

Sudbury & District Quilting & Stitchery Guild

Thimble Pleasures

April 2026 Newsletter

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| Stitchery Group | Marlene McCulligh |
| In-Club Quilt | Louise Gosselin |

EXTRAS

Christmas Party
Year End Banquet



President's Message:

Hello again friends,

Well, this is it, the final newsletter of the year.

What an inspiring and incredible year to mark 50 years as an organization in the Sudbury community. I am so proud to be a member of this remarkable group, and I cannot wait to see what awaits us in years to come.

We have had some incredible workshops, retreats and programs this year. The wool felt embroidery workshop was an absolute blast this last weekend, a huge thank you to Marjorie for sharing such a fun new way to explore our craft. I'm certain that won't be my only wool felt project.

And what a year for our community quilts program, the number of items we have contributed to the community was astounding. Thank you to everyone that takes part in community quilts over the year, we appreciate your time and effort to make our program as successful as it can be.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the executive and committee coordinators. This guild is as successful as it is because of the members who contribute to our programs and endeavors week after week. I appreciate every one of you.

I am happy to announce that David Gillies will be stepping into the role of president next year and again want to thank him and the rest of the members that have signed on to run our guild in 2026-2027.

Thank you all for a wonderful 50th guild year. I hope that everyone has a safe and happy summer!

See you in September!

Kelsey Gunn

SDQSG President 2025-2026



Updated List for: The New Executive and Board Members for the 2026-2027 guild years

Thank You!

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Stitchery – Sylvie Thibodeau and Suzane Lemay
In-club Quilt -

Extras

Christmas Party - Joan Chabot
Year End Workshop – Tracy Gunn and Sandra Castonguay
Year End Banquet - Tracy Gunn and Sandra Castonguay
Stay In your own Bed Retreat – Cloe Lilly (April 10th and 11th, 2027)





Community Quilts

Diane Gaudette
Community Quilt coordinator

Hello fellow quilters, we're in the home stretch, the end of the quilting year is fast approaching.

Personally, I'm looking forward to the break, but not the quilting. There's always a lot of sewing to do.

Saturday April 11th, is our next Community Quilt session. There is no host, just bring and sew whatever you're working on.

There will be some kits available to pick from. If you just want to come for coffee and a muffin, or just chit chat, that's fine too. It's a fun day!

Doors open at 8:30, till 3 pm. I'll see you then. Since this is the last newsletter for this quilting season, a reminder that we have a Community Quilt day scheduled for May 2nd. Again, no host, just come and sew and have fun.





IN CLUB QUILT 2025-2026

Louise Gosselin
In Club Quilt Coordinator

Hello fellow members,

Good news! The hand quilting is done with a total of 82 hours!

Only the final touches are left to do, as removing the leaders around the quilt, adding a binding and a label for the final draw at our last meeting in May.

I want to sincerely thank everyone for participating in this experience! As you recall, 100 blocks were submitted by December 2024, but only 63 blocks were needed in the in-club quilt top. The leftover blocks were drawn and given to Judy Peloso.

Happy quilting!



Hospice mini memory donation 2025/2026

Just wanted to shout out a big thank you to all you have donated mini memory blocks.
I want to shout out a few winners!

Janet Clark - for the most intricate detailed work
Jennifer Maddock - theme challenge winner
Heather Mitchell and Dot Manchuck- most minis donated

Special mention also to: Lynn B, Dorothy M, Monica G, Mariette B, Maryellen L, Helen M, Sue C, Colette M, and Liz K. If I missed anyone else who donated, thank you too!

I had a request from hospice for bed sized masculine quilts, approximately 60 x 80 inches.

If you have the time and the stash to bust creams, blues browns greys etc. let's get some quilts to hospice.

Happy Creating,
Sarah Day



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

I can't believe that it is already April! I have been extremely fortunate to have a lovely group of ladies helping me with this endeavor this year. They never disappoint me in whatever I ask of them. Gisele, Chantal, Diane, and Elaine you are amazing Co-Block Of the Month Assistants.

Did I mention that I have kept all of you on in this position for next year?

Dear Guild Members:

I HAVE SAVED THE BEST FOR LAST. I really hope you all have an opportunity to do this last block. I loved it the moment I saw it while I was scrolling on my phone. My excitement over this block spread to my choice in fabric and more importantly I thought you all would be just as excited.. Please, please be excited. Four blocks in and I think I could really do another 4. I also thought it would make lovely Community Quilt Kits but your Assistant (Chantal Lol) rained on my parade and said NO. She made me another offer to make me happy.

