

SCRAPS OF WISDOM

Waterloo County Quilters' Guild



President's Message: Gratitude

I am going to dedicate my first president's message to gratitude.

When I was pondering a topic for my first message, I thought about the many ways I am grateful to the Waterloo County Quilters' Guild. Aside from the first bullet, the thoughts are not in any particular order.

- I want to pay tribute to the founding "mothers" of the guild. What a fabulous legacy you created for us.
- I want to thank the members who tirelessly work behind the scenes to bring us programs, emails, newsletters and updates on a regular basis.
- I want to thank everyone who so generously contributes to the many outreach projects that the guild organizes and offers on an ongoing basis. I am always humbled by the response to requests to help those less fortunate than ourselves.
- I want to thank the members who share ideas on a regular basis. Your creativity always brings me joy!
- I want to thank the executive who works tirelessly on our behalf, to make the guild better and stronger. It may be a thankless job at times, but it has been instrumental in creating and continuing to develop the vibrant guild we are today.

In closing, thank you to everyone who participates in our guild. We are an amazing and talented group of quilters. I am proud to be a part of this organization.

Enjoy the summer and any opportunity you have to get lost in your sewing room with a project. See you in September when we are able to Zoom together as a group for our first meeting.

- Jean McFarlane, President

The Waterloo County Quilters' Guild provides an opportunity for quilters to learn in a supportive, sharing, social environment. We encourage you to get the most out of your membership by becoming more deeply involved in the guild.

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All In-person Guild Meetings including Mannheim Sewing Circle and Workshops have been cancelled until further notice

LOOK WHO'S COMING IN THE FALL!



September 15th Meeting - Bridget O'Flaherty will join us from Perth, Ontario to share her 'Journey as a Textile Artist'. Bridget is an internationally award winning artist who creates beautiful work by free motion thread painting. Her work has been recognized in the Textile Transitions category at Quilt Canada's National Juried Show. Bridget is a member the Textile and Fibre Art List, Lanark County Quilters' Guild and CQA. For more information about Bridget and to see her wonderful work go to <https://bridgetoflaherty.com/> , Instagram at bridgetoflaherty_textileartist, Facebook at Bridget O'Flaherty Textile Artist and YouTube at Textile Art Bridget O'Flaherty .

October 20th Meeting - Our October meeting is a 'Conversation with Jenny Doan'. Jenny, whom some

have called 'The Oprah of Quilting' is an American quilter, author, YouTube personality and the face of the largest quilting supply vendor in the USA, started by two of her children. Jenny will be joining us from Hamilton, Missouri to chat about her story and all things quilting. For more information, go to the Missouri Star website:

<https://www.missouriquiltco.com/> and YouTube at Missouri Star Quilt Company



November 17th Meeting - To celebrate the holidays, Diane Harris from Nebraska will be joining us to present her trunk show, 'Jingle Bells'. Diane will share quilts that will offer something for everyone. Prior to starting her website, Stash Bandit, Diane was an editor for Quilt-maker magazine. Be inspired to create your own holiday quilt using colour recipes of all sorts.

For more information about Diane and her work, go to her website:

<https://stashbandit.net/> and on Instagram at stashbanditquilting.

...Winter

December 8th Meeting Our special December meeting will feature Kate Colleran from Colorado. Kate will share her trunk show, 'Modern Traditional, Exploring Quilt Styles', where she will discuss the different styles of quilts. She will show examples from her own patterns and patterns published in magazines, outlining elements that make them traditional or modern. For more information about Kate and her designs, visit her website: <https://seamslikeadream.shop/> or Youtube at Kate Colleran.



January 19th Meeting - Joining us from Manitoba is Melissa Marginet. Melissa will present 'Myth - Quilting is an Expensive Hobby'. Melissa will talk about how anyone can afford to quilt, showing quilts she has made at very little cost, and will share all her money saving secrets. Melissa has written two books on walking foot quilting as well as several patterns and is well known in the quilting community. For more information about Melissa and her work, visit her website: <http://www.melissamarginet.ca/>, on Facebook at Melissa Marginet - Quiltmaker and Instagram at melissamarginet.

