

# September Newsletter

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**Royal City Quilters' Guild  
Guelph, Ontario, Canada**

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## **Guild Meeting**

**Next Guild Meeting:  
Tuesday, September 14, 2021  
7:00pm ET on Zoom**

### **MEETING ACCESS**

The Zoom link will be emailed to all members and guests on the day before the Guild meeting by Becky Fiedler.

### **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**

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namename [at] server.com

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## **September Programme**



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### **CATHIE UGRIN**

Cathie is a Manitoba-based fabric artist. In September Cathie will share about her experiences living with a family member suffering from mental illness to talk about how the creation of her solo fibre art exhibit *Feeling from Without and Within* uses art as a release and a means to understanding.

[visit website >>](#)



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### **BETTY SLACK**

Each year Betty visits the RCQG to talk about the impact of the Community Outreach program's work to support people who have experienced sexual assault and/or domestic violence. She is the Programme Facilitator for the Guelph - Wellington Care & Treatment Centre for Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence at the Guelph General Hospital.

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## SHOW & 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.



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## 2021-2022 PROGRAMME

The Programme Committee has developed a great lineup of speakers and presentations for the coming year. The RCQG has committed to continuing virtual meetings on Zoom until March, 2022 with hopes of meeting in person in the spring.

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## Member Spotlight

Joan Hug-Valeriotte



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*Joan in her quilt studio.*

Like many members of the RCQG, Joan has been sewing since early childhood. For many years she made all of her own clothes. When her oldest child was two and her second had just been born Joan decided to make a quilt for a doll cradle. She could figure out how to do the piecing, but not how to make it puffy, so she enrolled in a hand-quilting class at Colborne Lodge which is an historic house and museum in High Park that is run by the City of Toronto. It was taught by a woman dressed in period clothing and they used flat irons for pressing.

Joan was hooked. She loved the textures, patterns, and colour. At the end of the class the instructor passed out a pile of magazines and told them to choose a pattern and make it. Joan did. She started by making quilts for all her beds, and then she moved on to wall hangings, and now loves to do art quilts.

Quilting is a creative outlet for Joan. She finds the repetitious movements very therapeutic. She gets a great deal of satisfaction from producing something she's made from start to finish. Her focus these days is on reducing, reusing, and repurposing fabrics. Joan's artistic practice focuses on these key elements in part because that's what our grandmothers would have done. In the past quilters would have used what was available, and fabrics would have been used to the last crumb. Joan has some fabric that she got on a trips to visit her sister in New Zealand and Australia between 2004-2017. She started making bed quilts, then wall-hangings, and then placemats with them. Just recently she used the very last scrap of that fabric. She finds it really pushes her creativity to limit herself in that way - to find uses for what she already has rather than purchasing new fabric.

Twenty-five years ago, Joan was living in California and feeling homesick. Her mother was in her 90s at the time and living at the Valeriotte Tree Farm, 80 acres of trees off of Gordon Street. Joan says it was like growing up on her own private provincial park and she was sorely missing it, especially in the autumn. For one of her visits home, she made a Tessellating Leaves quilt for her mother in autumnal colours. It's the quilt she remembers most fondly, and it has the greatest importance to her of all the quilts that she has made.

Joan also made a Storm at Sea bed quilt that has special meaning for her. Her mother-in-law lived in Switzerland, and on a visit to see her Joan was offered a dozen sets of monogrammed sheets in heavy cotton from her mother-in-law's trousseau. Joan declined because they were all single bed sets, but eventually, she ended up with all of those sheets anyway. So she hand-dyed the fabrics and made curtains for her kids and a Storm at Sea quilt as a wedding present for her nephew.

This summer Joan has been working on quilts to send to Lytton, BC and offered to long arm any quilt tops that RCQG members wanted to send as well. A batch of four quilts made by Jan Snell has now been sent off to people who are rebuilding after the fires earlier in the summer. Joan has a couple more to send now, if anyone else wants to add theirs to the shipment and share in the costs.

Right now Joan is working on an eco/rough dyeing project and preparing for a show she is going to have at 10 Carden St, Guelph from December 13-24th, called 'Scapes and 'Scopes and Abstracts.

