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Hello Quilters!

Does anyone do a big spring cleaning? Sometimes deep cleaning with fresh spring air from the newly opened windows can be very satisfying. But my closets - I haven't cleaned a closet in a very long time because there is no need to clean out a closet when you are packing up house to move, again. Packing and moving forces you to confront what you do and don't really need. I moved to Toronto 13 years ago, and this is the longest that I have ever lived anywhere! Since I am not moving any time soon, I have to clean out these closets! What does this have to do with quilting? I am making a pile of fabric for that "Too Good To Toss" table at our upcoming meeting. Yes, on April 21 we resume meeting at the Toronto Botanical Garden. And all the fun, in-person, components of our guild meetings will be back; including, but not limited, to the guild library, Community Quilting, Show and Share, and the "Too Good To Toss" tables (look for my bags!).



Come and enjoy Sandy Simmelink's presentation, "Taking Stock", about her quilting journey. She will provide insights, explain why "taking stock" of your situation is import and encourage us on our quilting journeys. Also, this month there are only two spots remaining in Chriss Coleman's workshop, "The Skinny on Fine Line Piecing" on Saturday April 25.

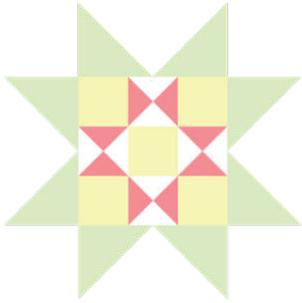
We need you! – Our guild Workshop Coordinator, Leslie B, has been a valuable team member for the past 8+ years. She is stepping down at the end of this guild season, and we need one or two members willing to fill her role. This job has often been filled by a pair of members willing to work together to keep our workshop enrolment organized. Now that all workshops are held on-line, this role can be filled by a remote member, with a local member on hand at our in-person meetings. Watch for more information about other ways to get involved – it's a fun way to meet people, learn new skills, and keep our guild strong!

Show and Share – The hybrid meeting format means that we all get to admire quilt photos, and the quilts in the room. There are three ways to share your quilts:

1. If you are attending via Zoom, please email your photo: yhgg.zoom@gmail.com
2. If you are attending in person, then simply bring your quilt. The white glove volunteers will hold it up to be shown by the in-room camera person. Do not email a photo.
3. If you are attending in person, but want to share a quilt that you already gifted, send the photo: yhgg.zoom@gmail.com and we can still celebrate your finish.

Thank you, and quilt on!

Brandie W. – President
yhgg.president@gmail.com



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. 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 Coleman at either 289.383.0555 or quilts@chrisscoleman.ca

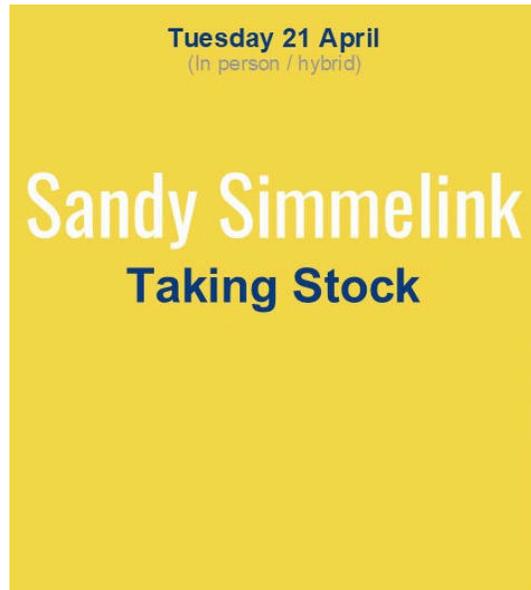
PC users, please contract Sandra Yen at 416.523.0488 or oudaze@hotmail.com

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

April 21 (Hybrid - in person and on Zoom) Sandy Simmelink – Taking Stock



Spring is in the air so we're welcoming Sandy Simmelink in person at TBG for our meeting on Tuesday April 21. Shake off the winter blues and join us for this inspiring lecture "Taking Stock". It's important to not only do your best work, but to know how to strategically plan what projects you will undertake in the future. This lecture is an inspiring look at Sandy's journey and what she has learned along the way. She'll provide insights, explain why "taking stock" of your situations is important, and will encourage fellow quilters on their own quilting journey.

Doors open at Toronto Botanical Garden (777 Lawrence Ave East) at 6:30; if you're joining by Zoom, virtual doors open at 6:45. Lecture starts at 7. See you there!

