

RCQG May Newsletter

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Royal City Quilters' Guild
Guelph, Ontario, Canada

Guild Meeting

Next Guild Meeting:
Tuesday, May 10, 2022
7:00pm ET on Zoom

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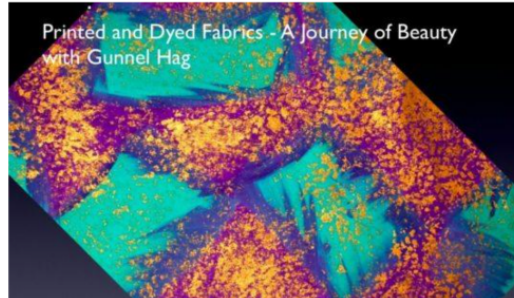
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GUNNEL HAG

Printed and Dyed Fabrics: A Journey of Beauty

This is an introduction to the magic of colour and pattern in printed and dyed fabrics from around the world as well as hand-printed and painted fabrics that you can create yourself and incorporate into your quilts. As Gunnel takes you on a visual textile trip, you will experience not only the beauty of printed fabrics, but also the techniques used in producing these exquisite textiles. Gunnel also brings actual fabric for you to get close up and personal with. Sit back, get inspired and enjoy!

[READ MORE>>](#)



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:

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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



In last month's Message from the Executive, we shared several of the planning decisions we've made as we begin to emerge from COVID isolation. If you missed it, you can read it [here](#).

The biggest news was our decision to use hybrid meetings in the months of September, October, November, March, April, May and June. As a reminder, a "hybrid" meeting is one 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. To avoid bad weather and cancellations, the winter months of December, January and February will continue online.

The Venue Search Committee has been busy looking for possible locations to hold our hybrid meetings. Some of the important criteria we have for a meeting venue are:

- Capable of livestreaming (good lighting on the stage, good sound, multimedia projector and high-speed Internet access)
- Reasonably priced rental fees and technicians to run the equipment
- Accessible for people who use mobility devices
- Convenient access to Public Transit
- Adequate parking and capacity for meetings

We're excited that offering hybrid meetings will provide the best of both worlds for our members; satisfying the wishes of those who crave in-person interactions and those who prefer the virtual format. Doing so hands our intrepid Venue Search Committee a longer-than-usual checklist of desirable attributes. Please be patient with us while we continue our search for the right place, with the right technology, for the right price!

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Spotlight: Barb Morrison

Barb didn't used to be a quilter. Her mum had tried for years to convince her to get into it, but Barb wasn't very interested. That all changed one day when she and her Mum were driving to a family gathering and drove by [The Quilting Gnome](#) in Jacksons Point on the shore of Lake Simcoe. Barb suggested that they stop in at the quilt shop, and that's where it all changed. Barb bought an applique pattern and started quilting.

Applique has continued to be Barb's favourite kind of quilt, especially anything by [McKenna Ryan](#)

, but Barb always likes to adapt the patterns a bit to make them her own. She enjoys entering her creations into local fairs and has won rosettes and ribbons. The photos below show some of Barb's favourite quilts. Barb loves quilting so much that she started a quilting business in 2016 called Barb's Custom Quilts.

Barb has been involved in an organization called [Comfy Cases](#) for quite a few years. She helps to coordinate volunteers to sew pillowcases for children who are in the hospital because of a life-challenging illness. Barb coordinates the programme for the Markham region and the Markham Stouffville Hospital. The Comfy Cases programme has spread across most of Ontario now and the closest chapter to Guelph is in Hamilton. Barb cuts kits for about 200 pillow cases each year, and across Ontario about 2000 pillow cases are distributed to children. Barb invites any members of the RCQG who might be interested in making pillowcases to their sewing day in Mississauga in May. All fabric is provided, and you just need to bring your machine along. See the poster below for more details and RSVP to [info \[at\] comfycases.ca](mailto:info@comfycases.ca) if you'd like to attend.

Comfy Cases 3rd Annual Sewing Event



Comfy Cases is a Canadian non-profit organization that brings volunteers together to stitch fun, colourful pillowcases for children in hospitals with cancer or other life changing illnesses.

