

RCQG February 2023 Newsletter

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February Newsletter
Royal City Quilters' Guild
Guelph, Ontario, Canada

President's Message

Quilting Friends,

February promises to be a busy month for RCQG. February 4th is the deadline to submit quilts for the Virtual Quilt Show portion of International Quilting Day. We would love to see RCQG well-represented in the virtual quilt show --- a very popular feature each year.

Are you working on the CQA "Sun, Sand, and Sea" Guild Challenge? Entries are due March 1 after which RCQG members will choose our Guild's submission. Visit the RCQG website for more details.

On February 14, award-winning art quilter Kestrel Michaud, will join us via Zoom. Kestrel is a classically-trained artist who uses innovative fusible applique techniques to create her own unique style. You will want to see what she has brought to the quilting world!

Later this month, the Guild Executive will send a survey asking for your input about your experience this year and your priorities for the Guild's future. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey. We will use your feedback to set the direction and the priorities for the Guild in the coming years.

I look forward to seeing you, on Zoom, on February 14.

Becky Fiedler

What Do You Want the Guild to Be?

Over the last several years, society has seen many changes; work from home, online learning, virtual meetings, and routine COVID screenings are just a few of the things that have become everyday occurrences.

RCQG changed with the times. We were one of the first guilds in Canada to hold virtual meetings, and, once circumstances allowed, we offered hybrid meetings allowing each member to choose whether to attend meetings in-person or virtually.

To assist us in planning for the Guild's future and creating the best experience for our members, the Guild Executive is asking all members to complete a survey.

Where would you like RCQG to go from here? What do you like and dislike about our meetings? Which features of Guild meetings are most important to you? How should we prioritize Guild resources?

On February 16, please watch for a link to the online survey so you can make your voice heard.

Guild Meeting

**Next Guild Meeting:
Tuesday, February 14, 2023
7:00pm EST on Zoom**

February Programme

PROGRAMME FOR 2022-2023

Read about the full lineup of speakers and watch the sneak peek video.

[Read More>>](#)



Kestrel Michaud

Kestrel's award-winning quilts are the culmination of a lifetime of artistic growth, and the first half of her presentation explains how Kestrel has gotten to where she is today. She'll share artwork she made in every phase of her life, although the focus is on the fabric.

The second half of "Kestrel's Creations" is about Kestrel's process. Using the same fundamental creative process for every fabric picture or quilt she's ever made, her work underwent a major change as she transitioned from analog to digital. Using behind-the-scenes photos and videos from the makings of multiple quilts, Kestrel will take you step-by-step through her entire design process, from initial sketch to free-motion quilting.



SHOW AND SHARE

Zoom Meetings

For December, January and February, 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 Cathy Buchanan at [advertising \[at\] royalcityquiltersguild.ca](mailto:advertising@royalcityquiltersguild.ca)

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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.

Membership Report

A warm RCQG welcome to Kim Hollingshead of Guelph. Kim and Ruthie Snell, the other new member in January, submitted photos to the January Show and Share. Way to go, ladies! Three visitor passes have already been purchased for February's programme, featuring Kestrel Michaud.

The attendance count for January's virtual membership meeting featuring Krista Moser's presentation, Diamonds Are a Quilters Best Friend, was 88. The week following the meeting had 107 views of the video recording and lots of registration activity for the Design Possibilities of the 60 Degree Diamond Ruler workshop on Saturday, April 12th.

There were 43 views of the December meeting with the M.J. Kinman presentation.

Helen Kocmarek

Membership Fees

For your information, the RCQG executive approved a membership fee refund policy (see below), at the November 2022 executive meeting. This policy has been added to the Royal City Quilters' Guild Standing Rules.

RCQG relies on membership fees as its primary source of revenue. Our annual operating budget is established based on projected memberships. Therefore, it is RCQG's position that there are no refunds of membership fees.

For the 2022-2023 Guild year, the membership fee will remain unchanged at \$40. The membership fee for people who join in February will change to \$30 from \$25. Guest passes will change to \$10 from \$5.

These fee changes are keeping in line with other Guilds in the area.

