

# RCQG June Newsletter

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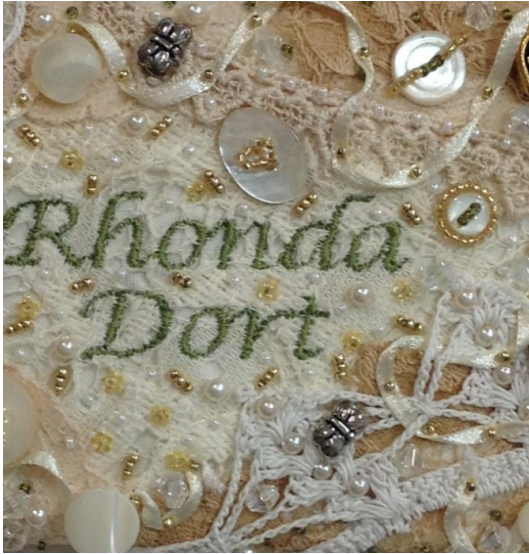
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## Royal City Quilters' Guild

The Zoom link (to watch) and phone numbers (to listen) to the meeting will be emailed to the RCQG List on Monday by Becky Fiedler.

The newsletter ends with Sew Safe Policy.  
If you don't see the end of the newsletter visit the [RCQG website](#) to see a full version.

## June Program



**RHONDA DORT**

**Presentation:** Quilting with Vintage Linens

**Website:** <https://rhonadort.com/>

Rhonda Dort will visit Royal City Quilters Guild to show her exquisite work featuring vintage linens, embroidery embellishment, beading and spectacular quilting. She explains how to clean old textile pieces, salvage damaged linens, and her design process. Ask her questions during the Q&A session after her talk.

## AGM

The beginning of the June meeting will be the Annual General Meeting. No bylaw changes are proposed, but we will vote on the following:

- Approving executive reports (see below).
- Appointing a new slate of officers to the executive (see below).
- Approving the mission statement (see below)

## Show and Share

If you'd like to participate in Show and 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. If you have any quilts you've made using vintage linens, please share!

## Video of Guild Meeting

The Guild meetings will be recorded. If you can't make the meeting during the scheduled time, you can watch it later. The video link will be emailed to the Guild after the meeting.



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## Member Spotlight: Leslie Buck



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Leslie in her quilt studio where she spends time each day creating and making quilts.

Leslie has only been part of the RCQG for a couple of years. She joined the Guild after she retired - though she started quilting in the 1980s.

Leslie's early quilting was entirely hand done from the piecing to the quilting because as she says: "that's the way it was done". When the Olfa cutting system came out, she quickly embraced new methods and has loved all the innovations that have come with cutting and machine work over the past 25 years.

Leslie was a teacher throughout her career and lived all over the world from China to France, and she also raised three children. There were times when she wasn't able to quilt and it sometimes felt like her quilting was done in fits and starts. But despite some pauses along the way quilting has been a passtime for most of her life.

She got back into quilting more regularly after her divorce. She took a class with Kathy Wagner at Greenwood Quiltery in Guelph and decided that she really enjoyed quilting and wanted to concentrate on it more fully. Leslie has always loved all sorts of textile arts like sewing and embroidery, but quilting has become her main joy and in her retirement she dedicates time every day to her sewing.

Leslie loves doing projects from beginning to end. She enjoys every step from the designing, to the piecing (she especially likes piecing and learning new tricks for making better blocks), to quilting. She's finished many projects over the past 40 years, and one of her favourites was one she designed and finished around 2003. At the time it was hard to find solids in the range we have today, and Leslie likes the look of modern quilts. So using the patterned fabrics that were available she cut the pieces into small squares to made a quilt that looked like flowing waves by playing with the value and colours - even though all the pieces were identical squares. Leslie likes working from others' patterns because she learns new techniques, but she's happiest when she is sewing her own designs.

Leslie has recently invested in a sit down longarm machine. She's excited about this new adventure and being able to finish larger quilts herself. She loves knowing she has completed a quilt from beginning to end.

