



Welcome to our Program for 2022-2023

Presented by your Program Committee

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We are so very excited that our Executive Committee is bringing back in person meetings in September, but with a hybrid format so those of you at home can participate. Here is a sneak peak at what we have lined up for you this year.

September 14, 2022
Céleste Compion

In Person & Hybrid
Presentation
at the Fergus Legion



My Quilty Colour Journey

You may be familiar with the quilts of Meerkat Shweshwe, which started in 2013.

In this trunk show Céleste Compion shares her quilting journey of discovery starting in 1985 in Cape Town until her move to Canada in 2001 and beyond. It highlights all the reasons she fell in love with quilting, and in particular, her love of scrappy colour.

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Celeste will also be offering a Pop UP Shop for anyone interested in purchasing from her Meerkat Shweshwe collection.

Pictured right are the latest Rice Bag kits made up of thrifted napkins and shweshwe.



Oct 12, 2022

BJ Reid ~ Every Quilt Has a Story

The stories of BJ's traditionally styled quilts and artwork have been inspired and influenced by her connections to rural and urban life.

She manipulates textiles and embellishments to skillfully create enigmatic soft sculptures and artistic fibre art, inviting the viewer to take a closer look.

Because of her keen interests in fine and performing arts, BJ continues to expand her knowledge with professional courses and seminars, having studied with such notables as Laurie Swim, Gunnel Hag, Katie Pasquini Masopust, and Joen Wolfrom.

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The above photo show 'One Woman at a Time' a self portrait

Oct 12, 2022 BJ Reid (Cont.)

Below, a partial view of Mizz Cordelia, one of BJ's soft sculptures



BJ is a member of Studio Art Quilt Associates, a world wide organization of artists who work to raise the profile of contemporary fibre art. She is also a professional teacher and a former title searcher for a prominent law firm in Toronto.

Her other interests include curling, growing orchids and photography, for which she has received international recognition.

BJ lives and teaches fibre art in Toronto. Her classes range from basic techniques for beginning quilters to art classes for creative quilters.

For further information regarding BJ's speaking, teaching and show schedules, contact her at 416 698 8220 or bjr.reid@yahoo.com

November 9, 2022

Jeff and Heather Fisher from Buy the Bolt

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Heather and Jeff will lead us through a slide show presentation that will answer some common questions about longarm quilting.

- What is longarm Quilting?
- Why does my Longarm Quilter need that extra batting and backing?
- What kind of difference designs can I get quilted?
- Edge to Edge Quilting; Pantographs; Custom Quilting or Ruler work? What's the difference?
- Why hire a longarmer?
- Why does longarming cost so much?



November 9, 2022 (cont), Buy the Bolt

About Heather and Jeff

Heather has been quilting for over 15 years and had a classic 22 Innova Longarm in the basement that she used for personal quilts. When the Innova Dealers retired at the end of December 2019, Heather asked Jeff if this would be something he would be interested in exploring.



November 9, 2022 (cont) Buy the Bolt

Although they started communicating with ABM (Innova) in February 2020, they delayed starting Buy the Bolt until August of 2020 because of the pandemic. They started Buy the Bolt in a small, cramped space on Woolwich Street and despite the ongoing pandemic the business continued to grow, and they soon realized that they needed a larger space. In January of 2022 they moved to their current space on Woodlawn Road. Buy the Bolt sells and services Innova Longarm Quilting Machines, carries quilting cottons, wide backs, flannels, Art Gallery Fabrics, Fireside, some pre-cuts, batting, longarm quilting thread, and Silly Moon Quilting Rulers.



Please note this presentation IS NOT INTENDED AS A SALES PITCH FOR INNOVA, BUT MERELY AN INFORMATION SESSION ABOUT LONG ARM QUILTING. The focus will be on learning more about the machines and how they work and what we as quilters can do to make sure our quilt sandwiches are prepared properly to send out to a long armer.

If you are intrigued and wish to learn more, or are considering investing in a long arm machine, free information sessions will be scheduled later at Buy the Bolt.

December 14, 2022
Holiday Social

January 11, 2023 ~ Kim Caskey presents World Wide Whispers

Zoom Presentation from Edmonton, Alberta

The project is called **World Wide Whispers**. In a nutshell, it's a bit like the child's birthday party game where the leader starts by whispering a sentence in the ear of the next participant and then continues around the room, evolving and changing from the original sentence.

World Wide Whispers A Collaborative Quilt Challenge



A collection of 61 original pieces made by international quilt artists from Scotland, Ireland, The Netherlands, USA, and Canada.

Team Canada leader, Kim Caskey
will present this fun and fascinating collaborative quilt challenge project.

