

April Newsletter RCQG

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Royal City Quilters' Guild

RCQG WILL HOLD VIRTUAL GUILD MEETINGS UNTIL IT IS SAFE TO MEET AGAIN IN PERSON.

Read below for more information about the virtual meeting we're going to have in place of our regular April Guild meeting.

Trial Run Meeting: April 7, 7:00pm (online)

Guild Meeting: April 14, 7:00pm (online)

Reminder to bring:

Attend from home. Wear your fuzzy slippers if you like!

April Program - Sarah Yetman, Spooled Rotten Quilts

Join Royal City Quilters Guild for our first-ever virtual Guild meeting featuring a trunk show by our guest speaker, Sarah Yetman from Spooled Rotten Quilts. We hope to have the trunk show, and also some show-and-share from members.

We will be using Zoom, a videoconferencing platform. As more people are self-isolating and working from home, Zoom has given people a way to reach out to friends, family members, and co-workers. Companies are using Zoom to hold meetings. Schools are teaching class. And, on April 14, Royal City Quilters Guild is going to use Zoom to host Sarah!

NEW TO ZOOM?

We're going to host a Zoom trial run at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, April 7 so you can find out for yourself how easy it is to Zoom.

Click this link on April 7 to join the trial run: <https://zoom.us/j/110620201>

If you need instructions on how to use Zoom on a computer, watch the video here:

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting>

If you plan to use a tablet or smartphone, you'll need to download the app called "ZOOM Cloud Meetings" from the App Store (iPhone/iPad) or Google Play (Android).

You can also dial in to the meeting to listen over a regular "old fashioned" phone.

We look forward to seeing you at the trial run on April 7 at 7:00pm and then again at the Guild meeting on April 14, at 7:00pm!

Zoom Trial Run Meeting - April 7, 7:00pm

Click here to join: <https://zoom.us/j/110620201>

Zoom Guild Meeting - April 14, 7:00pm

Click here to join: <https://zoom.us/j/601326539>

No internet access? No computer speakers?

To call in to hear the April 14 meeting by phone dial:

+1-647-558-0588

Meeting ID: 601 326 539

Some long distance charges may apply, depending on your phone plan.

This information will be sent again by email on April 13.

Show and Share - April 14, 7:00pm

If you would like to participate in the show and share at the April online meeting, please email a photo of your quilt (preferably with you in the photo too!) to Becky Fiedler. Include the name of the quilt, the pattern, and the quilter.

membership@royalcityquiltersguild.ca

During the meeting Becky will project the photo for all to see and you will be asked to speak about it.

Member Spotlight

Guild Member: M. Anne Smith



Anne got started sewing many years ago by making her own clothes. She loves crafting and, over the years, has taken all sorts of courses from quilting, embroidery, felting, fabric dyeing, and beading, to painting and batik. Once she retired 16 years ago, she started to really focus on textile art and all the courses she took over the years have come in handy because she now incorporates many of those techniques into her art quilts.

Anne is a textile artist, working with all types of fabrics, threads, and embellishments. She loves sewing at her machine, she loves the feel of the fabric and manipulating it for different effects, and she especially loves playing with colour to see what she can create.

Anne doesn't like to work from patterns, finding fulfilment instead in the creativity of making her own work. She especially loves creating landscapes and flowers from photos that she has taken. She tries to interpret the photo into fabric rather than trying to make it true-to-life. Anne is currently working on a series of four sunsets made from tiny pieces of fabric and thread painting. The series was supposed to be in two shows in May and June but both have been cancelled.

Anne says that her art keeps her sane, and she finds it very rewarding. For many years, she was part of the Hills of Erin Studio Tour, and is currently part of the RCQG Fibre Arts Group and the Octarine Women Artists' Collective,

a group of eight women who each work in a different medium. Their last show was at the Wellington County Museum. In 2021 they'll be at the Elora Centre for the Arts, and back at the Wellington County Museum in 2022.

Some of her work is permanently on display at the Teak Barn in Ospringe (on the way to Erin).

