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Hello Quilters!

It is hard to believe that another YHQG season is wrapping up at our annual Community Quilting Celebration. The upcoming hybrid Guild meeting is on Tuesday, May 19 - so come prepared to participate with hand sewing supplies! There will be a community project to work on, while chatting and eating cookies.

Doors open at 6:30 and you can bring your own beverage. For our remote members, you can email photos of your challenge items to

yhgg.zoom@gmail.com, and have a treat close by to celebrate with us.



There will be a lot happening in the room during the meeting:

- Short presentation by [Comfy Cases](#)
- CQ fabric and notions sale (all proceeds used to buy batting and other CQ needs)
- Wrap up for the guild challenge, *Sweet Dreams*
- Programming 2026-27 reveal, featured speakers and scheduled workshops will be announced
- Library books to borrow for the summer
- Too-Good-To-Toss table
- CQ kits and basted quilt “sandwiches” ready to pick up and work on over the summer
- Cookies! Did I mention the cookies?

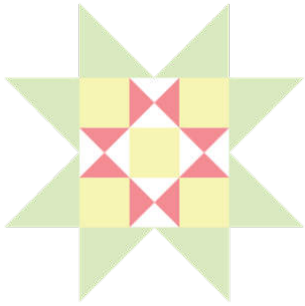
Thanks to our programming co-chairs, Barb K. and Heather Q., lots of the planning work for next season has been completed but there are still some details to be ironed out. Check out the guild website yhgg.org over the summer months. We will update it as details about next year's events are finalized. By the way, offering suggestions about programming, donations initiatives, and guild administration are chances for you to make a difference in our overall community. The website also outlines the volunteer opportunities available. Please get involved. We need volunteers!

Finally, don't forget- it's [membership renewal](#) time for the 2026-27 year. Please renew now – we'd love to have you back! And IF you renew **before** the May meeting you are eligible to win a gift certificate to a quilt store of your choice. There are 3 prizes available, but you must renew first.

Thank you,

Brandie W. – President

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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 C. at either 289.383.0555 or quilts@chriscoleman.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 19 - Community Quilting Night

Our May Meeting is CQ Night!

Every year, one of our in person/hybrid meetings is dedicated to socializing while making something for the Community Quilting program. At our in-person meeting, we serve delicious cookies and sit at round tables to chat together while we sew. We'll have prizes for people both in the room and on line.

This year, the CQ evening takes place on Tuesday, May 19th. Feel free to arrive a little early, to shop at the CQ tables and to grab a couple of cookies!

In addition to sewing, we'll have a brief presentation from Claudia Kuglemass of Comfy Cases, and you are welcome to bring any Comfy Cases you have made to the meeting for Claudia to collect. **More information about Comfy Cases is set out at the end of this article.**

Our Project:

Our project this year is decorating small zippered pouches, which can be used as make up bags or pencil cases. The pouches are approximately 7.5 x 4.5 inches. Two years ago, when we purchased cloth shopping bags for our CQ evening, they came with these pouches; thanks go to Janet P. for providing an idea for using these pouches in our program.

To prepare for the meeting, we ask members to make mini blocks or fussy cut fabric which can be handsewn onto the pouches. For those who don't have time to prepare something before the meeting, we will have fabric or mini blocks which you can use to decorate your pouch. Feel free to add embroidery or other decorative elements.

Those of you who will be attending virtually can make your own pouch or bag, quilted or otherwise, and forward them to Anne M. at 108 Chudleigh Avenue, Toronto, M4R 1T6.

Here are a couple of samples members have made:



Items You'll Need for Our Meeting:

- Blocks or fussy cut fabric which will fit within a 6x3 inch rectangle. Please note that the pouches are cream coloured, so more colour and less white would be best. Don't worry if you don't have anything; we'll have some blocks/fabric there for people to choose from.
- A glue stick or pen, to affix your block/fabric to the pouch.
- Embroidery thread or regular thread to sew the block/fabric to the pouch.
- Needles, scissors, thimble (the pouches are made of heavy fabric), pins.
- We'll have cookies, but you need to bring your own drink.

Sources for Patterns and Blocks:

Sources for patterns for pouches and for blocks are set out below.