February 16th Meeting - Our speaker this month is Linda Hahn from Florida. Linda will present her most requested lecture 'New York Beauty State of Mind' with almost all the quilts from the three books in her New York Beauty series. Linda is a guest designer with Banyan Batiks (Northcott), an EQ artist and was named the NQA's Certified Teacher of the Year.

For more information, visit Linda's website: <https://www.froghollowdesigns.com/> or on Facebook at Frog Hollow Designs



March 16th Meeting - Krista Moser from Seattle, Washington is our speaker and will present 'Diamonds Are a Girl's Best Friend'. Krista has been teaching sewing for more than 25 years and will share all the tips and tricks for cutting and piecing diamonds, triangles and hexagons in an easy and fast way. For more information about Krista, visit her website: <https://www.kristamoser.com/>, or on Facebook at Krista Moser: The Quilted Life, YouTube at Krista Moser and Instagram at krista_moser.



...and Spring!

April 20th Meeting - Helen Martin from Cambridge will be joining us to present her trunk show, 'Quilts and Their Stories'. Helen will share quilts from 1800 to 2020 that are in her collection of tops and blocks. She will tell their stories whether told by someone else, or the quilt itself. Many were made by others but several were made by Helen, including some that are totally hand stitched. We look forward to welcoming Helen in person.

May 18th Meeting - Sandy Lindal from Etobicoke will present her trunk show 'Confessions of a Scrapaholic' in person. Linda will take us through a light-hearted journey with friends. She is currently working on a series of quilts attempting to modernize old stash. We all have too much stash and she will inspire us to use it up and look at it in a new way.



June 16th Annual General Meeting - no speaker



UPCOMING WORKSHOP INFORMATION

Details about workshops will be added to the online store.

September 25th - Leanne Parsons' 'Conquering Curves' (see page 9)

October 23rd - Bridget O'Flaherty's 'Easy Peasy Thread Painting by Numbers'

November 20th - Inez Drummond's 'Woven Basket'

December 4th - Diane Harris' 'Let's Play Drezzup'

January 29th - Melissa Marginet's 'Zen Tree'

February 19th - Kelly DuMareq's 'Scrap String Quilts'

March 19th - Linda Hahn's 'Wicked Wahini'

May 25th - Leianne McCallum's 'Studio 180 V Block Ruler'

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STRIPPER'S CLUB may be returning!

The Stripper's Club ran in 2019 and, if there is enough interest, I will run it again. In this club, we exchange 2½" x WOF strips (good quality quilting cotton) with other members of the group.

We do 1 exchange each month. If there are 15 people in your group, you give me a ziplock bag with 15 strips of the assigned colour. The next month, you get your bag back with your strip and 14 others of the same colour group, each with a different pattern.

Each month is a different colour/pattern. Exchanges will be done at the Albert McCormick Community Centre parking lot.

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Quilts for Survivors - New Deadline October 11, 2021



Seeing Truth, a block designed by Catherine Henderson and donated to Quilts for Survivors, copied from the CQA/ACC website

Jean McFarlane, our president, is collecting 16.5" blocks (unfinished size), incorporating at least one orange fabric, for this initiative to support the survivors of residential schools in light of the recent discoveries of unmarked graves. The blocks will be assembled into lap quilts, approximately 48" x 62". Donations of thread, batting and backing fabric are also welcome.

Please have your blocks to Jean by September 30th.

