

Monthly Newsletter



Sept 2025

PRESIDENT - SUE FOWLER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What an exciting season we are starting! We have so much to offer you this coming year. We start in mid-September with a great presentation. And having been privy to the programming for the rest of the year, I can promise that you're in for a treat. There is a varied array of subjects and approaches planned for the year. Also included in our meetings: Shop On Showcase; our much anticipated Show and Tell; draws and 50/50's; the Community Projects table; an extensive library full of books and tools that you can borrow; and of course yummy sweets and treats.

And on top of that, we have a fabulous show planned for September 26 and 27 at the Almonte Civitan Club. There will be quilts displayed, many vendors, some demos . . . You won't want to miss it.

Throughout the year, you can participate in Community Projects, Quilties for the hospital, the exciting new Block of the Month program, a couple of in-town retreats, and several different workshops.

I encourage each one of you to find an area to volunteer. We need many volunteers to do many different jobs, large and small, in order to assure that the Guild lives on for at least another 20 years. Feel free to approach anyone on the executive to offer your talents.

I hope you agree this will be an exciting season. I wish you nothing but the best for everything you love to do over the coming year

Sue

In this newsletter
you can expect:

June Meeting Recap

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Block of the Month

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& Hand Sewing

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RECAP OF JUNE 16 - IN PERSON POTLUCK



Our final guild meeting of the season started where we left off last month. We reopened our AGM to seek a volunteer for our Newsletter Editor and I'm pleased to introduce you to Mara Harrison, who agreed to step into that role and will be your editor moving forward.

After feasting on the wonderful food, there was a presentation on how to register your quilt(s) online through our website for our September **Almonte Quilters Guild Quilt Show**. Deadline for registrations of finished quilts is Aug 30th!! Separate emails will be sent regarding the Quilt Show as well as reminders for volunteers on when to be where doing what.



50/50 WINNER
\$97.31 to Sue Fowler



DRAWS
The winner for the
\$100 Textile Traditions
Gift Certificate was.....
Leslie Jeffries



SEW N TELL JUNE 2025



PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGES AWARDS

Do Not Touch Signs - Pam Ross

Over 30 were made. They have been donated to the 2025 Quilt Show and later Quilt shows.



20th Anniversary acknowledgement - Brigid Whitnall

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!



2023 President Challenge Krista Zaleski



PICTURE THIS

Select a photo and the colours in it to be used, Entries will be the combination of your original photo, your description of why you chose that photo, the colour palette you generated from the photo, and your quilt.

2025/2026 PROGRAMS

Sept 15 -
Judy Thomson &
Lynda Smyth



Quilting between Friends

Judy and Lynda have been friends for over 20 years and have a combined quilting life of 83 years.

In their presentation 'Quilting Between Friends' they will share 30 quilts from their collections

Things to Remember

**Doors open at 6:45 pm,
Meeting starts at 7:00 pm**

- Name Tag
- Bring your SewNTell
- Quilties you've made
- Indoor shoes if raining
- Mug
- Change for 50/50
- A Friend - Guests \$5

Membership for 2026

- Full Membership \$35
 - Six In-person
 - 3 Zoom
- Virtual Membership \$20
 - 3 Zoom
- Both Memberships incl.
 - Workshops
 - Retreats
 - Sew days
 - Social meetings
 - 50/50 and Draws

Oct 20 Marie-Clarie Charette -



Quilt As You Go is the way to go!

Stepping out of the traditional way of assembling our quilts can be both exhilarating and frightening. Marie-Claire Charette (a.k.a. La Quilting Coach) will take you on her path of research and discovery which led her to create a repertory of 9 QAYG techniques. This has enabled her to adapt any regular pattern in a QAYG.



Providing Snacks for September:

Cheryl Swanson
Barbara Fowler
Helen Larson
GF: Cate MacLean

2025/2026 PROGRAMS

Here is the line-up for this year's speakers

Sep 15 - Judy Thomson & Lynda Smyth

Quilting Between Friends

- Membership sign-up / payment if not online
- Quilt Show Drop-off (or to Rita's home-preferred)

Oct 20 - Marie-Claire Charette

Quilts As You Go is the way to go!

