

# Monthly Newsletter



May 2025



**PRESIDENT - HELEN RACETTE**

## President's Message

Hello Everyone,

Could it be? Has Spring finally arrived? I think there are sunny days in our future and I hope you're looking forward to them as much as I am.

First, an early Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers, step-mothers, godmothers, and every other person who fills the role of Mom to someone. I hope you feel as treasured and celebrated as you so deserve to be.

We have nominees for several of our Guild Executive positions that will be up for election at our upcoming AGM, but we'll need many more hands and not just for the Guild Executive. We need as many guild members as possible to help sign up to volunteer with our AQG Show this coming September. I encourage you, whether in small ways or in large ways, to volunteer for one or more of the jobs we need done.

Our AGM will be more than just an election! It will be a celebration of all we have enjoyed this year, as well as an evening of "Desserts and Destash". The Executive team will bring the desserts. If you wish to destash, bring any items you want and you can either sell them or donate them to your fellow guild members. We'll have up to 10 tables available for FREE use to help you find new homes for your quilting goodies, and we'll have a great sale on Library resources so we can help re-invigorate what we have for the season to come.

Finally, I hope you are busy working on your President Challenges as I get to shop for prizes that we'll award next month.

Happy Quilting

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you can expect:**

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## Recap of April 21 - In Person

### Jane Roszell

### Landscape Engineer Art Quilter

Jane Roszell's presentation left us in awe. Her art quilts, rich with mystical elements and emotional depth, are true masterpieces.



She shared breathtaking photos from her global hikes and explained how these moments of inspiration are transformed into fabric landscapes. With layers of fabric, reassembled and reimagined, she builds intricate backgrounds for stunning appliqué work.

Jane spoke about her evolving process—how some pieces are paused and revisited, continuing their transformation until they finally feel complete.

As her quilts were shown around to the room, the members were deeply moved and inspired. There's already buzz about a potential workshop—stay tuned!



Her creative toolbox includes:

- SetaColor paints on Steam-A-Seam
- Organza & cheesecloth
- Inktense pencils
- Inspiration from Ruth McDowell (backgrounds) & Laura Heine (appliqué)

Beth Ruiten from Quilters Barn and Gifts In Russell was our Shop on Showcase.



50/50 WINNER  
\$93.31 to Annie Mitchell

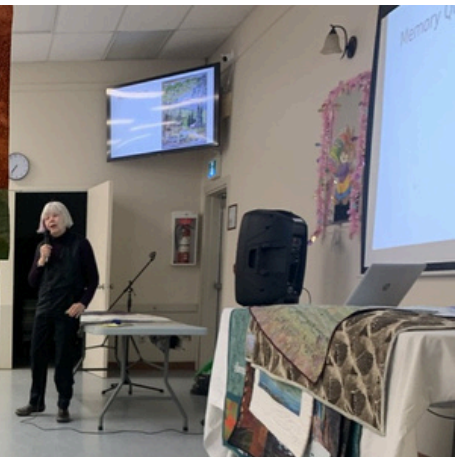
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Last Draw prize draw will be June

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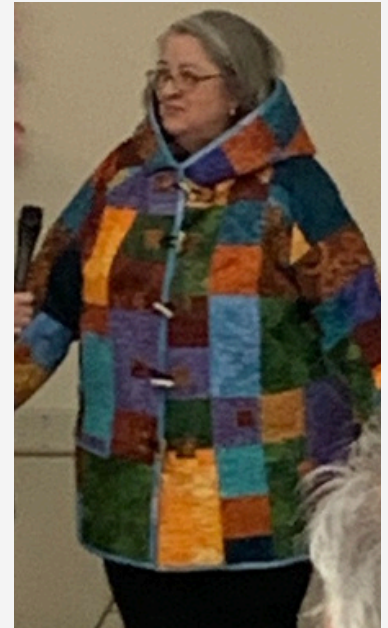
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# 2024/2025 PROGRAMS

## May 19 Annual General Meeting

### Dessert & De-Stash

After the AGM, members are welcome to set up a table to sell their excess stash.

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

Members who are interested in selling need to contact Sue Fowler to reserve either a full or half table. There are a limited number of tables, so first come-first serve. Sellers are responsible for their own setup, pricing, and cash.

The guild will have a “free” table.

The library will have a table as well, so that we can make room for new tools, and books.

## 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.



## 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
- Guests - always welcome!!
- **Membership closed for 24-25**
  - **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

May 19 - Victoria Day / AGM / Dessert & Destash

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

Sept 15 - Judy Thomson and Lynda Smyth will present “Quilting Between Friends”.

### Workshops / Retreat

- Oct 24-26 Fall Retreat
  - Nov 15 - Quilt as you Go
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# WORKSHOPS

## **Nov 15 - Quilt as You Go: 7 Techniques \$75 per person** **10 - 4:30 Cornerstone Community Church**

Join La Quilting Coach, Marie Claire Charette for a workshop to learn seven "Quilt-As-You Go" techniques that will teach you how to assemble your quilt section by section.

It's challenging to fit a large quilt through the opening of a sewing machine, but you don't want to spend a fortune on professional quilting services. Join this full-day workshop with La Quilting Coach, Marie Claire Charette, and learn how to quilt section by section before assembling your quilt.

Have no fear! These techniques will empower you to

**quilt your own piece!**



In this workshop, you will discover the advantages of each of the 7 QAYG techniques, how to select the best method to achieve your desired results, and how to modify a standard pattern into a QAYG to achieve stunning outcomes.

