



Newsletter of the Sudbury & District Quilting and Stitchery Guild

September 2026

A Message from Our New President



As I begin my term as President, I appreciate that you may be wondering, “Who is this guy?” My name is David Gillies. Many of you know me as Sarah Day’s husband, or perhaps as the “techy guy” with a fondness for dragons and dad jokes like this one...

What do you call a gathering of quilters? A block party!

Sarah and I moved to Sudbury from the Barrie area five years ago, and we’ve embraced life in northern Ontario with our two daughters and much-loved dog. Outside the Guild, I work as a Supply Chain Manager and volunteer for not-for-profit organizations. Together, these experiences have strengthened my skills in budgeting, communication, team building, and operations—skills I’m excited to bring to our Guild.

I first started cross stitching over 30 years ago and recently returned to the hobby after some time away. It’s been exciting to see how much the craft has evolved, and I’m glad to have it back in my life.

As for quilting, I’ve spent years supporting Sarah in her quilting journey—admiring her design wall, offering (sometimes helpful!) input, attending quilt shows, and even joining her at a retreat. Along the way, I’ve learned quite a bit: I know my flying geese from my log cabins, I understand the importance of a precise ¼-inch seam, and I absolutely know better than to touch the quilting scissors!

I believe in the spirit of this Guild. I value collaboration, respect our members’ time and contributions, and strive to foster a supportive, team-oriented environment. I’m approachable, don’t believe in micromanaging, and trust in the people who make this Guild what it is. My priority is to support the Guild’s continued success and longevity, while embracing the creativity, connection, and growth the year ahead will bring.

Thank you for your warm welcome—I look forward to getting to know each of you.

David

2026/27 Slate of Executive and Coordinators



Executive

President	David Gillies
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Scrappy Quilts	Marlene McCulligh
Stitchery Group	Sylvie Thibodeau
	Suzane Lemay
In Club Quilt	VACANT

Event Coordinators

Christmas Party	Joan Chabot
Stay In Your Own Bed Retreat	Cloe Lilly
Year End Banquet	Tracy Gunn
	Sandra Castonguay
Year-End Workshop	Tracy Gunn
	Sandra Castonguay

Help Shape Our Guild Year!

Two Coordinator positions remain open and these roles are key to helping us create together, learn from one another and grow our collective skills.

Program Coordinator

The Program Coordinator organizes the program schedule for regular Guild meetings by helping bring together demonstrations, speakers, workshops and other activities that inspire creativity and encourage members to share their knowledge and skills.

This is your opportunity to help shape the kind of programs and learning experiences our members want!

In Club Quilt Coordinator

The In-Club Quilt is a true Guild-wide project—members make the blocks, the Coordinator brings them together into a finished quilt top, and members work together to hand-quilt it at Guild meetings. Then, one lucky contributor wins the completed quilt!

This is your chance to help us preserve the **tradition of hand quilting**. Responsibilities include:

- Selecting the quilt pattern
- Choosing and purchasing fabric
- Ensuring the quilt is set up and quilted during Guild meetings
- Recording the names of members who contribute to the quilt
- Conducting the draw when the quilt is completed

If you are interested in either of the vacant roles, speak with our President, David Gillies.

To contact one of our Coordinators, check the [2025–2026 Membership List](#) on the Guild website, or email us at sdqsg@gmail.com.

Meetings



Our first meeting is September 8, 2026!

When	What
1 st Tuesday of the month 7-9 p.m.	Regular Guild Meeting • Program (if available) • Library Open
2 nd Tuesday of the month 7-9 p.m.	Stitchery Cottage Groups
3 rd Tuesday of the month 7-9 p.m.	Regular Guild Meeting • Scrappy Cottage Groups • Library Open
4th Tuesday of the month Noon-8 p.m.	Zoom Drop-In Socials • Open Sewing Days • Online Learning Drop in when you can, stay as long as you like, and connect with fellow Guild members from the comfort of home. Want to share the fun? Invite a friend or former Guild member to join you— guests are welcome at no cost!

Decaf coffee and tea (with milk and sugar) will continue to be available while you relax and catch up with fellow members.

Members are invited to bring a treat to share—no sign-up required. If your treat is gluten-free, vegan or keto-friendly or supporting any other dietary restriction, please let others know so everyone can enjoy the options available. Oh, and if you bring something, come prepared to share your recipe!

50/50 Bingo
FUNDRAISER

A little fun can help fund a lot of learning!

- \$** Purchase a number for just \$2 at the table in the main meeting room.
- !** Tickets available from 6:30–7:15 p.m.
- ★** The winning number will be drawn at the end of the meeting.
- 💔** 50% goes to the winner; 50% goes to the Guild.