For more information about this project, go to

<https://canadianquilter.com/news/quilts-for-survivors-deadline-august-1/>

And the facebook page, Quilts for Survivors

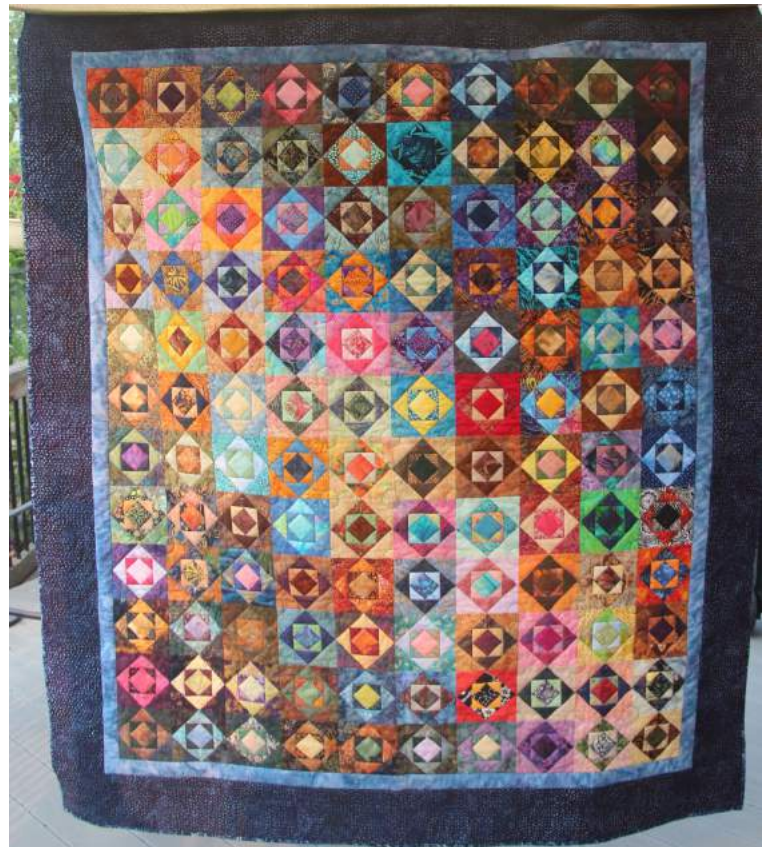
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1163361047509182>

Cambridge Memorial Hospital Volunteer Association Quilt Donation

We received a request for the donation of a quilt for the CMH Volunteer Association Fall Fundraiser that will take place in September.

Lynn Fulton, a former guild member, had donated the top to be used charitable purposes. The PAL Committee provided the backing, batting and binding and Marg Sandiford did the machine quilting. Cathy Jurchuk delivered the quilt.

It will be part of their prize match board, where tickets will be sold with some matching a donated prize. We hope to receive a picture of the lucky winner after the event.



President's Challenge

3 Yard Quilt

The First President's Challenge for the coming year is a 3 yard quilt. There is some wiggle room with the parameters—you can use 3 yards (1 yard each of three different fabrics, plus an extra quarter yard for binding, or you can use 12 fat quarters or scraps to add up to 3 yard of fabric.)



Pictures and comments related to the finished project must be submitted to Jean McFarlane by **November 10, 2021**. This will allow for the development of a slide show and poll to determine the lucky winner.

Many of our local fabric shops are carrying the Fabric Café books, that feature 3 yard quilts. Some of the shops have curated bundles ready to go. Other shops are happy to help in the selection of a fabric bundle.



Quilts for Lytton Fire Survivors

Jean McFarlane is happy to co-ordinate the collection of completed quilts and arrange for them to be sent to British Columbia.

More information can be found at www.fabricshelf.ca

TEDDY BEARS IN QUILTS

We are partnering again this year with the Knights of Columbus, Waterloo by making 25" square quilts for teddy bears. Last year, some members provided not only the quilt but the bear as well. Some even included masks!

Would you please hand in your completed teddy bear quilts by November 30, to give us time to take photos and deliver these gifts to K of C in time for their toy drive? Thanks! - Jean McFarlane



SEPTEMBER WORKSHOP



**Back
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Demand**



Leanne Parsons

Leanne Parsons, *The Devoted Quilter* from Newfoundland will bring us her new workshop, *Conquering Curves*. Her last workshop *Paper Piecing with Freezer Paper* was so popular that when she mentioned she was working on a new workshop, we knew we had to have her again this year.

