



Executive Update

Dear Royal City Quilt Guild Members,

We're excited to share a few updates with you as we head into a busy and inspiring few months! WEFTFest Festival is just around the corner. Some of our Guild members will be showcasing their beautiful quilts at this year's event! Be sure to visit our booth to say hi and show your support. It's also a wonderful chance to see the exhibition of the Quilt of Belonging. We hope to see you there! May 16 – 19, 655 King St., Waterloo.

We still need two volunteers to help out at our booth during the festival. Shifts are only three hours long, and as a thank-you for your time, volunteers will receive free entry to the show! If you're available to help, please reach out to us – we'd love to have you on board.

Also, we've heard from many of you that you're planning to attend the Quilt Canada Conference in June. What an exciting opportunity! We're thrilled to announce that RCQG members will be represented in the quilt show. Be sure to keep an eye out for their stunning works of art. It's also a fantastic chance to connect with Guild members from across the province and country. Whether you're looking to make new quilting friends or simply enjoy the vibrant community, Quilt Canada is a great place to do just that.

There's more exciting news on the horizon. Next year we will be celebrating our 35th Anniversary! Our Program Committee has been busy working on an amazing lineup of speakers, workshops, and special events to celebrate. We can't wait to share all the details with you—the big reveal is coming soon, so stay tuned for an unforgettable year.

Thank you for your continued support and creativity. We're lucky to have such an incredible group of quilters in our Guild, and we look forward to seeing you at both WEFTFest and Quilt Canada!

Warmly,
Cindy
President
On behalf of the Executive Committee members.

May Program Guest Speaker



Paula Nadelstern
New York NY

SYMMETRY & SURPRISE: THE KALEIDOSCOPE AS DESIGN INSPIRATION

Paula Nadelstern, known the world over for her incomparable kaleidoscope quilts, will be joining us from the Bronx this month.

KALEIDOSCOPE – the very word promises surprise and magic, change and chance. Exploding with visual excitement, a kaleidoscopic design organizes an abundance of colour and shape into a complex, coherent and unique whole. This slide lecture traces Paula's evolving quilt series in which the multifaceted, luminous and random nature of a kaleidoscope is explored on a quilt's flat surface.

Make sure to visit her website www.paulanadelstern.com



Spring Fling Mingle

You're invited!

Come join us for **The Spring Fling Mingle**-a day of sewing, socializing, and fun!

Date: May 31st, 2025

Time: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: The Royal Canadian Legion,
57 Watson Parkway S., Guelph

Spring Cleanup is a great excuse to tackle those Unfinished Objects, clear the clutter, reclaim some space, and get that satisfying feeling of checking things off the list. Got any UFOs you're planning to finish first?

We'll have coffee, tea, and plenty of good company.

What to bring:

Your UFOs

Your basic sewing tools

Your lunch

Your favourite mug

We can't wait to stitch and chat with you.

April



Helen and Ann admire a crumb quilt Caroline donated to Home for Good

35th Anniversary

Countdown to the Big Reveal!

Our 35th Anniversary Year is Coming — and You'll Want to Be Part of It!

Royal City Quilters Guild is turning 35 — and we're celebrating in a BIG way! At our next meeting, the Program Committee will pull back the curtain and reveal the amazing lineup of speakers, workshops, and special events planned for our milestone anniversary year!

Get ready to be inspired, energized, and amazed! Next year's program is packed with creativity, learning, and a few surprises you won't want to miss.

Our Program Committee — Dawn, Ann, Sherri, Cheryl, and Becky — have been hard at work behind the scenes, designing a year that celebrates everything we love about quilting and community.

- ✦ Be there for the excitement.
- ✦ Be there for the inspiration.
- ✦ Be there to kick off a year 35 years in the making!

This is our moment to celebrate — and it starts now!



Summer Mystery Quilt Sew Along

Join us for some summer fun. This year's mystery quilt will run for six weeks beginning Monday, 7 July.

Twinkle has been designed by Merry Mayhem to be constructed from scraps. Dig into your stash for a sparkling masterpiece.

If you wish to make your project for donation, the Guild can provide you with a fabric kit.

