

Next meeting: Zoom meeting

Tuesday, January 21, 7:00 pm Virtual doors open at 6:45 pm

Program:

Kitty Wilkin—Quilt Your Life: Milestone Quilts for

Every Moment

Annual General Meeting

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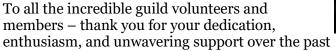


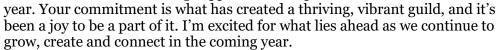
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Hello Quilters!

As I write this, the holiday season is in full swing, and I hope you've been able to enjoy time with loved ones and are feeling excited for the year ahead. This newsletter marks one year since I stepped into my role as President, and it feels like the perfect time to reflect and express my gratitude.





At our January 21 guild meeting, we will hold our Annual General Meeting (AGM) to elect our directors and appoint officers for the coming year. This guild meeting will take place on Zoom only and we'll need a quorum to proceed – so grab a cup of tea (or your favourite beverage) and join us online!

The current executive has all renewed for 2025, with one exception. Shirley Stalford is stepping down from her role as Library Chair. Shirley has been an incredible volunteer, dedicating over 30 years to supporting the library in various roles. Thank you, Shirley, for your exceptional service and commitment!

Our guest speaker at the January 21 guild meeting is Kitty Wilkin who will present *Quilt Your Life: Milestone Quilts for Every Moment*. Kitty will also be offering a virtual workshop, *Off the Beaten Path: Piecing with Improv Mountains*, on Friday, May 2.

The Display and Competition team has launched our 2024-2025 Guild Challenge: *Mama's Got a Brand New Bag!* 39 members have already signed up! I can't wait to see all the creativity unveiled at the May meeting.

Virtual Tuesday returns on January 14 with Jane Cramer. The topic is *Quilt Finishing—Bindings and More*. If you are interested in hosting or co-hosting a topic for Virtual Tuesday in 2025, please email yhqg.virtualtuesday@gmail.com.

Our weekly Sew Alongs continue online and in person on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays – see the weekly Sew Along email for regular updates.

Also, the 6th annual International Quilting Day is on Saturday, March 15. Be sure to register to attend - there is no charge for guild members – and submit your quilts to the Virtual Quilt Show. More information is provided in the newsletter.

Happy Quilting! *Jody J*.



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), please contact Chriss C. at either 289.383.0555 or quilts@chrisscoleman.ca

PC users, please contract Sandra Y. at 416.523.0488 or <u>oudaze@hotmail.com</u>

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.

January 21 -Kitty Wilkin

nightquilter.com

Quilt Your Life: Milestone Quilts for Every Moment

What do you get when you combine journaling with quilting, and add a little bit of photography? Milestone quilts! Come explore the world of quilting your life, and see why these quilts are



a fun and meaningful solution to joyful sewing in this busy world. Join Kitty as she shares her journey through the world of milestone quilts, beginning with the quilt she created for her third child to mark his first year of life, and including many other life events that can be documented through the creation of a quilt—from family adventures to miles run and hiked through the course of a year. See the power of positive feedback loops between life and quilting put to use, and leave feeling inspired and ready to document your days through quilt-making, one attainable goal at a time.



Upcoming Meeting Lectures

- Jan 21– Kitty Wilkin (<u>nightquilter.com</u>) and AGM
- Feb 18 Brita Nelson (<u>questioningquilter.com</u>)
- Mar 18 Audrey Esarey (cottonandbourbon.com)
- Apr 15 Cristina De Miranda (<u>shipsandviolins.com</u>)
- May 20 Community Quilting (no guest)
- June 29- Andrea Tsang Jackson (<u>3rdstoryworkshop.com</u>) - joint speaker with TMQG

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.

