

Monthly Newsletter



April 2025



PRESIDENT - HELEN RACETTE

President's Message

Hello Everyone,

April is here and Spring is, well, undecided at the moment. I am writing this after our Spring AQG In-Town Retreat. I always enjoy our retreats and this last one is the best one yet! I had the opportunity to get to know some of our members a little better, eat some great food that I did not have to cook, and oh yes, I got to do a little quilting too! In all seriousness, Lori out-did herself with the organization of this retreat. A Fall retreat is already being planned for next season.

Speaking of plans, it is that time of year when we need to ask the guild to consider stepping up for the roles we have available to be filled next season. It takes a village and you are all a valued member of this community. If you have questions, please reach out and ask one of our current group of volunteers.

I do want to extend a very special thank you to Lorraine Moulard. She has been our Treasurer for several years, and is stepping down to prepare for the next grand adventure for her and her husband - a move to Newfoundland! We wish her all the best, and yes, we're working to convince her to be a virtual member next season! A special thank you to Pam Ross and Rita Martin who have stepped up to fill the roles of Treasurer and Quilties Coordinator, respectively.

In the meantime, I have to get back to some sewing (something about a President's Challenge or two). I look forward to hopping on over to the Almonte Civitan to see you in person on Monday April 21.

Happy Quilting

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you can expect:**

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Recap of March 17 - Zoom

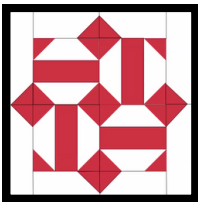
Krista Hennebury, Poppyprint



Krista walked us through her process of testing design ideas and workshop concepts through starting small as well as sharing unexpected success from design and swap challenges.



See how you can expand your quilting practice without breaking the bank or suffering a quilt math crisis by first testing ideas, colours and techniques in small studies.



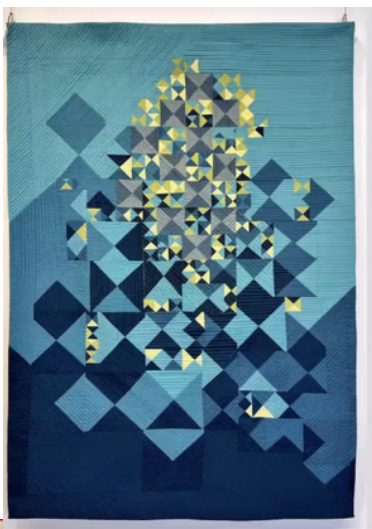
Workshop Challenge:

Create a workshop to introduce free-cutting, improv piecing and puzzling randomly shaped blocks together. Minimize over-thinking and overwhelm by removing several variables.

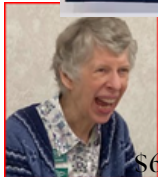


Design Challenge:

Scale, line, minimal colour



Poppyprint .pdf download patterns available on Etsy use code SAVE10



50/50 WINNER

\$66.31 to Bonnie Schnittker

DRAW WINNER

\$100 Gift Certificate Happy Wife Quilting to Lynn Price
Last Draw prize draw will be June

Sew N Tell March 2025

CRYSTAL HULLEY

Celebrating the 200th St Patrick's Parade in Montreal



The quilt features the family names of those who have walked for the St Anthony's Parish Group, many for generations.

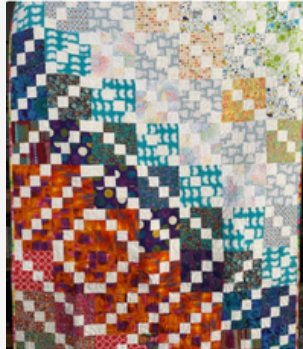


LESLIE WHITBY

Hexagons in New Zealand Fabrics
For Quilts of Valour



Scrappy Jacob's Ladder Blocks
For Quilts of Valour



Chains in Tim Holtz Fabrics
For Quilts of Valour



Dragonfly Fabrics
For Quilts of Valour



3 metre quilt in 3 fabrics of 1 metre each
For Quilts of Valour



Quilts for Survivors - Bindings Please



As follow up to our speaker Vanessa Genier, Quilts for Survivors has a challenge for Quilt Canada in June, to make enough binding to go around the globe.

Leslie Whitby set herself a target to make one 260-280" binding a day. So far, she has made 31 bindings for about 8000". She hopes you can join her to take miles of binding to Quilt Canada and will have kits for the April meeting. All the organizers ask is for the binding to be 100% cotton, joined on the bias and seams ironed open.

2024/2025 PROGRAMS

Apr 21

Jane Roszell
Landscape Engineer
Art Quilter



Jane Roszell is a local quilter and landscape architect combining her talents to create beautiful art quilts.

