



# Pieceful Pastimes

Mississauga Quilters Guild  
February 2021

**Next Meeting: Thursday February 4 by Zoom**  
**Following Meeting: Thursday March 4 by Zoom**  
**Zoom Website open at 7:00 pm**  
**Meetings begin at 7:30 pm**

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## Message from the President

Hello all!

Well, we made it through 2020, with our eyes on a fresh start in 2021. Vaccines are starting to roll out, and with that brings hope that we can all be together again soon.

This month, our Program Committee is so pleased to bring Johanna Masko to our screens, check out the link in the Program section. She is also offering a virtual workshop on February 6 that looks fantastic! Consider registering, for a day of learning from the comfort of your own sewing room.

Don't forget to check out the website for the Block of the Month. If you have been keeping up, you'll have a nice collection of pieced blocks, as well as bulrushes and assorted field and marsh birds. I'm excited to see some of them starting to come together. Please forward your BOM photos to Marlene Weaver to include in our Show and Share, along with photos of your wonderful quilts you've been working on.

Many of you have been participating in Jane Sanders' Zoom Sew 'N Chat, having fun sharing ideas and projects, and catching up with friends. Keep your eye on your emails, for her weekly invitations. I encourage you to work on your own projects, maybe a CORE quilt, or even a pillowcase for Comfy Cases!

Keep well everyone, and Happy Stitching!

*Darlene Jenah, President*



*Please remember to mute during the zoom meetings if you are not speaking. A red line through your microphone indicates you are muted. The microphone symbol may be in the top right or bottom left of your screen depending on the device you use.*

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## Community Outreach (Core)

A very big thank you to all of you who have kept busy during these trying COVID times making quilts for CORE. Since things shut down last March, you have made 109 quilts and 211 placemats, which have been donated to our charity partners. They are so appreciative of receiving your beautiful work that they can give to their clients. Let's keep up the great work!

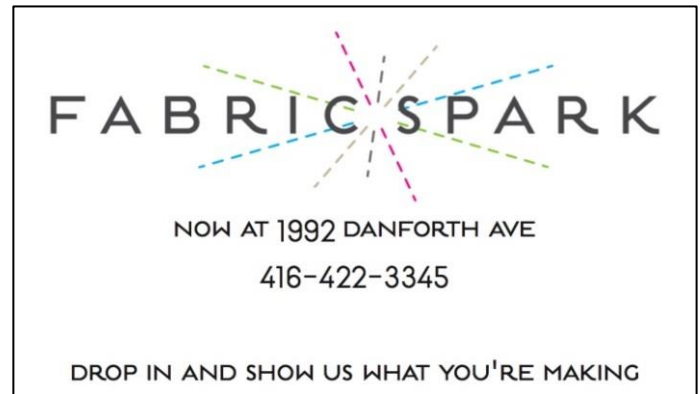
We have batting available for anyone who wants to finish a quilt. We have some backing fabric and a few kits if you need fabric. Just contact Wendy or Kathy and we will get you what you need.

Thank you again. Your generosity is truly awe-inspiring!  
*Wendy Yule and Kathy Chapman, CORE Coordinators*

## Library

Just because there are no MQG meetings at Tomken and you can't access our own library you don't need to be without your "quilting fix". Log into the Mississauga Library site and you will discover that they have 246 items (some more current than others) related to quilting. I'm sure there is something for everyone! Even in lockdown accessing the Mississauga library for items is simple. Just try it! You will be pleasantly surprised. It seems that in this second lockdown, unlike the first, the library is considered an essential service! Please take advantage of this service.

*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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?reload=9&v=M32ADkHwoSQ)
- Sandy Simmelink, Burlington, Ontario, **Fibre Artist and teacher in the Art of Fine Quilting.** [Sandysimmellink@hotmail.com](mailto:Sandysimmellink@hotmail.com)
- December 2020:
  - Northcott Challenge  
Revealed at the December general meeting: The winners were: 1<sup>st</sup>: Patrick Chan; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lil Budden; and 3<sup>rd</sup>: Tish Leupen.  
The following is a comment from Northcott Silk *"These were absolutely beautiful!! I'm glad I didn't have to judge them, to me they were all winners! Even though we can't hold shows its funny how we have all become so versatile in alternative methods."*

- Covid Challenge

Also revealed at the December general meeting: The winners were: 1<sup>st</sup>: Ruthie Snell; 2<sup>nd</sup>: Paula Lee-Len; and 3<sup>rd</sup>: Jane Sanders

- Bonnie Langenfeld, Artist and surface design teacher (January 2021)

[www.landscapesinfabric.com](http://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](http://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 have 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](http://www.quiltingintheloft.com)

*Paula Lee-Len, Program Convenor*



## Workshops

Please email Ruthie to sign up for these workshops.

### Virtual workshop with Johanna Masko :

The Secrets of a Patchwork Pro – Learn tricks of clever piecing.

