

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# Welcome Back!

Greetings,

We are planning for a new guild year and there are changes, as we hopefully leave Covid 19 behind us! They will be explained in more detail elsewhere in the newsletter.

First, our meeting location (hopefully beginning in October) has been changed to the Wyebridge Community Centre, 8340 Hwy 93, just on the outskirts – right-hand side (if you are coming from Midland). Ample parking and no stairs to navigate to get into the building, located on main highways, bigger facility with kitchen included. We will have to set up and take down the chairs and tables and would appreciate people helping with this task. We will have the use of the building from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

# \* SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT \*

We are starting up in-person meetings of the quilt guild in the hopes that life will somewhat return to normal as fall proceeds. We have had to re-locate our September meeting from the Wyebridge Community Centre as the Township of Tiny has postponed their reopening of community centres. They are hopeful that October may proceed as planned.

September Meeting Location: Little Lake Park Pavillion, Midland.

Date: September 15, 2021. (Please note this is one week earlier than our usually scheduled meetings.)

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 p.m or as long as daylight permits us to meet.

Agenda: AGM, Membership Sign-up, Workshop Signup, Show and Share. (Please bring one or two items that you have made over the last year and a half.)

Hope to see most of our guild there. Please bring a chair to sit on and please wear masks for everyone's health and safety.

Nancy Phelps Secretary

Second, there will be a new system for our guild library. See the <u>LIBRARY</u> section in this newsletter for more details.

Third, Cathy Proulx and her committee have planned a varied program with 2 workshops. Covid-19 has created many problems with regard to booking speakers, cancelling, and then rebooking. Kathy Wylie has a workshop in November and registration will begin at our first meeting in September 2021.

Fourth, masks are to be worn except when speaking to the audience. Socially distance yourself when sitting. If you are part of a group, you may sit together.

Fifth, our Quilt Show will be on April 23 and 24, 2022. Set-up will be on April 22, 2022.

Sixth, there will be a draw (at the first meeting in September) for those members who have paid their membership fees.

Seventh, our Annual General Meeting will be held to officially close out 2020-21 (the crazy Covid-19 year) and install the new executive so that they can legitimately continue with their jobs. As well, we invite members to bring their quilts that they have worked over the past year and a half.

See you in September.

**TTFN** 

Wendy Spreitzer President



Register early for a chance to win! If you register on or before September 22nd, your name will be placed into a draw for a lovely gift of quilting items valued at \$25. The draw will take place at our first monthly meeting on September 22 2021. Thank you to a very generous member for providing this donation.



Registration Fees:

\$30 for current members

\$35 for new members (includes required membership badge)

Method of Payment:

- ✓ Cash
- ✓ Cheque payable to 'Georgian Bay Quilters Guild'
- ✓ e-Transfer to georgianbayquiltersguild@gmail.com

You can find the registration form online on our website. Click on this box →

Bring your completed form to one of our monthly guild meetings or scan and email it to: <a href="mailto:georgianbayquiltersguild@gmail.com">georgianbayquiltersguild@gmail.com</a>

New Members are welcome! If you know someone who may be interested in joining our guild, please share this information with them.

Velda Parmenter *Membership* 

Click Here For 2021-2022 Membership Registration Form



Welcome back to a new quilting year. Hopefully, we will be able to proceed with our meetings and enjoy the speakers and workshops that have been booked as well as the opportunity to get together. We have four speakers from outside our guild this year.

# September

AGM, Membership Sign-up, Workshop Sign-up, Show and Share. (Please bring one or two items that you have made over the last year and a half.)

### October

We have Michael Smith from Collingwood. He has been quilting for over 20 years and first started by watching an Elanor Burns video (Quilt in a Day fame) and making a quilt from the scraps he had saved from sewing garments. Needless to say, he did not finish that quilt in a day, but it got him hooked on quilting. Many quilts later, he acquired new long arm APQS Millennium machine and now quilts for others as well as himself. His journey is both interesting and amusing, so I hope you can join us for an evening of laughter and fun.

### November

Kathy Wylie is our featured speaker. She is a multiple international-award winning quilter specializing in applique, domestic machine quilting and English Paper Piecing. She has been a guest artist-in-residence at the Elly Sienkiewicz Applique Academy in the U.S. Kathy lectures and teaches all over Canada at guilds, shops and quilt shows. She is also the author of Sewflakes: Papercut Applique Quilts, 2007. We are very fortunate to have this multiple award-winning quilter come to our guild and also present a workshop for us.

### December

Christmas tea and craft time. A relaxing evening to celebrate the season.

# **January**

We will be asking 2 to 3 members of the guild to present 5 to 6 quilts that show their quilting talents from the start to now. Should anyone want to volunteer, please contact Cathy Proulx. This is an excellent opportunity for the guild to get to know you a little better.

# **February**

In the process of being planned. Suggestions welcome.

# Program Continued ...

### March

Judging of the quilt challenge "Once Upon a Time." Hope everyone is working on theirs. Preparation for the quilt show.

## April

We have Linda Miekle, a local quilter from one of our sister guilds in Barrie. Here is a short bio: My quilting journey may reflect what I consider essential skills of modern day. We must be concerned for the environment and not produce too much waste. We must be mindful of our economy and keep the business owners able to manage our needs. Thus the balance of quilting lies in how much can I spend, and how can I make good use of what I buy. My interests lie in the creative and experimental aspects of quilting. I hate following patterns, and usually get very frustrated when repeating the same thing multiple times. Luckily, I have found a cure for this dilemma, I make scrap quilts. My friends and fellow quilters have noticed this tendency, and feed my obsession. They clean out their fabric boxes loaded with their unfinished projects and pass their unwanted fabric to me. (often in big garbage bags, what a way to treat fabric!) My main objective in this quilting journey is to sew from my stash, and since it is ever growing with donations, I may never finish. What a burden to bear.

