

Next meeting: In Person, Toronto Botanical Garden

Tuesday, January 17, 7:00 pm Doors open at 6:45 pm

Members only

Program: Annual General Meeting of Members (AGM)

Community Quilting Project

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Hello Everyone!

I hope your holiday season was enjoyable and you made it through the crazy weather disruptions. 2022 is now behind us and we can be very proud of our guild's hard work and contributions that resulted in a very successful quilt show and continued support in our communities.

January brings us to our Annual General Meeting and Community Quilting Night on Tuesday, January 17. This is an in person meeting and we

hope to see you there. Bring your sewing kit and coffee mug for a good old fashioned quilting bee! We will have our usual pick up table for quilt sandwiches and drop off for finished quilts. There is no Show and Share at this meeting. The award winning quilts from our Quilt Show will be on display and we will also be drawing for Quilt Show volunteer prizes (you do not need to be present to win) and more general member prizes during the CQ portion of the meeting (you *do* need to be present to win!) More information will be shared closer to the date.

Because the weather may not fully cooperate and some of you may find it difficult to attend in person, we're planning to share the meeting in real time, live on Zoom, so you can participate in the AGM and see the award winning quilts from our November Quilt Show. This will be our first official attempt at a hybrid meeting and it's quite different from a typical Zoom meeting, so we'll do our best to share the event with those at home.

The executive team is set but we are still seeking a Vice President. Please email or speak with me if you want to find out more about this opportunity to get involved. And don't worry if you're new to quilting or the guild – I can attest it's all doable, and a great way to meet nice people!

The following slate of directors is proposed for election at this meeting: President: Heather Briant; Vice President: Vacant; Secretary: Lori Dunn; Treasurer: May Powell.

Our Virtual Tuesday evenings offer lots of great social time and shared resources. The next one is on Tuesday, January 10, at 7:00 pm and the Zoom link will go out the weekend before.

Registration is now open for our International Quilting Day virtual event on Saturday, March 18. It's free to guild members and open to non-members for \$20. Please also consider submitting one or two quilts to be included in the virtual quilt show that day; that deadline is February 4. Lucy Garvin is coordinating this event on behalf of the guild, so she will be asking for volunteers to help on the day in the coming weeks.

We have great speakers and workshops lined up from February to May, please check our website for more details.

Take care, and keep on quilting!

Heather Briant—President yhqg.president@gmail.com



Meetings from September through January will be held at the Toronto Botanical Garden. Our February and March meetings will be held virtually through the Zoom platform.

Doors will open at 6:45 pm. the meeting will begin at 7:00 pm, and run until 9:00 pm.

Invitations to the February and March meeting, which includes the link to the meeting, will be sent out a few days prior to each meeting.

Meetings will not be recorded this year.

If you need assistance to join the Zoom meeting, please contact one of the following people:

Apple users (MAC, iPad, or iPhone) user, please contact Chriss Coleman at either 289.383.0555 or quilts@chrisscoleman.ca

PC users, please contract Sandra Yen at 416.523.0488 or oudaze@hotmail.com

If you are unfamiliar with Zoom and its controls, you can view the <u>YHQG Zoom Orientation video</u> prior to the meeting. And if you still have questions, join the meeting early and one of our Tech Team will be happy to help.

Prior to joining the meeting, we ask that you turn off any computer notifications you have (on your email account, for example) so we won't have dinging and donging going on during the meeting.

Once the meeting begins, please mute yourself to eliminate background noises.

Tuesday, January 17

Annual General Meeting & Community Quilting

The guild will hold its Annual General Meeting at the start of the meeting on January 17. Our president will lead us through all the guild's business and we will approve a new slate of directors and section chairs.

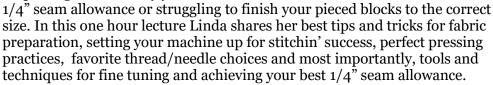
Following the short business meeting, Community Quilting will have a hand-sewing activity for us to participate in while munching on delicious cookies.

February 21

Linda & Carl Sullivan Tips for Precision piecing

Website: www.colourwerx.com

Stop being frustrated by your inaccurate



A true believer that most of our 'piecing issues' can also be overcome while creating the quilt, she'll also demonstrate how to work your way through inaccurate seam allowances, persnickety seam intersections and a variety of other 'potential piecing hazards' to achieve beautiful results!



