

Oxford Quilters' Guild *disPatch*

Summer 2026

President's Message

Hello Quilters,

I hope everyone has been enjoying our great weather and have been spending time in the outdoors. It's been great weather for hand sewing outside.

Please remember to visit the "Oh Canada" Silent Auction which is at the Centre from June 6, 2026 until June 26, 2026. This auction is a fund raiser for the Centre.

Consider joining the Executive of the Guild as we are looking for people to fill the position of Vice-President, Secretary and Social Media. Remember, the Guild cannot operate without its volunteers. Many thanks to all our Guild members who have volunteered this year in various capacities to help keep the Guild operating and running smoothly.

Thank you to all members who have knitted and crocheted poppies and dropped them off at the Centre and signed the book by the drop off box. Please continue to knit and crochet poppies for the Poppy Project as we require the assistance of everyone in order to have this be a success and it is a worthwhile project. We welcome participation in this project by non members as well, as we want to involve the local community. If you do not knit or crochet we will also require help fastening the poppies to the netting. You may drop off completed poppies anytime at the Centre or at the September meeting.

Quilters continue to enjoy the Studio Time on Mondays and Thursdays at the Centre and all members are welcome to attend. This is always a great time to socialize and learn from other members.

Thank you for allowing me to be your president for this past year. It has been a pleasure working with the other volunteers and I encourage guild members to become involved with the Guild and fill a position on the Executive of the Guild.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in the fall.
Happy Quilting!
Lois

*There is no
wrong time for
quilting.*



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Upcoming Meetings

Oxford Quilters' Guild, Annual Banquet
Welcomes Guest Speaker



Maude MacDonald - ***The Retro Quilter***

June 11, 2026

Royal Canadian Legion, Ingersoll, ON

Social: 5 p.m. - Dinner: 6 p.m.

Speaker to follow dinner

Maude MacDonald, the Retro Quilter is a quilt pattern designer and retro enthusiast who celebrates originality and creativity. Maude helps folks infuse their modern lives with a touch of nostalgic charm through retro inspired projects, sewing, quilting and more. A believer of vintage style not vintage values, Maude makes retro style a new modern, welcoming everyone into her world.

Oxford Quilters' Guild Program Highlights for 2026-2027

(Please note all speakers and workshops are subject to change as the year progresses.)

September 10, 2026: Judy Pearce "Who Knew? All the Surprises in a Quilter's Journey"

September 19, 2026: Jelly Roll Day. 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

October 1, 2026: Michaelanne Hathaway "Colour Confidence for Quilters"

October 24, 2026: Workshop "Sashiko" Rosey Bourne 1-3:30pm

November 5, 2026: Louise Hamilton (Purple Rooster Quilting) "My Quilting Journey in Full Colour"

November 6-8, 2026: Guild Retreat at the Best Western Stoneridge Inn

December 3, 2026: Tamara Gilhuily (Guild Member) "Lessons Learned"

January 7, 2027- Andrea Tsang Jackson- "Flying Solo to Flying Geese" ZOOM 7 pm

January 16, 2027: Workshop "Improv Letters" Cheryl Arkison ZOOM (6 hour class)

February 4, 2027- Tamara Kate "A Peak into Fabric Design" ZOOM 7pm

February 6, 2027 VP day. 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

March 4, 2027 Jo Avery from Scotland (Lecture topic TBD) ZOOM 2pm

March 5-7, 2027 Spring Retreat at Best Western Stoneridge Inn

April 1, 2027- Susan Clark (previous member of OQG) "Without Enthusiasm, Nothing Great was Done"

April 17, 2027: Workshop Celeste Compion "Reverse Hand Applique" 1-4pm

May 6, 2026— Taiga Bentley (House of Taiga) "Quilted Coats and Baby Quilts"

June 3, 2027. Banquet TBD

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Classes

Classes are presented by the Ingersoll Creative Arts Centre (Check the Centre website or the Friendly Friday for more details)

Summer Quilt - July 6th and 9th during the quilters' Studio Time. More information will be presented at the Banquet and members can sign up then. Cost is \$15.00.

**GO WITH THE FLOW:
BIG BLOOMS WATERCOLOUR**

with Linda Hutchison

Saturday, June 13, 2026
9:30am - 3:30pm

Member: \$63
Non-Mem: \$81

SUPPLY LIST
AVAILABLE

REGISTER ONLINE OR CONTACT US AT 519-485-4691 OR INGERSOLLCREATIVEARTS@GMAIL.COM

Ingersoll Creative Arts Centre

**POTTERY AND
SCULPTURE CAMP**

Take on different pottery handbuilding projects and experiment with 3D sculpture in other mediums in this hands-on art camp!

