



Executive Update

Hello RCQG members,

As we bid farewell to winter (finally) and look forward to the warmth of spring, I can't help feeling excited about all the new possibilities the change of seasons brings. Spring is a time for renewal and growth. It's the perfect season to begin fresh projects. Whether it's the colours of blooming flowers, the vibrant skies, or the fresh, crisp air, there's a world of inspiration around us just waiting to be captured in fabric and thread.



As always, the guild is a place where creativity thrives. This is the time of year to start making a quilt for a loved one, or learn a new technique, or just explore new colour palettes. Enjoy!

I'm thrilled to share the many opportunities available to us. They will ignite new ideas and help us to grow as quilters. These events will be a great way to connect with fellow members, share techniques, and explore fresh ideas for your quilting journey.

Keep an eye out for the details of our upcoming events in our newsletter. I encourage you to take full advantage of these opportunities. They include:

March 15th – International Quilt Day – website to register:

[International Quilting Day 2025 - Royal City Quilters' Guild](#)

May 15th-19th – Weftfest

[Call For Entry - WEFT Fest](#)

June 18th-21st – Canadian Quilters Association – Quilt Canada

[Quilt Canada 2025 - Canadian Quilters Association/Association Canadienne de la Courtepointe](#)

Whether you attend a lecture, take part in a workshop, or just chat with a fellow quilter, you never know when a small idea will spark your next big project! I look forward to seeing the beautiful quilts you'll create this season, and I'm excited for all the inspiration and creativity that lies ahead. Happy Quilting!

Warmly,

Cindy

President

On behalf of the Executive Committee members.

March Program Guest Speaker

Tara Miller
Atlanta GA

Graphic Quilts of the Twentieth Century

As a speaker, instructor, pattern designer, author, and independent researcher, Tara loves to celebrate and help deepen our connections to quilting and women's history. Tara's workshops, lectures, and original quilt patterns are crafted to inspire, empower, and educate.



This month's presentation is packed with graphic, visually stunning quilts from the whole of the 20th century. Many of these have a surprisingly modern aesthetic! Throughout the conversation, we'll put these quilts in context: historically, socially, artistically. We'll explore some of our connections with the past that inform us, inspire us, and drive us in the art and practice of quilt making today.

Visit Tara at <https://quiltdistrict.com>



International Quilting Day 2025

International Quilting Day is Saturday, March 15. Please register to attend if you haven't already. Admission is free for members of RCQG or one of the other sponsoring guilds. Guests may attend for \$25. Visit <https://royalcityquiltersguild.ca/activities/iqd2025/> for more details and to register. You will receive the Zoom link and invitation on Friday, March 14.

The festivities will begin at 10:15 am Eastern with Welcome and Opening Remarks. We will present our first (of two) showings of our Virtual Quilt Show at 10:30. Thank you to everyone who submitted quilts and to Jan Reynolds (YHQG) for putting the virtual quilt show together. We will have a second showing of the Virtual Quilt Show in the afternoon.



Our first featured speaker will be **Caryl Bryer Fallert-Gentry**. Caryl is internationally known for her award-winning fine-art quilts, which are easily recognized by their luminous colours and illusions of light, depth, and motion. Her work has appeared in hundreds of exhibitions and publications throughout the world, and can be found in museum, corporate, public, and private collections in almost every state and eight foreign countries. Honours include: 100 Best Quilts of the Twentieth Century (2000), 30 Most Influential Quiltmakers in the World (2002), Bernina Leadership Award (2003), International Quilt Festival Silver Star (lifetime achievement) Award (2006), All American Quilter (2004) and Best of Show in 16 national and international exhibitions. For thirty years, Caryl shared what she learned with students in her workshops, which took her to eleven countries on five continents. She continues to share her knowledge through her exhibitions, lectures, and free website tutorials found at bryerpatch.com.