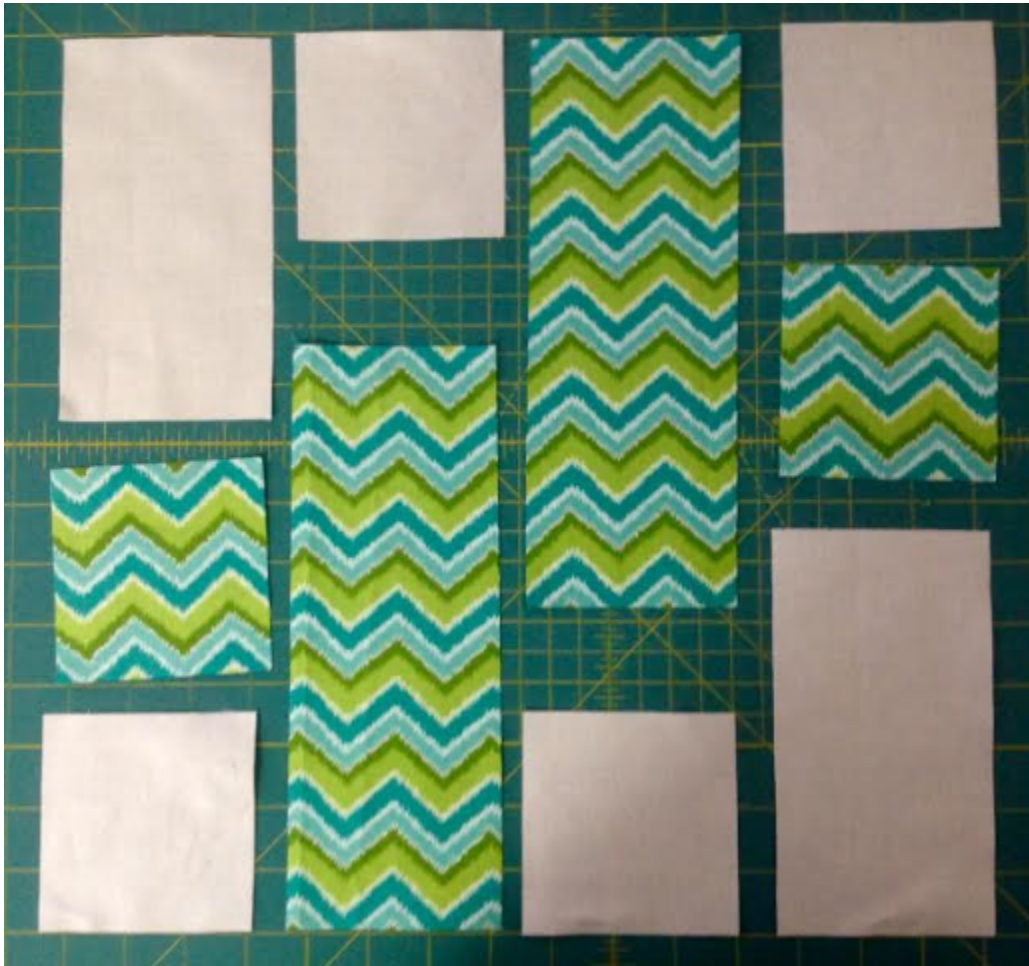
Block of the Month - Garlic Knot Variation

Fabric requirements:

Background (white): four 3 1/2" squares, two 3 1/2" x 6 1/2" rectangles

Feature fabrics (brights): two 3 1/2" squares, two 3 1/2" by 9 1/2" rectangles

Arrange the fabric pieces like this:



Sew the columns together like this:



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COMMUNITY OUTREACH WEBSITE

March Program Highlights

Sherri Hisey visited our Guild in March. She brought many samples of her quilts to explain to the members the importance of the ratio of your borders and sashing to the blocks. It was informative and I'm sure many of us will take her advice to heart with future quilts.

Here is some of the advice she gave for designing a quilt:

1. When you're auditioning borders, fabrics, setting, and layout you should take a step back and squint. Change things, move things, and then step back and squint again. When you can picture the finished product then you're ready to go.
2. Sashing helps to accentuate and define the quilt blocks. As a general rule, sashing should be 1/4 the width of the finished blocks.

Border Creek Station



Gown and Mask Sewing

Thanks for the great response to the call for nurse's gowns for Hospice Wellington and Guelph Midwives. The pattern is available here: <https://royalcityquiltersguild.ca/>

A call has also gone out for masks. Check your email for details.

Here is a photo of the first gown that Mariette Denis made for Hospice. Looks great!



Library Updates

You can't sign out any books this month, and late fees will be waived until our next in-person Guild meeting. Do browse the library catalogue for some inspiration while you wait to borrow your next book.

The library received a large donation of books and patterns from a former (and founding) member of the Guild. She has moved to a retirement home and needed to downsize her collection. Colleen has gone through the books and will be adding some of them to the library.

There are a few boxes of books and patterns that will be going onto the sale table each month as well as some new freebies (once we are able to be back at Three Willows for our meetings). Thank you to everyone who has been purchasing books from the sale table and I remind everyone to keep looking as there might be a new to you book there that is calling to you.

All monies from your donations at the sale table go to support Guild endeavours. Happy book/pattern hunting.

