

Grand Quilt Guild

Program for 2023-2024



Your Program Committee has been busy creating next year's programming. We have an exciting lineup of both in person and virtual speakers.

We planned an in-person workshop for September that filled quickly and are looking at other options.

We will continue to offer the Global Quilt Connections Sampler Platters as they occur. The first one is coming up soon on Sep 23 and 24th. You will receive the zoom link and other documents soon by email.

Our monthly "experience" will be reviewing the Basic Techniques and Skills for successful quilting. Moving towards the Quilt Show Challenge we hope to help you get ready to "Show Your Stuff".

September 13, 2023

Patti Carey ~ Interesting Quilts form Unusual Fabrics



- Patti has been with Northcott since 1986 and is currently the Vice President of Public Relations.
- Patti's Mom taught her to sew when she was 7, and she sewed her own wardrobe throughout high school.
- She began quilting in 1987 and has been a quilt designer and contributor for many quilt magazines.
- In 2008 Patti started to publish her own line of quilt patterns and specializes in designing quilts using panels and border stripes and recently with batiks.
- She particularly enjoys teaching quilting and loves to push her students to the next level.
- Patti currently lives in southern Ontario with her family and when she has spare time from quilting, she enjoys travelling, cycling, golfing, snowboarding, cooking and wine-tasting,



October 11, 2023

Sharon Fisher ~ My Wool Adventure Thus Far



- Sharon took her first quilt class in the basement of a house over 30 years ago.
- A busy mom of 3, her first quilt took about 10 years to complete.
- Constantly challenging herself with new ideas and techniques Sharon has taken classes both in Canada and the United States.
- She combines her love of texture and colour with traditional, primitive and whimsical themes. She uses embellishments to enrich basic designs, therefore creating a niche for herself as a teacher sharing her skills and passions with others.
- She has taught in a wide variety of settings including Workshops for Quilt Guilds, retail stores and private groups.



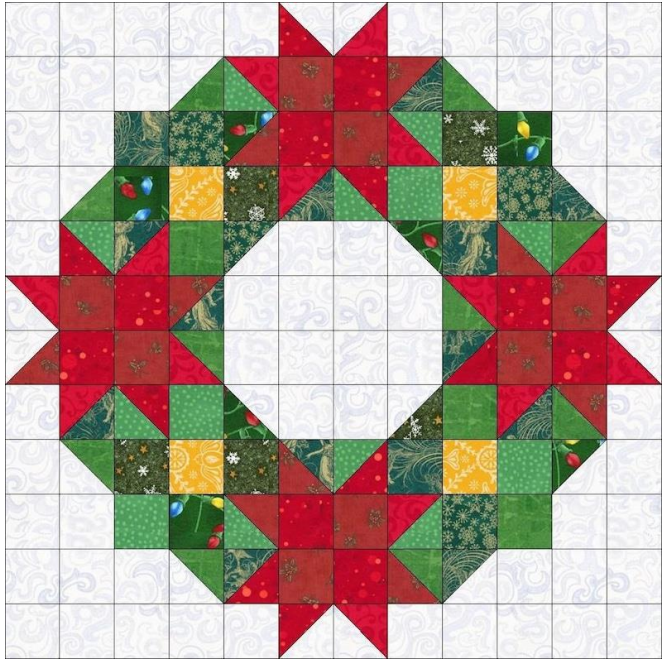
November 8, 2023

Jean Weller ~ Quilting Memories



- Jean considers herself a traditional quilter.
- Her show incorporates her interests, quilting, photography and travel.
- She loves to travel and frequently her travels and photography will stimulate her to make a quilt.
- Her trunk show is a combination of photography and quilting.
- She will show us 20 – 30 quilts made by a variety of techniques.





Christmas Social

December 13, 2023



January 10, 2024 ~ Virtual from Australia

Chris Jurd ~ Four Decades of Fun

- Chris's 1 hour trunk show and lecture follows her journey from her first quilt to becoming an international tutor and Quiltmania author. See more than 70 quilts in this fun presentation.
- Chris teaches from home and various shops in Sydney, regionally and internationally
- She has been on the faculty for New Zealand's Quilt Symposium three times and has just finished five years as Membership Secretary of Australia's largest quilting guild. She is also a member of the judging team.
- She is a regular contributor to Quilters Companion magazine and have recorded two DVDs for the magazine.



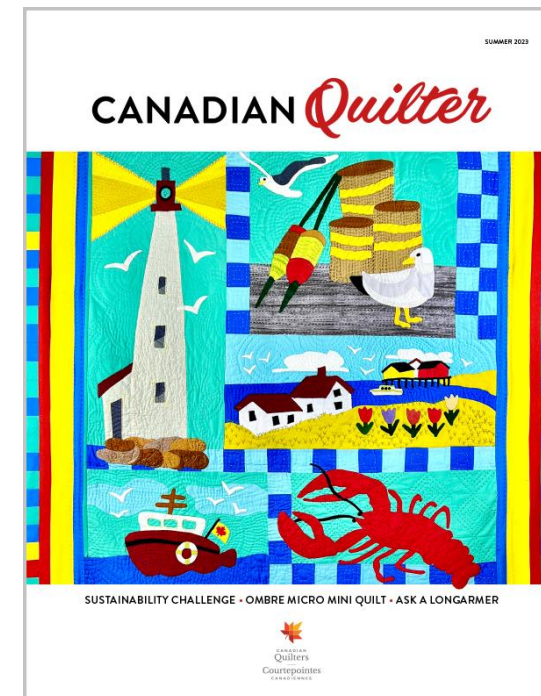
- She has published a book with the Quiltmania team.



February 14, 2024 ~ VIRTUAL

Dawn Piasta's Trunk Show A La Mode

- Dawn Piasta is a fibre artist living in Dauphin, Manitoba, Canada.
- She started sewing when she was eight years old. Her Mom gave her a book and supplies and she never looked back.
- She started quilting in 1995. For her, quilting is a great way to express her feelings for the things she loves.
- Dawn's 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 artistry tells the stories.



Above you will see the front Cover of Canadian Quilter, Spring 2023 (copyright acknowledged). Dawn was chosen by CQA to do this quilt-along, "Sea You In Nova Scotia"

March 13, 2024

Becky Fiedler will present her trunk show called “Look What She Started”

- No, this trunk show is not about her UFOs nor will Becky help you tackle yours. This is a tale of a reluctant quilter who is sometimes resistant to trying new things.
- Fortunately, Becky has had friends willing to push, pull, prod, and cajole her into what has turned into a satisfying hobby. Becky will show us a few of the things she’s learned along the way.



April 10, 2024

Your Guild Members will Present Short Tutorials/Refreshers with Topics Related to Finishing Your Quilts for the Quilt Show, which may include (if we don't cover in the monthly "Experience"):

- Know Your Sewing Machine
- How to Read Your Pattern
- Accurate Cutting with a Rotary Cutter and Reading Rulers
- Accurate ¼ inch seams; Chain Piecing with Leaders and Enders
- Pressing Fabrics, and Blocks: Steam or No Steam
- Types of Batting and When to Use Them

Finishing Your Quilt

1. Squaring the Blocks, finishing the flimsy and creating the Quilt Sandwich
2. Binding, Labelling, Adding a sleeve
3. Writing Your Quilter's Story



NOTE: Programming for May, future workshops and Global Quilt Connection Sampler Platters will be announced when scheduled and updated on our website.

We welcome feedback from our membership. If you have any suggestions for speakers or workshops, please let us know

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