



Executive Update

Hello RCQG Members.

As I was contemplating the beginning of my term as president of the Royal City Quilters' Guild, my mind turned to the reasons I joined the Guild. I wonder if your motivations were similar.

- To learn more about quilting;
- To learn quilting techniques;
- To create quilts for myself;
- To create quilts for others;
- To become involved in the community – both local and beyond;
- To meet people and make new friends.

Our Guild has fulfilled all these reasons and enriched my life in so many ways. I thank all our quilting community members for creating such a nurturing, creative and giving environment.

I reviewed our Mission Statement to aid me in writing this article. *"Royal City Quilters' Guild welcomes all who seek to celebrate the art of quilting through inspiring meetings, special interest groups, educational workshops and giving back to our community."*

Seems like I found my place. I look forward to fulfilling my tenure working with and for our quilting friends, family and community.

Kim H
President, RCQG
On behalf of the Executive Committee

September Program: Conquering Mount Scrapmore with Brenda Logan

Join us September 8th as Edmonton quilter and popular YouTuber **Brenda Logan** helps us tackle that ever-growing mountain of scraps! Through engaging block studies, Brenda will show how simple designs can be elevated into something special, while sharing creative ways to put our scraps, strings and crumbs to work. Brenda is the creator of *Conquering Mount Scrapmore with Brenda*, where she shares quilting inspiration, tutorials and ideas with a lively online community. Come prepared to look at your scrap bin with fresh eyes—and perhaps discover that it holds the makings of your next great quilt!



Dawn H

Workshops

Happy Fall everyone!

As the weather turns colder and we start to plan more indoor activities for the coming months, please give a thought to signing up for a workshop, or two, or three! All the workshops are held on Saturdays, and all are virtual via Zoom.

At time of writing, there is one spot remaining in the Jackie O'Brien, "One Block Wonder" workshop. Using panels or yardage, create beautiful, one-of-a-kind works of art. This is a two-part workshop held on Saturday October 24th, 2026 and Saturday December 5th, 2026.

Jackie will teach us how to cut and align repeats; how to choose a strip size; how to design around a panel; and adding stars/cubes of different sizes. Visit her website to see examples:

<https://ifthesethreadscouldtalk.com/>



Our second workshop of this guild year is Kristin Echols' "Seminole Patchwork", on Saturday January 23rd 2027. This class teaches the concepts of Seminole strip piecing. During the session, students will create 4 to 5 distinct Seminole patterns. Each student will receive instructions for 10 unique Seminole designs, along with several variations. By the conclusion of the workshop, participants will have mastered the necessary skills to assemble all the designs. These versatile Seminole bands can be made into a quilt or table runner, added to quilts as borders and accents, or used to embellish clothing and home decor projects.

Website: KristinLaura.com



Our final workshop of the guild year is Monika Henry's "Improv For Planners", on Saturday April 10th, 2027. Monika has designed a system that helps students organize their quilts and gives them the structure they love in a pattern, without determining how the quilt will look in the end. Students get to play with fabric but have a roadmap and know it will look great when it's finished. This workshop includes:

- a pre-workshop handout to help you pick fabrics
- a 30-page pattern with layouts, block patterns, and instructions on assembly and how to use the system
- approximately 2 hours of instruction
- 4 hours of live sewing time
- expert guidance during the workshop for questions



Website: <https://www.pennyspoolquilts.com>

For more information on these workshops and to see pictures of the workshop content, please visit the guild's website:

<https://royalcityquiltersguild.ca/activities/2026-2027-virtual-workshops/>

To register for workshops, please visit the store on the guild's website at <https://rcqg.square.site/>

Please note that any unfilled workshop spaces are offered to non-guild members beginning on September 15th 2026. Don't be disappointed, sign up soon!

Cheryl C
Workshops

Community Outreach

Since the end of June 2026, we have donated 19 quilts to several organizations in our community:

- CAS Halton: 7 child-sized quilts
- Saint Joe's Health palliative care unit: 3 quilts
- The Linus Project: 4 child sized quilts
- Seniors on Stevenson: 5 quilts

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed their time, fabric, creativity, and quilting skills to make these donations possible. Your generosity brings warmth and comfort to those who need it most.



Reference Sizes for Community Outreach Quilts

QOV Minimum of 55" x 70" to a maximum of 72" x 84"

Habitat for Humanity Minimum of 60" x 80" to maximum of 72" x 84"

Linus Baby 36" x 36" to 40" x 40"

Linus Children 40" x 40" to 50" x 60"

Linus Teenagers up to 60" x 70"

Victoria Quilts can be 50" by 70" +/- 2". Quilt must be backed with Flannel. Or, if you would like to make a top only, Victoria quilts will accept flimsies.