March 21 (Zoom)

Valerie Goodwin Mapping Narratives Using Fabric

Website: ValerieGoodwinArt.com

A map is an abstract conception of a place. The person who makes the map has to make choices about what to include as well as what to leave out. Each map is thus a reflection of its maker and the story they want to tell. This

lecture is about how Valerie uses maps to tell the story of a place using fabric, paint, and thread.

The focus will be on three maps:

- Personal Narrative Maps
- Fictional Map Narratives
- Political/Sociological Narratives



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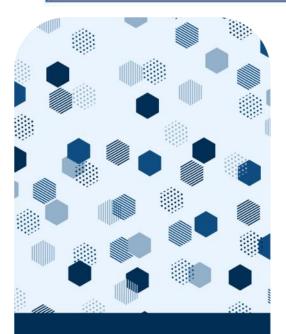
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Location

Check your workshop registration for location. Most of our in-person workshops will be held at the Toronto Botanical Garden. Virtual workshops will be held on the Zoom platform.

Workshop Hours

9:30 am to 3:30 pm, unless otherwise noted

Registration

Please note that workshop space is limited. Please sign up early. Your registration is not confirmed until payment is received.

Fees

Payment may be made by cheque, cash, <u>credit card (Square)</u> or by etransfer to

treasurer.yorkheritage@gmail.com.

Some workshops require a kit fee, which is payable with the registration fee. Kit requirements and fees are to be confirmed by the October meeting.

Cancellation fee is \$25.

Workshops Chairs

Leslie Batt Lillian Perivolaris



We held a very popular workshop in two parts with Marie Claire Charette in late November on Zoom. Seven Quilt-As-You-Go techniques were thoroughly covered with quick sessions of working and discussing each one. These are very valuable skills to have in your tool kit for big quilts that are difficult to wrangle.

Plans are in the works for a beading workshop by Naomi Smith of Black Tulip Designs on Sunday, April 23. We will make a beaded strawberry emery that is both beautiful and functional for cleaning

and sharpening pins. A kit will be available for a fee. Details to follow.

Linda Sullivan

www.colourwerx.com

Colourbugs & Curves

When: Saturday, February 25

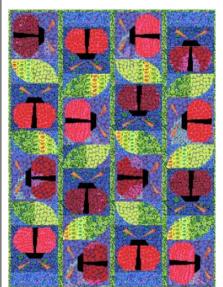
9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Where: Zoom Skill level: All



Two techniques in one workshop! Both techniques come together in one workshop while working on this cute ladybug quilt!

In part one, Linda will guide students through her liberating and fancy-free slash 'n sew improv technique while making cute colour bug blocks. No 1/4" seams to follow, no rules, and stress free piecing.



Then in part two, she'll guide students through sewing perfect curves with her handy tips and tricks. After a few practice blocks, students are guaranteed to conquer their fear of sewing curves with no tears.

Pattern is included and will be shared a week beforehand.

Linda Sullivan

www.colourwerx.com

Strippin' & Stitchin' with Paint Box

When: Tuesday, February 28

9:30 am to 3:30 pm

Where: Zoom Skill level: All

Easy strip piecing and triangles, combined with Linda's tips and tricks, allow students a stress-free project to perfect their 1/4" seam and cut the triangle shapes while making this fun and exiting new strip quilt.

Additionally, pulling together the supplies for this workshop couldn't be easier: just one 2 1/2 " strip roll plus two one yard cuts of coordinating fabric is all that is needed for this 48" x 48" quilt!

Pattern is included and will be shared a week beforehand.





Valerie Goodwin ValerieGoodwinArt.com

Mapping Personal Places

When: Tuesday, March 28

9:30 am to 4:30 pm

Where: Zoom

Skill level: All

This workshop is all about learning to make a simple stitched map of a place that is special to you—where you live.



To make this map, you will use simple hand & machine stitches combined with silk organza, opaque fabric, and a bit of paint. You will create a small fibre art map that is 8" x 8" to 11" x 11".

Also covered, will be how to use the internet to find maps that will serve as your starting point. As we go along, you will see the potential of variations on the techniques I will teach you.

Some prep required, including sharing a map with Valerie in advance. So register early!

Places to find maps online:

<u>Snazzy Maps</u> <u>Mappery</u> <u>Google Maps</u>

Cadmapper Google Earth Stamen

Some cities have their own GIS map sites. Try a Google search like GIS + Ontario or GIS + Toronto.

