



# Pieceful Pastimes

Mississauga Quilters Guild  
October 2020

**Next Meeting: Thursday October 1 by Zoom**  
**Zoom Website open at 7:15 pm**  
**Meetings begin at 7:30 pm**

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## Message from the President

Hello all!

I wanted to say thank you to the 63 members who logged into our Virtual General Meeting for September. Despite a couple of little glitches, the feedback was pretty positive, so thank you for your participation and suggestions to make it even better next time!

We were hoping to be able to meet in person in October, while following the City's guidelines for safe gatherings. Since we last spoke, 3 things have happened.

- 1) our scheduled Guest Speaker asked to defer to our May meeting,
- 2) the arena we meet in is undergoing some renovations making our space inaccessible, and
- 3) the City has had to reimpose tighter restrictions on the size of indoor gatherings.

This meant our CORE workshop and teacher workshops had to be cancelled, as well as our in person October General Meeting. Not to worry, we have a new plan.

As you'll see in our Program section of the Newsletter, we will be hosting a new virtual speaker. We're excited to bring you Lisa Walton all the way from Australia! Keep your eye open for the Zoom invitation before October 1, 2020. Please note, she has asked that we not record her presentation, so you'll have to log in that evening.

Also, after much discussion about the uncertainty of the current situation, the Executive Committee has decided to postpone the Quilt Show for yet another year. We will still go ahead with the Quilt Raffle, as our lottery license was extended to May 15, 2021. This may be a live draw from the parking lot of the Burnhamthorpe arena, more information to follow. If you still have tickets, or would like more to sell, please contact Kim Baumgart. Many have been asking about the Northcott Challenge quilts, our plan is to present the prizes at our December meeting.

If you have photos you'd like to include for our October Show and Share, please forward to the guild email, [MississaugaQuiltersGuild@gmail.com](mailto:MississaugaQuiltersGuild@gmail.com) to be included in a slide show. We will

invite you to take a moment to speak about your quilts this time, apologies that September's Show and Share didn't happen quite the way you expected.

One final note: as you can see, we have a Newsletter coordinator! We're very pleased to welcome Helen Anne Lemke to the Executive Committee and are looking forward to the benefit of her many years of experience with the Mississauga Quilters Guild. Thank you for stepping forward to fill this valuable role!

Keep well, and stay safe,  
*Darlene Jenah, President*

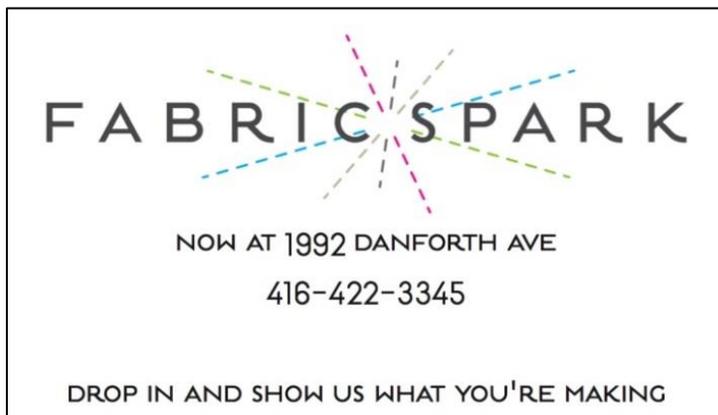
## Community Outreach (Core)

A very big thank you to all of you who continue to support CORE by making quilts and placemats. Since our last in-person meeting in March, CORE has received 60 completed quilts, several quilts tops and 90 placemats. You have been busy!

Even though our CORE workshop was cancelled in September, we were able to access the storage room at Tomken and bring home several kits for placemats and quilt tops. If you are interested in getting a kit, please contact Wendy Yule or Kathy Chapman and we will deliver the kit to you. We also have some batting available if anyone wants some for a CORE quilt.

The next CORE workshop is scheduled for November 11, 10:00 to 1:30 at Tomken Arena. Let's keep our fingers crossed that conditions allow this to go ahead.

Thank you again for supporting our charities in Mississauga.  
*Wendy Yule and Kathy Chapman, CORE Coordinators*





## Membership

It has been quite the *topsy turvy* year. Welcome back everyone that has renewed their membership thus far. The three lucky "free membership" winners are Mary Diamond, Valarie Borsk and Linda Ward, Congratulations ladies. If you haven't managed to get your renewal in to us, it is never too late. Just email membership and we will assist you to get it done. Since we are zooming in for meetings it is difficult to track who has joined us. As a result, we will be having a number of fat quarter draws when we are finally meeting in person.