9:00am - 3:30pm

Aug. 4 - 7

Ages 11 - 14

\$200 per child

SUBMIT REGISTRATION FORMS ONLINE WWW.CREATIVEARTSCENTRE.COM

Ingersoll Creative Arts Centre

**ART-venture
CAMP**

Discover and experiment with different art mediums during this 2 day camp
Sewing, felting, drawing, and more!

9:00am - 3:30pm

July 20 & 21

Ages 11 - 14

\$100 per child

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Ingersoll Creative Arts Centre

**ARTS
SUMMER
CAMPS**

CAMP WEEKS

ARTISTS' TIME MACHINE CAMP
July 6 - 10, 2026

PAINTING/DRAWING CAMP
July 13 - 17, 2026

POTTERY CAMP
July 27 - July 31, 2026

CRAFT CAMP
August 10 - 14, 2026

\$225/WEEK

FOR GRADES 1 - 6

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Library News

HUZZAH! It's INVENTORY time!

Please bring all your borrowed books back to the Centre. I will be collecting books at the Guild Banquet on June 11, so you can bring them there if you wish. While you're there, you can take a look at our new purchase. The Big Book of Pretty and Playful Applique by Carol Armstrong contains patterns for pets, insects, birds and flowers. The illustrations and techniques are detailed, and the designs are truly amazing. For the moment, because the book is out of print and pricey, I have it Reserved for use in the building only. You can photocopy pages in the office for a nominal fee, or use the light table.

Be sure to enter anything you make to the Guild Show next year. I expect to finish inventory by the first week of July, so don't delay returning your books, and re-borrow them in July if you want. Thank you for your assistance. See you at the Banquet!

Gerry Ketchum



**PLEASE
RETURN
YOUR
BOOKS!**

Membership

Please keep your lanyard and plastic cover for your name tag. New nametags will be available at the October meeting for the 2026 - 2027 year.

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Challenges

Colour Challenge

May's colour is **GREEN** For those of you who want to catch up on our colour challenge, here are the colours so far: September - lime green; October - orange; November - turquoise/acqua; December - red; January - purple/magenta; February - pink; March - blue; April - yellow/gold

Summer colours will be announced at the banquet. Everyone is encouraged to finish their quilt top for our September meeting and then to turn their blocks/quilt top into a quilted piece that you could be entered into the Quilt Show in 2027. We would like to be able to create a colourful display of all these creative blocks.



Oxford Quilters' Guild Mystery Swap 2026-27

Organized by the Program Committee.

Cost is \$15.00 which covers the cost of the pattern and instructions for an 87" X 87" quilt before adding (optional) borders.

Instructions will be sent out by email.

From September to December, and April to June, participants will each make and hand in 20 nine patches from 2" strips in a specific colour which will be announced ahead of time. The organizers will swap the blocks and you will receive 20 blocks back at the next meeting. Each participant will receive blocks from all of the other recipients. This will add variety and interest to

your quilt. You will hand in your first set of 20 nine patches in September. It is preferable that not all of your blocks are made from the same two fabrics. From January to March, you will be given instructions each month for the other blocks in the quilt. These will be made with fabric from your own stash or that you purchase for the project. You will be told how much fabric you need to have for these blocks sometime in the summer. The constant fabrics that you choose will let you personalize your quilt.

If you have any questions, please contact Gail McHardy-Leitch (cozyq@icloud.com) or Christine Rachar (christine.rachar@yahoo.ca)

You can sign up for the swap at the banquet on June 11, 2026 or by e-mailing Gail or Christine and sending an e-transfer to oxfordquiltersguild@gmail.com. Please write SWAP in the subject line.



Quilt Canada, June 16 – 19, 2027

MEMBER GUILD CHALLENGE – “GO WILD / OSEZ”

The Canadian Quilters' Association/ Association Canadienne de la courtepointe (CQA/ACC) is announcing a Member Guild Challenge for Quilt Canada 2027. Only members of a CQA/ACC Member Guild may enter this challenge, which has the theme “GO WILD/OSEZ.”

