



# Pieceful Pastimes

Mississauga Quilters Guild  
September 2021

**Next Meeting: Thursday Sept 9 by Zoom**  
**Following Meeting: Thursday Oct 7 by Zoom**  
**Zoom Website open at 7:00 pm**  
**Meetings begin at 7:30 pm**

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## Message from the President

Happy September! I hope everyone is well, and enjoyed their summer. As restrictions lift around the province, shops are opening and some parts of life are returning to "normal".

I'd like to welcome Melanie Blake to the Executive Committee, as our new Membership Coordinator. I wish to thank Liz Cote for setting Melanie up with all the tools she needs to do the job. Also, we are happy to have Sandra Dunlop and Mary Beth Filegan join our CORE committee, working alongside Wendy Yule and Kathy Chapman this year.

I'm pleased to announce that our Program committee has been working hard to bring you another year of top-notch lecturers from near and far. I'm excited to see Paul Leger's lecture - My Journey In Quilting, for our September 9 meeting. Paul will also be running a workshop in October. Please check out the Program and Workshops sections of the newsletter for more details.

Our Block of the Month committee is excited to bring you a new project this year, keep your eyes open for their news to come!

We are still looking for a Vice President to join the Executive! As a committee, we made a motion to extend the term of some of our executive positions, however, the Vice President role is critical to the Guild. Without a VP, we will not have a President. Without a President, we would no longer meet the conditions of our Constitution. Please consider stepping forward.

Also, we are looking for a Social Media Coordinator! If you are fluent in Facebook and Instagram, we need you! This is a great opportunity to bring a fresh face to the Guild, please put your hand up if you're interested to learn more about this position.

During the summer months, I circulated information about the Quilts For Survivors, which is a project started by Vanessa Génier, a quilter in Timmins ON, with the intention to make quilts for survivors of Canada's indigenous residential schools. She is looking for 16 1/2" blocks, which should include at least some orange. The link below, from the CQA website, provides more information. Our own Mary Dodd has offered to collect blocks from our members to forward to Timmins. Please mail your blocks to Mary, or you can do a porch drop if you're in the neighbourhood. Mary's address can be found in the email sent on August 4 (text at the end of the newsletter), or in your membership list.

As always, if you have a submission for Show and Share, please forward to Marlene Weaver as soon as possible so she can assemble her slide show for our meeting.

Enjoy the last days of summer, and I look forward to seeing you soon!

*Darlene Jenah, President*

## Nominations

Hard to believe summer is almost over, but as we get back into our routine, our guild is ready to go with lots going on.

As you know, many committee members have offered to stay on an additional year beyond their normal term, to ensure the smooth continuation of our programs and activities during the pandemic.

There is one position, however, that still needs to be filled this year by a new candidate, which is **Vice President**. We are still looking for a guild member who is willing and able to take on the role of President next year, and would therefore join the Executive this year as VP. Things to remember:

- This is a 4-year commitment: 1 year as Vice President to learn the role, 2 years as acting President, and 1 year as Past President to guide the new incoming candidate
- As President, you are not "doing everything", you are overlooking and guiding the committee members
- You have the full support of previous Presidents, who are always happy to help with any questions and guidance
- You are not "re-inventing the wheel", all protocols and procedures are well in place, but you are able to bring your own ideas to the guild

We are in CRUNCH TIME now - **Without this position being filled, we will no longer be able to operate as a guild next year.**

Contact me to talk it over, if you are interested in stepping up to take on the role of Vice President

*Marlene Weaver, Past President*

## Community Outreach (Core)

Welcome to our two new CORE committee members: Sandra Dunlop and Mary Beth Filegan. Thanks for joining the team.

A big thank you to our Guild members who have been busy over the summer making quilts and placemats for CORE. Since our June meeting we have received 33 quilts and 31 placemats, as well as several quilt tops. Your continued support is greatly appreciated!

We are now able to get into our storage room at Tomken and will be putting together quilt and placemat kits, as well as finding backing for quilt tops. If you need supplies to work on quilts for CORE, please let one of us know and we will be happy to deliver them to you.

*Wendy Yule, Kathy Chapman, Sandra Dunlop and Mary Beth Filegan CORE Coordinators*

## Block of the Month

Due to the success of our previous mystery quilts, we have another planned for this year. As we are still working on the quilt, we will be giving you the fabric requirements in October. This is a wholly pieced quilt and something we haven't done before.

