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Hello Quilters!

I hope you are enjoying the sunshine and the beautiful sights of tulips and daffodils emerging. Watching the grass turn green and the trees bud is my favourite time of year.

Our April meeting with Pat Pauly was energetic and well-attended. Over 150 quilters joined, with more than 100 in person. I hope to see you all at the May meeting, which will start with the ever-popular cookie reception at 6:30 pm, followed by our Community Quilting Night. Remember to bring your orphan blocks and your hand sewing kit. We will be appliquéing the blocks onto plain cotton bags for use by New Circles Community Services, a clothing bank and service provider in the east end.

Please also bring along your sewing shears, pinking shears, snips and kitchen knives for sharpening by Danforth Knife Sharpening. A 10% discount will be available at the meeting.

Finally, The President's Challenge quilts will be on display. Bring your quilts if you are attending in person or send a photo if you will be joining via Zoom.

Virtual Tuesday is on May 14 and the topic is Hand Quilting. Read more in the newsletter about how you can share your skills and experience.

A special thanks to our Programming chairs, Heather Q. and Barb K., who have been diligently preparing the 2024-2025 speaker lineup. They will announce the upcoming year's lectures and workshops at the May meeting.

And don't forget to **[renew your membership](#)** – it's that time of year! Early bird prizes are available for people who renew by June 30.

Happy Quilting!

Jody J.—President
yhqg.president@gmail.com

Cookies and More!



Plan to arrive early on Tuesday, May 21, and enjoy some delicious (and quite famous!) cookies at a thank you reception before the guild meeting starts at 7 pm. This reception is for all our members and especially to thank those who make the guild such a great place and collaboration space. Wearing your name tag will help everyone put names to all the familiar faces.

Please bring your own beverage of choice.



Meetings in September, October and November are hybrid and will be available online by Zoom and in-person at the Toronto Botanical Garden. Our January, February and March meetings will be held virtually through the Zoom platform. April and May meetings are hybrid (both in-person at Toronto Botanical Gardens and on Zoom).

Doors will open at 6:30 pm for in-person meetings, and 6:45 on Zoom. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm, and run until 9:00 pm.

Invitations to all meetings on Zoom, including the link to the meeting, are sent 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 C. at either 289.383.0555 or quilts@chrisscoleman.ca

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

If you are unfamiliar with Zoom and its controls, you can view the [YHQG Zoom Orientation video](#) 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.

May 21 (Hybrid meeting)

Community Quilting Night

Do You Have Orphan Blocks Hanging Around Your Home? Get Ready for Community Quilting Night!

At our May Guild meeting, we'll be having our Community Quilting night. Instead of sitting theatre style, watching presentations and listening to lectures, you'll get to sit with new and old friends at round tables, doing hand sewing (please bring your sewing kit), eating delicious cookies, and maybe winning a prize! You'll also get to watch a power point presentation of photos of lots of the quilts donated to CQ over the past year.

This year, we have a unique project for everyone to work on.

New Circles Community Services, a clothing bank and service provider in the east end, put out a call for reusable shopping bags in its December newsletter, to be used by their clients to take home their clothing from New Circles, and for their clients' future use for shopping purposes.

We're delighted to say that the Guild is going to help them out at our May Community Quilting evening.

Bring your beautiful orphan blocks (between 6 and 10 inches finished) to our May meeting, and you can then applique them to plain cotton bags purchased by the Guild for this purpose. If you want to add additional embroidery elements to the bags, feel free!



After the meeting, these beautifully decorated bags will be delivered to New Circles, where they will undoubtedly be treasured by their clients for years to come.

If you have extra orphan blocks that you don't mind donating to the cause (Mini Mod blocks, anyone?), feel free to bring them to the May meeting and they can be used by those of us who don't yet have a stash of orphan blocks. We'll also have some blocks that have been acquired by CQ over the past year or so, so if you don't have orphan blocks, or want to save them for your own projects, we'll have something for you to work with.

If you can't make the May meeting, but still want to participate in this worthy project, you can mail blocks in to us before the May meeting, or you could even make your own shopping bag that evening and send it to us after the meeting. Items can be mailed to Anne M. at 108 Chudleigh Avenue, Toronto, M4R 1T6.

If we end up with extra orphan blocks, don't worry! We'll save them for the next Guild Quilt Show, for sale in the shop; they're one of the Guild Shop's best sellers!

