

RCQG February Newsletter

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Royal City Quilters' Guild

The Zoom link will be emailed on Monday to the membership by Becky Fiedler. If you don't have a good internet connection, you can always call in to hear the meeting over the phone.

The phone numbers will be listed in the email with the Zoom link.

The newsletter ends with Show&Share and our sponsors. If you don't see the end of the newsletter, it might be because of all of the images have not loaded. If you see a link that says "Read More" at the end of your email click it to see the rest of the newsletter, or visit the [RCQG website](#) for the most recent version of the newsletter.

For the email addresses of people mentioned in the newsletter please consult the RCQG Membership Directory emailed by Helen Kocmarek.

February Program - Valerie Bothell



Presentation: Crazy Quilting: Victorian Scrapbooks and Beyond
Website: <https://www.valeriebothell.com/>

Valerie was about 11 years old when she began embroidering. She found a red cookie tin in the hall closet filled with an embroidery hoop and thread and the rest is history. She has written two books about embroidery and crazy quilting and is currently writing a third.

Member Spotlight

Joan Hett and Patricia Pequegnat



A quilt made by the RCQG.

Trish Pequegnat and Joan Hett are sisters and two of the founding members of the RCQG. In a conversation last week Joan and Trish relayed some of their memories from the first years of the Guild.

Joan had lived in Guelph for a couple of years and had been looking for ways to meet people and get involved in the community. She had just started quilting and had been disappointed that there was not a quilt guild in Guelph. While she was at Kitchener Textiles she saw a poster about someone who wanted to start a quilting guild in Guelph. Joan took note of the number and gave it a call when she got home. It was like chatting with an old friend.

Joan's sister Trish liked to sew too, and so Joan convinced her to come along to the meeting. Trish remembers that they both had young children at the time - Trish had a newborn baby, a two-year-old, and a four-year-old. She wasn't quite sure about getting out of the house to go to that first meeting but managed it and has been involved in the Guild ever since.

The poster that Joan had seen had been put up by Evelyn Lane and the first gathering was in her living room. Trish and Joan remember there being about 12 people at that first meeting - most had either seen an ad in the paper or one of the posters that Evelyn had put up. Those in attendance at that meeting became the Guild's first executive. Joan was the first treasurer and Trish chaired the Social Committee. Word of the new guild spread and by the April meeting about 30 ladies gathered in the basement of one of the downtown churches. It was at

the second meeting that the name "Royal City Quilters' Guild" was chosen (after a long discussion about where the apostrophe should go) and the practicalities of establishing a new guild were discussed.

During that first year the Guild only had about \$1,000 - so no budget for speakers like we have now. The speakers were local: either members of the Guild, or from local quilt shops in the area.

Over the years both Joan and Trish have been involved in nearly every area of the Guild. From the library, the programme committee, and the (now defunct) social committee, to being on the executive (Joan has been Treasurer four or five times...but not again!), involved in the Guild's quilt shows, and most importantly for both Trish and Joan, their involvement in Community Outreach.

The Guild's first Community Outreach project was initiated by Liz Honneger in 1994. Liz had made a memory quilt for a woman whose infant had died, and the woman came to speak to the Guild about the meaning of that memory quilt. There wasn't a dry eye in the room. Over the years the Guild has been involved in making many memory quilts for bereaved parents. Around 1997, Joan was approached by Rev. Nancy Collett, who was the Chaplain at Guelph General Hospital. She asked whether the guild would expand our quilt donation program to support the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence treatment program. It was then that the Community Outreach program became an official Guild committee. Over the years, Guild members have created and donated thousands of quilts. Guild members were also involved in making wall hangings to decorate the walls at St. Joseph's Health Care Centre when it was built.

When asked about her favourite memory of the Guild over the past 30 years, Joan couldn't think of just one. She shared that she has loved being on committees, especially her involvement in Community Outreach and the Quilt Shows. She also enjoys the inspiration of Show and Share and friendships made.

Trish also has fond memories of Community Outreach, and when asked about programmes that stand out for her, she said that she really enjoyed Rose Parr's presentation last year about the ergonomics of quilting and setting up your sewing room. Trish has a background in kinesiology and said she loved the intersection between two things she enjoys.