We consider this project just above a beginner because of two blocks (hourglass and half hourglass). Don't let that scare you. Once you begin to make these blocks you will realize how simple they are.

Start thinking of your fabric. One hint...there are five fabrics, one of which is the background. You could go scrappy. We encourage you to use as much of your stash as possible. We are working to make this as easy and fun as we can. We hope you will join us on this journey.

*Linda Ward and Mary Dodd, BOM Convenors*

Please send your Show and Share Pictures for the Guild Meeting to Marlene Weaver

## Zoom Reminders

The guild has committed to meeting via zoom until at least March 2022. The zoom link is sent out the week of the guild meeting.



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*On a Windows computer? ALT-A will toggle your microphone between on and off. If you are on mute, hold the space bar to temporarily speak. You must hold the space bar all the time you are speaking.*

## Program

### September 9, 2021 – Paul Leger – My Journey in Quilting

Quilter, Teacher & Designer

Paul, from his humble beginnings in 1990, has grown from exploring traditional designs and techniques to more modern interpretations, in particular transforming simple ‘objects d’art’ into quilts. [www.paullegerquilts.com](http://www.paullegerquilts.com)

### October 7, 2021 – Dawn Hunt – Valuing Your Quilts

After serving 30 years in the Canadian Forces as a Military Engineer, Dawn retired in 2005 to devote time to her true passion, textile engineering, a.k.a. quilting, and her second career as a quilt and textile-arts appraiser. [www.fibrework.com](http://www.fibrework.com)

### November 4, 2021 - Julia McLeod – Silk and Salvage, a Story of Collaboration

An international award-winning quilt maker living and working in Northern California, just east of San Francisco.

Julia discovered quilt making on her travels through the small Amish towns of Pennsylvania. Since 2016 she has specialized in making silk quilts, sourcing her fabrics from neckties, clothing and furnishing fabrics. She has a passion for reuse and recycling, which leads to rescuing vintage blocks and textiles. These reclaimed fabrics are usually the starting point of her quilts. [www.juliamcleodquilts.com](http://www.juliamcleodquilts.com)

### December 2, 2021 – Details to follow

Season’s Greetings!

### January 6, 2022 – Kim Caskey – Tour of Japan

Kim is not only a longarm quilter, instructor and designer but a tour host. On January 6, 2022, we will enjoy a tour of Japan. [www.kimcaskey.ca](http://www.kimcaskey.ca)

**February 3, 2022 - Jackie White – Trunk Show**

Jackie White is a designer, quilter, pattern creator and lover of all things handmade. Her passion lies in fabric and design. [www.jackiewhitequilts.com](http://www.jackiewhitequilts.com)

**March 3, 2022 – Melissa Marginet – Myth: Quilting is an Expensive Hobby**

Melissa loves to teach, especially quilting, and to share her knowledge. She is a DIY quilter from beginning to end and encourages others to do the same. She believes there are no right or wrong way, there are different ways. Each person needs to find what works best for them.

**April 7, 2022 – Nancy McCracken – Trunk Show**

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.

**May 5, 2022 – Robin Bogaert – Trunk Show**

Robin is a long arm quilter, owner and creator of *Quilting in the Loft*. 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. [www.quiltingintheloft.com](http://www.quiltingintheloft.com)

*Paula Lee-Len, Program Convenor*

**Workshops**

Workshops for 2021-2022

All workshops will be virtual until April and will cost \$50. April and May workshops will hopefully be in person, and will cost \$70.

Paul Leger : “Square Peg - Round Hole, [www.PaulLegerQuilts.com](http://www.PaulLegerQuilts.com)

October 16th and October 17th from 9:30-1

Julia McLeod: “Starting with Silk” [www.juliamcleodquilts.com](http://www.juliamcleodquilts.com)

November 6th, 10-3

Phyllis Cullen: “All About the Face” - [www.phylliscullenartstudio.com](http://www.phylliscullenartstudio.com)

January 8th, 10-3

Jackie White: “3-D Flower”, [www.jackiewhitequilts.com](http://www.jackiewhitequilts.com)

February 5th, 10-3

Melissa Marginet: “Planning your Walking Foot Quilting”, [www.melissamarginet.ca](http://www.melissamarginet.ca)