As I begin to wrap up this year, I am thinking back to all the positive feedback I have received from all the members each Month. I thank-you for this, it keeps me wanting to continue to do BOM.

Always keep in mind, this is not a job. The feedback is not always sunshine and roses. Sometimes, it is a full-blown snowstorm. Excuse the pun! I will always accept an apology, and I will offer you a candy.

Thank you to the amazing people that offered to put the Community Quilt Blocks together each month and a thank you to the members who offer to quilt them.

I am wishing everyone a warm, safe summer. It really does seem wrong to mention summer when we have so much snow! If you come across a block you are interested in sharing, send it to me. If you need help with your block, contact me.

Sincerely
Dianne Soucy



#1- Cream/warm colors

#2-Black/warm colors

DOUBLE ASTER BLOCK
APRIL BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Unfinished 12 1/2"

Scant Seam

Due: May 5, 2026

Resource: YouTube: Dream Big BOM- Lesson 3



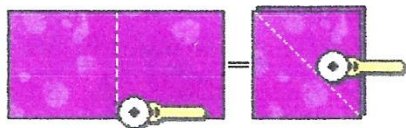
*** If you are struggling, call me. 705-525-0746 (Dianne)

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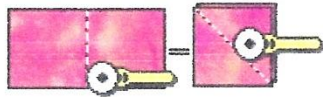
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*** Clip the dogears

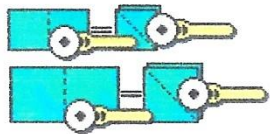
**** Preparing the Pieces and Sewing the Block ****



Start by cutting the Color 1 5-1/8" x 10-1/4" strip into two 5-1/8" squares. Stack and cut these once on the diagonal to make four half square triangles...

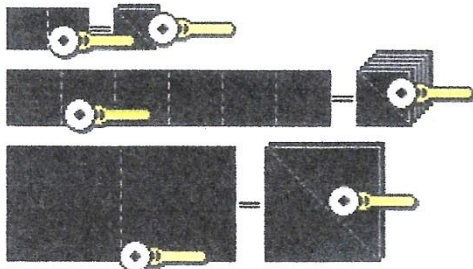


Next cut the Color 2 3-7/8" x 7-3/4" strip into two 3-7/8" squares. Stack these and cut them once on the diagonal to get four half square triangles...



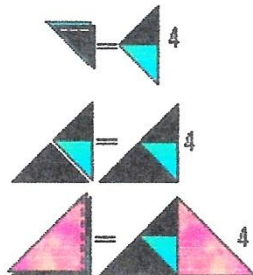
Then cut the Color 3 2-3/8" x 4-3/4" strip into two 2-3/8" squares. Stack and cut these to make four SMALL half square triangles.

Cut the Color 3 3" x 6" strip into two 3" squares and cut these to make four MEDIUM half square triangles... *(2 5/8") Centre*



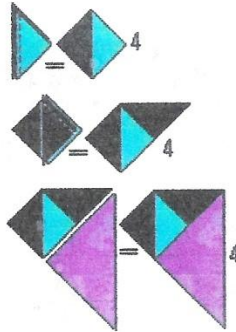
Now cut the Color 4 2-3/8" x 4-3/4" strip into two 2-3/8" squares. Stack and cut these to make four SMALL half square triangles. Cut the Color 4 3" x 18" strip into six 3" squares and cut these to make twelve MEDIUM half square triangles. Cut the Color 4 5-3/8" x 10-3/4" strip into two 5-3/8" *5 1/2"* squares and cut these to make four LARGE half square triangles...

** Scant 1/4" seams are used throughout the sewing process **

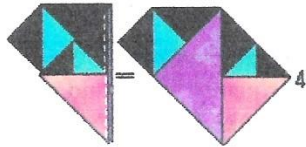


Sew pairs of SMALL Color 3 and Color 4 half square triangles right sides together to make four pieced triangles as shown at top left. Add a MEDIUM Color 4 triangle to the Color 3 side of each of those, making four units as shown middle left. Add a Color 2 half square triangle to the right to make four of the units shown at bottom left. I'll call these the Color 2 pieced units. Set these aside for now...on to Page 2!

