

RCQG April Newsletter

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Royal City Quilters' Guild
Guelph, Ontario, Canada

Guild Meeting

Next Guild Meeting:
Tuesday, April 12, 2022
7:00pm ET on Zoom

April Programme



MILLIE CUMMING

Millie has been quilting for about thirty years and has exhibited in a number of juried shows. She particularly loves cottage quilts, memory quilts, and vintage linen quilts. She has a huge resource library, fabric stash, and thrift store finds; she likes to encourage quilters to personalize their quilts and add "spice" to make their quilts their own.

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SHOW AND SHARE

To participate in Show & Share please email a photo of your quilt (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.

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.

Message from the Executive

Summary:

- RCQG meetings will remain virtual through June 2022.

- During the 2022-2023 Guild year, meetings will be virtual via Zoom in December, January and February; the remainder of the meetings will be hybrid – members can attend in person but the meetings will be also be broadcast via Zoom for those who choose to attend from home (read on for more details!).



On March 10, 2020, RCQG met as usual. A few days later, our world changed, motivating us to move to Zoom for our April meeting. In the two years since then, RCQG members have had the good fortune to have had some phenomenal presentations from master quilters from all over North America and to make new quilting friends who have joined us from across the country. Now, it's time for us to adapt to "our new normal" – continuing to adapt as this changes.

Over the past several months, the Executive has made several planning decisions for the way forward as we continue to adapt to a world with COVID. We would like to share some of our recent decisions with you.

- Virtual workshops have been a big hit because they give everyone a front row seat; they let us book instructors from near and far; and they allow us to invite guests from other guilds when we need more people for a workshop to run. For now, we plan to continue offering workshops exclusively in the virtual format.
- Canadian winters often force meeting cancellations. Now that we are Zoom-proficient, we are planning for virtual meetings during the winter months of December, January and February. This will let us bring big-name speakers from across the world during those months and it keeps our members (and speakers!) off icy roads!
- Some of our members crave in-person meetings and others would be happy to stay on Zoom indefinitely. How do we satisfy everyone? With "hybrid" meetings, of course! What's that, you ask? Let's start with a definition. We are defining a "hybrid" meeting as: A meeting that simultaneously streams a "live" in-person event to an "online" audience via Zoom. The "live" and "online" formats are integrated to provide a satisfying experience to both audiences.

There are several ways we can implement hybrid meetings. The Programme Committee is making plans to have a live speaker with a live audience at our meeting venue. We'll bring the virtual members into the meeting with a multimedia projector, screen, audio and video so they will be able to fully participate in Show and Share, question and answer sessions, voting at the

AGM, announcements, etc.. Because of the hybrid format members may choose to attend Guild meetings in the manner they prefer – in-person or via Zoom. **We plan to hold hybrid meetings in September, October, November, March, April, May and June and strictly online meetings in December, January, February.**

Now that COVID restrictions are lifting, possible venues are beginning to open. Our Venue Search Committee has started visiting local venues looking for the one that will offer the best experience for all of our members – those who look forward to meeting in-person and those who prefer the virtual format. We will remain on Zoom through June 2022 so that the committee has enough time to find the right place, with the right technology, for the right price.

Watch for a “Message from the RCQG Executive” each month over the next few months to learn more about our progress, our plans, and the exciting possibilities that are before us.

If you would like to read more about hybrid meetings, Becky Fiedler wrote an article to help other guilds decide if they want to try hybrid meetings. The article is currently on the CQA website! [READ MORE>>](#)

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Membership



Please welcome our newest members:

Diane Atkinson
Mary Haugh
Roxanne Caughill
Anne Struthers
Susan Anderson

The spring edition of the **RCQG's Membership Directory** will be published in April. If you have corrections or updates of your email, telephone number, or postal address, please email membership [at] royalcityquiltersguild.ca

SAVE THE DATE! Inviting all new members to 2022's second virtual **Fireside Chat for New Members** on Tuesday, May 31st at 7:00 pm. Share a few photos of your work and meet some of the Guild executive, and other new members. Please save the date. Additional information and the Zoom invitation will follow in May.

Virtual Quilt Show - IQD



The Virtual Quilt Show from International Quilting Day showcased some of the talented quilters from the sponsoring guilds and our guests. In case you missed it - or would like to see it again - we will show the virtual quilt show immediately after RCQG's April meeting. However, we will not be recording that part of our meeting due to storage limitations for our recordings. See you on April 12!



QUILT SHOP TOUR
April 28-30, 2022
Thurs & Fri 9am-6pm; Sat 9am-5pm

Hills and Valleys
Quilt Shop Tour

Cookstown ~ Creemore ~ Maxwell
Mount Forest ~ Shelburne

More details: quiltshoptour.wixsite.com/hillsandvalleys

Workshop Survey Part 2



The results are in and the survey said:

1. When to hold workshops:

Although Saturday is the slightly more favourable day to attend a workshop, the respondents were very open to a workshop being held during a week day.

Action Plan: Going forward the Workshop Committee will look at offering a week day workshop where appropriate, where possible.

2. Future Workshop Topics / Techniques

Keeping in mind that only 57% of the membership completed the survey, here are a few of the areas of interest:

- Quilting methods
- Modern quilts
- A challenging, skill building technique
- A quick and fun project
- Appliqué methods
- Paper piecing methods

Action Plan: The Workshop Committee will work hard to provide a wide range of topics.

