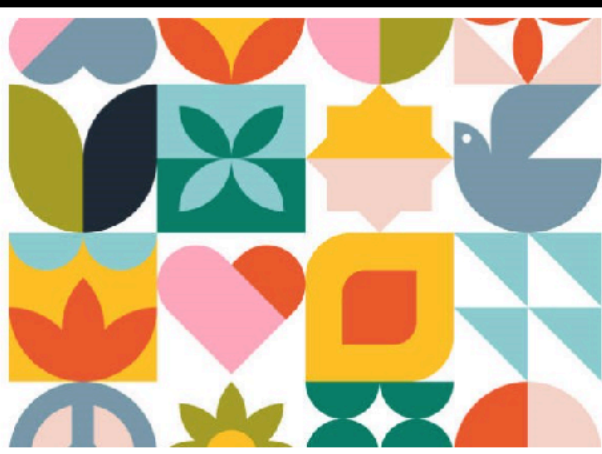


Kanata Quilt Guild



Next Meeting

Thursday Feb. 12 @ 9:30 am - 11:30 am

On Zoom - in the comfort of your home.

Emails containing the invitation link will be sent out prior to the day of the meeting.

KQG February 2026 Newsletter

<https://www.kanataquiltguild.com>



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President's Message

This has been a perfect month for quilting. The snow, ice, and cold have kept me cozy in my studio. I started to look at the piles of UFOs I have accumulated over the past few years. Mostly these were full quilts that I lost interest in, or found other interests that were more exciting. If I put these UFOs away, then they did not want to be done, and I could forget about them.

I am a fan of Clutterbug on YouTube. She is a very funny organizer based in London, Ontario, and she has an easy-to-follow routine for staying on top of your stuff, including your hobbies. If you are interested, look for her on YouTube and take her survey. She compiles people into 4 categories based on how we look and interact with things.

Please note:

Submissions for next month's newsletter are due **February 26, 2026** at the latest. Thanks, Marilyn Fairfull

President's message continued

I learned that I have to have items organized but visible. If I put something into a cupboard or plastic bin, then it is "out of sight, out of mind". Hence, so many UFOs. For other categories, they have to put things away and organize in small spaces like bins - seeing everything does not work for them. So I am working on reorganizing my studio so that I can see the projects that I want to finish soon. Literally, they are spread out on all the horizontal surfaces in my studio, and I cannot miss seeing them! Share your strategies for staying on top of your projects and supplies - we'll set up some Breakout Rooms on our February Zoom for you to share.

I hope you are working on your President's Challenge - Celebrate - and it will be ready to share at our June meeting. And on your own CQA entry for April. Maybe your quilt goes to Winnipeg for CQA!

If you have any suggestions for celebrating our 15th year, please forward them to me or any member of the Executive. We are starting to plan our June meeting and need your ideas.

I would also like to recognize the many members who are not well right now, and let you know that I appreciate your sharing your journey with me. I don't feel right sharing this info with the membership, but I am sure that they are sending their best wishes to all of you at this stressful time. Let's get through February together, and we can look forward to Spring and Summer right around the bend.

Sincerely,
Leslie and the Kanata Executive.



Program this month



This month I'm excited to have Judy Martin joining us.

A lifelong resident of Northern Ontario, Judy lives with the ever-changing view of sky and water on Manitoulin Island, in Great Lake Huron, Canada.

Canadian artist Judy Martin combines traditional hand stitch, local natural dyes and used domestic textiles to connect us poetically with our own interior worlds. Judy Martin holds two fine art degrees with a specialization in textiles.

In this illustrated lecture, Judy Martin will present a survey of the quilts and hand stitched textiles that she's made over her long career. She taught herself to hand-piece traditional quilts in the 70's and continues making bed quilts to this day. Along the way, she has also created sculptural installations of art textiles that evoke the immensity of our human spirit. Her personal life and creative process are connected in Judy's beloved lectures with quotes from the notebooks she keeps during her lifelong self-study of art.

