

DRESDEN DISPATCH

The official newsletter of the Brampton Quilters' Guild



FROM THE PRESIDENT

JANICE LYONS

It's a bright, sunny, mild February day as I am writing this. The days have been getting longer, and believe it or not, the walking group that my husband belongs to, saw a flock of robins on the Etobicoke Creek Trail on one of their walks last week! Mother Nature is showing us that better days are ahead.

I enjoyed our guest speaker Michael Smith's presentation last evening. Interesting to hear about his quilting journey and his enthusiasm and love of quilting. As he said, he loves quilting because there is so much to learn! How true. I've been quilting for almost 30 years and I am still enjoying trying new techniques and methods. There is always something new.

As Sunny announced last night, Saturday, March 20th is International Quilting Day. We will be providing details

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Meetings of the Brampton Quilters' Guild are held on the fourth Thursday of every month at Jim Archdekin Recreation Centre

The next meeting date will be:

March 25

7:30 - 9:30 pm.

(Due to covid-19 this will be a virtual meeting)

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Next newsletter deadline:

April 2nd

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to you soon on our “Virtual Sew-Along” to celebrate the day. Stay tuned. And don’t forget to display your quilts on Mar. 20th (outdoors if possible, or in your windows if not) to show our community our love of quilts!

Don’t forget to sign up for the just announced free Block of the Month (contact Sandra Gilmer) if you haven’t yet done so. And I hope that you are working on your MTM Challenge piece! Both of these projects will be revealed at our June meeting.

As always, if you have any suggestions or comments, please let us know. This is your guild.

Take care,
Janice



Past President

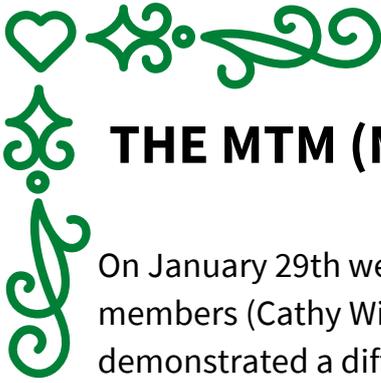
CATHY WILLOUGHBY

It’s time to start thinking about how you can contribute to the Guild. After an unusual year of Zoom meetings, several members will be leaving the Executive. Janice Lyons has done an admirable job in her second stint as President but is ready to step down again. Carolyn Den Engelsman will be leaving the Recording Secretary position. And we still need to fill the following positions – Archivist, Funding, Photographer, Publicity and Social Media.

If you are interested in any of these positions please contact me at 905-457-4508 or cathyquilts1@rogers.com.



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THE MTM (Members Teaching Members) Challenge

On January 29th we were treated to presentations by 3 of our guild members (Cathy Willoughby, Fran Caldwell and Janice Lyons). They each demonstrated a different quilting technique.

Fran showed us how to sew the Delectable Mountains quilt block.

Cathy showed how to sew Skinny Strips.

Janice showed us a technique for machine applique.

Your challenge is to use one, two, or all three of these techniques in a project of your choice.

PRIZES - There will be one name drawn from each of 3 prize categories –
Prize category #1 – entries that used just one of the techniques (lowest prize value)
Prize category #2 – entries that used two of the techniques (middle prize value)
Prize category #3 – entries that used all three of the techniques (highest prize value).
This level obviously has the highest degree of difficulty.

There are no size requirements for this challenge, but the entry must be completely finished (quilted and finished). You could make a placemat, table runner, wall hanging, full sized quilt -whatever you like.

You must explain how you used the technique(s) in your entry when you submit the photo of your project.

The entries will be shown (virtually) at our June AGM meeting (Thursday, June 24th, 2021) and prizes will be drawn at the meeting.

So get your thinking caps on and start creating!

(p.s. I'm sure that if you have any questions about the techniques that Cathy, Fran & Janice demonstrated they would be happy to answer them).

If you have any questions regarding the challenge itself, please don't hesitate to contact me (Janice Lyons, jan@bllift.ca). I'd love to see everyone give this challenge a try. Jus hhave fun!