[RCQG Library Catalogue](#)

Membership Updates

Please welcome Elizabeth Coughlin and Sheila Light, our newest RCQG members. They will be wearing their yellow New Member pins on their name tags when we meet in person. Please give them a warm hello when you see them.

Calendar of Events - Around the Internet

With so many cancelled events, here is a list of virtual quilting events going on to help you keep busy and emotionally close while physically distancing yourself from others:

Meerkat Shweshwe: Celeste will be hosting a tele-sewing sewcial on April 3, 11:00am so that people can join together on Zoom for some slow hand stitching. Email her if you'd like to join: celeste@sentex.net

Quilt Inspiration Blog: Joan Hett recommends this website because of the free pattern archive with thousands of patterns.

CQA Message about Quilt Canada in Edmondon.

The Virtual Quilt Show is looking for submissions and vendors. This event is intended to replace many of the cancelled shows across North America.

Alex Anderson has been teaching classes on Facebook and the recordings are available on YouTube:

- [Class on Neutrals](#)
- [Successful Fabric Combinations](#)
- [The full playlist is here](#)

Jordan Fabrics YouTube Channel

Missouri Star Quilt Company tutorials: <https://quiltingtutorials.com/>

Moda fabrics just finished a block-of-the-week project called Blockheads 3 that started in January, and the blocks are available. They also did a Blockheads 2 and 1 in previous years that you can search for.

Calendar of Events - RCQG

Royal City EQ8 Users Group Virtual Meeting

The Royal City EQ8 Users Group is looking for other EQ enthusiasts to join us. Our group is intended for those who own EQ8 software and want to become more proficient users of the program features. Group study and group challenges

are a regular feature of this friendly group. If you'd like to join us, please send an email to tomembership@royalcityquiltersguild.ca for more details. Our next meeting will be on Zoom at 7:00pm on Tuesday, April 28. The Zoom link for the meeting is <https://zoom.us/j/132031693>

Home Again Stitch Along

Becky Fiedler would like to invite you to join her for a virtual stitchalong that focuses on appliqué tips and techniques. A community of stitchers might be a welcome addition to your week now that you're spending more time at home.

The live, online stitchalong sessions will be at 1:00pm on Mondays beginning April 6. If you're not available on Mondays, or if you need to review something we discussed or demonstrated, you can watch a recording of the session later. You will need an internet-connected computer (or tablet or smartphone) to get the pattern, to watch the demonstrations, and to interact with me and the rest of the participants. The technology for this stitchalong is easy to use. Please don't let fear of technology deter you from participating. Becky is even willing to have practice session ahead of time if you'd like!

The project will be Erin Russek's Home Again project - a free pattern available online. The attached photo is of Erin's design wall. This project is suitable for beginners and you can decide how much of it you would like to do. You might decide to do just enough to learn the basic techniques. If you prefer, you can work on an appliqué project of your own. The techniques you will learn apply to your project as well as Home Again.

There is no cost to participate in this stitchalong. However, you will need to supply your own fabric. Don't worry if you don't have background fabric for now. We'll prepare all the pieces so you are ready to start when you can get fabric. The Guelph Wellington Seniors Association is providing the Zoom platform we will be using. If you are not already a GWSA member, they would love to have those who are 55+ buy a \$22 + HST annual membership.