I will be showing you lots of bright colourful and often quirky quilts in what I hope is a fun and entertaining presentation. I can't wait!

As an aside. I have also been asked to speak and do a trunk show for Slope to Shore Quilters on May 5, 2022. The presentation for your guild will be very different from the Slope to Shore group. I have enough quilts to share with both groups without repeats. Just in case you have members in both groups.

### May

Ruth Kennedy will be giving us a trunk show and teaching a workshop. Ruth is from Fergus, and has been quilting since 2000. However, she has been sewing long before that as she is the daughter of Elaine McGee who lives in Elmvale and who is also a very beautiful quilter. She has won many awards for her creations, including at CQA shows, and has taught workshops for CQA juried shows. She focuses on the possibilities of curved piecing and paper piecing.

#### June

Annual General Meeting and a pot-luck.

Catherine Proulx *Program* 



# WORKSHOPS

### November 25, 2021.

Machine quilting. Price: \$55.00. (Do not need to purchase patterns, etc.)

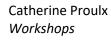
This is a technique workshop with a quilter that has taught across North America. This workshop will teach you the techniques of using your domestic machine to beautifully quilt your creations. Kathy quilts her own creations using her domestic machine. Please visit her website to see some examples. kathykwylie.com



Sign-up is **September 15, 2021** at our meeting. Payment is due at the meeting, preferably by cheque. May be paid in cash as well. A minimum of 12 people will be required for this to

### May 26, 2022.

A very friendly Paper piecing technique that is no rip with Ruth Kennedy. This will be a small quilt that can be easily finished. More information at a future date.



# 50/50 Draws

50/50 Tickets are available at our monthly meetings. Get your tickets - you just might win!



# 2022 QUILT SHOW

Save the dates April 23 and 24, 2022. As you know the 2021 Quilt Show had to be canceled due to Covid, but that hasn't stopped us from quilting. As Chair of the 2022 GBQG Quilt Show, I am please to announce there will be a Show in April 2022. The quilt show committee is still looking for someone to fill the following vacancies, Publicity and Volunteer Coordinator. Please contact me if you are willing to take on one of these positions.

The positions can be shared so ask a guild friend to assist you. I will look after ordering the posters and bookmarks.

I hope to have an early evening meeting of the committee by the end of October, followed by short meetings in Jan. Feb. Mar. and Apr. The date, location and time of the Oct. meeting is yet to be confirmed. Let's make this show the best ever.

Mary Mackie Chair, GBQG Quilt Show

### 2022 QUILT SHOW CHALLENGE

**Theme:** "Once Upon A Time ..."

Each quilt story must begin with 'Once Upon A time ..."

We started the story for you – can't wait to see how you finish it!

- Challenge is open to all guild members except the winners of the last quilt show challenge, Annie Thomson and Michelle Murray.
- Entries will be divided into two categories:
  - 1. "Original" and
  - 2. "Copy" (made from any copyrighted pattern/photo etc.).
- Entries are due at the March 2022 Quilt Guild meeting.
- You need not be present to participate. Your challenge creation can be entered into the competition even if you are not able to attend the meeting/judging.

Visit our website for complete rules:

Click here for: 2022 Quilt Show Challenge Rules

Visit us on our website ... WWW.GBQG.CA



# GBQG Executives

# Provisional Slate for the Executive – 2021 - 2022

Please consider volunteering!

Considering it but are hesitant because you don't know the role? No worries, we have a support group for that!

Some of us are taking on multiple roles to keep your guild running. Sharing a role is also an option.

Even if a role is already filled, if you have an interest in it, please speak up. Training is available.



September 2021

Here are the names and contact details for the 2021-2022 provisional executive committee members:

Position	Name
President	Wendy Spreitzer
Past President	Lee Arthurs
Vice President	<b>OPEN</b>
Secretary	Nancy Phelps
Treasurer	Sharon Harbottle
Program	Catherine Proulx
	Assistant: Margita Walgren
Workshops	<b>OPEN</b>
	Catherine Proulx
Membership	Velda Parmenter
	Sandra Allbon
Show & Share	Anne Rutherford
<b>Community Outreach</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
	Assistant: Margaret Allan
Website/Facebook	Michelle Murray
Newsletter	Michelle Murray
Library	Michelle Murray
	Assistant: Nancy Phelps
	Assistant: Carol McDonald
<b>Quilt Show</b>	Mary Mackie



# LIBRARY

All the GBQG library material (books, patterns and DVDs) are now located at my place. We cannot store the library at our meeting location. This limits the number of items that can be transported back and forth to our meetings.

All the library items are on-line at the Georgian Bay Quilters website:



Instructions to reserve library material can be found on the website. Requested items will be brought to the meeting for members to check out. I've created a <a href="mailto:librarian@gbqg.ca">librarian@gbqg.ca</a> email address so you don't have to remember who the current librarian is.

Do you currently have something checked out? Please bring it to our next meeting. I'm currently taking inventory and clearing out old check-out cards for items gone that seem to have gone on a walk about. I will also be contacting members directly to confirm if they still have checked-out items.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation as we try to navigate a new method of managing our library material. Feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions! <a href="mailto:librarian@gbqg.ca">librarian@gbqg.ca</a>

Michelle Murray *Librarian* 

# Show & Share

Feeling a little shy about standing in front of your friends to show off your stunning creations? (Yes, we are all friends here! (2))

Even if you aren't shy, sometimes you gift your creations before you get a chance to show them off in person.

What ever your reason is, we still want to see them!

Send me a picture and a little blurb about your creation and I will feature them in our monthly newsletter.

georgianbayquiltersguild@gmail.com or michelle.murray@rogers.com

Michelle Murray Newsletter



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