

DRESDEN DISPATCH

The official newsletter of the Brampton Quilters' Guild



FROM THE PRESIDENT

SANDRA GILMER

Hello Brampton Quilters.

You know that it is finally Spring when your husband gets his motorcycle out for the first ride of the season and that was on Monday, March 21 this year. Not the earliest ride in March ever, but at least there weren't piles of snow on the lawn like there are in some years. I don't usually accompany him on his first ride of the year as it's much too cold for me on the bike. I usually wait for much later in the Spring or Summer to venture on the back and I do have a heated vest which helps to keep me warm. The second ride might not be for a while though with all the rain and potential snow forecast for next week.

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Meetings of the Brampton Quilters' Guild are held on the fourth Thursday of every month at Jim Archdekin Recreation Centre

The next meeting date will be:

April 28, 2022

7:30 - 9:30 pm.

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Next newsletter deadline:

April 30

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What do you have planned for Spring, 2022? Do you have any special projects you are working on? Gifts? New babies expected and a quilt to welcome them home with? Or Home décor to brighten up your living spaces with the new colours of the year or season? A UFO that you are planning to finish because it has been languishing away waiting for inspiration to get it finished? We'd love to see what you are up to and what you've been making. Don't forget to either share a picture of what you've finished with Janice Lyons each month or now that we will be having some In Person meetings (in April and June) don't forget to bring them to Jim Archdekin Recreation Centre to share Live and In Person.

I have a new project that I have just started to work on – a request for foundation paper pieced table runner that my daughter asked me to make. She saw that I had liked a design on Facebook from a new Canadian designer and promptly asked me if I could make her one, the pattern is called Glacial Snowfall. It is very pretty and I have seen it in multiple colour combinations. This one will be in purple batiks. It's not a rush as she's said it could be a Christmas present, so plenty of time to get it done. I do love foundation paper piecing so it will definitely be a labour of love and with no extreme pressure. Hopefully it will be something that I will be able to get finished early and can bring to show In Person in the Fall.

I hope that you are just as excited about making some new Spring projects for yourself or loved ones as I am.

Enjoy the Spring and we'll soon be seeing the early perennials springing out of the ground too giving us more inspiration to make something beautiful in fabric and thread.

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5 Top Tips For Spring Cleaning Your Sewing Space – from the Quilters Planner

Blog, Inspiration & Creativity, Organization, Tips

The days are getting longer, the daffodils dancing in the breeze and Spring is almost here. This is such a hopeful time of year, when nature wakes up, and we can finally open the windows and feel the gentle warmth of the sun on our faces. It's also an excellent time to have a spring clean of your sewing space! It can be daunting knowing where to start with spring cleaning. Some people like to do it bit by bit, others like to spend a day sorting, re-arranging, cleaning and organizing. Which camp do you fall into?

To help you get started and to stay focused, we've put together our top five tips for spring cleaning your sewing space and giving it a fresh lease of life.

1. Sort through your fabrics and de-stash

If you're anything like us, you probably have more fabric than you could ever sew with in a lifetime. So why not decide to give some of it to a new home. We're not suggesting you part with your favourite prints, but if there's fabric you just know you're never going to get to sew with, why not let it be loved and used by someone else? Quite often, guilds or quilting groups have swap tables, where you take along some bits to swap and you can take some different fabrics in return. Just remember, if you're having a clear out, don't bring too much back home with you! Or perhaps you know a friend who is new to quilting that might like some fabric to play with. Perhaps a school or charity would be able to put them to good use for creative projects. Or you could always have a de-stash on Instagram. Quilters love purchasing fabric and getting a bargain!

Do you have fabrics that you're never going to use that could go to a new home?

2. Choose your favourite projects from the magazines, recycle the rest

Quilting magazines are often bursting at the seams with gorgeous projects, but they can take up an awful lot of space. It's likely that you never refer to them again either after the initial read. So why not go through them one by one and tear out the projects that you truly love. You could put them in a binder to easily refer back to. Then either recycle them or see if anyone else can make use of them. That's going to be a whole lot of space created!

Tear out your favourite projects and gift or recycle the rest to create more space

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3. Tidy Up and Label storage

We love the motto ‘everything should have a home’ so why not apply it to your sewing space. Keep like things together and have fun with storage solutions. Use items such as baskets, jars, boxes, trunks, pouches, buckets. Pretty containers make storage more fun! It’s useful to label your storage too so you know exactly where things are when you need them in the future. Being organized now will save hours looking for something in the future.

