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Hello Quilters!

I would like to start by extending a warm welcome to the newest members of the Guild's Executive Committee: Brandie W. as Vice President and Sharon C. as Library Chair. Thank you for stepping into these important volunteer roles and for your ongoing dedication to the Guild. We're lucky to have you!



A big thank you as well to everyone who participated in our Annual General Meeting on January 21. Looking ahead, we have an exciting program planned for our February 18 meeting, featuring Brita Nelson and her presentation *The Magic of Disappearing Blocks*. If you're inspired by her lecture, don't miss her Zoom Workshop *Making Magic - a Disappearing Block Sampler Quilt* on February 27.

Our final Virtual Tuesday session for the 2024-2025 season will be held on Tuesday, February 11. Hosted by Anne M., three teams will work on matching quilt panels to demonstrate *Panels and their Possibilities!* A special thank you to Brandie W. and Lori D. for organizing these fun and informative sessions throughout the year.

International Quilting Day is coming up on Saturday, March 15. Be sure to submit your quilts to the Virtual Quilt Show. And don't forget to mark your calendars for the next Global Quilt Connections Sampler Platter on May 3 and 4 – more details coming soon.

Finally, I can't wait to see the creative bags you're making for the 2025 Guild Challenge: *Mama's Got a Brand New Bag!*

I look forward to seeing everyone on Zoom for our February 18 Guild meeting. In-person meetings will resume in April.

Thank you and 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 oudaze@hotmail.com

If you are unfamiliar with Zoom and its controls, you can view the [YHQQ 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.

February 18 - Brita Nelson

questioningquilter.com

Now You See It, Now You Don't—The Magic of Disappearing Blocks

We are very excited to be welcoming Brita Nelson as our February guild speaker. Many may know Brita as the Questioning Quilter. Brita will be sharing her expertise in transforming blocks such as a churn dash block into a spectacular new block. Please join us on **February 18th** for *Now You See It, Now You Don't - The Magic of Disappearing Blocks*. This will be a live zoom lecture as Brita will be transforming blocks for us while we watch.



In addition, Brita will be offering her workshop *Making Magic - a Disappearing Block Sampler Quilt* where you can learn firsthand how to transform your blocks into something magical. Brita's workshop takes place on **February 27th**. This is an all-day workshop. Structured as a sew-along, participants will create a 9-block sampler. This workshop is intended for confident beginners. The pattern is included for registered participants. For those wishing to only purchase a pattern, Brita has offered a 10% discount on her [website](#). Please use the code **york**.

MEETINGS

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Upcoming Meeting Lectures

- Feb 18 – Brita Nelson (questioningquilter.com)
- Mar 18 – Audrey Esarey (cottonandbourbon.com)
- Apr 15 – Cristina De Miranda (shipsandviolins.com)
- May 20 – Community Quilting (no guest)
- June 29 – Andrea Tsang Jackson (3rdstoryworkshop.com) - 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 istaking 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

WORKSHOPS

We have the pleasure of offering the remaining three workshops on the ZOOM platform, so no issues of nasty weather or traffic! Just sign up, get organized when preparation information is supplied, gather your supplies and get ready to Zoom in the comfort of your home.

Brita Nelson, who is our guest speaker on Zoom on Feb. 18, will be teaching *A Disappearing Quilt Sampler* on Thursday Feb. 27. You can see what she has to offer in her website Questioning Quilter. It's a 6 hour plus lunch break workshop. There is a healthy list of members signed up already, so don't delay if you are interested.

Next we have Cristina De Miranda presenting her *Fado Road Quilt Skill Builder* class, also on Zoom on April 26. This workshop is 6 hours plus lunch break. Fee includes the pattern.

Our last offering for this season will be *Off The Beaten Path Piecing with Improv Mountains* on Friday May 2. This is also a 6 hour full day plus lunch break session.