Where: Tomken Twin Arena
4495 Tomken Rd
Mississauga, ON

Date: Sunday May 15, 2022

Time: 10am - 3pm

RSVP: info@comfycases.ca



WHAT TO BRING:

- Bring your Sewing Machine/Serger
- Bring your favourite tools
(Scissors, thread, seam ripper, pins
rulers, rotary cutter and mats)
- Bring your stash

(We will have fabric available but please bring any cotton fabric you want to part with)
Bring your Own Lunch

*Non-sewers are welcome. We'll need your help too!
Young Volunteers - Get your community hours!*

*At this time, we are planning to ask all attending to wear masks.
This is subject to change.*

Membership Renewal



Image Source: Wren Pattern Bundle from [Tartan Kiwi Patterns](#)

Invest in yourself! For only \$40, RCQG members can renew their Guild membership for the coming year. Renew before midnight June 13th to be entered into an early bird draw for a chance to win 1 of 2 free memberships.

Member benefits include:

- an exciting lineup of speakers featured at 7 hybrid meetings (you choose to attend in-person or line) and 3 Zoom meetings (during winter months);
- early access to informative workshops;
- a diverse menu of special interest groups that provide opportunities to share your artistry and knowledge, develop your skills, and meet others that share your passion for creating beauty and functional art;
- regularly scheduled (and impromptu) virtual sew days;
- a summer mystery quilt event;
- ongoing access to the Tula Pink Butterfly Quilt Sew-Along;
- the 4th Annual International Quilting Day in March;
- the annual Community Outreach Bee Day to support the Sexual Abuse and Domestic Violence unit at Guelph General Hospital; and
- venue permitting, access to the Guild's quilting library.

How to Renew

Watch your email for a renewal invoice on May 11th. (Don't forget to check your junk mail folder if you don't see it). The email will come from "Royal City Quilters' Guild" via Square. The subject line reads "You received a new invoice (#000000)". The invoice number will be specific to you.

Click on the Pay Invoice button in the email. This action will direct you to the RCQG Online Store to pay by credit card or VISA debit. If you prefer, you may send a cheque payable to the Royal City Quilters' Guild to:

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PO Box 24030, Bullfrog Postal Outlet
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Contact Helen Kocmarek at membership@royalcityquiltersguild.ca with changes to your contact information, comments, or questions.

Two early bird winners will be announced at the June Guild meeting from among those whose renewals are received before midnight, June 13.

Membership



The spring edition of the **RCQG's Membership Directory** was published in April. Look for it in your email inbox from Membership Chair, Helen Kocmarek.

ATTENTION NEW MEMBERS

The New Member Fireside Chat will be held on Tuesday, May 31st at 7:00 pm (Eastern)

New members, Zoom in to our virtual fireside to chat with other new members; meet some of the RCQG executive members; and share photos of your work. This is your chance to ask executive members about the Guild and plans for the 2022-2023 year. Watch your email for your Zoom invitation near the end of the month.



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on Facebook most
Thursdays at 6.30 pm**

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Join a Committee!



Would you like to help guide and support the Guild's activities? Marjorie Mansell and Monica Bell are still looking for several volunteers to fill positions on the Executive. And, of course, most committees are welcoming new committee members. Maybe one of these spots is just right for you! If so, please get in touch.

Community Outreach



Image Source: Bzzzz Quilt by [Whole Circle Studio](#)

Community Outreach Committee held another Virtual quilting bee on April 2nd. Much fellowship was enjoyed by all as we moved Outreach projects forward by quilting, adding borders and binding. Three members won prizes as we discussed sports, international travels and happenings in the neighbourhood. Once again we shared tips and tricks, techniques and favourite instructors. It was a productive and enjoyable day.

A special thank you goes out to **Donna Reimer** as she has donated backing fabrics and sold a variety of prints and solids to the committee at greatly reduced prices to replenish our stash. Donna has set a goal for herself to make and donate 30 quilts this year. Wowza! Thank you, Donna!

At the present time we are looking to accumulate a list of quilters whom we could call upon from time to time to bind quilts. If you can help out in this way, please contact Jan Snell.

Community Outreach is looking for a co-chair. If you want to join our dynamic, committed and enthusiastic committee, please contact Jan Snell.

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)

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But have you heard of the QUILTERS' 9 Rs for Sustainable Sewing?

