



# QUILTING LINES

## President's Message

Good Morning All!

As I sit and look out the window I see our small area of the world blanketed in snow. Christmas shopping is almost complete, still finishing some sewing projects but feeling I am in a good spot. I hope you are all in this same spot. I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you and your families a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

I am certainly hoping that we may be able to see each other at some point in the 2021 and hope with the vaccine on the horizon our world will be able to return to a more normal setting.

Our celebrations will be different this year and we may not be with all of our families as we have done in the past, but I do hope that we can still enjoy the season. Stay healthy and well! Until January, keep sewing and continue to provide pictures to our blog of the completed items.

Happy Holidays

Lee Arthurs

## **Block of the Month** by Deb Guscott

### **December Block of the Month – Christmas Star**

Christmas Star – Season's Greetings! We all know this Christmas will be different than any other. Not as busy, or just a different kind of busy. For those who can still carve out a little time for quilting, I've chosen a paper pieced star. Not too many little pieces, so for those of you who have yet to try this technique, it's not too tricky. The block is offered in 4 sizes, so if you're a newbie paper piecer, I would suggest the largest block. Whichever you choose, add sufficient borders of your background fabric to create a 12 inch (finished) block, if you're wanting to include this block in a sampler with your other stars. To keep it simple, a single Christmas Star with borders would make a lovely seasonal table topper! Pattern by Rose Johnston of Threadbare Creations

Merry Christmas!

Deb

## **GBQG Blog (Show & Share)** by GBQG members

Please send your 'show and share(s)' to Michelle Murray:

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## Submitted by: Mary McDonald

Here are a few of my projects completed during 2020 restrictions:

A quilt and cushion for my daughter-in-law's and son's new cottage





For my 3-year-old granddaughter, a quilt to match her Dick Bruna's artwork



And blocks of the month



## Submitted by: Sharon Harbottle

A friend just found out they have cancer and was to start chemo right away so there was no time to order a port pillow. He and his wife didn't know something like this even existed. I had a few pieces of fabric already cut for face masks that I ended up not using so used it for this instead. It is stuffed with 2 layers of batting and has 2 velcro straps to hold it in place around the seatbelt. It came together really fast.



It is really hard getting my in-laws something for Christmas as they have everything they need or use so I usually get them treats they would normally not buy and a gift card for dinner out. This year I decided on something different. What started out as a wall hanging turned into a quilt. My in-laws love birds and had several bird feeders at various homes over the years, including currently at their retirement home in Georgian Village. While looking for wall hanging ideas online, I saw the centre panel of the quilt and knew they would like it so I ordered it. However, when searching for fabric to make it into a wall hanging for them, I saw a quilt on the Creemore House of Stitches website using the panel and knew that my wall hanging was now going to be a quilt. After a FART to Creemore, I was ready to tackle the project...without a pattern (a pattern is just a suggestion after all). I only had the picture from the Creemore website. It turned out to be not so easy for the panel centre as it was



significantly out of square. Not sure what happened during the print process of the panel but since I wasn't sure I could stretch it back into shape, I had to cut off the frame, square the birds/feeder part of the panel, square the frame and sew the frame back on. I think it turned out not too bad for having panel issues and guessing the dimensions for the various fabrics including doing the math when needed such as the 5 birds in birdhouses along the top and bottom of the panel to ensure they fit. Quilted by Jan Belanger in a fairly open pattern since the quilt fabric is busy. On to the next project. Merry Christmas everyone and all the best for a healthy, happy New Year.





## Submitted by: Velda Parmenter

Working on this nautical quilt for my son and daughter-in-law. The stars are my version of a compass rose. The middle star is surrounded by a slip knot and I thought the flying geese were appropriate for Georgian Bay boaters.



These snap bags are a fun little quilting project and can be completed in no time. I've made these for stocking stuffers.



## Submitted by: Sue Hopkinson

I have been busy with wool applique this year. Here are the last 4 mug mats. Patterns are by Trish Harriman and they were free online. The Snowman's Love ornament is a Jerome Thomas Design. Now I need to give my fingers a rest....until January.





## Submitted by: Krystyna Girdauskas

Season's greetings quilters! I had scrap fabric leftovers from my Transparency quilt so I looked for a pattern that would be fun to sew some of them up. This Spools wall hanging was the perfect little project for that. And the quilting pattern that I used was labelled, appropriately, 'loose threads'!

I still have fabric scraps leftover so I'll search for another project to use them up.  
Happy Holidays!



## Submitted by: Anne Rutherford

The four girls ( GOLDEN GIRLS) I made for myself and 3 friends. They are all a little different to reflect their favourite color and their style. We all celebrated a special birthday and have known each other ( 3 of us for 55 years) the other good friend for a few decades. Machine embroidery, applique, beading, embroidery (by hand). I used many different materials, (leather .burlap,and cottons, red sand. ) even included an inusuk. It was fun to make.



Pillow cases, burrito style. I have many.





The multicoloured pillow was made with materials collected around the world on my sisters travels. India, Portugal, Canada, Mexico and more. Her daughter turned 30 and so I made this for her. The bowl and coasters were made with these materials as well.



The grey quilt was made for the same niece for her wedding. **Whimsical.** Of course I had to have one of the windmill go the opposite direction and also included a hidden Inusuk. She wanted something very simple and neutral grey. That was hard for me to do....





