

# Oxford Quilters Guild *disPatch*

## May/June, 2021



### President's Message

Hello Quilters

I hope everyone is enjoying our nice spring weather. It is hard for me to believe, but this is my last message to everyone. My 2-year term will be ending in June. Time has passed by in almost a blink of the eye and I have enjoyed all of the challenges. Even though it has been a different year, we have still been able to stay connected because we have been willing to learn a new technology. 2 years ago, I did not even know what Zoom was, but the guild's executive has worked together to carry on. We have been able to bring in guest speakers that during a normal year, we would never have been able to afford. I would like to thank the Executive and the Program Committee for their hard work.

A huge thank you goes out to all the members that have been willing to learn Zoom. We have proven that age does not limit our ability to learn. I know there are many that would have liked to stayed connected, but their internet provider was just not fast enough, and to those member's I'm sorry that we have not been able to connect.

I would like to welcome our new Facebook Admin. Teresa Scherle has agreed to take on this role. A huge thank you to Linda White and Cathy McKenna for all they have done over the years with our Facebook page. They both might be stepping down, but I'm sure we can always call on them for their expertise in the future.

We now just have 1 vacant spot on the guild executive.....we need a Vice-President. If you are thinking about this role, but would like more information email me at [marion.kramer55@gmail.com](mailto:marion.kramer55@gmail.com) and we can talk.

At the next meeting I will be drawing the winner of this year's Show and Share. Send in your photos to Leslie and your name will be added before the draw. So far there are 58 entries, good luck to everyone.

Till the meeting

Stay safe and Happy Quilting

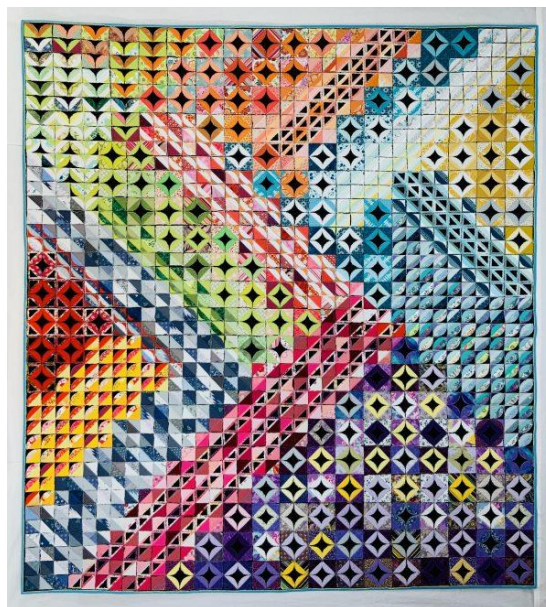
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### Program



Thursday, May 6 – 7:00 **Peter Byrne**

Peter is a modern quilter from Toronto. He belongs to both the Toronto Modern Quilt Guild and the York Heritage Quilt Guild. He has a deep passion for innovation and design creating a fresh approach to quilting with original designs and technical mastery. He began quilting in 2017 and by 2020 he won Best Machine Quilting Frameless at QuiltCon (American Modern Quilting Convention). We will all enjoy Peter's unique talents.



Thursday, June 3 – 7:00 **Surprise**

The Program Committee was planning an outdoor get together for our June meeting. With the present COVID restrictions we are not sure this will be possible. We are busy looking for an interesting program that will meet the COVID guidelines. Look for an announcement at the May meeting.

**Quilt Canada 2021** Online June 16-19

Quilt Canada is Canada's annual national quilt convention and this year it is totally virtual. To see all the spectacular quilts, you can join one of several tours of the juried show. There are many webinars available from quilt artist such as Sharon Fisher, Sue Sherman, Rose Parr, Anna Maria Horner, Elizabeth Decroos, Valerie Wilson, Mary Elizabeth Kinch, Gloria Loughman, Olesya Lebedenko, Janet Barker, Sandy Simmelink, and Peter Byrne. Twelve webinars are available and all sessions are very reasonably priced. Check out Quilt Canada's website for all the information about the convention.



## Your 2020/20201 Executive

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## News from ICAC

Everyone was very disappointed that the Member's Show had to be cancelled for a second year, but it was felt that this was the right decision at this time. If you would still like to showcase your pieces you can share them on #talentedtuesdays. Just email a photo of your work, along with your name to [ingersollcreativearts@gmail.com](mailto:ingersollcreativearts@gmail.com). Every Tuesday one artist will be posted on the Centre's Facebook and Instagram pages.

The Member's Show is also a time when you are able to sell your work, so this might be the perfect time to have your work in the Centre's Gift Shop.

