



Kanata Quilt Guild

Next Meeting

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

Glen Cairn United Church

140 Abbeyhill Drive, Kanata, Ontario

KQG December 2025 Newsletter

<https://www.kanataquiltguild.com>

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President's Message

I am writing to you from the nearly 1000 year old town of Bernkastel, Germany. We are on a river cruise from Prague to Paris just as the communities are setting up their Christmas Markets. We head to one tonight that is open already and we are excited to see the local crafts and sample the ambiance. It is so interesting being exposed to the different history, geography and culture, and so many values. And we share so much textile tradition. Inside these massive castles, one sees heavy, thick tapestries that keep out the cold and share the stories of history across the walls. I found one textile store, but it was closed! I have so many ideas for future quilts and I am trying to consolidate them into one or two meaningful memories.

Please note:

Submissions for next month's newsletter are due by December 28, 2025 at the latest. Thanks, Marilyn Fairfull

President's message continued

Last month, we heard about how stretched all the food banks are this year. So we are inviting you, if you are able, to bring a nonperishable food item with you to our next meeting and we will deliver them to the local food bank. And don't forget your 6 cookies so we can share them with our guild members.

It is a real pleasure to meet and talk to all the members of our guild and I hope you each feel the same way. We share information, we mentor each other, we teach and welcome new quilters, and we challenge each other.

I wish you a wonderful Christmas and Holiday season and a fulfilling New Year, full of quilting fun.

Leslie, Iwona, Darlene, Joanne, Brigid, Fiona, Nancy and Carole and all the volunteers.



Program this month

What an amazing presentation Michele put together at the last minute for our November meeting when our previous speaker canceled. I have received numerous comments from attendees who were very impressed with the content, and some of us have already started using the techniques demonstrated. Bernie's support in showcasing the quilts was also greatly appreciated.

Our December meeting is our holiday social! We will spend the first hour of our meeting, socializing with our colleagues in the church hall. We would ask each person to donate some non-perishable food for the food bank. As we all know, all the local food banks are facing a harsh reality to assist our local citizens this holiday season. Let's help them cover the need.

Then for the meeting, if each person could bring 6 cookies/cakes/cheese/fruits, then we can share some good eats together. We will donate the leftovers to workers at the food bank or a similar agency.

We will then enter the Sanctuary for our regular meeting.

We have volunteers from Quilts of Valour and Victoria's Quilts giving a brief overview of their respective organizations, the types of quilts they provide and who the recipients are, as well as quilt presentations. If anyone would like to donate quilts or fabric, please make a note of their specific requirements. These donations are really appreciated.

We will have a mini trunk show by some executive committee members. Hopefully others will be inspired to share some of their quilts.

This will be followed by show and tell, and the recycle table will be available!

We hope this season brings you joy, creativity, and plenty of time for your quilting projects.

Wishing you a happy, healthy, and peaceful holiday season.

Joanne and Leslie



Membership

Great attendance for our November meeting – 98 plus (includes 2 new members) and 6 guests. Our total membership is 183.

November's draw prizes for \$30 gift cards Happy Wife Quilting were won by John and Jean. Congratulations.

Thank you, Ann Williams for your company.

The membership list was sent out after the meeting. Thank you to those who sent updates to your information. A revised membership list will be sent in the new year.

Next meeting is December 11. See you then.

Fiona McMillin

Fifty-Fifty Draw



Congratulations to all our 50/50 winners so far. Please bring your LOONIES and TWONIES to the December meeting, this will be our last in person meeting before the winter Zoom meetings.

We are happy to announce we will continue the 50/50 during the winter months. If you wish to participate, please send an e-transfer to the guild at payments@kanataquiltguild.com .. the amount should be in increments of 1.00. You will have until 8:00 pm, the night before guild to get your e-transfer in. Please indicate in the notes which month you are buying tickets for, as you may wish to transfer for more than one month.

For those who prefer to come to guild without cash, you may start now for the December meeting. We will enter your name on tickets purchased.

Brigid and Jo-Anne

Workshops 2025

We had a lot of fun at our placemat workshop...
Most participants went home with at least two finished placemats...(picture below)

March 25, 2026...One Block Wonder with Krista Zalenski...cost \$50

April 22 changed to May 27, 2026

April 29, 2026...we are working on a Quilt As You Go workshop...more details in January

May 27, 2026...New date for Scrap Workshop...cost \$10

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

Thank you
Rita & Judy



Placemats made at last month's workshop



Upcoming One Block Wonder with Krista Zaleski
March 25, 2026

Workshop Survey

Thank you very much to the 110 members who responded to the workshop survey... here are the results:

Interested in participating in workshops - Yes 43 Maybe 64 No 3

Guild members seem to be interested in a variety of topics but prefer workshops that are **quilt related**

What fee is reasonable for a workshop? The average price was \$45 (74 members would be willing to pay more for a special instructor or a multi day workshop while 15 are unsure & 2 don't want to pay more).