Community Projects

NORMA SWITZER

Our second Sew-Along was held on February 10th. All members are invited to join the next Zoom meeting March 10th from 10:00 am to 12 Noon. Eleven members joined our February meeting. It is nice to keep in touch with everyone and see what they are sewing for Community Projects. We had a donation of fabric suitable for tote bags. Sunny offered to cut out kits and then many members offered to sew. I was delighted to see how members offered to deliver kits, sew kits and many have finished their kits. Thanks to all who participated. Please Join us March 10th.

Linda Pierce's Mom, Rita has been sewing up a storm. I sent over a bin of squares. I wasn't sure what could be done with all the mismatched squares, but Rita turned it into a Senior Lap Quilt Top. Thanks Rita. (see attached) I have had calls from Members who have to turn in their finished works. You can drop them off to Janice Lyons, Carol Leckie or Edie Petruzeika. I have been under the weather for a week or so and was not able to get out to do the pick up.

In last month's Dresden Dispatch the 9 Patch Quilt was featured. This month, the Memory Star Quilt is our focus. The Memory Quilts are donated to the Labour and Delivery unit at Brampton Civic Hospital. They are given to parents of stillborns and the 9 Patch Quilts are used for the premature babies to cover the isolettes. Then given to parents to take home. Members of the Brampton Quilters Guild has always taken pride in making the Memory Quilts and donating them to the Hospital. I have seen what Members have made and I marvel at the beautiful work that goes into their construction. If you can continue to sew these items please do so.



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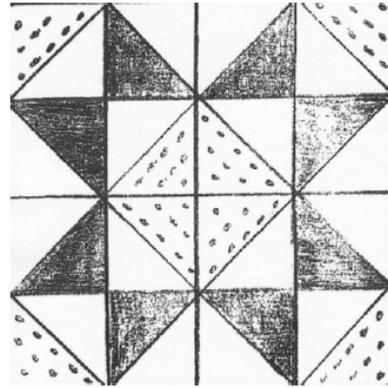
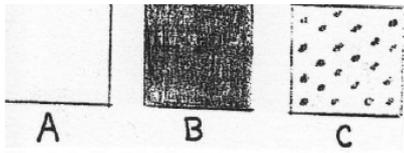


BQG Community Projects - Memory Quilt Instructions

Memory Star Pattern

Memory Star Quilt Size:

Finished size 26" x 26"



Kit includes:

- 8 – 7.5 " squares of background fabric (A)
- 4 – 7.5 " squares of star fabric (B)
- 4 – 7.5 " squares of complimentary fabric (C)
- Flannel backing. **No batting is required when there is a flannel backing.**
- Quilt label – Donated by the Brampton Quilters' Guild Inc.

Assembly:

1. Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the eight background squares (fabric A).
2. With the right sides together, place 4 background squares on top of 4 fabric B squares. Repeat with the remaining background squares on top of the 4 fabric C squares.
3. Sew a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " on both sides of the diagonal line.
4. Cut the unit in two on the diagonal line drawn as the guide. Press seam to the dark fabric.
5. Trim square to 7" lining up the seam on the 45 degree line on the ruler.
6. Arrange squares as shown in the diagram and sew together.
7. Place flannel backing right side up. Place quilt top on backing with right sides together. Sew around all 4 sides leaving a 6 " opening.
8. Turn right side out and top stitch all around the outside edge.
9. To finish the quilt, stitch in the ditch or quilt as desired.

Quilt Completion.

1. **SEW** the label on the **front of the quilt, bottom right corner.**
2. Bring your finished quilt to a guild meeting with the plastic bag that has the quilt number and any leftover fabric.

If you have any questions or require assistance, please call Edie at 905-846-2505.

**Memory quilts are donated to the Labour and Delivery Bereavement Program
at the Brampton Civic Hospital.**

Programmes

SANDRA GILMER

Our meetings for the rest of this guild year will be held via Zoom. Thank you for joining us virtually this year as we explore and utilize new technology.

March - June, 2021

State of Emergency Sampler Quiltalong

Would you like to participate in a novel Quiltalong program this Spring?