Proceeds will help support *learning opportunities* for our members including Trunk Shows, Demonstrations and other educational activities, as funds allow.

Thank you for supporting our Guild!

Save the Date!

Tuesday, September 29th

Brenda from the *You Tube* channel **Conquering Mount Scrapmore with Brenda** will be joining us.

Details to follow!

[Channel Link](#)

Membership



Renew Your Membership! Membership for 2026–2027 is \$30 (if you renew before Oct. 31).

Returning Member?

Information has NOT changed

Easy! Just submit payment.
No new form is required.

Information Has Changed?

Submit payment, then connect with the Membership Coordinator, Lise Kawa, at a regular meeting to share your updates.

Bringing a new member with you?

Ask them to download the membership form from the website, complete it and submit payment.

Ways to submit payment:

- Send an e-transfer to sdqsguildtreasurer@gmail.com. In the comments box state Membership – [Your name]. Need help with e-transfer? Please ask – we're happy to help!
- Pay cash or cheque at a regular guild meeting.

Membership cards will be available for pickup at Guild meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of the month.

Library



Have Guild Library books or magazines at home?

Please return them at one of our first two regular meetings:

Tuesday, September 8
Tuesday, September 22

Stop in and check out our new books and magazines!

Help Us
REFRESH
our
LIBRARY



Our shelves are overflowing! Let's make room for resources that are current, useful and inspiring.



If you come across a book or magazine that feels outdated or no longer relevant, *please speak with the Librarian.* We'll consider it for withdrawal as we review and refresh our collection.

Thank you for helping us keep our Library useful, inspiring and welcoming! ♥

Community Quilts



Our **Community Quilt Saturdays** are back for another year of sewing, sharing and making a difference in our community.

Save the Dates!

October 3, 2026
November 21, 2026
January 9, 2027
February 27, 2027
March 13, 2027
April 3, 2027

Details about **patterns, projects and kits** will be shared in future newsletters as they become available.

Watch for samples at regular Guild meetings!



Decaf coffee and tea, with milk and sugar, will be available while you work.

Bring your lunch. If you'd like to bring a treat to share (no pressure!), please let others know if it's gluten-free, vegan, keto-friendly or accommodates another dietary restriction—and bring the recipe too!



Check out our new
Community Quilt
Handout! ♥

for everything you need to know, including:

- How the program works
- Ways to get involved
- Donations we need, including quilts and our preferred sizes
- Palliative pillows—including instructions for making them
- Mini Memory Quilts—including theme ideas and helpful guidelines

You can find a copy of the **handout on our website** — or — reference a copy posted in the **fabric cupboard**.

Please contact the **Community Quilt Coordinator, Diane Gaudette**, if you:

- Have questions about Community Quilt Saturdays
- Would like to help cut kits or organize the fabric cupboards
- Need batting or labels or labels or labels for your quilt

Scrappy Quilting Challenge

Cut into what you love... or let it inspire you.



Do you have a favourite piece of fabric tucked away in your stash—too beautiful to cut, too special to use, or simply waiting for the “perfect” project? If not, do you have a special photo whose colours or memories inspire you?

This year’s Scrappy Quilting Challenge invites you to start there.

Choose a fabric/photo you love and let it guide you. Pull colours from it, interpret its palette, and build a scrappy quilt that reflects *your* creative voice. Whether you slice into a treasured fabric or keep it safely intact as inspiration is entirely up to you.

This challenge is about freedom, play, and rediscovering the joy of working from your stash.

There are no size requirements. No limits on the number of fabrics or pieces. No prescribed pattern. Just colour, creativity, and scraps coming together in a way that feels right to you.

Your quilt can be bold and modern, soft and traditional, highly structured or completely improvisational. It can be a mini, a lap quilt, or something much larger.

Completed quilts will be shared in April 2027, so you have the full guild year to explore, experiment, and enjoy the process.

Let your favourite fabric lead the way—and see where it takes you.

We can’t wait to see how you interpret this challenge!

Here is a sample image of fabric and different coordinating fabric colours which can be used to create scrap blocks.



Scrappy Quilting Challenge – FAQ

Do I have to use my inspiration fabric in the quilt?

No. You can cut into it and include it, or simply use it as a colour guide.

Can I choose more than one inspiration fabric or photo?

The challenge is designed around one fabric or photo, but if a second one helps you expand your palette, feel free—just keep your original fabric as your anchor.

Do I need to use every colour in my fabric/photo?

Not at all. You can use as many or as few colours as you like. Edit the palette to suit your vision.

Do all my fabrics need to be different?