Beth Rutter from Quilters Barn and Gifts In Russell is our Shop on Showcase.

Jane's passion lies in modifying fabrics through the use of paints, thread work, or simply cutting up fabrics and reassembling them. All this leads to creating different patterns/designs which often serve as backgrounds for appliqués, such as the technique used by Laura Heine. Her favourite subject matter is landscapes.

She tries to create a certain mystical element and evoke an emotional reaction in her art.

May 19
Annual General Meeting

Dessert & De-Stash

After the AGM, members are welcome to set up a table to sell their excess stash. Sellers are responsible for their own setup, pricing, and cash.

Have just a few items to part with? No problem—there will be a Guild Table for any donations you'd like to contribute.

June 16
Potluck

Please bring a dish to share—sweet, savory, or surprise.

Whether you're a long-time member or new to the group, we'd love to see you there!

We'd love to hear what you've enjoyed most over the past year, what techniques or topics you're curious to learn about, or a skill you've always wanted to master.

Bring your appetite, your ideas, and your stories—we can't wait to gather, connect, and be inspired together.

April 21
Things to Remember

- **In-person doors open at 6:45, meeting starts at 7:00**
- Name Tag
- Bring your SewNTell
- Indoor shoes if raining
- Mug for coffee/tea
- **Membership closed for 2025**
 - **Full membership \$35**
 - **Virtual Membership \$20**
 - 3 zoom meetings
 - Workshops
 - Retreats
 - Sew days
 - Social meetings
- 50/50 and Draws

Meeting schedule
(mark your calendar)

Meetings will always be on the 3rd Monday at 7pm.

\$5 Guest pass on AQG Shop

In-person

Apr 21 - Jane Roszell

May 19 - Victoria Day / AGM / Dessert & Destash

June 16 - potluck-early start (draw - Textile Traditions)

Workshops / Retreat

- Fall Retreat - Oct 24-26
 - Nov 15 - Quilt as you Go
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COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Quilting Volunteers

We're still in need of wheelchair quilts/blocks to bring to the senior residents at Country Haven here in Almonte.

Thanks so very much to all who have already contributed and made some! We've got 20 all ready, and some peeps have told me they have a few quilt tops ready to quilt.

There are two kits with a top done and batting included if you can help quilt. If you'd like to just sew on binding, we have some wheelchair quilts that just need that finishing touch. Please message Carole to arrange pick up!

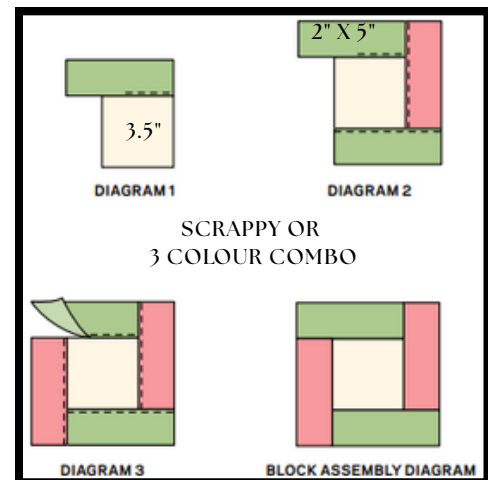
Block of the Month

April's BOM is a 6-inch block called **Bright Hopes**.

It is a beginner block, although 'partial seams' can seem a bit scary if you're new to quilting. Honestly, the trickiest part of this block is remembering to add the rectangles in the same order.

The instructions will be available on the website in the members Community Project section.

We would also welcome any orphan or scrappy blocks measuring 12.5" unfinished to put together to make wheelchair quilts. Thanks! Carole T



Community Sew Days

We will continue having our monthly drop-in sew days this winter, in the basement of Textile Traditions in Almonte. Feel free to bring your finished blocks and completed quilts, and/or come and sew with us on these dates.

Mark your calendars - last Thursday of the month
next Sew Day is **April 24th 11 am - 3:30 pm** at Textile Traditions

Join Carole and lend a helping hand!



Precuts Please!

Precuts Please! When preparing for your next pattern or project, why not cut an extra square or strip or two and bring it to the guild meeting or Sew Day? We're looking for 5" charm squares, 3.5" squares, and 2.5" x WOF strips to make up kits. **Neutrals/Blenders appreciated!!**

SPRING RETREAT RECAP April 4 - 6



The Spring 2025 Retreat at Ferguson's Falls was a sold-out success, and so we added a waitlist!

Chef Pierre wowed the 21 enthusiastic quilters once again with his mouthwatering meals, and Wendell Wilson brought the house down with his lively mix of classic rock & country tunes.