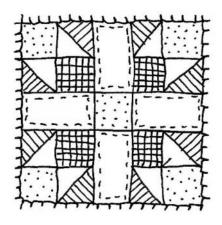
A notice will be posted at our membership/greeting table that advises Filming/photography is taking place at this event. Images may be shared with our members and on our website or social media. Let the photographer know if you would prefer not to be photographed. Please do not take personal photos of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

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





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2024-2025 Workshop Schedule



Brita Nelson—A Disappearing Quilt Sampler

Thursday Feb. 27, 2025, 9:30—4:30 Online \$80 for members/\$90 for non-members

Pattern is included free for members

Learn about the magic and beauty of disappearing blocks with this interactive online lecture, demo and trunk show. See how easy it is to turn simple blocks into beautiful complex patterns and how different block designs can be enhanced by color choices or slight modifications to make even more interesting full quilts.

Cristina De Miranda-Fado Road Quilt Skill Builder

Saturday April 26, 2025, 9:30—3:30 Online \$80 for members/\$90 for non-members

Pattern is included free for members

In this workshop, students will learn three quilting skills:

- strip piecing with accuracy,
- foundation paper piecing, and
- spinning seam allowances.

All three techniques are used to make the Fado Road guilt by *Ships & Violins*.



Kitty Wilkin-Off the Beaten Path Piecing with Improv Mountains



Friday May 2nd, 2025, 9:30—4:00 Online \$80 for members/\$90 for non-members

Set off fearlessly with Kitty as she teaches you how to piece an improv mountain range wall hanging, full of adventurous skill building. In sewing the unique and nestled mountains, you will learn how to piece gentle improv curves, precise thin strips, and how to think through the order of operations when piecing more complex blocks. Kitty will demonstrate how some pre-planning can set you up for success with off the beaten path designs. Playing with both color gradients and creative piecing methods, you will leave with more confidence to dive into improvisationally pieced quilt construction, ready to head off the grid and embrace the adventure!

To sign up or to enquire about any of the workshops, please email: workshops1819@gmail.com or visit us at www.yhqg.org

Some workshops require some prep or special supplies – sign up early so you can be ready!

Where permitted by teacher, some workshops may be recorded and made available on a limited basis ONLY to PAID participants who are unable to attend some/all of the live session

Once a workshop coordinator has confirmed your spot, payment can be made by e-transfer to Treasurer.YorkHeritage@gmail.com (\$CAD only)

Workshop coordinator: Leslie B.

Next Meeting - January 14th at 7:00 pm on Zoom

Topic: Quilt Finishing: Bindings and More

This zoom session will be hosted by Jane Cramer. Huge thank you to the many members who are sharing their tips and suggestions on the variety of ways to "bind" a quilt. You will probably learn a "new to you" technique. The zoom link will be sent the Saturday before, and the virtual doors will open at 6:45 PM.

Brandie & Lori

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Placemats for Meals on Wheels

It is with great pleasure that I can report delivering 74 placemats made by our guild members to the Meals on Wheels program (at Yorkminster Park Baptist Church, Yonge and St. Clair). They were very grateful to receive them. Thank you everyone who contributed placemats. Since the next few meetings are on Zoom and I don't yet know how many more they may need in the Spring, I will give an update in a future newsletter. In the meantime, happy quilting!

Beverley M.





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A CELEBRATION OF QUILTS XV IS COMING!

Plans are well under way for our next quilt show, which will take place at the Japanese Canadian Culture Centre on **November 14 and 15, 2025**.

This is the time for all our members, from the newest quilters to the most experienced quilt artists, to start thinking about and planning their entries to the Show. We want to showcase the diversity of our quilting community!

This is also the time for all our members to think about how they can contribute to the successful running of our Show. While we will need lots of volunteers during the Show, we still need a few people to step up now to help with a few of the leadership roles in the planning stages for our Show.

We need:

- A Co-Chair to work with Irena H. to plan the layout of the quilt display, organize and implement hanging and take down of the quilts.
- An Admissions Chair to organize the team of volunteers who supervise admission to the Show, and to ensure its smooth operation during the Show.

Please reach out to one of our Quilt Show Co-Chairs, Heather B. or Anne M. if you're interested in helping out in either of these roles.



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LIBRARY NEWS

Shirley S. will be stepping down from her role as Library Chair after over 30 years of dedicated service to the Guild. Shirley will be recognized for her service at an inperson meeting in the spring.

We need an enthusiastic volunteer for the Library who will join the guild's executive committee!

