



Kanata Quilt Guild

Next Meeting

Thursday Sept. 11 @ 9:30 am - 11:30 am

Glen Cairn United Church

140 Abbeyhill Drive, Kanata, Ontario

KQG September 2025 Newsletter

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President's Message

Welcome to the Kanata Quilt Guild's Fifteenth Anniversary. This year, we will celebrate 15 years of friendship and quilting. We have a host of events already planned for the year and will unveil a few more over the year.

We are starting in September with our Activity Fair. Each of the volunteer leaders will display their activities in the Main Hall during the first hour of the guild meeting. You will have a chance to meet the leaders, ask questions, make suggestions and sign up for events. You will have a chance to meet your fellow quilters and catch up on the summer's events. You can bring a coffee or drink with you into the Hall while you visit.

Please note:

Submissions for next month's newsletter are due by September 26, 2025 at the latest. Thanks, Marilyn Fairfull

President's message continued

AT 10:30 am, we will retreat to the Sanctuary to hear our speaker, Krista Zaleski, and enjoy her wonderful quilts. We hope to see you there.

I would like to thank everyone for your contributions to the Quilts for Survivors Binding Challenge. We collected and donated over 93,000 inches of binding. It took a large suitcase and a huge bag to carry it into Quilt Canada! When we delivered it on Friday morning, we had made enough binding to finish over 360 quilts!. Next year, the challenge is to collect "orphan" blocks, so let's start our collections now.

I would also kindly ask our members not to wear any scents at our meetings, workshops or retreats. We have some members who have severe allergies and we want the guild to be a safe place for everyone.

Looking forward to seeing you again and enjoying a terrific guild year,

Leslie Whitby



Program this month



Welcome back to the Kanata Quilt Guild! We're thrilled to kick off another inspiring year filled with creativity, connection, and the joy of quilting. Whether you're a returning member or joining us for the first time, we look forward to sharing ideas, talents, and friendships throughout the season.

To start the year, we're hosting a fun and informative session that showcases everything the guild has to offer—followed by a captivating trunk show featuring **Krista Zaleski**.

Krista has been quilting for over 20 years and proudly describes herself as a devoted fan of **Bonnie Hunter's Mystery Quilts**. She'll share a trunk show and lead a discussion about her quilting journey, with a special focus on quilts designed by Bonnie Hunter (visit quiltville.com for more). Krista is also an expert in long-arm quilting, so this promises to be a presentation full of inspiration and insight!

✨ **Calling all Bonnie Hunter enthusiasts!** Bonnie's next mystery quilt kicks off this fall. If you've made one of her designs—finished or still in progress—we'd love for you to bring it to our September meeting for a special show and tell.

Looking forward to seeing you there,

Joanne



Membership

Welcome September. I am looking forward to our first meeting of 2025-2026 on September 11.

To date, we have approximately 140 new and returning members registered. HOWEVER, not everyone has paid their fee. Some have indicated a cheque, but it has not been received. The same applies for some e-transfers. Please take a minute to confirm that you have paid so that your membership is in good standing.

Several members have ordered name tags. I am hoping these will be ready for our first meeting.

Fiona

Fall Retreat

Kanata Quilt Guild's Out-of-Town Retreat will take place in beautiful Fort Coulonge, October 2–5. Four spaces have become available. Enjoy three or four days of camaraderie and uninterrupted quilting time in a relaxing setting. Reserve one of the last spots today and be part of the fun! If you are interested and want more information, please email us at KQGRetreat@gmail.com

Darlene and Linda

Fifty-Fifty Draw



We will be holding 50/50 Draws at all in-person meetings. Please bring your LOONIES and TOONIES! We hope to continue the draws at the virtual meetings.

Jo-Anne

Workshops 2025

We hope everyone had a great summer.

We have a great lineup of workshops for 2025-26. All these workshops have been requested by members.

- October 22, 2025** Big Bag Workshop with Johanne Vajda. There are three different sizes. Cost \$20
- November 18, 2025** Placemats with Lynn Price. These are Flip & Sew. Cost \$20
- March 25, 2026** One Block Wonder with Krista Zaleski. Cost \$50
- April 22, 2026** Scraps with Judy Emond. Cost \$10
- May 27, 2026** Stay Tuned

All fees are non refundable, but you can send someone in your place if you can't attend.