Free makeup bag/pencil case patterns:

sewcanshe.com/make-up-bag-patterns-free-top-ten-sewing-patterns/
sewcanshe.com/back-to-school-sewing-29-free-easy-pencil-pouch-patterns/
www.applegreencottage.com/diy-pencil-case/

Free mini block patterns:

scissortailquilting.com/quilt-block-library-images/
allpeoplequilt.com/quilt-patterns/table-runners/free-patterns-mini-quilts

Our May meeting will feature an introduction to Comfy Cases by Claudia Kuglemass.

Comfy Cases is a Canadian non-profit organization that brings volunteers together to stitch fun, colourful pillowcases for children with cancer or other life changing illnesses supported in hospitals and other organizations in Ontario. Our CASES also stands for: Children And Sewers Exchanging Smiles.



Want to help by making a pillowcase?

All details and instructions are available on their website www.comfycases.ca.

Claudia will answer your questions and collect any pillowcases that members bring to the meeting – or drop off at our in-person meetings in the fall! Don't attend our meetings in person? There are many drop off locations all over Ontario, just check the website for a convenient location.



MAY CQ SALE!

There will be another wonderful CQ sale at our May meeting. Beautiful sets of curated fabrics, 1 pound bags of solid scraps, notions and other items. Support our CQ program and find some wonderful items for your next project!

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.

Initially used as a teaching aid by a graphic designer at Yale School of Art, over the last couple of decades The 100 Day 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 Day 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 presentation will start at 2pm.

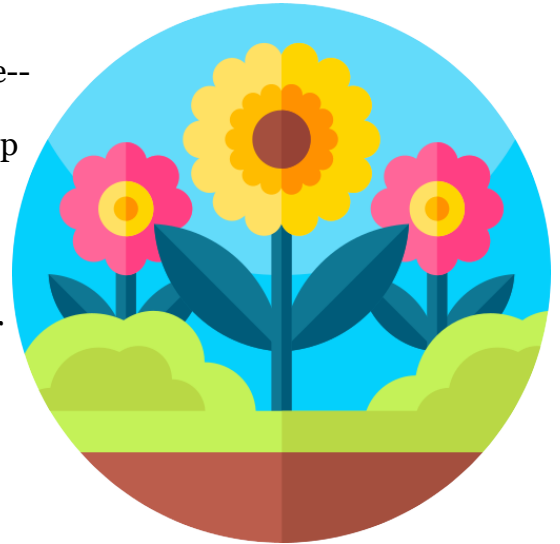
2026/27 Spring Membership Renewal

Are you ready for another year of fun?

It's that time of year where you can sign up for your favourite pastime-- QUILTING. Renewals can now be done online - click on the button below and it will take you directly to our renewal form. Follow the step by step instructions and be sure to have your payment method ready. If you have any issues, be sure to email yhqq.membership@gmail.com for a solution.

Don't forget to give permission to the library to add your name to our library database!

*Joanne L.
Membership Coordinator*



RENEW NOW!

LIBRARY



As you may have heard, the YHQQ library is now digital, with all books logged in Librarika. If you'd like to continue borrowing books, we'll need your email address to set you up as a library user.

You won't need to learn any new software--this simply allows us to check books in and out by scanning barcodes instead of using index cards. It makes the process quicker and helps the Guild save on supplies.

To get set up, please contact the librarian at yhqqlibrary00@gmail.com or check the box when you renew your guild membership.

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Sharon C., YHQQ Library Chair

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DISPLAY & COMPETITION

THE BIG REVEAL: “SWEET DREAMS ARE MADE OF THESE” CHALLENGE QUILTS & QUILTED ITEMS

We are finally reaching the finish line of our Sweet Dreams Challenge!

Please bring your quilts or quilted items to our Tuesday, May 19th meeting so we can see what you have been creating for the Challenge.

If you are attending the meeting remotely, please send a photo to the Guild mailbox yhgg.zoom@gmail.com by noon on Monday, May 18th so we may include it in our slideshow.

If you are donating your quilt to Community Quilting please make sure to put your name on the quilt so we know who the maker is and we can acknowledge your contribution.

All participants will receive a memento (created by Brian Gaston) for participation in the Challenge. Members in the hall will receive it at the meeting, and we will make arrangements for those at home to receive it as well after the meeting or at our first in-person meeting in September.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Challenge!

Leslie B. and Susan G.