Conquering Curves uses the *Noodles* pattern and will teach us how to conquer intimidating curves while learning tricks that can be used on any quilt with curves.

Skill level : Confident beginner. Participants should be

comfortable with their sewing machine and with sewing a 1/4" seam allowance. This workshop will be open to non-members on September 20, 2021.

Date: Saturday, September 25th 2021

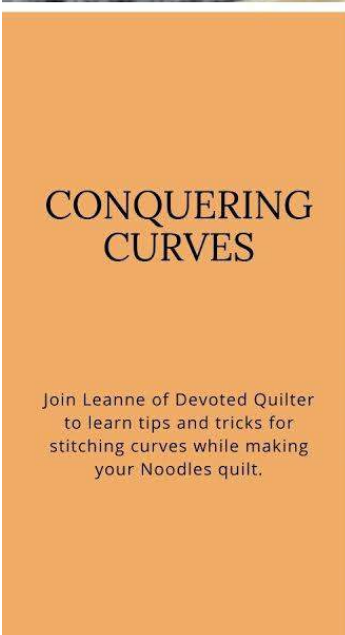
Time: 9:30am to 12:00 noon

Cost: \$25.00

Pattern required: *Noodles*—\$11.20 available on Leanne's website

<https://www.devotedquilter.com/>

Check the online store for further details regarding registration and payment.



Internet Resources for Quilters

Prepared by Inge Ford

This month's selection of quilt resources focuses on summer activities—perhaps you might be interested in participating in a road trip to look at the wide variety of barn quilts—or do it virtually. For those interested in participating in some sew-alongs, check out the two opportunities listed below.

Barn Quilts Across Ontario

Are you planning some road trips this summer or fall? Barn quilt projects have spread across Ontario. At this website, you will find information about how to make a painted barn quilt—but even more importantly—there are routes already planned out that can be travelled to view these barn quilts. Visit this website to learn more - www.barnquilttrails.ca



Some of the routes provided include the following:

Brant County Barn Quilt Trail (Brantford), Dutton Dunwich Quilt Trail (SW Ontario), East Chatham-Kent Barn Quilt Trail (Chatham), Elgin County Barn Quilt Trail (St. Thomas), Huron County BQT (along the Lake Huron shoreline), Longwoods Barn Quilt Trail (Middlesex), Native Women's Trail of Tears (SW Ontario), Norfolk County Barn Quilt Trail (Simcoe), Oxford County Barn Quilt Trail (Woodstock), Prince Edward County Barn Quilt Trail (SE Ontario), Ryde 135 Barn Quilt Trail (Muskoka), South Essex Barn Quilt Trail (West of Leamington), St. George Barn Quilt Trail (South of Cambridge), Thames River Barn Quilt Trail (Chatham-Kent) and Wardsville Barn Quilt Trail (SW Ontario).

If you don't plan to actually travel, you may wish to do a virtual trip. Each route includes photos and information about each of the barn quilts.

Summer Sew-Alongs

Are you interested in participating in some sew-along activities? Here are a couple you might consider.

Pat Sloan - **Summer Soiree Sew-Along (July 7—September 29)** The definition of a soirée is "a gathering or get-together, especially an elegant one. It is an evening party held in a private home. While ambient music plays, guests engage in a variety of private conversations". Pat Sloan shares a block each week that has a theme of something to do with an evening party! This is a free sew-along, where Pat introduces a new block with a pattern each Wednesday. Here is the link for more information:

<https://www.ilovetomakequilts.com/summer-soiree-sew-along.html>



100 Days—100 Blocks The Challenge is simple—make 100 blocks in 100 days. Gnome Angel from Australia is the site where more information is available. Several guild members are already participating in this unique challenge. Here is the link for more information:

