



QUILTING LINES

A Message from Our President

Greetings,

In many ways, gardens and fabric stashes are similar. Once in a while, the stash should be reorganized; it's amazing how fabrics "co-habit" with other colours. Now you have no idea what fabrics you have for that table topper you wanted to sew.

In spring, gardens require raking off old leaves and other debris. You are able to see what made it through the winter. You think "I didn't waste \$25 on a plant; it's alive!" Also, you will see "volunteers" - plants that have seeded themselves. My stash certainly doesn't do that – does yours?

There are some green skinny shoots appearing in the flower bed. A thought when I first notice them – maybe they're tiny daffodil bulbs! Then I remember, there were a couple of chive plants that went to seed. The result a lot of small chives. They had better be removed before they interfere with the daylilies.

Sorting through your stash is a trip down memory lane. Fabric from Olde Silver Thimble (Whitby) – closed. Several pieces from The Quilters Line (Markdale) – closed. Fabric from Country Concessions – remodelled (100% improvement over previous store).

Walking through a garden provides memories of people who gave you plants – a fragrant white phlox from a librarian; the Train to Venice daylily from a staff member and the memories continue.

I could continue with the similarities but I think you get the idea and can think of some yourself.

TTFN

Wendy

Volunteers Needed!

Previously published in March 2021. If you are able please volunteer!!

HELLO EVERYONE!

I have been sitting here recalling our last meeting in Jan. 2020. We had a terrific UFO extravaganza, with our members showing so many wonderful quilts and other projects. With great ideas we went off anticipating the February meeting, then BANG, our lives got flipped into a new world of Covid and social isolation. I do not expect any of us thought we would miss so much. A year later, we are still very restricted in our community, awaiting the vaccinations that will bring our lives back to a more normal place. Who knows what the new normal will be?

One thing is for certain, when we do meet again, we will have so much catching up to do. It will be great to get together, to see a massive post Covid Show and Share, to see what the guest speakers we have planned have been making, to enjoy the fellowship of a workshop, and to look forward to our next Quilt Show in 2022. PLUS, the following year, 2023 will be our guilds 30th anniversary. So much to celebrate, so much quilting fun to be had.

There is plenty to plan and look forward to for the future of the guild, but we need your help. We are urgently in need of some members to step forward and offer to sit on the executive. I know “serve on the executive” sounds like a big job, but trust me, this is not like that reality show, where the big guy with the weird hair fires you. This executive is quite low pressure and very friendly. 😊 It is a worthwhile commitment to our guild.

Since I have done most of the jobs, I thought I would give you a simple breakdown of what is involved.

For the 2021-2022 year we need people to do these jobs.

VICE PRESIDENT. (1) This is a great learn as you go position. You can shadow the president, help when needed, replace the PRESIDENT in a crunch. You work with the Library to book the rooms and discuss the set up for all guild meetings and workshops. We have standard forms for these duties. It is hoped that you will continue on and become president when the current one steps down.

SECRETARY. (1) Your job is to keep the minutes of the executive meetings, and the AGM in June. Minutes must be recorded, typed up, and sent to the executive members. If you can listen, write, and use a computer, you have the skills for this job. 😊

PROGRAM/WORKSHOPS. (2) We should have three to four people working on program and workshops. As a committee they decide on speakers and other programs, such as our Christmas craft, for the guild year. There should be one member of this committee to organize the workshops. Many times we have the speaker teach a workshop the day after the trunk show. You can also plan workshops unrelated to our monthly speaker. Program/Workshop’s responsibility is to communicate with and hire speakers, to write up the contract for the teacher, choose the trunk show/lecture and workshop, and assist the speaker as needed on the night of the trunk show. Workshop coordinator takes registration and payments from members in the months prior to the workshop, and arranges room set up for the class. At the workshop, you assure proper room set up, prepare

coffee and tea, and see to any needs of the teacher. We provide the teacher lunch. You can choose to make lunch or buy it. Expenses are reimbursed.

PUBLICITY. (1) This job is basically to approach area stores or online stores and ask them to advertise in our Newsletter. It is best to do this in the summer, so the advertisers are in a full year of newsletters. You can contact the shops by phone, by email, or in person to request an ad placement. Through the year, if there are special events, you may be asked to contact local publications in the area. (Very rare.)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH. (1-2) You are responsible for the organization and distribution to organizations, of Cuddle Quilts, Meals on Wheels placemats, and any other community outreach we are doing. If you have ideas for outreach in other settings, such as our new Cancer Support Center, we welcome you and your suggestions. This is a great job to share with a friend. So much we can do in the

community. (Some storage of fabrics, kits, and finished quilts is needed at your home)

As an executive member you are invited to attend the monthly executive meeting for planning.

