



## Executive Update

Hello RCQG Members,

Our Guild is thriving because of **you**—our dedicated and talented members! Your involvement is what makes our community strong, welcoming, and inspiring. Whether you're a longtime member or have just joined, I encourage you to participate in guild activities.

Specifically, I am looking for **volunteers to help with our booth at WEFTFest!** WEFTFest is being held in St. Jacobs, Ontario, May 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> 2025. We need members for **four-hour shifts on Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>.** As a volunteer, you'll share why you love our guild and encourage attendees to join us. We'll also have a quilting demo to show people how to make a quilt and display our outreach quilts. It's a great opportunity to connect with the community and showcase what makes our Guild so special.

As a volunteer at WEFTfest, your entrance to the festival will be free for that day. You will be able to see the quilts and participate in all other WEFTfest activities. 90% of the quilts in the show were made by RCQG members. Please connect with me directly if you are able to help, at [president\[at\]royalcityquiltersguild\[dot\]ca](mailto:president[at]royalcityquiltersguild[dot]ca).

Getting involved not only helps build friendships but also allows you to learn new skills and enhance your quilting journey. Let's continue to grow, create, and support each other. I look forward to seeing you at our next gathering—and hopefully at WEFTfest!

Happy Quilting!

Warmly,

Cindy

President

On behalf of the Executive Committee members.

## April Program Guest Speaker

Terry Rowland  
Louisiana AB

### Scrap Attack

Terry is known worldwide for her enthusiastic approach to quilting, as well as her distinctive use of colour. In this lecture Terry will discuss where scraps come from and how to organize them so you can use them. She'll share how she used her scraps to create the 50-plus projects she'll be showing. In this colourful presentation Terry aims to inspire us to create our own scrappy masterpieces.

Terry's social media presence has expanded over the last few years with numerous videos, which share and teach her techniques, through YouTube (Terry Rowland). She is also very active on Instagram (@trowstudios), and FaceBook (Terry Rowland- T Row Studios).

**Check her out!**



## International Quilting Day

### Our 6th Annual Virtual Celebration of International Quilting Day

by ChatGPT with assistance from Becky F.

On March 15, 375 enthusiastic quilters joined together for our 6th Annual Virtual Celebration of International Quilting Day, and what a day it was! The energy, creativity, and sense of community were incredible.

We were thrilled to welcome internationally renowned guest speakers Caryl Bryer Fallert-Gentry and Katie Pasquini Masopust who shared their expertise, passion, and stunning quilts with us. Each presentation inspired and delighted, leaving attendees brimming with new ideas and motivation for their next quilting projects.

One of the day's highlights was our inspiring virtual quilt show. Quilters from across the sponsoring guilds submitted their beautiful works of art, showcasing an extraordinary range of skills, techniques, and styles. The virtual format allowed everyone to take a close look at the intricate details and craftsmanship in each quilt — truly a feast for the eyes!



While many of our members enjoyed the event from the comfort of their own homes, some friends took the opportunity to gather together and celebrate in person. In one such cozy setting, Wallace the Bernese Mountain Dog stood guard over the snack table, ensuring everyone's treats were well protected while he spent the day with some of his favourite humans. (We hear he accepted plenty of well-deserved pats in return!)

We can't wait to do it all again next year! Mark your calendars now for our 7th Annual Virtual Celebration of International Quilting Day on Saturday, March 21, 2026. We look forward to another unforgettable day filled with quilting inspiration, learning, and connection.

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this year's event such a fantastic success!





## Retreat

We are looking forward to organizing another retreat on November 24-28, 2025 at the same location – Hidden Acres Retreat in New Hamburg, Ont.

We have only one single occupancy space left for the Fall Retreat. We will sell it to a non-member beginning April 1. Act now if you would like to join us. Visit the website <https://hiddenacres.ca/>



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**November 24-28, 2025**  
Hidden Acres Retreat Centre  
1921 Line 37, New Hamburg, ON

Registration opens March 1 for members  
and April 1 for non-members

Visit our online store to reserve your spot.  
Only \$478 for 13 meals & 4 nights lodging.  
Limited single rooms available at \$545.  
Pay a deposit now and pay balance by Sept 1.  
Space is limited. Reserve yours soon!

All participants will need to bring sheets, towels and pillowcases. Pillows and blankets are provided. The caterer requires at least two weeks' notice so they can do their best to accommodate any special dietary needs (e.g. food allergies). We will ask about dietary restrictions closer to the actual event. 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 one of us. We want to hear your best ideas! Our email addresses are in the Guild directory.