<https://www.gnomeangel.com/100days100blocks-event-information/>

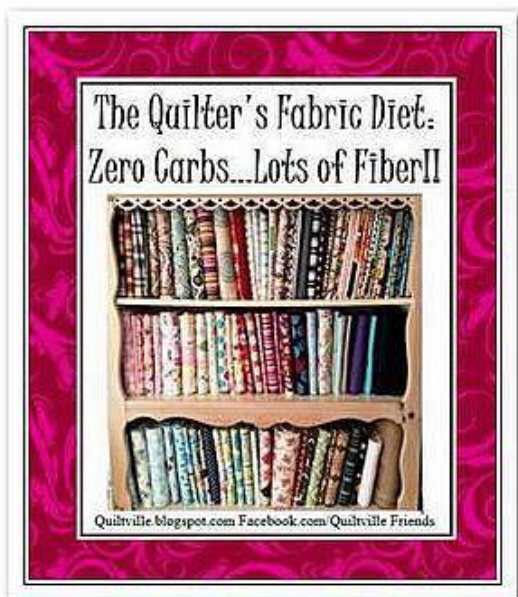
QOVC

Quilts of Valour – Canada

Congratulations

The WINNER of the Canada Day Hug Block Contest is Barbara Clarke from Stony Plain, AB. She is the winner of a QOVC Janome Sewing Machine.

Many thanks to all the WCQG members who purchased Valour Bundles and made Hug Blocks. You are all winners in my books !!



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Casey the Travelling Quiltcase

It has been a busy year for Casey so she is currently on holiday. However, she may start her visitations again if there is sufficient interest.

If you wish to book a visit with "Casey II" (new blocks to make, new magazines, new surprises), please contact Deby Wettges at dwgettes@gmail.com. Visits would start in September. More information will be available later!!

Virtual Show and Share for September

Please send pictures of your quilts, with a sentence or two about them, to kathleenbissett@me.com by Friday, September 10th so they can be included in our virtual Show and Share.


Fall Shop Hop

It's time for a Fall Shop Hop !! This one is in Eastern Ontario. It runs from September 9 – 11. There are 7 quilting/scrapbooking shops involved and although they are all located too far for a road trip (???), I have been in touch with the organizer and was assured they will have great presentations virtually. There will be a flyer going out on various social media and publications very soon. There are prize draws already happening at the FB page.


If you are interested/want updates then go to

<https://www.facebook.com/Quilters-Quest-Shop-Hop-Eastern-Ontario-100599825067557>