For the past two years Leslie has been instrumental in offering a summer mystery quilt for the Guild. Although neither of the quilts was her design (last year it was Robert Kaufmann and this year is RCQG's Judy Eckhardt) she did a lot of work testing the patterns, adapting them for Community Outreach sizing, calculating the fabric requirements, and writing up tricks and tips to teach new methods of doing the same old blocks.

When Leslie was asked who inspires her work, she didn't hesitate to name artist Bisa Butler. Leslie loves her work and is blown away by Butler's skill. She believes Butler is an amazing artist and a pivotal person in the current art world who is changing how people view textiles.

**Renew Your RCQG Membership**

**RENEW EARLY TO BE IN THE EARLY BIRD DRAW FOR THE CHANCE TO WIN ONE OF 2 FREE MEMBERSHIPS**



Members who renew their membership **before midnight June 6, 2021** will be entered in a draw for a free membership. Two winners will be announced on June 8 at the Guild meeting.

- RCQG membership remains at **\$40.00** for the 2021-2022 Guild year and is due on or before September 3, 2021.
- On **May 12 current members will received a renewal invoice** by email 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 invoice email. This action will direct you to the RCQG 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:

Royal City Quilters' Guild  
PO Box 24030, Bullfrog Postal Outlet  
Guelph ON N1E 6V8

- Contact Helen Kocmarek at [membership@royalcityquiltersguild.ca](mailto:membership@royalcityquiltersguild.ca) with changes to your contact information, comments, or questions.
- For members beyond Guelph-Wellington; the RCQG has committed to keeping all Guild activities online until March, 2022 so you can be assured that renewing your membership will be worthwhile.

Image from [The Splendid Sampler](#).

Welcome to two new members of the Guild: **Cynthia Uhlemann and Patricia Troke**

We're glad you've joined us.

## 2021-2022 RCQG Programme

A fantastic programme has been lined up for next year. [Take a look here.](#)



# Royal City Quilters' Guild

## 2021-2022 Programs and Workshops Schedule

### September

14	Cathie Ugrin Betty Slack	Art and Mental Health and Sexual Abuse and Domestic Violence Centre
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### October

12	Barbara Brackman	Out of Control: Quilts That Break the Rules
16	Community Outreach	Bee Day

### November

2	Fireside Chat for New Members	
9	David Owen Hastings	Minimal Design, Maximum Impact

### December

14	Annie Smith	Understanding the Value of Color
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### January

11	Kathy Ross	Trunk Show
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### February

1	Fireside Chat for New Members	
8	RCQG Members	A Royal Virtual Route
19	Annie Smith	Colour Sense Workshop

### March

8	Leslee White-Eye	Native Women's Trail of Tears Barn Quilt Trail
19	RCQG and YHQG	International Quilting Day

### April

12	Millie Cumming	Adding Spice to Your Quilting
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### May

10	Gunnel Hag	Printed and Dyed Fabrics: A Journey of Beauty
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### June

14	Jo-Ann Core	Trunk Show and RCQG Annual General Meeting
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Please note that programming through March 31, 2022 is via Zoom. The schedule is subject to change.



**Community Outreach Thanks You!!**



Image from [debbyquilts](http://debbyquilts.com).

Thank You!! It has been a successful year for the Outreach Committee as we will be making another donation to the hospital in June bringing our total number of comfort quilts to more than 170 this program year. This valuable work is completed through the team work of many and we would like to thank all who have supported this initiative of providing quilts to comfort and cheer those in need in our community.

- Thank you to the committee that works behind the scenes building kits, with patterns and cut fabric, for your ease of use during Bee Day/Month.
- Thank you also to the committee for rising to the challenge of making quilts using panels from our stash this past April.
- Thank you to Trish and her daughter, Rachel, for curating fabric collections for use in these endeavours.
- Thank you to each member of our guild that has made a quilt top this year.
- Thank you to each Long Arm Quilter that has donated their time and expertise to quilt many of the donation quilts.
- Thank you to any member that has donated a completed quilt to be distributed by our committee.
- Thank you to those Stashbusting Quilters who choose to use those patterns and fabric of their own or provided by the committee to make a variety of quilt tops/quilts.
- Thank you to the executive for supporting our work through the purchase of a roll of batting each year.
- Thank you to Katrina for labelling each quilt before it is donated and shopping for backing and background fabrics.
- Thanks to all who support our committee as their time and talents permit.
- Thanks to those donating fabric and extending discounts to the committee.