Workshops are held at the Kanata Legion
70 Hines Rd from 9:30 to 3pm

Please bring a coffee mug & a lunch. We do not have use of the kitchen so bring something that doesn't require refrigeration or reheating.

If you are unable to attend the Guild meetings to sign up for the workshops you may contact Judyemond@hotmail.com

Rita & Judy



Sew Days

From September to December Sew Days will be held at the Kanata Legion. Sew Day hours will be 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The doors will not be open until 9:15 a.m. in order to give us adequate time to safely set up the tables and chairs and other equipment. We look forward to seeing you there for sewing and friendship!

Sew Days - at the Kanata Legion

September 16 (Tuesday)

October 1 (Wednesday)

(No sew day in November)

December 2 (Tuesday)

Please wear a name tag, it's always nice to know who everyone is.



Note: Please do not use spray starch at sew days.

Virtual Sew Days

From the comfort of your sewing room, join the Guild sew day via Zoom! You can be sure of finding good conversation and fellowship. Added bonus: nothing to pack, nothing to carry! Just set up your computer in your sewing room. You can drop in and drop out whenever it's convenient, any time after 9 a.m. A notice will be sent out via email every month with the details of how to join in the fun.

September 25

October 30

November 27

Quilties

The Kanata Quilt Guild has been proud to provide baby quilts (quilties) to local hospitals. Elaine Bradley led this program very successfully for the past 5 years. Our guild would like to thank her for her dedication, time and efforts.

Nancy Maloney and Joan Armstrong have volunteered to take on the duties for the quilties program. We will do our best to keep this program active and successful.

We would like to thank the members who have generously donated their time and efforts to produce quilties for us in the past.

For new members who wish to participate in this program, we would be very happy to speak with you at our table at the monthly meetings.

Quilties should be 25" x 25" including the binding, with a baby theme (use your imagination).

You can use regular batting, but the backing must be flannel.

Also please do not over quilt. The quiltie must be soft and pliable for the baby. At this time we have some fabric and flannel available and can be picked up at our table however donations are always appreciated.

Happy quilting, we look forward to seeing your creative works.

Cheers, Nancy and Joan.



Show and Tell Reminder



Don't forget to bring your Show and Tell items to our in person meeting.

Remember your scraps

Please bring your discarded fabric scraps to the in person sew days to be recycled by Value Village. Please put them in a plastic bag and place them in the pink nylon basket.



Recycle Table

At each monthly meeting, members are invited to take advantage of our free Recycle Table—a vibrant hub for sharing and repurposing gently used items. Whether you're looking to donate or discover fabric, books, magazines, or quilting related items, the table offers a sustainable way to exchange materials that might otherwise go unused. It's a great opportunity to declutter, find inspiration for new projects, and connect with fellow members through the spirit of reuse. Contributions are always welcome, and everything on the table is free for members to browse and take home. We kindly ask that members take home any items they bring to donate that are not picked up by the end of the meeting. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Thanks Joanne

President's Challenge

Check back next month!

Round Robin

THE KANATA QUILT GROUP ROUND ROBIN

This is a round robin challenge that involves groups of six, each who add a row to a box that is passed around to each member of the group. The rows consist of blocks made in any quilting style - pieced, appliquéd, embroidered etc.

The “owner” selects a theme for her rows, fabric palette, sewing style and then puts those suggestions in a booklet with material (if desired). The length of the row will be determined by the owner but must not exceed 36 inches.

Lynn Price



'TIS THE SEWING SEASON

HOLIDAY SEW DAYS

When Wednesday, November 26 & Thursday November 27 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Where The Kanata Legion 70 Hines Road Kanata North

What A double sew day. BYOL (bring your own lunch) on Wednesday, a morning break, snacks, tea, coffee, tea and water will be provided. Lunch, a morning break and snacks will be available on Thursday.