*Elizabeth and Gunda, Membership Convenors*

## Library

Information has now been retrieved from Tomken on all library items that have been out since March. So it is time to scour your shelves and gather all Mississauga Quilters Guild library items in preparation for returning them. Please put library materials in a bag along with your name and a list of items being returned. This will make it easier to match with the list of outstanding items. Once a plan is in place you will be informed as to how to return your items. Any questions please email Diane

*Diane McCullough and Jane Crockford, Library Convenors*

## Program

**September 9, 2020 - Brandy Maslowski      *Virtual Trunk Show***

We had our first virtual lecture by Brandy Maslowski and I hope you agree with me that it was a great one. Check out Brandy's website: <https://www.quilteronfire.com> and YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCs44G9z5Z3LPdIEH9uXwe8A>



**October 1, 2020 – Lisa Walton    *Virtual Lecture***

**Lisa, a textile artist, started with traditional quilt techniques over 25 years ago and very quickly developed the urge to break the rules. Her passion includes:**

- dyeing fabrics, started 18 years ago
- sharing her knowledge and teaching, was awarded the *Jewel Pearce Patterson Scholarship for Quilting Teachers* by the International Quilt Association in Houston, Texas in 2010

- food and travel, leading *Textile & Food Tours* all over the world.

<https://lisawaltonartist.com/>

**November 5, 2020 – Sandy Simmelink      *Physical & Virtual Trunk Show***

Fibre Artist and teacher in the Art of Fine Quilting. Sandy Simmelink is a 3-time National Canadian Quilt Association award winner in the small wall quilt division. Her quilting techniques range from very difficult needle turn appliqué, to free motion quilting, and 3D embellishments. [www.wix.com/24894255/sandy-simmelink](http://www.wix.com/24894255/sandy-simmelink)

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

Have you found some inspiration to start a quilt for the Covid-19 challenge? The requirements are simple: a humorous quilt, circumference between 48” and 144” using any technique, design, embellishments or colours you chose. The deadline is the December meeting where the quilt (or maybe quilts) that elicit the loudest laughs during show and share will win a prize and of course a ribbon!

During this i-sew-lation period, many of us have been working on UFOs; please bring for show and share the oldest UFO you have completed.

**January 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 have won several quilting awards which includes a group award of excellence and individual award from CQA.

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

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 - Robin Bogaert**

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)

**April 1, 2021 – Mary Dodd & Linda Ward**

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

**May 6, 2021 – Valerie Miller**

“To create in the spirit of innovation and experimentation; to encourage the freedom to play and coax the imagination beyond it’s limits.”

Valerie creates graphic quilts employing traditional techniques and modern style. Primarily self-taught, her influences include sewing and tailoring as a teen, post secondary study in design and her Grandmother’s quilting and craft. Currently living and working in Eastern Ontario, she is creating custom and gallery pieces, publishing patterns, touring workshops and trunk shows. [www.valeriemillerquiltedcovers.com](http://www.valeriemillerquiltedcovers.com)

*Paula Lee-Len, Program Convenor*

# Workshops

A full line-up of teachers is planned for the coming year. All workshops will be \$70. Set-up will begin at 9:30 and classes will run from 10 am until 4 pm. Check out the links below for information about their quilting journey and samples of their work. Workshop fees can also be paid by e-transfer if you prefer.

The next workshop planned is

Turning your own Designs into Reality, taught by Sandy Simmelink.

November 7th, 10-4:30, at Tomken Arena, \$70.

Bring ideas and your own fabric, and go home with a solid plan, and some blocks completed.

There is lots of time for 1x1 instruction.

As with all workshops, everything is tentative, depending on the pandemic. If you are interested in a workshop, e-mail me to put you on the list. If the workshop runs, pay at the door. These times are so unsettled, we cannot make any positive commitments ahead of time.

*Ruthie Snell and Elizabeth McDowell, Workshop Convenors*



The advertisement features the shop's logo in the top left corner, which includes a small illustration of a person quilting. The logo text reads "Cobwebs & Caviar" in a stylized font, with "Quality Stuff, K&K Ass Quilting, B&S & Diggles" in smaller text below it. To the right of the logo, a box contains the shop's hours: "Tues to Fri 10 am to 4pm" and "Saturday 11 am to 3 pm". The main text of the ad says "Over 400 new bolts of fabric in the last month!" followed by "Pop into shop or online to check it all out!". At the bottom, a dark green bar contains the address "COBWEBS & CAVIAR, 147 Main St. W. Shelburne, ON" and the website "cobwebsandcaviar.com".

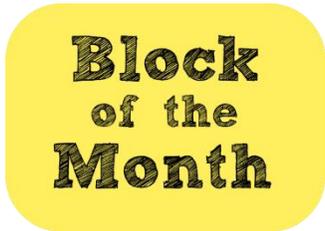
Have something for the newsletter? Please email ideas or suggestions to the guild email address [MississaugaQuiltersGuild@gmail.com](mailto:MississaugaQuiltersGuild@gmail.com)

**Deadline for next Newsletter: Oct 23, 2020**

## Block of the Month

First of all the size should read 47" x 68". Mary has worked hard to pull this quilt together using blocks from public domain as well as free drawings. We have worked hard to make the instructions as easy as possible. This month you will get your first pieced block and the instructions for the first silhouette. Look for this on the guild website the day after our guild meeting.