I announced a new Quiltalong program – called the State of Emergency Sampler Quiltalong at our February 25th General Meeting (held on Zoom). This program was designed by Nita Collins of Shuswap, B.C. and offered to her own guild members as a way to stay connected during the many months of shutdown/lockdown/physical distancing etc. last Spring. She then offered the Quiltalong to Facebook group members for free and I requested the blocks from her. I think the impetus for a quilt along of this type still makes sense as we continue to navigate COVID isolation in 2021. The quilt is designed to be scrappy and can be completed even by a beginner. A great way to keep quilt members motivated and also use up your scraps. If you want to make the background consistent for all the blocks, you will need about 1.5 Metres of fabric.

I will take registrations after the Quiltalong detailed reveal at the February 25th general meeting. I even received 3 “registrations” after our February Dresden Despatch teaser. There are 19 blocks in total. I will send out 2 blocks per week via email starting on March 1, 2021. It is not too late for you to participate and to catch up. The final blocks and the finishing instructions will be sent out the week of May 3, 2021. If you are interested in participating please let me know via email: Sandra.gilmer@sympatico.ca. Please add STATEOF THE ART EMERGENCY SAMPLER in the Subject line so that I don't miss your email. Completion and Reveal is at our June 24, 2021 final meeting of this year.



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March 25, 2021

Dawn Piasta – from Dewpoint Arts in Manitoba

Dawn will join us via Zoom and give us a trunk show entitled – A-la-Mode. It will be a 50-60 minute presentation and will include live, pre-recorded content, videos and close-up images of her quilts. You will get it all! She will also answer any questions you may have after her presentation.

If you'd like a preview of her work you can see and hear all about her quilting journey at her website:
www.dewpointarts.com.



April 22, 2021

Karen Brown – Just Get it Done Quilts

Karen's lecture will be - Be the Best Quilter You Can Be. Karen has been quilting for over 15 years. She decided to join the Toronto Modern Quilt Guild as she realized her quilts were more modern. She started learning how to film and edit when she volunteered to make a video for her guild's block lotto challenge. She now has a website and a YouTube channel – Just Get it Done Quilts. You can connect with her at:
www.justgetitdonequilts.com. She has lots of YouTube videos as well as tips and techniques to share so search for her there too.

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May 27, 2021

Valerie Prideaux Trunk Show – the humble tumbler block series

Valerie is probably best known as the person who started and ran Quilts at the Creek for 8 years, but she also loves to play with fabric. In her presentation to the guild she will show you her explorations of a single shape – the humble tumbler block. The range of designs that emerge by hanging arrangements and playing with colour will impress and inspire you.

Valerie is posting a quilt a day for 30 days.....<https://www.instagram.com/crayonpatch> or just search for Valerie Prideaux. Her website address is: <https://cozyfunkycool.com>



June 24, 2021

AGM and Elections

Dependent on the COVID-19 status and our ability to meet in person - Grantham Books will also be joining us for a sale of quilt and craft books. They have been a staple at the Creative Festival in the past and I have purchased a number of my own personal books at great prices from their selection. A great resource for many different craft books at reasonable prices. They offer the Guild a 20% discount for books purchased for our own lending library. As we currently can't get into our storage cupboard at Jim Archdekin Recreation Centre, we unfortunately can't give anyone access to our extensive library.

Workshops

LINDA PIERCE AND CAROL LECKIE

These are the planned and confirmed Saturday BQG workshops. Please email Linda Pierce if you plan to attendlinda@pierce.team.....

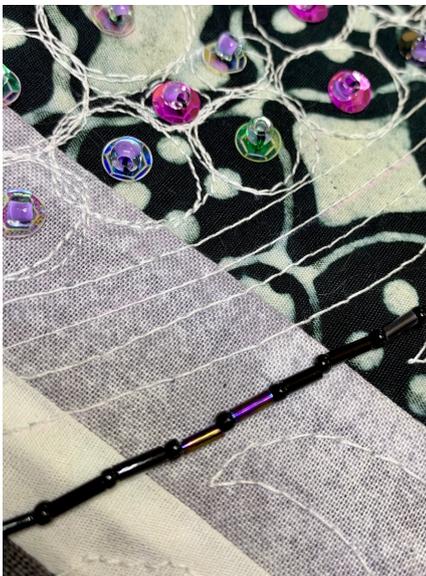
March 27 **Manx Blocks with Sunny Knowles; \$15; 1:00-4:00**

April 24 TBA

May 22 TBA

June 26 TBA

The virtual zoom beading workshop on Saturday was well attended. The instructor Sandra Gilmer covered all the basics on how to add beads to your quilt. Sandra had a very informative power point, and live beading demonstrations. The 130 page PDF of her beading presentation was emailed to all. A virtual bead a long.



