



Kanata Quilt Guild

May Newsletter

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Meeting

THURSDAY, May 11, from 9:30 - 12:00
Glen Cairn United Church - 140 Abbeyhill Drive, Kanata
Guests Welcome \$5.00 admission
Next meeting - June 8, 2017

Programs

May 11	General Meeting/Michele Gagne - Recycle/reuse
June 8	Pot Luck/Garage Sale

April Draws

Show and Tell draw winner was Donna Sadler

Quilties draw winner was Sharon Belause

Monthly Raffle draw winners were Dorothy Wilson, Leslie Whitby, Carol Ann Guzzo, Claudette Cote and Lynn Price.

Block of the Month went to Pat Amundrud

Reminder to all

Church policy is NO drinks or food in the sanctuary. We encourage you to have your coffee/tea prior to the meeting.

Quotes from Pinterest

- My biggest fear is that when I die my husband will sell all my craft supplies for what I told him they cost.
- There should be an eighth day of the week called SEWDAY where all you do is sew all day long.

Program for May - Ann Louise

Recycle and Reuse, what a concept! Even in quilting we have to do it to help out Planet. I find that with all the fabric we have, someone has to come up with ideas to recycle. Our own Michele has a special twist in thinking the "reuse way", orphan blocks, group exchange to name a few. Come and check it out.

Shop of the Month

Quilters Barn and Gifts is a new addition to the Quilting community. They are located at 1087 Concession St. Russel, Ontario. They are open Tues-Sat from 9:30-5:00 and 8:00 pm Thursdays and closed Sundays and Mondays. Their goal is to inspire creativity and make memories. They will have a full schedule of workshops for the fall. You can follow on Facebook (Quilters Barn and Gifts). They carry Moda, Kaufman, Timeless Treasure, Kim Diehl Kansas Troubles and more. You can e-mail for more information quiltersbarnandgifts@email.com

What's New

- Membership is up from 120 to 170.
- New membership form now available
- Block of the month for **MAY** meeting is **cats/dogs**
- October retreat sign up at May, June meeting

Interview with an artist

Last month I forgot to introduce Beth Van Wyngaarden as the artist interviewed. Thanks Beth for agreeing to the interview.



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Special Raffles	Rose Hutchingame
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Photographer	Karine Chapleau

Sign In

Don't forget to sign in at the membership desk

Break

1. Sign up for workshops/sew days
2. Buy tickets for the draws
3. Socialize

Raffles

Raffles are held each month and consist of quilting and sewing related items, e.g. fat quarters, jelly rolls, thread, rulers and patterns. The money collected from these raffles helps supplement our program activities.

Featured Quilt/Artist

Each month we will feature a member's quilt in the header of the newsletter. This month the artist is Heidi Taylor. Send me a picture if you are interested in being featured. We are looking for themes - fall, Xmas, spring, etc.

Free Recycling Table

If you have any quilt-related materials- books, magazines, tools, UFOs that you no longer want/need but might interest a fellow quilter, bring them in and place them on the Recycle table. Anything left over at the end of the meeting will be donated to a non-profit organization.



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KQG Quilt Show – September 16, 2017 – *Beth van Wyngaarden*

We are busy planning our Guild Quilt Show for Sept 16th. What we are planning is that members will bring in their quilts at our September meeting on Sept 14th. The quilts will be stored in closed bins at Judy and Beth's home. Then the show will be two days later. You can pick up your quilts at the end of the show on Sept 16th.

We hope to have at least 100 quilts entered into the show. We would like the show to represent all our members and the projects you have been working on, including:

- quilts from beginner quilters to experienced quilters, bed quilts to wall hangings to quilted clothing to baby quilts and art quilts
- we would love everyone to bring in at least one quilt
- the quilts will not be judged but we are thinking of having a members choice award
- we will need lots of volunteers for the quilt show. Sign up will be at the May and June meetings and we will confirm with our volunteers at the start of September by email. Most of the volunteers positions will be white glove ladies whose primary job is to make sure the quilts are safe. Other volunteers are needed for set up and take down.

KQG Quilt Show – Member's Boutique – September 16, 2017 – *Sue Colbert*

- Be a part of our Quilt Show on September 16, 2017 by selling your quilts, crafts, quilt patterns, supplies, sewing machines and more in our Member's Boutique!
- Your items will need to be dropped off at the Glen Cairn United Church between 7:00 am - 8:30am the day of the quilt show. All unsold items must be picked up by 4:00 pm the day of the quilt show
- 10% of the sale price will go towards helping the Guild, so price your items accordingly.
- Quilts to be sold that are also in the show will have a tear off ticket identifying the owner's name and contact information and price. These will not be part of the boutique
- Guild members must indicate their interest to sell something in the boutique by the end of June meeting. If insufficient interest boutique will be closed.
- We are looking for Volunteers to help Sue Colbert in the boutique throughout the day as room monitor, selling items, cashier, set-up, take down. If you have items for the Boutique or if you can spare a couple of hours and would like to help please email Sue at colclan7@gmail.com.