2025-2026 Meeting Schedule

- Tuesday, April 21, 7:00 pm hybrid in-person at Toronto Botanical Garden and online—Sandy Simmelink—Taking Stock
- Tuesday, May 19, 7:00 pm hybrid in person at Toronto Botanical Garden and online—Community Quilting evening
- Sunday, June 28, 1:30 pm—Joint online meeting with Toronto Modern Quilt Guild—Jo Avery

Sunday, June 28 - online only

Jo Avery – The 100 Days Project for Quilters



Continuing our annual tradition of a joint June meeting with Toronto Modern Quilters Guild, we are very pleased to be welcoming Scottish quilter Jo Avery ([@joaverystitch](https://www.instagram.com/joaverystitch)). She will be sharing a brand new lecture with us on Sunday 28 June.

The 100 Days Project for Quilters - Initially used as a teaching aid by a graphic designer at Yale School of Art, over the last couple of decades The 100 Days Project has grown into a free online global art project with thousands of people participating from all over the world. The idea is simple: choose a creative project, do it every single day for 100 days and document and share your process online. In this informative talk Jo Avery will share the ways she has used the project in her textile art to create quilts and fabric books. She will also explore the approaches taken by many other quilters who have used The 100 Day Project to create a fascinating range of different projects. The talk will also offer hands on advice for anyone wanting to start their own 100 Days Project in 2026.

This meeting will be online only – note the different day/time! Doors will open at 1:30 for WIP and Welcome (informal chat held before the meeting while everyone arrives, which is standard for TMQG meetings) and the meeting will start at 2pm.

COMING TO OUR APRIL MEETING BY TRANSIT?

TTC Changes to Route 51, 54 and 162



Due to the opening of the long-delayed Line 5 (aka the Eglinton Cross Town) there have been substantial changes to bus routes serving the Toronto Botanical Garden.

Please check out the new routes before our next in-person meeting in April by using the [TTC Trip Planner](#).

WORKSHOPS

2025-2026 Workshop Schedule

There is only one more online workshop scheduled for the 2025/2026 guild year. Anyone is welcome to sign up for the workshop, however members get a \$10 discounted rate.

The Skinny on Fine Line Piecing with Chriss Coleman

Option 1: (FULL) **Thursday, April 23** 6:30pm – 9:30pm (3 hrs)

Option 2: (2 spots left) **Saturday, April 25** 1 pm – 4 pm (3 hrs)

Join our very own member (and social media maestro) for an evening or afternoon of skill building. Learn how to piece fine lines to add interesting elements to any quilt project.

Chrisscoleman.ca/ / [@chriss_coleman](https://twitter.com/chriss_coleman)



Workshop Notes

- Hosted on Zoom
- \$45 for YHQG members, \$55 for non-members
- No pattern required
- Max students: 20

This workshop will be recorded and made available ONLY to paid students on a non-downloadable basis for 2 weeks after the workshop. The Workshop coordinator will send the link to the recording.

[Link to workshop registration.](#)

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Spring has Sprung and Everything's Coming Up MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL!

Our yearly membership campaign is kicking off this month, starting **April 1**. The online form will be up and running for you to renew for the 26/27 year. The membership fee is \$60, the same as last year. The procedure is the same with everything done online. You just need to have your credit card handy to pay.

To make it even easier, there is a button below that you can click on to do the renewal right now!



Our 2026/27 year officially starts Sept. 1, 2026 but we start renewals now so that everything is ready for September. July and August are generally very quiet with few people around so spring is a great time to take care of renewing your membership.

Prizes Following the May meeting there will be an Early Bird draw at which time two recipients will each win an electronic gift certificate as a thank you for registering early. Good luck!

RENEW NOW!

LIBRARY



It's time now to start thinking about and locating any books you may have checked out when we were last doing in-person meetings. Kindly round those up and return at the April meeting.
Thanks everyone.

Sharon C., YHQG Library Chair

Virtual Tuesday April 14, 2026

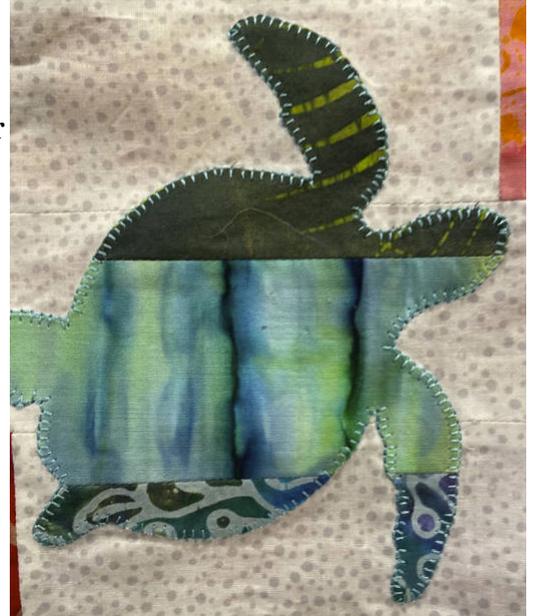
Turtles and IQD Quilt Show Replay!

