

February Newsletter

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**Royal City Quilters' Guild
Guelph, Ontario, Canada**

Guild Meeting

**Next Guild Meeting:
Tuesday, February 8, 2022
7:00pm ET on Zoom**

MEETING ACCESS

The Zoom link will be emailed to all members and guests on the day before the Guild meeting by Helen Kocmarek.

MEMBERSHIP AND GUEST PASSES

To renew your membership or purchase a guest pass visit the [RCQG store](#).

VIDEO RECORDING

If you miss the meeting, don't worry! The Guild meeting will be recorded and the link emailed to the membership within about 24 hours.

ZOOM, ZOOM!

Please update Zoom before the meeting. Visit the [RCQG Zoom How-To](#) to learn how to update Zoom, and for a Zoom video tutorial.

NEWSLETTER

The newsletter ends with the RCQG Sew Safe Policy. If you are unable to view the entire newsletter, visit the [RCQG Newsletter Archives](#) to see the full version. If you would like to advertise in the newsletter, please get in touch with Jane Londerville (advertising [at] royalcityquiltersguild.ca)

EMAILS

Any email addresses listed in the newsletter are written in the following format to prevent spam:

namename [at] server.com

To send an email, replace [at] with @ and remove the extra spacing.

All addresses are also available in the Guild Directory.

February Programme



STUDIO TOURS

In February you're invited to get a sneak peek into the quilting studios of some RCQG members. Maggie Vanderweit, Judy Eckhardt, Cheryl Cowan, and Monica Bell will share their creative spaces.



SPECIAL REQUEST - if you have a good idea for how to organize your quilting space, send it in to be part of **Show & Share**. To participate in Show & Share please email a photo of your quilt (or organizational idea) (preferably with you in the photo too!) to Susan Thompson (showandshare [at] royalcityquiltersguild.ca). Include your name, the name of the quilt, the pattern, and the quilter. During the meeting Susan will project the photo for all to see and you'll be asked to speak about it.

Deadline for photos: 7pm on the Sunday night before the meeting.

Spotlight - Patricia Troke



Patricia Troke with her quilt Meadow Lily.

Patricia joined the RCQG after receiving the membership as a Mother's Day gift from her daughter, Lisa. There are three members of the Troke family who belong to the RCQG - Patricia, and her daughters Lisa and Michele. All have been members of the Halton Guild, but Lisa moved to Quebec a few years ago and the online format of the RCQG Guild has made it possible for all three to be members of the same Guild again.

According to Pat, Lisa is the most passionate and experienced quilter in the family. Michele is also a quilter and joined the Guild because the RCQG records the meetings. This allows Michelle to join too since her work schedule means she often works evenings. Being members of a Guild that both streams its meetings online and provides recordings has allowed their family to share a common experience despite the distance between them. It gives them something to enjoy together even when they're apart.

Pat hasn't always been a quilter, but she has been a sewer for as long as she can remember. She bought her first sewing machine the year she got married and loved sewing clothes, costumes and home decor. She came slowly to quilting though. She loved visiting creative festivals and shows, and would admire quilts, but quilting was not something she was at all interested in trying.

Pat's interest in quilting was finally piqued with the introduction of things like kits and rotary cutters. In the early 2000s Pat started making smaller novelty projects before she purchased a new sewing machine in 2005 that allowed her to start machine quilting.

Pat's favourite types of quilts involve applique - both by machine and by hand. Pat is proudest of a quilt she made called [Meadow Lily by Kim Diehl](#).

She saw the quilt and fell in love with it. At the time she didn't know how to make it, but set about learning the skills she needed to be able to. She has found Kim Diehl's books to be great sources of inspiration and learning.

These days Pat has her eye on Edita Sitar's work at [Laundry Basket Quilts](#) and is planning to start one of her projects soon. Pat is the type of person who chooses carefully which projects she puts her time into. She only has one project on the go, and doesn't start a new project until the previous one is finished. Because she is so purposeful she says it helps to ensure she really loves the project and is excited to start it. Right now she's enjoying the process of figuring out which project will be next for her. It will be great to see what she makes at a future Show & Share.