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- Repurpose and Reinvent
- Refurbish Old items
- Recycle Last

Sourced from:
[Sustainable Quilting 101](#)

Let's celebrate Earth Day every day and leave the planet a better place for future generations.

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Programme & Workshops

The big reveal is coming! At the May meeting Mariette Denis and Ann Jeffrey will be announcing the lineup of programmes and workshops for the 2022-2023 Guild year.

The last RCQG workshop of the year is coming up on May 28 with David Owen Hasting on May 28th. It is sold out, and so we want to encourage members to sign-up for the 2022-2023 workshops early when registration opens later in this summer.

Last Saturday a keen group of quilters joined Melissa Marginet for the second workshop she has done with the RCQG, Modern Quilting with Your Walking Foot. It was a great day of sewing!



Stash Busters Ribbon Box Quilt



In June and July Stash Busters will be making this simple but effective quilt was designed by Michelle Engel Bencsko for Cloud 9 Fabrics and is available at the link below.

It is made in cozy fall flannels in the photo but works well in lighter colours for a spring or summer look, just like a box full of ribbons. Jan Snell will be leading the project at the June and July Stash Busters Days.

<https://cloud9fabrics.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/RibbonBoxQuilt1.pdf>

If you are interested in joining Stash Buster please contact Sue Foard at [stashbusters \[at\] royalcityquiltersguild.ca](mailto:stashbusters@royalcityquiltersguild.ca) .

The quilt size is 55" x 63" and calls for the use of 12 different 1/3 yard cuts and a background fabric. For the sake of economy, 6 fat quarters and 6 - 1/3 yd pieces work well.

If you are interested in an outreach kit, please contact Jan Snell by May 15th.



Summer Mystery #3



Wondering how to keep busy this summer?

Leslie Buck and Judy Eckhardt have created a third Summer Mystery Quilt. This design is sized to be a comfort quilt, but you could make more blocks for a larger quilt if you feel like working a bit harder.

The Community Outreach Committee is making fabric bundles to use if you don't want to use your stash. Stay tuned for more information in the next newsletter and the June guild meeting.



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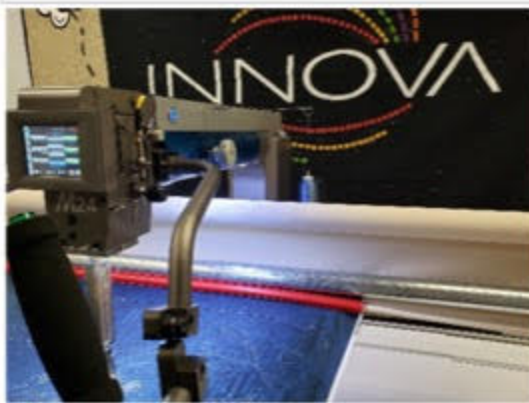
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Bylaw Changes

The Executive is proposing two by-law changes for members' consideration and voting at the AGM in June. If passed, one will re-establish a Social Committee under a Social Convenor and the other will shift the focus of Special Projects to further clarify and develop that role. Both proposals are in response to member feedback asking for more social interactions after two years of isolation due to COVID restrictions.

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE:

Social Convenor - Shall be responsible for arranging and communicating social opportunities for guild members in collaboration with other convenors as appropriate.

Special Projects Coordinator - Shall be responsible for coordinating special events or activities as requested by the executive at the start of the programme year and coordinating/developing special events or activities for the Guild.

CQA News and Events



Quilt Canada will be held in Vancouver on June 16-18, 2022.
CQA has just announced the quilters who have been accepted into the
National Juried Show.
[Read more about it 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>>](#)

November 11-12 **The York Heritage Quilters Guild** are hosting A Celebration of Quilts XIV at the Toronto Botanical Garden. [CLICK>>](#)

QUILTY EVENTS:

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](#)

[WATERLOO COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD](#)

[GRAND QUILT GUILD](#)

[MISSISSAUGA QUILT GUILD](#)

[REGION OF YORK QUILTERS' GUILD](#)

[SARNIA QUILTERS' GUILD](#)

Show & Share

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

[Show & Share Powerpoint](#)

Lindsay Core - Astrid's quilt is at the ROM!



From the Editor: Of course I had to highlight my daughter's quilt for Show & Share this month! Forgive my motherly pride. :) ~Lindsay

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