The February and March Virtual Tuesdays focussed on the famous “Turtle Quilt” and the guild challenge , “Sweet Dreams Are Made of These”. Some of your fellow guild members are making baby-sized turtle-inspired quilts to enter in the challenge but there are no turtle or challenge police.

Join the April Virtual Tuesday on Tuesday April 14 for a final update before the big reveal at the May meeting. If you have a problem or solution for a turtle-inspired quilt or any favourite baby quilt pattern or pattern for anything baby related come prepared to share. As usual, Virtual Tuesday is a casual, social time, so even if turtles or baby quilts aren't your thing, come on out to chat and learn.

The April Virtual Tuesday will conclude with a replay of the Virtual Quilt Show from International Quilting Day 2026. If you missed it or would just like a chance to see these quilts again, you can watch in the main Zoom room. There will also be some breakout rooms if you'd rather socialize.

Do you have photos to share? We want to see your progress on “turtles”, baby quilts, baby accessories or anything you've been working on. Send your photos to the Virtual Tuesday mailbox - yhgg.virtuالتuesday@gmail.com



April Virtual Tuesday
Tuesday April 14, 2026 from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm

YHQG - Virtual Tuesday
yhgg.virtuالتuesday@gmail.com

Quilters live here

FABRIC SPARK

A photograph showing the interior of a quilt shop. There are shelves filled with various fabrics and quilts. The text "Quilters live here" is overlaid on the image. At the bottom, the logo "FABRIC SPARK" is displayed with a colorful starburst graphic.

COUNTRY CONCESSIONS
Quilt Shop

Get \$10 off!

Visit us in store or online for your one time \$10 off with code GUILD10!
(expires August 31, 2026)

35 King St. N, Cookstown
(Just North of Hot Stacks)

We can't wait to see you!

countryconcessions.com | 705 458 4546

A promotional advertisement for Country Concessions Quilt Shop. It features a logo with a colorful square and the text "COUNTRY CONCESSIONS Quilt Shop". Below the logo, it says "Get \$10 off!" and provides details about a \$10 discount with code GUILD10, valid until August 31, 2026. The address is 35 King St. N, Cookstown, and it is located just north of Hot Stacks. The ad includes the slogan "We can't wait to see you!" and contact information: countryconcessions.com | 705 458 4546. The background of the ad shows a quilt shop interior with shelves of fabric.

DISPLAY & COMPETITION

OUR TUESDAY, APRIL 21st SHOW AND SHARE IS ON-LINE AND IN PERSON!

Thanks to the members who participated in our March Show and Share on-line.

Members can do the same for our April meeting: bring your items in person on April 21st at Toronto Botanical Garden, or if you are not attending in person, you can show your quilted items virtually on Zoom.

If you are attending on Zoom, please send a photo of your quilt or quilted item to yhgg.zoom@gmail.com by noon on **Monday, April 20th**.

If you are attending in person at TBG we will ask you to speak about your item at our podium to the members in the hall and remotely through Zoom. Please bring your quilt/quilted item to the Show and Share table near the stage and we will add your name to our presentation list. White glove volunteers will present your quilt while you are speaking at the microphone. Please do not send a photo if you are attending in person.



2026 Guild Challenge Reminder—Sweet Dreams Are Made of These

As we near our Challenge deadline we want to remind our members of some important information:

- Members can do a full sized quilt or child's quilt or quilted items or quilt tops only
- A good size would be 36 x 48 for child's quilt/top
- Flimsies/tops can also be donated
- Members should send photo (when quilt/quilted item is completed) to yhgg.zoom@gmail.com

We are looking forward to seeing your Challenge quilts, quilted items or flimsies at our **May 19th** meeting at Toronto Botanical Garden. This is our deadline for the Challenge.

Members will receive a memento of the Challenge at this meeting. If you are unable to attend in person but you have completed the Challenge we will get the memento to you after the meeting. Please email us at yhgg.zoom@gmail.com so we know how many mementoes to make.