## 2021-2022 Executive

President – **Scott Schau** president [at] royalcityquiltersguild.ca  
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Historian – **Susan Thompson** showandshare [at] royalcityquiltersguild.ca  
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Publicity – **Jane Londerville** advertising [at] royalcityquiltersguild.ca  
Special Projects – **VACANT**

Please contact Monica Bell if you are interested in one of the vacancies.  
For email addresses listed above, please replace [at] with @ and remove the extra space.

## Membership



### **NEW MEMBERS**

The guild extends a very warm welcome our most recent new members: Karen Johnstone, Mary Ritchie, Jane Sanders, Amy Doerner, Barb Ross, Lucy Garvin, Cathie Attwater, Kate Friesen, Cheryl Christofforsen, Heather Krouskie, Cheryl Vandenberg, Denise Mastalerz, Bonnie Christopher, and Sherry Friskney.

### **FIRESIDE CHAT - NEW MEMBERS**

New members are invited to the New Members' Fireside Chat on Zoom. Save **November 2 at 7:00 PM** to meet other new members and some Guild executive members. Invitations will follow closer to the date.

### **EARLY BIRD MEMBERSHIP WINNERS**

Congratulations to Kimberley Powley and Wendy Oskam, the winners of the Early Bird Membership Renewal Draw. Each won a free membership for the year.

### **DIRECTORY UPDATES**

Please contact Helen Kocmarek with updates to your preferred email address, phone number, physical address, or membership fee invoice issues.

### **CONDOLENCES - SUE ESSELTINE**

Our condolences to Guild Secretary Pat Gage and the family members of Sue Esseltine, of Port Rowan, Ontario. Sue, a recent member to the guild, passed away this summer. Sue and Pat Gage were friends for over 40 years. Sue introduced Pat to quilt making guiding her along every stitch and seam. Sue was always donating quilted pieces to women's shelters, cancer clinics, and any group that needed help. She will be sadly missed by all her quilting buddies.



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## Quiltalong News



This year the RCQG will be offering a quilting along with Tula Pink as she updates her popular Butterfly Quilt. Tula is still working on the updated version of her pattern. We plan to start our quilting along as soon as it is ready.

Until we hear more from Tula, you can dream about how you'd like to make your quilt. Here are a couple of videos to help you get started:

FABRIC PULL (start at 19:00) [visit website >>](#)

QUILT UPDATE [visit website >>](#)



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## Community Outreach



Welcome back to another year of quilting together within our Guild. Comfort quilts for the Wellington Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Care and Treatment Centre continue to be the focus of our Outreach Program. Our quilts are an integral part of the healing process for some victims and we appreciate the support of our fellow guild members. We are delighted to make it easy for you to participate and contribute.

As we begin another year of providing comfort within the community here are some dates and reminders.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

October is Bee Month and you are welcome to join the fun. **Virtual Bee Day is Saturday, October 16th.** Save the Date! An email will be sent out to the membership to sign up for a kit. If you sign-up you will be invited to select a kit of your choice from one of our two bins and will receive a zoom invitation prior to the date. If you can't join us for the virtual sewing day on October 16th you have the whole month to work at your leisure to complete the kit. We're looking forward to sewing with you!

### **COMFORT QUILT SIZE**

Comfort quilt size is 50 to 54 inches wide by 60 to 64 inches long. This size maximizes the use of our batting.

### **MILADY SUMMER MYSTERY**

THANK YOU! We had 12 members pick up outreach kits to sew the summer mystery quilt, Milday. Thank you. Thanks also to Trish who quickly curated 12 unique fabric collections.

If you have any questions, please contact one of us. Even though we're not meeting in person we're working behind the scenes to further our program of collaboratively making gorgeous quilts.

**~Your Community Outreach Team:** Dana Scott, Scott Schau, Patricia Pequegnat, Wendy Oskam, Cyndy Maltby, Lisa Jones, Ann Jeffrey, Colleen Hunter, Mariette Denis, Carol Cousins, Julie Service, Katrina Baklarz and Jan Snell

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

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

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

[COMMUNITY OUTREACH WEBSITE](#)

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## Stash Busters



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Stash Busters is one of our guild's Special Interest Groups. For now, we continue to meet on Zoom, the first Wednesday of every month. Our social sewing starts at 9:30 am and ends around 3:30 pm. Our next Sew Days are September 1st and October 6th. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Sue Foard (stashbusters [at] royalcityquiltersguild.ca).

