


# RCQG May 2023 Newsletter

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**May 2023 Newsletter  
Royal City Quilters' Guild  
Guelph, Ontario, Canada**

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## **President's Message**

Hello, RCQG Members!

It's been an exciting few months for our guild, and there is still a lot in store before the end of this guild year!

In October, your Executive submitted a proposal to Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program. I am delighted to report that our application was funded! We will use the funding for International Quilting Day and work with Quilts of Valour. You'll hear more about those initiatives when we have details to share!

Spring Fling was a rousing success. We made string blocks for the Home for Good residents, played games, won prizes, and ate cake. It was a good day! Thank you to everyone who contributed to that success and to those who attended.

Krista Moser joined some of us via Zoom for our final workshop of the year, and it was a sold-out crowd. I think my next project will see me sewing strings to 60-degree triangle papers. I anticipate we'll be seeing more 60-degree angles in future Show and Share submissions. I'm looking forward to seeing classmates' projects soon!

Our guest speaker for May is the talented Kathy Wylie. I saw her award-winning *For Such a Time As This* at the 2019 AQS Quilt Show in Daytona and am confident those of you who have visited Quilt Canada know of her work as well. We have been anxiously awaiting a chance to hear her speak and see more of her work. Hooray! Hooray! She will be with us at our May meeting!!!

Each year, in May, the RCQG starts an early bird campaign for membership renewals. The Guild Executive is excited about our plans for next year and we look forward to sharing more details with you elsewhere in the newsletter and at our meeting on May 9th! Be certain to read more about the early bird campaign in the Membership section of the newsletter. Guild librarian, MaryAnne Girouard, has news for renewing members, too. You won't want to miss our 33rd year!!

I look forward to seeing you at one of our upcoming events!

Becky Fiedler

President, Royal City Quilters' Guild

## **Guild Meeting**

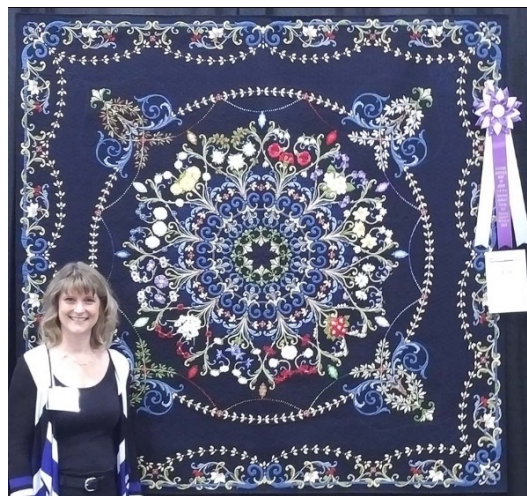
**Next Guild Meeting:  
Tuesday, May 9, 2023  
HYBRID  
7:00pm EST at Lakeside Church**

## **April Programme**

### **PROGRAMME FOR 2022-2023**

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

[Read More>>](#)



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## Kathy Wylie

Kathy is a multiple international award-winning quilter specializing in applique, quilt design, domestic machine quilting and English Paper Piecing techniques. She lectures and teaches all over the country at guilds, shops and quilt shows and is a CQA/ACC Certified Quilt Judge. Her work has been featured in magazines, and her designs are available as individual patterns as well as in her book *Sew Flakes: Papercut Applique Quilts*.



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## SHOW AND SHARE

### Zoom Meetings

For May and June, bring your quilt to Lakeside Church or email photos 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.



## **To the Lions Club**

Royal City Quilters' Guild would like to extend a big thank you to the Lions Club of Guelph for their support of our project to provide quilts to the new residents of the Home for Good communities as they begin opening their doors. The Lions Club's generous contribution allows us to provide backing and batting for 80 quilts that guild members will make over the coming months. Visit the RCQG website to learn more about how you can participate in the guild's newest community outreach initiative.