Quilties Rita and Krista

We received 27 quilties at the meeting last month and gave out an (uncounted) pile of kits to members. This week we made a trip to hospital to drop some off. We delivered 100 quilties this month! We still have lots of kits from our last kit-making day, so feel free to drop by at the next two meetings and pick up a few to work on over the summer.



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Quilt Related Questions

Have a question/problem about quilting? We have lots of experts in our guild. E-mail me and I will try to find someone to help - joannebatchelor@royallepage.ca

Charity Quilts Update Leslie Whitby

We are nearly finished our charity quilts for the Ottawa Ronald McDonald House. So far, we have finished 28 quilts! If you are finishing up any more, please bring them to the May or June meetings. For the May meeting, I am going to bring and display the finished charity quilts so we can get some pictures of you and your quilt.

After Quilt Canada, we will arrange to make a presentation to the RMH and get some more pictures. Hope you have had fun with this project. For me, it is wonderful to see the work of our great members and marvel at the time they have dedicated to this venture.

We have already picked an easy but interesting pattern for next year, so start saving you 2 1/2 strips! We will reveal the pattern in September.

Days for Girls Marianne Gibson

- Thank you so much for your donations and help for the "Days For Girls" project. Your help has made this project so much easier. **Thank you.**

Sew Days Pauline Farey and Doris Braslins

Sew days are held at the Kanata Legion, 70 Hines Road, Kanata (Legion Phone 613 591- 5570). If you wish to plan ahead, please refer to the following sew day dates (**May 17th** and **June 22nd**) or on the website. There is a sign-up sheet at each guild meeting. There is a \$5.00 per sew day fee.

What you should bring:

- Your sewing machine and extension cord
- Your usual sewing supplies (3 large cutting mats and 3 irons/boards are supplied but you may wish to bring a small cutting mat for your own table)
- Your lunch and your coffee/tea mug (coffee & tea are provided by the Legion for 50 cents/cup). Tim Hortons is also close by on March Road.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Doris Braslins (dorisbraslins@bell.net or 613 592-5961 or 613 850-0114) or Pauline Farey (pfarey@rogers.com or 613-592-2522).



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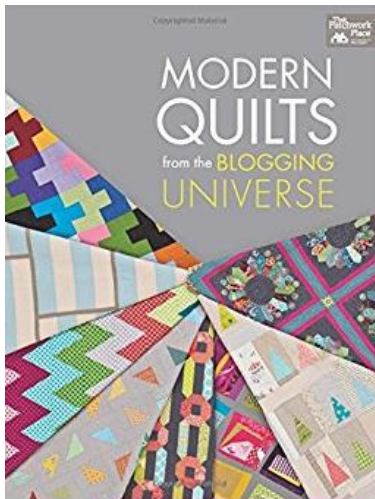
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Victoria Quilts - Joanne Batchelor

Message from Victoria Quilts Canada (VQC) - Thanks ever so much for the fabric donation and the quilt tops. We will be able to put most to good use with some being redirected to Dynes House.

They still need donations of quilting fabric except novelty or children's fabric to make up kits. Each month VQC makes and delivers about 540 quilts to people across Canada who are living with cancer, some 220 of these quilts are made in the NCR. Joanne Batchelor has offered to collect donations at the April meeting. Find her at the Recycle/Block of the month table.

Book Review Joanne Batchelor



Modern Quilts from the Blogging Universe - ISBN 978-1-60468-211-3

This book features 19 quilts designed by some of the most talented designers in the blogging universe.

Quilts have a modern aesthetics, with easy to following instructions.

Ideas such as negative space, purposeful imperfections, and improvisational piecing are played with.

Enjoy the featured bloggers' musings on modern quilting, their personal design process, and their blogs.

KQG Membership Form

If you would like to join our Guild or renew your membership, please complete the attached membership form for 2017-2018 (or download one from the website www.kanataquiltguild.com). The next KQG year begins on July 1, 2017. You have two choices for renewing your membership. You can complete this form and include it in an envelope along with your cheque and give it to Dianne or Ruth at the May or June meeting or bring it to the meeting in September. We are looking forward to keeping you as a member for the coming years.

Show and tell - Photos can be found on our website at <http://www.kanataquiltguild.com/show-and-tell/nggallery/slideshow>.



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Workshop Schedule

Big Bag No. 2



Michele Gagné

May 25, 10 to 3:30

\$25.00

Make a carrying bag (3 sizes available) using upholstery or denim fabric.