A Celebration of Quilts: November 11 and 12, 2022

Having had a long break from our last guild show in 2017, you might think that we had forgotten how to host such a large event. But all evidence points to our guild members once again successfully throwing a two-day celebration of quilts, quilting, and fellowship.

We all owe the committee and board of directors a huge round of applause and gratitude for putting in hours of work, creative thinking, and collaborative team work. Also, there can't be a show without volunteers and so many of you took part. *Thank you!*

Many of the elements of the show were the same as in 2017: a large display of quilts mostly in the main hall, but also distributed to other areas of the Toronto Botanical Garden (TBG); vendors in three locations; featured speakers in the TBG library; concurrent shows in various areas; the Guild Shop featuring our handiwork; the Toonie Sale (used to be the Loonie sale, but inflation hits everywhere!); and a café.

But there are refinements and improvements from show to show and this year's was no different. There was a larger use of social media, advanced online ticket sales, larger use of "Square" for making purchases, direct links to our vendors' websites, and a very useful printed program. This program included Viewer's Choice voting, a show survey, and even more important, the Quilt Show Passport that was used to encourage our visitors to go to each part of the facility to get "stamped" and then be eligible for draw prizes. This passport (a bit of brilliance thought up by Jacintha B.) really went a long way to encouraging our visitors to explore the building and it pleased the vendors who saw more traffic in some of the more remote parts of the building.

We were fortunate to have received four \$50 gift certificates from Len's Mill Stores. The names were drawn from the returned Quilt Show passports and the winners are: Kim W., Heather F., Nancy R., and Sue G.

At our January guild meeting on Tuesday, January 17, we'll be announcing the five Viewer's Choice award winners. Here are some other stats:

- Visitors 1200
- Toonie Sale tickets sold 1096
- Guild shop participants 15
- Vendor booths 16
- Volunteers 78
- Volunteer hours countless

- Number of quilts/quilted items displayed
 201
- Number of postcards printed and distributed – 6,000
- Social media 2.5K views on the YHQG Facebook page in the week leading up to the show and many, many more in the months leading up to the show

I strongly encourage you to consider taking part on the next show committee. Each new group brings lots of fresh ideas and improved practices and keeps our show a welcoming destination for quilters around the GTA and farther. It's a great way to "give back" to the guild and meet/work with other enthusiasts.

Thanks so much,

Jane Cramer Quilt Show Chair

Guild Calendar January 2023

Day	Date	Time	Activity
Monday	Weekly*	9:00 am-3:00 pm	In-person CQ Sew-Along at Stan Wadlow
Tuesday	Weekly**	9:00 am-3:00 pm	In-person CQ Group at East York Community Centre
Tuesday	Weekly	10:00 am—12:00 pm	Zoom CQ Sew-Along
Saturday	Weekly	10:00 am—12:00 pm	Zoom Sew-Along
Tuesday	January 10	7:00 pm—9:00 pm	Zoom Virtual Tuesday
Tuesday	January 17	7:00 pm—9:00 pm	Monthly Meeting In Person at TBG (Members only) Annual General Meeting (AGM) Community Quilting Project Bring your sewing kit and a mug for tea/coffee.
Tuesday	January 24	7:00 pm—9:00 pm	Guild Executive meeting

^{*}Monday in-person sew-along resumes on Monday, January 9

HOW TO MAKE A SHRUG

Rosemary M displayed her beautiful and very creative "shrugs" at our recent quilt show. Several people have asked her how to make a quilted shrug. Here's what you need to know:

- 1. Measure yourself from wrist to wrist across your back.
- 2. Measure from the base of your neck to your waist.
- 3. Make a quilted panel to match those measurements. Do not bind the two ends.
- 4. Measure across the end and cut fabric to double for a cuff.
- 5. Sew the cuff by machine on the good side and then by hand to cover the seam on the inside.



^{**}Tuesday in-person sew-along resumes on Tuesday, January 10

COMMUNITY QUILTING



Community Quilting Projects

- Prepared tops for quilting
- Block kits for piecing in three pattern choices
- Quilting kits of top, batting, and backing fabric
- Slab block kits/make your own

We have pick up/drop off locations around the city. Please call first to arrange a mutually convenient time.