Leslie B.
Workshops Coordinator

WORKSHOPS

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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 quilt 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.yhqq.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)

VIRTUAL TUESDAYS

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Next Meeting - **February 11** at 7:00 pm on Zoom

Topic: ***Panels! Panels! Panels!*** Hosted by Anne M.

We all love panels, but often have a difficult time figuring out what to do with them. At this meeting, we'll talk about different things to consider when dealing with panels and will provide you with lots of information and resources to make planning your panel quilts more fun.

To make it more interesting, six of our wonderful members have volunteered to be panelists. The panelists have been paired up, and each pair has been given two copies of the same panel (plus some coordinating fabric), and has been asked to use the panel to create a flimsy or other item(s) that can be used by our CQ program. Each of the three panels poses a different challenge. What will our panelists come up with? Come to Virtual Tuesday and find out!

What have you made from a panel?

Email us some pretty pictures to share: yhqq.virtuالتuesday@gmail.com

A Zoom link for Virtual Tuesday will be sent by email to members several days before the meeting.



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INTERNATIONAL QUILTING DAY 2025

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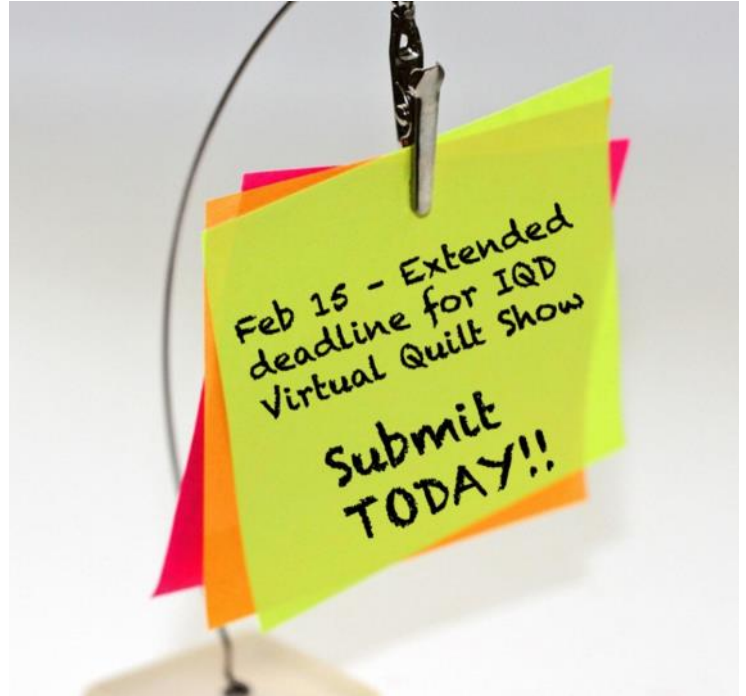
Deadline Extended for the IQD 2025 Virtual Quilt Show

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, or plan to, 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 15, 2025**



6th annual virtual celebration of
International Quilting Day



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Free for YHQG members; \$25 non-member guests
Info at royalcityquiltersguild.ca/iqd2025/