Grand Quilters Guild, Fergus, ON

Wednesday, January 11, 2023

7:15pm Zoom Doors Open

7:30pm Meeting Start

Kim Caskey
www.kimcaskey.ca



January 11, 2023 ~ Kim Caskey (cont)

Five countries participated in this World Wide Whispers project, Team Scotland, Team Ireland, Team Netherlands, Team USA and Team Canada. Each team started with the leader of their country (me for Team Canada), using an original photo as inspiration to create their piece, then photographing that finished piece, and sending that photo and artist statement to the next person on the team. That next team member then used that photo as their inspiration to create a piece, photographs it and sent it along to the next person, and so on and so on.

Team Canada is comprised of 13 members, a representative from each province and territory. The completed collection has been presented and exhibited around the world. Kim will introduce you to each artist and their unique piece of this magnificent team project.

World Wide Whispers
A Collaborative Quilt Challenge



February 8, 2023 ~ Dresden Quilt Blocks Made Modern with Candyce Copp Grisham

Zoom Presentation



My original goal was to create Dresden blocks by machine with as many different edge treatments as possible, including the straight, pointed, curved, and three-sided variations. What happened was an explosion of blocks in different edges, fabrics, and designs — a modern translation of a traditional block.

Layouts made the design appear both unique and contemporary. The color combinations were endless, and each new plate was a thrill. I started mixing the edges, making pieced strips to cut apart, adding fun centers, layering the plates, and overlapping the edges. Eventually, I appliquéd my first Dresden block to a pieced background and the result became the basis for my Dresden explorations and teaching.

February 8, 2023 (cont) with Candyce Copp Grisham

Website: icandyfiberart.com

Candyce offers patterns and publications for sale.



March 8, 2023 ~ Kelly Dumaresq

Virtual or Hybrid Meeting - TBA

Kelly Dumaresq has a passion for scrap quilts - making them, sharing them and teaching them. Her focus is on traditional quilts and finding easy, efficient ways of making the basic units used in each of these quilts.

Here motto is : Where there's a scrap, there is a quilt!
She hasn't been called The Scrap Queen for nothing!
Her goal isn't just to save her scraps but to use her scraps.



March 8, 2023 (cont) ~ Kelly Dumaresq



Kelly has been quilting for over 25 years. She is an accomplished teacher with a dedicated following of students. She considers herself a teacher first, and a quilter second.

Her true joy is to share her love of quilting and inspire others to dig into their own scraps.



April 12, 2023 ~ Elaine Theriault

Scrap Quilts

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Elaine began quilting in 1998 when she decided that her daughter, who was 2, needed a quilt for her big girl bed.

She started teaching in 2000. In addition to teaching at guilds, stores and her in-home studio she has entertained many audiences with her humorous quilting related stories. Elaine is a pattern designer and a long armer.

Elaine's Tech Tips columns (originally published in A Needle Pulling Thread magazine) is now available on-line in e-book format at QUILTSocial.com.

April 12, 2023 (cont)~ Elaine Theriault

Elaine guest blogs for QUILTSocial.com where she reviews Husqvarna sewing machines. She also writes a daily blog called Crazy Quilter on a Bike.



May 10, 2023 ~ Ann Marie Rowland

Pieces of Time – A Musical Virtual Trunk Show

Songs, Stories, Quilts

I've been writing and singing songs about quilts, the people who make them, and the ones who love them since 2013. What began as a scrap of an Idea, has become much more. Pieces of Time, a Musical Trunk Show combines the songs I sing with a "show and tell" style display of approximately 50 collected vintage, antique, and family heritage quilts.

I usually travel with my sister, Diana Marlin, which is a lot of fun for the two of us, since we've always been each other's best friend, and for the audience. We have a lot of fun sharing our stories, our quilts, and the road.

We grew up with our Grandmother in the house. She was a quilter and taught us about color, pattern, and the simple joy of sewing bits of cloth together. She told us stories, and never complained about having us underfoot. We were fortunate to have extended family right up the stairs of that big old house, quietly teaching us without our realizing it.

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May 10, 2023 (cont) ~ Ann Marie Rowland



Our house always had music, too. Mom played the organ at the Baptist church and the piano at home. Dad played classic country music singers on the big Hi-Fi...Hank Snow, Hank Williams, Johnny Cash, Eddie Arnold... and when I was 11 years old, he bought me a guitar. Around that time he began taking Diana to estate auctions. One of the first things she ever bought at one was, you guessed it, a quilt.

Music and quilts. Both have the ability to invoke memories, soothe the spirit, warm the soul, and create community.

Pieces of Time stitches the two together. Through song, story, and 50 - 60 antique quilts, I'll take you along on a happy trip through time and place. You'll laugh, and you'll cry, and maybe view the quilts in your life just a bit differently.

June 14, 2023
Social and AGM

Workshops

Your Program Committee has booked a virtual workshop in November and is looking at other virtual workshops for this winter and spring.

In addition, we will register for the Global Quilt Connections Sampler Platters that generally scheduled in the fall, winter and spring.



Stay Tuned for further information