Membership




Our Guild is now 205 members strong! Please welcome our newest members – **Pauline Isbester, Patricia Ross, Jean McFarlane, Chantal Lynch, Renée Gosselin, and Cathy Van Osch.**

Tell your interested friends and family members that the reduced membership fee of \$25.00 is now in effect. All the benefits of membership including registration for the International Quilting Day on March 19th are included!



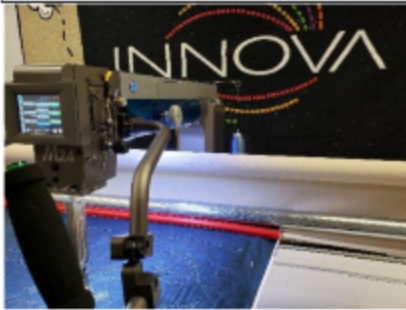
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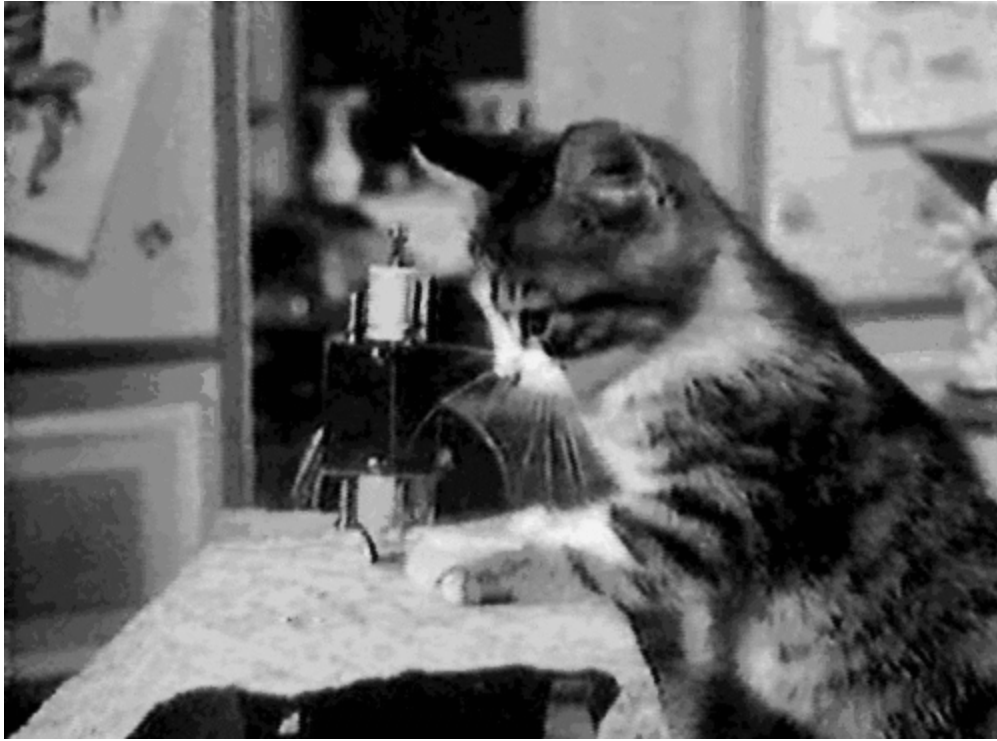
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Sew Day Updates



Our monthly Saturday Sew Days have been a big hit and we're adding another sew day each month.

- Helen Kocmarek has volunteered to host a Sew Day on the **4th Wednesday of each month.**
- Aly Anker will continue as our Saturday host. **Moving forward, the Saturday Sew Days will be held on the second Saturday of the month.** This is a slight change from before when they were always held the Saturday after a guild meeting which was sometimes the third Saturday.
- Impromptu Sew Days can pop up at unexpected times.

Mystery Quilters Anonymous and the Tula Pink Butterfly Quiltalong groups will meet in breakout rooms at their usual times during the second Saturday Sew Days!