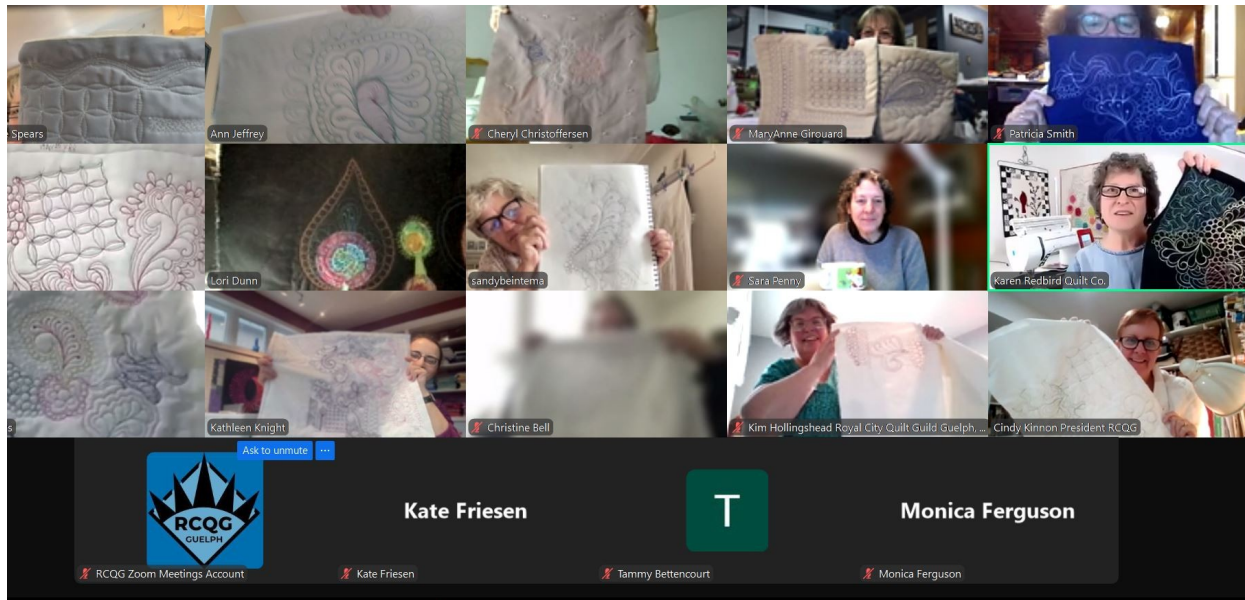
Registration will begin in May.

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

Kim H.

Workshops

Our most recent Workshop was **Quilters' Doodles** with Karen Miller of Redbird Quilt Co. Our participants enjoyed a very informative day and learned a great deal that can be applied to new quilting doodles as well as enhance our free motion quilting. We hope to see some great results in the future.



This was the third and final workshop offered by the Guild this year and we look forward to learning about our new offerings for the 2025-2026 season.

Stash Busters

Wednesday, May 7th, 2025 – 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (Eastern) via Zoom.

Our Stash Busters group continues to build momentum! Join us for the May meeting as we finish up Pauline's 4-9-16 project, making great use of those 2.5" squares and strips we've been collecting. It's been wonderful seeing everyone's creativity and progress.

Looking ahead to June and July, we're excited to announce a new project:

[Scrappy Islands from The Quilted Twins!](#) (Download the free pattern at Adriana will be leading us through this fun variation on the popular "potato chip block". To get ready, start saving 2.5" x 4.5" rectangles in lights and mediums/darks from your fabric stash. The more, the merrier!

Mark your calendars, prep those rectangles, and join us for stitching, inspiration, and camaraderie. Have questions? Reach out to us at stashbusters@royalcityquiltersguild.ca.

We look forward to seeing you there—happy quilting!



RCQG Awarded \$1,500 City of Guelph Community Grant for Outreach

We're delighted to share some wonderful news! The Royal City Quilters' Guild has been awarded a \$1,500 Community Grant from the City of Guelph. These funds are designated to help cover both the direct and indirect costs of our Community Outreach program.



This grant recognizes the value of our outreach efforts, which provide warmth, comfort, and support through the gift of handmade quilts to the vulnerable and hurting. Whether it's fabric and batting for our volunteer quilters, or essential program costs like storage and supplies, this financial support helps ensure we can continue to make a meaningful difference in our community.

We're grateful to the City of Guelph for investing in our work and for acknowledging the important role quilting can play in promoting care, connection, and creativity. We are also grateful to the United Way Guelph Wellington Dufferin for sponsoring our application to the City.

Thank you to all our members whose dedication and generosity make our outreach efforts possible. Every stitch you make helps wrap someone in kindness.

Seeking Suggestions for Worthy Quilt Donation Projects Still Seeking Outreach Quilt Ideas

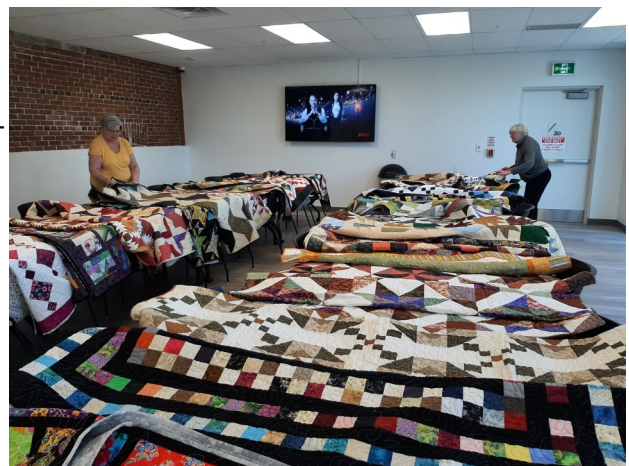
Thank you to everyone who has already shared suggestions for new outreach projects! As our Home for Good initiative winds down, we are still looking for organizations that serve vulnerable or underserved populations and would welcome the gift of a quilt. If you haven't yet sent in your idea, there's still time—please reach out to Ann J.