**Retreat Organizers: April Temple-Spears & Monica Ferguson**

## Workshops

Our third workshop with Karen Miller is to be held on April 19. Full details are available on the RCQG website. The class is full but sometimes a person cannot attend at the last minute. If you wish to be on the wait list for Karen's workshop, please send an email to Ann Jeffrey. Ann's email address is in the Guild directory.

## Summer Mystery Quilt Sew Along

Spring has sprung which means summer isn't far away. And with the arrival of summer comes the Summer Mystery Quilt Sew Along.

This year our mystery quilt is designed by Merry Mayhem. The quilt is very suitable to be made from scraps and has four sizes ranging from crib to queen size. There is no cost to participate for guild members.

Clues will be released weekly beginning the 7<sup>th</sup> of July. There are six clues in total. Registration will begin in May. You will receive fabric requirements upon registration.

Should you wish to donate your mystery quilt, the guild will be happy to provide you with a fabric kit. When you register, let me know if you would like a kit for a donation quilt.

I'm looking forward to solving this mystery with all of you. Kim Hollingshead

## Community Outreach

### Seeking Suggestions for Worthy Quilt Donation Projects

With our Home for Good outreach project nearing completion, we are now exploring new ways to share our quilts with those who need them most. If you have a Home for Good quilt in progress, please continue working to complete it so we can fulfill our final commitments to this project. At the same time, we would like to reassure members that we will continue our work in support of Quilts of Valour, honouring and comforting Canadian veterans through our quilting efforts.

As part of our ongoing commitment to community outreach, the Royal City Quilters Guild is looking for new opportunities to donate our lovingly made quilts (or quilted items) to those in need. We invite members to suggest worthy organizations or initiatives that could benefit from our outreach projects.



We are particularly interested in projects within driving distance, to avoid shipping costs. Ideal recipients include vulnerable and underserved populations such as shelters, hospitals, hospices, community support organizations, or programs that provide comfort to those facing hardship.

If you have a suggestion, please reach out to Ann Jeffrey ([annjeffrey44\[at\]gmail\[dot\]com](mailto:annjeffrey44@gmail.com)) with details. When considering potential organizations, please be aware that not all suggestions can be selected. Factors such as existing partnerships with other quilt guilds or organizational policies may affect our ability to donate. Nevertheless, we appreciate all ideas and will carefully consider each submission.

Thank you for helping us continue the Guild's tradition of giving warmth and comfort through quilting!

## Quilts of Valour

Calling all quilters! Help us wrap our veterans in comfort and gratitude at our next Quilts of Valour Sew Day:  
April 7, 2025  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Guelph Legion  
57 Watson Parkway S., Guelph

Whether you're an experienced quilter or just want to lend a hand, we welcome you to join us in creating beautiful quilts for Canadian veterans. Bring your sewing machines, supplies, lunch, and enthusiasm. We

will provide fabric, patterns, and plenty of camaraderie. Not able to sew? No problem! We also welcome volunteers for pressing, cutting, and cheering on our stitchers. Let's come together to give back to those who served.

At this time, we'll be also celebrating the 34th anniversary of the Royal City Quilters Guild, and we'd love to celebrate with you. Be sure to stop by the Royal Canadian Legion for some coffee and cake at noon. We look forward to seeing you there.

April

## Membership



I hope that you can see the first signs of Spring in your part of the world. Longer days, warmer temperatures, and perhaps a robin sighting are all welcome and give us energy to pour into our creative pursuits.

Since our last Newsletter I have had the pleasure of welcoming six new members – Brenda C, Marjorie, Melissa H, Elaine M, Tamara B, Colette M, and Ursula T. Four of the six joined as part of the *Refer-A-Friend* program. I hope you will take the time to make them feel welcome if you meet in any of our forums.

We exchanged lots of information and displayed lovely quilts during our Spring Fireside Chat for new members, held March 27, 2025.

In other Membership news:

The executive approved keeping the status quo for Membership fees for 2025/26 at \$45 until Feb 1<sup>st</sup>, when it decreases to \$35. Further, they have agreed to continue with the *Refer-A-Friend* initiative for at least the next Guild Year.