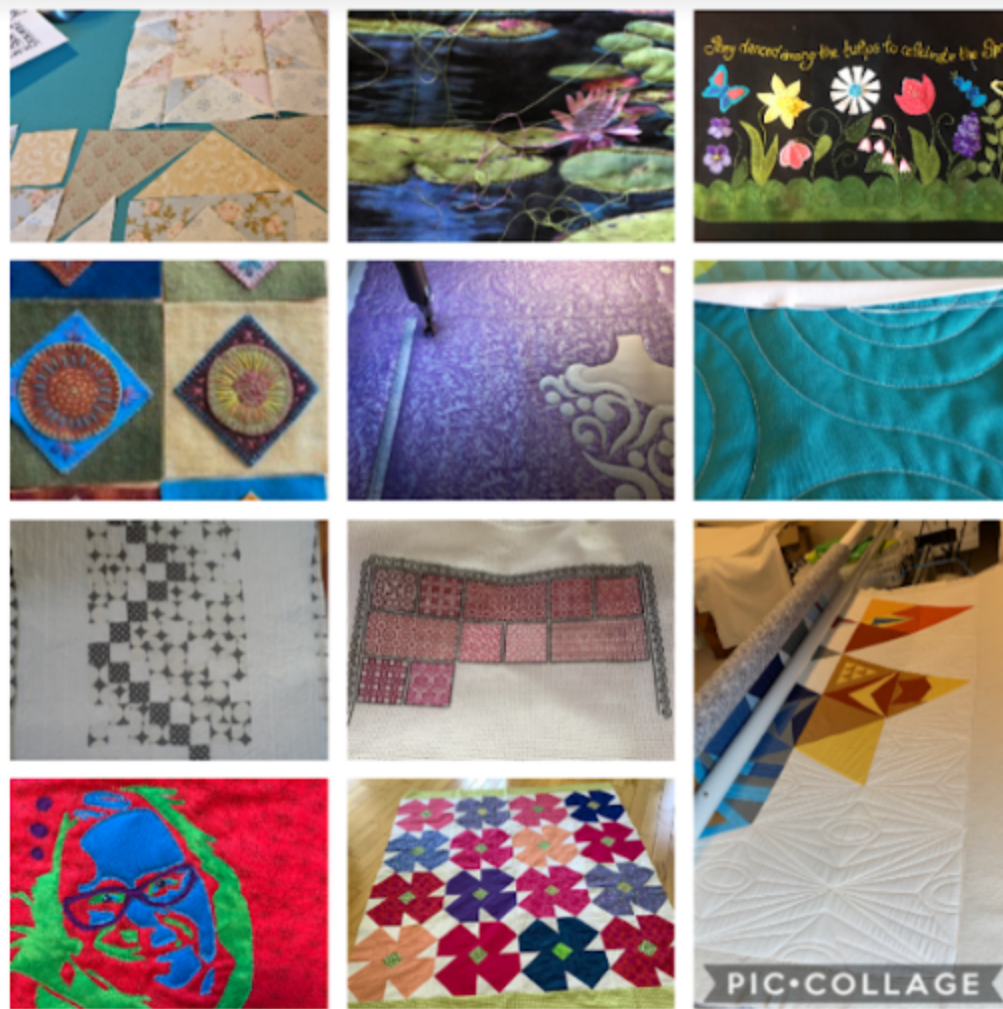
If you have questions, please contact Becky at becky@beckyfiedler.com. To participate, send an email to tostitchalong+subscribe@rcqg.groups.io.



Virtual Sew-In by RCQG

On March 21, National Quilter's Day, the RCQG held a virtual sew-in. Approximately 150 emails were sent with photos and updates throughout the day. Eight gift certificates in support of local quilt shops were given away. The PPM that was originally scheduled for that day will take place at some point in the future.

Here are some photos of the fun we had online sharing our projects and reflecting on why we enjoy quilting.



Here is what people said about the RCQG's first virtual event:

"Thanks for a fun day of sewing and inspiration...something I have been lacking in the last couple of weeks."

"I got a lot done today and enjoyed see what everyone is working on."

"I want you and the executive to know what a lift it gave me to have our sewing retreat. I live alone, and just that bit of contact of exchanging photos and participating in games was really helpful. Thank you for all your work to make it happen."

Thanks to all who participated!

Thanks too to the local quilt shops who were keen to work with us to make digital gift certificates possible. They were thrilled that the RCQG was trying to support them during a time when their businesses are suffering.

Show and Share from March



Barbara O'Cleirigh - "Rowan's Quilt" designed, pieced, and quilted by Barbara.



Diane Black

Left: Double 9-Patch, pieced by Diane, Longarm by Ruthanne Finnigan, donation to Community Outreach

Right: "Cranberry Chutney", Pattern: Madison Cottage Designs, pieced by Diane, Longarm by Ruthanne Finnigan



Wendy Oskam
"Lone Star Circle Quilt", pattern by Krista Hennebury, pieced and machine quilted
by Wendy



Sharon Neve-Gray

1. Table Runner, mini curve ruler pattern, pieced and longarm by Sharon
2. Double Irish Chain, pattern from a magazine, pieced and longarm by Sharon



Pat Wright
"Butter Sticks", pattern by All People Quilt, pieced by Pat, Longarm by Bet Mathews



Guest

Sorry, you didn't give us your name, but we remember that the beautiful quilt was from Border Creek Station.



Judy Eckhardt,
"CQA Mystery 2019", Pattern by Sherri Hisey, Border Creek Station, pieced by
Judy, Longarm by Pat Donovan



Margaret Spence,
“Sound of the Woods”, panel and pieced borders, pieced by Margaret, Longarm
by Jane Price



Katrina Baklarz
"Chandler's Quilt", Elizabeth Hartman pattern, pieced and appliquéd by Katrina,
Longarm by Carole Rogers at Clair de Lune Quilting



Pat Gadsby
"Kitchen Dishes", pieced, embroidered, and quilted by Pat



Dianne Kirk-Benincasa

Dianne rescued the completed centre from the scrap bin, added two borders and has donated it to the Community Outreach program.

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