- All entries must follow the guidelines below. Each individual Member Guild may select one quilt from their Guild's membership, on or before April 30, 2027 for entry into this challenge. How they choose to run this within their guild is entirely up to them.
- It would be appreciated if Guilds wishing to enter the Challenge could advise of their intent via email to Irene Lafleche, irene.lafleche@canadianquilteradministration.com by Feb 1, 2027. This helps in determining space allocation at the show. The official Quilt Entry form will be available as of April 1, 2027 through April 30, 2027.
- All quilts must be received between May 10 and May 25, 2027 and will be displayed at QC 2027, at the BMO Center, Stampede Park in Calgary. The location for shipping/dropping off your quilt entry will be determined and communicated to you by the end of April. The cut off for displaying quilts at Quilt Canada is restricted to the first 50 entries received.
- The winning quilt will be selected by Viewer's Choice during Quilt Canada 2027 and awarded a \$500 cash prize.
- All submitted quilts will either be returned to entrants at the Guild's expense, with invoices issued accordingly, or may be picked up at the end of the conference in Calgary.

The Challenge:

- The Theme: “Go Wild / Osez”
- There is no restriction on fabrics to be used.
- The quilt perimeter is to be no larger than 72 inches. (add up the inches on all four sides)
- Each quilt must be finished with either binding, facings or enveloped pillow case style.
- Please ensure that there is a hanging sleeve, at least 3 inches wide, for display purpose.
- All quilts must have a label with the Quilt name and Guild name visible on it; Quilter's name optional.
- Please enclose the Guild Entry Form when your quilt is shipped.

We look forward to your entry and thank you for your participation. Please send some photos of some of your Guild entries for posting on our Social Media sites. Most of all, have fun!

Irene Lafleche, CQA/ACC Membership Director

Doing for Others

Poppy Project

The Poppy Project is a collaborative project between the Ingersoll Creative Arts Centre and the Ingersoll Hillcrest Memorial Branch 119 of the Royal Canadian Legion.

All groups in the Centre will be working on making knitted or crocheted poppies and we're hoping to have over 10,000 poppies made. The Legion is very excited about this and the poppy net will be hung on the Legion Building in November.

It is also the 100th anniversary of the Royal Canadian Legion.

If you do not knit or crochet we'll also need help attaching the poppies to netting.

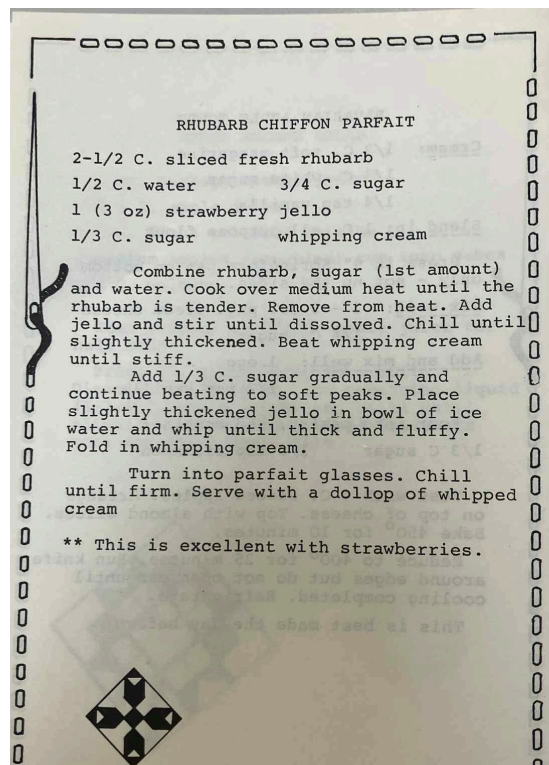
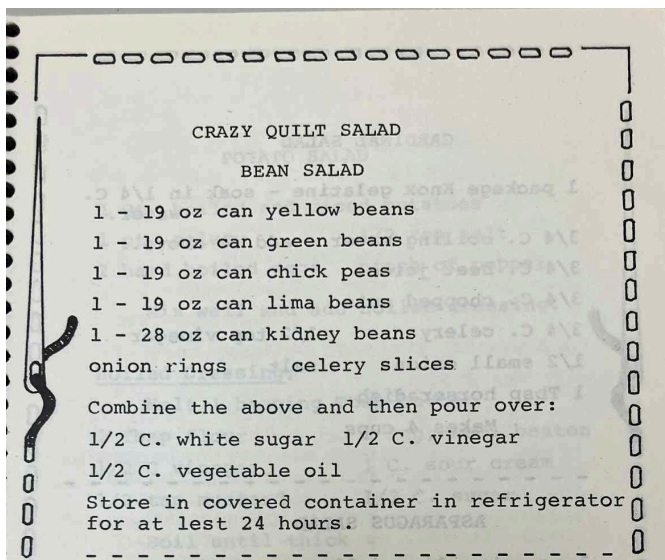
Copies of the poppy knitting and crochet instructions are available for pick up at the Centre office. We need to continue knitting/crocheting as many as possible in order to be able to obtain enough poppies for this project.