Finally, we will once again be offering an *Early Bird Registration* incentive. Current members will be invoiced immediately after the May Guild meeting to join for 2025/26. The names of those who pay for their membership by a set early-bird cut-off date will have their names entered into a draw, and two members will win back their membership fees. Winners will be announced at the June meeting.

Till the next time,  
Sharon Bourque  
Membership Registrar

## Volunteer Positions

Like many interest-based organizations, RCQG relies on volunteers. We currently have two open positions. Either of these positions can be shared by two or more members.

**Advertising Coordinator:** The Advertising Coordinator encourages business and shop owners to support Guild activities by purchasing advertising in the Guild newsletter. Some coordination with the Treasurer (for invoices) and the Newsletter Editor is required. Most of the work for this position occurs at the start and/or end of the Guild year.

**Facebook Administrator:** The Facebook Administrator uses information about upcoming Guild events and other quilting-related information to establish a positive and friendly presence for the Guild on Facebook and other social media platforms. This position is perfect for the member who is already an active Facebook user.



**NATIONAL  
VOLUNTEER  
WEEK 2025**  
**VOLUNTEERS MAKE WAVES**

**APRIL 27 - MAY 3**

## Stash Busters

**Wednesday, April 2, 2025; 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Eastern) via Zoom**

Looking to trim your fabric scraps and enjoy a day of quilting camaraderie? Join us for the April Stash Busters meeting. Whether you have a mountain of fabric waiting for a project or just need some inspiration, Stash Busters is the perfect opportunity to sew, share ideas, and connect with fellow quilters.

This month (and next), we'll be working on Pauline's 4-9-16 project, a fantastic way to use up 2.5" squares and strips. Details about this project can be found in the March newsletter. Join us for this fun and practical quilting challenge!

Enjoy a few hours of stitching and socializing in a supportive and creative environment. This is a great time to swap tips, get advice, and admire each other's handiwork.

Have questions? Reach out to us at [stashbusters\[at\]royalcityquiltersguild\[dot\]ca](mailto:stashbusters@royalcityquiltersguild.ca)

We look forward to seeing you there—happy quilting!





## Show and Share Presentations and Quilt Whispering

Submit your photos for the Member Show and Share at this month's meeting. Photos should be sent in by 7:00 pm the prior Sunday evening. You can send them via the "Get Involved" page of the Guild website or via email to [showandshare \[at\] royalcityquiltersguild \[dot\] ca](mailto:showandshare@royalcityquiltersguild.ca)

The link to our most recent display of members' talents for February can be found by clicking on the image:



Would you like some quilting design help for a quilt top? Photos of your quilt tops for Quilt

Whispering should be sent in by 7:00 pm Sunday evening prior to our regular monthly meeting. You can send them via the "Get Involved" page of the Guild website or by e-mail at [quiltwhisperer\[at\]royalcityquiltersguild.ca](mailto:quiltwhisperer@royalcityquiltersguild.ca)

We'd love to see your latest projects!  
Thanks,  
Susan and Linda



## Library

### How to Borrow Books

Please refer to the Library note in the last newsletter if you wish to borrow library books. You can pick up your books at the next Quilts of Valour Day (April 7<sup>th</sup>) or Mingle (May 31<sup>st</sup>) at our local Legion. In between these dates, I can arrange with you when and where to pick up or return books.

**Please note:** If you currently have borrowed books at home, please return them at the next sew day (or contact me), as other members may have requested them.

Please have a look through our catalogue and let me know which books you wish to borrow!

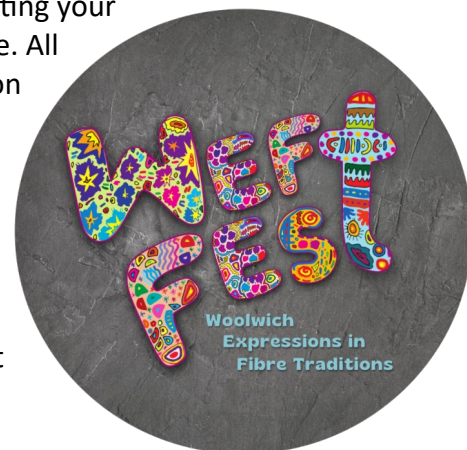
Happy quilting!  
MaryAnne, Librarian



## WEFTFest

Has your quilt been accepted for display at WeftFest? Our Guild has arranged for a drop off point in Guelph for your convenience. Quilts can be dropped with Kim Hollingshead. Her address and phone number is in the Guild directory. Phone first, to make sure there is someone available to take possession of your creation. Please drop off your quilt by the 5<sup>th</sup> of May. If you have difficulties getting your quilt to the drop off point, give a call and we can possibly arrange an alternative. All the collected quilts will be delivered to WEFTFest and returned upon completion of the festival.