No. You can repeat fabrics if it suits your design.

Can I use solids, or does it have to be prints?

Absolutely—solids, prints, batiks, textured fabrics... all are welcome.

Do I have to design my own quilt?

No. You can follow a pattern, adapt one, or create your own design.

Does it have to be improvisational?

Not at all. Traditional, modern, or improv—any approach works.

Is there a required quilt size?

No minimum or maximum size. Your quilt can be anything from a mini to a full-size quilt.

Does the quilt need to be fully finished?

No, finished quilts or quilt tops are welcome.

When is the deadline?

Finished quilts will be shared in **April 2027**.

Do I need to register to participate?

No registration required—just jump in and start creating!

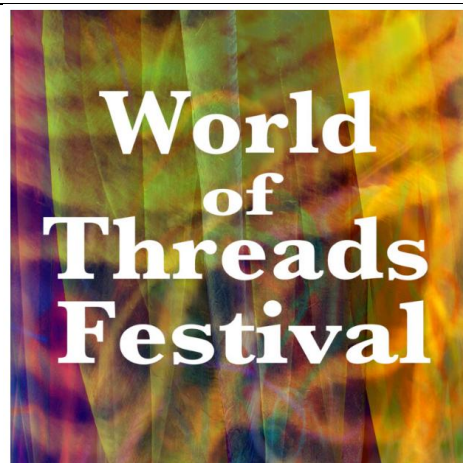
Will there be opportunities to share progress?

Yes! We encourage members to bring their inspiration fabric, fabric pulls, and works-in-progress to guild meetings throughout the year.

Will there be prizes or voting?

No

Events



An international showcase of contemporary fibre and textile art.

Cost: FREE

Location: Queen Elizabeth Park Community and Cultural Centre, Oakville, ON

Dates: September, 23, 2026 to January 17, 2027

Hours: Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.,
Sunday 12-4 p.m.

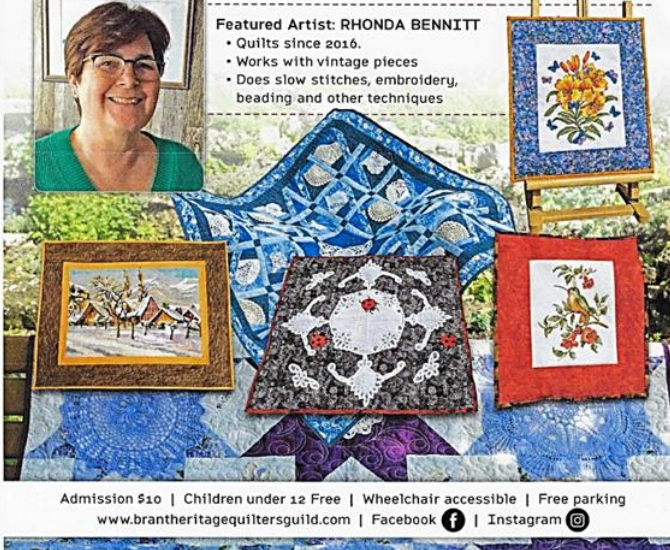
Details:

[World of Threads Festival – Local, National and International Fibre and Textile Arts](#)

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Date: October 18th, 2025

Time: 10am - 4pm / 5pm - 8pm

Location: Wahnapiatae Community Centre

Whatever your fibre craft - spinning, felting, knitting, crocheting, macrame, embroidery, cross-stitch - we want to see you!

Joining us this year are:

[Stix and Stones Yarn Boutique](#)

Muster Pattern

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[Trial By Fibre – Fibre Arts](#)

To register for a drop spindle workshop at the, send an email to Tbfsudbury@gmail.com.

ParkSide's 50th Celebration Events

The ParkSide Centre is hosting decade-themed events to celebrate its

50th year anniversary!

We would like to dedicate these events to our *wonderful staff & volunteers* for the incredible work that they do for the ParkSide Centre.

1980's

with a guest speaker!

September 9th
1:30pm - 2:30pm

Refreshments
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1990's

with a guest speaker!

September 23rd
1:30pm - 2:30pm

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2000's

with a guest speaker!

October 7th
1:30pm - 2:30pm

Refreshments
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2010's

with a guest speaker!

October 21st
1:30pm - 2:30pm

Refreshments
Provided!

2020's

with a guest speaker!

November 4th
1:30pm - 2:30pm

Refreshments
Provided!

ParkSide Makers Market

November 14th
9:00am - 3:00pm

Applications
at front desk!