March 12th 10-3

Nancy McCracken: “Collage Quilts” An in-person class at Tomken Arena

April 9th, 10-3

Robin Bogaert: “Ruler Quilting”, [www.quiltingintheloft.com](http://www.quiltingintheloft.com). An in-person class

May 7th 10-3

*Ruthie Snell and Elizabeth McDowell, Workshop Convenors*

## We Now Have Room

Wendy Yule and I spent an afternoon in August cleaning our storage room at Tomken – Quilt Show cupboard and shelving unit. Now we have some cupboard space and spare shelf space. While cleaning I discovered that we are missing some MQG property ex. the projector that we purchased when I was president. If you have been storing some things at home because there didn't seem to be space for them we would now welcome them back and find room for them. As we still need to make an appointment to go into Tomken and access our storage area please contact me and I will arrange a time for you to drop things off. Thanks for storing things for us but we can now welcome them back.

*Diane McCullough*

## Library

I'm in the process of trying to sort through library items to see what we keep and what we purge. Hopefully there will be some bargains for you in the near future. This process could take a while as we had several donations just before lockdown that need to be sorted. Jane and I have begun discussing how we can safely reopen the library once we start meeting in person at Tomken. In the meantime, if you have any suggestions for specific books, magazines or techniques you would be interested in us looking into that would be helpful with the purging and purchasing of new materials. We want to excite you with new materials once we are able to meet again. If you don't give us suggestions then you have to live with our choices! Better we try and meet your needs!

*Diane McCullough, Jane Crockford*

## Newsletter

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

**Deadline for October Newsletter: September 23, 2021**

**Deadline for future Newsletters:**

November – October 21, 2021

December – November 18, 2021

January – no newsletter.

February – January 20, 2022

March – February 17, 2022

April – March 24, 2022

May – April 21, 2022

June – May 19, 2022

September – August 18, 2022

## Membership

Hello Everyone. My name is Melanie Blake and I am your new (one and only!) Membership Convenor. To date membership renewal is at 79%. (Hurray!) Thanks to those who submitted their forms and payment in a timely manner. The updated membership form can be downloaded from the website and includes instructions for submission. Absolute final date for membership renewals is Sept. 30, 2021 to avoid missing any newsletter or meeting zoom links.

*Melanie Blake, Membership.*

## Comfy Cases



As things are returning to normal, and the hospitals are now opening their pediatric wards again, we are back to distribute our pillowcases. We are donating to both hospitals in Mississauga, and have expanded to the Oakville hospital, which has an eating disorder ward, so we are looking for fabrics suitable for adolescents as well.

Over the summer, we received a large donation of fabric from Camelot Fabrics in Montreal, and I have lots of kits ready to be made into cases. I'm always happy to drop off and pick up kits, just let me know if you would like a few to sew up! We also will take any donations of cotton fabrics that are fun and colourful, and we'll make up the kits.

We've had a special request for a young girl for a Barbie pillowcase, and from a child who loves Harry Potter. Anyone have any of these fabrics they'd like to donate?

As always, a big thank you to everyone who has been sewing up cases and keeping us well stocked!

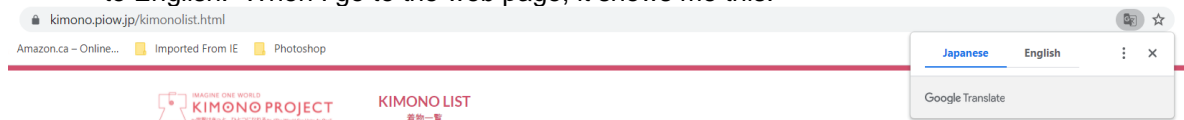
*Marlene Weaver, Past President*

## CQA

The CQA is holding a zoom lecture on Sept 18 with Lorna Costantini featuring Big Stitch Quilting and with Teresa Duryea Wong on Sept 22 featuring Indigenous North American Quilts: 150 Years of Sewing and Survival. A list of all lectures to the end of the year are posted [here](#). Please see the [CQA website](#) for more details on these and other activities.