A bucket is a great, creative solution for storing scraps!

4. Check Tools and Accessories

Looking after your tools and accessories is really important if you want them to last a long time. Are the blades in your rotary cutter sharp? If not, replace them.

Is your ironing board cover in need of replacing? What about your cutting mat?

Does it need de-fuzzing? (Top tip – use a toothbrush and some liquid detergent to do this.) Have you got plenty of spray baste? Have you got enough batting and interfacing for your future projects? Set yourself up for successful sewing by checking all these things now rather than when you need them and realise you don’t have enough!

Sharp rotary cutters are much safer. Check your blades!

5. Give your sewing machine the once over

Have you cleaned inside and around the bobbin recently? Does your machine need oiling? Make sure your machine is in the best possible condition with a sharp needle, ready to go. Your sewing machine will thank you for it and give you better results! You might also want to consider taking your sewing machine for a service. If it is starting to sound ‘cranky’ it might be time for a little TLC. When you get it back, it will be as good as new, with a whole new lease of life! Don’t forget we have a page in the Quilter’s Planner dedicated to sewing machine maintenance and inventory, so this will really help you keep on top of looking after it.

Keep track of your sewing machine details and tools

We hope that manage to do at least a little sewing Spring cleaning. It really will bring more joy to your sewing when you’ve created more space and everything is in good working order! If we’ve inspired you, do share your images on Instagram and tag us @thequiltersplanner so we can see!

Vice President

EDIE PETRUZELKA

What a great presentation Stephanie and Calista gave regarding Wonderfil Specialty Threads.

I definitely learned a lot and it was nice to see how using different weights and types of thread and their effectiveness. Signed up for their newsletter.

I'm looking forward to our in person meeting at Jim Archdekin on April 28 th and our guest Lisa Hill.

Please let me know of any upcoming local events and quilt shows, will post on the website. Hope you all have a blessed Easter.

Happy Stitching!!

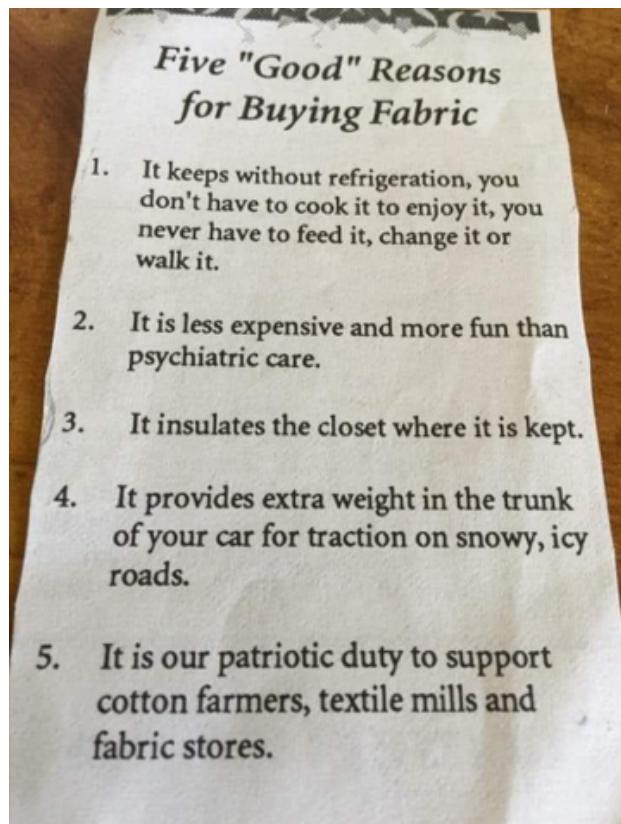
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Membership

CATHY WILLOUGHBY AND PAT ROBICHAUD

If you haven't yet renewed your membership please bring a completed application with your payment. Please ensure cheque is made out to Brampton Quilters' Guild Inc.



Birthdays

Andrea S.	23
Janice L.	30

Haven't had a chance to sign the birthday clipboard? Don't worry. It is always available for you to sign up. Just send a message to Carol and she will add you to the list.

Community Projects

NORMA SWITZER

Well I had a great day today. I met up with Carol Leckie at Owl Be Sewing to take advantage of the sale. We bought some lovely fabrics. Good quality flannels and some very pretty kid's fabric. Gina was very generous and gave Community Projects a good discount on top of the sale price. Of course, both Carol and I took advantage of the sale and bought fabric, and zippers, and patterns and a new rotary cutter for ourselves. Oh yes, and a new bag pattern.....

