As an art quilter, she's as likely to use paint and dye and recycled packaging as she is to piece and quilt. That being said, she's got a respected professional persona, too: From 1978 until 2012, she authored, edited, and produced books and has earned a reputation for gorgeous photo-styling, inviting descriptions, and accurate, easy-to-follow directions and patterns. 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>

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 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 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

Paula Lee-Len, Program Convenor



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Workshops

Virtual Workshop with Lisa Walton from Australia

This is an amazing opportunity to take a workshop with an Australian teacher.

Join us in our first virtual workshop "Fantastic Fusion" taught by Lisa Walton from Australia.

Time: Thursday December 10 & Thursday December 17th from 6:30PM-9:30PM

Location: your home

Cost: \$50 paid by direct deposit, or a check mailed to Sandra Schlosser

Register by e-mailing Ruthie Snell at Ruthie.d.snell@gmail.com

Check out the class at <http://coursecraft.net/c/fantasticfusion>

Virtual workshop with Johanna Masko :

The Secrets of a Patchwork Pro-a crash course in a huge variety of construction techniques, and quilt math.

Saturday February 6th from 10-3

Place : your home

Cost \$50.

Ruthie Snell and Elizabeth McDowell, Workshop Convenors

Newsletter

Remember, there is no Newsletter for our January. The next newsletter will be sent at the end of January. Have something for the newsletter? Please email ideas or suggestions to the guild email address MississaugaQuiltersGuild@gmail.com or to helen.lemke@gmail.com (please include MQG in the subject). Have you taken any virtual workshops or classes? Consider sending a short blurb on your experience. I've taken a series of virtual classes – lecture style for both quilting and photoshop over the last several months and enjoyed them. Its not as fun as in person but when I forget essential tools, I don't have to drive all the way home to get them or purchase duplicates.

Deadline for next February Newsletter: January 22, 2021

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

Block of the Month

Congratulations to those of you that have completed the first two months of our BOM. Those that we have seen have been fabulous. We are amazed at your creativity. Keep it up. If you would like to share your blocks with the guild, please send them to Marlene. We love looking at them. We look forward to seeing them.

Please note that if you don't like the 12.5" unfinished block we have selected we encourage to do another one.

Linda Ward and Mary Dodd, BOM Convenors

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Comfy Cases

Thank you to everyone who made pillowcases for Comfy Cases. We were able to fulfill their request for Christmas pillowcases for the kids this year, which will be distributed to Credit Valley Hospital and Mississauga General. I am always happy to pick up any cases you have ready, just contact me at:

marleneweaver@hotmail.com

SHOW and SHARE Photos

Remember to send your pictures to Marlene Weaver at marleneweaver@hotmail.com, to be included in December's Show and Share on Zoom.

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. Here's another favorite cookie. Make sure you use the coloured mini marshmallows – They look very pretty when cut.

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MQG Zoom Sew 'n Chat

Almost 40 members have participated in one or more of the zoom sewing sessions with between 6 and 12 online. You can come for as long as you like and join or leave at your convenience. Conversations are lively and there is lots of laughter. Quilts have been started and finished. Advice has been solicited with beautiful results that will be shown at show and share at a future meeting. Sure it isn't the same as being together but there are other advantages – no travel in bad weather, no packing up supplies, no forgetting to bring something and no mask wearing!

For December, the zoom sessions will continue on Wednesday evenings and Thursday afternoons. Watch emails for one Sunday a month. As always if you don't want to receive emails about future dates and with links please email jmsanders5@rogers.com and you can always be added back to the list at a later date.

Jane Sanders

CQA

Did you see the announcement? Unfortunately, the CQA executive has had to make the difficult decision to cancel Quilt Canada 2021 in Toronto. The announcement says they are looking at options so stay tuned to their website.

“Due to health and safety concerns surrounding the global pandemic, we have made the difficult decision to cancel the in-person Quilt Canada 2021 in Toronto. We are currently looking into an alternative virtual event for 2021. We will keep you up to date, through e-newsletters, our website and social media, as our plans develop.”

Thoughts

Do you have quilts you don't want to use as quilts any more? Jane shared an NY Times article with me, located [HERE](#), about a lady in the States who is using quilts to make jackets. The article also discusses some of the concerns about cutting up historic quilts for other purposes. Any thoughts?

Audio books and Podcasts are great to listen to while you are quilting if you want a change from watching shows. I like history podcasts mainly although I have one non-history podcast that I enjoy. Two of my favorite podcasts are Quilting Arts Podcast found here <https://www.quiltingdaily.com/category/quilting-arts-podcast/> and the History of English found here <https://historyofenglishpodcast.com/>. The History of English traces the evolution of the English language from before Old English through to modern English and explains why some of the language is very weird. What podcasts do you like to listen to?

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)**. Order your fat quarter of fabric from our President, Jane Cramer, by emailing her at jane.cramer@canadianquilteradministration.com.



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