[RCQG HOME FOR GOOD OUTREACH](#)

## Spring Fling Success



### Thank You to Spring Fling Prize Contributors!

The Spring Fling Planning Committee would like to extend a big thank you to the members listed below. Thanks to their generosity and creativity, we had a variety of lovely prizes to give out at our Spring Fling Social. Winners were excited to choose a gift when their number was drawn! We couldn't have done it without you!

|                              |                    |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Caroline Berch               | Pat Gadsby         |
| Cathy Buchanan               | Jackie James       |
| Leslie Buck                  | Catharine Johnston |
| Pat Donovan                  | Helen Kocmarek     |
| Monica Ferguson              | Mary McFarlane     |
| Becky Fiedler                | Nancy Nix          |
| Heather Fisher--Buy the Bolt | Lorelei Stinson    |

## What You've Been Asking For

In March 2020, in-person RCQG meetings were no longer permitted. Given that, it was a straightforward decision to move to Zoom. The guild thrived - attracting new members every month. As COVID restrictions lifted, some members wanted to return to in-person meetings while others preferred to stay online. RCQG developed the hybrid meeting model as a way of offering each member their preferred format. We wrote about our model for CQA and other guilds have adopted it, too. However, the costs for high-quality speakers, speaker travel, venue rental and technician time make this an expensive undertaking in Guelph.

The Executive began to look for another option and turned to our members for input. As the Executive reviewed member responses to the February survey, three themes emerged:

1. Some of our local members are unable to drive at night making in-person meetings unavailable to them.
2. Those attending in-person meetings want more time and space to mingle than regular guild meetings at the Lakeside Church provide.
3. Those attending virtual meetings are generally satisfied with their experience.

The Executive invited a representative from Waterloo County Quilters' Guild to tell us about what they have been offering their members this year. Inspired by Waterloo's experience, the Executive has made plans for RCQG's next chapter. Most of the RCQG experience will remain in place:

- Your favourite special events will continue including the Summer Mystery and International Quilting Day.
- RCQG will continue to support special interest groups.
- Outreach to Guelph General Hospital Birthing and Sexual Abuse and Domestic Violence will continue even as we expand our involvement in the community.
- We will continue offering our highly successful workshops on Zoom.
- Aly Anker will continue to host virtual sew days on the second Saturday of the month.

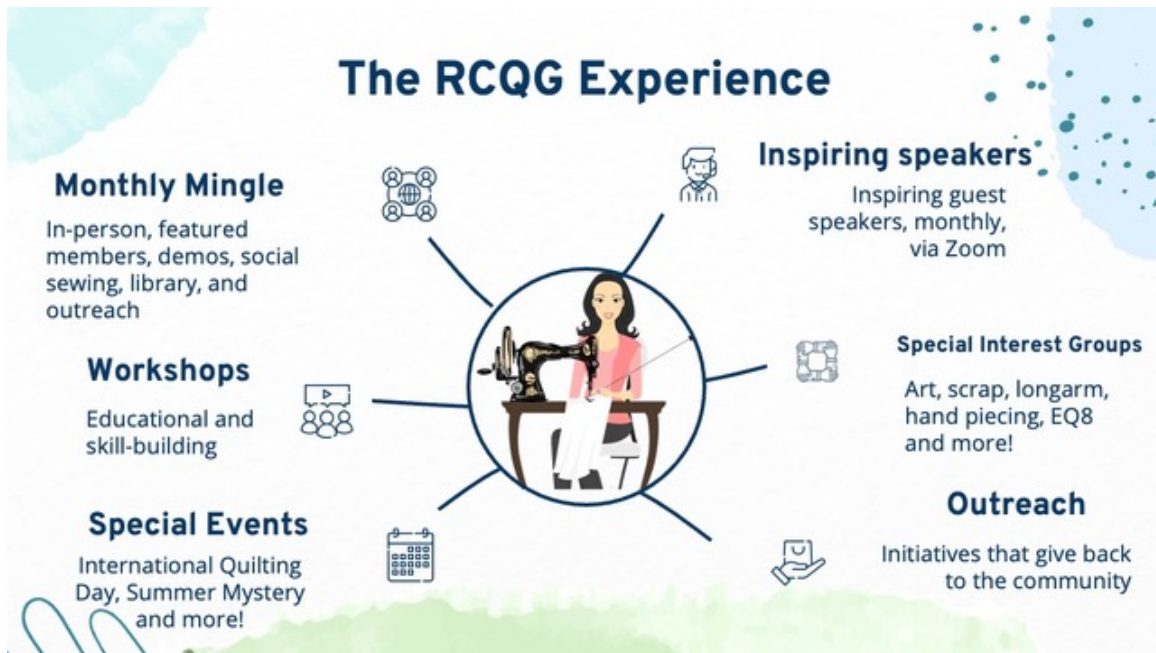
Each month, the general membership meetings with guest speakers will be offered exclusively via Zoom. This is the most cost-effective way to bring the high-quality speakers you have come to expect and the majority of our members like the virtual format.