By the end of the workshop, you will have created a sample of each technique **for your binder** as a reference for the future.

**Bonus:** you will have the satisfaction of completing your own quilt from beginning to end.

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## COMMUNITY PROJECTS

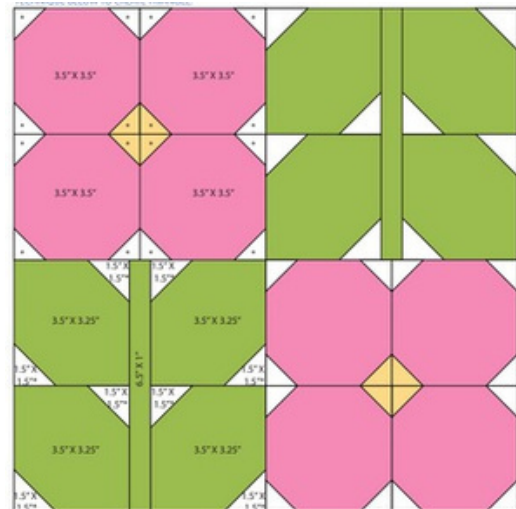
### Quilting Volunteers

We're still in need of wheelchair quilts/blocks to bring to the senior residents at Orchardview here in Almonte. Thanks so very much to all who have already contributed and made some! We've got **40+** 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

**May's** BOM Block Heads 3 - Alternating Roses  
12" finished, 12.5" unfinished It uses the stitch and flip technique.

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.

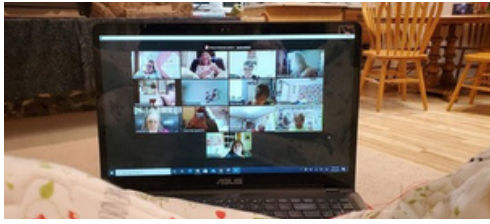
Mark your calendars - last Thursday of the month  
next Sew Day is **MAY 29th 11 am - 3:30 pm** at Textile Traditions

*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!!**



## 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: May 10, 17, 24, 31 Jun 7, 14



## 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: May 22, June 5, 19

## 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

**24** delivered to Almonte General Hospital  
**275** 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.

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# FALL RETREAT **Oct 24-26** FERGUSON'S FALLS



We're excited to announce that the Fall 2025 Retreat will once again be held at Ferguson's Falls—mark your calendars and stay tuned for registration details!

Looking ahead, we've also booked the Spring 2026 Retreat for **April 10-12**, so be sure to save the date for another inspiring weekend of quilting, connection, and creativity.

## EVENT CALENDAR

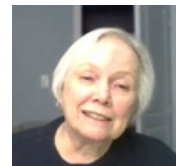
MAY 9-10	<u>THE VALLEY BLOOM QUILT SHOW</u> - OTTAWA VALLEY QUILTERS GUILD NEPEAN SPORTSPLEX
MAY 19	MONTHLY MEETING
MAY 30-31	HALTON - <u>STITCHES IN OUR TIME</u>
MAY 31-JUNE 1	PEMBROKE - YESTERDAY, TODAY, TOMORROW - PETAWAWA
JUNE 7-8	ALLISTON - <u>STITCHING AMONG FRIENDS QUILT SHOW</u>
JUNE 16	MONTHLY MEETING
JUNE 18-21	TORONTO - <u>QUILT CANADA 2025</u> - CQA
JULY 11-12	LANARK - <u>QUILTS ON THE TAY</u> 2025 - SMITHS FALLS
SEPT 6-7	FIBRE FEST 2025 (WORKSHOPS SEPT 2-11)
SEPT 26-27	ALMONTE QUILTERS GUILD QUILT SHOW - 20TH ANNIVERSARY
OCT 24-26	FALL RETREAT
APR 10-12	SPRING RETREAT

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# 2025 ALMONTE QUILT SHOW

20th Anniversary Fall 2025 Quilt Civitan Hall on Sept 26 & 27



## HOW YOU CAN HELP!

### SUBMIT A QUILT FOR THE SHOW

### VOLUNTEER AS A TEAM LEADER

- Quilt Management and Registration
- Communications
- Door Prizes, including baskets for donations from members \$1/TICKET



### VOLUNTEER AT THE SHOW - sign-up sheets will be available at AGM

- white glove (2-4 hour shifts),
- front table for entry (2 per shift, and 2-4 hr shifts)..
- draws
- other roles accepting/giving information.

### ATTEND THE SHOW WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

REGISTER [LESLIEWHITBY6@GMAIL.COM](mailto:LESLIEWHITBY6@GMAIL.COM)  
ALMONTE WEBSITE AFTER MAY 1

#### Member Challenge - Bag draw

Lois McLean created this bag using the fabric donated by Textile Traditions for the retreat to create this Elbows Up Bag as a Quilt Show draw prize and challenges other members to do the same.



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 May meeting All the organizers ask is for the binding to be 100% cotton, joined on the bias and seams ironed open.

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# PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGES

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



## 2. 20th Anniversary acknowledgement

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!

## Quilt Canada 2025



# 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](mailto:almontequiltersguild@gmail.com). The official role descriptions are available here [AQG By-Laws](#)

ROLE	2024/2025	2025/2026	e-mail address
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Social	Lois Timmins & Jane Barr	vacant	
Draws	Helen Larson & Sheila Ouellet	Helen Larson	
Workshop Coordinator	YOUR NAME HERE	vacant	

*Thank you for reading!*

*See you soon!!*