Most positions require an extra time commitment of approx. 2-4 hours a month for correspondence etc. much on the computer.

A great deal of all that goes on in the guild is planned at the full executive meeting. The room is always full of ideas and it would be great to have some new blood to bring in some new thoughts. Many of the ladies who currently serve, have done so for quite a few years. Time for some new faces around the table. Please, please, please (yes, I am begging) volunteer to join the executive and help with the plans for our Georgian Bay Quilters Guild going forward.

Thanks

Sue Hopkinson

Block of the Month by Deb Guscott

April Block of the Month – Ribbon Star

Happy Spring! The days are getting warmer and the grass is getting greener, so I've chosen a fairly simple star for this month so we can all spend more time outside.

Color/value placement is key in this one to obtain the ribbon effect.

Please note this block by Patchwork Square is offered in two sizes - 18 inches finished, or 9 inches finished. If you want to use this block with your other 12 inch finished blocks, make up the 9 inch version and add 2 inch strips of your background fabric to each side.

Deb

<https://www.patchworksquare.com/mf/ribbon-star-quilt-block.pdf>

Guild Meetings

All future guild meetings will be canceled until June. Further information will be provided in this space as 'things change'!

GBQG Blog (Show & Share) by GBQG members

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

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Submitted by: Velda Parmenter

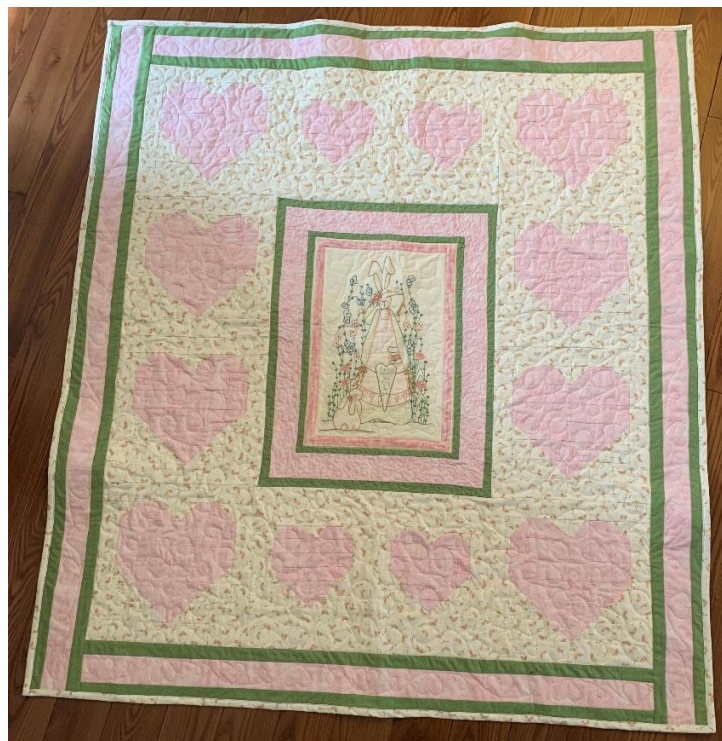
I made this quilt for a very close friend in memory of her husband who passed away recently. The quilt is made from some of his shirts and ties. I called it Bright Star. The star in the middle represents his personality. It is surrounded by a slip knot to show how entwined their lives were. The flying geese are a nod to his love of Georgian Bay. I quilted hearts around the border to show how much he was loved and how many hearts he touched in his lifetime.

