

# Oxford Quilters Guild

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January/February, 2023



### President's Message

Hello Quilters, winter has arrived and with it snow on the ground. It has been a good fall with having meetings in person. However, we will be going back to ZOOM for 3 months, January, February and March.

I would like to thank the Program Committee for the crafts at the December meeting. Everyone enjoyed it with many suggesting having another hands on project. My Christmas spools and snowman are hanging on my tree.

With Christmas just around the corner, I'm sure most have been busy working on quilted gifts. I look forward to seeing many of these in one of our upcoming Show and Share presentations. Please send your photos to Leslie Poole and remember, your name will go in a draw for a prize in June.

As we get busy with Christmas preparations, I hope that we will all take time to enjoy visits with family and friends.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Linda

*THURSDAY Sit and Sew – cancelled but will be resume on  
January 11<sup>th</sup> from 1 – 4 pm*

REMEMBER: January, February and March meetings will  
be on ZOOM only.



### SHOW and SHARE (while meetings are by zoom)

We really want to see what you have been working on! Leslie Poole puts together fabulous slide shows for our virtual Show and Share" section of the meeting. Please send a picture and brief description of your project to [ldvpoole@execulink.com](mailto:ldvpoole@execulink.com).

### PRESIDENT'S CHALLENGE

Remember this challenge by creating a new project for each season. Also, please email Linda Smith at [sewfineca@gmail.com](mailto:sewfineca@gmail.com) your updated statistics so that you will have your name put in a draw in June.

## Program

### January Meeting

**Date: January 5 2023 at 7pm (Via our Zoom acct)**

#### Aisha from Aisha Kamal Quilts

##### Via the magic of Zoom

Aisha will be presenting her Trunk Show called “MY QUILTING JOURNEY”.

Aisha comes from a long line of generational quilters from the province of Maharashtra, India. She has much to share of her history and her cultural quilting background. Join us to learn some new and different things from another side of the world.

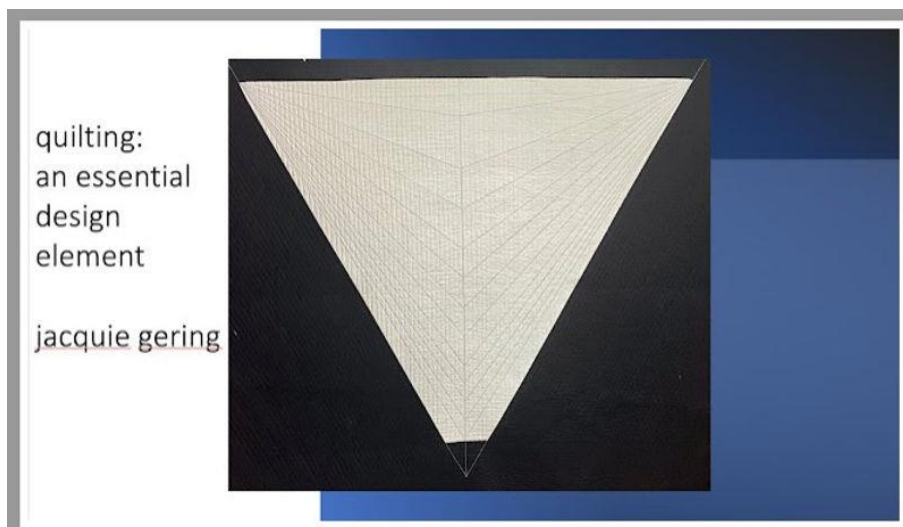
Aisha currently lives in Miramichi, New Brunswick. This presentation will be recorded and available in the members section of our website for 2 weeks only for the use of our members.



### February Meeting

**Date: February 2 2023 at 7pm (Via our Zoom)**

#### Jacque Gering – Quilting: An Essential Design Element



Jacque will share her quilts in this special trunk show that focuses not only on the pieced design, but on how quilting can be used to support, enhance and compliment the piecing to create a cohesive, effective composition. Jacque will highlight walking foot quilting but the principles she shares will apply to whatever quilting method you prefer.

## Looking forward to 2023

March 2 2023 – Kim Caskey from Edmonton AB  
– Lecture on Temperature Quilts - Zoom

April 6 2023 – Gwen Tracey and Joanne Claessens  
- a much anticipated Trunk Show “Stories of our Quilts”!

May 4 2023 – Guild Exchange Visit from Goderich Quilters  
– (We visit them Monday April 3)

### Workshops

# CREATIVE STITCHING WORKSHOP

## with Trina O’Rourke (the Cotton Harvest)

Using the Sue Spargo Embroidery Techniques, Trina will be teaching you the stitches needed to create a Stitch Sampler – check out the photos, they speak for themselves.

You will be provided a kit that includes a wool background and 9 punched circles, 4 needles and Eleganza Threads for use in class only.

Think of ways this type of stitching can enhance your art! This will teach you the methods that are used by the creator of the technique as well as how the different needles are utilized. Trina has taken many workshops as long as a week with Sue and has her permission and support to teach this workshop!

Come out and join us for this in person workshop!