Beginning in September, we will also offer an in-person Monthly Mingle on a weekend day so those still in the workforce and those who cannot drive at night may participate if they wish. The Monthly Mingles will be held at the spacious Community Living Guelph Wellington facility and will run from 10 am to 3:30 pm allowing time and space for plenty of in-person interactions. Each Monthly Mingle will provide in-person access to a variety of programs within the guild including

the Library, community outreach projects, and the Membership table. RCQG's member survey indicated ongoing interest in demo days and member trunk shows. Activities like those will be included as part of each monthly event. Bring your completed quilts for Show and Share or to get a good photograph. The Monthly Mingles may require a modest participation fee to defray expenses. This is common practice in other area guilds. Moreover, 58% of RCQG members who attend in-person meetings indicated their support of fees to participate in activities that generate additional expenses.

We'd like your input before we schedule the Monthly Mingle. Please take a minute or two to complete a brief survey about scheduling these events. The deadline for your input is May 19. Please click the link below to begin the survey.

The Guild Executive interpreted many of your comments in the February survey as a wish list. We think the planned mix of virtual and in-person meetings ticks the boxes next to the majority of the items you included on your wish list. We hope you agree and that we will see you at many of next year's events.



[Monthly Mingle Survey](#)

## ...and the Survey Says

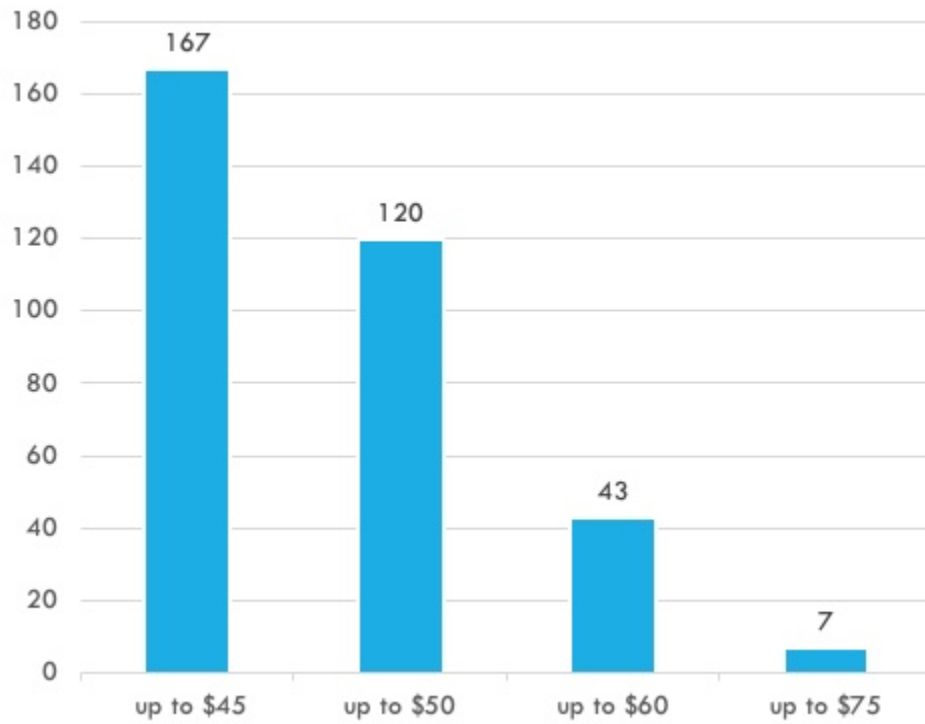
In last month's newsletter, we shared your survey responses regarding what is most important to you about your RCQG membership and data about meeting format choices. In this month's newsletter, we will focus on the prominent themes that appeared in your open-ended responses as well as your feedback about our annual membership fee.

More than anything else, in-person attendees shared how much they enjoy interacting with other members in-person. They said they wanted more time and space to mingle. Both in-person and virtual attendees expressed concerns about night-time driving in general and specifically driving in bad weather. Those members said they wanted to see more daytime meetings and events. Other members reminded us that they are still in the workforce and needed that to be a consideration for scheduling. We scheduled the Spring Fling for the weekend to accommodate both groups!

Over and over, virtual attendees praised the convenience of the virtual format. Whether they live nearby or far away, for many, the virtual format allows them to avoid night driving and watch from the comfort of their home. Others find it fits more easily into their busy schedule.

Several mentioned that their mobility issues do not interfere with attending via Zoom. And finally, the virtual format closes the distance for those who live in other time zones.