At our last Community Projects sew day on Saturday March 12 we had a good turnout. While some members sewed, others cut fabric for kits while another sewed batting pieces together. We had a few members drop off kits they had completed and picked up new kits. We also had a donation of lovely fabric. The best part was the social aspect. It was great talking and catching-up with everyone.

Our next sew day is Wednesday April 13 th . If you can't make the 9:30 start, don't worry. Just come when you can. Drop by for a cup of tea. I bought a kettle so we can make tea and we have a coffee maker so this time we can have a drink. Ruth will bring the milk. Please bring your own mug. We don't have permission, yet, to use the kitchen. We will finish by 2:00 pm. Bring your lunch. You will need your sewing machine and sewing kit. We will be sewing, just sewing. We have quite a lot of kits ready to be finished.

One thing we are short of is ribbon. If you have any ½ to ¼ inch ribbon you care to donate, please bring it along. We used up all the red and green ribbon last month for the gift bags. Hope to see you on the 13th.

Bramalea Alliance Church, 905 Central Park Dr., Brampton. If you do decide to join us please let either Carol Leckie or myself know. It makes the setup easier. Stay as long as you can.

The last Community Project day is: Saturday, May 14th.

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Past President

JANICE LYONS

“Many hands make light work”!! Please consider helping our guild by volunteering for one of the following positions –

Archivist (currently vacant)

Funding (currently vacant)

Photographer (currently vacant)

Publicity - Researching & making several recommendations that need to be followed up for guild publicity. If you have any social media experience (ie. Posting on Facebook, Instagram, etc.) please consider volunteering.

Workshops - Linda Pierce has done a terrific job as our workshop convenor for the past several years. She will be stepping down at the end of this year. To continue to provide workshops next year we need someone to step up to take over this position. Now would be the perfect time to ease into the position with assistance from Linda.

If you have any questions please contact myself, or any of the current executive.

Some members have not been receiving the Zoom invitation to our meetings. I send the invitation out on the Thursday of the week before the meeting. If you do not receive it (and please check your spam file first), please send me an email (jan@bllift.ca) and I will make sure that you do receive it. Thank you.

Programmes

SANDRA GILMER

As COVID restrictions are gradually being lifted, the Executive has been working to get us back into our meeting space at Jim Archdekin Recreation Centre as quickly and as safely as possible. Please see our program details noted below – what meetings will be held In person, via Zoom and where we are planning a hybrid version. If anything changes from the proposed plan, we'll let you know via an email blast to all of our members. We thank Jim Caldwell (Fran's husband) for offering to take on the role of Special Advisor/Technology Guru and now honorary member of the Brampton Quilters Guild to help guide us through the technology maze to allow us to hold a Hybrid meeting option. We are sincerely grateful for his willingness to help us out.

As we start to think about next year's Program (it's never too early to start planning for our programs as popular speakers book up very early), don't hesitate to let me and/or any of the Executive know who you'd like to see, what techniques you want to hear more about or a new or different feature event for our meetings.

Program for 2021/2022

April 28, 2022 – Lisa Hill – Soft Impressions – Through the Eyes of a Judge.

This will be an In Person meeting and a Hybrid version via Zoom for those who may not be able to join us in person for Lisa's presentation. Although if you join us via Zoom you'll miss out on a shopping adventure and some retail therapy.

Lisa was a vendor at our last quilt show in 2019 and is happy to re-schedule her earlier planned visit. She will bring her travelling shop with her, so there will be shopping you can do that night too.

May 26, 2022 – Return visit from Wonderfil Specialty Threads

Stephanie and Calista will focus on their specific thread lines – with a special focus on piecing, quilting, embroidery, decorative work, and any specific thread lines that our members would like more details on. This meeting will again be held via Zoom as Jim Archdekin Recreation Centre is not available to us due to its use as an Advanced Polling Station location for the upcoming Provincial Election.

June 23, 2022 – Members Trivia Night Game and our Annual General Meeting

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Members Garage Sale - POSTPONED INDEFINITELY.

Unfortunately we have had to postpone this meeting programming option. We will hold this session when it is safe to do so and when more members are able to participate. Keep all your “treasures” you’d like to sell until we can make it safely happen.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for speakers and/or topics for next year’s programs, please let me know and send me all the contact details and I will try to incorporate into our plan as we work through this challenging hybrid model year. Email:
sandra.gilmer@sympatico.ca

Also, if you’d like to help me working on the Program plans for the upcoming year, I would gladly welcome your help. Let me know and/or Cathy Willoughby know of your interest.