And don't forget, our commitment to Quilts of Valour continues!

Home for Good Delivery

On Thursday, April 17th, Kim, Helen and Ann delivered 28 beautiful quilts to the 65 Delhi transitional housing unit—wrapping even more lives in warmth, comfort, and care. This delivery is part of Royal City Quilters' Guild's continued support of the Home for Good project in Guelph, helping to create welcoming spaces for those transitioning into stable housing.

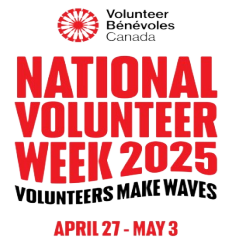
We offer a heartfelt thank you to the volunteers who made the quilts and to Guelph Lions Club for their generous financial support. Visit the Home for Good [Photo Album](#) on our website to see photos of all the quilts:



Volunteer Positions

Like many interest-based organizations, RCQG relies on volunteers.

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.



Membership

“April showers bring May flowers”. I hope that you are feeling the same sense of rejuvenation in your Quilting practice.



Since our last Newsletter, I have had the pleasure of welcoming three new members – Tammy B., Susan H. and Joscelyn S. Two of the three 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 now have 200 wonderful members!



We hope that you have been enriched by this Guild year's offerings and are looking forward to next year's programming. The time for registering for the 2025/26 Guild Year will begin soon. We will once again facilitate the process by offering an Early Bird Registration incentive. Watch your mailbox for your renewal opportunity!

Here is how it will work:

1. Current members will receive an email on May 14th with a membership renewal invoice
2. Renewals received by midnight June 9th will be entered into an Early Bird Draw. Two winners will each win back their yearly membership fee.
3. Winners will be announced at the June 10th Guild Meeting.

Reasons for renewing before the summer break:

1. You can win back your full Membership Fee.
2. You can sign out Guild Kits for summer sewing.
3. You can access and sign out library books over the summer (see Library article in this Newsletter).
4. You can participate in the Summer Mystery Quilt.
5. You can also participate in the Summer Virtual Sew Days.

Quilt Canada will take place in Mississauga June 18th to 21st. I will be attending and hope to meet many of our members in person.

Till the next time we chat, Sharon B., Membership Registrar 2025/26

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 6:00 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 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 p.m. 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

Summer Book Loans!

As we did last year, you may borrow up to 8 library books for the summer, provided you have paid your membership for the next guild year. I plan to have an in-person opportunity to borrow books for the summer. More details will be sent to you as soon as the logistics have been finalized.

How to Borrow Books for now:

Previous newsletters have explained how to order books and where to pick them up. You can pick up or return books at our next Mingle on May 31st at our local Legion. Before then, I can arrange with you when and where to pick up or return books. Important: All books currently out must be returned before or on May 31st.

If you currently have borrowed books at home, please return them asap as other members may have requested them. Contact me if you want to return any books.

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 May 5th. If you have difficulties getting your quilt to the drop-off point, give us 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 16-19, 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

Watch the Free Episode: The Quilt Show – Panel Quilts Episode

The Quilt Show is offering their episode on panel quilts free to the public for a limited time! Whether you've never worked with a panel before or are looking for fresh inspiration, this episode is packed with tips and ideas to spark your creativity.

To encourage members to try their hand at a panel quilt, RCQG is making panels and coordinating fabrics available through our Community Outreach program. If you'd like to participate, email Ann J (consult the Guild directory) to request a panel kit. Once completed, your quilt will be donated to a worthy cause supported by our Outreach efforts.



This is a great opportunity to try something new, support the community, and enjoy a free, professional quilting resource. Don't miss out!

The Quilters

Netflix movie about incarcerated quilters

THE QUILTERS will be available to stream on Netflix beginning May 16, 2025.



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

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:

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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



www.thamesvalleyquiltersguild.com

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
Saturday May 10	Virtual Sew Day	Zoom	10 a.m. - whenever	
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

Event Schedule

Date	Event	Location	Time	Contact Information
May 2-3	Pieces of Magic Quilt Show 2025	Embro Zorra Community Centre		Oxfordquiltersguild.org
May 9-10	Valley Blooms Quilt Show 2025	Nepean Sportsplex	Fri. 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Ottawavalleyquiltersguild.org
May 15-19	WEFTfest	St. George Banquet Hall	10 a.m. - 5 p.m.	https://weftfest.ca/
May 30-31	Stitches in our Time 2025 Quilt show	Sheridan Conference Centre	9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.	Haltonquiltersguild.ca
June 7-8	Stitching Among Friends Quilt Show	Alliston Curling Rink	10 a.m. - 4 p.m.	
June 18-21	Quilt Canada 2025	International Centre Mississauga	Thur, Fri 9:30 a.m. - 6 p.m. Sat 9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.	https:// canadianquilter.com/quilt- canada-2025/