

# Monthly Newsletter



Oct 2025

**PRESIDENT - SUE FOWLER**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings fellow quilters. I hope you were all able to attend the wonderful show that our show committee put together for us. Huge kudos and thanks to Leslie Whitby and her whole team. Everyone worked really hard as a team; we welcomed 100 more folks that we anticipated and everything went swimmingly. Congratulations to all the draw winners and special congrats to Liz Payne for winning the Viewers' Choice award.

As I prepare for Thanksgiving spent with friends who have adopted us as family, I am thankful for the friends that I have met at the guild; for all the learning opportunities I get at the guild and for the community that it offers me. I hope that you all can find things that make you happy and fulfilled at the guild as well.

Please read on about the varied programming, workshops, block of the month, community programs, shops on showcase . . . The list is endless.

Please accept my blessings and best wishes for a beautiful Thanksgiving.

Sue

In this newsletter  
you can expect:

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Show

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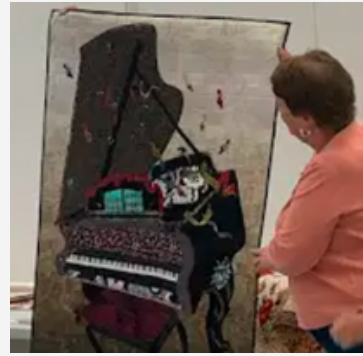
## Recap of September Meeting Judy Thompson & Lynda Smyth

It was a delight to see Judy and Lynda's last presentation 'Quilting Between Friends'.

They were in the Pink, and we were in awe to see the 30+ hand quilted quilts they made together over the years.



# SEW N TELL SEPT. 2025



50/50 winner Carole Treggett won \$104.50

Make sure to order your tickets online or  
at the meetings! Someone has to win, it  
could be you!

# 2025/2026 PROGRAMS



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.

Nov 17-  
Bonnie Rankin

What judges see  
in quilting and  
how to avoid  
certain issues



Bonnie has 35 years of quilting and is from a family of award-winning quilters. She has held exec guild positions in ON and BC, and is a past President of the Canadian Quilters Association (CQA/ACC). She is a CQA/ACC Certified Quilt Judge and was the 2025 Jury Coordinator for Quilt Canada. She hopes to encourage quilters of all levels and skills to exhibit and share their work.

## Things to Remember

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

- Name Tag
- Bring your SewNTell
- Finished Block of the Month
- 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



## Providing Snacks for October:

Mara Harrison  
Sue Turner  
Elaine Henry

GF: Cate MacLean

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# 2025/2026 PROGRAMS

Here is the line-up for this year's speakers & Shop on Showcase

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

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- Shop on Showcase - Young Vintage Fabrics (Jenn Hamilton)

Nov 17 - Bonnie Rankin

What judges see in quilting and how to avoid certain issues

- Shop on Showcase - Textile Traditions (Kelly Church)

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

- Shop on Showcase - Quilters Barn and Gifts (Beth Ruitter)

May 18 - Annual General Meeting

Tips & Demos

Jun 15 - PotLuck

- Shop on Showcase - Mad Moody - Phyllis Moody
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# BLOCK OF THE MONTH

## November Block of the Month: **Embrace the Scrappy Charm!**

Hello Quilters!

The November Block of the Month is here and we're celebrating the beauty of a scrappy quilt! This block combines classic black and white fabrics with an accent fabric of your choice, giving you a chance to personalize your block in a way that's as unique as you are.

### **Fabric Requirements:**

- **Black Fabric:** Choose either a tone-on-tone design or a solid black fabric. The depth of black really makes the other fabrics pop!
- **White Fabric:** Just like the black, you can go with either tone-on-tone or a crisp solid white to keep things clean and modern.
- **Accent Fabric:** Here's where you get creative! Pick a fun color or pattern to add some personality to the block. Whether it's a bright, bold hue or a soft pastel, your accent fabric will help tie everything together and give the quilt that scrappy, eclectic feel.

This combination of fabrics gives the block a lovely contrast, while the accent fabric adds just the right amount of flair. We love the idea of mixing up patterns for that perfect "scrap quilt" vibe, so don't be afraid to experiment!

So grab your fabrics, get quilting, and let your creativity shine! We can't wait to see the stunning blocks you create in November.