Her large hand-stitched quilts have garnered many awards, notably several from Quilt National, the most prestigious exhibition in her field. For over 40 years, Martin has exhibited her work in Canada and internationally and is represented in many private and public collections, including the International Quilt Museum, Lincoln, Nebraska, USA and the Canada Council Art Bank.



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Wife and Man 2004



My Awakened Heart 2019



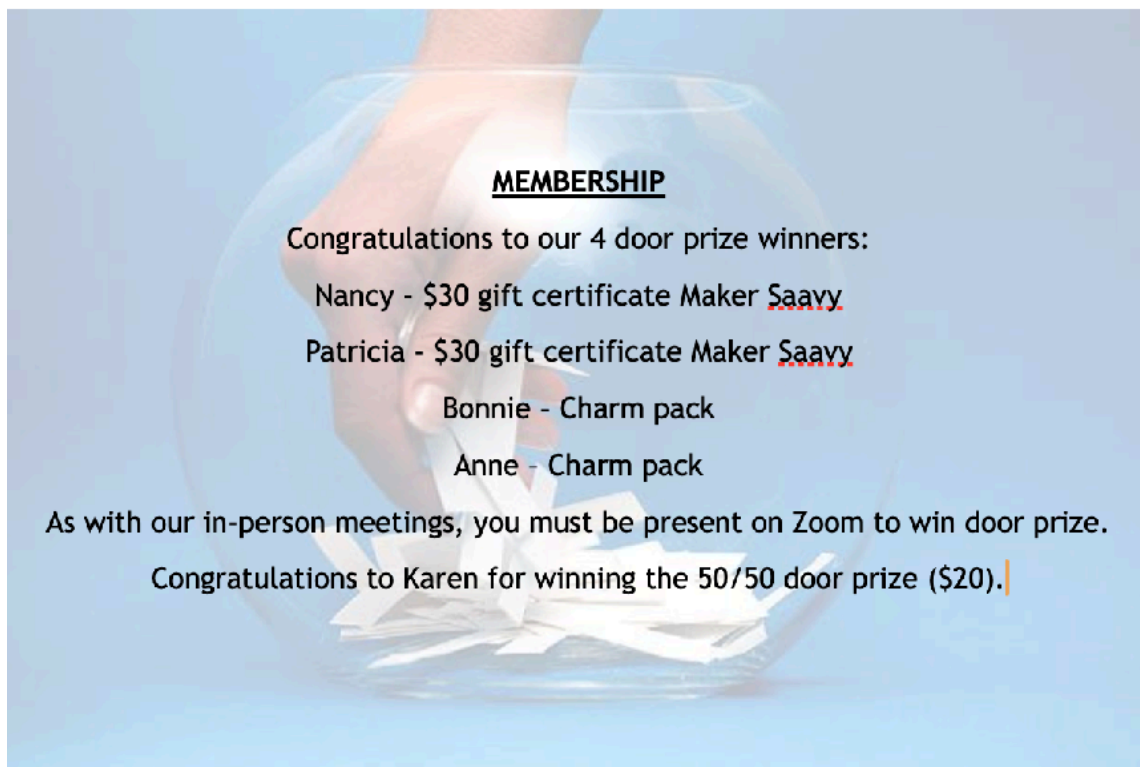
My Heart 2021

Judy's website is judithemartin.com

Judy's famous blog, Judy's Journal, turns twenty years old in March 2026.

Judy is on Instagram: , Facebook: , and Pinterest:

Membership



Fifty-Fifty Draw



Congratulations to all our 50/50 winners so far.

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.

Brigid and Jo-Anne

Workshops 2026

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

April 29, 2026... Quilt as You Go with Marie-Claire Charette. Cost is \$70.

Workshop runs from 10 to 4:30.

In this workshop, you will learn seven Quilt as You Go techniques, how to choose the best technique to achieve the results you want and how to adapt a regular pattern into QAYG.

At the end of this workshop, you will have made a sample of each of the techniques so you will have them for future reference.