Children's Aid accept the same as Linus; however if intended for a teenager, please make 60" x 80".

Other Useful Sizes:

Baby Quilt 40" square +/- 3 inches

Crib Quilt 28" x 51"

Twin with 6 inch overhang 51" x 81"

Double with 6 inch overhang 67" x 85"

Queen with 6 inch overhang 72" x 86"

Small Throw 42" x 60" +/- 4"

Medium Throw 54" x 70" +/- 6"

Large Throw 70" x 70" +/- 10"

The +/- on the throws is to be used to adjust the patterns based on the block size and/or border width as required.

Mingle

Come join us on September 19th 2026, as we celebrate National Jelly Roll Day together. Our featured potato chip design is a quick fun project made with easy blocks, perfect for enjoying a day of sewing and conversation with fellow quilters.

Bring your own project to work on, or take part in creating a Jelly Roll quilt top in a day. Sign out a kit, work in a group, or work independently. You can help turn a day of shared sewing into a finished quilt top.

Outreach kits will also be available, and we are preparing quilts for Habitat for Humanity in Guelph. It's a wonderful opportunity to combine creativity with community spirit while supporting local families.

We'll also have Quilts of Valour kits available, along with the next Stash Busters project: Delectable Mountains.

Mark your calendar, bring your sewing supplies and join us for a welcoming day filled with quilting and community. We look forward to sewing with you.

Let's Sew at Buy the Bolt!

Our next Buy the Bolt Sew Day is September 9th. We have room for eight people. Watch your inbox for the invitation and RSVP to grab your spot early.



Thank-you! to Jeff and Heather Fisher, owners of Buy the Bolt.

Buy the Bolt: Second Wednesday of each month, 9:30 am to 3:30 pm. Located at 450 Woodlawn Rd. West, Unit 11 in Guelph. Any questions? Contact April using contact information in the Guild Directory.

RCQG 2026 Retreat Update

RCQG's third annual sewing retreat is at Hidden Acres Mennonite Retreat. Mark your calendar now for November 22-26!

Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp & Retreat Centre is located at 1921 Line 37 in New Hamburg, Ontario. For more information about the venue, visit their website <https://hiddenacres.ca>. The cost for our retreat is \$483 for shared rooms and \$550 for single occupancy rooms. This price includes 12 meals, four nights lodging, day / evening snacks, gratuities, and a table for all your equipment and projects.



Please visit RCQG's online store at <https://rcqg.square.site> to register. While payments are non-refundable, they can be transferred to someone else should an emergency arise that requires you to cancel your attendance. In that unlikely case, we will try to help you find someone interested in purchasing your spot.

All participants will need to bring sheets, towels and pillowcases. Pillows and blankets are provided. Two weeks prior to the retreat, Monica will ask for all dietary restrictions so the caterer can do her best to accommodate any special dietary needs (e.g. food allergies). Please note the venue is accessible and accommodating. We look forward to spending the last week of November with you! If you would like to help plan activities for the retreat, please reach out to April T. We want to hear your best ideas! Our email addresses are in the Guild directory.

Retreat Organizers:
April T & Monica F

Membership

A Warm Welcome to a New Guild Year

Summer is winding down and a few red leaves in the trees in my part of the world remind me that a new season approaches, and with that a new exciting RCQG Guild Year is beginning. I hope you have all had a lovely summer and found a bit of time for creating.



Welcome to Our New Members!

Since the end of May we've welcomed **6 new members**: Holly L., Cherie L., Patricia Mc., Louise Mc., Sonja V. and Sandra W. If you meet them on-line or in-person please say hello!

Refer a Friend Program

The program continues this year. For each new member you refer, you'll receive a **\$5 refund** on your membership dues (up to \$45).



Congratulations to Pamela B. and Cloe L., the two winners of our Early Bird Membership Draw.

Heads up for renewing members

Welcome back and thanks to all those current members who have renewed over the spring/summer months. The cut-off for membership renewals was August 31st to receive the Zoom link for the September meeting. I will begin removing non-renewing members from the Groups.io system in the first week of September.

Save the Date – Fall Fireside Chat

On Thursday, **October 29th 2026**, we'll gather on Zoom for our cozy Fall Fireside Chat. New members can meet the Executive, ask questions, and connect with each other. Invitations will go out in early September.

Membership Handbook & Directory

The updated 2026/27 Membership Handbook and Directory will be ready by mid-October. If you have changed any of your information, just drop me a note before then at:

membership@royalcityquiltersguild.ca.