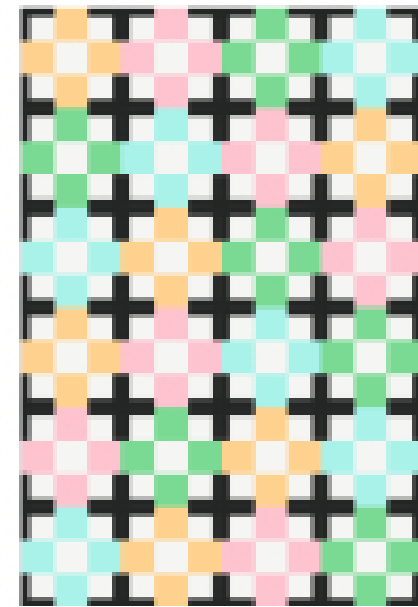
Amanda & Johanne

**P.S.** Bring your October block of the month (ghost) to the meeting! All entries will be given a ticket for a chance to win all of the blocks for this month.

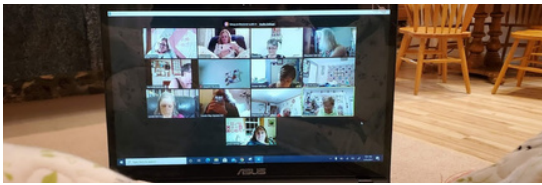
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EXAMPLE QUILT



[PATTERN](#)



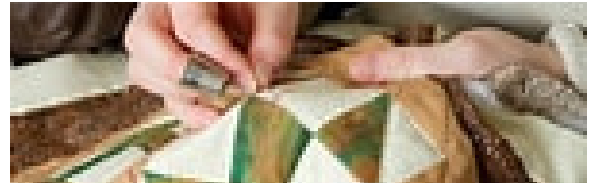
## **Virtual Sew Days Sat 9am - 3pm**

We have AQQ 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: Oct 4, 18, Nov 1, 15



## **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: Oct 9, 23, Nov 6, 20

## **Library - Book & Pattern Sale**

We are in the process of reducing the size of the guild library.

At the last meeting many of you helped by taking magazines.

At our October meeting we will have books which we have removed from the library on sale for \$1.00 each. There will be patterns as well, two for \$1.00.

We are still open to book donations if they are published after 2015. We will decide if it is appropriate for the library. Templates and tools can also be donated. Going forward we will not be accepting donations of magazines.



Guild Librarians: Louise Miller and Zuzana Dobias.

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## 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.

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JOIN THE  
WAITLIST

## COMMUNITY PROJECTS

### Fabric Donation Request



Carole T met the quilter's group at Orchard View Seniors Residence and they talked about the possibility of a few AQG members joining them in their Activity Room to make small quilted items to sell at their upcoming holiday bazaar. The money raised would go directly to not-for-profit organizations in the Almonte and surrounding area.

The quilter's group is looking for donations of fabric and supplies. Please bring Christmas holiday themed 100% quality cotton to our next guild meeting on Monday, Oct 20th. They especially requested 2.5" strips.

We are also continuing this year with making wheelchair quilts for seniors at a local long-term care facility. The size should be approximately 40" square. See Carole at the Community Projects table at our guild meeting for supplies and more information on how you can help.



## QUILTIES



The goal of our Quilties program at the Almonte Quilters Guild is to ensure that every baby born at Almonte General Hospital goes home with a handmade quiltie. This tradition has been going strong for about 10 years and is deeply cherished by the families who welcome their new babies at the hospital.

Thanks to the very successful Summer Quiltie Challenge held in August 2025 and hosted by Textile Traditions, we received 150 quilties—created and donated by both guild members and non-members. With this generous contribution, we are now well stocked for the months ahead

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# QUILTIES



Prize	Quilter	Member	Non-Member	Quilter	Prize
\$25	Nancy G	35	13	Gail C.	\$25
\$15	Louise M	11	7	Pauline D.	\$15
\$10	Kathy P	10	2 + more to come	Judy L.	\$10
\$10	Bonnie L	10	22	13 Others	
	34 Others	40			
\$60		106	44		\$50

This week I delivered 30 quilties to the hospital, and I currently have 99 more on hand—enough to carry us through the next three months. In addition, I have about 15 Christmas-themed quilties ready to include with our next delivery. With these and the contributions I expect from the guild over the coming months, we should be able to keep the hospital well supplied until the end of February 2026.