If you are not making a quilt or quilted item you can still participate and donate baby items in person at our May meeting.

Thank you to our members who are taking on this Challenge!

COMMUNITY QUILTING



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.

You can also get a head start in preparing Teddy Quilts for next year's holiday donation (approximately 18" x 24" in size, please).

March Donation:

Quilts for Survivors recently announced on Facebook that they needed a number of quilts to be gifted to Residential School survivors at a Toronto ceremony. York Heritage donated ten quilts to the cause, which were gratefully received by Vanessa Genier, the founder of Quilts for Survivors.

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

Community Quilting Groups

Join a virtual CQ sew-along on Tuesday or Saturday mornings. Zoom links are sent out to all members each month. 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 Our Generous Members!

March has been another relatively quiet month for CQ, but we still received some finished quilts and tops! Special thanks go to Leslie B., Wendy D., Becky F., Del H., Irena H., Cheryl L., Anne M., Judy M., Bev S., and Ann S.

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

thank
you!

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 Avenue, 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.

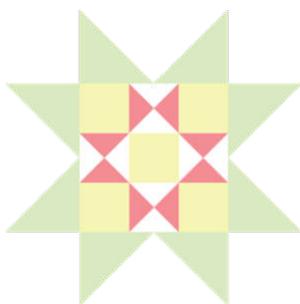
Our newest in person group is located at 200 Madison Ave. (enter through glass doors off MacPherson Ave.), Toronto, and runs on **Thursdays** from 12:00 to 4:00. In addition to being open to members, this meeting is open to residents of 200 Madison and neighbouring buildings, the hope being that people 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 Zoom 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!

Don't forget to bring any completed community quilts to our April in-person meeting!

Anne M.
Community Quilting Chair



APRIL GUILD CALENDAR

Day	Date	Time	Activity
Monday	Weekly	9:00 am—3:00 pm	In-person CQ Sew-Along at Stan Wadlow (no meeting April 6, Easter Monday)
Tuesday	Weekly	9:30 am—1:45 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	April 14	7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Virtual Tuesday - Turtles and IQD Quilt Show Replay
Tuesday	April 21	7:00 pm—9:00 pm	Monthly Guild Meeting (Hybrid)-Sandy Simmelink: Taking Stock
Thursday	April 23	6:30pm – 9:30pm	Workshop with Chris Coleman
Saturday	April 25	1:00 pm—4:00 pm	Workshop with Chris Coleman
Tuesday	April 28	7:00 pm—9:00 pm	Guild Executive meeting

QUILT EVENTS

East Lake Simcoe Quilters



April 24-25 2026
QUILT SHOW
TEA & SALE

Trinity United Church
 50 Laidlaw St. N. Cannington

Come join us for tea!

Friday April 24 1-5pm
 Saturday April 25 10am-4pm

Refreshments served both days
 Lunch available Saturday from 11am to 2pm
 Vendors, demos & door prizes
 Admission \$10. at door
 Cash or e-transfer only




PIECEMAKERS 2026
QUILT SHOW

New Quilts, Merchants' Mall,
 Boutique, Lunch Café

Admission (Cash Only)
\$10

April 23, 24 and 25, 2026
 Thursday and Friday – 10 am until 5 pm
 Saturday – 10 am until 4 pm

Contact: Joan Robinson
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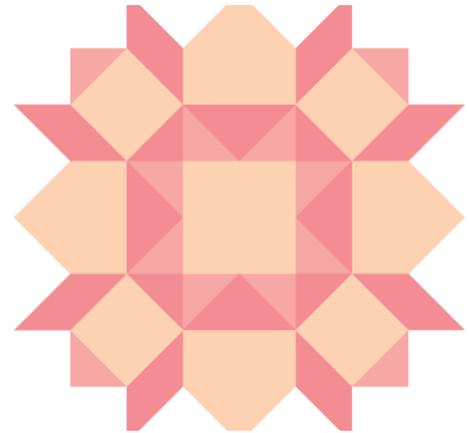
Modern Quilt Showcase

An exhibition of modern quilts that explores innovative approaches to a timeless craft hosted by the Toronto Modern Quilt Guild.