Double Aster - Page 2

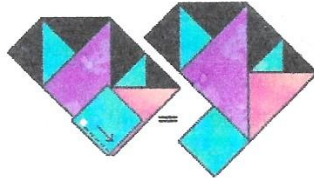


Now sew together pairs of Color 3 and Color 4 MEDIUM triangles to make four of the units shown at top left. Add another Color 4 MEDIUM triangle to the Color 3 side of each of those to make four of the units shown at middle left. Now add a Color 1 half square triangle to each of the units we just made, making four of the units shown at bottom left. I'll call these the Color 1 pieced units...

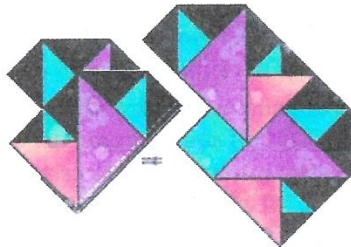


Next sew one of the Color 2 pieced units we first made to each of the Color 1 pieced units we just made. Make four of these...

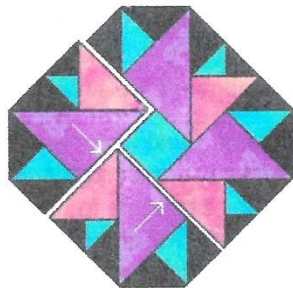
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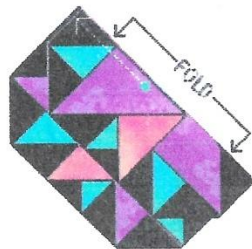
Now sew the Color 3 2-5/8" square to the bottom right edge of one of the larger pieced units, starting at a point 1/4" from the inner edge of the square and stitching to the outer edge...



Working clockwise, add another pieced unit to the bottom of that...



...Continue to add units in a clockwise fashion...



After adding the fourth unit, fold the block right sides together to align the remaining un-sewn seam, and stitch that closed; almost done! ...on to Page 3!

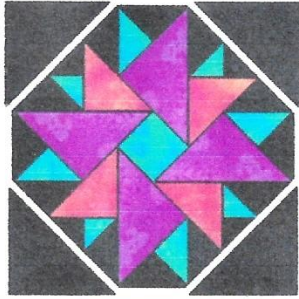
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Traditional Block



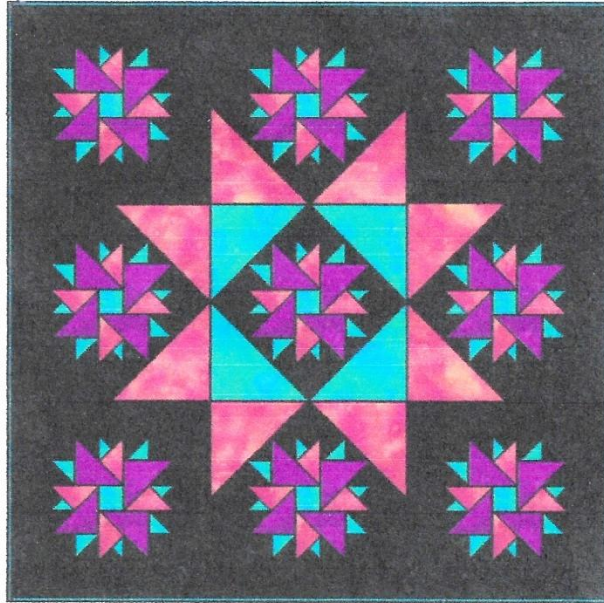
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Double Aster - Page 3



Now add the four Color 4 LARGE half square triangles to the four corners, and the block is complete!



This little quilt has nine Double Aster blocks set on point! **Go HERE if you need help with setting triangles!**

Happy Quilting All!

Marcia :o)

Here's Jeri's! April's! Teri's! JoAnn's!

Ruth's! Kelly's! Cindy's! Lisa's!
DMB's!

**** Supplies List ****



Color 1 Color 1 needs: one 5-1/8" x 10-1/4" strip



Color 2 Color 2 needs: 3-7/8" x 7-3/4" strip



Color 3 Color 3 needs: one 2-3/8" x 4-3/4" strip AND one 3" x 6" strip AND one 2-5/8" square



Color 4 Color 4 needs: one 2-3/8" x 4-3/4" strip AND one 3" x 18" strip AND one 5-3/8" x 10-3/4" strip

To the Patterns or The Quilter's Cache

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Traditional Block

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Quilt on the Rocks 2027 BOUTIQUE

We are in the planning stage for the Guild Boutique at the QOR 2027.

