

RCQG April Newsletter

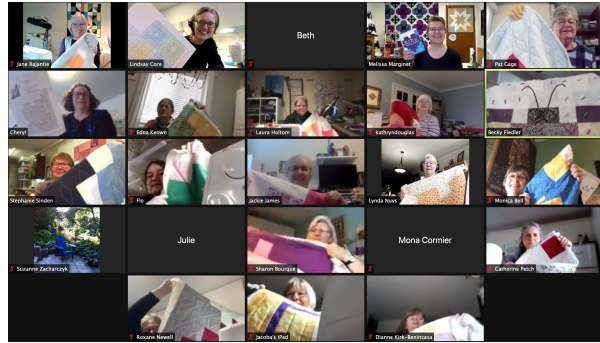
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Royal City Quilters' Guild

The Zoom link (to watch) and phone numbers (to listen) to the meeting will be emailed to the RCQG List on Monday by Becky Fiedler.

The newsletter ends with Sew Safe Policy.
If you don't see the end of the newsletter visit the [RCQG website](#) to see a full version.

RCQG Staying Online Until March, 2022



The RCQG Executive is starting to make plans for the 2021-2022 Guild year. Most important among the items on our checklist is to figure out who to invite to speak and deliver workshops. In light of the programme committee needing to start bookings we needed to make a decision about whether to continue the RCQG meetings online, or to switch back to in-person meetings.

The RCQG Executive made the decision to keep all Guild meetings online from September 2021 to March 2022. This decision was based on the information currently available about the projections with respect to COVID-19. To give us something to look forward to, Guelph family physician Anne-Marie Zajdlík (well known for her work to end AIDS in Lesotho, for her community work, and for her encouraging blog) said the following on March 21: "Most people in Canada will have the opportunity for their first dose of vaccine before the summer. The second dose? Three or four months later. This could mean a restriction free thanksgiving and it certainly does mean a restriction free Christmas. And just to give you a little more inspiration, the UK has vaccinated 26 million of it's citizens and with that there has been a 70% reduction in COVID-19 cases."

So, with that in mind, along with the fact that it's often not safe to be on the road mid-winter and our January/February meetings often get cancelled, we decided that we'll plan to stay online until the spring of 2021. That means that we will offer a full online programme until then. In the spring we will switch to either in-person meetings or a hybrid model of in-person and online offerings which has yet to be determined.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support of the RCQG activities. We're looking forward to continuing to meet online until we can meet again in-person.

~Scott Schau
RCQG President on behalf of the RCQG Executive

April Program - Melissa Marginet

Melissa Marginet
April 13, 2021

Get Your Motor Running

Learn how to spark creativity in yourself or in your guild with challenges that will have everyone thinking outside the box. This miniature trunk show has more ideas than you will know what to do with to get everyone not only learning new techniques but building their quilting and creative confidence.

Style: Known for walking foot quilting
Website: MelissaMarginet.ca/



Presentation: Get your Motor Running

Website: <http://melissamarginet.ca/>

Learn how to spark creativity in yourself or in your guild with challenges that will have everyone thinking outside the box. This miniature trunk show has more ideas than you will know what to do with to get everyone not only learning new techniques but building their quilting and creative confidence. Some of you may remember Melissa from the fantastic edge-to-edge walking foot workshop Melissa did for our Guild in the winter.



**We enjoyed
International Quilt Day!
Thanks for inviting us!**

**Missed our demo on Binding?
Check it out on the home page of
our website.**



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March 20 - International Quilting Day

International Quilting Day was a HUGE success. A big THANK YOU goes out to all of the organizers, presenters, vendors, sponsors, and attendees. It was a fun day with lots of learning, laughing, and socializing. Thanks too to the York Heritage Quilters' Guild for collaborating - it was a great partnership.

In the end there were nearly 300 people in attendance from Ontario, Alberta, British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Quebec, Saskatchewan, and Wisconsin!



Member Spotlight

Sorry there isn't a spotlight interview this month. With the long weekend the newsletter deadline somehow snuck up on me and I didn't get the interview completed in time. I know this is a favourite feature (it's also my favourite part of the newsletter to write) and I promise it'll return next month.

Since I don't have a profile of one of our members to offer this month, I found this article by writer Sean Dietrich. He is columnist who writes about the American South. Recently he published an article called "An American Quilt".

My favourite part is this from his interview with 88 year old Wilma:

"Well, once a girl got engaged, she'd get her squares out and start piecing them together to make herself a big marriage quilt, and this quilt is what would cover her bridal bed. On Mama's wedding night, Daddy would've seen Mama's marriage quilt for the first time. And he wasn't just seeing a quilt, you understand, he was seeing Mama's whole girlhood."

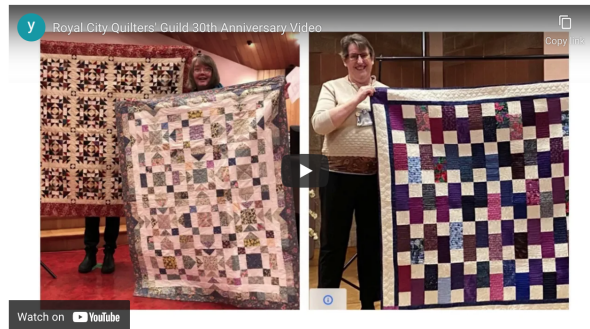
You can read the article [here](#).