Lunch/Music at the ParkSide Centre

November 6th
11:30am - 1:00pm

Limited seating
Registration required
FREE EVENT

Evening Gala at the Hellenic Centre

November 6th
5:30pm - 9:30pm

**TICKETED
EVENT**

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- ◆ Our online store has some upgrades! You are now able to search fabric in categories.
- ◆ We are committed to adding to your crafting needs and are starting to bring in slow stitching supplies and threads featuring Needle and Thread Emporium!!!

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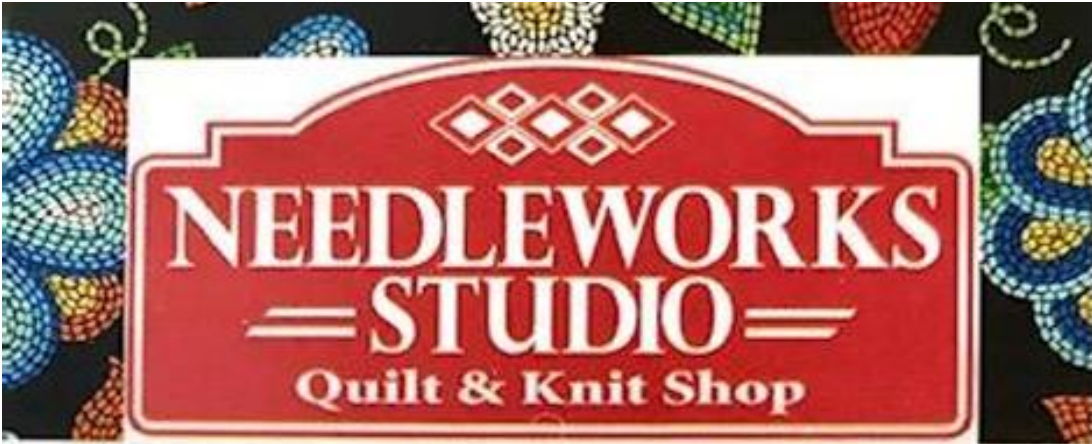
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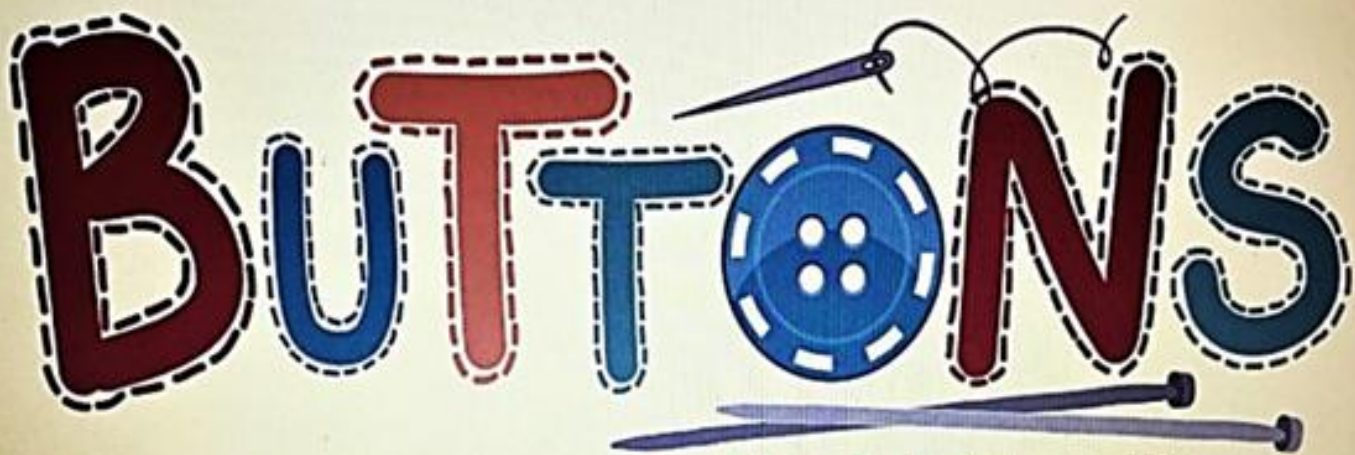


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*Have someone
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*and
more!*



Have Something to Share?

**Help us keep *Threadlines* interesting,
informative and connected!**

Executive, Coordinators and Members are invited to
submit **news, updates, photos, upcoming events,
project highlights, volunteer opportunities** or
anything else Guild members should know about.

Submission Deadline

Please send your content to the Newsletter Editor,
Natalie Bourque, by the **second Friday of each month**
for the following month's edition.

SUBMIT BY (Second Friday)

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Have an idea? Don't wait for the deadline! Send it along whenever inspiration strikes,
and we'll work it into an upcoming edition whenever possible.

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