What is the “Guild Boutique”? It is an area where our members can sell their items made by themselves.

Visitors to the show and guild members will be able to get an early start on their Christmas Shopping from the variety of items that will be for sale in the Boutique.

All Guild Members are invited to make quilted, as well as other handmade by themselves or stitched items to display in the Boutique for sale,

- Must have paid their Guild Membership fees for the year.
- Must volunteer to work at the show during the weekend – see Nadine Ashick

Pricing the items for sale – each Guild Member will price their own items. Please note that 10% of the sale price will go to the Guild. Example if item is price at \$20.00 – members will get \$18.00 and the guild will receive \$2.00. item for sales must be rounded to the nearest dollar.

Types of items for sale – The Boutique is run in conjunction with our Quilts on the Rocks – Quilt and Stitchery Display. We encourage members to submit items made with quality and good workmanship. We want our visitors to be impressed with the quality, selection and the unique originality of patterns of the items offered. We will accept a wide variety of quality and stitchery items.... Quilts, wall hangings, vests, enhanced/embellished sweatshirts, pillow and/or pillow cases, jewelry, tote bags or any type of bags, pot holders, placemats, glassware or anything that is handmade with quality.

There will be various theme corners like Christmas, Halloween, kids, babies and others.

Policy and regulations for Boutique

Government regulations state that items for sale MUST be made for NEW fabrics (not recycles or used fabrics, batting or stuffing, etc.) The Government has, in previous shows, waived the registration and labelling of items for our group. The Boutique Committee will verify that this still applies and will advise If there are changes.

How to enter items for sale – Forms and price tags will be provided. Members will be shown how to complete the price tags will be required to prepare their forms(s) in duplicate. Deadline for submitting forms will be announced at Guild or in a Guild newsletter.

We look forwards to having a full boutique - so all Members are invited to “get sewing” if you have any question regarding the Boutique and Quilts on the Rocks 2027 please contact Louise Henri 705-561-4271 or Sue Menard at 705 665-8836

Louise Henri/Sue Menard



Quilts on the Rocks Awards

Peer Recognition Awards: 1st & 2nd place winner for each award (ribbon only – no monetary prize)

Quilting:

Bed Quilts – 300” or greater in perimeter

Mid-Size Quilts – 200”-299” in perimeter

Small Quilts – 0”- 199” in perimeter

Art Quilts – Must be an original design, no size limitations

Hand Quilting – No size limitations

Wearables – Any quilted clothing, excluding bags

Stitching:

Framed (large) – Larger than 8”x8” (stitched area)

Framed (small) – Smaller than 8”x8” (stitched area)

Unframed (large) – Larger than 8”x8” (stitched area)

Unframed (small) – Smaller than 8”x8” (stitched area)

Original Design – Must be an original design, no size limitations

Quilts on the Rocks – Best in Show: 1st & 2nd place winner for each award

Quilting – voted by show attendees

Stitching – voted by show attendees

Quilts on the Rocks – Sponsored Awards: TBA after confirming funding

PROGRAM

Final Report

As a trial run, we used the Guild's bi-weekly meeting format to hold Program on the second Tuesday of each month, separate from general meeting nights. We felt this would allow the most time for teachers to show the projects, and for students to really benefit from the information they were learning. We didn't want anyone to feel rushed or as though they couldn't complete their instructions. For the most part, we found this schedule to be well received.

We hope that guild members found the classes scheduled were interesting and they learned something new. Total sign-ups for the combined Program sessions were 143. The only class remaining is the Paper Piecing, on April 14.

Thank you to all who signed up for classes, completed projects and brought them in to share the success and show us all the beautiful, completed items. We are pleased with the participation of classes for Program for 2025-26.

The Quilting 101 was really well received, taught with great proficiency and we can see by the completion of the blocks the students really learned the many types of quilting techniques.

We want to extend a big Thank you all the instructors who generously taught the classes, invested time in preparation and gave invaluable instruction on new skills, which is a big part of our guilds mandate. We appreciate your time and dedication.