Interest in non-quilting related workshops - out of 92 replies - Yes 20 No 49 Unsure 23
Painting & Crocheting had the most interest

Touch Quilt Workshop- out of 91 replies. - Yes 21 No 50 Unsure 20

More interested if friends outside guild could attend workshops - out of 88 replies -
Yes 21 No 37 Unsure 30

Interested in teaching - Yes 4

The following are some of the comments/questions made by members:

Would be willing to pay more if pattern or kit included.

Workshops should be subsidized by guild... teachers should be paid reasonably but cost to members should be minimal...all money raised should be used for the benefit of its members.

Current mix is good.

Appreciate planning and work that it takes to do workshops.

Always interested in learning something new.

Interested in a David Owen workshop.

Daytime workshops - no weekends.

Those not retired would like workshops held at accessible times - evenings or weekends.

Would it be possible to have two mini related topic workshops held on one day?

Interested in workshop with Sharon Galna from Quiltish Corner.

Interested in Zoom workshops.

Bonnie Hunter Mystery Quilt

It's never too late to jump on board the mystery! Bonnie released her first clue on Nov 21, and we'll see one weekly from here on out. If you have been debating whether to join, it's never too late! You can check out the details on Bonnie's blog at <https://quiltville.blogspot.com/p/lupine-laughter-mystery.html>.

It's never too late to get started (until February, when Bonnie takes the clues down) and you're never behind (because there's no deadline for finishing).

If you'd like to join the sew days, please email kristaquilts@outlook.com to get added to the list and receive the link for the zoom meeting. We are sewing on Nov 26, Dec 4, Dec 10, Dec 18, Dec 23, Dec 30, Jan 7, Jan 14 and Jan 21.

Krista



Kanata Quilt Guild – Refund Policy

Recently the guild has been faced with a number of refund requests for various reasons. We would like to confirm the approaches currently in place:

- Workshops are currently and will continue to be non-refundable. If you need to cancel, please contact the workshop coordinators to let them know you are withdrawing. If there is no wait list for the respective workshop and you find someone to replace you, please advise the workshop coordinators and arrange payment directly. If the guild has to cancel a workshop due to unforeseen circumstances, a refund or credit towards another workshop will be offered.
- Membership dues are non-refundable. There have been a number of instances where a member has paid twice. Please check your accounts to ensure you have paid your annual membership only once. In case of overpayment, please contact the Treasurer to discuss options.
- Refunds for out-of-town retreats remain at the discretion of the coordinators. Usually there is a pending wait list allowing the coordinators to replace a participant who has withdrawn.
- NEW: Spruceholme Inn now has established a 30-day notification deadline to provide participant numbers and dietary restrictions. Any refunds after this 30-day deadline will be handled on a case-by-case basis by the coordinators. All attempts will be made to replace a participant after the 30-day deadline from the waiting list, if there is one.

If you are unsure whether you have submitted payment for anything, please check your account information before submitting. It simply cuts down the time and effort required to do the processing, and electronic refunds take more time as all transactions require double verification. At this time, the guild will not be charging an administrative fee for any refunds.

Given the increased need for changes in financial accountability and transparency, a refund policy will be integrated into the upcoming review and update to the constitution.

Your attentiveness to this is much appreciated.

Iwona Mooney
V-President



Sew Days



Kanata Quilt Guild Sew Days 2025-2026

A summary of our upcoming Sew Days (In-Person and Virtual) is available for your reference. You will receive an email reminder a few days prior to each event.

In-Person Sew Days (Usually on the 3rd Wednesday of each month)	Virtual Sew Days (Usually on the 4th Thursday of each month)	Bonnie Hunter Virtual Sew Days (Weekly from December 4th to January 20th - days vary)
Tuesday, December 2nd	Thursday, December 18th	Thursday, December 4th
Wednesday, January 21st	Thursday, January 22nd	Wednesday, December 10th
Wednesday, February 18th	Thursday, February 26th	Wednesday, December 17th
Wednesday, March 18th	Thursday, March 26th	Tuesday, December 23rd
Wednesday, April 15th	Thursday, April 23rd	Tuesday, December 30th
Wednesday, May 20th	Thursday, May 28th	Wednesday, January 7th
Wednesday, June 17th	Thursday, June 25th	Wednesday, January 14th
Wednesday, July 15th		Tuesday, January 20th

Sew Days are held at the Kanata Legion from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The doors will open at 9:00 a.m. to set up the tables and chairs and other equipment. We look forward to seeing you there for sewing and friendship!