How Set up your machine and supplies on Wednesday. Sew until 5:00 p.m. Leave you sewing area set up when you go home for supper to be ready to start again on Thursday morning.

Why Time to sew with friends to complete those holiday projects and surprises.

Cost \$40.00 per participant total for both days.



C Community Quilts



An impressive fifty five quilts were made last year with the help and dedication of so many of our members. Pam and Colette did an amazing job of co-ordinating it all and we certainly have big shoes to fill as we take on the task this year. Many thanks to them! We will continue to support Roger Neilson House, Ottawa Hospice, Kanata Blanket Brigade as well as reaching out to the Children's Aid Society, a woman's shelter and perhaps a few nursing homes. These organizations have varying needs as to size and fabric selection and we will provide you with those details soon. Some members find the larger size requirements difficult so this year we will be welcoming more lap sized quilts suitable for both young and old. We currently have twelve completed quilts of various sizes ready for donation. Roger Neilson House is not in need of any more quilts at this time but we will continue to support them with the flannel G tube pads and bibs. They were very appreciative. We will have flannel and the templates available at the September meeting.

The Maycourt Club was also very appreciative of our donation of small items for their Christmas Market and we'd very much like to continue supporting them. They do require that the items be delivered to them by the end of October in order to prepare for their November sale. A detailed request from them is in this newsletter. If you are not able to get anything ready on such short notice perhaps you may have some Christmas fabric that you are ready to part with. We'd be happy to take fabric donations at the Sept meeting and recycle it to other quilters!

We can provide you with quilt batting upon request. Thanks to our members we have quite an impressive supply of fabrics of all colours and sizes. Some are large enough for backings and we don't mind if you get creative and make a pieced backing. We will bring some available fabric to each meeting this year in the hopes that some will catch your eye and be made into a beautiful quilt. We will also have some curated packages that may interest you. We are currently working on compiling a list of websites that offer free patterns for scrap quilts. More news on that next month.

We will be set up at the Community Quilt table at the September meeting. Please do stop by to say hello, ask questions, get ideas, share ideas, take fabric, donate fabric (especially Christmas) or simply make new friends. We look forward to working with you this year!

Community Quilts continued

We anticipate that the Maycourt will again hold their Christmas market. They require that items be ready by the end of October. Suggestions for items to make are:

Placemats, table toppers, and runners

Gift bags (various sizes)

Potholders, oven mitts, and microwave bowl cozies

Aprons, fabric baskets, coasters, and mug rugs

Cushion covers, Christmas pillowcases, small baby or pet quilts

Jewelry pouches, Christmas stockings, banners, tree skirts, and ornaments

Unique items like stuffed animals, toys, and various bags

More details will be available in next month's newsletter.

Bev, Georgia and Marianne



Featherweight Club

Please join the Featherweight Club of the Kanata Quilt Guild at the September 16th Sew Day. The Club will meet at 1pm for a presentation on the buttonholer attachment and sharing of any tips, tricks or trials we've had with our Ladies! A row of tables will be reserved at Sew Day for the Club.

Membership in the Club is included in your KQG membership or for a daily fee of \$5. You do not need to own a Featherweight to participate...but you'll want one after you see them in action!

For more information please contact Linda at linda.hazel.meyer@gmail.com



What's Happening

Shops of the Month 2025-26

In the coming year, Kanata Quilt Guild will feature four local quilt shops during our in-person meetings. As much as we all know how easy it is to sit, point, click and pay, many quilters do prefer the “tactile” approach when choosing fabric, especially if it is for an extra-special project. The online shopping was a life-saver for many quilters during the COVID pandemic. Then our local shops re-engineered their selling tactics, put in place shipping options, on-demand pick-up and through our support, they were able to remain in business.