Nov 17 - Bonnie Rankin

What judges see in quilting and how to avoid certain issues

Jan 19 - Terry Aske (Zoom)

My Evolution as an Art Quilter- from raw beginner to award winner

Feb 16 - Susan Madu (Zoom)

A Different Perspective on Copyright

Mar 18 - Terry Rowland (Zoom)

Attack Your Scraps

Apr 20 - TBD / Movie Night

May 18 - Annual General Meeting

Tips & Demos

Jun 15 - PotLuck

WORKSHOPS

Nov 15 - Quilt as You Go: 7 Techniques \$75 per person
10 - 4:30 at the 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.
Space is limited - sign up today

LOG IN &
REGISTER

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

We're kicking off a brand new season of Block of the Month, and this time, we're adding a fun and rewarding twist! Each month, participants can submit one or more blocks, and all completed blocks will be entered into a draw. One lucky winner will take home ALL the blocks submitted that month!

But wait - there's more! To keep the creative momentum going, if the block winner completes a project using the blocks and brings it to any of the Sew N Tells', their name will be entered into a special grand prize draw! It's a great way to stay inspired and see our blocks turn into beautiful finished pieces.

October Block: The Ghost Block

Halloween doesn't always get much quilty love, so we're changing that this year! The block for October is a Ghost Block - spooky, sweet, or somewhere in between. Here's what to keep in mind:

- Ghosts: Use white fabrics (solids or prints - get creative!).
- Background: Think deep purple, starry skies - anything that gives night-time Halloween vibes.

Let's have some fun and kick off the season with a hauntingly good start. We can't wait to see your ghostly creations float into the October meeting!

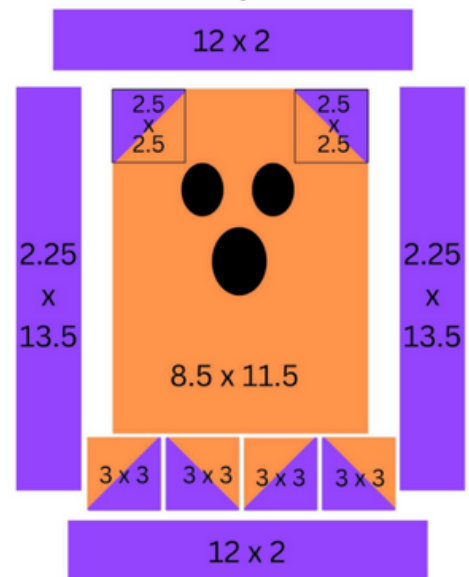
Happy quilting!

- Amanda & Johanne

BOO!



Medium Ghost Block
11.5 by 16



PATTERN

COMMUNITY PROJECTS



Another quilt guild season is upon us, and with it some new plans are being hatched for Community Projects.

A handful of members will be joining the quilting club ladies at Orchardview in Almonte (senior residents) on a monthly basis to make small quilted items. Then they will sell those items in their gift shop where all the proceeds will go directly to local not-for-profit organizations. The ladies at Orchardview are very excited about working with some AQG members and I know we'll have a great time together, building new connections in our community, all for such a practical, generous cause. They even have a beautiful Activity Room with tons of space to accommodate our group!

Please see Carole at the Community Projects table at the next guild meeting for more information and/or to sign up to participate in this worthy endeavour :)



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.

Links will be sent by email to all members. Advanced sign-up not required.

Dates: Sept 20, Oct 4, Oct 18



Virtual Hand Sew Days 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!

Links will be sent by email to all members. Advanced sign-up not required.

Dates: Sept 11, Oct 6 (Sept 25 cancelled-AQG Show Set Up)



Library

Our new Librarians for 2025/2026 are Louise Miller & Zuzana Dobias.

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

Reminder: Please return any outstanding books at June meeting

QUILTIES SUMMER CHALLENGE

You've all been amazing in your support of getting quilties made this summer.

This challenge was successful because many members and even some non members contributed their time and fabric to the worthy cause.

We made 2 deliveries to the Almonte General hospital this summer, bringing our total to 350 donated for the year ending Aug 31. 2025.

During this challenge 150 Quilties were delivered to Textile Traditions. Going forward quilties can be dropped off at Textile Traditions anytime, at Guild meetings and at the home of Rita Martin, call 613-295-1732.

A big Thank You to Kelly Church at Textile Traditions for hosting this challenge.

**Prizes will be announced in September.
Thank you so much!**



QUILTIE INFORMATION

Quiltie Size: Each quiltie should be about 24" x 24".