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.



Quilties

Our sincere thank you to our members who have generously donated their time and efforts to produce quilties for us for the month of November.

We received 51 beautiful quilties which we will be delivering to CHEO in the coming weeks.

Please remember to stop by our table and check out the donated fabric and flannel we have available for you and also we appreciate any new donations. Happy quilting and we look forward to seeing your new creations.

Cheers, Nancy and Joan

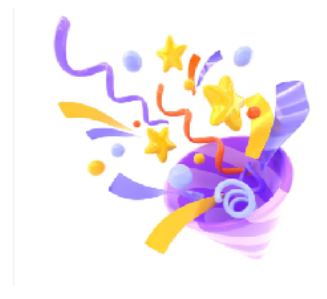


Show and Tell Reminder



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

President's Challenge



Let's Celebrate!

This is the 15th anniversary of the Kanata Quilt Guild! The subject of the Presidents challenge is Let's Celebrate. I invite all members to make a wall hanging to illustrate this subject. The wall hanging should be no larger than 25" on any side, maximum perimeter of 100 inches. The design, technique and colour are your choice. The quilts will be displayed at our June meeting and an award or 2 will be determined by a Viewer's Choice ballot. I hope you have fun with the challenge. Any questions, just let me know.

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

Round Robin

Remember to bring your box to exchange at the Guild meeting on **Thursday, December 11**. Lynn is unable to be at the meeting to help you trade so find the participant that you give your box to in the hall this month.



February Retreat

The February retreat will be held at the Legion Wednesday, the 25th and Thursday, the 26th. Watch for more information in the January newsletter.

Happy Holidays, Lynn

Quilts for Survivors

Many of our members participated last year in the QFS binding challenge. We donated over 19 miles of bindings. This year, I saw that QFS is seeking donations of orphan blocks. I think this is great as I have a lot of blocks to donate. Unfortunately, QFS does not have this challenge posted yet. On their website, they state that they look for orphan blocks so we can contribute them in any case. I end up with extra blocks as I make extras to try out colours or motifs, and then save the blocks “just in case”. So as you wander around your studio, keep an eye out for extra blocks that you can contribute. I’ll collect them on behalf of the guild and figure out how to donate them, depending on how many we have. Happy sewing for a good cause.

Leslie Whitby



C **ommunity Quilts**

Many thanks to those of you who stopped by our table last month! We were very pleased to have several fabric kits picked up and can't wait to see what you come up with in the months to come!

We received six lovely quilt tops and as of this month we have a total of nine quilt tops waiting to be quilted. We have been creatively piecing various fabrics for backings. We would like to encourage anyone with fabric looking for a new home, to think of donating it to our community quilts. Although large pieces are very appreciated we are happy to work with yardages of a meter or two. Also, we are currently looking for long arm quilters to volunteer their services to get these beautiful quilt tops finished. One of our dedicated long armers has had to step back this year and we are hoping there are a few of you out there who could help out in her absence. The guild supplies the backing, batting and quilt tops and we have volunteers to complete the quilt with binding.

Thanks again for your support in getting some beautiful quilts out to those in need in our community. Wishing you all a peaceful, healthy and happy holiday season!

Bev, Marianne, Georgia



What's Happening

Looking for donations for Quilts of Valour and Victoria's Quilts – December 11 meeting

Volunteers from Quilts of Valour and Victoria's Quilts which provide quilts for specific causes will give a brief overview of their respective organization's objectives, the types of quilts they provide and who the recipients are. If anyone would like to donate a quilt or quilt top at this meeting to either organization please take note of their respective specific requirements such as size, fabric, theme.

Quilts of Valour

(info as per Quilts of Valour website)

- Fabric should be new, high-quality 100% cotton, no repurposed fabrics such as shirts, jeans.
- Appropriate themes that would be appreciated by a Canadian Armed Forces members such as Canadian themes.
- Minimum size of 55" x 70" to a maximum of 72" x 84".
- Machine or hand quilted, not overly dense so as not to reduce the loft of the quilt.
- Tied or tufted quilts are not accepted.
- 100% cotton or 80/20 cotton/poly blend batting.
- Binding strips should be joined with diagonal seams, double-fold, attached by machine and finished either by machine or by hand.
- Please DO NOT WASH the completed quilt.