If you are interested in this role, please contact Jody at yhqg.president@gmail.com



DISPLAY AND COMPETITION

January 21th Show and Share Is Online!

We're looking forward to seeing what our members have created since we last saw each other at the inperson November meeting.

Members who have an item to share should send a photo to yhqg.zoom@gmail.com by 12:00 noon on Monday, January 20th!

We will add it to our slideshow and you will have the opportunity to speak about your project remotely.

Leslie B. & Susan G. Display & Competition Co-Chairs

Mama's Got a Brand New Bag Guild Challenge

Sign up for this year's Guild Challenge ends on January 31, 2025. All participants will get a commemorative bag charm made by Brian G.

The online form to sign up is: https://forms.gle/HAQwP752mrNUjWMa9

More information about this year's Challenge is on the YHQG website, <u>here</u>.

If you have any questions, please contact Leslie B. and Susan G. at yhqg.zoom@gmail.com



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 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.

December was a HUGE month for the delivery of donations from our Guild!

We gave one hundred quilts (fifty adult/teen quilts and fifty children's quilts) to Nonnina's Table, together with more than four HUGE boxes of toiletries and other gifts that will make the lives of the recipients better.



We gave twenty quilt wrapped teddies to Nonnina's Table, and fourteen quilt wrapped teddies to Holland Bloorview Children's Hospital. Three were given out on December 20th, the day they arrived at the Hospital, and one special doggy stuffie went to a child who named the stuffie after the therapy dog that visits the hospital.



Putting together teddies

Twelve bed sized quilts were delivered to Avdell House, the residence run by Covenant House for sex trafficking survivors.

Twenty-four adult sized quilts were delivered to Fatima House, a residence run Fred Victor for women.

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Thank you to everyone who:

- Brought in toiletries and other items for Nonnina's Table;
- Made teddy quilts and/or donated stuffies for the teddy quilt drive;
- Made full sized quilts for Covenant House (we know how much work that is!);
- Made all the tops, did all the sandwiching, and did all the quilting/binding for all the quilts that we donated this month;
- Made financial donations to Nonnina's Table; and
- Who picked up a quilt sandwich at the November meeting!

This was a great achievement, everyone! Thanks so much!

Special Donations:

In December, we received a special donation from the family of the late Susan Shone, a former member of the Guild who sadly passed away in August. Three SUV's full of fabrics, notions, books, and wool were delivered to Bev S., who has diligently sorted everything. Bev has set aside the items that will be useful to our Community Quilting program and other items will be sold at Guild meetings in the spring to raise money for batting and other items that we need to purchase. Many thanks to Susan Shone, for thinking of the Guild, to her family for carrying out her wishes and to Jeanne H., for all her work in getting the donation to us.

Thanks also go to current member, Paula O., who thought of us as she was clearing out items from her sewing room, and brought us three bags of useful items.

And the New Year begins!

If you're thinking of helping our regular Community Quilting program, these are the items that we are pleased to accept for our program:

- Tops or quilts, child sized (36 x 40+ inches) and adult comfort sized (50 x 60 inches). You can, of course, make larger items (60+ x 80+ inches); we tend to save the larger items for refugees or for other shelters that need bed sized quilts, and we never have enough of these.
- Fat quarters (18 x 20 inches; no pieces, please!) for our 2025 Quilt Show fundraiser

Thanks to Our Generous Members!

At our November in person meeting, we received lots of finished quilts and tops!

Special thanks go to Rose A., Fran A., Leslie B., Velma B., Jacintha B., Debra B., Kathleen C., Sharon C., Wendy D., Holly D., Lori D. (especially for her special International Sister quilt), Irena H., Del H., Joan H-V., Jody J., Barb K., Joanne L., Gail L., Judy L., The Madison Makers, Jan M., Anne M., Judy M., Lee O., Janet P., Mical P., Marg R., Bev S., Ann S., Alex S., Donnaleen V. and Sandra Y.

Thanks, as well, to those of you who returned completed bags (from our May CQ night project) and dropped off fat quarters for our 2025 Quilt Show fundraiser.

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Finally, thanks to everyone who returns their CQ pins...open, please!