Backing:

- I usually cut my backing at 27" x 27" to allow for some wiggle room.
- If you buy 54 inches (1.4 m) of 42-44" wide backing fabric, you can:
 - Cut two 27" squares
 - Use the remaining pieces (each ~14" wide) by sewing them together to make a third 27" square.
- So: 54" of backing = 3 quiltie backs

Batting:

- The batting I have is 96" wide.
 - If you cut 27 inches off the length, you get a piece that's 96" x 27".
 - That's enough to cut three 27" x 27" squares, with a bit (about 17") left over.
 - Do this twice and you'll have two leftover strips you can piece together for an another quiltie
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From the bottom of our hearts, thank you so much for such a thoughtful and warm welcome for our daughter. This is such a special tradition and we are so appreciative of the time and talents of your quilters to provide such a generous gift to the babies of the community. We hope that Addison will grow into someone who embodies a similar generosity of spirit.

With heartfelt gratitude

Every time I lay his quilt out or tuck it into the diaper bag, I think about the care and thoughtfulness that went into making it, and it always brings a smile to my face. Thank you for creating such meaningful gifts for new families in the community. It means a lot to me and my son. Yes, you can absolutely share the note and photo in your newsletter. I hope the person who made my baby quilt sees it!

Cutest regards,
Leslie Lonergan, on behalf of his mommy and daddy



We wanted to say thanks so much for providing us a quilt when Matt was born on June 21, 2025.

We love this as it's safari themed and Matt's parents (Kate and Matthew) met in Kenya so we love this one so much. The safari theme is also Matt's nursery.

We really appreciate this gift and kindness :) you guys do amazing work!

We absolutely would love for Grace's message and photo to be shared in the newsletter so the member who made it can admire her with the beautiful quilt.



We would like to send our appreciation for the beautiful quilt that will forever be a special keepsake for our little man Roland who was born May 12th!

Thank you very much,
Sydney




Thank you for the beautiful quilt that our daughter, Jordyn, received when she was born at the Almonte hospital this June. She loves it (see attached photo) and it helps her get to sleep for her lunch time naps.

Thank you for the special gift!
Kaiti, Chris and Jordyn

2025 ALMONTE QUILT SHOW

Quilts in a Small Town



a Quilt Show presented by
the Almonte Quilters Guild

Friday Sept 26 & Saturday Sept 27, 2025
10 am - 4 pm

QUILT EXHIBITS
VIEWERS' CHOICE RIBBON
DEMONSTRATIONS
COMMUNITY DONATION DISPLAY
VENDORS

Admission \$10
Children under 12 free

Almonte Civitan Community Hall
500 Almonte St, Almonte, ON
Free parking - Wheelchair accessible

www.almontequiltersguild.ca



Join Us - Celebrating 20 Years

Whether you are a beginner or have a legacy of quilting for years, the Almonte Quilters Guild is a place to learn and grow in quilting knowledge, inspiration and fellowship.

Monthly meetings Virtual Sew Days
Retreats Workshops
Community Work Volunteer Opportunities

Evening meetings every 3rd Monday of the Month at Almonte Civitan Community Center,
500 Almonte Street, Almonte for in-person, and Zoom Jan, Feb, and March.



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Registration is now CLOSED. Thank you for all who submitted quilts!!!

- Notice of which quilts can fit will be sent out shortly.
- Add the sleeves, and don't forget the labels.
- Drop off to Rita Martin Sept 2-24 at her home or Sept 15 at our Guild Meeting (no Show N Tell) with the drop off/pick up form and more details..

VOLUNTEER AT THE SHOW - Be part of the Magic!

- Click the button to see the positions and times and to put your name in.
- If you have a *cool tool or technique*, give a demo at the show, alongside the Crazy Quilters

VOLUNTEER

DONATE ITEMS FOR RAFFLE BAG DRAW

ATTEND THE SHOW WITH YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS

SPREAD THE WORD - hand out postcards, social media





AQG 2025 FALL RETREAT

OCTOBER 24-26, 2025

Ferguson's Falls Community Centre

Friday & Saturday – 9 am to 9 pm

Sunday – 9 am to 3 pm

Registration is now OPEN.

There are only 22 spots available.

Come for the creativity, laughter and inspiration and leave with lasting memories!

