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## PRESIDENT MESSAGE

Happy Quilting Month!

As most of you probably know March is National Quilting Month and March 18<sup>th</sup> is National Quilting Day, falling on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of March.

The origin has been traced to “Quilters Day Out” organized by the Kentucky Heritage Society in 1989. Two years later the event became so popular that the name changed to “National Quilting Day” and over the years the event has attracted quilters from all over the world to celebrate the global heritage of quilting. The popularity of the event now unofficially covers the entire month of March. We will be celebrating with our Annual Cuddle Quilt Day which will be held at The Trinity United Church Hall as an in-person event for our members and members of the community.

As you are reading this, we will have completed our Zoom UFO Day on Feb.25<sup>th</sup>. I hope we get to see some of those finished projects at Sew and Tell during upcoming general meetings.

Sit back and enjoy this “Quilters’ Month” edition of the newsletter with lots of news from our hard-working members.

Annette

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**Meeting Date** Our next meeting is  
**March 6, 2023 @ 1:00 Doors open at 12:30.**  
It will be in-person only at the Trinity United  
Church

**For Information on Slow Quilting, Sew  
Zoom and other Guild Activities check out  
our Website Calendar**

<https://mahonebayquiltersguild.com/events/>

## MEMBERSHIP

Just in time for Cuddle Quilt Day on March 18th, there is a Block Lotto in lieu of a FQ draw for the March meeting. The details about the block were sent in an email following the February's meeting and are on the members only FB page. You can also find the details here at this link: <http://stashbee.blogspot.ca/2018/01/hive-2-january-tutorial.html> . Make as many as you want - the more you make, the better your chances of winning. It will be fun to see all the different blocks.

Eldora Baillie

Mahone Bay Quilters' Guild

Membership Chair

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## PROGRAM

We were wowed and inspired by Susan Lilley's presentation at the February meeting. The members in attendance were very interested in how she creates her pieces, and one member told me it was one of the best programs she has attended recently.

Thanks again, Susan. Here are a few pictures if you were not able to attend.



## March Meeting

Why not come out to our last daytime meeting and see how Mary Anne Donovan of [House of Woolly Thyme](#) got started, what inspires her, and what her Lunenburg shop has to offer. There will be a demonstration and she may have things for sale.

Hope to see you there!  
Gail Stryde  
Program Chair



# Cuddle Quilt Day

## Saturday, March 18, 2023



The Guild will celebrate International Quilting Day by gathering to work on quilts for donation to local hospitals and charitable groups. This is a fun day to gather, chat and sew while contributing to our community. Now that the COVID restrictions of the last few years have been lifted, we will be able to display our quilts on the pews at Trinity United Church, which always provides a beautiful conclusion to the day. Hope you can join us!

**Location & Time** Trinity United Church Hall, Mahone Bay ~ **9:30 am – 3:30 pm**

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**Projects** We will gratefully accept finished quilts of any size, preemie quilts, wheelchair quilts and walker bags. If your quilt needs binding, we have volunteers to complete your creation with machine or hand stitching binding. We will make every effort to have completed tops quilted, but we are limited in the number of quilts we can complete right away. We will not be making tied quilts this year.

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**Fabric** The Guild cupboard is bare, as we have given away our backings and stored fabric throughout the past year.

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**Batting** We do have some 80/20 batting remaining if you require batting to finish your quilt. It can be picked up at the March meeting. Please reserve your batting by emailing Krista at [krisgarber@aol.com](mailto:krisgarber@aol.com) with the measurements of your quilt top. Batting will continue to be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

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**Volunteers** How can you help with Cuddle Quilt Day? Several generous members have already volunteered for specific tasks during Cuddle Quilt Day. At the March meeting, we will be looking for people to pitch in with the following tasks:

- Donating soup/sandwiches/ coffee snacks
- Hand binding
- Machine quilting
- Various pressing/ sorting/ storing tasks.

Machine spaces will be limited. If you plan to bring a machine, please let us know, so we can arrange a table/outlet for you.

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**Bring a Friend** This event is open to the public. Please spread the word to fellow quilters who are not Guild members. Guests are welcome.