Do you want to sew, chat, catch up? Join your fellow RCQG'rs and work on whatever you wish.... or nothing at all. If you have questions or need help with something, someone may be able to help. If you want to chat with just a few friends, we can set up breakout rooms. Sew Days are informal. Drop in when you can and leave when you must. As long as the room is open, you're welcome to join us.

Please watch your email for a Zoom link from one of our Sew Day hosts and join us when you can!

Community Outreach



The Community Outreach Committee has several quilt kits (quilt top, batting, backing and binding) that need to be quilted. Perhaps you would like to try your hand at machine quilting. If so, please contact Jan Snell or Trish Pequegnat and a kit can be made ready for you to pick up. Feel free to try a new technique because comfort quilts are a convenient size to manage on your domestic machine.

Must be something about the new year that has all of us cleaning up our UFOs. Outreach committee members have planned two quilting days as we try to create more finished comfort quilts for our next drop off at the Sexual Abuse and Domestic Violence Care and Treatment Centre.

Community Outreach Bins for pick-up and drop-off

Trish Pequegnat's House: 12 Trillium Court, Guelph (ipequegnat [at] rogers.com)

Cindy's Office: Tacoma Engineers, 176 Speedvale Ave., Guelph 8am to 4pm, Monday to Friday.

QUILT SIZES FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PHOTO GALLERY

RCQG Website



Did you know that the RCQG website is updated regularly and has all sorts of useful information? Below are some examples of the types of information you'll find, so check it out!

<https://royalcityquiltersguild.ca/>

Homepage - has monthly updates about what's happening in the Guild.

Activities - you can find the patterns for our past mystery quilts, the page for International Quilting day, and more!

Community Outreach - quilt sizes and sponsor information.

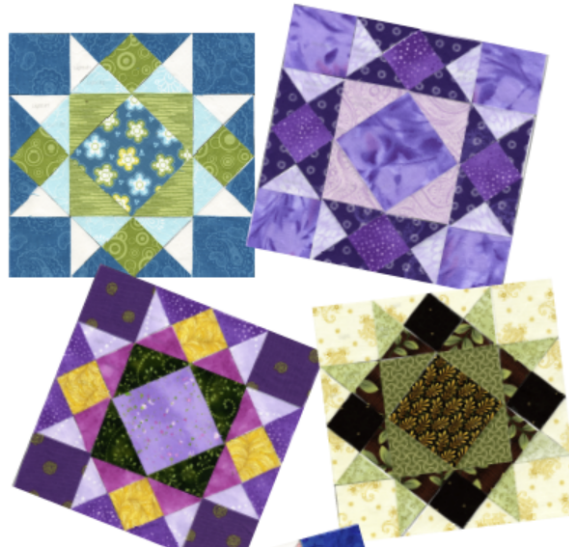
Resources - newsletter archive, online payments, etc.

Calendar - all of our events in one place, from special interest groups to our monthly meetings.

Contact - how to get in touch, the executive, and how to join the RCQG.

Upcoming Virtual Workshops

C O L O R **SENSE**



Colour Sense with Annie Smith (FULL)
February 19 from 9am-3:30pm (ET)

Modern Quilting with your Walking Foot with Melissa Marginet(FULL)

April 23 from 9:30am-4:00pm (ET)

Modern Abstract Quilts with David Owen Hastings (SPACE AVAILABLE)

May 28, 2022 from 12:00pm to 6:00pm (ET)

Visit <https://royalcityquiltersguild.ca/activities/workshops/> for more details about all virtual workshops.

RCQG members can register now at <http://rcqg.square.site>.
Non-members may register beginning January 1.

International Quilting Day

Don't forget to submit quilts for the virtual show by February 5, 2022!

VIRTUAL QUILT SHOW SUBMISSIONS

Members of the sponsoring guilds and paying guests are welcome to submit up to two quilts to the virtual quilt show. Please be prepared to provide the following information about your quilt(s):

- Quilt name
- Pattern designer
- Quilter, if other than yourself
- An artist's statement or brief history of the quilt. (Limit of 50 words)
- Up to five photos for each quilt. We recommend an overall view of the quilt along with several close-ups of interesting details.