Friday, May 1: 6 pm - 9pm
Saturday, May 2: 10am - 5pm

Wychwood Barns
601 Christie Street
www.fmqg.ca

*Blocks of Our Love
by Alia Sheikh*



Prince Edward County Quilters' Guild
QUILT SHOW 2026
A Stitch In Time



Raffle quilt: *Dream Bigger* (approx 99" X 103")

July 11th - 12th, 2026
10am - 4pm

Wellington and District
Community Centre
LeHigh Arena

111 Belleville Street, Wellington, ON

Admission **\$10** FREE Parking
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Quilt Show and Sale

Fri May 8 - Sat May 9, 2026
9:30am - 5:00pm 9:30am - 4:00pm

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- Vendors
- Charity Quilt Raffles
- Displays
- KQG Member's Boutique (Items for Sale)
- Prize Baskets
- Light Refreshments Available
- Antique Quilts (Bed turning Daily)
- Scissor & Tool Sharpening (Bring your Items)

Feature Quilter: **Marg Worsick**

For membership information:
kqgquilts.ca
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Raffle Baskets • Vendors • Scissor Sharpening • Tea Room • Artisan's Market
Comfort Quilts & Quilts of Valour on site
King Edward Park Community Centre, 75 Elizabeth Street, Brighton, Ontario

Making Memories Quilt Show

presented by: New Millennium Quilters' Guild

MAY 29 & 30, 2026
FRIDAY 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
SATURDAY 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Admission \$10.00 (Cash Only)

Mildmay-Carrick Recreation Complex
24 Vincent St. Mildmay, ON

INCLUDES:

- Viewers Choice
- Vendors Market
- Toonie Table
- Bed Turning (11:00 am & 2:00 pm)
- Boutique (cash only)
- Lunch Cafe (cash only)
- Christmas corner
- Quilt Raffle

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Once Upon a Quilt 2026

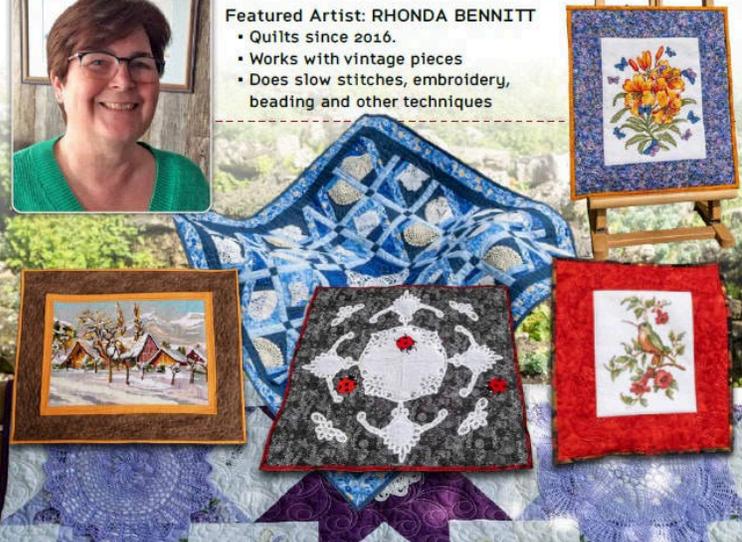
SEPTEMBER 25-26, 2026

Quilt displays • Door prizes • Quiltique • Tombola • Vendors • Opportunity quilts
Friday 25 - 10am to 6pm | Saturday 26 - 10am to 4pm
Best Western Plus | 19 Holiday Dr. | Brantford, ON



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- Works with vintage pieces
- Does slow stitches, embroidery, beading and other techniques




June 17-20, 2026

Welcome & Award Ceremony:
June 17 (evening)

Exhibit Hall Open June 18-20

RBC Convention Centre
Winnipeg, Manitoba

REMINDERS FOR HYBRID MEETINGS

As we resume hybrid meetings this month, here are a few reminders to keep in mind.

If you come in person, please note:

- doors open at 6:30 p.m.; meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.
- wear your name badge please! New members please pick up your name tag.
- consider picking up CQ quilt sandwiches to quilt and return next month
- bring fabric remnants or other sewing-related items for the "Too Good to Toss" exchange table. At the end of meeting, please take home anything you brought that is still on the table.
- bring your Show & Share items. No need to send a photo if attending in person
- be mindful of our scent-free policy which extends to hairspray, lotions, etc.

If you attend online, please note:

- the Zoom doors open at 6:45 p.m., the meeting begins at 7:00 p.m.
- enter your name (instead of David's iPad) when you log in
- send your Show and Share photos and descriptions to yhqq.zoom@gmail.com
- be patient as we continue offering a hybrid experience!

Guests are welcome, so invite your friends to join us. They can pay \$15 cash at the door or [pay online](#) advance.



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NEXT ISSUE

Submissions for the May issue should be sent to yhqqnewslettereditor@gmail.com no later than **Friday, May 1** .