

Ancaster Quilter's Guild

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May 2021

President's Message

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Well, as I write this note it seems like we have taken a step back in the weather. Based on the temperatures in mid-April, I thought a lot of the garden clean up would be completed by the beginning of May. Not so! But as they say in every cloud there is a silver lining and the cooler weather has meant more time for quilting!

This pandemic has played havoc with so many of us on our physical and mental health, but thankfully we have quilting to fill our days. It not only challenges us, gives us a sense of accomplishment and in many cases, allows us to make donations to many in need in our community. I'm always surprised at how quickly the hours go by when I'm in my sewing room.

The recent COVID lock down has certainly had an impact in planning any social activities. Our June meeting is usually a fund raiser for the community, so initially our executive planned a 'garden meeting' at the church, where we would have enough space to keep the required social distance. At this time it does not look promising that the current restrictions will be eased up enough for this to be feasible. As a result, our June meeting will follow the virtual format with a guest speaker.

In closing, once again I look forward to seeing you at our virtual meeting next week.

Janice Haluszka, president

REMINDERS!!

Meetings online the third Wednesday of each month Logon for social time at 6:30 Meeting starts at 7:00 p.m. "Doors" will close at 7:05 p.m.

We hope to be back at our usual meeting site in 2021.
Third Wednesday of each month
Marshall Memorial United Church

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Programme:

May's Program Guest Speaker Bill Stearman

Bill Stearman is this month's guest speaker. Bill's web page states that he struggled with storytelling as a way to make sense of his life for many years. And then discovered his voice in quilt making. Fabrics and carefully placed stitches express joy, anguish, hope, gratitude, and love, providing glimpses into deep and important stories; stories that matter on personal and social levels. His quilts make bold statements and provoke thoughtful consideration of a variety of issues.

"With the help of about 20 of my quilts, I'll tell their stories... my stories. I doubt that these quilts, and their stories, will remind you of your Grandmother's quilts."

[Bill Stearman, Quilt Maker
\(billstearmanquilts.blogspot.com\)](http://billstearmanquilts.blogspot.com)

[Bill Stearman | Facebook](#)

Enjoy,
Programme Committee

Executive

President – Janice Haluszka

Vice-President – **NEEDED**

Past President– Alison McDonald

Secretary - Debbe Durham

Treasurer – Marlene Reynolds

Membership Secretary – Dianne Busser
& Martha Forbes

Program Coordinator – Kerri Aldritt

Program Fundraising– Sam Croucher

Workshop –Laurie Allan, Mary Crowe

Library – Elizabeth Rosser, Mary Louise
Duncan, Trish Murphy

Block of the Month - **NEEDED**

Social Coordinators – Heather Ritter &
Eva Butty

Comfort Quilts – Cathy Pinelli, Karen
Rienau, Mary Crowe, Colleen Dawson
Janet Shannon

VON Placemats –Brenda Lupton

Draw Prizes – Heide Koehn, Linda
Clugston

50/50 – Diane Childerly

Webpage/ Advertising/ Newsletter–
Susan Lusted

Greeter –Colleen Dawson



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Membership

Hello all,

Attendance at our Ancaster Quilters Guild Zoom meetings was great with 60 members joining the Guild meeting in April.

We continued awarding door prizes to members who attended the full Guild meeting and door prizes will also be awarded at the May meeting. Congratulations to the April winners Janet Shannon, Kathy Conway and Barbara Mahaffy. Thank you to Debbie Winn, Cathy Pinelli and Jane Waye for donating the wonderful prizes.

A reminder that If you are sharing a computer with another Guild member and attending together on the one device, please let us know at the beginning of the meeting so we can record your attendance and enter you both into the door prize draws.

If you know someone who needs help changing the name on the device they are using to access meetings, hasn't been able to connect virtually via Zoom but would like to or isn't receiving their newsletter please let us know.

Dianne Busser and Martha Forbes

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Placemats & Mug Rugs

Please continue to make placemats and mug rugs and when we resume our meetings, Brenda Lupton will be collecting them.

Remember to use those orphan blocks to make placemats to donate also.

Brenda Lupton

SEW WHAT ELSE?

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WHAT TO BRING TO A MEETING



- * Name Tag,
 - * Indoor shoes
 - * Money for UFO/Workshops
 - * Tabs from pop cans
 - * Note that cell phones should be turned off or to vibrate. If you must answer your phone, please go to the entry hall to do this.
 - * Show & Share
 - * Coffee cup, Lug a Mug
 - * Money for 50/50 **NOTE please try to have toonies and loonies to pay for this.**
 - * Library Books to return
 - * Blocks for Comfort Quilts
- NOTE: our meetings are now fragrance and latex free

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Quilting Fabrics
Notions
Machine Quilting
Block of the Month
Kits

Workshops and UFO Dates

Due to the current pandemic restrictions and health concerns, our guild is suspending UFO's until further notice.



Global Quilt Connection



Connecting quilters and guilds
with teachers around the globe

www.globalquiltconnection.com



Check the website for the listing of May events.

I received this link from a few members. This could be of interest to you as members.

Global Quilt Connection was founded by Sue Bleiweiss and Lyric Kinard as a response to not being able to offer live in person teaching events due to the current pandemic situation. We recognized that guilds across the country are beginning to embrace virtual live online classes and lectures as a way to keep their membership engaged during this time of social distancing and so we started the GQC to help connect quilt teachers who are ready to offer live online teaching to guilds from around the world. It's exciting to us to help guilds connect with instructors who previously might have been economically out of their reach due to the cost of travel, etc.