One or two orphan blocks can be used for the outside pockets. Finish it with wooden dowel handles. Join Michele for a fun day while learning her unusual sewing techniques and adding optional pockets.

No pattern to purchase - just wooden dowels to be pre-ordered before the workshop and paid to Michele on the day of the workshop for \$10.00 per pair.

Fabric requirements and cutting instructions will be provided upon registration.

- Registration for Michele Gagne's Bag has a few spots.
- **PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE** - Sherida Giddings workshop is now TUESDAY October 3/17 at the Kanata Legion - registration at the May meeting - cost is \$30.00 and there are 2 table runners to choose from.

Workshops with fibre artist Bethany Garner (Fibreworks in Kingston).

June 6 - fabric dying workshop - up to 6 yards to create multiple colours

June 20 - use dyed fabric and create a piece of art with Bethany's Design with Patchwork.

Prices are \$35 for each workshop, with kits of \$15 for patterns/instructions.

For more info llakeg@gmail.com

Block of the Month - Scrap Eater - For submission at the June 2017 meeting



This month's block couldn't be easier.

Use scraps of any size, any colour and just stitch them together. Cut the finished block to 9 ½" by 9 ½".

Here is the link to the tutorial on 'how to'.

<http://en.blog.spoonflower.com/2013/10/free-piecing-quilt-block-tutorial.html#comments>

If you have an idea for Block of the Month let me know.

Someone (can't remember who) told me that Richmond Guild had a themed block of the month similar to Row by Row. Let me know if this interests you.



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Interview with an artist This month, it is my privilege to interview Heidi Taylor.

How did you get started quilting?

I love arts and crafts of all sorts; really I can't get enough of them. My friend and I were out shopping one day and we thought it would be cool to learn how to quilt. Somehow we ended up at the Country Quilter in 1999. I took my first beginner class out there and loved it instantly. I have been quilting ever since; other arts and crafts certainly are secondary since that class in 1999. Before I knew it I was teaching classes and working in the store.

Who taught you to quilt?

Joyce LeGault, part owner of the Country Quilter at the time taught me my first class.

Have you ever taken quilting lessons from someone?

I have taken as many quilting courses as I possible could, though I was raising 4 children and homeschooling then. I'm a firm believer that you will always learn something from someone that is teaching you. If you come out of a class with just one new trick or method it is worth it. There is so much you can learn from the others in your class as well.

Do you have a blog?

Not as of yet but I am working on one. I'll let you know when I'm up and running.

How many quilts have you made?

A bizzilion. LOL

What do you like best about quilting?

I love falling in love with an idea then going to the store and finding all the pieces to put that project together.

Where do you quilt?

Right now I have a beautiful space to work with my own sewing room, but it has not always been so. I used to quilt in the basement, or on the dining room table, wherever I could find room. Then I'd have to clean it all up again. Those were the days.

What type of sewing machine do you use?

I sew with a Janome, but that is also fairly new to me. I did most all my quilting on my Kenmore my mom bought me when I was 16.



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How much time do you quilt a week?

Sometimes all the time, and then other times not enough. Deadlines and life dictate this far too much I fear.

What is the hardest thing about quilting?

I guess there is not just one hard thing, but there are a few things that hold me up because I don't like the process very much (like putting on binding and labels). I am sometimes intimidated by perfect points, or if a pattern seems complicated to me on my first reading of it. When I can break a pattern down into small bits it really helps, and when I still can't get it I definitely ask my quilting friends.

What kind of batting do you use?

I generally use a cotton blend of some sort. Right now it's 50%bamboo 50%cotton

What is your favourite type of quilt to make?

Oh that's easy the ones that make me happy. When the colours are just right and the quilt is coming together without too many problems, and it starts to become something on my design wall, those are the special ones.

What are you working on now?

A drunkards path using Shot Cottons, and a Tree of Life Quilt using Linen as my background.

Do you make up your own designs?

No I don't generally do that. There are so many creative people that make patterns, so far I'm happy to just use their patterns or ideas.

What piece of equipment or tool could you not live without?

Oh I love that we have advanced to rotary cutters.

How does your early work differ from what you are doing now?

I have definitely evolved to more modern quilting. I like that I have evolved, I started out with the standard traditional things and learned so much from that. The original blocks serve me well, they are used in all aspects of quilting and they carry on into modern as well. But having said that there are still soooo many traditional quilts that I need to make.

Where do you see yourself in five years?

I hope I see myself continuing to advance in this wonderful art, always trying new things, getting new ideas, and learning from those that inspire me. Those that inspire me are all over, new younger artists, older artists yet to find. New colours to explore oh the list is endless.



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What project/piece has given you the most satisfaction why?