North: Finch & Bathurst Leslie Batt 416.221.5437 or cell 416.805.3237

Central: Yonge & Lawrence Anne McLauchlan 416.817.1665

Midtown: Avenue Rd & Eglinton Wendy Dines 416.486.8378

East: St. Clair & Kingston Road Irena Hopper 416.320.5024

Community Quilting Groups

Join a virtual CQ sew-along on Tuesday or Saturday mornings. Zoom links are sent out to all members each week. Or join us in person on Mondays at Stan Wadlow Community Centre or Tuesday at the East York Community Centre. Check your email for registration information.

Community Quilting Chair

Anne McLauchlan

November and December were really busy times for Community Quilting!

To start with, thanks to generous donations of completed items, CQ was one of the most successful vendors at the Guild Shop at the Quilt Show, earning \$762.00. Any donated items that weren't sold were either donated to Nonnina's Table, to the wrapped teddies (see below), or to other charities.

Bev Steven's CQ stash sale in November netted another \$930.90.

Thanks to these wonderful sales, we'll have lots of money for batting and the other sundries needed to run our CQ program.

During November and December, we received quilts and/or tops from Mary Lou C, Alexandra S, Barb K, Martha D, Jacintha B, Phoebe V, Bob G, Anne W, Mical P, Daniela T, Debra B, Sue S, Lee O, Holly D, Jean H, Del H, Shelley K and Ann S. Many thanks to all of you for keeping our CQ program strong!



A huge donation was given to Nonnina's table: 100 quilts (50 for children and 50 for adults/teens), four boxes of toiletry items and several bags of unsold quilt show items, knitted items, and other goodies. All of these items were gratefully received and will make a difference to the lives of the almost 800 families who were served by Nonnina's Table this year.



Ann S and Judy M donated teddy bears and other stuffed toys to the guild, which were wrapped in teddy blankets generously donated to CQ (which weren't sold at the Quilt Show shop). The Tuesday CQ in person group, joined by BJ Reid, had fun doing all the wrapping! Twenty of the wrapped teddies were added to our donation to Nonnina's Table, and ten were donated to

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COMMUNITY QUILTING

Holland Bloorview Children's Rehabilitation Hospital. Joan, from Nonnina's Table, said the children were absolutely thrilled with them (as well as with the donated quilts). As you can see from the photo, below, the stuffies in their quilt capes got a similar reaction from the staff at Holland Bloorview, who can't wait to give them to the children. Teddy bear wrapping may become an annual event!



ve donated three large quilts (thanks

In addition, we donated three large quilts (thanks, Phoebe!) to Cummer Lodge Long Term Care Facility, one large quilt to Seven Oaks Long Term Care Facility, and nine quilts (3 adult, 3 teen, 3 child) to Sistering. Sistering also received a generous donation of fabrics curated by Bev S for their sewing program.

Finally, we have one more completed disappearing shoo fly quilt and another top (the finished quilt was on display at the admissions table at our November Quilt Show) to deliver to Quilts for Survivors.

The Quilt Show was an opportunity to showcase a past project participated in by Community Quilting: Flags of Hope. In addition to a display of some of the quilts put together by our members, Irene P gave a presentation at the Show. In an email to Sistering, Irene said:

"I am so grateful to the quilter's guild for the opportunity to have the Quilts of Remembrance displayed at the exhibition last weekend.



I gave a talk about the evolution of the Flags of Hope to the Quilts of Remembrance. I was proud to thank Sistering, Barbara & Mical, and the spunstudio for their initiative and helpful the first prototype quilt then all those involved at the YHQG who worked so meticulously and with heart on the 13 quilts.

I talked about quilts being used as advocacy throughout the years and about how I was inspired by the NAMES Aids quilts project. And the journey the quilts of remembrance have taken from Toronto City Hall Overdose Awareness to Parliament Hill in Ottawa.

Barbara, the Sistering quilt was front and centre of my talk and I spoke about the embroidery classes we had and the labour of love that went into it."