After a break for lunch, return for your choice of three concurrent speakers representing each guild:

1. RCQG member **Caroline Berch** will walk you through how she was able to realize the sewing room of her dreams. Join her as she shares her initial concepts, designs her space, arranges for construction and finally tours you through her the transformation of a dark basement space into the light-filled sewing room she enjoys today. Learn about lighting, furniture modifications, and working with a contractor.
2. WCQG member Süz Warkentin will show attendees how to use Inktense Pencils/Blocks OR Crayola Washable Markers, OR ordinary watercolours and a Frixion Pen to make a lovely FOOLPROOF 4" x 6" framed piece of art. You will be loosely outlining your blossoms with

3. very forgiving free-motion quilting, so some form of free motion foot and the ability to lower your feed dogs are necessary. Join Süz for some easy quilty fun! Create along or soak in the inspiration for later. A supply list, and template will be provided
4. YHQG member **Jeannie Jenkins** will be at IQD to talk about *UFOs, Not the Flying Kind*. Jeannie will address the how and why of UFOs and how to turn them into finished projects. These UFOs may not be as exciting as the flying kind, but it is very satisfying when you move them to the finished pile.

At 2:45, the spotlight will turn to our second featured speaker, **Katie Pasquini Masopust**. Katie has produced high quality contemporary art quilts that have been coveted and collected by a broad range of admirers for over 40 years. From her early beginnings as a painter dabbling in traditional quilt making, her work has evolved from structured Mandalas and mind-blowing dimensional pieces to very painterly landscapes executed with the finest fabrics and most creative stitching techniques. Katie's easy, energetic manner has made her a very popular teacher and lecturer. When not in residence at her studio in California, she travels the world presenting her contemporary quilting theories and techniques to classes – not only in North America, but in Europe, the Far East, Australia and New Zealand. She has been given numerous awards and accolades, culminating with her 2005 induction into a very select group of art quilt professionals who have earned the SILVER STAR AWARD presented by Houston Quilt Festival.

We will reprise the Virtual Quilt Show at 4:00 pm Eastern.



Retreat

In November 2024 we had our first annual guild retreat at Hidden Acres, New Hamburg, Ont. It was 5 days and 4 nights full of sewing activities, chatting with friends, games, shopping excursions and tranquil walks throughout the property. Everyone was more than happy to share knowledge and techniques with anyone who needed help. Over 90% of us learned a new skill.

Here are some of the retreat stats:

102 projects completed of which 34 were UFO's (one had been waiting 16 years)
57 new projects started
941 completed blocks
557 flying geese constructed
620 HSTs squared off
9 Bindings
34 Shopping trips
8 Paper Pieced trees
Over half the group lost the bobbin race



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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.
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Space is limited. Reserve yours soon!

On the non-sewing achievements:

One thousand-piece puzzle completed
One person locked in their room
One breaker blown
First snowfall of the season

As you can see, we all had a great time and we are looking forward to organizing another retreat on November 24-28, 2025 at the same location – Hidden Acres Retreat in New Hamburg, Ont. For more information about the venue, visit their website <https://hiddenacres.ca/>

Register early online on or after March 1 at <https://rcqg.square.site>

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

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 second workshop for this Guild year was held on February 15 with Audrey Esarey. Our enthusiastic participants worked on foundation paper piecing and curved piecing for the day. Each aspect presented different challenges to the students depending on their previous experience. You can see an image of the results on our Show and Share.

Audrey's pattern was well presented. She is shown top left in the following image of the class.



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.

Community Outreach

Outreach Report

Our efforts to provide quilts for the long-term transitional housing facility on Delhi St. are progressing. The first facility is open, and residents will be moving in by stages. We would very much like to have the 28 quilts promised, with Lions Club funding, ready for those residents when they move in over the next few weeks. If you are working on a quilt for this effort, it would be great if you can move it to the next phase as quickly as possible. Local members can drop off or pick up quilts that need binding or tops that need quilting. Contact Ann or Becky for local pickups/drop-offs. You can drop off a quilt to Ann or Becky. There are some quilt kits that can be quilted and bindings that need to be sewn.

Below is the link to the Guelph Today photo and article about the official ribbon cutting ceremony:
<https://www.guelphtoday.com/local-news/65-delhi-transitional-housing-facility-officially-opens-10257693>

Membership



Membership Newsletter March 2025

I hope that your Quilty pursuits are serving as an escape from all the troubling things happening in our world these days. I know that appreciate the Zen moments that being creative provides.

Since our last Newsletter, I have had the pleasure of welcoming four new members – Karin Fryday, Cathy Harnish, Carol Kerley-Rimmer and Jasman Sahota. I hope you will take the time to make them feel

welcome if you meet them in any of our forums.