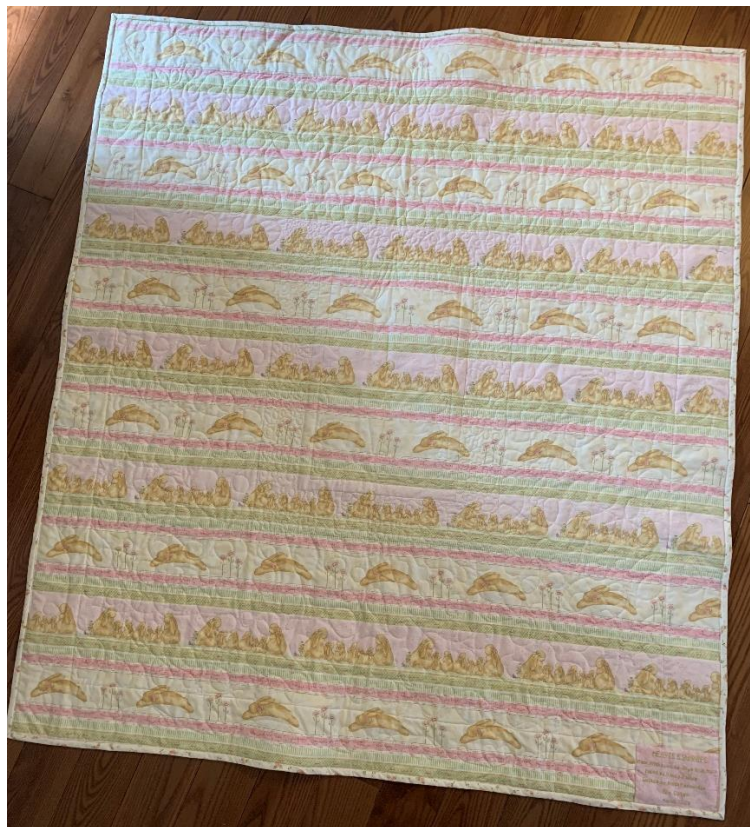


The back is made with large squares of the shirts used on the front.



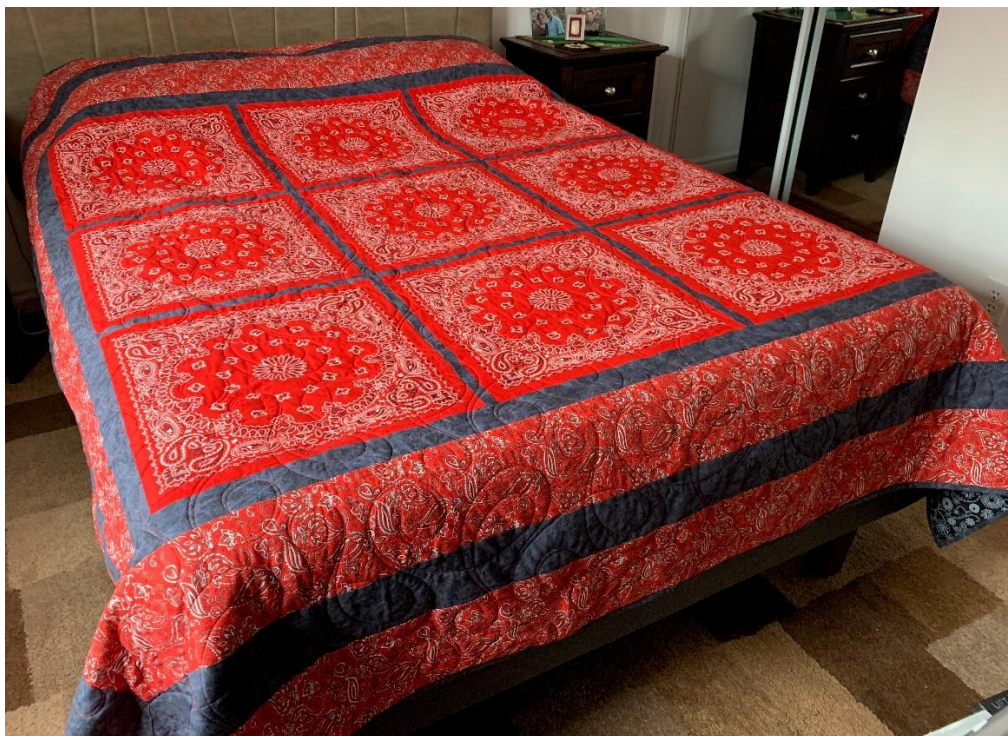
Rhys' Quilt - a special thank you to Nancy Phelps for giving this quilt top to me. Nancy did an amazing job designing, piecing and embroidering this beautiful hearts and bunnies quilt top. I added the backing and did some free motion quilting designs to finish it off. I gave the quilt to my two-year-old granddaughter for Easter and she loves it!!





Submitted by: Krystyna Girdauskas

I've always loved the prints on bandanas and when I found this red bandana quilting cotton, I knew I had to make a queen quilt out of it! And the backing that I was hoarding for several years, just waiting for the right quilt, was perfect for it! My next projects will be smaller and definitely scrappy to reduce my accumulated scraps inventory. And with the warmer weather, I need and want to spend some time on yard work and gardens. Till the next time and stay safe!