RCQG 30th Anniversary

If you enjoyed the 30th Anniversary video at the March meeting and want to see it again it is posted on the [RCQG Website](https://www.rcqg.ca/).

You can also see it here:

<https://youtu.be/L7xrGuzFvXY>




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Membership Update



Wow, the RCQG has set a new record in terms of membership. Our new members (98) have surpassed our returning members (96)! This month we welcome **Gail Brown, Debbie Dust, Flo Belford, Gerta Pauwelussen, Jean Simpson, Joan Squires, Jane Stoltz, Cathy Jurchuk, Bonnie Kellogg, Gunnel Hag, Arline Allison, Noreen Christie, Tannis Dawson, Stephanie Baisley**. We're happy to have you join us!

Community Outreach

Community Outreach Bins

Drop-off completed BOMs and quilts and
pick-up Community Outreach kits.
Email Katrina Baklarz to request a kit.

Trish's House: 12 Trillium Court, Guelph

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

[COMMUNITY OUTREACH WEBSITE](#)

[COMMUNITY OUTREACH PHOTO GALLERY](#)

March Meeting

In March we welcomed a new member of our Guild, Dawn Hunt, to present her program called "Valuing Your Work". Dawn is a quilt appraiser, teacher, and judge. She shared her story of becoming a quilt appraiser, and some interesting information on how to decide if you should have a quilt independently appraised. <http://www.fibrework.com/>



Dawn at Work during Quilt Canada 2010. 'Sunset Lewisia' by Judy Leslie , 'Four Four Time' by Dawn Hunt. Photo credit - Colleen Peake

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News and Interest

The Bluewater Quilters' Guild was profiled in the news about their activities on International Quilt Day in March.

COVID-19 on quilters' minds while they make a group keepsake

Scott Dunn

Mar 20, 2021 • Last Updated March 22, 2021 • 3 minute read



Bluewater Quilters' Guild member Susan Warkentin in Northern Bruce Peninsula during a Zoom "sew along" on Saturday, March 20, 2021. (Richard Warkentin photo)

CQA News and Events



CQA is hosting Quilt Canada online this year from June 16-19, 2021.
Registration opens April 20, so mark your calendar.
See the full programme [here](#).



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Calendar of Events

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

[RCQG Calendar of Events](#)

2020-2021 RCQG Upcoming Program

May - Joanna Dermenjian (World War II and Quilting)

June - Rhonda Dhort

The 2021-2022 Program is being planned. If you'd like to be involved, or if you have some ideas for either in-person or virtual speakers please get in touch with Becky Fiedler.

PECQG Raffle Quilt

The Prince Edward County Quilters' Guild has tickets available for their quilt raffle. They have had a hard time selling tickets due to COVID, and are hoping that other Guilds will spread the word. Visit <https://pecqguild.weebly.com/> to buy tickets.

Raffle Quilt



Made by the
Prince Edward County
Quilters' Guild



To purchase tickets,
please visit the PECQG Website:
pecqguild.weebly.com

Hand Quilted Bed Quilt

"Evening Sky"

A Cheryl Malkowski pattern
(92" x 114")



Draw Date:
Sunday, July 11, 2021
@ 3:00 p.m.

Tickets \$2.00
each or 3 for \$5.00

6000 tickets printed
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Neighbouring Guilds - Speakers and Workshops



There are lots of great virtual speakers visiting our neighbouring Guilds. Visit their website to find out how to get a guest pass, attend a workshop, or how to join their Guild.

YORK HERITAGE QUILTERS' GUILD

April 20, 2021 Gail Gerber: Liberalism in Quilting - Free Form Art Quilts

May 18, 2021 Maria Shell: Traditional, Art, Modern - Notes from the Field

WATERLOO COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD

April 21, 2011 Bill Stearman: I Will be Silent No More

Workshop: Saturday, May 1&8: Layers of Intrigue with Anna Hergert

Workshop: Saturday, June 19&26: Spinoff with Daisy Aschehoug

OAKVILLE QUILTERS' GUILD

April 15: Jeannie Jenkins - Paper Piecing

May 20: Bill Stearman - Double Disappearing 9-Patch

June 27: Rachel Miller, Professor at the Textiles Department, Craft & Design, Sheridan College

GRAND QUILT GUILD

April 14: Bill Byrne - Between the Seams

May 12: Susan Purney Mark

June 9: Jackie White

MISSISSAUGA QUILT GUILD

May 5: Cheryl Arkison – Scraps vs. Scrappy

REGION OF YORK QUILTERS' GUILD

April 28: Sue Pelland

May 26: Kathleen Rodgers

Show and Share from March

Every month our Historian, Susan Thompson, does so much work to prepare the Show&Share, and then I re-do the work to put it into a different format for the newsletter. So this month I'm going to try something new and link to the powerpoint she created. By clicking below you can view the entire gallery of Show&Share from last month.

Show & Share Powerpoint



If you would prefer that the images be included rather than a link, please send me some feedback and I can always change it back. Above are two of the Show&Share quilts from March by Cheryl Cowan and Hazel Switzer.

RCQG Sew Safe Policy



Due to the current COVID-19 environment, our concern for members' well-being, and liability concerns for the Royal City Quilters' Guild, all Royal City Quilters' Guild activities are to be conducted remotely. This includes, but is not limited to monthly guild meetings, executive meetings, committee meetings, special interest groups, and workshops. In-person events are not supported by the Royal City Quilters' Guild at this time.

Advertise in the RCQG newsletter.

Questions or comments about the newsletter?

Email: newsletter@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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