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Workshops

LINDA PIERCE AND CAROL LECKIE

- > In-person workshops are 9:30 - 3:30
- > Bramalea Alliance Church, 905 Central Park Dr. Brampton
- > Zoom workshops are usually 9:30 - 3:30
- > Non Members may participate add \$10 to workshop cost.
- > Etransfer may be made to bqguild@yahoo.ca
- > Please note in the comments section the workshop name

April 30 Curves by Machine - Linda Pierce \$30 - In-person

Sewn with seams these free form curves are drawn by you. We will practice the 3 separate techniques on a project.

May 28 Appliqué by Machine \$30 - In-person

3 main type of techniques

Many methods of appliquéd are explored. A fringed raw edge fabric on a fabric base or a quilted background. Turned edge techniques that replicate hand appliquéd. A few techniques using products that assist in a neat finished piece.

June 25 Crazy Quilting by Joanne Quick \$30 - In-person

Joanne will lead us through the fabric selection, construction, and embroidery of crazy quilting. We will make a little bag.

That's it for this season. There are no workshops scheduled as of now but please note the following dates for 2022/2023:

September 24, 2022

October 22, 2022

November 26, 2022

January 28, 2023

February 25, 2023

March 25, 2023

April 29, 2023

May 27, 2023

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Publicity

Guild members can follow us on Facebook at Brampton Quilters Guild Inc. where meeting reminders, workshop information and fun quilting memes will be posted regularly. Please feel free to share our page. Watch for our updated Instagram page as well.

Library

KAREN GRATTON

Library Report

1. New magazines have arrived
2. Please contact me if you would like access on line

email - karen_7680@yahoo.ca and I can forward the information to you.

3. Books taken out at last meeting will be due at April meeting.

Simcoe County Barn Quilt Blocks

A fun activity for a drive in the country

Please visit <https://experience.simcoe.ca/barn-quilt-trail> for additional information



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Community Liason

FRAN CALDWELL

Call for Quilts for the planned ‘Quilts in the Garden’ joint fundraiser!

Hello fellow quilters! The Brampton Quilters’ Guild is planning to join with the Brampton Horticultural Society to present the first ever ‘Quilts in the Garden’ fundraising event. We are planning to display some of our unique creations within some lovely gardens here in Brampton in early July.

We would like to know if you have a quilt or quilts that you would like to display in one of these settings. If so, please send a photo of each named quilt (that has a sleeve to allow for mounting) along with the dimensions of each to Fran Caldwell at fern0@rogers.com.

The joint committee is planning to make available for sale, entry passes (tickets) for approximately 8-10 private garden locations which will also have a selection of quilts being presented at each. The entry tickets also come with a map and brief description of each garden and, hopefully, the quilts that will be displayed there.

Please send your photos and quilt dimensions to Fran no later than Friday May 6, 2022.

P.S. We may be able to have a small ‘Members Boutique’ sales space at this event. We will provide further information as we develop this idea. If you enjoy doing some extra sewing, keep your sewing ‘engines running’ and your creative juices flowing!



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Upcoming Quilt Shows & Events

Please note that the information on the following shows has been verified as of the end of March. You will see that some organizations are already announcing their event has been moved to 2022 or 2023. Please check their social media before heading out to a show.

New Millenium Quilter's Guild, Mildmay - May 27-28, 2022

Quilts in the Bloom, Hamilton - June 3-4, 2022

Quilt Canada, Vancouver, B.C.; June 16-18, 2022

Canadian Rockies Quilt Show, Canmore, AB; Sept 24-25, 2022

Quilt Expo 2022: September 30, October 1, 2022 at Best Western Brantford

York Heritage Quilters' Guild; November 11-12, 2022

Etobicoke Quilt Fever; Mar 24-25, 2023

Quilted Treasures Quilt Show; Lindsay Guild; May 2023

Quilts Kingston, Kingston - June 2-4, 2023

Pine Tree Quilters Guild of Muskoka, June 2-3, 2023

Prince Edward County Quilt Show; July 8-9, 2023

Mississauga Quilts; 2023

Thousand Islands Quilters' Guild; 2023

A feast for the Eye Quilt Show; Sarnia Guild; 2023