March 15, 2025

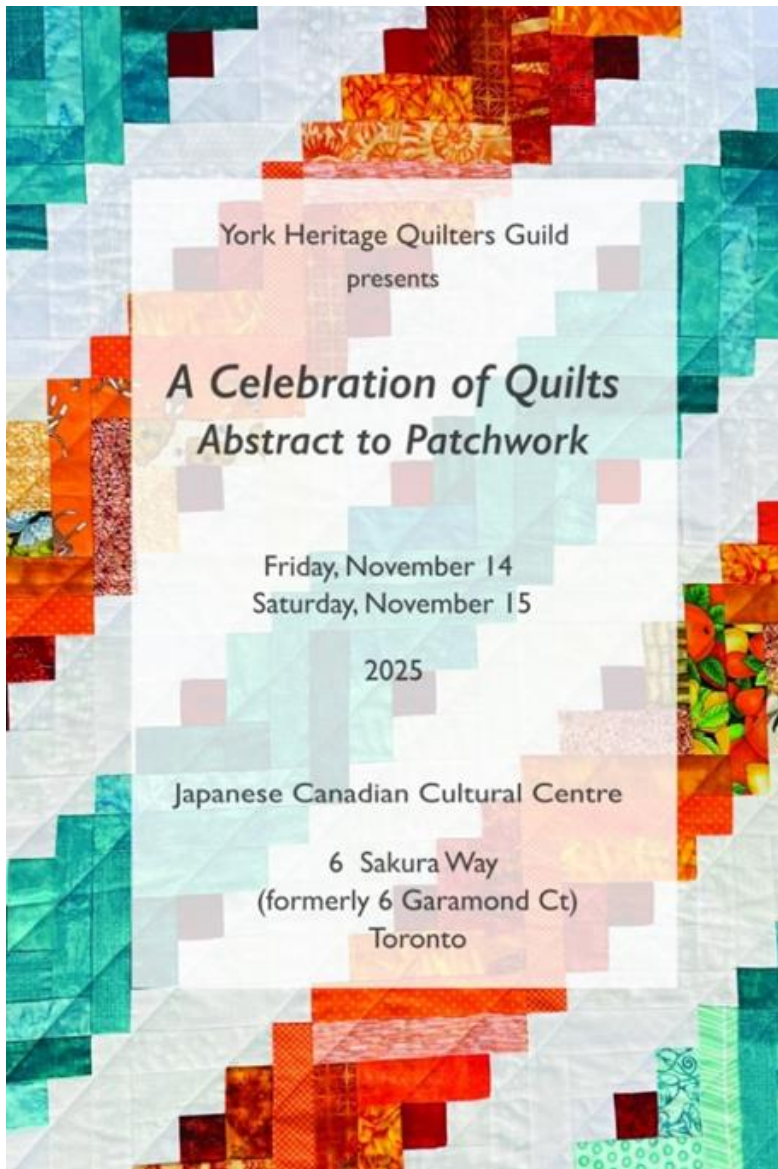
Register to Attend

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

A CELEBRATION OF QUILTS XV

A CELEBRATION OF QUILTS XV IS COMING!

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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. Please block off the **13th, 14th and 15th of November** in your calendar, so you can help us with set up on the 13th and the show on the 14th and 15th. Let's make this the best show ever!

The image on the left is the front of our show postcard, featuring a quilt made with blocks handsewn by our members at our 2023 CQ night. What a wonderful representation of our Guild's fellowship! Thanks, Dara, for your terrific design work!



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LIBRARY NEWS

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As previously announced, Shirley S. has stepped down from her role as Library Chair after many years of dedicated service. Her dedication, hard work, and passion have made a lasting impact on the guild, and we are incredibly grateful for her contributions. We look forward to recognizing Shirley at our April in-person meeting.

Please join us in welcoming Sharon C. as our new Library Chair. Shirley will be working with Sharon over the next few months to ensure a smooth transition.

Thank you, Shirley, for your years of service, and welcome, Sharon!



DISPLAY AND COMPETITION

Our Tuesday, February 18th Show and Share Is Online!

We're looking forward to seeing what our members have created. We are still in winter mode, but Spring is only a month away!

Members who have a quilted item to share at our February meeting should send a photo to yhgg.zoom@gmail.com by **12:00 noon on Monday, February 17th**. 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

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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.

Remember Our Teddie Quilt Program?

One of the stuffies with quilts which was donated to Holland Bloorview Children's Rehabilitation Hospital was a dog stuffie, which was chosen by a little boy who is staying at the Hospital for treatment. He named the stuffie "Buddy" after the therapy dog that visits in the Hospital. Since then, the little boy has made a collar and nametag for his stuffie, as well as a nametag for the real Buddy. The most touching point? The



little boy has put the quilt on his pillow, and sleeps on it every night.