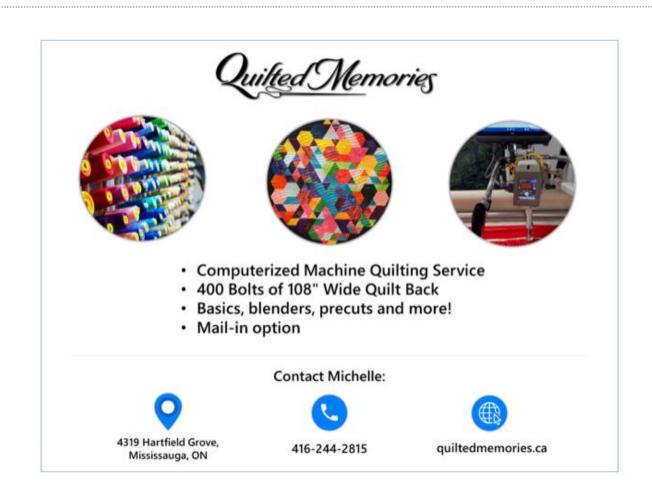


Year end is a time for thanks. Thanks to all of our members, who have generously made tops, blocks, and quilts; who supported our CQ sales; and who donated fabrics, toiletries, knitted items, sewn items, batting and, most of all, their time, effort, and creativity. Thanks to you, in addition to the non-quilt items we've mentioned above, 248 quilts and 17 quilt tops were donated by the guild to different charities and organizations during 2022. All of this was accomplished while we were still spending a lot of our time meeting online, rather than in person. What an amazing group of people you all are!

January is the beginning of another year and will start with our Annual General Meeting and Community Quilting Night. Brush up your hand sewing skills (bring your needles, thread, scissors, ruler and other hand quilting items with you, along with your tea/coffee mug) because we're going to be making beautifully coloured log cabin squares. For those of you who are new to hand sewing, this is a great time to learn. For those of you who are already skilled hand sewers, please share your skills with the rest of us. We'll have, as usual for this meeting, coffee, tea, and cookies and lots of time for socializing. We'll also have a slide show of lots of the CQ quilts that were donated during the year.

See you there!

Anne McLauchlan Community Quilting Chair





Lori D & Brandie W

What is Virtual Tuesday?

This is a virtual, off-shoot group of the York Heritage Quilters Guild. It was started during the guild year 2021-22 by Lucy G who named it "Scraps & Scrappy." After a year of providing in-depth content (with the able assistance of several other guild members) and social sewing time over Zoom, Lucy decided to step down. So that is when Brandie W and Lori D didn't want the fun to stop and tried to fill her shoes. The Zoom format get together on the second Tuesday evening of the month was renamed "Virtual Tuesday" to distinguish it from the return to "in real life" guild meetings on the third Tuesdays and to permit some "scope creep" from scrappy topics. Brandie and Lori are this months' York Heritage Quilters Guild (YHQG) Member Spotlight with a focus on Virtual Tuesday.

What got you started in quilting?

Brandie (B): I have loved playing with fabric for as long as I can remember. Starting with Barbie clothes, accessories like blankets, and clothes for me, and then eventually segued into quilting.

Lori (L): My mother taught me to sew but I hadn't used a sewing machine in decades when a needlepointing injury turned me to quilting around 2010. I'm now working on different repetitive strain injuries.

What is your favourite quilt that you have made?

- B: The last one just off the machine!
- L: The next one I want to try (did someone say "SQUIRREL?")!

What is your favourite quilt that you have NEVER made?

- B: I admire the English paper piecing artistry, especially the millefiori style, but I will NEVER make one.
- L: Ditto.

Do you have a WHAT WAS I THINKING?!?! quilt?

- B: T-shirt memory quilts, they look so easy and never are.
- L: I did, but I cut it up and turned it into my "Thank goodness it's finished" entry for last year's President's Challenge.

What are you working on now?

Virtual Tuesday (VT): current projects include Plaidish Tutorial, Kawandi hand stitching, possibility of a temperature quilt and/or #100daychallenge project.

Do you have a quilt that is not finished and that you never intend to finish?

- B: I sold my last unfinished, partially cut and assembled quilt top that I had no intention of finishing, such a relief!
- L: I have good intentions of finishing them all, but the quilted coat isn't anywhere near the top of the list.

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How long have you been a YHQG member?

- B: Less than a year.
- L: Since 2018 when I sat next to Jane C on a bus in France.

Why did you join the guild?

- VT: Because the virtual community is still needed in these strange times.
- B: Because of Lori!
- L: Because I sat next to Jane C on a bus. She also made me join the TMQG where I met Brandie on Zoom.

What do you like best about being a YHQG member?

- B: The warm and welcoming community
- L: Ditto, although I must say I've gotten to know more YHQG members on Zoom than I ever would have in person.

Have you ever volunteered to be on the Executive? If yes, what capacity?

- B&L: We are currently leading the Virtual Tuesday and that has kept us pleasantly busy.
- L: I wouldn't say volunteered is the correct term, but I'm currently the guild secretary!