Upcoming Meetings

May 21 (Hybrid) - **Community Quilting**

Tuesday June 16 7 pm (Zoom) - **Melissa de Leon Mason—Quilting IS Your Therapy** (Joint meeting with Toronto Modern Quilt Guild)

Knife Sharpening – May 21

We're pleased to offer the services of **Danforth Knife Sharpening** in person at our May guild meeting! Theo will be set up in the hallway at Toronto Botanical Garden between 6:15 and 9:00 pm on Tuesday, May 21 to sharpen sewing shears, pinking shears, snips (blades must be longer than 2") and kitchen knives. First priority will be given to shears, then knives, to make sure as many members as possible can get their sewing tools back into tiptop shape!



Visit <https://danforthknifesharpening.ca/pricing/> as well as the online FAQs for further details. Pinking shears are included at the same price as bevelled scissors. Theo is kindly offering our members a 10% discount during our May guild meeting event.

Please Return CQ Pins!

Community Quilting is running out of pins. If you have any CQ pins, please return them at the May meeting. And please don't close the pins!



Photography and Filming at Meetings

As our meetings now involve photography and filming on a regular basis, we want you to understand the potential impact on your privacy. Generally, posts on our website and on social media are of quilts, not of people, and we generally avoid showing closeup images of faces whenever possible. As an example, when our white glove people hold up quilts, those photos are cropped to remove any personal images as a standard practice.

Starting with our next in person/hybrid meeting in April, a notice will be posted at our membership/greeting table that advises *Filming/photography is taking place at this event. Images may be shared with our members and on our website or social media. Let the photographer know if you would prefer not to be photographed. Please do not take personal photos of attendees without asking permission.* You can find the photographer(s) in the room who will be wearing a lanyard and badge that says PHOTOGRAPHER.

Our membership form is also being adjusted to include the following note:

Our meetings are held using online meeting technology; recordings are for members only. Photographs may be posted on our website and social media. If you do not want your image included, please keep your camera off during Zoom meetings and identify yourself to the photographer at any in person meetings.

Please direct any questions to yhgg.president@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP

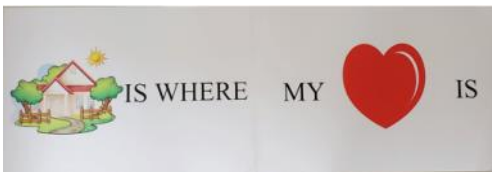
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It's time to renew your membership for the 2024/2025 year. As this quilting year draws to a close we have been working in the background getting ready for next year. Time does fly! Looking forward to an exciting year:)

*Joanne L.
Membership Chair*

RENEW NOW!

DISPLAY AND COMPETITION



OUR PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE FINISH LINE IS MAY 21st!

Our May meeting will be the conclusion of our "Home is Where The Heart Is" President's Challenge as members will show their completed items on line and in person. We can't wait to see what you have created!

We ask that whether you are coming in person to the meeting or will be showing it through our Virtual Show and Share that evening to **please submit a photo of your finished piece by Monday, May 20th at noon** to yhqq.zoom@gmail.com so we have time to prepare the slide show for Tuesday's meeting. Members in-person at Toronto Botanical Gardens and members on-line will get to view the slideshow with all submissions. If you are coming in person with your completed submission we will make arrangements to display it in the hall as well.

For members who participated in the Challenge we have a memento and certificate to thank you for supporting the Challenge. Leslie and I will get them to you in the following week or so after the May meeting.

Again, our thanks for supporting our 2024 President's Challenge!