Quilters make the world better, one quilt at a time!

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 these items 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!

Even without our in-person meetings, we've finished quilts and tops!

Special thanks go to Leslie B., Wendy D., Kathleen C., Lucy G., Jean H., Anne M., Lee O., and Bev S.

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 is 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 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 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.



GUILD CALENDAR

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February Calendar

| Day | Date | Time | Activity |
|----------|--------|-------------------|--|
| Monday | Weekly | 9:00 am—3:00 pm | In-person CQ Sew-Along at Stan Wadlow (no session Monday Feb 17) |
| 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 | Feb 11 | 7:00 pm—9:00 pm | Virtual Tuesday—Panels, Panels, Panels! |
| Tuesday | Feb 18 | 7:00 pm—9:00 pm | Monthly Guild Meeting (Online only by Zoom) Speaker: Brita Nelson |
| Tuesday | Feb 25 | 7:00 pm—9:00 pm | Guild Executive meeting |
| Thursday | Feb 27 | 9:30 am—4:30 pm | Workshop: <i>Disappearing Nine-Patch</i> with Brita Nelson (Zoom) |



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QUILT EVENTS

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March 28 - 10 am - 5 pm

March 29 - 10 am - 4 pm

Admission \$10.00

Neilson Park Creative Centre, 56 Neilson Drive, Etobicoke, ON, M9C 1V7

Info at: etobicokequiltersguild.com



Georgian Bay Quilters Guild
presents

Reflections Of Georgian Bay A Quilt Show

April 26 & 27, 2025

Sat: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Sun: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

New Location

Penetanguishene Memorial
Community Centre (Arena)
61 Maria St
Penetanguishene, ON

Show Admission: \$8.00/day

Featuring:

Quilted Exhibits
Vendors Showcase
Members Boutique and
Quilter's Café
(treats and refreshments)

For more information email us at
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visit our website gbqg.ca,
or see us on Facebook



"Garden of Reflection" by Nancy Phelps 2021
Winner 2021 "Once Upon A Time" Challenge



Exhibits of Quilts • Charity Raffle Quilt
Vendors • Tea Room

Quilt Show

Newmarket Community Centre
200 Doug Duncan Drive
Newmarket, ON

Admission: \$10.00



Saturday April 26, 2025: 10:00AM - 5:00PM

Sunday April 27, 2025: 10:00AM - 4:00PM



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QUILT SHOW 2025



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3rd
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Admission: **\$10**

FEATURES:

- Over 200 new quilts by members
- Guild challenges
- Door prizes
- Merchant mall
- Boutique of hand made items
- Tea room
- Raffle quilt (draw Saturday at 3pm)



For further information
contact: Gwen Tracey
gwen@gwentracey.com
519-495-6192 or visit our website
www.oxfordquiltersguild.org

QUILT EVENTS

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Halton Quilters Guild Spring Quilt Show

Stitches In Our Time

Friday, May 30th, 2025
9:30am to 5:00pm
Saturday, May 31st, 2025
9:30am to 5:00pm

Sheridan Conference Centre
1400 Trafalgar Road | Oakville

Merchant Mall | Tea Room with Outdoor Patio |
Tombola | Spool Pull

Judy Lyons - Certified Quilt Appraiser will be onsite
for appraisals.