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Coffee & tea will be provided. Please bring your basic hand sewing supplies or machine (with an extension cord). Ironing boards and irons will be available. Bring your own cutting tools/mats. Please send any questions to Gail Stryde ([gstryde@hotmail.com](mailto:gstryde@hotmail.com)) or Krista Garber ([krisgarber@aol.com](mailto:krisgarber@aol.com))

## LIBRARY

Library News, March 2023

There isn't a lot of library news to report this month.

The following magazines have arrived:

1. Quilt Canada Spring 2023
2. Quilt Mania, Issue 153
3. Love of Quilting March / April 2023

One of our members has donated a Squedge 22.5 Ruler to the ruler collection. For the new members, we have a collection of rulers and templates to borrow. I'll put the ruler binder out on the table at the March meeting. See list below:

1. 60 degree Triangle
2. Stack-n-Wack Fan Ruler
3. Omni Arc Circle Ruler
4. Kaleido ruler – small
5. Flying Geese Pattern – large
6. Diamond Ruler 40
7. Hexagons (2)
8. Dresden Plate 9"
9. Drunkards Path Template
10. Clam Shell Template
11. Squedge Ruler 15
12. Squedge Ruler 30
13. Circle Wedge Ruler 9" 9
14. Circle Wedge Ruler 14" 9
15. Omni Edge Ruler 3" x 18"
16. Omni Edge Ruler 5" x 18"
17. Stripology Rulers
18. Quilters No Melt Press Bars
19. Non-Slip Ultimate Flying Geese Tool
20. QRC Mini Curves
21. Quick Curve Ruler
22. Squedge 22.5 Ruler

Reminder: Please return books promptly as others may be waiting for the ones you have. If it's still on the table at the end of the meeting, you may take it out again.

Hope to see you at the March meeting.

Judy Cooper, librarian

## **BOOK REPORT**

### **Wool Applique the Piece of Cake Way**

**By Becky Goldsmith and Linda Jenkins**

This is a time to re-visit some of our not so new books. We can miss out on some really good information when we do so.

What I really liked about this book is that it doesn't take 5 pages to explain what can be done in a two and a half. The book is laid out in a way that is the natural process of learning a new technique. Highlighting and bolding makes it easy to find information quickly.

The book contains a lot of information with regards to fabric choices, Felted Wool, Cotton and Linen. All used in the same projects. Good information about threads, fabric and template preparation for fusible applique, pattern tracing and how to use the template to applique all the different fabric choices. They use a different way to transfer the pattern onto the background. They trace the pattern onto a piece of vinyl and then use this to work the square. This is interesting because as a quilter that has done a lot of applique this would take care of my question every time, I start a new project. What kind of pen and what colour will work especially on dark colours. I have not done it yet but will use the technique on my next applique project.

When you move to sewing the project there is a wonderful section on several stitches with step-by-step instructions. This would really help anyone who has not done applique before. Includes inside and outside curves. The only missing instruction is how to do an invisible stitch for cotton, but my experience is that just takes practice.

It follows to finishing the quilt. How to quilt felted wool, make bias and straight grain binding and one technique on joining binding.

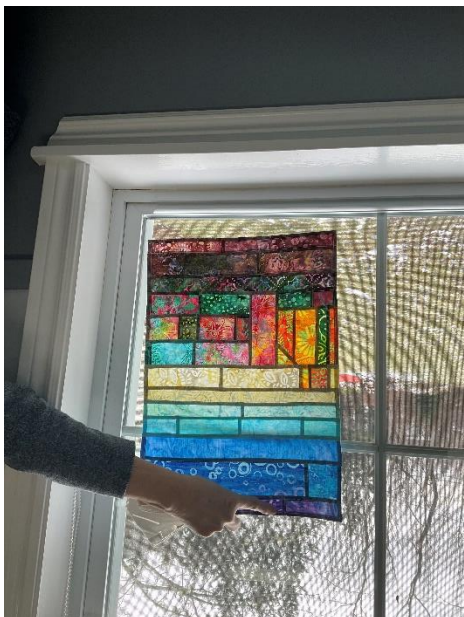
Throughout the book there are great pictures and little circles and squares the contain where you can find great tips. The second half of the book you will find 12 lovely quilt patterns with the paper patterns included.

All in all, this is a great book. I learned that I need to look at the library more closely for some of our older books. I am sure there are a lot of older books that will be filled with great information in the library. Have a look!!!!