Submitted by: Mary Mackie

I have been saving scraps for 15 years promising myself I would use them someday. Well, the lockdowns motivated me to start a scrap quilt. The pattern is by Jean Summer "Jewels in My Flower Garden" and published in Encyclopedia of Classic Quilt Patterns. The quilt is queen size and would you believe I still have a bin of scraps.



Submitted by: Sharon Harbottle

Stonehenge

I saw this panel and fell in love with it because of my husband's heritage. I hand drew the medallion figuring out the size I wanted once the top was complete. The back is 3 different fabric patterns to draw in the celtic features and quilted with a freestyle, outline around the stonehenge stones and celtic style.





Under the Sea

A friend was expecting their first grandchild and the parents were going with an under the sea theme but not Disney type. I designed an interactive quilt for the baby with loops of ribbon/yarn/terry cloth, a sleeping whale in the coral, a bow tie shape in the corner to hold stuffies like the octopus or soothers etc and something that can't be seen in one of the sections is crinkle material that makes noise. It took me a while to do as I kept changing my mind about what to include.





Submitted by: Hazel Switzer

I think I am considered a member-in-waiting. We moved to Penetang December 2019 and then COVID struck. The membership person said she would add me to the newsletter list, which I have received, and when meetings resumed I would become a member. I belonged to the royal city quilting guild in Guelph for over 12 years. This quilt is a violet craft pattern and I reduced it by 25% to make it a lap quilt. This is a gift for a dear friend who loves elephants. My COVID-19 project- it has kept me calm, stimulated and busy.



Submitted by: Joanne Macklin

I have had a very busy year trying to finish a lot of projects. This quilt was a Christmas gift.



Small Projects - Mug mats and door hangings.



Christmas Mystery Quilt 2020 - This quilt was made from a virtual class at Thimbles and Things.



Border Creek Mystery - This quilt is called Quilter's Inspiration.



Spotted by Zen Chic - This is a large lap quilt.



Large lap quilt from panel - I used the Call of the Wild pattern by Wanda Designs. Thank goodness for hobbies. It would have been a very long winter if we couldn't have quilted.



Submitted by: Mary Besley

I have finished this scrappy string quilt and am wondering which organizations are currently accepting donations. It is ~41"x56". I still have some scraps left but bag is getting smaller.



Submitted by: Heather Eland

I wanted to do a water lily in 3D where each petal I could raise. They are doubled with fusible between the 2 layers and then spray starched so that they will remain 3D. This one has a black background that has some green in it. I also did one with a deep blue background. Can't decide which I like best.

I also have some other news. I have been invited to participate in the Bay Studio Tour October 2&3. Maybe this is a start to getting our love of quilts a little more exposure. So now the fun begins – get more stock. My focus is on my art quilts

I am honoured.



Workshops, and Other Fun Things

Workshops

No upcoming workshops.

Fun Things

Thank you to Sharon Harbottle and Sue Hopkinson for helping to brighten these pages for you!
If you would like to contribute, please send to gbbeauty@hotmail.com

A Little Something to Provide Some Humour During This Latest Stay At Home Order...

1. I sent my kid to college so I could store fabric in their room.
2. You know you are a quilter if you pet fabric.
3. The sewing room obstacle course should be an Olympic event.
4. I'm not buying fabric...it's a bailout for the textiles industry.
5. I feel like I should clean the house so I am going to my craft room to play until the feeling passes.
6. "I will not buy any fabric until I use my fabric stash at home" I said...then I laughed and laughed.
7. I meant to be good at the fabric store, I really did. But then I got out of the car and went in.
8. Of course I am working. It is a power tool with thread.
9. I'm a fabriholic on the road to recovery. Just kidding, I'm on the road to the fabric store.
10. I've been smuggling fabric into the house in grocery bags. My husband should notice there is no food in the house soon.
11. My biggest fear is that when I die my husband will sell all my craft supplies for what I told him they cost.
12. You haven't had enough coffee until you can thread a sewing machine while it's running.

Sharon

QUILTING TERMS WORD SEARCH

The following 'Quilting Terms' Word Search has been created by *Susan Hopkinson*

4/12/2021

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PS

I'm tired of all the covid-19 news that is on the air waves. We need some silliness to distract us from the gloom of those numbers. Comparing stashes and gardens was my attempt at humour and no, I'm not losing it.

On further inspection those green shoots are daffodil leaves!

Enjoy all of Spring's beauty. The cooler weather means that flowers last longer. It's also more pleasant for working outside.

Be safe and take care.

Wendy

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