## Submitted by: Lynn Brunelle

This is Jeannette's daughter Lynn. While accompanying my mom to the guild meetings several ladies would inquire if I had caught the quilting bug like mom. I would always laugh and say "no, I can't even sew a button". Well, ladies I dusted off mom's sewing machine and taught myself to paper piece by watching a video. Not only do I have one quilt but two quilts to show. Mom might not be able to tell me what to do but I think she still remembers her quilting as I would get lots of "no's" if I asked if I was doing something right. You should see the look I got winding my bobbin by hand as no matter how I try to follow the manual it ends up being a hot mess! Luckily Joanne and Nancy were able to answer questions. Not only did I have to learn paper piecing, assembling the quilt I had to learn to embroider too. You tube and Jack (seam ripper) became my friends. They were quilted by Michelle and Larry. I still have to hand sew the binding on one but I must say that is my least favourite part. The one is off to its new home for my friend who had a baby boy. The other I added some purple borders to make it more unisex and some different materials in the characters. I guess I might be my mother's daughter after all.





## Submitted by: Michelle Murray

My sister-in-law asked if I could help her make a cat quilt. I suggested she look online and send me pictures of quilts she likes so I could get a sense of her style. She sent me many traditional, floral quilts. I'm not into florals so creating this quilt and liking it was a challenge for me. The machine appliqued cats remind me of ceramic cats.

I decided to piece the back to use up some of the small leftovers. I intended to have 4 'Circle Of Friends' but after doing one I bailed and added some 9 patches instead. The quilt is a surprise as she doesn't know I've made it.



### Block of the Month:





A baby quilt I made and gifted to a friend.



# Workshops and Other Fun Things

## Workshops

No upcoming workshops.

## Fun Things

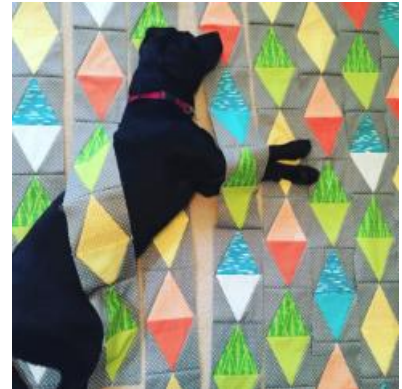


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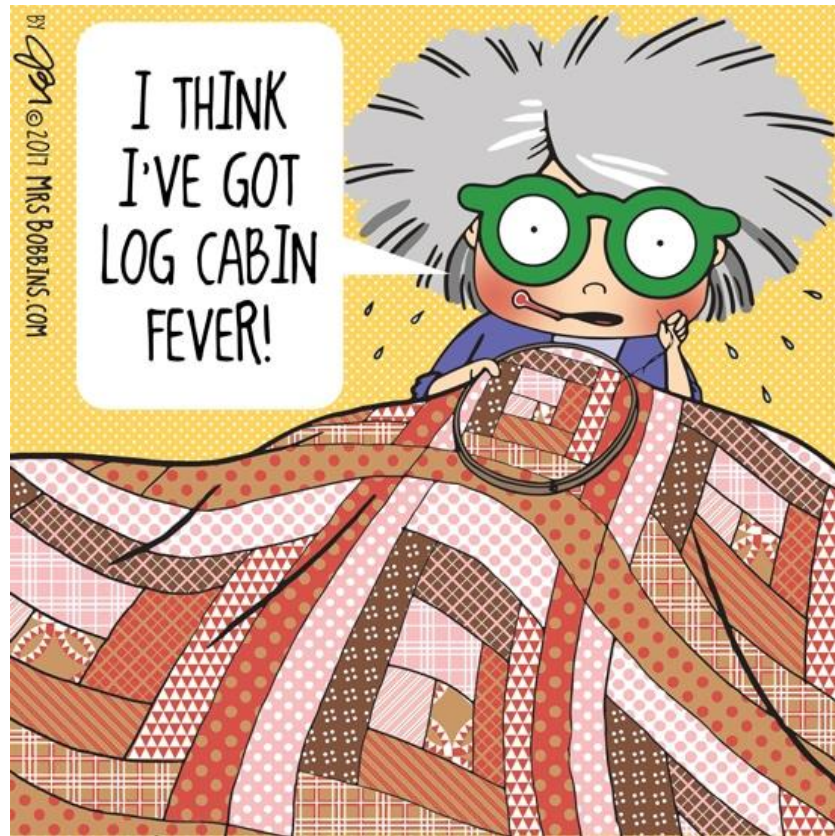
**when I am sewing or stitching, but she likes to test out the quilts. This little summer quilt got sent to my “nanny” Wally. Wally arrived at our home one month before I was born, from Germany. She had her belongings in a paper bag. Mum and dad welcomed her like family, and family she remained. Wally loved her surprise quilt as she was in isolation in a care home. Sadly**

**she passed away about a month ago, but her daughter will cherish the quilt.**

Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas. 2021 has to be better. This will be the Christmas for the memory books. Make it as merry as you can.

Sue Hopkinson





## Community

Hillcrest has reached out requesting non-surgical masks for their residents. If anyone wishes to contribute, please contact Hillcrest directly.

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