Jan Strachan

## FEBRUARY MEETING. Sew and Share

Look at these wonderful quilts. To see all the beautiful quilts have a look at Flickr <https://www.flickr.com/people/mbqg/>





## Workshop News

### **NEXT WORKSHOP VINTAGE WINDMILLS**

SEE ALL THE INFORMATION ON THE NEXT PAGE.



## LEARN & EXPLORE VINTAGE WINDMILL

WITH KRISTA MOSER, THE QUILTED LIFE

A quilting and fiber arts enthusiast, Krista started sewing at 8 years old. She began her professional sewing and machine quilting career at the spunky age of 14 and has been teaching sewing and quilting lessons for more than 20 years.

The **Vintage Windmill** pattern combines charming color combinations with simple shapes to create a secondary design that is deceptively easy.

For this project, you will be required to have the Creative Grids 60-degree Diamond Mini Ruler. Participants will be able to purchase the PDF pattern at a 50% discount.

Diamonds and triangles are arranged to create a one-of-a-kind quilt with no Y seams!

If you have been wanting to break out of the same old quilting routine and try something different, this pattern is just the thing.

Finished size: 63" X 68"



Zoom Workshop  
11 am – 5 pm  
March 25, 2023  
Members \$35  
Non-members \$55

E-transfer to  
[mbqgtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:mbqgtreasurer@gmail.com)  
To reserve your spot

Location  
Online (Zoom)  
Register  
by March 18, 2023  
to [josiewall1959@gmail.com](mailto:josiewall1959@gmail.com)

### Skill Building

- No Y seam construction

### Material List

- \*Sewing machine
- \*Rotary Cutter, mat & ruler
- \*Basic sewing supplies
- \*Creative Grids 60° diamond MINI ruler
- \*Vintage Windmill PDF Pattern
- \*Fat Quarter Friendly



## Skills Building Mini Workshop

April 2023

### **Mahone Bay Quilt Guild**

Judy Cooper, Instructor

#### **Purpose**

This class is designed to introduce students to hand embroidery while practising some beginner stitches on a Practice or Doodle Cloth.

#### **Supply List**

- One of the most essential tools for this workshop is a Doodle Cloth (sometimes called a trial cloth or Practice cloth. Choose a piece of muslin or other cloth that is easy to stitch on. (Batik is not a good choice for a practice cloth as it is tightly woven and harder for a threaded needle to penetrate.) The material can be the size of a fat quarter but no smaller than 12" wide, in case you need to hoop it.
- Small hoop (4" / 6" / 8") - optional
- Ruler
- Scissors
- Needle threader
- Light source (optional)
- Pencil or heat sensitive marking pen / Frixion pen ... I use a pencil on my Doodle Cloth
- Embroidery Threads (DMC / Anchor stranded floss) Six colours or less is sufficient; #8 Pearl Cotton (one or two colours)
- Crewel / Embroidery Needles (sharp tip)
- Tapestry Needles (blunt tip)

For skills day, you don't need to have a large variety of needles. I suggest Crewel or Embroidery needles which come in a variety pack in sizes 1 – 12 and Tapestry needles (22 – 24) or whatever you might have in your needle collection.

#### **The Skill Builder Activity**

The Activity will cover these beginner stitches, based on time.

- Running stitch
- Back stitch / Whipped back stitch
- Stem stitch / Whipped stem stitch
- Chain stitch
- Daisy stitch
- Seed stitch
- Blanket stitch
- French knot
- Couching

- Satin stitch

I will provide a list of reference resources for all the stitches.

Practice activities will use stitches in a straight line, and if interested, in shapes.

Please have a look at my blog post, **Stitch, Stitch, Stitch A Doodle Cloth**, for more information about the cloth. <https://www.judycooper.ca>

## General News

### YARD SALE NEWS-Sat. May 6, 2023

The tables have all been booked for the Guild yard sale on Sat. May 6! I have started a wait list in case someone has to cancel. If you haven't paid yet, please bring \$10 to the March Guild meeting.



Thanks to Gail Smith and Bonny Houghton who will be managing the Guild table, now **they need donations!** Please bring your donations to the March, April or May Guild meeting.

You can also bring them to Cuddle Quilt Day. All money raised at the Guild table, will benefit the Guild. If you can't bring them to a Guild meeting you can drop things off at Bonny's house, please call first 902-904-0292, 41 Phoenix St. Bridgewater or at Gail's house, please call first 902-495-1691, 233 Pelham St, Lunenburg

Thanks everybody, it should be a fun morning, we hope our members will come and enjoy hunting for bargains!