Also, if you have any non-member friends that would like to contribute to this project they are more than welcome to do so.

Placemats

The Guild will again be making placemats for the Meals on Wheels programs in our area. Please consider making some placemats for this special outreach project.

Tips, Tricks and Neat Ideas



News from Other Guilds



I'm reaching out from Fanshawe Pioneer Village to invite the Oxford Quilters' Guild to our Textile Fair taking place on Saturday, September 5th, 2026!

The Textile Fair will include demonstrations of 19th century fiber art traditions, including quilting, embroidery, spinning and weaving. Visitors will also have the chance to shop at the Artisan Market and attend a Flax Processing Workshop to learn how linen is made by hand. Applications are now open for individuals, clubs, guilds and businesses who want to participate in this special day! We are seeking Vendors for the Artisan Market, as well as Demonstrators to help inspire the next generation of fiber artists.

If your members would like to participate, they can learn more about this event and submit an application form [HERE](#). For our museum hours and admission rates, head [HERE](#). Finally, to sign up for our newsletter and get the scoop on when tickets for the Flax Processing Workshop open for sale, let me know directly or fill out the prompt on our home page [HERE](#).

Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions about the Textile Fair or Fanshawe Pioneer Village in general. Please also let me know if you would like the guild added to my contact list for future textile events and opportunities, and I will be happy to do so!

Thank you for your time, and wishing you a great day!

Kind regards,

Reilly Knowles (He/Him)

Public Programming Coordinator (Maternity Leave)

London & Middlesex Heritage Museum - Fanshawe Pioneer Village [519-457-1296](tel:519-457-1296) ex. 811

Wanted

Good morning!

I'm sorry if this is not a good email to contact, I am just not sure where to start finding a qualified quilter in the Ingersoll area.

I am hoping you can get me in touch with a quilter who would be able to complete a T-shirt quilt for Christmas time. I had previously started the process myself with the help of a quilter, but she has since moved away and it has been sitting incomplete for some time now. I unfortunately just don't have the time to relearn and try on my own. Any help would be greatly appreciated!

Thanks,

Kayla



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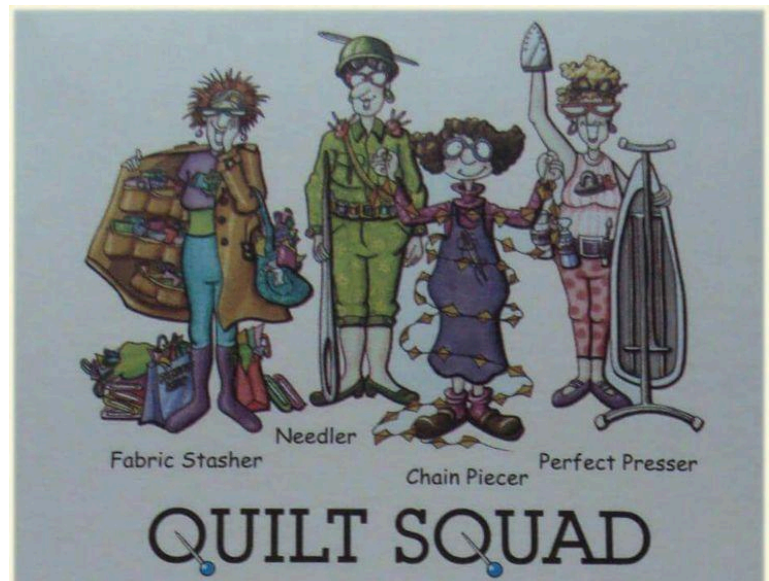
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Subtrade of the Year | 2024, 2021
Best New Kitchen | 2024, 2021
Best New Bathroom | 2024
Best Renovated Kitchen | 2024, 2023, 2022
Best Renovated Bathroom | 2025
Best Entry Level New Home | 2025, 2024
Best New Single Family Home | 2023, 2022
Best New Townhome | 2022

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