



Bits & Pieces

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Our Guild calendar would now be at its peak with many events covered, from Workshops, to a spring retreat, to a President's Challenge culminating in our June social event, the much enjoyed annual potluck. Summer followed with plans made to explore distant quilt stores and to attend a regional Quilt show. None of the above looks possible in the immediate future.

There is a quieting of quilting activity with a slower pace. We quilt in the privacy of our homes but miss out on the personal "face to face" experience at our Guild meetings. Quilting relationships, which are the basis of why we join a Guild, have to be rethought in this "new normal". A new perspective may be needed.

Your Management Team is reviewing what we might do differently during this slowdown or do better in the future. We also plan to reach out to members with a survey for your ideas.

The Team has compiled creative ideas on how to keep members connected and engaged. Ideas include 1) continuing BOM into the summer months, by email or Canada Post, 2) access to a "safe" summer library, 3) enhanced Facebook access. Yes, we want you to share your pictures!

The immediate future is clear with the June potluck sadly rescheduled. Our fall meetings may also have a different face with perhaps a meeting broken into a morning, afternoon and evening session to accommodate smaller groups. All options are open.

Our Lanark County Quilters Guild survived past challenges and I am certain will come out stronger from this universal slowdown with members safe, healthy and ready to celebrate our 30th Anniversary.

Nicole

MAY & JUNE MEETINGS CANCELLED

The May 26 and June 23 Guild meetings, as well as workshops are regrettably cancelled due to the COVID-19 Pandemic.



Block of the Month

Summer will soon be here. I am imagining bright pinwheels twirling in the breeze. This is a simple pattern but with lots of potential. Have fun putting it together.

This is the final block for the Row by Row quilt. Instructions for this block and putting it all together will be included in this month's pattern.



Gateway to Adventure - CQA Member Guild Challenge

Because of the Covid isolation, and even though Quilt Canada is cancelled, CQA will be doing a **VIRTUAL TOUR** of the winners of the "Gateway to Adventure" Member Guild Challenge 2020. So this is what we are doing. I need to know who wants to enter. I need a picture of your Entry, Quilt Name, measurement in inches, Techniques Used, and an Artist Statement (50 words or less), and Design Inspiration (credits, if not yours). The rest I will get from you if you are the winner. Pictures need to come to me by **June 1st**. If you want me to come to you, I can take the pictures with my camera, that is fine, as long as you don't live far. If you want to bring it to me for a photo, that's fine too. We will just make sure the whole quilt is in the picture. If you don't have the Guidelines for this Challenge, go online to Canadian Quilters' Association. If yours is not finished, you have two weeks to complete.

I will then have the photos sent out to the Membership, and you will vote for Viewer's Choice. Once posted, you can respond your vote to me by Wednesday, June 10th, so that I can get the Winner's Name in the June Newsletter by June 12th. You can email it, phone it, or text it, and I'll keep track, one vote per member. I'm looking forward to finally seeing all the entries.

Cathy Price cyprice@bell.net 613-390-0329

The Stash

Christmas Sale—November 2020

It has been disappointing that we cannot hold our semi-annual Quilts on the Tay Show but think what a wonderful show we will have in 2021!

We, as quilters, always find a way to feed our addiction of creativity and fill our time with amazing finished products that make other non-quilters envious.

This makes a 2020 Christmas Sale in November the perfect solution to this time of isolation and amazing creativity.

The sale is all about donations of quilted items to raise funds for OUR guild so please consider your next project as something others would like to purchase for that special person on their list. Also for those of you that were kind enough to pick up free kits and material to make things for Quilts On The Tay, you will now have some extra time to complete those projects and return them by October for the November Christmas Sale.

I am hoping that the wonderful committee that we had in 2019 will return to share their talents again and some new members will want to shadow them to be prepared to take over the next Sale in 2022.

Contact me via email to let me know if you would be willing to share your time for this event.

Stay home, stay safe and stay quilting.

Linda (llakeg@gmail.com)

Welcome to the 'New Normal'

When I first heard that I was going to be off work for a bit, my first thought was “holiday, yay”, but it definitely is nothing of the sort. I thought I would finish every UFO I had, that hasn't happened yet, either. Too much TV, computer games, food, and some sewing has taken up my life. Until I received a message from Scott Somerville and his wife, Susan Bamber, who is an ICU nurse at our local hospital, asking if I would be willing to make medical masks. The fabric and elastic would be supplied. I was going back and forth as to whether I would make masks at all, but I couldn't say no. I slowly realized just how important these are becoming in our 'new normal'. My first batch of fabric was dropped off with instructions, and off I went. A private Facebook page was made, in order to share hints, tips, problems, and solutions to making these masks. Because of this, I decided to do step-by-step pictures of me making a mask, for anyone having problems following the drawings and instructions. When I would finish my masks, I texted, and another supply was brought to me at my balcony. All my meetings and visits seem to be there. Back and forth, pickups and deliveries. I counted, I made 375 masks. I still can't believe I made that many. I'm not sure what their total was, but I do know that they needed 1600 by Easter Weekend. I'm glad I helped, since then I have made a few fabric masks for friends who don't sew. At least, it got me motivated.

At the same time, Jane Burke and Anna Cornel, members of our Guild, arranged for people to make fabric masks for non-medical staff. They had quite a few made, as well.

So many people have stepped up during this time. There are groups making caps, as well, with buttons on them. I donated buttons and fabric to them, but I didn't sort the buttons. Hopefully, there were lots the right size.

I hope everyone is staying safe and well. I hope this ends soon. I'm going to get fat, if it doesn't haha. Cathy Price.