Any questions, email Barb at [robsonbh@eastlink.ca](mailto:robsonbh@eastlink.ca)

## **SLOW QUILTING**

Mark you your calendars - Zoom Slow Quilting Dates - Reminders will go out to the membership a couple of days before each.

Monday March 13, 2-4pm

Monday March 27, 2-4pm

If you have any questions, please email Barb at [robsonbh@eastlink.ca](mailto:robsonbh@eastlink.ca) All members are welcome!

## **SEW ZOOM**

Where we get together on Zoom, to quilt from our own sewing rooms, every Wednesday 1-4pm.

You can either participate in our group project, or work on your own.

We share skills, provide support, talk about sales & good fabric finds, and chat about all things quilting. Join us for a fun afternoon.

To get on the mailing list, please email us at:

[SewZoomQuilting@gmail.com](mailto:SewZoomQuilting@gmail.com)

Or contact Peggy Abbott

## **SEW ZOOM - UFO**

Hi folks I thought as a follow up from UFO Day those that want to continue completing their UFOs in a group can follow up on sew zoom.

Here's how it would work: at the beginning of sew zoom each week in March we would state which UFO we were going to work on for the week and the following week describe or show our progress if any. This is entirely your choice and if you wish to work on your present project as always you are welcome to join us.

Yours in UFO land.

Peggy

# sew zoom

## New Project – Storm at Sea

Join us April 5<sup>th</sup>, as we begin our new project **Storm at Sea**, on Sew Zoom.

You pick your own Storm at Sea pattern, and quilt along with the group each Wednesday afternoon from the comfort of your home.

Here on Sew Zoom, we help each other over the tricky spots of the pattern, share tips and tricks, and encourage everyone with oohs and aahs. So, pick your favourite Storm at Sea pattern and get ready for April 5<sup>th</sup>.

There are many patterns available, including free ones, but here are a few examples to get you excited:



Need help or want to be added to the Sew Zoom circulation list, please contact us at [SewZoomQuilting@gmail.com](mailto:SewZoomQuilting@gmail.com)

As always, you are more than welcome to join us on Sew Zoom working on your own project.

## UFO DAY

### Laughter, Prizes and Tips

Over 25 members joined us on the Zoom UFO Day on Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Colleen and Pina for their demonstrations. Gail kept our minds sharp with her Acronyms throughout the day while we finished, or attempted to finish, our UFOs. The prize wheel was also spinning and members won various prizes with the grand prize of 3 yards of fabric going to Katina Chapman.

Thanks to everyone who donated prizes, who attended, who shared a tip or two and most of all joined us for laughter, chatter, friendship and a great day.

Krista and Gail

## MARVELOUS MEMBERS

The Spring 2023 issue of Canadian Quilter magazine features an article on the Textile Artists Collective of Nova Scotia. Several members of our Guild have been invited to be part of this group, and their work is stunning.

The article includes photos of work by Cathy Drummond, Linda Finley, Susan Lilley, Fiona Oxford and Pam Wells, but the photos do not reveal the beautiful detail of these pieces. Fortunately, the group will be holding a show, "Holy Mackerel" to coincide with Quilt Canada in Halifax. Details on the show, to be located in the Brunswick Room of the Cambridge Suites Hotel, will be in the next issue of Canadian Quilter. You can also find the group on Facebook at [Textile-Artists-Collective-of-Nova-Scotia](#) or Instagram [@tac\\_of\\_ns](#).

Canadian Quilter is available in our Guild library.

Krista Garber

## Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner!

Whenever we enter a draw for something, especially sewing/quilting related, whether online or in-store, we always wish to win. That's exactly what happened this week to Kellie Skelhorn, a new member. In early February she was notified by Bernina Canada that she had won the Grand Prize in the Bernina of Canada Kaffe Fasset Sweepstakes. She entered on the Bernina Facebook page with no purchase necessary.

Her Grand Prize includes:

A Bernina 770 QE Plus Kaffe Edition and free gift packing including a Bernina XL Kaffe Edition Machine Suitcase; a Bernina XL Kaffe Edition Module Bag; a Kaffe Edition Machine Dust Cover; a Kaffe Fabric Bundle; a Kaffe Exclusive Decorative Stitches; Kaffe Embroidery Designs; a Kaffe Edition Embroidery Bundle Box; and the Bernina embroidery software 9 Creator.