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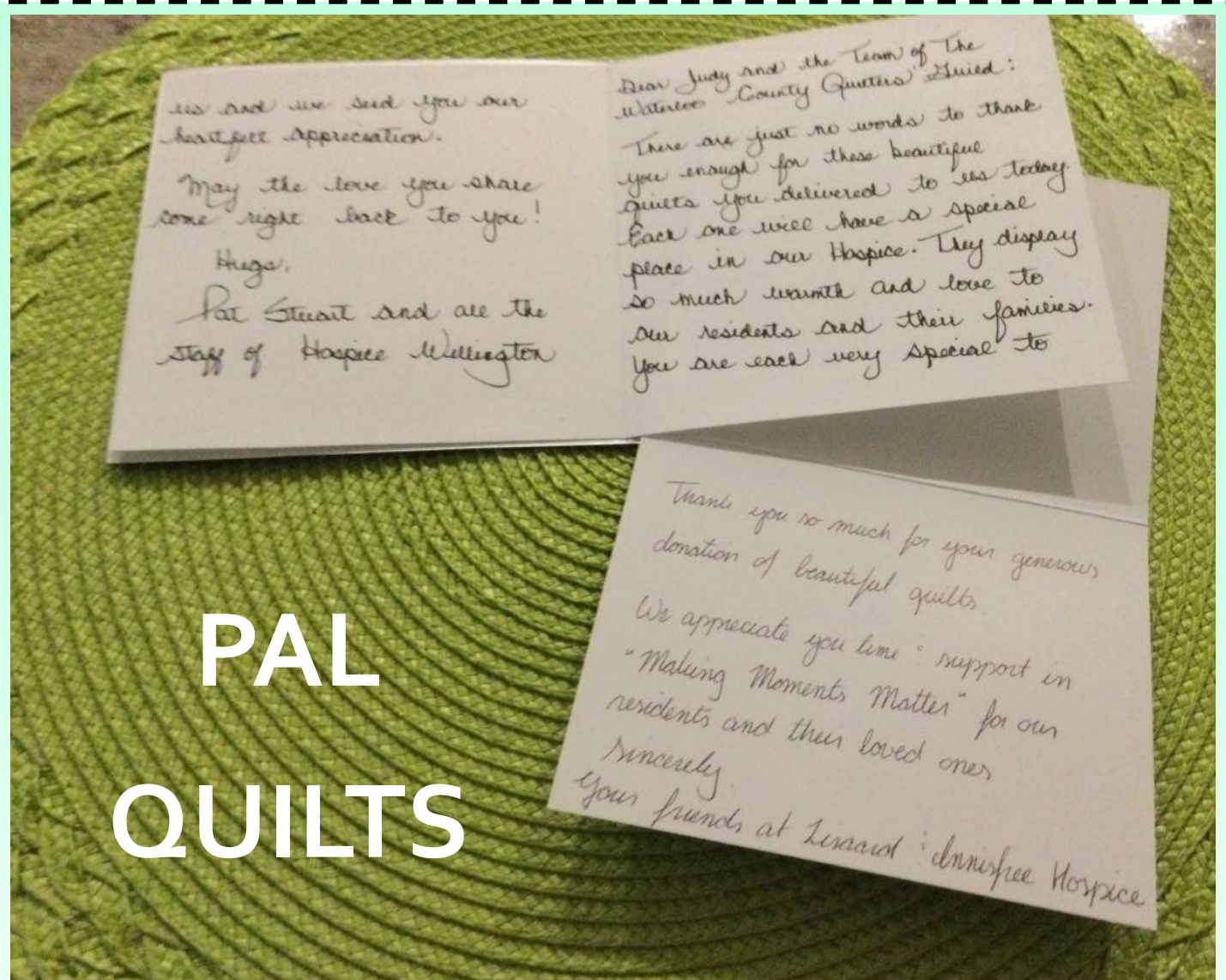
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PAL QUILTS

Ladies, we are nearing 100 quilts for this year, starting last September.

I know some of you have quilts that you are still finishing up. Let me know when you want to arrange a pickup. The committee met in June to distribute 46 quilts to the hospices, Hope Spring and Habitat for Humanity. Some thank you notes can be seen above. Supplies will be available again in late August. Presently everything we had is used up! Way to go!

Keep up the good work! It is appreciated!

- Judy Siegner

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Open Sewing Days



It's summer time, and the living is easy and relaxed! While you are relaxing and possibly quilting and sewing, consider joining us for the Monday afternoon Open Sewing Days. This is a great way to participate in informal on-line gatherings on Zoom. Guild members are invited to come and join us as we sew, laugh, ask questions, share ideas, learn from each other - and most importantly - connect with one another and have fun! We continue to gather every Monday afternoon from 2:00 to 4:00 (Except there will be no Open Sewing Day on Monday, August 2, (Civic Holiday) or Monday September 6, Labour Day.) The Zoom link remains the same for each Monday afternoon, but will continue to be sent out on Monday mornings so that participants can easily locate the link. For any new members to the guild - this is a great way to get to know fellow quilters. We look forward to connecting on Monday afternoons!

Our September Virtual Vendor will be



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Julie McAuliffe, Chapter Co-ordinator, wants to thank everyone who donated quilts to the NICU at Grand River Hospital. She said, "We received some lovely little quilts that are just perfect for the NICU at the hospital". The need is still there, so if you have small (25" square) quilts available, Julie would be happy to pick them up or you can drop them off at her place. Her phone number is 519-749-2704 and her email is mcauliffe@golden.net. Please use child appropriate fabric as these will go to very tiny babes.