Appointments required, contact judy.lyons35@gmail.com

Admission: \$10

Please visit www.haltonquiltersguild.ca | haltonquilters@gmail.com



MILLBROOK NEEDLERS QUILT GUILD
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FRI MAY 9TH - SAT MAY 10TH 2025
10am - 6pm 10am - 4pm

LOCATION: Cavan Monaghan Community Centre
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- Over 100 quilts
- Tea room
- Vendor mall
- Scissor & tool sharpening (bring your items)
- Community care raffle
- Members boutique
- Antique quilt bed turning daily

Feature Quilter: Shirley Challice

ENTRY **\$10**

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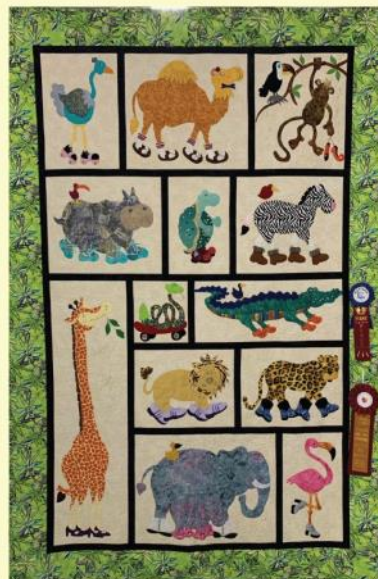
Quilting Corners Guild Presents

Stitching Among Friends QUILT SHOW

June 7 & 8, 2025

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Viewer's Choice Award Winner 2023
- Senora Baldry -



Jungle Walk for a Cause
Harebrained Happenings

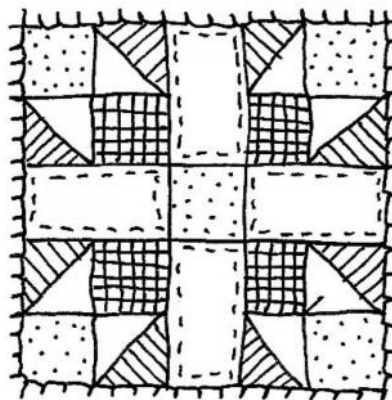
Alliston Curling Rink, 52 Albert St., W, Alliston, ON

Admission Adults - \$10.00
Children (12 & Under) - \$ 5.00

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Bed Turning, Tea Room, Corner Store



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SAVE THE DATE

June 18-21, 2025

Welcome & Award Ceremony:
June 18 (evening)

Exhibit Hall Open June 19-21

International Centre, Mississauga, ON

Registration opens for workshops, lectures and tours on **February 25, 2025** (noon ET) for CQA/ACC Members.

Check out the schedule on the CQA website—
<https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2025-classes-and-lectures/>

CQA/ACC Member Discount on workshops in place from February 25 (noon ET) – March 11, 2025 (noon ET).

Registration opens for all on March 12, 2025 (noon ET)

Form Closes Saturday June 14 at noon ET.

Questions? Contact Registrar 2025 Janet Kasper at
quiltcanadaregistrar@canadianquilter.com
or 1-877-672-8777 ext 2 (Ontario)



The CQA/ACC True Colours Quilt Along 2025 celebrates diversity and inclusion, with a focus on support for 2SLGBTQI+ communities leading up to Pride Month in June 2025. The goal is to ensure everyone feels welcome in the quilting circle.

It started in January, but it's not too late to get started! It is hoped that by making quilts and either gifting them to people we know, or donating them to organizations that support 2SLGBTQI+ communities, we will continue the conversation about diversity and inclusion. Check this page for inspiration and donation ideas [True Colours Quilt Along 2025—CQA/ACC](#).

Finished Quilt Size: 44" x 58" (112 x 147 cm).





Message from Elizabeth DeCroos (speaker at our November meeting)

It was great to meet your guild and talk about pojagi patchwork.

New winter and spring dates are now open for my open Zoom workshops. I am giving members of your guild a 10% discount on all workshops as a thanks for hearing my presentation. Use the code **GuildFriend** at checkout.

You can see the workshops available here:

<https://epidastudio-shop.com/collections/live-workshops>

Elizabeth DeCroos
Epida Studio

"I will not buy any more fabric until I use up the stash I have at home," I said. And then I laughed and laughed.

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

NEXT ISSUE

Submissions for the March issue should be sent to yhgnewslettereditor@gmail.com no later than **Friday, February 28**.

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