



# QUILTING LINES

## *A Message from Our President*

Good Evening All!

As we once again head into a State of Emergency and continued lock down I wonder when this will all end. With vaccine going into arms hopefully things will return to normal at least by September. The executive is working on a survey that will be sent out to our membership and I hope that you will all respond with answers/suggestions to our questions. I am hopeful this will be out before the end of the month.

I am still very busy at work even though we have gone to curbside pickup, who knew it would be so busy. I certainly didn't! I am finding that I am now falling behind on my sewing and my block of the month but am hopeful I will get caught up soon.

I hope everyone is able to continue with the sewing and quilting. Busy hands help to while away the time. Keep submitting your pictures for the blog so we can all see what you have been up to.

Stay healthy and well!

Happy Quilting Everyone.

Lee Arthurs

## Block of the Month by Deb Guscott

### January 2021 Block of the Month - Star of Hope

Happy New Year! I've chosen a block called Star of Hope for this month's Block of the Month. Hope is something we all need for 2021. It's an understatement that 2020 was a very difficult year. Let's all focus on the hope that 2021 will restore health and stability in our world.

The quilt block finishes 12 inches square and is a slight variation of some of the other blocks in this year's BOM program. What stood out for me with this block, other than the message of hope, is how, by careful selection of fabrics, specifically in the corner squares, a secondary pattern can be created by making and sewing a number of blocks together.

HOPE you have fun with this!

Deb Guscott

<https://nancyzieman.com/blog/quilting-2/january-block-of-the-month-star-of-hope/>

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

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

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## Submitted by: Heather Eland

A couple of years ago my neighbour Liz, a wonderful artist, asked if I would do an art quilt of one of her paintings. We decided on one and I got to work. Now we have done 3 and a fourth I am working on. I have been doing the wall hanging first and then she does the painting. Simply put, it takes weeks and more to do the quilt and her days to do the painting. It has been so much fun to see the final product of each. We give ourselves some liberty to add or not to the others so they are individual. The fourth one is very detailed so is taking longer but will be finished soon (I think).



## Submitted by: Annie Thomson

First Happy New Year to everyone; I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas/holiday season with your families (virtual or otherwise).

Since my last input to the newsletter, I have been busy with my quilting and have completed a few quilts. I have taken advantage of the pandemic stay at home guidelines to quilt, quilt and quilt some more! I made it my goal to try machine quilting and not give up at the first couple of curse words coming out of my mouth when giving it a try! After lots of practice and a few little projects I am feeling a little bit more confident with machine quilting.

I continue to hand quilt and currently have a king size “white on white” quilt on my quilt rack which I work on a little bit every day. When I get bored with it or my fingers need a rest I move over to my sewing machine and practice my machine quilting. Below are a few of the quilts I have completed and would like to show and share with you:

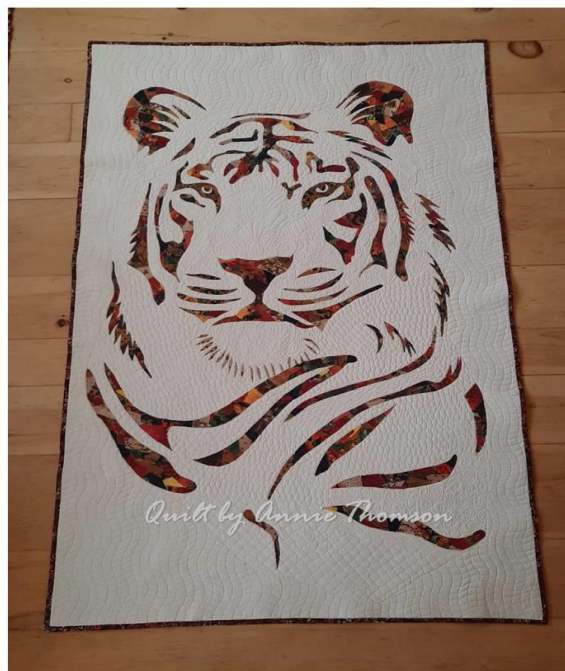
The quilt below is a quilt I completed for my niece for her 16<sup>th</sup> birthday and the last one in a big group of nieces & nephews to get a quilt on their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday... amen to that! She asked for a quilt with the theme of “succulents” and specified the colors of green and brown to be in her quilt. Below is what I came up with for her and the quilting was completed with a combination of hand-quilting, machine quilting and decorative stitches. The bargello center was from one of the workshops the Guild had a couple of years ago and I finally completed it to include in this quilt.



Gifted to my niece



Other quilts I have completed since the summer are below and all have been machine quilted as part of my goal to work on my machine quilting skills.



The quilt above was a UFO started about 25 years ago and finally completed last year!

The next quilt was completed using raw edge machine applique and machine quilted.



I have become very interested in a technique called One Block Wonder. A “One Block Wonder quilt” is made out of one fabric and with only one shape of block. So far the quilts the fabrics I used and have made using this technique have been with panels and the end results are below.









Using only the large panel and the bottom panel from the original panel, I made the two small wall hangings above using the One Block Wonder technique.





Gifted to my sister-in-law



Original Panel for the quilt above



Completed quilt and the original panel, side by side

So I have been busy with my quilting...



## Submitted by: Krystyna Girdauskas

Hello quilters! In my last post I wrote that I was going to sew a scrap quilt and I did. This pattern is Plaid-ish by Erica Jackman of Kitchen Table Quilting and it was free. My quilt is queen sized and I used a lot of fabric from my scrap bins and a few fat quarters from my carefully curated fabric collection (aka my stash!). The backing is a red flannel.

There is a Plaid-ish 2 quilt on the Kitchen Table Quilting website that uses more light and low volume colours in it's design.

I'm really pleased with this quilt!

Wishing you all, health and comfort in this new year!





## Submitted by: Nancy Phelps

Finally finished my Winter Joy quilt, which is pretty good timing for me as I only started in late last fall. Donna Klein Gebbinck quilted it with a snowflake pattern which I really like. The quilt is a gift for my brother and sister-in-law who usually spend their time in Antigua for the winter. I thought they could use the extra warmth this winter. Hope everyone is keeping well.





# Workshops and Other Fun Things

## Workshops

No upcoming workshops.

## Fun Things

Are you needing more inspiration? Are you missing our meetings? If so take some time to check out these guilds offering ZOOM participation in trunk shows and programming. I have listed a few, but if you find more please share.

York heritage Quilter's Guild: <https://yhgg.org/>

Mississauga Quilter's Guild: <https://www.mississaugaquiltersguild.ca/workshops1.html>

Pinetree Quilter's Guild of Muskoka: <http://www.pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com/>

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Send in their picture and name and they will be featured in our next newsletter.

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subject: my sewing helper



## Henry Approved by Michelle Murray

The cat quilt I gifted my sister-in-law received approval from her cat Henry. I think perhaps Henry misunderstood what we meant by 'Cat Quilt'. Peek-a-boo ....



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Please keep the library books you have borrowed until guild meetings resume. The Library Challenge will continue with a possible end date of June 2021.



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