*Leslie B. and Susan G.
Display & Competition Chairs*

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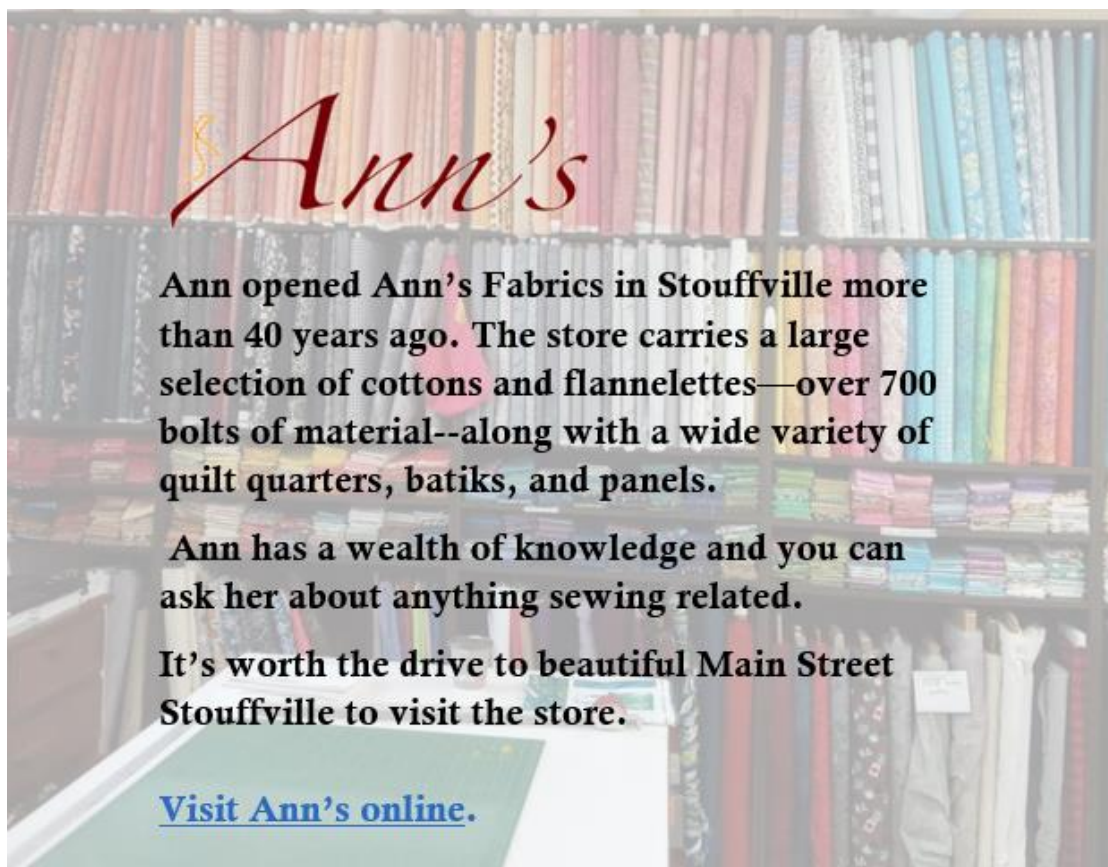
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[Visit Ann's online.](#)

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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 B.
416.221.5437 or cell 416.805.3237

Central: Yonge & Lawrence

Anne M.
416.817.1665

Midtown: Avenue Rd & Eglinton

Wendy D.
416.486.8378

East: St. Clair & Kingston Road

Irena H.
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, Tuesday at the East York Community Centre or Thursday at 200 Madison. Check your email for registration information.

Community Quilting Chair

Anne M.

Thanks to all our wonderful members for their CQ contributions, before, during and after our very busy April meeting! Thanks go out especially to Rosemary A., Sylvia B., Sheila B., Heather B., Kathleen C., Wendy D., Holly D., Bob G., Mary H., Del H., Jean H., Irena H., Barb K., Deb L., Jan M., Anne M., Judy M., Lee O., Diane O., Janet P., May P., Bev S., Ann S., Alex S., Phoebe V., Ann W., and Sandra Y., for tops, quilts and fabrics galore. Thanks, as well, to the Madison CQ group, for two group effort tops (yeah Madison!), and to France B. for bringing in a large number of quilts, big and small, given to her by a friend. Thanks as well to anyone who donated an item who isn't listed here!

One final note of thanks goes to the members of Pieceful Night Quilter's Guild, who donated all of their remaining stock of quilts (well in excess of twenty quilts!) to our CQ program. It's a bittersweet gift, as the members of Pieceful Night will celebrate their final meeting in June after more than twenty years as a guild.

We (i.e. Joanne L.) received a lovely note from a visitor to the refugee family who recently received some of our quilts:

"I wanted to thank you for the quilts that you brought to the ----- family. They are beautiful and add life and colour to the apartment. We were at the apartment for tea a few weeks ago, I noticed one on one of their beds and my memory twiggged that you were bringing quilts. The family proudly showed them all to me—A--especially loves the music one."

We also received a thank you note from the executive director of New Circles Community Services, for babies' quilts donated for their clients:

"Thank you so much for the incredible dedication & generosity of the York Heritage Quilters Guild, Community Quilting Group! The hard work of your group as evidenced by the simply gorgeous & warm quilts is truly beyond compare!"



Pat yourselves on the back, members; we're making the world better—one stitch at a time!

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COMMUNITY QUILTING

About our community quilting program:

We currently have THREE groups that meet in person from September to June at community centres or other locations in Toronto. At least one of these groups continues (at a different location) during the summer months.