The last time RCQG raised the annual membership fee was for the 2012-2013 membership year. Several nearby quilt guilds have already raised their membership fees or announced new rates for the coming year. The majority of survey respondents indicated they would support an increase in our annual membership fee. When asked how much, per year, you would be willing to pay to renew your membership, you responded as indicated in the chart below. Based on this, the Executive voted to raise the annual membership fee for RCQG to \$45 beginning next year.



Thank you, again, to all who took time to respond to the survey in February. Your input has been invaluable to the Executive as they make decisions about the future direction of RCQG.

## Membership Report

Lauren Dawe of Guelph and Lorraine Vallee of Simcoe are the newest members to join the guild. Welcome Lauren and Lorraine! The RCQG now has 203 members. 54% of our members have joined since April 2020, the start of the COVID pandemic.

May's membership meeting is the launch of the Early Bird Membership Drive for the 2023-2024 guild year. Every member will receive a membership renewal invoice on May 10th via email. Early Bird Members who renew their membership before June 12th will be eligible to win 1 of 2 free memberships. The names of the 2 lucky winners will be announced at the June 14th meeting.

This year we have an added bonus for Early Bird members. You will be eligible to borrow from the guild's extensive library collection over the summer months. Thanks to MaryAnne Girouard for her generous offer to keep the library loan program active in summer.

Contact me with any inquiries at:

membership [at] royalcityquiltersguild.ca

Helen Kocmarek

## **Membership Fees**

The Executive has voted to increase the membership fees for the year 2023-2024. Fees are in line with the cost of running the guild and with the fees of neighbouring guilds.

Fees for next year will be \$45.

Guests will continue to pay \$10 per visit. A partial year membership (February to June) will remain at \$30.

## Library Update

SALE! SALE! SALE!



The library opens at 6:30 on the night of our meeting at Lakeside Church and is available during the break.

Please read the RCQG Online Library Instructions document that was sent to you recently. A link to this document can also be found on our library web page. Pictured is one of 15 totes with books categorized as explained in the instructions document.

If you have any books borrowed pre-COVID or this guild year, please return them at the May meeting. If you cannot attend in person, please ask a friend to return them for you or contact your librarian to arrange for the returns. If you borrowed books at the Spring Fling, they are due back at the June meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at the May 9th in-person guild meeting where you can easily browse the books in this new format. Members may borrow up to 5 books that must be returned by the June 13th guild meeting. There will be many books and patterns for sale. Bring cash and make a donation. All proceeds go to your quilt library.

Important: if you pay your guild membership in June, you will be able to borrow up to 5 books for the summer!

Thank you!  
MaryAnne Girouard



## Summer Mystery--Teamwork

[Summer Mystery Sign Up](#)

The 2023 summer mystery is called *Teamwork*. Both Leslie Buck and Judy Eckhardt have been hard at work creating a fun-filled experience for those who participate. Please sign up for the summer mystery fun by clicking the green button.

As per usual, the first clues go out on July 1st. Kits will be available for Guelph General Hospital.

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## Community Outreach Name Change



The guild mission statement says, “Royal City Quilters’ Guild welcomes all who seek to celebrate the art of quilting through inspiring meetings, special interest groups, educational workshops and giving back to our community.” According to our bylaw, “Community Outreach Committee shall be responsible for coordinating the Guild’s outreach programme of providing quilts as needed in the community of Guelph and its immediate surrounding area.” In recent years, our outreach committee has focused exclusively on the needs of the birthing unit and Sexual Abuse and Domestic Violence unit at Guelph General Hospital. However, with our expanded outreach into the community, we will begin using “community outreach” as an umbrella term for multiple initiatives. The group that has been called “Community Outreach” will be known as the Guelph General Hospital Outreach Committee. They will continue their work to support both the Birthing Unit and the Sexual Abuse and Domestic Violence Unit at Guelph General Hospital.

Royal City Quilters Guild Community Outreach will now include the following groups:

- Guelph General Hospital
- The Home for Good Campaign
- Quilts of Valour

## **Guelph General Hospital**



You may have noticed that on the RCQG website we have a new name. What was formerly the RCQG Community Outreach Program with a focus on supporting the Sexual Abuse and Domestic Violence Care and Treatment program housed in the Guelph General Hospital has been renamed GUELPH GENERAL. Further communications will include our new name. However, our very important work has not changed. We continue to facilitate the collecting, making and quilting of comfort quilts for victims of sexual abuse and domestic violence to let them know that their community cares.

The Guelph General Committee is growing with three new members this past month. Many hands make lighter work. If you would like to join a dynamic and collaborative committee that works together for a good cause, please contact either Colleen Hunter or Jan Snell.