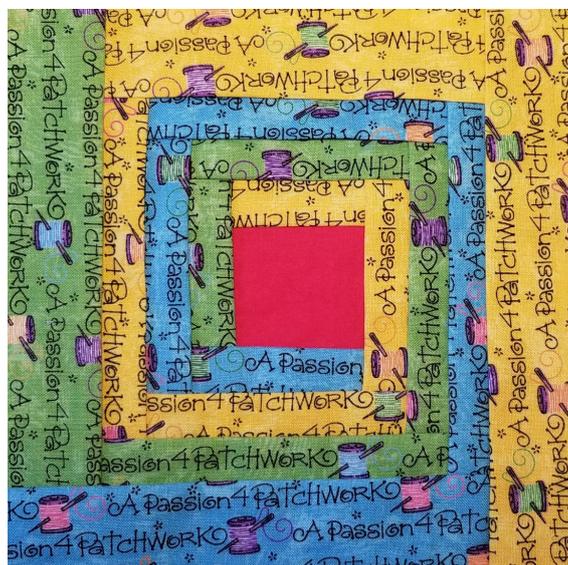
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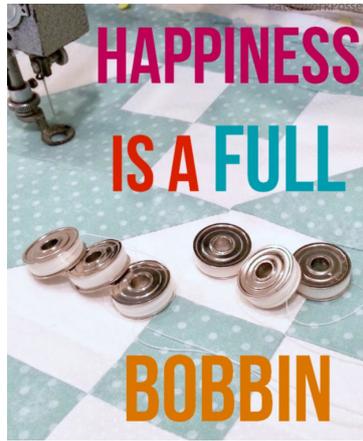
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Manx Block - March 27; 1:00-4:00

Never heard of the Manx block? Heard of it but unsure how it is made? Then this is the workshop for you. Learn about the history behind the block and how it came to be. You will be guided through the piecing of at least one block. The supplies necessary for this workshop include a sewing needle and thread, fabric scraps* and a sharp kitchen knife. That is right - no sewing machine, no rulers, no rotary cutters, no scissors! You will learn the traditional methods of making this block.

*The block requires an approximately 10" square backing fabric, and strips that are approximately 2" wide and range in length from about 3" to 9". DO NOT CUT ANY FABRIC BEFORE THE WORKSHOP. These measurements are just to let you know what size scraps to collect together. There is no batting required.





Upcoming Quilt Shows & Events

Please note that the information on the following shows has been verified as of the end of February. You will see that some organizations are already announcing their event has been moved to 2022. Since last month, Etobicoke Guild has moved their show back yet another year. I'm sure many others will also be selecting new dates over the coming months. Please check their social media before heading out to a show.

Changes from the last newsletter are noted in red.

Etobicoke Quilt Fever; **2023**

Orillia Quilt Sale; April 24, 2021

Oakville Quilted Expressions; April 29 - May 2, 2021

Chatham-Kent Stitches in Bloom Quilt Show; May 14-15, 2021

Mississauga Quilts; May 14-15, 2021

Thousand Islands Quilters' Guild; 2022

Pine Tree Quilters Guild of Muskoka, May 28-29, 2021

Quilted Treasures 2021 Quilt Show; Lindsay Guild; May 2022

A feast for the Eye Quilt Show; Sarnia Guild; June 4-5, 2021

Quilt Canada; June 16-19, 2021; will be a virtual event - details to come

Prince Edward County Quilt Show; July 9-10, 2022

York Heritage Quilters' Guild; November 12-13, 2021

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Here is another online quilt show you can explore.

At the 2009 Houston International Quilt Festival an exhibition was held by the Russian Quilters Association. Be sure to read the description provided by each quilter. They provide some interesting insights into their creative process.

https://youtu.be/xmDnuQu8U_Q