Victoria's Quilts

(Quilt specifications provided by VQ – Head Office)

- Fabric must be new, 100% cotton, pleasing to the eye.
- Size is 50" x 70" with a leeway of (+/- 2 in.)
- No specific themed fabrics such as Hallowe'en, skulls, snakes, insects, guns, knives, etc.
- No embellishments such as buttons, lace or non-cotton appliqué.
- Scrappy quilts may contain small pieces of themed fabric such as Christmas, children's fabrics.
- 100% cotton or 80/20 cotton/poly blend batting – please do not prewash.
- Flannel backing only, if pieced please press seams open.
- Machine or hand quilted, not overly dense so as not to reduce the loft of the quilt.
- Tied quilts will not be accepted.
- Binding strips should be joined using diagonal seams.
- Pre-wash fabrics to avoid colour-running, shrinkage, using scent-free detergent and no scented fabric softener or dryer sheets.

Kanata Quilt Guild has been donating suitable fabric to both these organizations from its free table initiative, whenever possible. Both organizations' success is due to the donations of fabric, batting and related supplies. Donated funds cover the costs of shipping and purchasing in bulk of batting and backing fabrics as needed. Thank you to all who can contribute

Iwona and Joanne

What's Happening continued



What is it?

Every day from December 1st to 9th, you'll get a free 8" FPP block that celebrates the magic of winter and all the things we love best about that time of year.

Who's in it?

The designers in this collaboration are Kristy from Quiet Play, Wendy the Weekend Quilter, Liza of Liza Taylor Handmade, Ingrid from Joe June and May, Irene from Sugaridoo, Joana from Thimbles and Needles, Kristin from Woolly Petals, Kristina from Center Street Quilts, and myself.

The mastermind behind it all is Kristy, and all emails will be coming from her.

How does it work?

Just pop your name on the [waitlist](#) to make sure you don't miss it, and we'll send you a new pattern directly to your inbox every day from December 1st to 9th. Sew along with us to make the blocks each day, or save them for a special project later.

To sign up go to:

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What's happening continued

Merry
Christmas

December food drive for Kanata Food Cupboard

As is our tradition, we will be gathering food and monetary donations for the Kanata Food Cupboard. Items should be unopened and current, if there's a best by date.

Some of the items that are requested are:

canned fruit and vegetables,
dried beans and lentils
Pasta sauce
bars

crackers,
Feminine hygiene products
Lunch snacks, like nut free granola

Should you wish to make a monetary donation directly and receive a tax receipt, please go to <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/kanata-food-cupboard/> , we will also have a jar for cash at the guild meeting.

Note that they are also raising money for their holiday program if you want to target the funds specifically.

If you would like to learn more about the Kanata Food Cupboard, their website is <https://www.kanatafoodcupboard.ca>



The Featherweight Club

The Featherweight Club will be meeting at the January Sew Day, Wednesday, January 21st at 1pm.

We will be making an apron using those amazing attachments. A vintage pattern is available along with several others or bring your own.

You will need approximately 2 m of fabric - or 2 x 1 m coordinating fabric.

Please contact me for details or questions at linda.hazel.meyer@gmail.com

~Linda



CQA Update

Quilt Canada will be held in Winnipeg, June 17 to 20, 2026. Keep up to date on events by signing up for their newsletter and visiting their website at canadianquilter.com . I am hoping that a number of you enter your quilts in the National Juried Show at Quilt Canada - all the details for entry is on the website. Registration for the NJS runs from January 5 to February 16.

CQA Guild Challenge

The Canadian Quilters Association (CQA) once again has their guild challenge for the 2026 Quilt Canada. Each guild can submit one quilt. To participate, you do not have to be a member, the guild is the member in this case. See the guidelines in the link below and get your quilt ready for the April 2026 meeting.

We will vote on our favourite and the winning quilt will be our entry. If you wish to participate and belong to more than one guild, your entry can only win once, but you can enter it with each of your guilds who are participating.

Brigid Whitnall will liaise with CQA to confirm our intent to participate. Please forward any questions you may have to Brigid at treasurer@kanataquiltguild.com

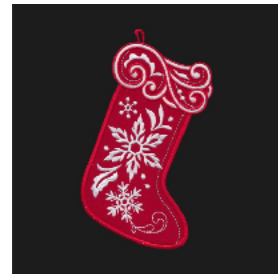
<https://canadianquilter.com/member-guild-challenge-what-canada-means-to-me-a-quilt-canada-2026-exhibit/>

Good luck everyone!

As part of our CQA Guild membership we receive the Canadian Quilter magazine. It will be on the free table in December. Please read, enjoy and bring it back to the free table so someone else can enjoy it the following month.

Brigid

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