Save the Date for International Quilting Day 2022

We are happy to share that our guild is partnering with the York Heritage Quilters' Guild (Toronto) and the Royal City Quilt Guild (Guelph) to host this year's virtual celebration of *International Quilting Day*. Please mark your calendar for **Saturday, March 19, 2022**. Festivities will begin at 9 a.m. Eastern Time and continue throughout the day!

Some of the events you can look forward to this year include:

- keynote speaker Meg Cox's (megcox.com) presentation "Behind the Scenes at the Greatest Quilt Museum in the World"
- a vendor showcase
- projects, demos and classes from guild members and presenters
- a virtual quilt show featuring work from members of all three guilds
- door prizes!

This is the perfect opportunity for members in the collaborating guilds to share skills, talents, and interests with each other. We invite you to get involved!

- Do you have an interesting talk you could give?
- Is there an appealing project you would like to share?
- Can you demonstrate special skills or techniques?
- Do you have favourite tools, products or perhaps demonstrations of "international" techniques such as sashiko, kawandi, boro patchwork, arpillera construction, or others you may know that the rest of us need to know about?
- We welcome ANY proposals.

If you are interested in presenting at this year's International Quilting Day, please let Inge Ford know by email fordinge@gmail.com. In your message, provide the following information:

Your name
 Session title or topic
 A brief description of what you have in mind
 The length of time needed, e.g. up to a maximum of 60 minutes
 Whether you will need tech help to prepare your session. (Just ask!)
 Supply list for participants, if applicable.



Special note: To simplify the registration process, there will not be a maximum limit on class sizes. Please plan with that in mind.

We recognize that doing a virtual presentation can possibly be a new experience. Help is available. If you have questions about doing a presentation or would like help or advice on the technical aspect, please contact Inge Ford. We are happy to provide support or assistance as needed – e.g. perhaps creating a power point, creating photos to share, assisting during the presentation, or any other possible aspect. Please reach out and ask.

We look forward to hearing from you. Please send your expression of interest to Inge Ford by August 15, 2021.

We appreciate our newsletter advertisers and member businesses. If you would like to participate in this year's vendor showcase, please reach out to Marg Sandiford from Waterloo County Quilters' Guild at margsandiford@hotmail.com to reserve your spot.

We look forward to seeing everyone at this year's International Quilting Day! There will be no cost for members of our guild to attend the events of this special day!

Cheers!

The International Quilting Day Planning Team

WCOG Representatives on the Planning Team include Marg Sandiford, Gail Berry-Graham Jean McFarlane and Inge Ford



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Email received by Madeline Hughes:

Hello Madeline,

My name is Betty Townsend and I have been a member for a long time, joining just after the guild was started. Needless to say, I enjoyed the people, the speakers, the learning...everything!

I turned 93 this year and have decided not to renew my membership. I did read that 90 years could be recognized. My eyes and fingers no longer do what I want them to do.

I have enjoyed any print that have been offered but did not do any Zoom meetings. For many years I joined with Rose Plummer to make memory quilts and in the first years we had cookies, tea and coffee every meeting. Rita Bearenger and I were the team.

The last quilt I made was in late December 2020 for my 15th great-grandchild.

Sincerely,

Betty

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COMPLETED QUILT CONTEST 2021

(All quilts received by Deby will be presented to Canadian Armed Forces Members in this area)

TO ENTER THE QUILTS OF VALOUR CANADA SOCIETY COMPLETED QUILTS CONTEST:

1. Make a complete Quilt of Valour as per the instructions found at:
<https://www.quiltsofvalour.ca/contacts>
2. Contact and Donate your completed Quilt of Valour during the contest period Jan 1st – Dec. 30th 2021 to your QOVC Reg. Rep. for Kitchener/Waterloo and area
Deby Wettges (deby.wettges@quiltsofvalour.ca)
3. A PHOTO of your quilt with your NAME, ADDRESS and PHONE NUMBER will be emailed to contest@quiltsofvalour.ca. For each **completed** quilt + email entry submitted, there will be 1 ballot entered in the draw in your name.



