

International Quilting Day 2023 – A Virtual Celebration
 Hosted by Royal City Quilters' Guild, York Heritage Quilters Guild
 & Waterloo County Quilters' Guild
Saturday, March 18, 2023

PROGRAM

9:10 am - Opening Remarks		
Track A <i>A Quilter's Works</i>	Track B <i>Techniques for Quilters</i>	Bonus Session
Session 1 – 9:15 to 10:15 am		
Korean Thimbles Rosemary Marchant  <p><u>100 Thimbles in a Box</u> by Debbi Kent and Joan Suwalsky</p> <p>From 1392-1910 A.D. Korean girls and women were not permitted to go to school. Sewing and needlework was their major pastime and no fabric was wasted. Their thimbles used silk scraps.</p> <p>Join Rosemary to make one of these delightful sewing tools. You will need a small piece of denim weight material, silk or cotton scraps, embroidery floss, PVA glue, craft glue, a sewing kit with sewing and embroidery needles. These thimbles are the most comfortable and best fitting thimbles Rosemary has ever used.</p> <hr/> <p>About Rosemary Rosemary's love of creating with fabric and thread provides joy as she quilts her way through the pandemic. Her non-stitching life included raising two children, starting an elementary Montessori school, practicing medicine across Canada for 40 years, teaching at two universities, and now coaching students applying to medical school and teaching embroidery online. She has her certification from the Royal School of Needlework. She loves making and sharing her passion for anything that requires a needle – embroidery, quilting, knitting, crocheting, tatting and needle lace.</p>	Crayoning on Fabric Jackie James  <p>In this session, Jackie will show how to make art quilt magic with a box of crayons, a #2 pencil, and a few other items you already have on hand. Indulge your creative urges or preserve a child's artwork. Crayon tinting is an accessible technique for quilt artists of all ages. Download the handout before the session if you would like to colour along with Jackie. Handouts will be available on the website beginning March 11.</p> <hr/> <p>About Jackie Jackie started quilting in 1990 with no knowledge on how to start, but finally took a class at Wooden Hills Quilt shop in Guelph. Like many of us, she helped her grandmother and mother with hand stitching quilts.</p> <p>Jackie has been a member of the Royal City Quilters' Guild since 1994. Over the years, she has volunteered on the executive and also on all Quilt Show committees since 2000. Jackie has taken and taught numerous workshops.</p>	Instagram: Your New Quilting Tool Breanna Gaudaur  <p>Do you have an Instagram account, but aren't sure how to use it? Or have you been hesitant to create an account because you don't know what it's all about?</p> <p>In this session, Breanna will give a beginner-friendly introduction to Instagram and will show you how to use this platform as a tool to find quilting inspiration and friends.</p> <hr/> <p>About Breanna Breanna is a 27-year-old quilter who tests patterns for quilt designers all around the world. She has been quilting for 20 years, is involved in several local guilds, and has recently started longarm quilting.</p>

Session 1 – Vendor Track

9:15 – Meerkat Trading (Elora)

Shop owner Celeste Compion will demonstrate Hand Stitching Japanese Folded Patchwork: Using Squares, Triangles and Hexagons.

9:45 – 10:15 – My Fabric Dresser (London)

Amie Norton from My Fabric Dresser (myfabricdresser.ca) owns an online quilt shop in London, Ontario. The mission statement for My Fabric Dresser is "to provide fun and different fabrics that aren't available in typical fabric shops in Canada". In this vendor presentation, Amie will share some of the specialty fabrics she carries, eg. Alexander Henry, and Japanese bronze printed designs, etc. Come to her presentation to learn more about her unique fabrics for your quilting needs.

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Session 2 – 10:30 to 11:30 am

Japanese Fan Quilt: Custom Blocks and On-point Settings Jacintha Bennell	Adding Tactile and 3D Interest to Your Landscapes Mary Hopkins	10:30 – Sew Fancy (Guelph) 11:00 – Ann's Fabric (Stouffville)
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Don't have Quilting Computer Software? In this presentation, Jacintha will show how to calculate and make a custom sized on-point quilt. She will then move on to the design and circular piecing of the fan block using freezer paper.