Kelly has been wanting this particular machine for some time, making the win especially great. A huge Congratulations to Kellie and we look forward to seeing her future projects using her new machine and stash.

Eldora Baillie

## YAZZII Bags

Jan Strachan was the lucky winner of the bag at the February meeting. There will be another door prize at the March meeting. Please make sure you get your ticket at the sign in table.

I was the lucky winner of the first Yazzii Bag by winning the door prize. What a great little bag. I am currently working on a The Passacaglia quilt. I am using the bag to keep the project organized so that working on it is easy. Travelling with the project is great. The bag holds all the different pieces in the zipper sections. The needles are also held in the zipper section. Larger tools are in the big section on top. Here I have the project all in one convenient bag. Before winning this bag, I used zip lock bags. Bags all over the place. Now it is all in one convenient bag.

Thank you, Gail Stryde, for following up on this. All you have to do to win one of these wonderful bags is go to the meeting to get your ticket. Remember to get your ticket when you are signing in.

## CQA NEWS

### Quilt Canada 2023 News – for March 2023

By Carole McCarville (CQA/ACC Executive Director)

#### Seeking Help with Quilt Canada Youth Workshops

Quilt Canada 2023 in Halifax is excited to be hosting youth quilt classes for the first time! In order to get the word out to interested kids and make it a success, we need your help!

The instructor, Jackie White from Manitoulin Island, ON, has been teaching kids to sew and quilt for eight years. She will be teaching two classes in the early evening on June 8 and June 9, to make it easier for kids to participate. In one class kids will learn to make a reversible mini tote bag, and in the other they will make a mini house quilt with lots of fun embellishments to choose from.

To see Jackie talk about the classes, check out her YouTube channel

<https://youtu.be/QZhFMlhddhg>

If you know a leader in a Nova Scotian Youth organization (4-H, Girl Guides, etc.) or a teacher who might be interested in learning about this opportunity for the youth in their organization, please pass this information along to them. We would be happy to chat with them about these classes geared toward the young (beginner) quilter.

Or if you have a child or grandchild, or know of a youngster who might be interested, please encourage them to register at <https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2023/>

#### Volunteers Needed

As we all know belonging to quilt guilds, many volunteers are required to run an organization and put on a successful quilt event. And the Quilt Canada conference is no exception. This year is your chance to be involved in a national quilt event in your area.

#### General Volunteers

Head on over to the volunteer page on the Canadian Quilters Association website, <https://canadianquilter.com/volunteer-at-quilt-canada-2023/>, and read the descriptions of the various volunteer positions. All sign-ups for these general volunteer positions will be carried out through the "SIGNUP Genius" portal with direct links to this from the website

page. The links will be available the week of March 27<sup>th</sup>. So think about what you might like to sign-up for now.

### **Classroom Assistants (formerly known as Classroom Angels)**

Now accepting volunteers for these special positions. The job description and application form for these volunteers can be found on the website, <https://canadianquilter.com/volunteer-at-quilt-canada-2023/> The assistants are needed in the 30 workshop classrooms to assist the instructors and students with various items during the course of the workshop. For full day workshops these are 8 hour shifts with a lunch break when the teacher releases the students for their break. And half day or evening workshops (youth classes) are 4.5-hour shifts.

### **Volunteer Team Leads**

We are still seeking Team Leads for the Set-up and Take-down of quilt shows. Please check out the volunteers page for description of these two Team Leads and contact Carole McCarville ([executivedirector@canadianquilteradministration.com](mailto:executivedirector@canadianquilteradministration.com)) if interested in helping out in this way.

### **Workshop and Lecture Registration**

You can now register for workshops, lectures and buy your conference entry pass ( save a couple dollars from the “at the door” pricing). Many workshops are selling out so don't delay if you want a seat at one of the workshops offered. Find all the information on the Quilt Canada 2023 page, <https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada-2023/> , including the link to register.