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Sewing Together, But Apart Days

Spend the day together, sharing and learning, while staying safe.

We have continued to have wonderful support for our STBA days, with consistently great attendance and interest for these activities. Our next STBA day is Wednesday, August 18. Each day runs from 9:00am to 3:30pm. Come for the full day or come when you can.

Wednesday, August 18—Carrie Zizza from Massachusetts. We will focus on everything you have ever wanted to know about needles, batting, backing and fabric. In the morning, we will watch a video on this topic and share ideas and strategies. In the afternoon, we will welcome Carrie Zizza from Massachusetts. Carrie will share her lecture called, "A Deep Dive into Needles, Thread, Batting and Fabric". She will cover the minutiae, ins, outs, tips and tricks of choosing the right ingredients for our quilt sandwich. Everything from which way to unwind a spool of thread to why does this batting beard, to what exactly is a thread count and why is it important and so much more. A hand-out featuring her strategies will be provided.



Sign up for August's STBA day soon at our online store!

A detailed agenda and Zoom link will be sent to all registered participants on Tuesday, August 17th.



COMING SOON FOR OUR 2021-2022 SEASON

Wednesday, September 8, 2021—Frances Arnold from Georgia, "Viewing the World Through Coloured Glasses"

Wednesday, October 13, 2021—Pat Speth from Minnesota, Trunk Show: "Nickel Quilts - 5 Inch is a Cinch"

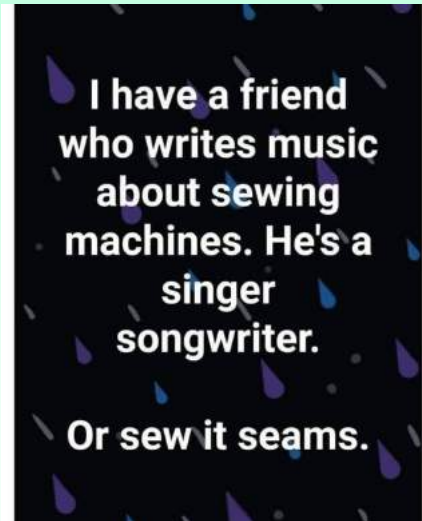
Wednesday, November 10, 2021—Jane Bromberg from Kansas, Trunk Show: "Finishing Up"

Wednesday, December 1, 2021—Michele Crawford from Washington, Trunk Show: "Just Cut the Scrap"

Sign up for these STBA days soon on our website and email our Sewing Together Coordinator

Upcoming ONLINE Speaker and Workshop Information

See pages 2 to 5
for all the 2021-2022
speakers and workshops!



Elected Officers of the Guild 2020-2021

- President:** Jean McFarlane
- Vice President:** Gail Berry-Graham
- Treasurer:** Andrea Heimrich
- Assistant Treasurer:** Laura Huras
- Secretary:** Doris Martin
- Past President:** Inge Ford

Standing Committees

- Historian:** Deby Wettges
- Librarians:** Jean Simpson & Donna McKay
- Membership:** Madeline Hughes (E)
Pat Lockyer (E)
Kitty Mitchell (E)
Betty Anne Scott (A)
Bettie Schuurman
- Newsletter:** Marg Sandiford
Pat Lockyer - Mailings
- Advertising Co-ordinator :** Marg Sandiford
- Program & Workshops:** Barbara Pye,
Sandra Bussey, Sylvia Fernley &
Cathy Jurchuk
- Quilt Exhibit:** Elaine LaRonde & Inge Ford,
Co-chairs
- Website:** Kathy Bissett

The Quilting Months Ahead...

Month	Day	Activity
August	18	Sewing Together But Apart Day
September	8	Sewing Together But Apart Day
September	9-11	Fall Shop Hop
September	15	Regular Guild Meeting on Zoom 7pm
September	25	'Conquering Curves' Workshop with Leanne Parsons
October	13	Sewing Together But Apart Day
October	20	Regular Guild Meeting on Zoom, 7pm



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