



# Pieceful Pastimes

Mississauga Quilters Guild  
March 2021

**Next Meeting: Thursday March 4 by Zoom**  
**Following Meeting: Thursday April 1 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!

I hope everyone has been well and coping with the mountains of snow lately. Just as I thought we were going to escape winter's wrath, Mother Nature decided we'd been too comfortable. It's all good though, if our fabric stashes are full, our rotary cutters are sharp, and our sewing machines are singing!

Please log in to this month's meeting, our Programme Committee is pleased to bring us Eleanor Levie, all the way from Philadelphia PA. I'm excited to see her lecture, please check out her link in the program section of the newsletter.

There's still room in Eleanor's workshop, learn how to weave a quilt, from home! Please follow up with Ruthie if you're interested and remember to use the guild's general email address if you choose to e-transfer the workshop fee.

We will be on the lookout for a few new members of the Executive Committee. Positions that are coming open are Program, Workshop, and Membership. We will also need a Vice President. These are obviously critical positions to fill, but rest assured, the current members have set these positions up for success, please think about joining us!

As many have been doing already, please continue to enjoy Jane Sanders' Zoom Sew 'N Chat and keep those CORE quilts and Comfy Pillowcases coming.

Keep well everyone, and Happy Stitching!

*Darlene Jenah, President*



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## Community Outreach (Core)

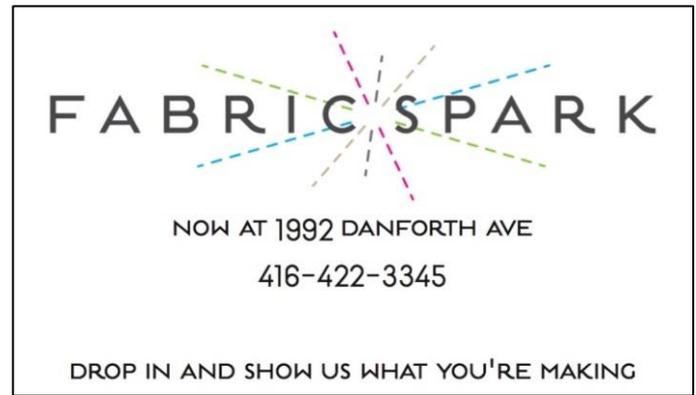
Thank you to our guild members for continuing to support CORE. We received several completed quilts this month and have distributed batting, backings and quilt sandwiches for quilting. If you would like any supplies to make a CORE quilt let us know. We really appreciate your contributions.

*Wendy Yule and Kathy Chapman, CORE Coordinators*

## Library

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.** [Sandysimmelinke@hotmail.com](mailto:Sandysimmelinke@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)
- Johanna Masko – Lecture on *Make Do and Mend* (February 2021) <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](http://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*

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

## Block of the Month

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*Linda Ward and Mary Dodd, BOM Convenors*

## Workshops

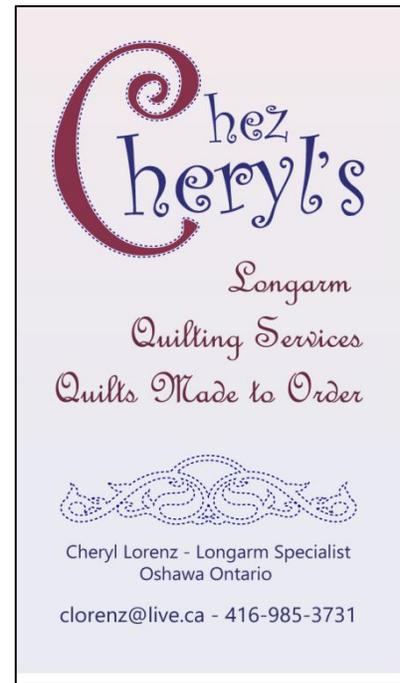
Please email Ruthie to sign up for this workshop. It is the final workshop of the year. The cost is \$50.

### 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*



## 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 April Newsletter: March 19, 2021**

**Deadline for future Newsletters:**

May Newsletter: April 23

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



Thank you to all who have been sewing pillowcases for Comfy Cases!

With thanks to Northcott, Fabricland, and Camelot Fabrics (Montreal), who have donated fabric, we have lots of new kits ready to be sewn up. A kit includes all the fabric you need to sew up 5 pillowcases. If you'd like a kit or 2, just let me know. I'm happy to drop off and pick up when you're done. They're fun and easy to do -- I can also give you the link to the

tutorial showing how to make them.

*Marlene Weaver, Past President*



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## CQA

CQA has announced a virtual quilt show for June 16 – 19, 2021. See their page [here](#).

The CQA is also holding a zoom lecture on March 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.

## 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](#)

## Thoughts

No links this month as I've been busy working on a different hobby. What I've discovered is that many of the things we do and say as quilters translate across hobbies. I'm learning to make digital art in photoshop. In one chat, they were discussing the many sales that were available this month and someone commented that they'd come to realize that collecting the backgrounds and kits was one hobby and actually making the art was a different hobby. Sounds like a comment I've heard quilters make about stash, patterns and actually making quilts.

We are not alone in collecting the things that help bring us joy in our hobbies. Enjoy your collecting. Enjoy the process of making your quilt. If you have another hobby, what do you bring from your quilting to it? What do you bring from it to your quilting? Among other things, I bring a love of being inspired by the things our speakers and our guild members share to my quilts and that translate to the digital art. I see the creations others post in the facebook groups and can't wait to get to my computer and try something. It won't be what the person created but that's OK. They won't make what I create and so we both contribute to making the world beautiful.

*Helen Anne Lemke, Newsletter Convenor*