The weekend was filled with laughter, creativity, and great company—truly a joyful celebration of quilting and community. We can't wait to do it all again in the fall! Save the dates - Oct 24-26 and April 10-12

Here is a [link](#) to more photos.

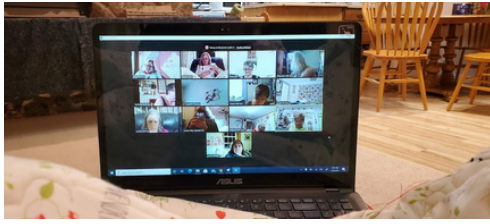


The Activities

Chase the Ace - Friday evening, 3 FQ's, with 3 groups of ~6/7

Entertainment - Wendyl Wilson played guitar & sang for us, while we sewed and sang along.

Sew N Tell - Sunday Show & Tell of what we've been working on & **Prize Draws**



Virtual Sew Days Sat 9am - 3pm

We have AQG Virtual Sew Days on Saturdays for guild members to come for a little bit or the whole time and work on projects of your choosing from the comfort of wherever you are.

We always seem to find support, answers, and inspiration from each other, not to mention many laughs.

Dates: April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17



Virtual Hand Sew Nights Thurs 7pm - 9pm

The Virtual Hand Sew Evenings meet on Thursday every 2nd week

Some of us will be working on English Paper Piecing projects, but feel free to work on any hand work project of any technique of your choice.

The only rule - no machines!

Dates: Apr 24, May 8, 22

Quilties

Quilties should be 24" x 24", ideally with flannel backing, any pattern, 80-20 Cotton-Poly batting, and not heavily quilted recommended.

Please call **Rita Martin** at 613-295-1732 to arrange drop off at 172 Metcalfe Drive in Almonte

54 delivered to Almonte General Hospital
251 in total delivered this year



I just wanted to say thank you for the lovely baby quilt! My husband and I were delighted to receive such a beautiful keepsake upon discharge with our newborn son.

It's seen lots of use already - we've used it as a blanket, and even rolled up as a head hugger in the car seat on long drives!

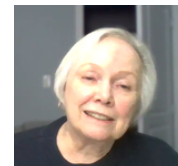
Library



Looking for something? Rulers, Magazines, Books, Patterns. Check out the list of our Library holdings here: [AQG Library](#)

In April our library will have a table and will be open for business. Library Sale in May. Opening for a new Librarian.

2025 ALMONTE QUILT SHOW



The Almonte Quilters Guild Fall 2025 Quilt Show for our **20th anniversary** will be at the Civitan Arena on Sept 26 & 27

Leslie Whitby will chair the planning committee. She is looking for your participation on the various sub-committees and of course to provide quilts to showcase. More information to follow.



PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGES

1. **Do Not Touch Signs**, to donate to the 2025 Quilt Show and later Quilt shows.



2. **20th Anniversary acknowledgement**

September 2024 marked the 20th anniversary of our guild. Our President's Challenge for 2025 is "Where did the 20th go?"

There is only one rule for this challenge:

Somewhere, somehow, there must be something to do with "20" in your quilt. It could be 20 pieces that make up your quilt, it could be the number 20 added to your quilt in a tiny corner, it could be the word twenty somewhere in the quilt, or it could be 20 colours that you used – the possibilities are endless!

Let's celebrate our 20th anniversary at our June social and bring your President's Challenge results. Our President's choice will win a prize! We will all look forward to seeing how creative our guild can be!



2025 QUILT SHOWS & EXHIBITIONS

Quilt Canada 2025



Entries for the 2025 National Juried Show is closed.

Registration opened for Workshops, Lectures and Tours [Link](#)

Louise will collect and judge the quilts in Carleton Place and ship them to CQA before the April 30 deadline.



The CQA/ACC True Colours Quilt Along 2025 celebrates diversity and inclusion, with a focus on support for 2SLGBTQI+ communities leading up to Pride Month in June 2025. The goal is to ensure everyone feels welcome in the quilting circle.

The True Colours Quilt Along is underway! The pattern links are below. Watch for more releases every Wednesday until April 16. The goal is to share photos of finished quilts in time for Quilt Canada 2025 in Toronto and Pride Month in June.

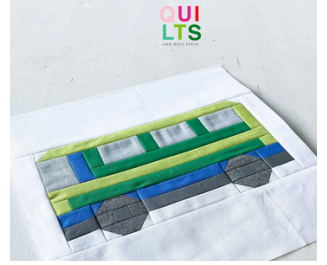
Finished Quilt Size: 44" x 58" (112 x 147 cm).

