

AQG Monthly Newsletter



Nov 2025

PRESIDENT - SUE FOWLER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy November, quilters. I hope as the days shorten and we are no longer in our gardens, you will find perhaps more time for creating behind your machine or with a simple needle and thread.

Following such a successful Quilt Show in September, I am happy to announce that Krista Zaleski will lead the next show team with a potential date of early October, 2027. I encourage each of you to volunteer in some capacity. Please chat with Krista when you see her at our monthly meetings.

We are in search of a Workshop Coordinator to join our team. Please see Carole Treggett and talk with her about her ideas. We have a wonderful workshop coming up November 15, so planning just a couple more for the new year is all that is needed this season.

On that note, I would like to thank all of you who volunteer and work so tirelessly for our Guild. Without you, our Guild would cease to exist. If any of you out there have a few minutes to jump in and help out, please find me at a meeting, or email at alwaysbeautifullycreative@gmail.com. And thank you for considering.

Please read on about all that our wonderful Guild offers you.

With all best wishes for a warm and cozy fall. *Sue*

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 25-26

- 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

November treats provided by: Jacquie Fuller, Julie McDermid, Lois MacLean
GF: Shirley Monkhouse



Recap of October Meeting

At our October meeting, we welcomed Marie-Claire Charette (La Quilting Coach), who presented her talk “Quilt-As-You-Go Is the Way to Go.” Quilt-as-you-go (QAYG) involves quilting blocks individually before joining them, which can make finishing quilts on a domestic machine more manageable and allow for more detailed quilting on smaller pieces. Many quilters find this a helpful alternative to wrestling a full quilt through a small throat space or sending quilts to a longarmer. Marie-Claire discussed and showed examples of several QAYG methods, such as:

- False backing/quilt on a false back (possibly the batting), attaching the final backing later
- Joining strips on the front to cover seams
- Joining strips on the back so seams remain hidden on the quilt **front**
- Blocks butted together and enclosed in sashing strips
- Self-binding / block-by-block finishing methods
- Edge-to-edge joining, with or without batting joined first

Each method offers a different look and level of complexity, giving quilters flexibility depending on the style of quilt and desired finish. Attendees of our sold-out workshop will have hands-on insights into Marie-Claire's 9 QAYG methods, and have a collection of their examples for future reference.

Library Bring Your Loonies

The library will be selling the remainder of books and patterns taken out of the library.

Books - 2 for \$1.00

Patterns 4 for \$1.00.

Your support will go to the guild.



50/50 Draw Winner

Annie Mitchell won \$72.50!

The more tickets you buy, the more chances you have to win money to buy more fabric.

Show and Share



Fall Retreat 2025



Once again, members of our guild attended a quilt retreat in Fall River. There was quilting, sharing of ideas, food, music, friendship and laughter all weekend.

A special thanks to Cate MacLean for all her work organizing the retreat.



More pictures coming soon....

2025-2026 PROGRAMS

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.

Shop on Showcase



Kelly Church at Textile Traditions has a wide selection of fabrics that delight every quilter who enters her shop. Located at the top of Mill St. her store is a feast for the eyes! There is a large selection of patterns and notions to go with all your quilting needs. In addition to quilting fabrics, they also carry yarn and yarn supplies.

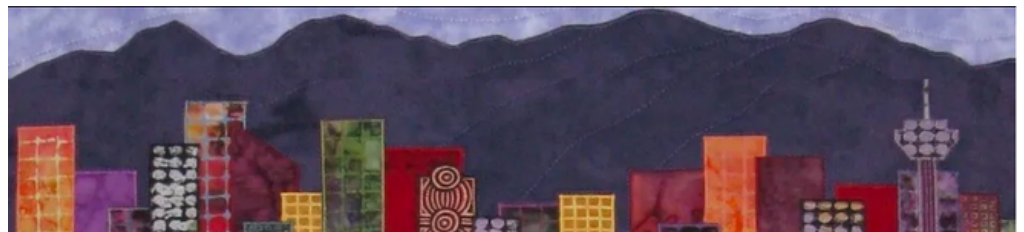
Jan. 19
Terry Aske

My Evolution as an Art Quilter



Terry Aske is a quilt artist from Vancouver, BC. Her quilts have been published in well known magazines, and juried in many national and international exhibits and shows. She has won awards in both the artistic and modern quilting categories.

Website: [Terry Aske Art Quilt Studio](http://TerryAskeArtQuiltStudio.com)



2025-2026 Program and Shop on Showcase

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 Ruiter)

May 18 - Annual General Meeting

Tips & Demos

Jun 15 - PotLuck

- Shop on Showcase - Mad Moody - Phyllis Moody



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.

There will be **NO** Virtual Sew Days on Nov 8 and 15

Then, we will be going weekly starting Nov 22nd until January. Many of us will be working on the annual Bonnie Hunter Mystery. This year, the mystery is "Lupine and Laughter" and you can find out about it, along with the clues that start to be released on Nov 21st at [this site](#). Whether you want to work on your own projects, or you wish to focus on finishing your own holiday projects, or you decide to join in with some of your fellow quilters for the Bonnie Hunter Mystery, you are welcome to join for part or all of each Saturday from Nov 21st to January 2026 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm EST via Zoom.

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.

Our next Virtual Hand Sew Evenings will be Thursday Nov 6, 20, Dec 4, 18 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm EST via Zoom.

QUILTIES

Thank you to all the members who have generously donated their time and materials to make quilties for the Almonte General Hospital. These small quilts are really appreciated by the families of new babies. I delivered 30 quilties to the hospital this past month.

At the October meeting 26 quilties were donated and members picked up some packages of batting and backing to be used for to make these small quilts.

Any Members who wish to participate in this program and have questions please see me at the meeting or get in touch with me by email.

Rita



QUILTIE INFORMATION

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

Backing:

- Cut 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:

- You can cut 96" wide batting to 27 inches long, which is three pieces 27" x 27" square, plus a half piece left over (about 17").

Quilting Tips, Tricks and Trivia

Tip

Tired of thread bunching up into a bird's nest under the fabric as you start out sewing? Or the fabric getting sucked down into the bobbin area? Or the piece just doesn't go anywhere and the needle keeps going up and down forming a small thread ball on the backside?

Leaders and enders can help eliminate these issues!

Take a piece of scrap fabric and fold it in half. Start with this under the foot for a smooth transition at the beginning of your piecing. At the end of your piecing, sew on to another piece of scrap fabric folded in half for a smooth ending to your sewing.

The best part, you can use your leaders and enders over and over again!



Did you know....

One of the earliest existing decorative works is the **Tristan Quilt**, made around 1360 in Sicily. It is one of the earliest surviving quilts in the world and at least two sections survive, located at the V&A Museum (London) and in Bargello palace (Florence).



EVENT CALENDAR

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| 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 |

Quilt Canada



NJS Submission - All quilters can enter the National Jury Show at Quilt Canada. For more details, click on this [link](#).

TrendTex Challenge - Do you like a quilting challenge? Want to try something new? How about trying this year's TrendTex Challenge at Quilt Canada. This year's theme is confluence; the act or process of merging. Click on this [link](#) to find out more information.

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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