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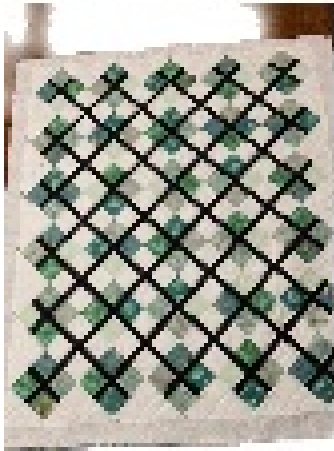


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Community Outreach





On January 20th, 56 comfort quilts were donated to the Guelph Wellington Sexual Abuse and Domestic Violence Care and Treatment Centre on behalf of the RCQG membership. The Outreach Photo Gallery has been updated with pictures of the most recent donations. Check out the many different patterns and colour combinations, how many mystery quilts or Stash Busters quilts were donated and the quilts you worked on at one stage or another. It is a mini quilt show. Enjoy! THANK YOU to everyone who contributed one way or another.

Community Outreach Sewcial - January 21

What do adding borders, sewing backings, quilting, trimming and binding have in common? These were some of the tasks worked on by members of the RCQG Community Outreach Committee as we gathered for a day of fellowship and sewing together to advanced many Outreach projects. Lucky Wendy Oskam won a prize for emptying her bobbin first. Much laughter and conversation made for relaxing and productive day.

Your RCQG Community Outreach Committee

[COMMUNITY OUTREACH PHOTO GALLERY](#)

[QUILT SIZES FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH](#)

**Community Outreach Bins
for pick-up and drop-off**

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

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



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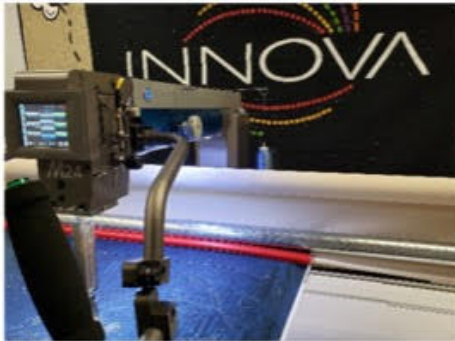
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Workshop Report

We had our first workshop in November with Robin Bogaert on ruler work with domestic sewing machines. Nineteen were registered in the class, and everyone had success in improving techniques for using rulers in their quilting.

Our next workshop with David Owen Hastings is “Inspired by Architecture.” The 15 participants have received the “Final Supply List” which is a PDF file with images plus a document which contains a link for each person to get the necessary information to participate in the class since David is hosting this even on his own site.

Paul Leger’s workshop now has 19 participants, but there are a few spots available. He will speak to the guild in person and on zoom at the March 14 meeting. The supply list and instructions for cutting have been sent out to registrants.

Krista Moser’s workshop now has 32 participants, so it is almost full.

What would you want for a workshop next year? Please send your suggestions to Ann Jeffrey.

Workshops

WORKSHOPS FOR 2022-2023

The lineup of workshops was also announced in May and registration opened July 15. [Read More>>](#)

SNAPSHOT OF WORKSHOPS:

Instructor: David Owen Hastings -- 2 people on waiting list

Class: Inspired by Architecture

Cost: \$70

Dates: Saturday, February 4, 2023, 12pm to 6pm (ET)

Location: Online via Zoom

Website: <https://davidowenhastings.com/>

Instructor: Paul Leger

Class: Square Peg, Round Hole

Cost: \$25

Dates: Saturday, March 25, 2023, 10:30 am to 1:30 pm (ET) (Part 1 of 2)
and Saturday, April 1, 2023, 10:30 am to 1:30 pm (ET) (Part 2 of 2)

Location: Online via Zoom

Website: paullegerquilts.com

Instructor: Krista Moser--**SPACES STILL AVAILABLE**

Class: Design Possibilities of the Diamond Ruler

Cost: \$35

Dates: Saturday, April 29, 2023, 11 am to 5 pm (ET)

Location: Online via Zoom

Website: kristamoser.com

Stash Busters

The Three Dudes Quilt





In February and March in StashBusters, we will be making The Three Dudes Quilt, a strip pieced quilt that was featured at the Missouri Star Quilt Company with Man Sewing's Rob Appell. It uses a jelly roll and a honey bun, a 1.5" strip roll, for the background, although the thin strips can also easily be cut from yardage. The quilt finishes at 62" x 62".