The Gift Shop is undergoing a Spring cleaning and the Centre has a call out to all members to bring in their Spring inventory. For more information and to arrange a porch drop off, email [ingersollcreativearts@gmail.com](mailto:ingersollcreativearts@gmail.com)

You are now able to follow the Centre on Pinterest for ideas, tips and tutorials. If you would like to share an idea or create a tutorial to share on our Pinterest page, please send an email to [ingersollcreativearts@gmail.com](mailto:ingersollcreativearts@gmail.com)

The building will be getting some much needed maintenance. The large window in the Fab room is being replaced, along with the smaller window by the entry door. Time and weather have taken a toll on the wood around both. The whole building is also going to be freshened up with a power wash, cracks filled and a coat of oil-based stain.

## Exciting News!!

Each year, the ICAC names one of its members for the Newell Award, in recognition of their volunteer contributions to the ongoing success of the Centre. We are pleased to announce that the 2021 Newell award winner is our OQG President **MARION KRAMER**. Congratulations Marion! We are very grateful for the outstanding leadership you have given us, while navigating the challenges of the COVID 19 pandemic, this year, but we also know that you have been a ready volunteer in the past, serving on the ICAC Board, heading up the Pieces of Magic Quilt Show, organizing the tickets for the raffle quilts, among other things. Thank you for all that you have done for us and for our Centre, Marion!



Presentation of the Newell Award is usually made at the opening of the Members Exhibition. Since that exhibition has been cancelled, please check the Friendly Friday notices from the Centre, to see when the presentation will take place and mark it on your calendar. Let's come out and celebrate this special day for Marion!!

### **Canadian Quilters' Association - Suzy-Q Youth Challenge - 2021**

Britt Rombout is a 15 year old quilt enthusiast, who grew up coming to the Arts Centre with her Mom, Ineke, a potter. I approached her to see if she would like to participate in the CQA Suzy-Q Youth Challenge with the theme BFF ( Best Friends Forever) and she jumped at the chance! She has submitted her entry and I am her CQA Member Sponsor. The winners, in each category, will be selected by on-line 'Viewer's Choice' Details of the voting procedure have not yet been announced, but we will let you know when that information is available. This is an opportunity to support a young quilter from our community! - Jean Hillis

Britt's quilt (photo RIGHT) is beautifully done, with awesome straight –line quilting , accurate piecing and great colour choice. Good luck Britt and keep up the good work!!



**Check out the Oxford Quilters Guild website!**

<http://www.oxfordquiltersguild.org>



Our new Members Only section includes:

- executive committee meeting minutes
- link to the online guild library
- meeting show and share slideshows
- member challenges
- member contact list

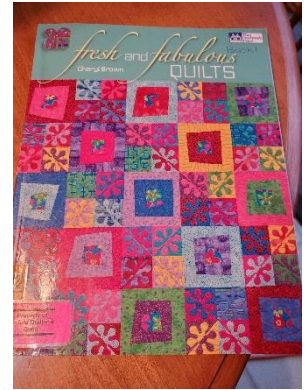
\*The Members' Only section is password protected. This password was previously sent out to members.

## Library News April 2021

Hello everyone!! I hope you are managing to keep busy with your quilting and reading these days. As I have been unable to get into the Centre these days, I have not been able to work anymore on our collection. However, I still have some books here at home that I was working on and so I am going to highlight a couple that you may want to look at when we can return safely to the centre. And we will, if everyone follows protocols and stays safe.

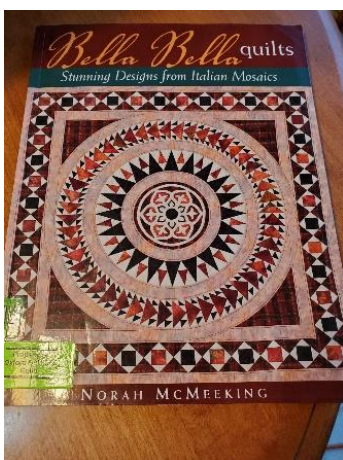
### Fresh and Fabulous Quilts by Cheryl Brown

This is a book of fresh and fun quilts that would brighten anyone's day. Many of the patterns contain a twist on the traditional block with added applique accents. None look too far beyond my abilities so that means most of you would find them pretty easy! They are all bright, cheerful, whimsical. Most would make great kids quilts too. Make sure you check this one out!



### Bella, Bella Quilts by Norah McMeeking

Are you the type of person that takes pictures of things because you think what you see would make a great pattern for a quilt?? I will often see things and take the picture just because I like the colours or shapes, as the pics from my trip to France below show. (Don't worry this was in 2019.)



You don't need to travel to find these types of images to inspire you, and if you can't get out at all look around your own home and focus on the things you have in front of you everyday. If creating your own pattern is not your thing but like the idea of taking aspects of architecture and using it in a quilt, then check out this book by Norah McMeeking. Bella, Bella Quilts uses the designs of Italian Mosaics as inspiration for some fantastic quilt designs. This book features beautiful circles within circles, mandala styles, and using familiar quilting shapes into new combinations. It also has full-sized paper-piecing patterns for you to photocopy and use when creating these beautiful designs.





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