CQA Trendtex Challenge 2020

Linda Lake will be picking up your CQA Trendtex entries to be taken to be judged on **Wednesday, June 10 at 1pm.**

Please deliver them to Linda at **Perth Mews parking lot** in front of Mark's Work Wearhouse. If you have an entry and are unable to deliver it to Linda at this time please contact her to make other arrangements.



Looking for ...

Looking for a book titled 'Strip Happy Quilting on a Roll' by Donna Kinsey, to photocopy a pattern.

Might anyone have this on their shelves? Could I borrow?

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The Stash

CQA/ACC Quilting Standards:

USING INNOVATIVE TECHNIQUES

Definition- technically innovative, made with at least three layers of materials, of which at least one of the layers must be fabric which is visible from the front of the quilt. Some of the non-traditional materials listed below may be considered a layer. As quilting continues to expand with non-traditional applications, techniques and materials, it is important that innovative pieces and fibre art in general meet with the standards already established with traditional quilts. These general guidelines include the following:

- An entry must hang flat when intended as a wall quilt, unless deliberately 3D. Bulging due to heavy quilting in isolated areas, heavy crusted beading, needle felting or insufficient finishing will be considered in the overall judging process.
- An innovative piece consists of three layers and has quilting visible on the front. Three layers of various materials without batting.
- Any loose threads and/or embellishments must be an integral part of the overall design. Following are examples of some non-traditional materials and techniques currently used in innovative pieces. There are others and no doubt there will be new ones developed.

The overall impression / design must be enhanced by the addition of the following techniques. It must support the overall design and should be securely attached.

1. Needle felting

2. Wet felting

3. Silk fusion

4. Tyvek ®

5. Angelina fibres

6. Confetti

7. Burnt edges

8. Foiling

9. Beads and sequins

10. Metallic embellishments

- Should not cause discoloration of the fabric due to surface tarnish/rust. Unless intended.

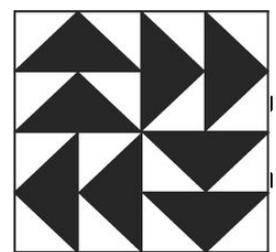
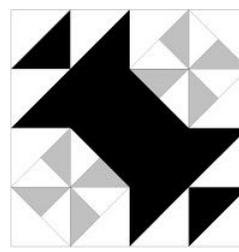
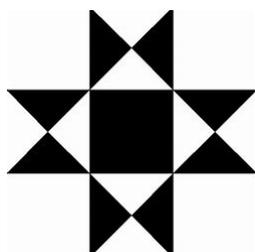
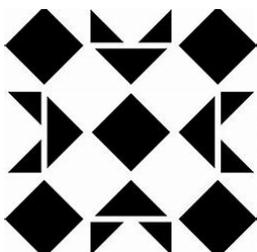
11. Fabric paint and inks

- Paint and ink, including textile oil sticks must be made permanent to avoid rubbing off or transfer to other areas of the quilt or quilts that may be stacked for judging. When incorporating the following techniques ensure that permission has been granted and credit is given to the designer. If these are your original designs, they should be identified as original.

12. Machine embroidery

13. Photo transfer

14. Digital printing



The Backing

WE NEED YOU

A Message from your Past President—Volunteers Needed



Thank you to those who have volunteered for our vacant Management Team positions. We still require someone to look after our **Publicity** and someone to be our **Vice President**.

WE NEED YOU. Please contact Nijole or Marilyn Robinson if you require further information or if you are interested in taking them on.

2020 Guild Challenge

The theme is birthdays. The challenge this year is a quilted item which includes your birth flower as well as your birth gemstone color, with a maximum perimeter of 150".

As the June meeting is cancelled, the challenge items will now be shared at the September 2020 meeting.

Due Date: SEPTEMBER Guild meeting



With our Guild monthly meetings and workshops currently cancelled and the 2020 QOTT deferred to 2021, our usual Guild publicity; both online and through posters distributed locally, has been put on hold.

Each one of us though, can still be publicizing our Guild through word of mouth. We can be sharing the benefits of being part of the Lanark County Quilters Guild and the wide range of activities offered to members. We are a passionate, talented community of quilters who enjoy Trunk shows, talks, workshops, Christmas sales and Quilt shows, retreats, social events, a library, Block of the Month, Show and Tell, Guild Challenges, Charity Outreach and much more!

You can also share the link to our website lanark-countyquiltersguild.com and they can read and see for themselves all that we do.

I look forward to seeing everyone when we can meet again, and hopefully we have interested some new members to join! Stay safe and happy quilting.

Moira Bell LCQG Publicity Coordinator

Executive Meeting: Tuesday, June 9 (TBC)
Next Meeting - (June) Cancelled
Newsletter deadline—Friday, June 12

Reminders



Notices: Notices of upcoming events, and other quilt related items for private sale will now be on their own table or on the end of the Membership table.

Workshop Fees: Program will charge an appropriate fee for workshops, subject to costs associated with the workshop presenter. **Fees are due at sign-up. Refunds are given ONLY if there is a family emergency or if the workshop is cancelled.**

Free Stuff: There is a large table in the centre of the room at the back for you to place items you wish to give away. However, you **must** remove any unclaimed items by the end of the meeting.

Website: Visit our website for the latest information on Guild activities, meetings, workshop news, upcoming events. Log onto www.lanarkcountyquiltersguild.com Comments welcome.

Newsletter: If you have any articles you would like included in the newsletter, or wish to start receiving the newsletter by email, please contact Hope Bell at 275-1018 or email at hopebell@kpmg.ca.

Membership: Any changes to your information in the Guild directory should be given to Janice Trudel.

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