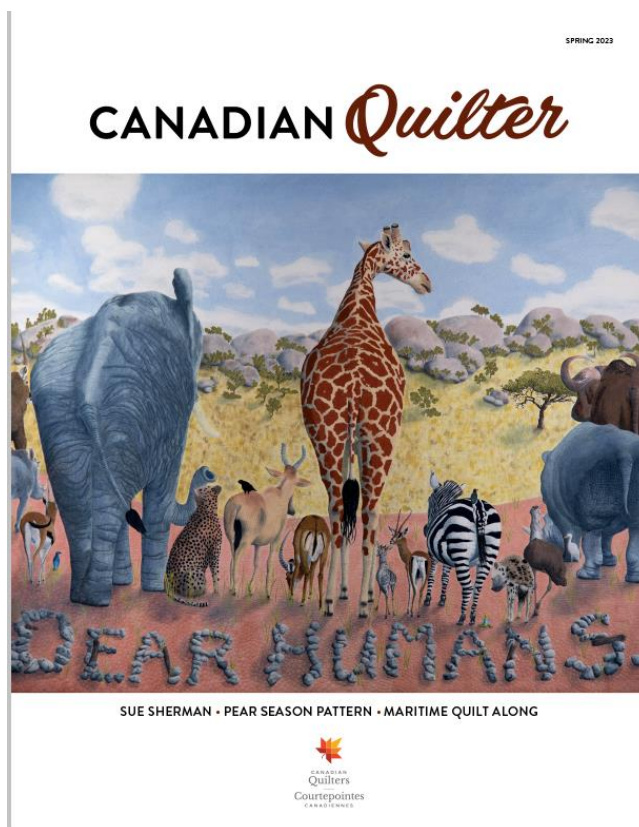
We hope to see you in Halifax, both as an attendee and a volunteer for a “quilty” good time!

**Please reach out to me, Carole, at 902-388-4848 or [executivedirector@canadianquilteradministration.com](mailto:executivedirector@canadianquilteradministration.com) if you have any question.**



# Canadian Quilter Magazine

*Canadian Quilter* celebrates the rich talent of Canada's creative quilting culture. We feature all genres and their makers, while fostering the passions and preserving the traditions of our vibrant quilt-making community. Printed copies of *Canadian Quilter* are available to non-members at a cost of \$12.99 each.



## Spring 2023 – COMING SOON!

Canadian quilters represent every type of quilting, and the spring issue features articles from across the spectrum. Enjoy stories from [Sue Sherman](#), [Tracey Lawko](#), [Laura Gates](#), [Dawn Piasta](#), the [Textile Artists Collective of Nova Scotia](#), and life coach [Dara Tomasson](#). [Bridget O'Flaherty](#) brings us the second installment in the Sustainable Quilting series. The featured pattern, *Pear Season*, is from Riley Blake designer [Jennifer Long](#). Learn about the quilting careers of Renske Helmuth and Janet Crone. Get a glimpse of [The Best of Quilting in Canada](#) exhibit at the New England Quilt Museum. Meet the teachers at [Quilt Canada 2023](#)! And so much more.

**Cover Quilt:** *Dear Humans...* by Sue Sherman, winner of the [Viewers' Choice award](#) at the *National Juried Show 2022* in Vancouver, BC.

*Available approximately mid-May. Members can read the digital version now in the [Member Studio](#).*

Meet Canadian quilters up close. Learn new techniques and follow emerging trends. Enjoy regular features such as patterns, quilting tips, quilt challenges, and product and book reviews. We are keen to support the next generation of quilters too, so projects, tips and challenges designed specifically for young and new makers are included as well.

CQA/ACC members receive three printed issues a year, and starting October 1, the 2021 issues are also available online. New issues are available in February, May, and October and range in size from 84 to 100 pages. *Quilt Canada*, CQA/ACC's annual *National Juried Show* and conference, is profiled in the Autumn issue which showcases inspiring and award-winning artisans.

**Please note:** The Summer 2021 print issue is SOLD OUT. Members can access the digital issue in [Members Studio](#).

From Barb Robson. Here is the link to the Website if you prefer to read it that way.

<https://mailchi.mp/canadianquilter/the-gift-of-quilting-1351228?e=%5BUNIQID%5D>

**IF ANYONE FINDS AN INTERESTING ARTICLE YOU LIKE TO SHARE. I THINK WE ALL WOULD LOVE TO READ IT.**

**NEXT NEWSLETTER DEADLINE IS MARCH 25, 2023 for any entry including MBQG Buy and Sell.**