Rob's quilt uses 30 strips of 2.5" for the centre 9 blocks and the rest for the piano key borders. It is easiest to pick a jelly roll that has 2 strips of each fabric. In the group, we will have directions for cutting from yardage, omitting the piano key border, simplifying the strip piecing and making a rectangular quilt that is about 54" x 72". From yardage or using the whole jelly roll.

[YouTube Video of The Three Dudes Quilt](#)

RESULTS

Are You an Average Quilter?

We had 21 responses to the survey in last month's newsletter. All of the respondents were female, and no one under 50 years of age responded. Some other details about respondents:

- 86% are retired
- 10% love technology and 67% like it
- 43% can't remember life without quilting
- 43% start 6-8 projects a year, but 29% start more than 10

How We Shop:

1. A third of us only shop locally in a store.
2. A third shop in stores 75% of the time and only 25% online.
3. A mere 5% only shop online.

Conclusions:

Like me, most of you are like the average North American quilter. We are happy to use technology, but we support our local stores most of the time.

Leslie Buck

RCQG Calendar

The Guild has lots of online offerings, from Stash Busters, to Special Interest Groups, and workshops.

Find all the happenings by clicking the green button.

News from CQA



The window for submitting to the National Juried Show ends on Feb. 17th.

Carolina Oneta is giving a zoom lecture on "The Power of Colour Composition" on Feb. 15th.

Remember to enter the RCQG's challenge for "Sun, Sand, and Sea."



SUN, SAND, and SEA

We are looking for members to participate in the CQA Guild Challenge. This year's theme is "SUN, SAND, AND SEA".

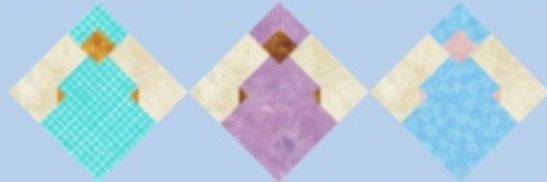
Photo submissions by members are due March 1, 2023, to Flo Pringle. Entry forms to come.

Each guild gets one entry into the National Show in Halifax. Our CQA submission will be chosen by the Guild membership. After viewing photos of the quilted entries, members will vote on their favourite. Voting will start mid-March. The winner will be announced at April's meeting. For further information contact Flo Pringle: pringlef [at] brucetelecom.com.

The CQA entry guidelines are available at the following link:

[Entry Guidelines for Sun, Sand, and Sea](#)

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International Quilting Day

[Registration for International Quilting Day 2023](http://yhqg.org/iqd2023)

This year York Heritage Quilters Guild is hosting the webpage for our communal International Quilters Day event. Visit their website by clicking the link in the image above.

Registration is now open for International Quilting Day 2023. Click on the green button above to get to the registration page.

One of the highlights of the event is a Virtual Quilt Show. All attendees are invited to submit up to two quilts for the show by clicking the green button below.

The deadline to submit quilts is Saturday, February 4.

[Submit Photos to International Quilting Day Show and Share](#)

Neighbouring Guilds



QUILT SHOWS:

March 24-25, 2023: **Etobicoke Quilt Fever**, Neilson Park Creative Centre, 56 Neilson Dr, Toronto

April 15-16, 2023: **A Million Little Stitches**, Newmarket Community Centre, 200 Doug Duncan Drive, Newmarket

April 20-22, 2023: **Piecemakers Quilt Show**, Pyramid Recreation Centre, 317 James St. South, St. Mary's

April 29-30: **Reflections of Georgian Bay**, Tiny Township Community Centre, Tiny Township

June 2 – 3, 2023 **Pinetree Quilters Guild of Muskoka**, Bracebridge Memorial Arena, Bracebridge

June 2 – 4, 2023 **Quilts Kingston Show and Sale**, Limestone QG / Kingston Heirloom Quilter, Royal Kingston Curling Club, 130 Days Road, Kingston, Ontario

June 10 & 11 **Stitching Among Friends Quilt Show**, Alliston Curling Rink, 52 Albert St., Alliston

July 8 -- 9, **Quilt Show by the Prince Edward County Quilters' Guild**, Wellington & District Community Centre LeHigh Arena, 111 Belleville Street, Wellington, Ontario

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WATERLOO COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD

GRAND QUILT 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.



Dianne Black with her colourful Ohio Star quilt made with Shweshwe fabric.

[Show & Share Powerpoint](#)

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