Until next time we "chat",

Sharon B

Membership Registrar, 2026/27

Show and Share Presentation and Quilt Whispering

Submissions for both Show & Share and Quilt Whispering are due by 7pm Eastern on the Saturday prior to our regular monthly meeting.

You can submit your photos by using the "Get Involved" page on our website (<https://royalcityquiltersguild.ca/get-involved/>) and clicking on the 'Submit to Show and Share' button to upload and describe your finishes. Or you can email your photo(s) and descriptions to [showandshare\[at\]royalcityquiltersguild \[dot\] ca](mailto:showandshare@royalcityquiltersguild.ca)

Let's celebrate the creative ways RCQG members make space for quilting – big or small!

Would you like some quilting design help for a quilt top? Photos of your quilt tops for Quilt Whispering can be sent via the "Get Involved" page of the Guild website or by e-mail to [showandshare\[at\]royalcityquiltersguild \[dot\] ca](mailto:showandshare@royalcityquiltersguild.ca) We select one submission per month for our group collaboration.

We'd love to see your latest projects!

Click [here](#) to see the Show and Share from the last meeting.

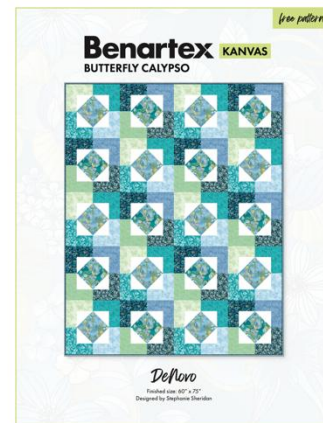


Stash Busters

September

We will continue DeNovo with Flo P. The pattern can be found on the Benartex website: <https://cdn.benartex.com/fabrics/188/DeNovo.pdf>. The design features a single quilt block made in both medium/light and dark versions, with the arrangement of the blocks creating the overall pattern. Depending on your fabric choices, the final quilt can appear soft and subtle or bold and dramatic.

Bring your creativity, your fabric stash, and your enthusiasm as we stitch our way through the summer together!



October/November

April T S will guide us through Delectable Mountains from Border Creek Station. See [Delectable Mountains \(link updated Aug 18, 2026\)](#). This versatile pattern is scrap-friendly, fat-quarter-friendly, and yardage-friendly, making it a wonderful choice for using up fabrics from your stash.

The quilt is made from a single block. The blocks can also be made in different sizes, depending on how large you would like your finished quilt to be, and the sizes of your scraps.

What makes this pattern fun and interesting is the many different ways the blocks can be arranged. Be sure to take a look at the various layout options provided with the pattern.



What's Up At the Canadian Quilters' Association

With a new guild year comes a new column for the newsletter. I will be writing each month about what is happening at CQA.

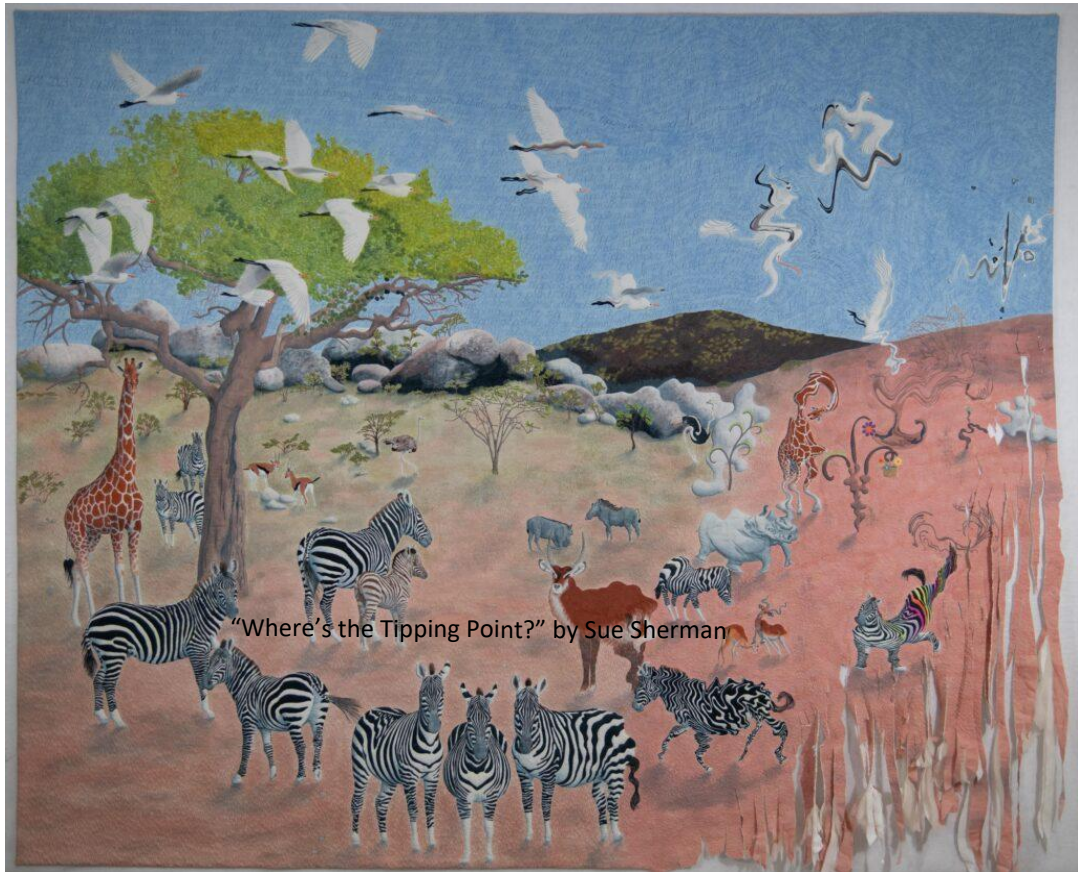
Did you get to Quilt Canada this year? If not, check out the award winning quilts [here](#). I've seen some of the award winning quilts in person, and WOW!!!