The red and green quilt in the photograph belongs to Trish. It's a quilt to which Guild members contributed blocks (the mariner's compass that is so visible was by Isobel King). Norma Williams then set up a wooden quilting frame at her house, and Guild members visited in teams to complete the hand quilting. Trish remembers that many members of the Guild who were accomplished hand quilters patiently taught and passed on their love of hand quilting to the other members while stitching this quilt together. When it was completed there was a draw, and Trish won.

Many current members of the Guild were involved in the Guild during those first years. We hope to recognize many of them in March at the Anniversary meeting.

RCQG 30th Anniversary



Did you know that in 2021 the RCQG will celebrate its 30th Anniversary?

If have been a member of the RCQG for 15+ years, we'd like to hear from you. We're looking for memories of the early years of the Guild, and for photos to share. There is a survey that we'd like longstanding members to fill out: [Click here for the 30th Anniversary Survey.](#)

If you have photos to share, please email them to Michele Kurtz (see RCQG directory).

Image from Google Forms.

Community Outreach

We'd like to thank everyone for their support sewing Community Outreach kits. We currently have 40 quilts ready to deliver to the hospital and a large pile of quilts top ready to be quilted.

We're now hard at work developing kits for our Bee Month in the fall of 2021. We like to be prepared well in advance!

None of these beautiful quilts would be completed without the help of so many of our members. You amaze us with your creativity and talent!

~Community Outreach Team

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](#)

January Meeting

It was interesting to see all the variations that can be achieved by changing the border on a quilt. Pat provided plenty of examples of how to make different borders with just a few familiar blocks like flying geese. Pat also shared a worksheet for calculating borders that was emailed to the membership following the Guild meeting.



Presentation: Pat Speth, Fabulous Nickel Borders

Website: [Pat Speth Quilts](#)



Images are screenshots from RCQG Meeting Jan, 2021

Membership Update



Welcome to the RCQG's newest members: **Linda Sweet, Tricia Selbie, Laurie Quist, Debbie Hewitt, Alison Thompson, Diane Babyn, Sue Turnball, Joan Roseborough.** We're happy to have you join us!

As of February 1st the membership fee for the balance of the Guild year (last meeting in September) is \$25.00. The fee includes monthly meetings, Worldwide Quilting Day events, and other Guild activities.

Special Interest Group: 12x12



Each month we highlight a Special Interest Group within the Guild that is currently accepting new members.

12x12 Group: Participants of different skills and backgrounds experiment with different techniques to create twelve-by-twelve inch quilts based on a particular theme word. Using a show & tell format members explain their process, the outcome, and any struggles encountered along the way. Social and supportive environment.

Meetings: Zoom on March 14 and May 16 from 1-3pm

Contact information: Monica Bell

Images are from the 2018 RCQG Quilt Show

International Quilting Day - March

Join us for International Quilting Day!

Saturday, March 20
A virtual, all-day celebration



Presentations, demonstrations, mini-workshops, prize draws,
sew-together breakout rooms, and more!

Free for members of Royal City Quilters' Guild & York Heritage Quilters Guild.
Guest fee \$20

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

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Stash Busters - New Project Begins February 3



Every two months, the Stash Busters begin work on a new project. In February, Sharon Neve-Gray will be leading the Stash Busters to work on Tunnel of Light. This striking pattern is available from Sew Yeah Quilting. You can watch the YouTube tutorial [HERE](#) and download the pattern [HERE](#).

The Tunnel of Light pattern is layer cake friendly or you can make it with 10-inch squares cut from yardage. Take a look at the pattern - and your stash. If you'd like to join us, please send Sue an email: [stashbusters \[at\] royalcityquiltersguild.ca](mailto:stashbusters@royalcityquiltersguild.ca)



To learn more about Stash Busters, visit <https://vimeo.com/445325648>
Image from YouTube tutorial linked above.

Podcasts to Listen to While Sewing

During the January Guild meeting Pat Speth mentioned that she listens to this podcast.



Podcast Name: Quilter on Fire Podcast

Host Name: Brandy Maslowski

Podcast Description: Quilting is the best hobby on earth! It includes everything from quilts and fibre art to wearables and bags. It brings you immense joy and it's a great stress reliever, but it does come with its own set of challenges. Join Brandy Maslowski, a.k.a the Quilter on Fire, as she tackles the latest quilting topics and interviews guests from all over the world. If you want to hear the latest quilting tips and tricks, listen to the experts and become a better quilter, then this show's for you.