Saturday February 6th from 10-3

Place : your home

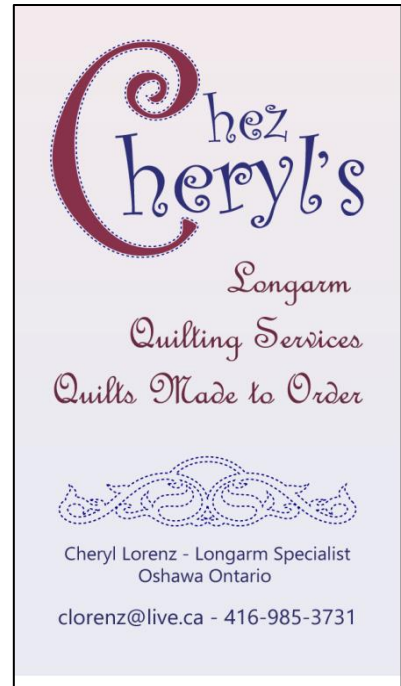
Cost \$50.

### Virtual workshop with Eleanore Levie:

Weave a Quilt with me

Saturday March 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:30 am – 1 pm

*Ruthie Snell and Elizabeth McDowell, Workshop Convenors*



### Workshop Offer:

Bonnie has offered a 25% discount for her USB Thread Sketching Flash Drive to learn thread sketching techniques for trees, flowers, waves etc. Patrick has offered to collect orders and make a bulk order to save the shipping. If you are interested in purchase the USB, please contact Patrick at before February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Depending on the numbers to be ordered, the drive will be approximately \$40 Canadian including local postage. You can see more information about the drive on Bonnie's website at <https://www.landscapesinfabric.com/product-page/thread-sketching-flash-drive-w-album>

## Newsletter

Have something for the newsletter? Please email ideas or suggestions to the guild email address [MississaugaQuiltersGuild@gmail.com](mailto:MississaugaQuiltersGuild@gmail.com)

**Deadline for March Newsletter: February 19, 2021**

**Deadline for future Newsletters:**

April Newsletter: March 19

May Newsletter: April 23

June Newsletter: May 21

September Newsletter: August 20

## Block of the Month

We hope you are keeping up with the monthly installments of the Wetlands block of the month. Apparently, there was some confusion last month. All the applique blocks are the same size, and all the pieced blocks are the same size. I am currently thinking about how to quilt mine. We can dream of birds and plants, soon to come this spring.

*Linda Ward and Mary Dodd, BOM Convenors*



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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



Comfy Cases continues to provide hospitalized kids with cheerful, fun pillowcases, thanks to all the volunteer sewers across the GTA.

I have pre-cut kits ready to be made up into pillowcases, and I'm happy to drop them off to you, and pick up the finished cases! They're fun to make, and I can send you the link for the "hot-dog" method which is a quick and easy way to make perfect pillowcases. Let me know

if you would like a few to do, or, if you have some cheerful kid's fabric of your own that you'd like to make up and donate!

*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. Who knew you could pop popcorn in your instant pot?!? My microwave is broken so this was a welcome discovery. <https://dev-recipes.instantpot.com/recipe/popcorn/> Its not a fast process but it did work well. I shook the pot a bit when the popping slowed to get more kernels to pop.



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## CQA

CQA has announced a virtual quilt show for June 16 – 19, 2021. See their page [here](#). As part of this they have a call for entry for a virtual National Juried Show. Entries are due by February 15, 2021. You can find the details and rules [here](#).

The CQA is also holding a zoom lecture on February 13, 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.

## Thoughts

Need a challenge for February? Kelley Richardson has challenged herself to create 28 different quilt designs in 28 days using 1 layer cake and 1.5m of coordinating fabric. She'll be posting a video with the quilt design and pattern on her YouTube channel [here](#)

Need to wash a long piece of fabric? The Quilt Rat has a suggestion her blog [here](#) that should help with dealing with the snarls of fabric that usually arise. She serged the ends and then folded and basted the edges before washing.

I finished my Poinsettia block from the Kathy K Wylie workshop recently. When I rinsed the block to remove the washout marker, some of the reds ran. This [article](#) was helpful in removing the reds from the background of my block. Since it was just a block, I used a small bucket and let it soak for a couple of hours.

## Workshop Feedback

There was feedback from two members. Both are quoted below:

I truly enjoyed the on-line workshop. I learned something new and I got to interact with members of the guild. As an added bonus I had the benefit of working in my space with everything I needed close at hand.

### things I like:

- connecting to friends (because online/telephone contact is better than none)
- connecting to new people around the world that I never thought I would be able to meet.
- Working at home - not packing up my machine and supplies and resetting up at the workshop location. And no commuting.
- The flexibility to being able to mute conversation, have video or not. If I am running late, I can eat my breakfast while listening to the meeting and not disturb the other participants (by muting and not having video on), then turn it on when ready.

### things that I don't like:

- I lose the energy of the people around me. You just don't get that same energy exchange/boost over zoom/social media.

- I don't see how the other participants in the workshop are creating their pieces and how they are working through the process (this could be a positive too). I lose the intuitive feel of the room.
- It can be harder to grasp certain concepts or techniques as the instructor cannot see if you are struggling and come and ask/assist you. Some instructors are better at this than others.
- It's difficult to have a private conversation on zoom with a group. There is no chatting to the person sitting beside you.
- There are security issues with zoom or other less secure platforms. It's important to understand what your background, image and sounds from your home could tell others about you/your location (and whomever may be lurking/hacking into the feed).

## 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](#)



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