Happy Quilting everyone!

Marjorie and Tracy

2025/2026 Guild Year

| Date | Room C | Room B | Craft/ Library | Walls |
|----------------------|-----------------------|--------|-------------------|-------|
| Tuesday, April 14/26 | Paper Piecing - Tracy | | | Yes |



Hello Everyone!

It's hard to believe our year is almost over! I am very excited summer is on its way and wishing the snow away.

We are ending our year with 115 members

If anyone is interested in purchasing their Membership cards for the year 2026-2027 they will be available at our last meeting on Tuesday, May 05, 2026. Membership fees for 2026-2027 are \$30.00. The registration form is available on the Guild website www.sdqsg.com.

Please let me know if there is any new information to be added to the Membership List.

If you wish to e-transfer, the email address is still sdqsguildtreasurer@gmail.com or anyone needing a little assistance getting this transaction done.

Here are the steps: log into your online banking site, click on e-transfer payments, and click on "add Payee", write whatever title you want to identify it and enter, next box will ask for the email address of the payee which is sdqsguildtreasurer@gmail.com

Membership cards can be picked up at our meetings on the first and third Tuesday of the month at Parkside.

The 2025-2026 SDQSG Membership List is posted on the Guild website.

Enjoys the summer!
Lise Kawa
Membership Coordinator



Submitted by Dorothy McPhail

Quilted Hug Shawl pattern!

This is a simple but very meaningful quilting project designed to bring comfort and warmth to someone who needs it. The shawl wraps around the shoulders like a quilted hug and includes pockets for cold hands and a simple front closure so it stays comfortably in place.

Many quilters are making these to share with:

- Friends or family members going through a difficult time
- Someone recovering from illness
- Residents in care facilities
- Anyone who could use a little extra warmth and encouragement

Sometimes the most meaningful quilts we make are the ones created specifically to comfort someone else.

You can download your free pattern here:



[CLICK HERE to Download Your Quilted Hug Pattern](#)

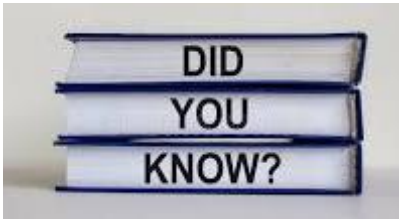
Once you've had a chance to look through the pattern, I hope you'll consider making one for someone in your life that could use a little extra kindness.

And if you do make one, I'd love to see it!

Happy quilting,

Mary





31st annual Gore Bay International Lace Camp attracts 34 lacemakers

by Tom Sasvari

GORE BAY—At the 31st annual Gore Bay International Lace Camp, a special presentation of a commemorative lace collage banner that depicts the waterfront of Gore Bay was presented to the Town of Gore Bay.

"It is such a pleasure to talk about this exceptional banner," said Lise Gagnon (of Ottawa), one of the lacemakers. "Most lacemakers who are attending this year's Lace Camp have contributed to the creation of the banner as well as many more who are absent today."

Ms. Gagnon explained, "In 2016 a committee was formed to create a commemorative banner to celebrate The International Lace Camp's 25th anniversary, in 2018. This banner is based on a summer photo of Gore Bay taken by Sandy Anderson, chair of the committee."

Committee members included Sandy Anderson, Tini Pel, Lauren MacDonald, Pat Bowley and Jane Dobinson. Ms. Gagnon noted, "Josee Poupart suggested we make lace strips of different widths and in various colours; Sandy Anderson provided the background fabric as well as the support system; Lauren MacDonald constructed



A total of 34 lacemakers from all over Canada took part in the 31st annual Gore Bay international Lace Camp.

the banner, made all the letters and the plaque on the back featuring the names of all contributing lacemakers; Tini Pel and Dora Hocken, both founding members of the Lace Camp, made the two Lace Camp logos seen on each top corner, based on Julie Nichols pricking; using all contributions, different people created the final look including Pat Jay, Josee Poupart, Cheryl Ford and myself."

"In addition, numerous people, including visitors, assisted in sewing the lace pieces on the banner,"

continued Ms. Gagnon. "Over the week of the 2018 anniversary lace camp, the entire group of lacemakers worked

on this banner. The remaining lace was sewn on the banner in Gore Bay with the cooperation of the Manitoulin Island Quilters." The names of the 79 lacemakers who contributed to this banner are listed on the back of the item.