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 Avenue, Toronto, from 9:00 to 3:30. Members bring their own sewing machines, projects and supplies, but there a 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 2:15. 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 Patterson and Mical Pearlman. 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 a 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 the first page of this article; please contact the member you want to visit in order to arrange an appropriate time.

January 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	Jan 14	7:00 pm—9:00 pm	Virtual Tuesday—Quilt Finishing: Binding and More (Zoom)
Tuesday	Jan 21	7:00 pm—9:00 pm	Monthly Guild Meeting (Online only by Zoom) Speaker: Kitty Wilkin
Tuesday	Jan 28	7:00 pm—9:00 pm	Guild Executive meeting



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CQA/ACC NEWS



Who is getting their quilt ready to enter into the National Juried Show 2025 in Toronto?

This esteemed show is part of Quilt Canada 2025 being held June 18-21, 2025. The Call for Entry opens January 6, 2025 and will close as of February 17, 2025 at 12:00 pm.

https://canadianguilter.com/guilt-canada-2025/



SAVE THE DATE

June 18-21, 2025

Welcome & Award Ceremony: June 18 (evening)

Exhibit Hall Open June 19-21

International Centre, Mississauga, ON





37TH ANNUAL CQA/ACC TRENDTEX CHALLENGE 2025





2025 TrendTex Challenge

Theme: Blooming

Read More: 2025 TrendTex Challenge Guidelines (English) (Francais)

INTERNATIONAL QUILTING DAY 2025



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Register to Attend

Have you marked the date on your calendar for March 15, 2025? Have you registered to attend? There is no charge for guild members. Nonmember guests pay \$25. Register your attendance and keep up with the latest news at https://royalcityquiltersguild.ca/activities/iqd2025/

Submissions are open for the IQD 2025 Virtual Quilt Show

Our 6th Annual Virtual Celebration of International Quilting Day is Saturday March 15, 2025. Each year, one of the highlights of the event is the virtual quilt show and we invite you to participate. Please share photos of your quilted creations with other attendees from across North America. Your creations inspire others and are a pleasure to view.

All those attending International Quilting Day are welcome to submit up to two quilts to the Virtual Quilt Show. If you've shown an item somewhere else, it's still welcome at IQD. Most of our attendees will not have seen it.

The following information about your entry will be required:

- Pattern name
- · Pattern designer or original design
- Quilter, if other than yourself
- Artist's statement or brief history of the quilt limit of 50 words
- Up to five photos of each creation. We recommend an overall view along with several closeups of interesting details
- Submissions are open through February 9, 2025 giving you lots of time to think about your entries and take good photographs.

Visit the <u>Virtual Quilt Show section</u> of the IQD website to upload your photos and details. You will need to log in to your Google account. If you do not have a Google account, you may ask someone to submit the photos and information on your behalf. Check out the International Quilting Day website for more details.

GUILD EXECUTIVE

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Nomination Slate for 2025-2026

(presented by Heather Briant, Past President)

I'm delighted to announce the slate for the York Heritage Quilters Guild Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2024.

The following directors will be presented for election at the AGM:

- Jody J. (President; continuing in same position) Heather B. (Past President; continuing in same position)
- May P. (Treasurer, continuing in same position)
- Lori D. (Secretary, continuing in same position)
- VACANT (Vice President)

While these four individuals serve as the Board of Directors, there is a much broader team of dedicated volunteers who serve as members of the executive committee.

The following members have all agreed to remain in their roles for the 2025-2026 year.

- Heather Q. & Barb K., Programming
- Leslie B., Workshops
- Joanne L., Membership
- Anne M., Community Outreach
- Jacintha B. Website
- Chriss C., Social Media
- Susan G. & Leslie . Display and Competitions
- Jan R., Newsletter
- VACANT, Library

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We need an enthusiastic volunteer for the Library who will join the guild's executive committee!

Thank you to all those listed above and to the many, many other volunteers who make the YHQG such an active, warm and engaging community!

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

NEXT ISSUE

Submissions for the February issue should be sent to yhqgnewslettereditor@gmail.com no later than **Friday**, **January 31**.



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