You will not be making an actual quilt.

You should be able to use some of your scrap fabric to make these samples.

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.

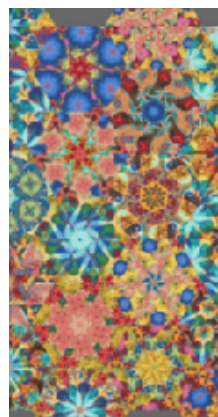
Workshops are held at the Kanata Legion

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.

Please contact judyemond@hotmail.com to sign up for the workshops.

Thank you
Rita & Judy



Upcoming One Block Wonder with Krista Zaleski
March 25, 2026

Show and Tell Reminder

If you have any Show and Tell for our meeting on February 12th, send your photos with a Subject Line of 'Show and Tell' to Blake at zoom@kanataquiltguild.com by **6:00 PM on Monday, February 9th** to give him an opportunity to put together a presentation for us.



Winter Boot Mix-up

When I was ready to leave the January Sew Day, I looked for my boots under the coat rack at the Legion and couldn't find them! So I took the closest match from the few pairs of boots that were left. I came home with short, black lace-up boots, size 6, "Canadiana" brand and a red label reading "3M Thinsulate". My boots were the same style, size 5 or 6, with a blue label. If you think you have mine, and I have yours, please contact me at smjoss@bell.net. Worst case, I can manage with these ones, they fit quite well.

Many thanks
Susan

Sew Days



Kanata Quilt Guild Sew Days 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)
Wednesday, February 18th	Thursday, February 26th
Wednesday, March 18th	Thursday, March 26th
Wednesday, April 15th	Thursday, April 23rd
Wednesday, May 20th	Thursday, May 28th
Wednesday, June 17th	Thursday, June 25th
Wednesday, July 15th	

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

One good thing about having such cold weather is that it encourages us to spend more time sewing.

On that note I would like to thank our Guild members who attended the January 21st Sew Day at the Kanata Legion and for the beautiful Quilties handed in at the end of the day.

We received 34 lovely Quilties in total from members who attended and from others who dropped in to give us their donations.

We would appreciate any donations of fabric, batting or flannel for backings.

Happy sewing,

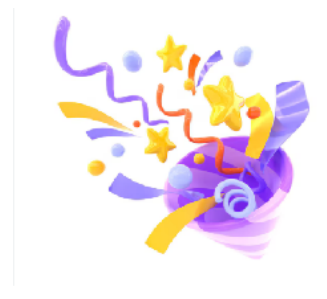
Please call if you need more information.

Nancy Maloney
613-858-9501.

Joan Armstrong
613-836-7243



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

Round Robin

Thanks to everyone who has made arrangements to transfer the December boxes to the next quilter in her group. Your next delivery can be made during the retreat at the Legion in Kanata during the in-town retreat on Wednesday, February 25 or Thursday, February 26. Please be in touch with the recipient of your box to make exchange plans.

Thanks, Lynn



Community Quilts

Keep sewing on these snowy days! We look forward to sharing some of the quilts when we meet again in person.

Bey, Marianne, Georgia



Don't let the weather dictate your plans. You can stay inside and quilt 'til spring - and beyond!

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



What's Happening - upcoming retreats!

February Fun Days

Kanata Quilt Guild Intown Retreat

When Wednesday, February 25 9:00 to 7:30, Thursday, February 26 9:00 to 3:30

Where The Kanata Legion 70 Hines Road Kanata North

What An Intown Retreat with snacks, lunch and supper on Wednesday, snacks and lunch on Thursday. All day coffee, tea and water.

How Set up your machine and supplies on Wednesday. Sew until supper and then continue into the evening. Leave you sewing area set up when you go home to your own bed, ready to start again on Thursday morning.

Why Time to sew with friends. Show and tell of your projects. Prizes and fun!

Cost \$90.00 per participant total for both days.