The Monday in person group meets every Monday (with a few cancellations for holidays or other events) at Stan Wadlow Community Clubhouse, located at 373 Cedarvale Ave., Toronto, from 9:00 to 3:30. Members bring their own sewing machines, projects and supplies, but there are usually a few kits available for someone who wants a new project. There's a kettle for tea, and people usually bring a lunch.

The Tuesday in person group meets every Tuesday with a few cancellations for holidays or other events) at East York Community Centre, located at 1081-1/2 Pape Ave., Toronto, from 9:30 to 1:45. There are a few Guild owned sewing machines there, and members typically work on guild projects, like sandwiching tops, making backs, or other projects. Again, there's a kettle for tea, a microwave for warming things up, and people usually bring a lunch.

Our newest in person group is located at 200 Madison Avenue (enter through glass doors off MacPherson Avenue), Toronto, and runs on Thursdays from 12:00 to 4:00. In addition to being open to members, this meeting is open to residents of 200 Madison and neighbouring buildings, the hope being that people will come to learn different sewing techniques. There are three Guild owned sewing machines there, and members typically work on projects under the guidance of Janet P. and Mical P. Again, there's a kettle for tea and a microwave for warming things up.

There's an expectation that people who attend one of the in person sessions will spend at least half of their time working on CQ projects, but **anyone is welcome to drop in to have the group help to sandwich a quilt of any kind (we have raised tables to work on, so it's much easier!)**, to drop off finished items, or even just to have a chat. For people who are new to quilting, coming to some of these sessions is a great way to learn new skills from experienced quilters and designers.

We also have two on line Sew-Alongs each week, on Tuesdays and Saturdays; these run throughout the year, with few cancellations. People work on personal or CQ projects at home while talking to other members...it's amazing what one can learn at these sessions! These sessions were started during the pandemic, and were intended to be more of a social opportunity for our members; they're a great way for out of town members to stay in touch and for new members to connect with other members!

During the pandemic, we set up drop off and pick up locations at several members homes in different locations in the city, to help keep our CQ program running, and we're still keeping these locations going. People can generally pick up a quilt sandwich or kit at these locations, or can drop off finished items. The locations and contact information are set out at the side of this article; please contact the member you want to visit, in order to arrange an appropriate time.

Anne M.
Community Quilting Chair

The CQ Sale!

At our May meeting, we'll be having our CQ sale...lots of fabrics (including curated sets of co-ordinates, **silks, batiks, black out material**), notions (**including threads, embroidery thread, zippers, pillow forms**) and books. Bring your money and come prepared to browse! All funds go to support our CQ program.

In addition, we'll have two items up for silent auction: the first is a used Bernina Deco 650 embroidery only machine, which comes with a cornucopia of thread, hoops and other accoutrements. Minimum bid will be \$150.

The second item is an old quilt, made in the 1960's or 1970's. It will be offered for a minimum bid of \$10. Hmmm... anyone interested in making a quilted jacket?



COMMUNITY QUILTING

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Spring/Summer Clothing and Shoes Wanted!

Because the charity we'll be supporting at our May CQ meeting is a clothing bank, we thought we'd set up a few boxes at the meeting and members who have done their spring cleaning can drop off used (or new!) summer clothing and shoes for us to take to New Circles.

Clothing and shoes must be clean and in good repair. Only NEW socks and/or underwear can be donated.

VIRTUAL TUESDAYS



All guild members will continue to receive the YHQG Virtual Tuesday Zoom link in an email on the Saturday preceding the second Tuesday of the month. Since these Zooms are casual and open discussion is encouraged, they will not be recorded. If you sign up with an "I'm In" email, then you will also receive the Virtual Tuesday re-cap after each Zoom session. No need to enroll each month, ONCE is plenty! (And you can cancel at any time.)

Virtual Tuesday email:
yhqg.virtualtuesday@gmail.com.

Lori D. and Brandie W.
yhqg.virtualtuesday@gmail.com

Date: **Tuesday, May 14**
Time: **7:00 to 8:30 PM**
Topic: **Hand Quilting**

Last month, we had fun looking at a myriad of quilt back possibilities. And a big thank you to everyone who made disappearing blocks. We've received over 70 blocks so far and hope to have a couple of tops ready to show at the May meeting. Jane S. gets special mention for making a whole top's worth of blocks. Her Irish Catholic eldest daughter syndrome beats anything Lori's Scottish Presbyterian version could manage.

On May 14, we wrap up this Virtual Tuesday season with a discussion of hand quilting. Rosemary M. heads up a panel which also features Lynette F., Jean H. and Jan M. Please share your photos of hand quilting projects of any style and feel free to chime in with your experiences.