WEFTFest (Woolwich Expressions in Fibre Traditions) will be held May 15-19, 2025 at the St. George Banquet Hall. This festival will feature Canada's most important heritage art piece: *Quilt of Belonging*. A richly hued portrait of the human family, *Quilt of Belonging* is a 120 foot- (36 metre-) long collaborative textile art project. Its 263 blocks portray the rich cultural legacies of all the First Peoples in Canada and every nation of the world at the dawn of the new Millennium.

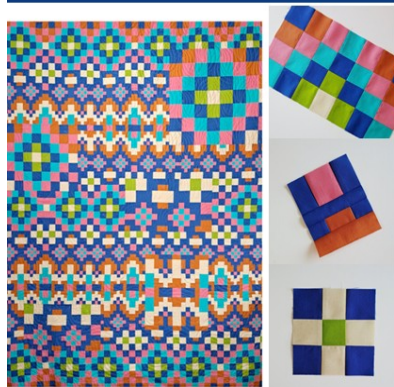


## Opportunities

York Heritage is offering the workshop for everyone at the member pricing. If there are any questions, they can send emails to our guild at [workshops1819\[at\]gmail\[dot\]com](mailto:workshops1819@gmail.com)

## Fado Road Quilt: Skill Builder

with Cristina De Miranda  
of Ships & Violins



In this workshop, students will learn three quilting skills:

- strip piecing with accuracy,
- foundation paper piecing, and
- spinning seam allowances.

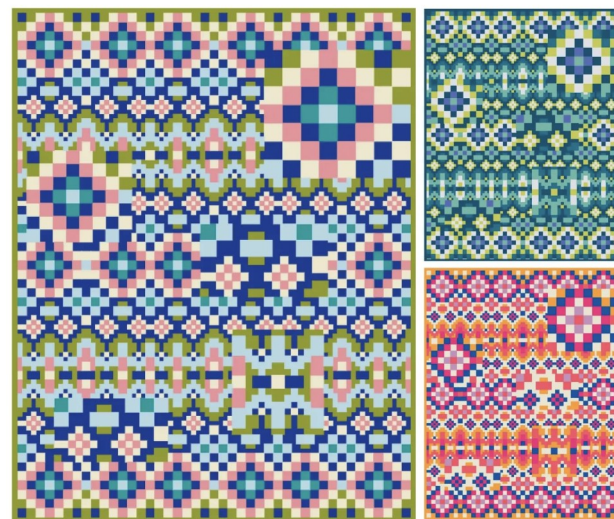
### SPECIAL!

Guests can sign up for the same price as members!  
\$80  
(includes a digital copy of the pattern)

Date  
Sat 26 April  
Time  
9:30-3:30

Skill level  
All  
Pattern Fee  
Included  
Max  
25  
Recording?  
Yes

## FADO ROAD IN KONA



## Sew, Socialize, and Stitch at Buy the Bolt!

Looking for a place to sew with friends? Jeff and Heather Fisher, owners of *Buy the Bolt* in Guelph, are generously inviting Royal City Quilters Guild members and our friends to use their classroom for informal sewing gatherings—free of charge!

The classroom and nearby space feature:

1. 9 sewing stations, each with its own electrical outlet,
2. A cutting table, iron, and ironing board, and
3. A small kitchenette with a microwave and sink.

To take advantage of this fantastic opportunity, you must book your time in advance to ensure the space is available. Gather your quilting friends, pack up your projects, and enjoy a day of stitching in a welcoming, well-equipped space!

To reserve a time, contact *Buy the Bolt* directly.

Email: [buythebolt@rogers.com](mailto:buythebolt@rogers.com)

Phone: (519) 241-6051

Address: 11-450 Woodlawn Rd W.

Guelph, ON N1K 1A6

Happy sewing!