Wondering what motivates someone to enter, I recently chatted with friends who have entered, including award winners. One consistent theme was the challenge of getting

over the "impostor syndrome." They also stated reasons that every parent has said to their kids, "There's nothing to fear, worst outcome is they say no" and "If you don't try, you won't know." But ultimately they felt that if you are proud of your work and love the results, it's about sharing the variety of designs and skills and creativity that Canadian quilters, like so many members of this guild, bring to the art. Maybe you'll consider these thoughts and enter for 2027!

But maybe you are more of a mentor and want to support a young person who might be learning to sew/quilt, and encouraging them to enter the Youth Challenge. All of the Youth Challenge entries are posted [here](#). Over the past few years I've volunteered several times to hang the Youth Challenge quilts, and it has been a lot of fun to meet young quilters who are so enthusiastic and proud of their accomplishments. One four-year-old who was too young to enter told me "Mom and I are going shopping for fabric so I can enter next year"!

And last but not least there is the TrendTex Challenge: an online auction and fundraiser for CQA. TrendTex puts together 4 or 5 fabrics that members can purchase. The challenge is to make and donate a wall-hanging or bag based on a theme. The submissions are eligible for both judged and viewer's choice awards. Bidding takes place during Quilt Canada, and sometimes gets pretty competitive. Check out the entries [here](#). Watch for information in the next couple of months on how to enter these challenges for Calgary 2027!



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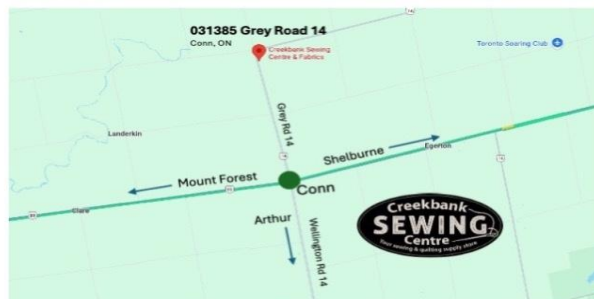
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Quilt Canada

June 16-19, 2027



Sue Sherman at Homer Watson

Many RCQG members will remember Sue Sherman's inspiring visit to our guild a few years ago, while others may have admired her award-winning wildlife quilts at Quilt Canada and other major exhibitions. Now there's an opportunity to experience her work up-close right here in our area.

Sue Sherman is an internationally recognized fibre artist from Newmarket, Ontario, known for her breathtaking wildlife art quilts. Using hand-painted dyes, thread painting, and free-motion quilting, she transforms fabric into remarkably realistic portraits of animals, often inspired by her own photography. Her work combines extraordinary technical skill with a deep commitment to wildlife conservation and environmental awareness.

The Homer Watson House & Gallery is currently featuring an exhibit of Sue's work—a wonderful chance to see the detail, artistry, and emotional impact of her quilts in person. If you enjoyed her presentation at RCQG or have ever stopped in your tracks to admire one of her quilts at a show, this exhibit is well worth a visit.

Learn more at <https://homerwatson.on.ca/whats-on/sue-sherman/>