There will also be a Scrapbook slideshow of any works in progress you care to share especially if they're scrappy or from a York Heritage workshop or any of the topics covered in past Virtual Tuesday sessions. Send your photos to yhqg.virtualtuesday@gmail.com.

What's up for next season? Yes, it appears there will be a next season thanks to the offers of topics and hosting by several of our members. In particular, Janet P. and Lynette F. (and other regulars at the new Madison CQ location) have volunteered to lead a session called "Selvedge Sanity" next November. So gather up those selvedges you've been saving, or start saving now.

If you (or a team of fellow guild members) have a topic you'd like to present, it's not too late to raise your hand. Contact Brandie and Lori at yhqg.virtualtuesday@gmail.com. The 2024-25 season will be a maximum of four sessions. Brandie and Lori are willing to help behind the scenes with Zoom, Mailchimp, slides etc. etc. but we are fresh out of ideas!

Brandie and Lori
yhqg.virtualtuesday@gmail.com

LIBRARY NEWS

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Just a REMINDER: Books are allowed to be borrowed for one month only. Books that were borrowed in November were due back last month. Please return them this month so others may borrow them. If you cannot make the meeting please try to get a friend to bring them back.

This year books borrowed in May may be kept over the summer but must be returned in September.



The Library is located along the left wall and continues into the kitchen when entering the hall.

Sale

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Sale

Library items for sale will be on the OPPOSITE side of the room - in front of the windows. There will be books by well known authors and many ART Quilt books.

Please bring small change!

*Shirley S.
Library Chair*

GUILD CALENDAR

May Calendar

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
Thursday	Weekly	12:00 pm—4:00 pm	In-person CQ Group at 200 Madison
Saturday	Weekly	10:00 am—12:00 pm	Zoom Sew-Along
Tuesday	May 14	7:00 pm—8:30 pm	Zoom Virtual Tuesday Hand Quilting
Tuesday	May 21	7:00 pm—9:00 pm	Monthly Guild Meeting (Hybrid) Community Quilting
Tuesday	May 28	7:00 pm—9:00 pm	Guild Executive meeting

QUILTING EVENTS

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Quilts: Made in Canada—ROM Exhibit coming June 29, 2024

From the permanent collections at ROM comes a new exhibition highlighting some of the most visually intoxicating examples of artistry, community, and sustainability made in Canada: quilts. For more information, visit the [Royal Ontario Museum](https://www.rom.on.ca) website.



The Secret Codes: African Nova Scotian Quilts—Extended!

Dates: **Oct 28, 2023 - Aug 18, 2024**

Location: **The Textile Museum of Canada**

The Secret Codes: African Nova Scotian Quilts brings together historic and contemporary quilts from makers connected to Nova Scotia, embodying the stories and voices of the community. Curated by David Woods, this exhibition includes more than 35 quilts and a selection of 8 paintings that highlight the various functions of quilts over time: as decorated blankets in the home, as possible codes of communication for enslaved people seeking freedom, as records of family history, as a celebration of Black women and culture, and as inspiration for other art forms.

Organized by BANNs (Black Artists Network of Nova Scotia).

<https://textilemuseum.ca/event/the-secret-codes-african-nova-scotian-quilts/>



QUILTING EVENTS

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Sat June 1st, 2024

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The conference will be held under one roof at the Edmonton Convention Centre in Edmonton, Alberta.

Visit <https://conference.canadianquilter.com/> for more information.



Avoid being the victim of an Internet scam

Internet scams are becoming increasingly sophisticated, with various types circulating online. One of the most common forms is called phishing, which involves deceptive emails, text messages, and websites designed to appear as if they originate from a trusted source.

Tips for Identifying Phishing Attempts:

- Check the sender's email address: look for misspellings or unfamiliar domains
- Scrutinize the message content: Be cautious of urgent request for personal information or payments (for example, a request to purchase gift cards)
- Inspect links before clicking: Hover over the links to see the actual URL and ensure it looks legitimate.

Recently, a few members received a phishing message that appeared to come from Jody Jacobson and mentioned the York Heritage Quilters Guild. In this case, the email address was incorrect and the message was suspect.

If you question the validity of an YHQG email, please email yhqq.president@yhqq.com.

Happy 90th birthday to long-time Guild member Fran D!

Fran was president of the YHQG from 1999 to 2001.



If you have any Guild-related milestones to commemorate, please send your items to yhqqnewslettereditor@gmail.com.

NEXT ISSUE

Submissions for the September issue should be sent to yhqqnewslettereditor@gmail.com no later than **Friday, August 23**.



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