2025 Fall Retreat Menu

All meals will have options for Gluten Free, Dairy Free (if needed) & Carnivore

Bottled water and Coffee & Tea provided

Fri., October 25th

Lunch: Build-Your-Own Sandwich & Salad Bar and Cookies

Supper: Taco Bar and Slab Cake

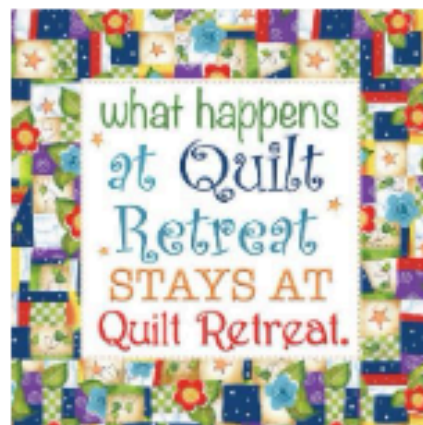
Sat., October 26th

Lunch: Soup & Grain Bowl Bar and 2 Types of Pudding

Supper: Roasted Chicken & Veggie Dinner and Pies

Sun., October 27th

Brunch: Buffet – meat, fried potatoes, fruit platter and assorted muffins and pastries plus all the leftovers of any of the other meals (YUM)



Friday Night Game – Chase the Ace (Bring 3 fat quarters)

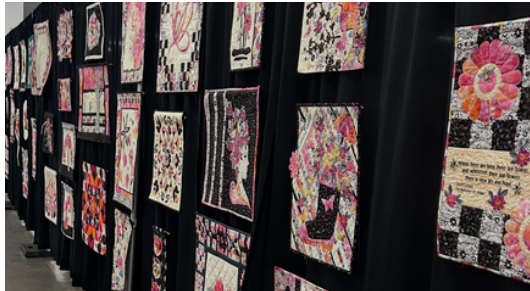
Saturday Night Entertainment – Carol Dworschak's husband, Wendell, and Beth VanWyngaarden's husband, Rob, will regale us with their musical talents.

Sunday – Show and Tell

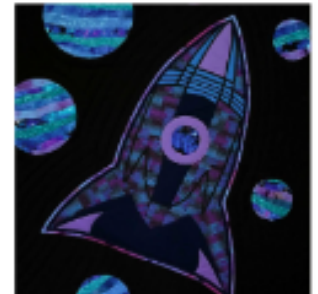


QUILT CANADA 2025

TRENDTEX CHALLENGE
QUILTS AUCTION
[MORE INFORMATION](#)



Our own Holly
McD. On her 2nd
place finish at the
JN Harper Youth
Challenge at Quilt
Canada. We are so
proud of you!



As follow up to our speaker Vanessa Genier, Quilts for Survivors had a challenge for Quilt Canada 2025, to make enough binding to go around the globe.

Leslie Whitby brought to Quilt Canada over 93,000 inches of binding. that is enough binding to finish over 360 quilts!.

EVENT CALENDAR

SEPT 6-7	FIBRE FEST 2025 (WORKSHOPS SEPT 2-11)
SEPT 15	MONTHLY MEETING - QUILTING BETWEEN FRIENDS
SEPT 26 - 27	ALMONTE QUILTERS GUILD - QUILTS IN A SMALL TOWN
SEPT 27 - 28	GLOBAL QUILT CONNECTION (RECORDED)
OCT 20	MONTHLY MEETING - MARIE-CLAIRE CHARETTE
OCT 24-26	FALL RETREAT
NOV 17	MONTHLY MEETING - BONNIE RANKIN
JAN 19	MONTHLY ZOOM MEETING - TERRY ASKE
FEB 16	MONTHLY ZOOM MEETING - SUSAN MADU
MAR 16	MONTHLY ZOOM MEETING - TERRY ROWLAND
APR 10-12	SPRING RETREAT
APR 20	MONTHLY MEETING - TBD / MOVIE NIGHT
MAY 18	MONTHLY MEETING - AGM & TIPS / DEMOS
JUNE 15	MONTHLY MEETING - POTLUCK / ICE CREAM SOCIAL
JUNE 15-17	QUILT CANADA 2026 - WINNIPEG

**1 Night Quilt Shop
Road Trip**
Kawartha Lakes Region
October 28 & 29 2025

Includes:
1 Night
Accommodation
Breakfast
Coach Bus
5-6 Quilt Shops
& more



\$299.00 +HST
double occupancy
monique@applehillquilting.com

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](#)

ROLE	2024/2025	2025/2026	e-mail address
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Workshop Coordinator	Vacant	Carole Treggett	cjtreggett@gmail.com
Block of the Month	Carole Treggett	Johanne & Amanda Vajda	
Social	Lois Timmins & Jane Barr	Cate Maclean	
Library	Eileen Collins	Louise Miller & Zuzana Dobias	
Draws	Helen Larson & Sheila Ouellet	Helen Larson	
2025 Quilt Show	Leslie Whitby	Same	quiltshow@almontequiltersguild.ca

*Thank you for reading!
See you soon!!*