Do you have a quilt currently on your bed?

- B: Yep!
- L: Nope! But my pup and I share some couch quilts.

Favourite fabric, thread, tool, etc.?

- B: Liberty of London always makes me happy.
- L: I do love my Berninas (no thanks to the friend who was supposed to hold me back at Creativ Festival 10 years ago (10 years, how is that possible?!).

What is your quilting happy place?

- B: Machine piecing. But I am really embracing those techniques that always seemed "hard" or "slow" to stretch my comfort zone.
- L: FMQ on the right day and mindless machine piecing at 3:00 am on the wrong days.

How many sewing-related machines do you have?

- B: Four.
- L: Only three, but someone is trying to talk me into getting a serger.

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Do you have a sewing room or dedicated space? What's the best thing about it?

- B: I have a small sewing "walk-in closet." The best/worst thing about it is that the door almost closes to hide the mess.
- L: Have you seen the joke where the husband says, "Stop calling our house a box" (as in all my sewing stuff fits in a box)?

How do you organize all of your quilting-related stuff?

- B: Organization remains the ever-elusive goal...
- L: It's all in the box!

Do you have any funny or interesting (or embarrassing) quilting related stories to share with our members?

B: My husband says that he is like the cobbler's kids with no quilt of his own after all these years. But the very first quilt I ever made was for him and we still have it. I didn't know any "rules" and the poor quilt does have lots of issues. But he always forgets!! And I never made him another one.

L: Only one? If there's a wrong way or a hard way to do something, chances are I've been there, done that.

What quilter do you admire most or follow on social media?

B: I have learned a lot from the Modern Quilt Studio husband and wife team.

L: I follow a lot of quilters on social media but tend to most admire the ones who are doing things I would never in a million years have thought of doing.

Have you ever worked on group quilts?

B & L: Yes, we both participated in the TMQG travelling quilts experiment and both enjoyed it.

Do you take quilting-related classes?

B: Yes, I have really enjoyed broadening my fabric horizons.

L: Thanks to Zoom, I can't even count the classes and lectures I've participated in since early 2020.

What's in your UFO box?

B: Ah, if only it was only one box. I have so many...

L: There's that box again.

Do you have a quilting adventure?

L: As I said above, my introduction to guild life was due to sitting next to Jane C on a bus on a quilting trip to France. Sadly, trips to Houston and Japan were derailed by Covid but maybe someday

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What do you want YHQG members to know about you?

VT: Send an "I'm In" email to join the online off-shoot community mailing list: yhqg.virtualtuesday@gmail.com

B: I have finally started a new quilt, the second one, for my husband Tom. I will follow most of the rules and I am making him help, since it will be queen sized! He has decided that it is unfortunate that you can't really drink and use a rotary cutter at the same time and quilting is much harder than it looks!!

L: Quilting juice is helpful for relaxing into FMQ but Tom's right, it doesn't mix with rotary cutters!

VIRTUAL TUESDAYS

Date: Tuesday January 10, 2023

Time: 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Theme: Pets on Quilts

We want your quilty photos, pet photos, holiday photos, photos of pets with quilts, and the elusive holiday pet photo on a quilt!! Seriously, we want your funniest, cutest pet photos and any bonus quilting projects are just icing on the cake.

Any progress on a Virtual Tuesday project? Send photos to yhqg.virtualtuesday@gmail.com!

- Plaidish
- Kawandi
- Need group advice on a project that has you stumped?
- YHQG Guild workshop projects?
- Any WIP at all??



LIBRARY NEWS

To the members that have borrowed books over the holidays, please attempt to return them this month depending on our crazy Canadian weather. Reminder: February and March meetings will be on zoom.

Keep safe and well.

Shirley Stalford Library Chair



INTERNATIONAL QUILTING DAY 2023

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Join us for International Quilting Day!



Saturday, March 18, 2023

A virtual, all-day celebration Demonstrations, vendors, prize draws!

Keynote by Helen Godden, Extreme Free-Motion Quilter & Award-Winning Artist



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Register for International Quilting Day

- Click the Registration button below.
- Enter your Name and a valid E-mail address.
- Choose whether you are a member of a sponsoring guild or non-member.
- Click the Submit button.
- Non-members are directed to a payment page to pay the guest fee.

Once registered you will receive a notice of the day closer to the event.



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Submissions for the next issue should be sent to yhqgNewsletterEditor@gmail.com no later than Friday, January 27.



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