## Advertising

Remember to visit your local quilt stores and service providers! We would like to thank all our advertisers for their continued support of our guild, and we need to ensure that we also support them. Clicking on an advertisement will take you to that company's website, so that you can further explore their offerings. If you would like to advertise your business within our newsletter, please contact [advertising\[at\]joyalcityquiltersguild.ca](mailto:advertising[at]joyalcityquiltersguild.ca)



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Quilt Show 2025

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**Quilt Show**  
Newmarket Community Centre  
200 Doug Duncan Drive  
Newmarket, ON

Admission: \$10.00



Saturday April 26, 2025: 10:00AM - 5:00PM  
Sunday April 27, 2025: 10:00AM-4:00PM

[www.regionofyorkquiltersguild.ca](https://www.regionofyorkquiltersguild.ca)



THE THAMES VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD PRESENTS

# QUILT SHOW 2025



**Friday May 2**  
10 am to 6 pm

**Saturday May 3**  
10 am to 4 pm

**Admission: \$10.00**  
(includes light refreshments)

- Quilt Display
- Vendors
- Tea Room
- Guild Boutique

**Westview Baptist Church**  
1000 Wonderland Rd. S., London ON



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## News from the CQA

Quilt Canada will be held June 18-21, 2025 at Mississauga's International Centre. Keep up with the latest Quilt Canada news at <https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2025/>

May 17, 2025

Last day to book group rate at Four Points by Sheraton

May 22, 2025

Last day to book group rate at Holiday Inn Toronto International Airport

June 19-21, 2025

National Juried Show at Quilt Canada at the International Centre, Mississauga



**QUILT CANADA 2025 TORONTO**

*June 18-21, 2025*

EXHIBIT HALL OPENS JUNE 19



**CALL FOR Team Leads!**

**QUILT CANADA 2025**  
June 18-21, 2025  
The International Centre  
Toronto, ON



**Quilt Canada 2026**  
RBC Convention Centre  
WINNIPEG, MB

**June 17-20, 2026**  
EXHIBIT HALL OPENS JUNE 18

**SAVE THE DATE**



## RCQG Schedule

Please note that the schedule below is subject to change. Please refer to the RCQG website for additional program information.

Upcoming Guild Events				
Date	Event	Location	Time	Contact Information
Monday, April 7	Quilts of Valour Mingle	Legion (lounge)	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	April T
Tuesday April 8	Guild Meeting Terry Rowland	Zoom	7 p.m.	
Saturday April 12	Virtual Sew Day	Zoom	10 a.m. - whatever	
Saturday April 19	Karen Miller Workshop	Zoom	10:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Ann J.
Saturday May 10	Virtual Sew Day	Zoom	10 a.m. - whatever	
Tuesday May 13	Guild Meeting Paula Nadelstern	Zoom	7 p.m.	
Saturday May 31	May Mingle	Legion Hall A	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	
Tuesday June 10	Guild Meeting Lilo Bowman	Zoom	7 p.m.	
Saturday June 14	Virtual Sew Day	Zoom	10 a.m. - whatever	
Monday July 7	Summer Mystery Quiltalong begins	E-mail		Kim H

Upcoming Quilt Shows				
Date	Event	Location	Time	Contact Information
April 26-27	Quilted Treasures Quilt Show 2025	Newmarket Community Centre	Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4	<a href="http://Regionofyorkquiltersguild.ca">Regionofyorkquiltersguild.ca</a>
April 26-27	Reflections of Georgian Bay A Quilt Show	Penetanguishene Memorial Community Centre	Sat. 10-5 Sun. 10-4	<a href="http://Gbqg.ca">Gbqg.ca</a>
May 2-3	Pieces of Magic Quilt Show 2025	Embroid Zorra Community Centre		<a href="http://Oxfordquiltersguild.org">Oxfordquiltersguild.org</a>
May 9-10	Valley Blooms Quilt Show 2025	Nepean Sportsplex	Fri. 10-7 Sat. 10-5	<a href="http://Ottawavalleyquiltersguild.org">Ottawavalleyquiltersguild.org</a>
May 15-19	WEFTfest	St. George Banquet Hall	10-5	<a href="https://weftfest.ca/">https://weftfest.ca/</a>
May 30-31	Stitches in our Time 2025 Quilt show	Sheridan Conference Centre	9:30-5	<a href="http://Haltonquiltersguild.ca">Haltonquiltersguild.ca</a>
June 7-8	Stitching Among Friends Quilt Show	Alliston Curling Rink	10-4	
June 18-21	Quilt Canada 2025	International Centre Mississauga	Thur, Fri 9:30-6 Sat 9:30-4	<a href="https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2025/">https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2025/</a>