If you have aided the work of the Community Outreach Committee. Please know that it is appreciated, much like the work of the women who worked on Red Cross Quilts during WW2, you are making a difference in our community. Together we are stronger!

THANK YOU!

~The Community Outreach Committee

**Community Outreach - Memory Quilts**

Royal City Quilters' Guild has been providing Memory Quilts to the Family Birthing Unit at Guelph General Hospital for more than 25 years. These quilts are provided to parents whose infant is stillborn or passes shortly after birth.

There is a need for about 25 quilts per year. I would like to resupply the hospital in the fall. If you have some time over the summer and would like to make one, please follow these requirements:

- Square quilts are preferred as they are easier to use to wrap the baby.
- The size should be anywhere from 24" x 24" to 30" x 30".
- All colors are acceptable, but we have been asked to avoid fabrics with writing on them, novelty fabrics, and fabrics with a seasonal or religious reference.

I have a few pieces of batting if anyone needs one. These will be left in the Community Outreach bin at 12 Trillium Court. Please contact me (Joan Hett) if you have any questions. Thank you for your generosity.



### **Community Outreach Bins**

Drop-off completed BOMs and quilts and  
pick-up Community Outreach kits.

Email Katrina Baklarz to request a kit.

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**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](#)

**RCQG Quilts at the Library!**



A group of RCQG quilters have a show up in some of the local library branches. The pieces will be hung until the end of June at the East End Branch, Watson Parkway, and Starwood.

Visit Mary Katherine Hopkins' blog to see photos of their work:  
<https://marykayhopkins123.blogspot.com/2021/05/gallery-show.html>

Image: RCQG member Dawn Labelle's quilts

**Coming Soon: Fall Sew Along**

This fall the RCQG will be co-hosting a sew-along with the YHQG. The pattern will be *Butterfly* by Tula Pink which is being re-released very soon in a new colourway and with some variations from the original. The sew along will start in the fall and will be suitable for beginner to expert quilters.



**Thank you to the 2020-2021 Executive**



Thank you to the outgoing RCQG Executive for all their work this past year to ensure that the Guild has continued to grow and thrive. The community built around monthly sew days, and special interest groups, and the Guild meetings has provided us with the connection with others that we've all needed this year.

**Thank you to everyone who served on the Executive this year, and a special thank you to those who are moving on. Welcome to Jan Snell and Pat Gage who have joined for the coming Guild year.**

Please read the 2020-2021 Executive Reports [HERE](#).

**2020-2021 - Outgoing**

President – Scott Schau  
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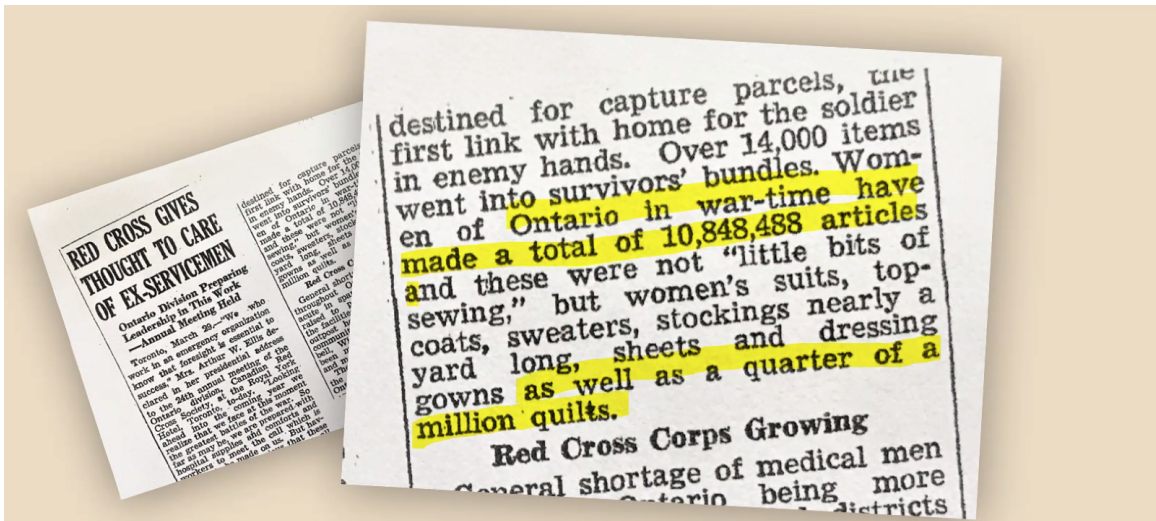
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Please contact Monica Bell if you are interested in one of the vacancies.