For October and November, RCQG's own Mariette Denis will lead us in making a quilt pattern called "Stacked Squares" or "Modern Squares." This popular pattern can be made from precuts, yardage or a kit from Community Outreach.

## **USING PRECUTS**

Erica Jackman originally designed Stacked Squares as a Moda Bake Shop project. If you would like to use jelly rolls and layer cake squares, her tutorial gives you all the information you need to make a quilt that finishes at 68" x 76":  
project: <https://modafabrics.wordpress.com/2013/06/08/simply-style-stacked-squares-quilt/>

Are you interested in making a different sized quilt from precuts? Download her free tutorial file with requirements for a variety of sizes: baby, lap, twin, or queen. Find that file here:  
<https://shop.kitchentablequilting.com/collections/freebies/products/stacked-squares-quilt-tutorial>



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## **USING YARDAGE**

Christine Vinh modified the original tutorial and renamed the quilt Modern Squares to use yardage and Mariette thinks an assortment of fat quarters would work well, too. Judy Gula has provided a helpful tutorial on her blog at <https://www.artisticartifacts.com/blog/?p=7036>.

Download cutting instructions here:

<https://www.artisticartifacts.com/classes/ModernSquaresPattern.pdf>.

This quilt finishes at 56" x 64".

## **KITS FROM COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

The Community Outreach team will provide kits to members who wish to work on a Stash Busters' project, to donate to Community Outreach. Please email Jan Snell (janice.snell [at] gmail.com) by September 15th if you are interested in receiving a kit for Stacked Squares. When you pick up your kit, the Community Outreach Team will suggest which set of instructions will work best for the kit they provide.

## **Workshops**

The Guild has organized some great workshops lined up for the coming year. You can sign-up on the Guild's online store by [clicking here](#).

**Wild About Strings**

When: Saturday, November 20, 2021

Cost: \$10

Instructor: Adriana Fagan

Location: Zoom – 9:30 am to 12:30 pm (ET).

**Color Sense Workshop**

When: February 19, 2022

Cost: \$65

Instructor: Annie Smith

Location: Zoom - 9:00am to 3:30 pm (ET)

**Modern Quilting With Your Walking Foot**

When: April 23, 2022

Cost: \$30

Instructor: Melissa Marginet

Location: Zoom - 9:30am to 4:00pm (ET)

**Past Presidents' Mystery Quilt**



The Past-President's Mystery Quilt from the 2020-2021 Guild year has wrapped up. Past President Monica Bell will present some of the completed quilts at the September Guild meeting.

## **CQA News and Events**



The most recent CQA/AAC newsletter listed two new Facebook groups that they've started:

[Quilting in Canada](#)

[CQA Quilting Projects](#)

CQA/AAC has started to offer webinars twice a month throughout the year. Tickets can be purchased online, [here](#) is the schedule.

CQA/AAC has announced the 2021-2022 challenges - from a youth challenge to a fabric challenge. Read all about the newest challenges [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



DUFFERIN PIECEMAKERS 2021-2022 programme not yet online

YORK HERITAGE QUILTERS' GUILD

September 21: Shannon Prince ([Buxton National Historic Museum](#)), The Threads that Bind: Women, Community & Quilting in Buxton Ontario

WATERLOO COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD

September 15: [Bridget O'Flaherty](#), My Journey as a Textile Artist

OAKVILLE QUILTERS' GUILD 2021-2022 programme not yet online

GRAND QUILT GUILD

September 8: Diane Carson, Longarm Trunk Show

October 13: Sue Sherman, National & International Award Winning Quilt Artist and Teacher

November 10: Elizabeth DeCroos, Pojagi: From Ancient Korea to Modern Canada

December 8: Valerie Wilson, Uncovering Art Quilts

January 12: Sharon Blackmore, Express Yourself

February 9: Mary Elizabeth Kinch, Trunk Show

MISSISSAUGA QUILT GUILD

September 9: [Paul Leger](#), My Journey in Quilting

REGION OF YORK QUILTERS' GUILD

September 22: [Sue Patten](#), Longarm

## Show & Share

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

Show & Share Powerpoint



Quilt Above: **Lynda Nuys** - Vintage Linen Memory Quilt made as part of a class with Rhonda Dort in 2021

**Sew Safe Policy**



*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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