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Comfort Quilts

Hello Quilters,

Thank-you to those ladies who continue to make squares and finish quilt kits during this lock down period. We hope everyone is staying safe and away from the Covid virus and its variations. We will be happy to collect all your blocks and tops. You can either save them for when we can get back together or if you want to get them to me (Cathy), my home address, email and phone number are in our membership list.

We would also like to thank the ladies who are finishing the quilts with lovely quilting designs. Again due to the mandated lock down, we cannot deliver quilts at this time, but we are continuing to make kits, piece tops, quilt quilts and finish bindings. I currently have another 76 beautifully finished quilts at my house to give to those in need once we are able to make deliveries again. Take care everyone. Stay healthy and stay safe.

The Comfort Quilt Team
Mary Crowe, Colleen Dawson, Cathy Pinelli, Karen Rienau, Janet Shannon

Another reminder: If there are any members interested in stepping up to lead the Comfort Quilt program, please let me (Cathy) or Janice Haluszka know. If you have any questions on what would be involved, we have answers for you. This is not a one-person job. It takes a team of dedicated individuals to make the Comfort Quilt program work. The current team will continue to support the new leader.

.Links for Quilt Guilds

<http://www.canadianquilter.com/professionals/shops.php>

[Ancaster Modern Quilt Guild](#)

[Brant Heritage Quilt Guild](#)

[Common Thread Quilt Guild](#)

[Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild](#)

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DRAW PRIZE WINNERS

Congratulations to the April winners Janet Shannon, Kathy Conway and Barbara Mahaffy. Thank you to Debbie Winn, Cathy Pinelli and Jane Waye for donating the wonderful prizes.



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POP TABS

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Thank you for your participation. Jackie Syer



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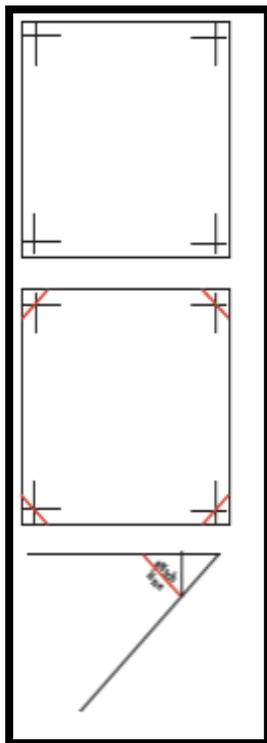
Making a Self Binding Baby or Lap Quilt



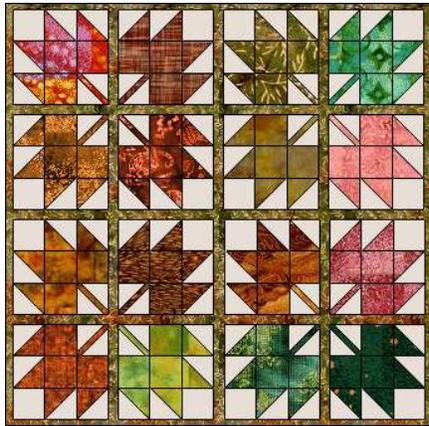
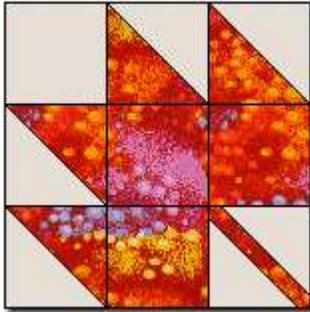
Link From Sew Very Easy [Self Binding Blanket - YouTube](#) from Laura Coia

Link for Pattern and Instructions [Self-BindingBabyBlanketandLoveyPattern.pdf](#) ([shannonfabrics.com](#))

Basically, you make your baby quilt, and then sandwich it with the top facing up, underneath it a batting, and then the backing with the right side down. Pin it securely, and then quilt as desired. When that is done, trim the batting to the edge of the top being sure not to cut the backing. Lastly, using a ruler, trim the backing to about three inches wider than the top. I then folded the edges of the backing over about 5/8 of an inch and pressed. Then using a ruler with a 45 degree angle, mark a diagonal line at each corner using a marker, chalk or mechanical pencil. Then fold the corner right sides together and stitch on the drawn line. Trim to 1/4 inch. Also, trim the extra off being careful not to cut the sewing. See the diagrams on the left. Fold it over and pin and stitch the flange on the front of the quilt. Now these instructions used Minky fabric and the edge was not folded under on the backing as it was folded to the front. The video from Laura Coia is very self explanatory. I did use my walking foot. One more tip, I use the metal hair clips that you can get from the dollar store to keep bindings in place. Very cheap and easy to replace too.



Project of the Month



May's challenge is to get a jump on a project for Canada Day or placemats for the fall. Use Quilters' Cache to make four Maple Leaf blocks that measure 12.5 inches unfinished. Then to get a placemat, add borders to each side that measure 4.5 inches unfinished. This block lets you choose your favourite method to make multiple half-square triangles.

You can use a selection of reds and whites to get the jump on Canada or Fall colours for an Autumn theme.

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Library Report

We added several new books that are sure to pique interest.

Unfortunately, due to the current pandemic restrictions and health concerns, access to our library is suspended until further notice.

Elizabeth Rosser, Mary Louise Duncan, Trish Murphy



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