"On behalf of the community of lacemakers here, we hope you will cherish, as we do, this invaluable gift," stated Ms. Gagnon.

The 39-inch x 64-inch wide banner was presented to Jason Quinlan, manager of the Town of Gore Bay. "It is just amazing," stated Mr. Quinlan later. "They presented me, on behalf of the town, with this beautiful artistry."

"I thank the ladies for this beautiful banner, which overlooks the bay from the East Bluff," said Mr. Quinlan. "It represents the many hours of work and effort on behalf of the lacemakers."

Lacemaker Annie Fournier of Gatineau, Quebec explained, "we have 34 people here for

the 31st annual week-long lace camp, including five new people. This year all our lacemakers are all from Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec and Ontario."

Mr. Quinlan welcomed all the lacemakers at the official opening of the lace camp on Monday of last week.

"The theme for this year's camp is mushrooms, and many different types of lace were chosen, such as Torchon, Needle Lace, Flander Lace (Belgium)," said Ms. Fournier. "I have been attending this lace camp for a number of years and just love it."

"We welcome new lacers on Monday morning, and they receive a lovely gift," said Ms. Fournier. Among the new lace camp attendees included Cindy Rusak of Bracebridge, Julie Bernard of New Brunswick, Katie Cameron of Ottawa, Jenny Lynn Albers of Sudbury and Iona Schmidtke of Manitoba.

Jody Pilon of Seeley's Bay (near Kingston) and chairper-

son of the Lace Camp committee said, "we always look forward to coming back to Gore Bay and the lace camp every year. Tini Pel had originally got me involved in the lace camp. We were both at a weaving and spinning group work and she encouraged me to come to Gore Bay for the lace camp."

The local United Church hosted the lacemakers to a fabulous lunch during the week and the Anglican Church hosted a turkey supper as well. "We look forward to, and are grateful to both churches for hosting us every year."

"We also take part in a lot of shopping at the local businesses during the week, and internally we hold several workshops," said Ms. Pilon. "One of the beautiful things about the lace camp is that everyone is generous with their knowledge on different types of lace making and help others."

Ms. Pilon said many of the lacemakers also take in the Gore Bay Theatre productions on their visit and lines up its dates for the annual camp with this in mind.

"At the opening of the lace camp, I welcomed everyone to Gore Bay and for holding this event in the town for the past 31 years. We are happy to have such a wonderful group of ladies visit from all over Canada and other countries to share their beautiful artistry. The town benefits from having them visit every year and we are blessed that they continue to visit every year."

The dates for next year's week long lace camp has already been set for July 13-18, 2026.

UPCOMING
EVENTS

QUILT SHOW 2026

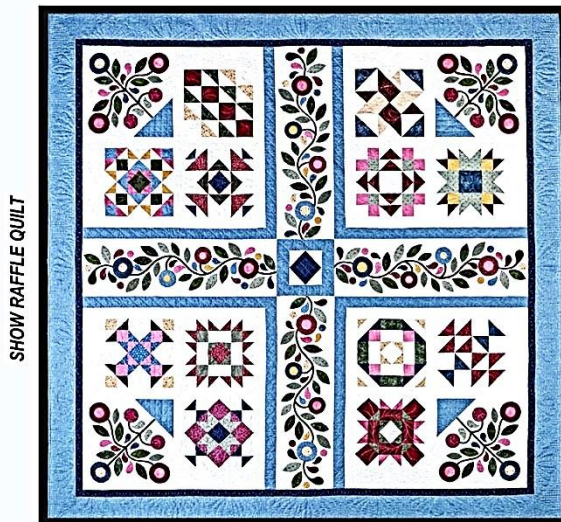
hosted by Trent Valley Quilters' Guild

“BEHIND THE SEAMS”

FEATURED ARTIST - DIANNE FULLER

6 & 7 June 2026

Open 10-4 each day



**\$10 Adult admission • \$5 for children 12 and under • Cash or Debit • Ample Free Parking
Raffle Baskets • Vendors • Scissor Sharpening • Tea Room • Artisan's Market
Comfort Quilts & Quilts of Valour on site
King Edward Park Community Centre, 75 Elizabeth Street, Brighton, Ontario**