To register contact Janet Kasper at [jpattison325@gmail.com](mailto:jpattison325@gmail.com) or 647-519-4276 – AND either arrange to make payment or send an e-transfer to [oxfordquiltersguild@gmail.com](mailto:oxfordquiltersguild@gmail.com) In the notes write your “name and Stitching”. Be sure that you do both.



**Date: Saturday, February 25 - 10 to 3:30**  
Bring a lunch (as lunch is only 30 minutes)  
There will be a **snow cancellation date – March 11**  
– please keep both dates available

**Fee:** \$75.00 for OQG members

**(\$50 plus \$25 kit fee)**

\$85.00 for non-members

**(\$60 plus \$25.00 kit fee )**

**Note: all fees must be paid upon Registration**



# March Workshop (March 25) with Melissa Marginet

## Introductory Walking Foot Workshop (3 hours– Zoom)

You will be guided through quilting a small quilt with your Walking Foot. You will learn the basic skills of Walking Foot Quilting and plenty of tips and tricks to help you along the way to quilting all your own quilts on your home sewing machine. Directions to make the small quilt are included with the class supply list.



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**Saturday, March 25**

**9:30 to 12:30** on Zoom

**Fee:** \$42.00 for OQG members

\$50 for non-members

**(all fees must be paid upon Registration)**

**Improv Houses**

Saturday, April 15, 2023  
9:30 to 3:30

Learn to make scrappy improv houses to create your own unique neighbourhood quilt. I have permission from Jacquie Gering, who taught this class to me, to share her techniques for making these fun and interesting buildings.

Teacher- Gail McHardy-Leitch

**COST:**  
\$52.00 for ICAC members  
\$70.00 for non-members

## Seasonal Block of the Month 2022-2023 – ... It's not too late to start!

We hope everyone is having a chance to catch up with the block so far. At the December meeting, we made available the patterns for December through to March to cover the meetings that will be held on Zoom. If you did not get a chance to get the instruction sheets, please see the guild website and look under the 'Members only' and then 'OQG Challenges' heading. You will find the pdf copies of the instruction sheets there for the past months blocks.

Remember that for December there was a choice of two blocks but you just need to make one.

Your blocks will be 12" blocks (Finished size) (12.5 inches unfinished). Blocks will be constructed using various techniques including paper piecing, applique and traditional piecing. As a reminder, we are estimating 2 metres of background fabric for all the blocks, if you would like to have a consistent background. More would be needed for sashing and/or borders.

If you have any questions or concerns during the year, please contact Carol Cleator or Theresa Woolley and we will do our best to help out.

List of Blocks (to date): (see guild website or [www.quilterscache.com](http://www.quilterscache.com) for instructions)

September- Fall Fancy

October- All Hallows Variation

November – Four Winds

December – Christmas Runner 2003 OR Christmas Star

January – Snowblossoms

February – Lover's Lane

March – Eyes of March

Carol Cleator & Theresa Woolley

## Your 2022/2023 Executive

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## Quilt Show 2023

Our Show will be held May 11 – 13, 2023 at the Zorra/Embroidery Community Centre! Exciting time ahead as we plan for our event at this new venue!



We will need a lot of volunteers as the time gets closer so please consider how you can help to make this a great show in the well established tradition of Oxford Quilters Guild. More importantly, the best part of this show is the beautiful display of quilts! We want YOU to participate – whether you are a “newbie”, a scrap quilter, someone who only makes baby quilts for friends and family, someone who takes lots of classes, someone who follows a pattern or someone who designs their own quilt – you are a member of Oxford Quilters Guild and your work is

important and we want a display that showcases the talents of our membership. As our membership is smaller than in the past we encourage members to show several quilts. The only criteria is that they cannot have been shown in a previous “Pieces of Magic” quilt show. So get sewing! The registration process will be set out towards the end of January by email. All quilts will need a hanging sleeve and a hanging bar (more details to follow).

We will be having a boutique again and our “boutique team” will be communicating soon what the requirements will be ... stay tuned!

As was done in 2019 we had a “charm” table section. We are looking for someone (or a pair of someones) to coordinate this important venue at the show. If you are interested, please let me know.

### **Member Challenges**

#### **#1 Star Challenge.**

The quilt can be no smaller than 54” X 72”.

When looking at the quilt you can easily see 1 or more stars.



#### **#2 “What is in your Garden”**

Must be a quilt with a hanging sleeve (top, batting and backing, quilted however you like)

Outside dimension can be no larger than 72 inches.

You can add embellishments, it can be bedazzled, coloured, whatever you like.



Finally, we would like to have a few door prizes to be drawn each day at the show. Typically we have approached local businesses and our show vendors for these items. The Committee feels that as businesses recover from the affects of COVID on their bottom line, we would rather not approach them for a donation. Sooo, our thought was that possibly our members had some new items that they haven't used, a pattern that they purchased and no longer wish to complete, a jelly roll or layer cake that they didn't use, fat quarters, maybe a book that Amazon shipped two of by mistake. We will have a donation box for these items in our room after the new year.

Gwen Tracey

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