I will be hosting the Spring *Fireside Chat* on **March 27th** at 7PM, via zoom, for available Executive Members and any new members who joined since our last chat in the Fall. Please make sure to save the date.

Till the next time
Sharon Bourque
Membership Registrar
2024/25



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.

Stash Busters

Since Stash Busters will use our March meeting to finish Friendship Bracelet (a free pattern by Bill Kerr and Weeks Ringle), they have started collecting 2.5" strips and squares for their next project.

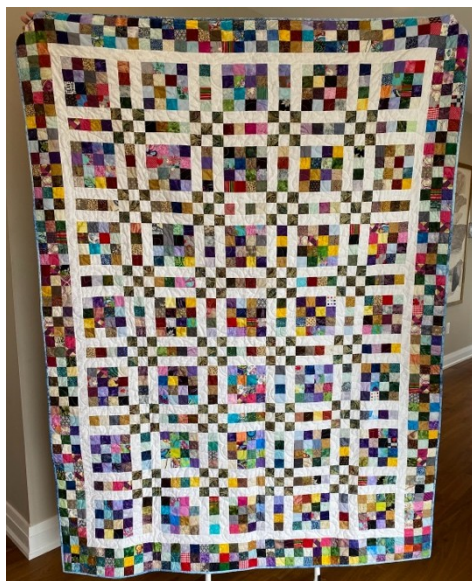
At our April meeting, Pauline will be leading the group in a delightful scrappy project she has named 4-9-16. There is no publicly-available pattern or tutorial online, so please contact Stash Busters for Pauline's instructions. This project uses three different blocks: rail fence (with 4 squares in the centre rail); nine-patch; and 16-patch. Add a pieced border for extra scrappy fun!

You can make this project from your collection of squares, or strip piece it for a faster finish. Add a bit of background fabric (an assortment of scrappy backgrounds is fine) to showcase your strips and strings. Would you like to sew from the Guild stash to make a donation quilt? Let Becky or Ann know as soon as possible.



Hospital-sized quilt made from 2.5" squares

Stash Busters meets via Zoom from 10 am to 2 pm Eastern on the first Wednesday of the month – all year long! Virtual doors open at 9:30 am. Participation in the group is free and we welcome new participants at any time. There is no charge to participate. Please contact [stashbusters \[at\]royalcityquiltersguild.ca](mailto:stashbusters@royalcityquiltersguild.ca) to be added to the mailing list or learn more about this friendly group.



Home for Good donation made from 2" squares

How to Borrow Books

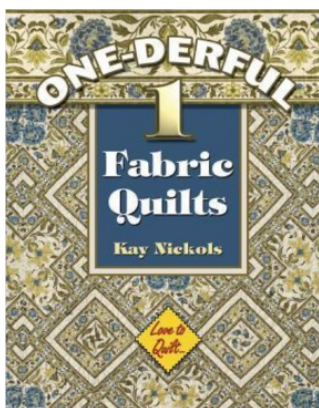
Please refer to the Library note in the last newsletter if you wish to borrow library books. You can pick up your books at the next Quilts of Valour Day (April 7th) or Mingle (May 31st) at our local Legion. In between these dates, I can arrange with you when and where to pick up or return books.

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.

Our library includes:

1. 19 books for **Colour and Design** including Jinny Beyer, Ann Johnston, Gloria Loughman, Katie Pasquini Masopust, Weeks Ringle, Jean Wells and Joen Wolfrom, plus more.
2. 27 books for **Circles, Curves, Stars and Paper-Piecing** including Linda Causee, Jan Krentz, Judy Martin, Marti Michell and Paula Nadelstern, plus more.
3. 17 books for **Log Cabin, Bargello, Pineapple, Geometric and NY Beauty** including Maggie Ball, Elsie M. Campbell, Barbara H. Cline, Barbara Kaempfer and Karen K. Stone, plus more.

Here's a book by Kay Nickols using only one fabric for 'one-derful' quilts:



Kay is a professional quilter who is known for her enthusiastic teaching and trunk shows. She has had quilts juried in prestigious international quilt shows as well as having pieces featured in magazines. She belongs to many quilt guilds in the mid-Michigan area.

Kay uses a quilt-making design process and construction method using only one fabric. Step-by-step instructions illustrate this process for easily-constructed quilts.