About Jacintha

Jacintha has been an avid quilter for some years, and she is always on the lookout for new and interesting ideas for making quilts. She particularly likes an on-point design and wants to take this opportunity to make this layout easier to use for those who do not have quilting software and want to make a custom quilt of their own design.



Join Mary to learn how to use free motion quilting in a hoop to create three-dimensional units for your landscape quilts. Mary will also share samples of how she has used these constructs in her own work.

About Mary

Mary Katherine Hopkins completed her studies in forestry and eco management, then turned her attention to raising a family, a teaching career and a passion for quilting and fibre art. When creating art, Mary can lose herself in a scene, trying to recreate it in a way that conveys not only what she sees, but puts the viewer in her place. Creating this Nature Art using fibre combines her two loves. An accomplished fibre artist and workshop presenter, her art has been purchased by admirers from around the world.

Rulers, Rulers and More Rulers -

Which should you choose? What information does a ruler tell you? There are around 1000 or so different rulers available for quilting with new ones becoming available on a regular basis. How do you select the right ones for your stash and projects. We will look at the different types of rulers and the features that they offer. We will also look at how to use trim tools so that every block turns out to be the same size. Sound too good to be true???

Alma Laidlaw, Sew Fancy

Shop Tour of Ann's Fabric and Sewing Center

Ann started sewing on her mother's lap at the ripe age of 2. From then on, she attended many 4H courses: sewing, cooking, and gardening. After high school the transition was to college in the Fashion, Design and Technique Course, minoring in machine knitting, and furrier machine.

Stepping from college into the retail market, Ann worked for a number of years in retail before making the decision of opening a store...in one week! This was definitely not advisable in the day and age. Through the years, customer service has been the true mission of the store.

Forty years ago, Ann opened as Ann's Fabrics, adding sewing machines, classes, alteration, and custom sewing. As Stouffville kept growing, so did Ann's. Soon, the simple fabric store moved and became Ann's Fabrics & Sewing Centre.

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Session 3 – 11:45 am to 12:45 pm		
Renske's World of Quilting Renske Helmuth	Eco-Printing and Botanical Print Transfer: Discovering Nature's Palette Dawn Liu-Smyth	11:45 – Cotton Harvest (Seaforth, ON) 12:15 – Barb's Custom Quilts (Markham, ON)
 <p>After coordinating nine feature quilts in over a two-decade period for the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale, it was time to step aside and let others take over. As a last "hooray" Renske staged a retrospective quilt show at her home in Wellington County, with the proceeds going to the Canadian Food Grains Bank. Renske's trunk show today provides a glimpse into the many beautiful quilts she has created over the years.</p> <hr/> <p>About Renske When Renske came to Canada in 1970, she had never seen a quilt. Her mother-in-law was an accomplished quilter and Renske quickly learned the basics from her. Quilting meshed perfectly with her training in needlework from Teacher's College and supplemental art training. A whole new world opened up for her.</p>	 <p>Join Dawn to learn what eco-printing and botanical printing is and the basic process for each technique. Dawn will bring many examples of prints she has made on wool, cotton, and silk along with what she has created with them. Samples will emphasize items of interest to quilters that have been sewn and embroidered. There will be plenty of time for questions and answers.</p> <hr/> <p>About Dawn Dawn Liu-Smyth is a Toronto-based Fibre Artist. In addition to eco-printing, she is an avid rug-hooker, felter, weaver and stitcher. She has recently joined the YHQG as she is taking her tentative first steps into quilting. She owns and operates Heartfelt Fibre Arts (www.heartfeltfibrearts.com/), an on-line studio that sells supplies for fibre enthusiasts. She also teaches workshops in various fibre arts.</p>	<p>Sue Spargo Creative Stitching Demo</p> <p>A dental hygienist by trade, never in a million years did Trina O'Rourke, think that she would end her 35-year dental career answering live phone calls in public health during a pandemic! She's quite happy with her career change as she's now able to focus on making her shop, The Cotton Harvest in Seaforth, Ontario, all it can be. She has logged countless hours of Creative Stitching instruction with Sue Spargo by attending several week-long workshops with her. Her new obsession is Creative Stitching and she's looking forward to sharing some of her knowledge and skills with you!</p> <hr/> <p>Barb Morrison of Barb's Custom Quilts will take you on a tour of her longarm quilting studio. In addition to longarm services, Barb makes custom quilts including bed quilts, memory quilts, wall hangings, advent calendars and postcards from your cottage.</p>