Podcast Link: <https://www.quilteronfire.com/podcasts>

Podcast Name: National Endowment for the Arts Podcast (USA)

Podcast Description: This episode of the podcast interviews Dr. Carolyn Mazloomi. She is a quilter and academic, and her specialty is folk art. In her words "when you have created a piece that has touched the heart, spirit, and soul of the person that's looking at it, it no longer belongs to you. It no longer belongs to the maker. It belongs to the public at large."

Podcast Link: <https://www.arts.gov/stories/podcast/carolyn-mazloomi>

January Workshop

Melissa Marginet's Walking Foot Quilting Class

On January 23, twenty-four eager quilters joined Melissa Marginet for a fantastic workshop about how to use your walking foot to quilt geometric patterns. The day started with a tutorial about how to use edge-to-edge designs with a walking foot and how to plan your design. Then we each worked on a 10 block x 10 block quilt throughout the day, and Melissa provided feedback and tips on our designs and ideas. It was a great workshop.

Pickles



Image from Friday, Jan 29 issue of KW Record

CQA News and Events



CQA is offering a webinar with [Luana Rubin](#)

on February 13, 2021.

Quilt Canada 2021 is moving online with a virtual show to be held from June 16-29, 2021. The call for entries is open until February 15, visit the [CQA website for more details](#).

CQA is seeking Canadian quilters to submit proposals to do 1-2 hour virtual presentations for CQA's monthly webinars on anything from techniques to machine maintenance. Deadline is Feb 16th. See the CQA February 1st newsletter for details. If you're not a member of CQA email Lindsay Core for the details.

Quilt Talk

There is a new quilting venture based in Southern Ontario called QuiltTalk.ca. The organizers are bringing world-class speakers to do talks and workshops via Zoom. The first one in February is [Victoria Findlay Wolfe](#), and [David Owen Hastings](#) in March. Tickets are on sale at www.QuiltTalk.ca

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 Program

Click on each link to visit their websites:

[February - NEW! Valerie Bothell](#)

[March - Elaine Quehl](#)

[April - Melissa Marginet](#)

[May - Joanna Dermenjian \(World War II and Quilting\)](#)

[June - Rhonda Dhort](#)

A short video of the program for the year is available [here](#).

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

February 16: Peter Byrne - My Journey Into Quilting

February 20 & 21: Workshop by Peter Byrne about improv strip piecing

March 16: Sandra Johnson - Denim Quilts

March 27: Workshop by Sandra Johnson about re-purposing denim into a quilt

WATERLOO COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD

February 17: Kelly DuMaresq - For the Love of Scraps

March 17: Leanne Parsons - Devoted Quilter

OAKVILLE QUILTERS' GUILD

April 15: Jeannie Jenkins - Paper Piecing

May 20: Bill Stearman - Double Disappearing 9-Patch

GRAND QUILT GUILD

February 10: Melissa Marginet - Myth: Quilting is an Expensive Hobby

February 17: Workshop by Celeste Compion about developing a sense of colour

March 10: Mary K. Hopkins - Trunk Show

MISSISSAUGA QUILT GUILD

February 4: Johanna Masko - Trunk Show

February 6: Workshop with Johanna Masko

March 4: Eleanor Levie - 12 Ways to Rock Your Quilting

March 6: Workshop with Eleanor Levie

REGION OF YORK QUILTERS' GUILD

February 6: Workshop with Maria Shell

February 24: Ana Paula Brasil - Come along, you may shine

March 24: Toni Smith. The Pixel Revolution.

Show and Share from January



The Photo



The Print



The Quilt

Fern DeAngelis



Susan Warkentin



Dianne Kirk-Benincasa



Ann Jeffrey
Autumn Pinwheels, Bistro Ribbons, Stars and Stripes



Becky Fiedler



Pamela Eng



Pat Gage (Let's Play Ball)



Edna Keown (Glorious and Free)



Jackie James (Nickel Quilt)



Astrid Tribe-Core (Lindsay Core)

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.

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