

RCQG January 2023 Newsletter

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

President's Message

Happy New Year, RCQG Members!

I hope you were able to make the most of your holidays. I'm sure many of you had to revise your plans as our winter weather events unfolded. No matter your circumstances, I hope you were safe, warm and happy.

Have you started making quilty plans for the coming year? Our guild offers many noteworthy opportunities in the coming months: engaging speakers, educational workshops, and appealing Special Interest Groups that offer something for everyone.

Krista Moser will join us via Zoom on January 10 to present her lecture/trunk show, "Diamonds are a Quilter's Best Friend." Gather some friends for a Guild meeting watch party. You can find information about setting that up in the December 2022 newsletter.

Please be sure to mark your calendars for our 4th Annual Virtual Celebration of International Quilting Day on March 18. Submit one or two quilts for the virtual quilt show that day. See details below for submitting quilts and registering for the event. Helen Godden will be our keynote speaker, and a wide array of speakers from the sponsoring guilds round out the schedule. We've invited vendors and will draw prize winners throughout the day. The event is free for guild members. Non-members can pay \$20 for the day.

All the best,

Becky Fiedler

Guild Meeting

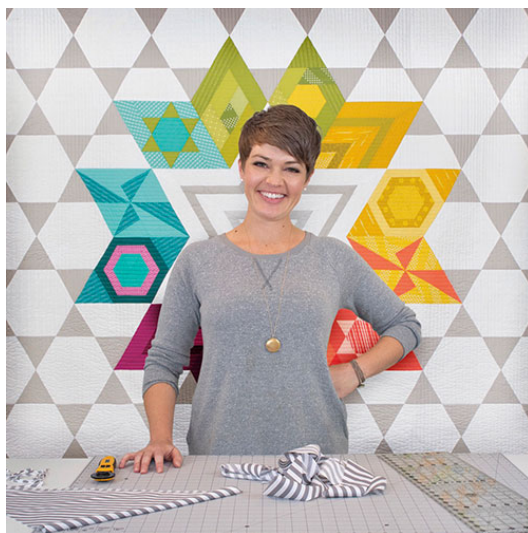
**Next Guild Meeting:
Tuesday, January 10, 2023
7:00pm EST on Zoom**

January Programme

PROGRAMME FOR 2022-2023

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

[Read More>>](#)



Krista Moser

Krista Moser is the creative force and inspiration behind Krista Moser, The Quilted Life. A sewing enthusiast and quilt pattern designer, she has published more than thirty patterns since 2016 with more in development. She is the designer of the Creative Grids 60 Degree Diamond Rulers and has been teaching sewing and quilting lessons for more than twenty-five years. Her work has been featured in quilting magazines, published in books, and hung in prominent shops around the United States. She is wild about all things quilting and loves to share her passion.

For more information, visit Krista's website and social media sites:

<https://www.kristamoser.com> & [#krista_moser](#)



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[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.

Membership Report

Membership Report

Please welcome Ruthie Snell to the guild. You may recall Ruthie's unique hinged quilt of a Zoom Meeting on a Laptop from the Show and Share in December. Both the subject matter and the use of a hinge created quite a buzz during the Show and Share.

83 people attended the December meeting. 17 people viewed the recording of the November meeting.

Helen Kocmarek

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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**The Beverley Hillbillies Visit
the RCQG Outreach Committee**

(Article to be read with the BH theme music in mind)

Come and listen to a story about community quilts.
The Outreach committee is starting to wilt.
Our closet full of flimsies is about to burst.
So feel free to be the quilter who's first

TO...

Welcome the New Year and plan to help out,
It will be appreciated without a doubt!
Contact Jan, Colleen or Trish
To be certain to get your New Year's wish....
.....FOR A KINDER AND MORE CARING WORLD.....

Thank you!
Your RCQG Community Outreach Committee

QUILT SIZES FOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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)

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



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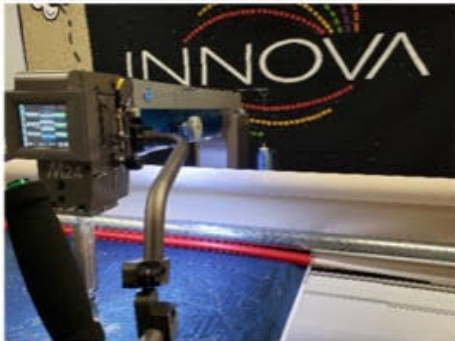
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Workshops

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.

If you would like a Community Outreach kit, please contact Jan Snell by January 8th.

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

Are You an Average Quilter?

According to a recent survey for Premier Needle Arts, the average quilter in 2022:

- Is female.
- Is in her 60's.
- Is retired.
- Is comfortable with technology.
- Has 10+ years of quilting behind her.
- Starts 10-12 projects per year.
- Spends more than 6 hours sewing a week.

Other Information about Quilters from the Survey:

1. Quilters prefer to shop locally in a store that has good availability and a convenient location, but they still shop online.
2. Quilters say that they are going to use their stash instead of buying more fabric.
3. Quilters plan to spend as much time or more sewing in the next year.
4. Quilters are enjoying the advantages of social media and online tutorials but say they prefer in-person contact.

Trends in the Quilt Market:

1. Money—The quilt market is approaching \$5 billion a year and is expected to be stable or growing in the near future.
2. New Quilters—People usually enter the quilting community in their 50's. New quilters represent about 8-10% of active quilters annually.
3. Forecast—Quilters in their 50's are expected to grow through 2040.
4. Inflation—Increased costs of materials are expected to have a minimum impact on the number of projects a quilter sews.

My Conclusions:

This survey's description of the average quilter fits me to a "T." It amuses me that the survey only asks how many quilts are started not how many are finished. Each year, I say that I am going to use my stash but buy more fabric anyway. I also don't think that I will be impacted much by inflation in the cost of supplies. Some fabrics are just too wonderful, and I always need more needles, batting, and other notions.

Complete the following quiz to determine facts about the average quilter in the Royal City Quilters Guild. Results will be reported in next month's newsletter.

Leslie Buck

[Our Average Quilter Quiz](#)

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.

[RCQG Calendar of Events](#)

News from CQA



On Jan. 18, enjoy a lecture by Sandra Sandvik called "Zero Waste: The Art of Upcycled Quilting."

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](#)

4th Annual Virtual Celebration
of International Quilting Day
March 18, 2023



Free to RCQG, YHQG and
WCQG members.
Non-members \$20
Details coming soon!

International Quilting Day

[Registration for International Quilting Day 2023](#)

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

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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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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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