Sunshine Quilt Show

May 8 & 9, 2026 10 am - 4 pm

ODAS Park 4500 Fairgrounds Road, Severn

New Location - Lots of Parking

Admission: \$10 CASH OR DEBIT
per person / per day

Feature Quilter
Quilt Exhibit
Vendors Mall
Guild Boutique
Refreshments
Bed Turning
Demos
Scissor Sharpening



KAWARTHA QUILTMAKERS' GUILD
Presents

Feelings In Fabric Quilt Show and Sale

Fri May 8 - Sat May 9, 2026

9:30am - 5:00pm

9:30am - 4:00pm

Location: Peterborough Sport & Wellness Centre
775 Brealey Drive, Peterborough, ON

- Vendors
- Charity Quilt Raffles
- Displays
- KQG Member's Boutique (Items for Sale)
- Prize Baskets
- Light Refreshments Available
- Antique Quilts (Bed turning Daily)
- Scissor & Tool Sharpening (Bring your Items)

Feature Quilter: Marg Worsick



For membership information:
kqgquilts.ca
EMAIL: kqgstitch@gmail.com

\$10 ENTRY
Cash only
(ATM on site)

Prince Edward County Quilters' Guild presents
A Stitch In Time

QUILT SHOW

July 11th - 12th, 2026 • 10am - 4pm

\$ 10 ADMISSION

FREE Parking • kids under 12: FREE ADMISSION • Wheelchair accessible

Raffle quilt: *Dream Bigger* (approx 99" X 103")

More than 250 Contemporary, Traditional and Art Quilts, Raffle Quilt Draw, Judged Section, Demos, Guided Tours, Vendor Mall, Scissor Sharpener and Members' Boutique

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**Wellington and District Community Centre
LeHigh Arena, 111 Belleville Street, Wellington, ON**



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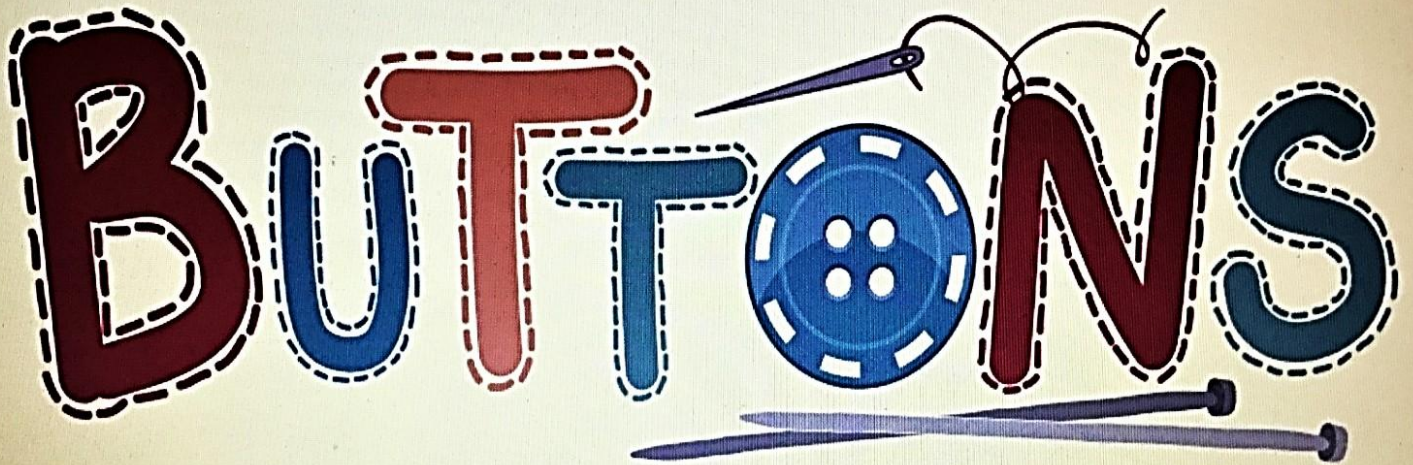
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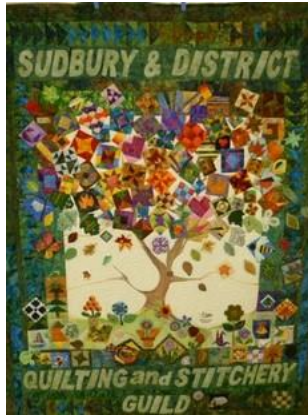
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