Our annual goal is to provide 300–350 quilties. Since September 1, we have already delivered 50. To stay on track, we'll need to collect about 25–30 quilties each month. Donations can be dropped off at a guild meeting, at my house, or at Textile Traditions.

A heartfelt thank you to all the quilters who continue to create and donate these quilties. Each one represents time, care, and fabric given with love, and they truly make a difference.

## 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.
- 54 inches (1.4 m) of 42–44" wide backing fabric, =2x27" squares +2x14/1x27"

**Batting:**

- I cut 96" wide batting to 27 inches long, which is three pieces 27" x 27" square, plus a half piece left over (about 17").
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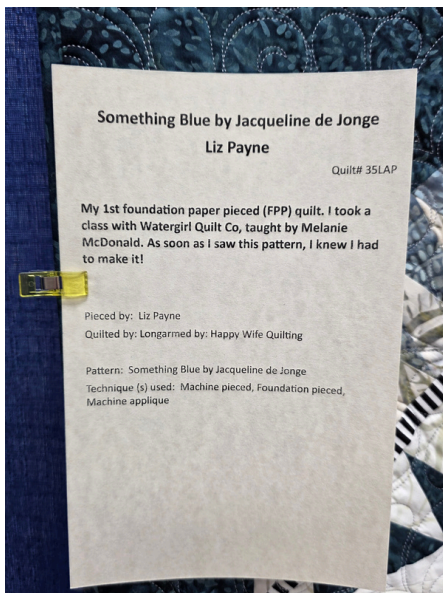
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# 2025 ALMONTE QUILT SHOW

We held a very successful Third Quilt Show in September. Many people sent us photos and videos of the activities and Lori McCluskey made this entertaining video of the whole show. We hope you enjoy it!



## Viewers Choice Winner





# 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

Retreat is **SOLD OUT**

Please put your name on the WAIT LIST in the SHOP.

If you don't get in for the Fall Retreat, you get first dibs for the Spring Retreat.

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, coffee, and tea provided

### Friday, October 25

**Lunch:** Build-Your=Own Sandwich & Salad Bar, cookies

**Supper:** Taco Bar and Slab Cake

### Saturday, October 26

**Lunch:** Soup & Grain Bowl Bar and two types of pudding

**Supper:** Roasted Chicken & Veggie Dinner and Pies

### Sunday, October 27

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



RETREAT WAIT LIST

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# CURRENT SHOP HOPS

Click the picture to go to the facebook page



**Quilter's Quest Shop Hop - Eastern Ontario**  
756 followers • 1 following

Follow Search



Are you ready for a month full of Quilting Adventures?

**The Fall 2025 Eastern 401 Quilt Run has begun!**

Join us from October 1st - 31st



**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

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## Shop on Showcase



**Young Vintage Fabrics**  
535 followers • 6 following

**Find her on facebook!**  
**Shop by appointment**

Email:

youngvintagefabrics@icloud.com

Phone: (613) 268-2303

Address: 4510 Bolingbroke Rd,  
Maberly, ON K0H, Canada

### **Young Vintage Fabrics - Jenn Hamilton**

**Jenn's has thousands of bolts of fabric in her shop.**

**She has between 120-130 wide backs available at all time.**

**Features fabrics include:**

**Timeless Treasures**

**Robert Kaufman**

**Kona Bay**

**PNB**

**Northcott**

**Japanese prints**

**Australian fabrics**

**and many more**

## Quilting Tips, Tricks and Trivia

### **Quilter's DIY Hack**

Tired of getting up and down to press while you are sewing? Make a mini iron board. Get small piece of wood (I use an old cutting board), attach batting or an old towel with adhesive, and cover with fabric. If the fabric gets dirty, just add another layer!

### **Just Get It Done Quilts**

Canadian quilter, Karen Brown, shares a wealth of practical knowledge about quilting tools and techniques. If you haven't checked out her youtube channel, go there now!

### **Did you know...**

The AIDS Memorial Quilt is generally recognized as the world's largest quilt by area, measuring over 1.3 million square feet and comprising more than 50,000 panels that honor lives lost to the AIDS epidemic. The quilt is a significant community fold art project and a memorial to those affected by HIV/AIDS.

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# 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
OCT 24-25	OUT OF THE BOX - FALL FIBRE FEST
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

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

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# 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](#)

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