## May Meeting - Joanna Dermenjian

We had a very special presentation in May by quilt historian Joanna Dermenjian who spoke about the quilts made in WWII by Canadian women and were sent overseas.



***“Women of Ontario in war-time have made 10,848,488 articles... as well as a quarter of a million quilts.” 1944***

Canadian WWII Red Cross Quilts and the Women Who Made Them

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Quilt made in a Red Cross Work Room at the Guelph Reformatory c.1943

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Images from May RCQG meeting.



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We enjoyed  
*International Quilt Day!*  
Thanks for inviting us!

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our website.**



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## 2021 Summery Mystery Quilt - "Milady"



This summer's mystery quilt, called "Milady," was designed by Judy Eckhardt. Pat Gage and Leslie Buck helped Judy get this project out to you. For six weeks, beginning July 1st, clues will be sent to those who sign up. At the end of the project, the entire pattern will be given to the guild members, and the Guild will take ownership of the instructions to use as desired.

The pattern has been sized as a comfort quilt.

[CLICK HERE](#) to sign-up for the Summer 'Milady' Mystery Quilt  
[CLICK HERE](#) for the fabric requirements and more information

Stay tuned too for another summer offering by Scott Schau - a Japanese Yukata (casual summer kimono)

## Vintage Quilts into Clothing and Novelty Items

Have you heard about the trend of making "cutter quilts" (aka. damaged quilts that are beyond repair) into new items like clothes and pillows?

There was recently an article in the Toronto Star about Rebecca Caulford who upcycles old textiles into new clothes.

You can also follow FarmDownTheLane on Instagram to see the transformation of old quilts into all sorts of creations.



## CQA News and Events



*Online June 16 – 19, 2021*

Registration is open for the virtual Quilt Canada 2021.

CQA recently announced that all presentations will be recorded so even if you're not available for the live event, you can still participate.

See the full programme and register [here](#).



CQA has published their list of webinars for the rest of 2021 [here](#).



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## **RCQG Mission Statement**

The RCQG Executive has been working on a mission statement for the Guild. The following is the statement that has been approved by the Executive and will be voted upon by the membership at the June meeting. If you have any questions please get in touch with Monica Bell prior to the June Guild meeting.

### **Proposed RCQG Mission Statement:**

*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.*

## **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](#)

## 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.

### DUFFERIN PIECEMAKERS

June 21: Virtual Quilt Show

### YORK HERITAGE QUILTERS' GUILD

June 15: Jenni Smith: Quilting with Liberty Fabrics

### WATERLOO COUNTY QUILTERS' GUILD

Workshop: Saturday, June 19&26: Spinoff with Daisy Aschehoug

### OAKVILLE QUILTERS' GUILD

June 27: Rachel Miller, Professor at the Textiles Department, Craft & Design, Sheridan College

### GRAND QUILT GUILD

June 9: Jackie White

### MISSISSAUGA QUILT GUILD

### REGION OF YORK QUILTERS' GUILD

## Show and Share from May

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

[Show & Share Powerpoint](#)



"Sapphire" quilt (pattern found in Triangles On A Roll by It's Sew Emma), pieced by Bonnie Sands and quilted by Barbara Pye.

**RCQG 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.*

Advertise in the RCQG newsletter.

**Questions or comments about the newsletter?**

Email: [newsletter@royalcityquiltersguild.ca](mailto:newsletter@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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