Registration Forms will be distributed in early January. These must be completed and submitted using the internet application. DO NOT PAY until asked to do so by the retreat co-ordinator – Lynn Price.



February In-town Retreat

There was a flurry of applications for the in-town retreat this winter! We have plans for 35 participants to join us the end of February.

See you then.

Lynn

Springs Retreat

Out-of-Town Quilting Retreat April 9-12, 2026

We are pleased to invite you to join us for fun, laughter, and lots of sewing time at The Kanata Quilt Guild spring retreat, April 9-12 at the Spruceholme Inn in Fort Coulonge, Quebec. Bring along new projects, old projects and projects half done. Spend a relaxing 3 night weekend where all you need to do is eat and sew.

What's included:

- A check-in time on Thursday after 3 pm, check-out on Sunday at 11 am.
- Access to the sewing room from check-in Thursday, all day Friday and Saturday, and until Noon on Sunday.
- Dinner on Thursday, all meals on Friday and Saturday, breakfast on Sunday.
- A silent auction
- Games with prizes
- One or two fun free workshops
- Show and tell
- Raffle ticket purchase for gift cards.
- Irons, ironing boards, heavy duty extension cords, cutting mats and rulers to share. No need to bring your own.

Participants will be responsible for providing sewing machines and accessories, quilt projects, sewing kits, extra lights, chair cushions, extra extension cords / power bars if desired.

This retreat is for current Kanata Quilt Guild members. If room is available, consideration will be given to non-members. There is a great deal of interest in this retreat, so please apply ASAP. **Note: Deadline to register is February 15, 2026.**

Once your registration is submitted, you will receive an email confirming your participation.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY PAYMENT until requested to do so.

There will be **no refunds after March 9, 2026.**

Cost:

\$430.00 per person for four days (Thursday - Sunday). three nights' accommodation, taxes, gratuity and activity fee. This is a per person cost not a per room cost. You are welcome to share rooms and, in some cases, you may have to share a bathroom.

REGISTER NOW On the KQG website.

What's Happening continued



So many fabrics, batting scraps – what to do?

A quilter's conundrum – what to do with all those scraps. We all save scraps for projects, some of which never seem to materialize into something concrete. The guild has one solution thanks to Colette Gentes who collects our scraps and delivers them to Value Village for further processing.

I would like to introduce you to Pat Davies, a member of Victoria's Quilts (VQC) in Ottawa, who offers another avenue to deal with flannel, batting, fabric and orphan blocks. She accepts the following:

- Flannel, minimum 3 in. wide. Pieces are recut to 6 ½ to 7 in wide or 9 1/2 to 10 in width. These are edge-serged (length 10 in to width of fabric or longer). These pieces go to Pat's "Days 4 Girls" group (www.days4girls.org) to be dyed and used to make washable menstrual liners for kits, distributed locally and around the world.
- Batting, minimum 3 in wide and larger pieces may be used to make items for sale for the Ottawa Humane Society (OHS) Auxiliary. Proceeds support the animals and vet clinics. Small pieces may be cut up for stuffing for dog and cat beds, stuffed toys for sale. Other fabric may also be used to make sales items for the OHS
- Batting over 5 ½ in wide may go to a group in London, Ontario that makes pads for baby incubators and crib quilts for the local hospital.
- Some fabric may be passed on to a local group that teaches sewing, as well as other groups for their community-oriented projects.

KQG makes donations to local Victoria's Quilts and Quilts of Valour groups through its free table initiative coordinated by Joanne Batchelor. Pat, as a member of VQC, also distributes donated fabric and makes quilt tops.

If you wish to de-stash those scraps, consider donating them to Pat. You can deliver them to Pat's home at 2125 Strathmere Blvd. Ottawa, south of Carlingwood Mall. There is a screened in room, place bags against the house wall, out of the rain/snow zone and please do not block the doors.

Whether we use our own scraps or donate them to a worthy cause, in today's climate of sustainability on all fronts, using up as much of our stash of scraps is a good thing.

Iwona Mooney

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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