Quilt show submissions will close on February 5, 2022.

[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT QUILTS FOR THE VIRTUAL SHOW](#)

IQD is on **Saturday March 19, 2022** and starts at 9:00am ET.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

Join us for International Quilting Day!



Saturday, March 19, 2022

A virtual, all-day celebration

Demonstrations, vendors, prize draws!

Featuring: Meg Cox, International Quilt Museum



**Free for members
of 3 Guilds:**

Royal City Quilters' Guild
York Heritage Quilters Guild
Waterloo County Quilters' Guild

Guest fee \$20

Register at <https://rcqg.square.site/>

Stash Busters



Stash Busters meets on Zoom, the first Wednesday of every month. Our social sewing starts at 9:30 am and ends around 3:30 pm. Our next Sew Day is February 2nd.

If you are interested in joining us for this project, please contact Sue Foard (stashbusters [at] [royalcityquiltersguild.ca](mailto:stashbusters@royalcityquiltersguild.ca)) for additional details.



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CQA News and Events



The most recent CQA/AAC newsletter listed two new Facebook groups that they've started:

[Quilting in Canada](#)

[CQA Quilting Projects](#)

CQA/AAC offers webinars twice per month. Tickets can be purchased online. [Here](#) is the schedule.

CQA/AAC has announced the 2021-2022 challenges - from a youth challenge to a fabric challenge. Read all about the newest challenges [here](#).

RCQG Calendar

The Guild has lots of online offerings, from Stash Busters, to Special Interest Groups, and workshops.
Find all the happenings here:

[RCQG Calendar of Events](#)

Neighbouring Guilds



YORK HERITAGE QUILTERS' GUILD

February 15: Brandy Maslowski, A Quilter's Journey www.quilteronfire.com

February 22 (9:30-4:30): Brandy Maslowski, Workshop: Healing Stitches

February 26 (9:30-4:30): Brandy Maslowski, Workshop: Colourways

March 15: Carolina Oneto, Playing With Colour Value carolinaoneto.com

March 26 (9am-12pm): Carolina Oneto, Workshop: Organic Shapes

March 29 (12pm-4pm): Carolina Oneto, Workshop: Curves and Transparencies

WATERLOO COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD

February 16: Linda Hahn, New York Beauty State of Mind www.froghollowdesigns.com

April 2: Linda Hahn, Workshop: "Wicked Wahini"

GRAND QUILT GUILD

February 9: Mary Elizabeth Kinch, Trunk Show

MISSISSAUGA QUILT GUILD

February 3: Jackie White, Trunk Show www.jackiewhitequilts.com

March 3: Melissa Marginet, Myth: Quilting is an Expensive Hobby

April 7: Nancy McCracken, Trunk show

May 5: Robin Bogaert, Trunk Show www.quiltingintheloft.com

REGION OF YORK QUILTERS' GUILD

February 23: Peter Byrne www.peterbquilts.com

March 23: Arlene Nicholas, My Quilting Journey

April 27: Carla Alexiuk, Things I have Learnt from Quilting www.quiltingbytheriver.ca

SARNIA QUILTERS' GUILD

February 7: Nora Boyd, Trunk Show

February 26: Pamela Eng, Workshop: Kaleidoscope Paper Piecing

March 7: Kathy K Wylie, Beauty is All Around

Show & Share

By clicking the button below you can view the entire Show & Share gallery from the last Guild meeting.

Show & Share Powerpoint

New Member Cathie Attwater

- Design wall for a quilt using seventy-two 4.5" square blocks
- Top row shows the yellow sashing



Sew Safe Policy

Questions or comments about the newsletter?

Email: newsletter [at] royalcityquiltersguild.ca

Any member of the Guild may submit content for the newsletter by sending it to the email address above.

Please note that submissions may be edited for clarity and length.

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