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

Happy quilting!
MaryAnne, Librarian

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,
Linda



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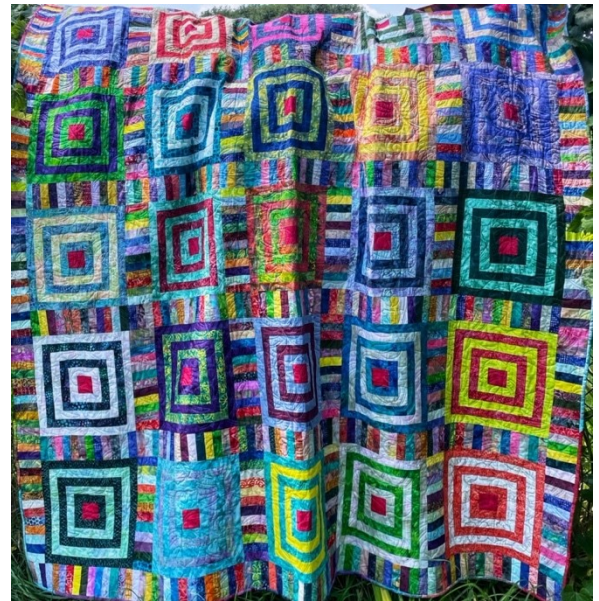
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Etobicoke Quilters' Guild Quilt Fever 2025

This biennial quilt show and sale is taking place on March 28, 2025 from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm and March 29, 2025 from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. The admission price of \$10.00 includes your ticket for all the door prize draws.

Activities include daily draws and door prizes, Pick-to-Win, a Members' Boutique offering great bargains, crafts and treasures, and a Merchants' Mall with vendors selling fabrics, notions, kits and patterns to supplement all quilting and sewing needs and stashes! There's a Café on site where you can grab lunch or a snack and view many comfort quilts. More information is available at

https://etobicokequiltersguild.com/quilt_show/



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Quilt Show

Newmarket Community Centre
200 Doug Duncan Drive
Newmarket, ON

Admission: \$10.00



Map showing the location of the Newmarket Community Centre at the intersection of Doug Duncan Dr. and Water St. Other streets shown include Queen St., Timothy St., Eagle St., Prospect St., and Gorham St.

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

 www.regionofyorkquiltersguild.ca 

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/>

February 25 – Registration for Quilt Canada workshops, lectures and tours opens for CQA/ACC members. Discounts will be in place through March 11. See the schedule and pricing information at <https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2025-classes-and-lectures/>

March 12 – Registration opens for all at full price. See the schedule and pricing information at <https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2025-classes-and-lectures/>

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



WEFTfest

WEFTfest Call for Entries Now Open!

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.

Apply now to be a vendor, designer, artist, quilter and/or teacher for this unique chance to sell your product in the same room as the Quilt of Belonging. Visit <https://weftfest.ca/> to learn more.



RCQG Schedule

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

Activities	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
Guild Meetings via Zoom	Guild meeting Karen Miller (2 nd Tuesday)	Guild meeting Paula Nadelstern (2 nd Tuesday)	Guild meeting Terry Rowland (2 nd Tuesday)	Guild meeting Tara Miller (2 nd Tuesday)	Guild meeting Lilo Bowman (2 nd Tuesday)
Mingles and In person events	National QOV Sew Day Friday, Feb 7 Legion Hall A 10:00 am to 4:00 pm	None	Quilts of Valour Mingle Mon, April 7 Legion (Lounge) 10:00 am to 4:00 pm	May Mingle Sat, May 31 Legion Hall A 10:00 am to 4:00 pm	None
Fireside chat for new members via Zoom		Fireside Chat March 27			
Virtual Sew days and NYB Quiltalong on Zoom	Monthly Virtual Sew day (2 nd Saturday)	Monthly Virtual Sew day (2 nd Saturday)	Monthly Virtual Sew day (2 nd Saturday)	Monthly Virtual Sew day (2 nd Saturday)	Monthly Virtual Sew day (2 nd Saturday)
Workshops on Zoom Fees apply	Audrey Esarey Workshop Feb 15		Karen Miller Workshop April 19		
International Quilting Day on Zoom		International Quilting Day March 15			