In April the Guelph General committee members met for another day of fellowship and sewing together, as we collectively made string quilts that had been in the planning for 2 years.

Your committee is hoping to host an in-person Bee Day in the fall, but it is yet to be confirmed. You will be updated as soon as we know. October is Bee Month.

It has been my pleasure to have been co-chair, chair and co-chair again with this fantastic committee. I have met many kind, caring and generous quilters within our guild. I have served my three years and will not be extending my term into the future. Thank you for supporting me as I tried my best to never lose sight of the work and mission of what was formerly know as the RCQG Outreach Program and moves forward as Guelph General.

Jan Snell

**Guelph General 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.

## QUILT SIZES FOR GUELPH GENERAL

## GUELPH GENERAL PHOTO GALLERY



Thank you to those who have already contributed to the Home for Good Campaign quilt project. Strips and strings were flying during the morning sew session of the Spring Fling. We've made a good start on our newest project and look forward to reaching our goal to provide 80 quilts to new residents of the Home for Good communities.

We welcome contributions of all sorts: string blocks, quilt tops, quilting, completed quilts, and help with binding and labels. If you need batting and/or backing to finish a quilt for the Home for Good project, please send your request via email to:

president [at] royalcityquiltersguild.ca

If you'd like more information about how you can help, please visit the Home for Good page on the website. Watch our progress at the Home for Good Project Photo Album.

## PHOTOS OF HOME FOR GOOD PROJECT

## RCQG HOME FOR GOOD OUTREACH

### **Quilts of Valour**

A new opportunity for community outreach comes with the New Horizons grant. More information on Quilts of Valour with the RCQG will be coming soon.



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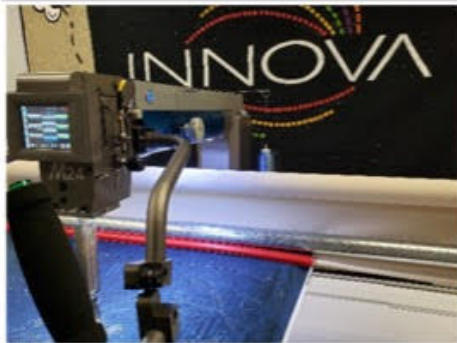
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## Workshop Report

We had a very successful workshop, Square Peg – Round Hole, with Paul Leger on March 25 and April 1. Jan Snell submitted a photograph of her finished quilt top.



Our final workshop of the guild season, on April 29 with Krista Moser, was a large class of 35 students. We became proficient making wonderful diamond designs with her 60-degree diamond ruler. Thank you to all participants and we hope you will enjoy workshops again with us next season.



**Stash Busters**  
**Oh My Stars**



This is an example of Pat Sloan's "Oh My Stars" quilt pattern which can be made in many different sizes. The original uses 5" squares. For a smaller project, download the free table runner pattern. This quilt can easily be made larger by adding a couple more rows, extra stars or wider borders. You can also change the size of the quilt by changing the size of the squares you use. Please refer to the chart below for other suggested sizes. It's a great way to use up stash!!

| Oh my Stars!                      |             |               |              |                      |        |               |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|----------------------|--------|---------------|
| Purpose                           | Cut squares | Finished size | Border width | Border fabric needed | Layout | Finished size |
| Original                          | 5"          | 4.5           | 3            | .67 yds              | 8 x 10 | 42 x 51       |
| SADV                              | 6.5"        | 6             | 3            | .75 yds              | 8 x 10 | 54 x 66       |
| Home for Good or Quilts of Valour | 7.5"        | 7             | 4            | 1.25 yds             | 8 x 10 | 64 x 78       |

OH MY STARS INSTRUCTIONS

## **RCQG Calendar**

The RCQG 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**



The following presenters to the RCQG have had quilts accepted to the National Juried Show:

Kathy Wylie  
Sue Sherman  
Bill Stearman

Joan Hug-Valierote from our guild also has a quilt in the show.

## Quilt Along with Dawn Piasta



RCQG member Dawn Piasta is this year's designer for the free CQA Quilt Along, *Sea You in Nova Scotia*. Learn more about Dawn and the project under the Activities menu of our website.

[Dawn Piasta CQA Quiltalong](#)

**Neighbouring Guilds**



## **QUILT SHOWS:**

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

## **GUILD MEETINGS:**

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A finished example of the Triangles at Play Summer Mystery from 2022.

Show & Share Powerpoint



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