## Other Possibilities

- I watched a series on Prime TV in August called "A Stitch in Time". The host picked a person and painting and worked with a Historical Costumier to recreate the garment worn by the person in the painting. Episode 5 featured recreating the jupon worn by the Black Prince. The jupon is a padded garment that was part of his armour. As part of the episode you see their experiments in how to best quilt the wadding and fabrics. Its not your traditional quilting fabrics.
- Recently The Quilt Show featured a link to the Country Kimono Project. As part of the Tokyo Olympics a team designed and created over 200 Kimono to represent the nations. This will [link](#) you to a news article that features 50 of the Kimono. This [link](#) has photos of all the Kimono. If you click on a photo, you can get more details about the design. Just make sure to enable your browser to translate the page to English. When I go to the web page, it shows me this:



By clicking on English, I get descriptions I can read.

- Many thanks to Virginia Rothwell for the link to this blogpost called "[Why the hell did somebody make me a quilt](#)" Food for thought for us as the quilters and for recipients of our endeavours.
- There are two zoom sewing sessions for you to join each week. Wednesday evening starting at 6:30 and Thursday afternoon starting at 1:30. You can stitch away while visiting with other members. I've used several Thursday afternoon sessions to help keep me entertained while working on tedious jobs like tracing over 500 shapes for a quilt. Now the applique can begin. Members are working on various projects. You don't necessarily need to sew. You can sit and visit or work on something else. Look for the email reminder with the link on Mondays.
- A great travelling project – Kawandi Quilting
  - [KAWANDI quilt - YouTube](#)
- The City of Mississauga's Tuesday Coffee Talk on September 28<sup>th</sup> (11 am – noon) will be about Quilting Traditions presented by the Museums of Mississauga. These presentations are virtual using Webex. There are more details and a link on the city's website [here](#)

*Helen Anne Lemke, Newsletter Convenor*

## Social

Another possibility for your snack during the meeting. My sister sent me this recipe. It sounds tasty.

<https://www.skinnykitchen.com/recipes/super-fudgy-brownies/>

Do you have a recipe to recommend? Please send a link to me for future newsletters.

*Helen Anne Lemke*

## Thank You!

I would like to thank the guild and Core for the lovely gift of a quilt after my lengthy hospital stay and slow recovery from a very nasty salivary gland infection. It certainly helped to lift my spirits.

*Mary Dodd*

## Quilts for Survivors

Over the years, we as quilters have been asked to send quilts and blocks for various causes at home and abroad. Almost every one of us has given a quilt as a hug from afar, to family, friends or even strangers.

It's hard to see what's going on in our beautiful country without taking a moment to pause and acknowledge the tragedies and injustices that affect our residents. After an informal conversation with some of the Executive members about different quilt projects we may want to support, it was agreed that Canada's indigenous people need to hear our voices of support and comfort.

This project, in support of the survivors and families of Canada's Residential School system, has been forwarded to me a couple of times from different members, and I think it's worthy of our attention. The project is asking for blocks, 16.5" (unfinished) and must include some orange fabric. Block suggestions are provided in the link below. Due to the summer time off some quilters take from their machines, the deadline has been extended until October 11.

Mary Dodd has volunteered to gather blocks from members, to forward to the project coordinator. You can mail your blocks, or drop them off at Mary's porch, at the address below, she'll take it from there.

Block Suggestion Link: <https://canadianquilter.com/news/quilts-for-survivors-deadline-august-1/>

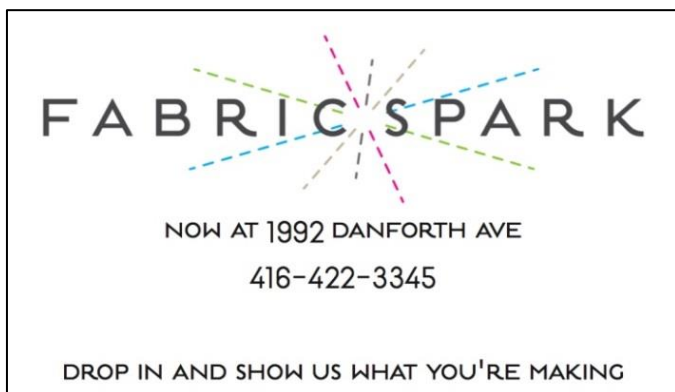
## Retreat 2022

The Retreat at Elmhurst Inn & Spa is happening from February 24 2022 to February 27 2022 barring any more COVID-19 interruptions.

The enrolment form and instructions are on the website. After 1 November registration will be open to non-members so sign up fast.

Contact Pam Sawyer for more details at [psawyer007@hotmail.com](mailto:psawyer007@hotmail.com)

*Pam Sawyer*





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