MAY GUILD CALENDAR

Day	Date	Time	Activity
Monday	Weekly	9:00 am—3:00 pm	In-person CQ Sew-Along at Stan Wadlow (no meeting May 18)
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	May 19	7:00 pm—9:00 pm	Monthly Hybrid Guild Meeting - Community Quilting Evening and CQ Sale. Annual Thank You celebration begins at 6:30.

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).

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.

thank
you!

Thanks to Our Generous Members!

Our members were really working hard over the winter, judging by the haul of quilts and tops at the April meeting! Thanks go to Rose A., Irene B. (thanks for the fabric!), Sandra B., Leslie B., Velma B., Jacintha B., Debra B., Kathleen C., Jane C., Elizabeth D., Wendy D., CE (Honey M.'s friend), Holly D., Becky F., Ana G., Lucy G., Del H., Lenore I., Gail L., The Madison Makers, Marisa M., Anne M., Judy M., Anne O., May P., Heather Q., Jill R., Bev S., Ann S., Alex S., Linda V.L. (and thanks for the fabric!), Ann W., Sandi W., Brandie W., and Phoebe V.

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

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 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 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



COMMUNITY QUILTING

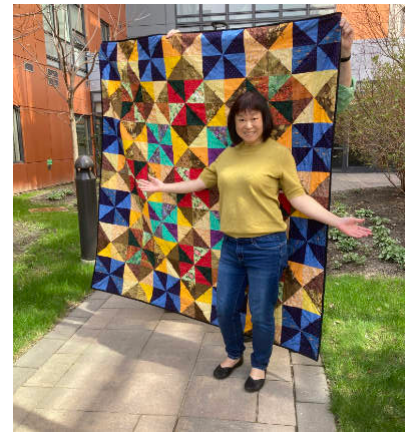
Lisa's First Quilt

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In late April, the Madison Makers arrived at our sewing space with smiles of anticipation and sewing needles at the ready. We knew that we'd have a chance to sit in a sewing circle and put the final stitches in the binding of Lisa's first quilt. What an accomplishment!

Lisa came to Madison CQ's opening day in early 2024, and was intrigued by the idea of learning to sew and to make quilts. With our guidance, she quickly learned to use a sewing machine, and made a few small items like a pillow case and place mats. But she had her eye on something bigger ... a bed quilt.

She selected fabrics from our stash, and sketched out a design on graph paper featuring half-square triangles. Every Thursday without fail she would come and sew all afternoon.



It is not often in life that we have the chance to play a part in a person's development of a new skill that reveals their creativity. This has been the case with all of the building's residents who have come to love the art of sewing as much as we seasoned quilters. However grateful they are to have us guide them, we are equally grateful to have the chance to share our passion and witness the beautiful results.

Janet P.

Victoria's Quilts Canada

Victoria's Quilts Canada (VQC) is a Canadian national not-for-profit charity whose mission is to make and deliver quilts to people in Canada living with cancer. They hope that the quilts will bring people comfort as they go through treatments and other aspects of a difficult journey.

VQA is reaching out in hopes of establishing a branch or two in the GTA.

To set up a branch, VQC needs a group of well-organized people - a chair (or 2 co-chairs), a secretary, a treasurer, a quilt distribution coordinator and a fabric or quilt coordinator. And of course, people to make quilts - kit makers, sewers, etc. Every branch and Friends group decides how they want to operate and make their quilts, within the VQC policies and procedures.

Please read more about VQC on their website victoriasquiltscanada.com.

If you're interested in helping to set up or participate in a branch of VQC in Toronto, please contact Wendy Greenwood at vqcpresident@gmail.com.



KAWARTHA QUILTMAKERS' GUILD
Presents

Feelings In Fabric Quilt Show and Sale

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

Location: Peterborough Sport & Wellness Centre
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- Vendors
- Charity Quilt Raffles
- Displays
- KQG Member's Boutique (Items for Sale)
- Prize Baskets
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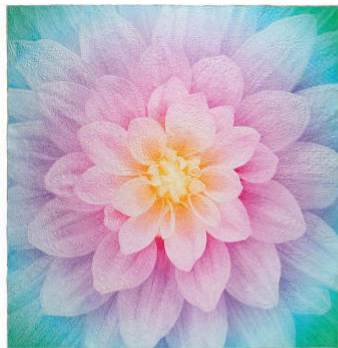
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- Tea Room
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- Demonstrations
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COMING TO OUR MAY MEETING BY TRANSIT?

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 May by using the [TTC Trip Planner](#).



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