3. Potential Instructors

As a Bonus, the respondents provided the Committee with a list of 18 potential instructors.

Action Plan: These names will be compiled into a Resource Directory that the current and future Workshop Committees can use in their search to deliver high quality workshops with the best mix of topics.

Thank you for your feedback! We appreciate the time you took to help us plan workshops and programmes that you will enjoy.

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Join the Programme and Workshop Committee



The Programme / Workshop Committee is actively seeking two members to join us. We have FUN evaluating potential instructors and speakers.

We have lists of candidates to research and contact. YES, there are resources to use as a starting point. All of our Committee meetings will continue to be virtual. We would LOVE you to join our team.

Please contact [annjeffrey44 \[at\] gmail.com](mailto:annjeffrey44@gmail.com) or [mariette.denis55 \[at\] gmail.com](mailto:mariette.denis55@gmail.com) if you are interested.



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Community Outreach

How many comfort quilts got squeezed into Betty Slack's car on March 18th?



That brings our donation total this guild year to 119 comfort quilts bringing cheer and comfort to victims of domestic violence and sexual abuse. AMAZING!



April is Volunteer Appreciation Month and we know that many hands touch these comfort quilts before they are put to use. Much in the same way as it takes a village to raise a child, it takes many hands to make a comfort quilt for the RCQG Outreach Program.

Thank you to the volunteers who have done one or more of the following jobs for the Outreach Program:

- Bought fabric for or donated fabric to the Outreach group
- Offered a discount to purchase supplies needed to maintain our program
- Selected and coordinated fabric for a kit
- Cut fabric for a kit
- Modified a pattern for Stash Busters projects to be outreach size
- Developed a mystery quilt pattern with outreach specifications in mind
- Made a quilt top
- Added borders to a quilt top
- Pieced a backing
- Quilted a comfort quilt
- Bound a quilt

- Labelled a quilt
- Transported any part of the quilt
- Shared your time, thread and talents in any way.

The Community Outreach Committee wants to thank you for your continued support of our program. This month we had a quilt mailed to us from Sudbury by one of our distanced members and a local quilter dropped off 7 complete lap quilts and quilted 2 of our quilt kits. It is a pleasure to be in the company of generous quilters and kind people. Thank You!

Your Community Outreach Committee continues to work behind the scenes and will be quilting together on April 2. Thank you to the dynamic committee members for their willingness to take on whatever task needs to be done.

CLICK ON THE PHOTO GALLERY BUTTON BELOW BECAUSE NEW QUILTS HAVE BEEN ADDED FOR EVERYONE TO SEE!

COMMUNITY OUTREACH PHOTO GALLERY

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.

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Executive Positions

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The RCQG Executive is still in need of people to fill the following positions:

VP

Treasurer

Special Projects

Community Outreach Co-Chair

Website

Contact Marjorie Mansell or Monica Bell if you're interested.

Source: Learn how to say "join" in many languages. [CLICK>>](#)

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.

Adriana Fagan will be introducing us to the Diamond String Quilt. Her quilt uses the tutorial at <http://mollyflanders.blogspot.com/2012/01/how-to-make-that-block.html>. Grab your bin or strings and join us.

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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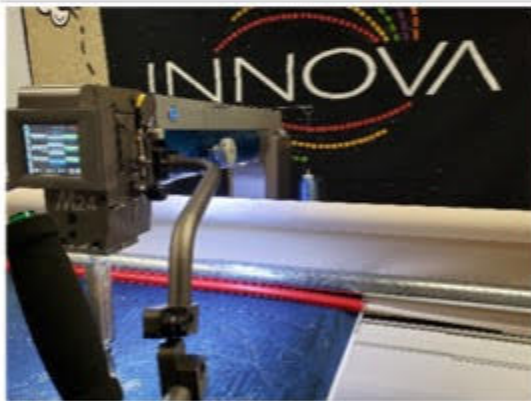
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CQA News and Events



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



QUILT SHOWS:

May 27-28, 2022: The **New Millennium Quilters** in Mildmay, Ontario are hosting a quilt show. See the flyer for details [CLICK>>](#)

June 3-4, 2022: The **Hamilton Quilters' Guild** are hosting Show-Quilts in Bloom in Ancaster. See the website for details [CLICK>>](#)

September 30- October 1 **The Brant Heritage Quilters Guild** are hosting Quilt Expo 2022 in Brantford. [CLICK>>](#)

QUILTY EVENTS:

[April 28-30, 2022: Hills and Valleys Shop Hop Tour](#)

May 15 10am-3pm: **Comfy Cases Sew Day** - This nonprofit organization is hosting a sew day in Mississauga to sew pillowcases for children in hospitals with cancer or other life changing illnesses. Email info [at] comfycases.ca to RSVP or visit their website for details. [CLICK>>](#)

GUILD MEETINGS:

[YORK HERITAGE QUILTERS' GUILD](#)

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Show & Share

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

Show & Share Powerpoint

Sherry Friskney - Outhouses



Sew Safe Policy



Due to the global COVID-19 environment, our concern for members' well-being, and liability concerns for the Royal City Quilters Guild, all RCQG activities are to be conducted according to current Ontario provincial guidelines including capacity limits, masking, and physical distancing. In all instances, RCQG in-person gatherings must include proof of vaccination and contact tracing. These gatherings include, but are not limited to monthly guild meetings, executive meetings, committee meetings, special interest groups and workshops.

Advertise in the RCQG newsletter.

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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