[Link](#)



QUILT CANADA 2025

<https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2025/>



Rail - the train station is not close to the Toronto International Center

Driving - rumored to be \$40/vehicle for parking

Carpool - discuss with fellow members at the Guild meetings

3 Day Package with Gravitare - The Hilton Toronto Airport & Suites. \$259 + tax, June 18-20, breakfast & WIFI

Same Day Bus Trip with Heritage Travel in Perth. Pick up 6am in Almonte Thursday June 18, 2025, bus leaves at 6pm from TO. \$123 including entry fee.

3 Day Package with Ottawa Valley Tours [link](#)



June 18-20

Celebrate quilting and the Canadian quilters by preserving the traditions of those who have come before us while looking for new and creative ways to enhance quilting for the present and future. The creativity of quilting in Canada continues to evolve as new techniques combined with the traditional ways. Explore Quilt Canada this year at the Toronto International Centre.

Cost per Person

Double \$694 Triple \$608
Quad \$566 Single \$7013

Your Ultimate Holiday Experience Includes:

- 2 nights accommodation
- 2 breakfasts
- Admission to Quilt Canada
- Visits to local Quilt Shops

COA/ACC - 2025
Quilt CANADA TORONTO

Welcome to Quilt Canada 2025 Toronto International Centre
Thursday June 19, 2025

Travel by Motor coach from your choice of:

Almonte	6am
Carlton Place	6:20am
Perth	6:45am

Enjoy the company of fellow quilters in anticipation of viewing the best Quilts in Canada in the National Juried Show. Then on to the vendor's mall to find special items to add to your quilting room space. Perhaps a pre-booked workshop is on your schedule for today or just a break for lunch in the International Centre to meet with friends from afar. Whatever you choose, the day is for you to enjoy.

Your comfortable washroom equipped motor coach will be waiting to travel home at 6pm from Quilt Canada 2025 with lots of memories and ideas for your next quilting project. Call to book: 613-267-7374

Cost: \$123.00 per person including HST
Payable by: cash or cheque or Etransfer to kim.graham@travelplus.ca on registration.

Includes: Motor coach transportation
Entry Ticket to Quilt Canada 2025

Heritage Travel Plus
40 Sunset Blvd
Perth, Ontario K7H 3C6

Prices of Quilt Canada 2025 Entry Wrist Bands

Single Day Entry Wrist Bands	\$30.00 + tax (33.90)	On-line in advance
Single Day Entry Wrist Bands	\$36.00 (tax Included)	At the Ticket Sales Booth
Three Day Entry Wrist Bands	\$78.00 + tax (88.14)	On-line in advance
Three Day Entry Wrist Bands	N/A	At the Door
Groups of 30 + Single Day Entry Wrist Bands	\$24.00 + tax (27.12)	Contact the Registrar
Ages 13 to 19 Single Day Entry Wrist Bands	\$20.00 (tax included)	At the Ticket Sales Booth
Ages 5-12 Single Day Entry Wrist Bands	\$5.00 (tax included)	At the Ticket Sales Booth
Ages 4 and under	Free	

EVENT CALENDAR

APRIL 11-12	CORNWALL - <u>QUILTS ON THE SEAWAY ANNIVERSARY QUILT SHOW</u>
APRIL 26-27	NEWMARKET - <u>QUILTED TREASURES 2025</u> FIBRE FLING 2025 - OUT OF THE BOX
MAY 2-3	LONDON ON - <u>THAMES VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD QUILT SHOW</u>
MAY 3	HINTONBURG FABRIC FLEA MARKET - FISHER PARK
MAY 9-10	<u>THE VALLEY BLOOM QUILT SHOW</u> - OTTAWA VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD NEPEAN SPORTSPLEX
MAY 30-31	HALTON - <u>STITCHES IN OUR TIME</u>
MAY 31- JUNE 1	PEMBROKE - YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW - PETAWAWA
JUNE 7-8	ALLISTON - <u>STITCHING AMONG FRIENDS QUILT SHOW</u>
JUNE 18-21	TORONTO - <u>QUILT CANADA 2025</u> - CQA
JULY 11-12	LANARK - <u>QUILTS ON THE TAY 2025</u> - SMITHS FALLS
SEPT 26-27	ALMONTE QUILTERS GUILD QUILT SHOW - 20TH ANNIVERSARY

AQG Executive Roster

Thank you to all our Volunteers for supporting us during the 2024/2025 season. If you are interested in helping make next season one of the best yet, please let any of the executive team know or contact almontequiltersguild@gmail.com. The official role descriptions are available here [AQG By-Laws](#)

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2025 Quilt Show	Leslie Whitby	<i>See you soon!!</i>