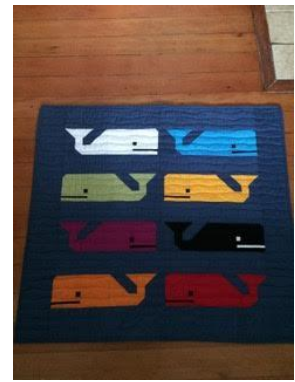
The pieces that give me the most satisfaction are the ones that are loved the most. An example of that would be my son who is in the military and has been posted a couple of times, when he was 10 I made him a quilt for his bed, he tells me now that he was sad by that gift (although I didn't know at the time) but now that his quilt has travelled with him to a number of war torn places, he asks me to "fix this one please mom". I tell him I will make him a new one, he always refuses. I've taken it apart to add new batting I've fixed it numerous times, and yet he tells me, please mom fix this one, it's going with me the next time. The quilt has just returned from another one of his travels, and has new holes in it. Again I say let me make you a new one. NO MOM he says, I'll just write on the back where it's been with him. It's made of plaid, and it was my second quilt I think that I made. I tied it too. The last time I fixed it I took all that apart and retied it because as he said "it needs to be like home".

Can you imagine life without your rotary cutter and self-healing mat?

I also love the different pins that I have picked up over the years, there are numbered pins, up and down pins, forked pins, daisy pins, and they all find a use in my various projects. All of them.

Do you give talks or run workshops or class's

I work and teach at Mad About Patchwork, you can check out our website to see the great things we have to offer





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Calendar of Events

- **May 12-14, 2017 - Festival of Quilts, Ottawa Ontario -**
<http://www.ottawavalleyquiltersguild.org/Festival-of-Quilts>
- **May 12-14, 2017 - Inspired Getaways Retreat (Almonte) - Cost \$330 (3 days, 2 nights all meals). \$50 deposit required to hold space -** <http://inspiredgetaways.ca/> Work on your own projects weekend with some fun stuff as well as demos, show and tell, secret gift exchange, prizes etc. For more information/sign up please contact Jen Swallow jen@happywifequilting.ca 613-257-9023 or Josée Speller joseespeller@me.com 519-939-9264
- **May 17, 2017 Program - Richmond Area Quilt Guild - Nina Stahlschmidt** (author of "Canadian Feed Bags) If you are a fan of 30s reproduction fabrics, this is a must see!
- **May 26-28, 2017 - Reflections from the 1000 Islands - 30th Anniversary Quilt Show, Brockville Memorial Civic Centre, Magedoma Drive, Brockville, Ontario**
<http://thousandislandsquiltersguild.com/>
- **June 14-16, Quilt Canada 2017, Toronto -** <http://www.canadianquilter.com/events/quilt-canada-2017.php>
- **July 16 - 28, 2017, Quilting by the Lake 2017 - Syracuse New York -**
<http://www.schweinfurthartcenter.org/qbl.cfm>
- **September 16, 2017 - Kanata Quilt Guild -** www.kanataquiltguild.com/

A full list of 2017 Ontario Quilt Shows (below) provided by Pauline Clarke is also posted on the website

2017 Quilt Show & Sale
Celebrating Our Canada
Reflections from the 1000 Islands

Friday, May 26 10:00am - 5:00pm Saturday, May 27 10:00am - 5:00pm Sunday, May 28 10:00am - 3:00pm

Admission \$8.00 • Free Parking • Buses Welcome

Quilt pattern by Anne Trevisani available at this event
Presented by
Thousand Islands Quilters' Guild
Brockville Memorial Civic Centre
Magedoma Drive, Brockville, Ontario
www.thousandislandsquiltersguild.com

Quilting Corners Guild Presents
Stitching Among Friends
June 10 & 11, 2017

Whimsical Quilt Garden
Piece ©Cathy Ferguson
Viewer's Choice Award Winner 2015, Donna Schmeda

Alliston Curling Rink, 52 Albert St. W, Alliston, ON

Admission \$6.00

Quilts, Wall Hangings, Quilted Apparel,
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Members, non-members and commercial businesses	Size	Price
	¼ page	\$10.00
	½ page	\$20.00
	Business Card	\$5.00

Please contact Lynn Price at treasurer@kanataquiltguild.com for more information about costs of advertising. Ads must be submitted before the 30th of the month.



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Newsletter Deadlines

All submissions must be received by the 1st of each month. E-mail to joannebatchelor@royalpage.ca

Membership

Membership fee is \$35. Membership benefits include monthly meetings, monthly newsletter, priority registration and preferential rate on sew days, workshops, retreats and special events. Download the 2017-18 Membership Form from our website and hand it in at our monthly meeting with payment.

Membership runs from September to August.

<http://www.kanataquiltguild.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/KQG-Membership-Form-2017-2018.pdf>