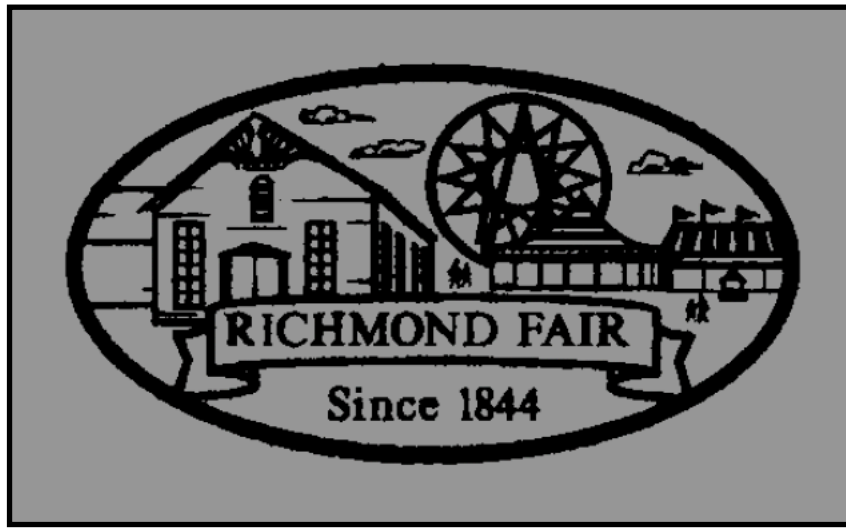
As a number of activities are being planned for some of the in-person meetings, the four shops-of-the-month have been interspersed throughout the year:

October 2025:	Paisleys Quilt Shop
November 2025:	Happy Wife Quilting
April 2026:	Mad About Patchwork
June 2026:	Maker Savvy (in-store)

Let's continue to support these, and other local quilt shops. They are great destinations anytime of the year.

Iwona Mooney





SEPTEMBER 18th – 21st, 2025

It's almost time for the Richmond Fair!

Please see the link below for information on how to enter your quilts. The quilt class is Class 90 near the end of the document. Please read the **quilt drop** off instructions at the beginning of the document and at the start of the quilt class as they are different from other **homecraft** entries. Drop off for Class 90 Quilts is **Monday Sept 15th 5:30 to 7:30 pm or Tuesday 16th, 7:30 am to 8:30 am.**

There are two special sections to note near the end of Class 90. To make an item to depict Canada Strong and one for this year's theme of pumpkins/fall/orange.

We are always looking for volunteers from Tuesday 16th to Sunday 21st, usually 3-4hr shifts and a great way to see the quilts up close, to meet new friends and to see how the fair functions with our volunteers. Let me know when you would be available!

Please call or email me if there are any questions.
alisonquilter69@gmail.com. 838 5347.

See you at the fair, Alison Tranter.



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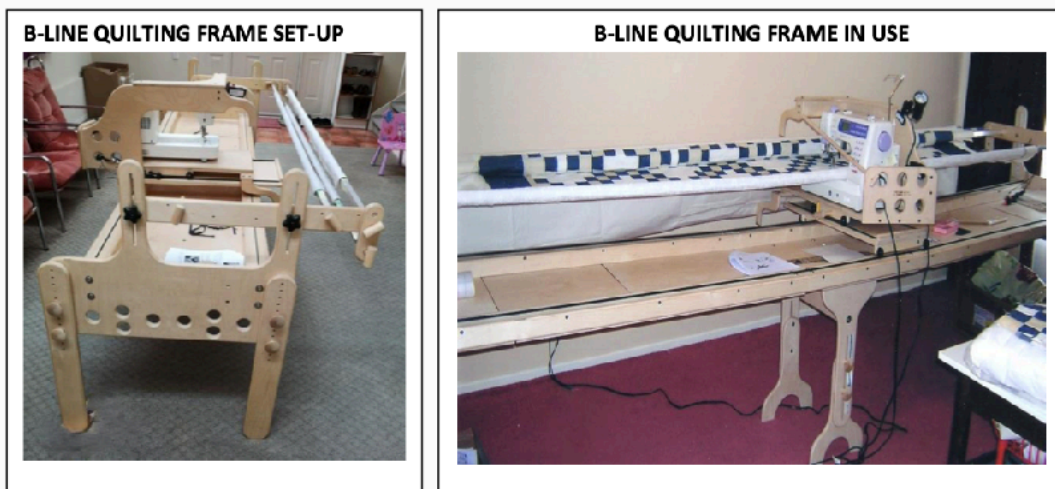
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