Lunch – 12:45 to 1:25 pm

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Session 4 – 1:30 to 2:30 pm

Cyanotype for Quilters
H. Lisa Solon



Learn how to make your own unique printed fabric using the cyanotype process – one of the earliest photographic processes. Use plants, objects or negatives and easily create fabric designs that have special meaning to you. There is no need for a completely dark room.

About Lisa

Lisa has been creating cyanotypes since 1996. Her award-winning artwork has been exhibited and collected worldwide. Lisa has taught photography for many years in museums as well as a university. A Florida resident, Lisa is proud to be a member of the Waterloo County Quilters' Guild and appreciates all the help and support they have given her in her short time learning to quilt. They encourage her as she works to incorporate her cyanotypes with her quilting.

Inktense Butterfly: Using Inktense on Fabric
Dawn Piasta



Dawn will guide you in using Inktense pencils or blocks directly on fabric. Use this technique for your original works of art or as an enhancement to other quilts. This session will include information about choosing colours; adding detail highlights; blending and shading; applying colour and medium; and creating your own unique templates to colour. Download the handout before the session if you would like to colour along with Dawn. Handouts will be available on the website beginning March 11.

About Dawn

Dawn Piasta is a fibre artist living in Dauphin, Manitoba. She is inspired by playfulness and her subject matter reflects her unique vision of the world in which she lives; passionate, energetic and spirited. Utilizing a variety of artist techniques and textiles, Dawn's quilts are an extension of her life experiences. A vacation, a song, a person, a flower or simply a feeling. Her quilt artisty tells the stories.

1:30 – Stache Fabrics and Notions (London, ON)
2:00 – Caroline Quilts (Cambridge, ON)

Michaelanne will provide a video tour of her quilt shop, highlighting what is new and a few of her favourite products. She will also share information specifically about the threads she carries in the shop, why these are so popular and how best to use them, highlighting Aurifil, Acorn Thread and Moire Wool thread.

Michaelanne is the owner of Stache Fabrics and Notions, your community fabric shop, offering a wide variety of modern fabric, patterns, tools and classes for all sewing and quilt enthusiasts.

Caroline will demonstrate the Creative Grids Stripology Ruler for cutting strips, squares, and diamonds along with her niftiest notions for quilters and bag makers.

Caroline is the owner of Caroline Quilts, a home-based retail store featuring quality quilt fabrics and quilting and bag-making supplies.

2:45 to 3:45 pm – Keynote speaker: Helen Godden
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With a slide show and Q&A discussion, grab a cuppa tea as Helen shares her favourite techniques she uses to create her art quilts. She discusses painting with acrylic on fabric, easy ways to paint with dye & salt, and her “secret squirrel” technique of painting with bleach. She shares free-motion yarn couching techniques and how she physically manages her current passion to quilt BIG!

About Helen

Helen is an Extreme Free-Motion-Machine-Quilter (EFMMQ). An artist all her life, Helen came into quilting at age 38. She has won both national and international awards for her innovative quilts and is the Handi Quilter Ambassador for the Sweet Sixteen quilting machine. She travels and teaches to share her love of quilting far and wide. Her goal is to “Educate and Inspire” all quilters as they launch into the world of possibilities that is Art Quilting

3:45 to 4:00 pm – Closing Remarks