*Linda Ward and Mary Dodd, BOM Convenors*



## Website and Social Media

Just a reminder that show and share is now be on the public side of the website. We also have an Instagram page. Photos for the website go to Patrick Chan and to Heather Porritt for Instagram. Include some information about the quilt – pattern, inspiration, purpose, technique, etc.

*Patrick Chan and Kim-Phuong Nguyen, Website Convenors*



## Retreat 2021 Registration

The Annual Retreat will be held at Elmhurst Inn & Spa, Ingersoll, from February 25 - 28, 2021. There are still some spots available and including at least one single room (there may be more later). [Click here](#) for the registration form.

Please send the completed registration and payments to Pam Sawyer, before December 1, 2020. If you require more information please contact me.

*Pam Sawyer, Retreat Coordinator*

## Cases for Smiles

Marlene Weaver continues to collect pillow cases for local hospitals as part of the Cases for Smiles projects. A huge thank you to everyone who picked up kits. They went like hotcakes and have all been returned! Contact Marlene if you have cases to drop off. If you are looking for patterns or tutorials check out these videos:

- [Jenny Doan](#) of Missouri Star Quilts
- [One Million Pillowcase Challenge](#)
- Using Border Prints from [Sew Very Easy](#)
- [Shabby Fabrics](#) tutorial

*Marlene Weaver, Past Presiden*

# Quilts of Valour - Canada Society



Our local group have not been able to meet monthly at the Streetsville Legion, and this will likely continue for some time. During our isolation many of our group have used their time to make quilt tops or finished quilts for Quilts of Valour. All of those quilts are safely stored waiting for reopening of presentation ceremonies to the veterans.

To view what has been happening across Canada including information about quilt specifications, block patterns and top designs, visit our [web page](#). For further information contact Virginia Rothwell:

*Virginia Rothwell, Shirley Hoad or Lil Budden*

## Social

While we aren't meeting in person you will each need to provide your own beverage of choice and snack. For snack inspiration here's a link to a recipe. In the early days of the Pandemic, the Doubletree hotel chain released its Chocolate Chip Cookie recipe. The dough freezes well.

<https://newsroom.hilton.com/static-doubletree-reveals-cookie-recipe.htm>

## CQA Update – New Logo, New Website

Check out CQAs new website and logo [here](#). While some parts of the new site are still in progress, there is a lot of information and learning opportunities available to members, professionals, vendors and the public. The dates for virtual shows are been revised as well as registration dates and call for entries for Quilt Canada 2021.



## MQG Virtual Quilting Event

There is room for several quilters who want to join for the first “MQG Virtual Quilting Session”. If you are interested please let me know and I will forward the link to the zoom coordinates. You don't need to be a zoom expert (you don't even need to download it in advance) and all levels of quilting skills are welcome.

First Session: Tuesday September 29 from 1-4pm.  
Second Session – Wednesday October 7 from 6-9pm

If you are interested in being on the list for future times let me know. Some will be in the afternoon and others in the evening and perhaps a Sunday from time to time. There is no obligation. Check the website for more information.  
Jane Sanders

## Tips and Tricks

### Quilt Shows From Away

For a more virtual experience, check out the following shows:

- [Texas Quilt Museum](#)
- [Sydney Australia 2019 Quilt Show](#)
- [Sisters Outdoor Quilt Show](#)
- Quilt Festival is going virtual. More details [here](#)

### Or Maybe Some History of Quilting?

This page has a [History of Quilting in Canada](#). This [pdf](#) was published by 4H Canada Saskatchewan and has a history of quilting as well as covering some basics and projects

### Zoom Hints (From Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild Newsletter)

In order to join a Zoom meeting, you need a computer, smart phone or tablet. You also need speakers or earphones or buds. You only need a camera if you want to be seen on screen.

To join a ZOOM call that has been set up, go to the email you received, click on the meeting address, and then click Join Meeting (with video) and Join with audio. You may initially be held in a waiting room until the director of the meeting admits you.

Once you are in a meeting, there are two ways to view the participants, Gallery View or Speaker View. The toggle button to change the view should be in the upper right-hand corner. By choosing Gallery View (think Brady Bunch) you can see who is speaking as the frame of their box is highlighted. If the controls have disappeared, just move your mouse and they will re-appear.

If there is background noise you can mute yourself in the lower left-hand corner of the screen, but don't forget to unmute yourself to speak. If you wish to turn off the video, that button is beside the mute button.

If you are having problems with being heard or hearing, beside the microphone mute button in the lower-left corner is an arrow which when clicked, provides options, one of which is Test Speaker and Microphones. You can also click Audio Settings and test and adjust the volume.

If you are on a tablet or phone, the mute and camera controls may be located elsewhere – possibly in the top right hand corner where the three dots are.