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A newsletter for the
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President's Message

Debbie W.

Welcome Back Quilters!!!

The summer seems to have slipped away so fast. I had the luxury of spending 4 days away at Springhouse Retreat with 8 of my quilting friends. It is an absolutely wonderful place to have a quilting retreat. Everything you could possibly ask for. It was relaxing and such a great time spent with great friends. We also travelled to 3 different quilt stores as well as a thrift store. What could be a better way to spend 4 days???

Other than those four days of sewing, that was the extent of spending time with my machine over the summer.

Our Guild has lots of interesting things planned for this year. Sew days both in person and on zoom, a workshop is in the planning stages and of course our Stay At Home Retreat, in October.

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and were able to spend sometime outdoors enjoying the weather. Looking forward to seeing you at our new meeting location in Kingsview Church, Oshawa. Please remember to lug your mug & wear your name tag.

See you at the meeting!!!

Vice President

Debbie K.

Hello everyone, well the sure sign of the summer coming to the end for this year is we are able to start our Guild year for 25-26. September 8th

I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer where you got to enjoy lots of fresh air, sunshine, and gained lots of inspiration from the nature surrounding you....and the many quilt stores you may have been able to visit. I look forward to seeing your creations and hearing your stories on our first guild night for the new year.

As I write this I am currently in Scotland. Today we are in Inverness, the last couple of days was Edinburgh with a day trip to LochCarron where we visited one of three weaving factories left in Scotland. They have the patterns for over 500 tartans and there are over 3,000 registered. There is an actual registry for tartans where you need to submit your design and they will either approve it or reject it with suggestions for improvement so you don't infringe on another's patented tartan pattern. The Scottish are very strict about their tartans.

So far on my trip I have been in the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, and now Scotland. My friend and I have many things planned for the next week here as we drive around this beautiful country. Let me tell you, learning to drive on the opposite side of the road is a bit of a challenge. Did you know that according to google there are 64 countries that drive on the left hand side of the road? Just a fun fact for you. Another fun fact....I have only found one fabric store on my journey ...and it was closed. Well, it will save me some room in my luggage then.

I return home on Monday Sept 8th so I will be able to see everyone at Kingsview United Church that night. We will have a wonderful speaker, lots of space to see all the different convenors, and time to catch up with each other. Remember to do your membership online before the meeting to make it easier on our membership team. Thank you and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Past President

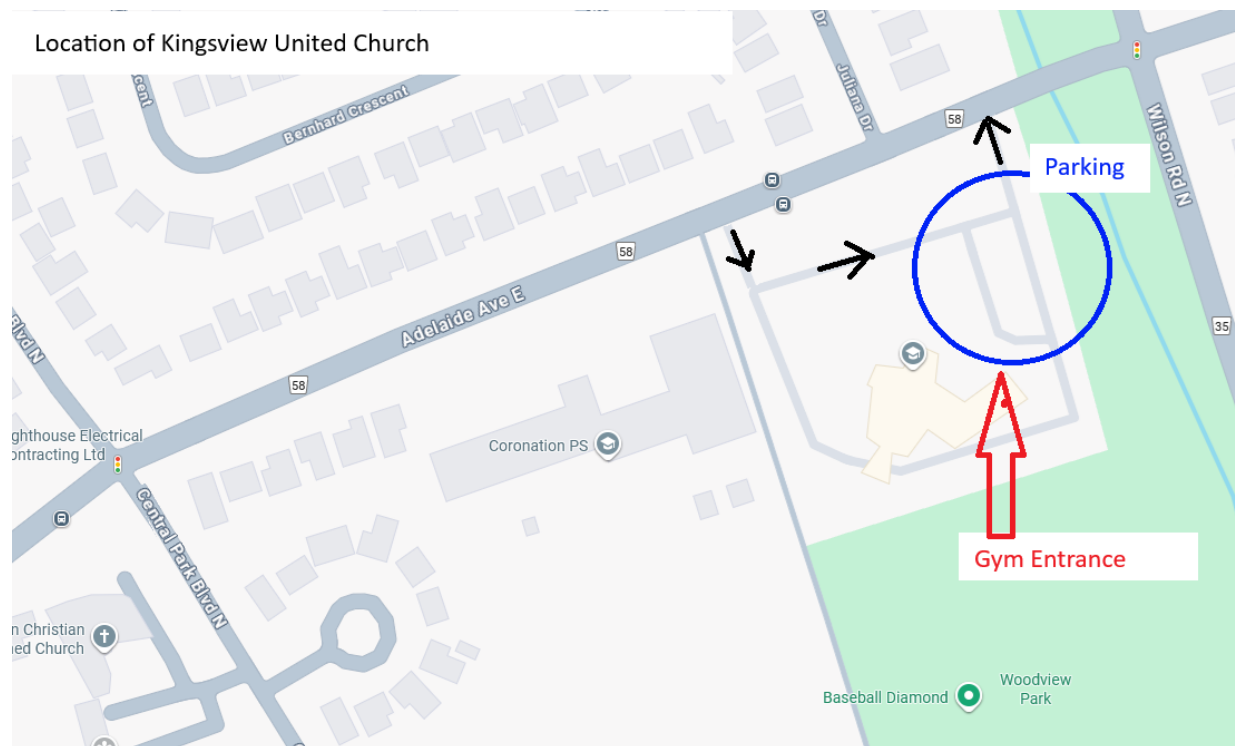
Laura B.

Hello fellow quilters!

The summer has absolutely FLOWN by, and we've all been roasted and toasted with our hot dry summer weather. Now that we've had a slight cool-down, it may remind us to start looking forward to fall and our next year of guild meetings.

NEW MEETING LOCATION

I want to take this opportunity to remind everyone that our in-person meeting location has changed! Starting Monday September 8, we will be meeting at Kingsview United Church. The address is [505 Adelaide Ave E, Oshawa, ON L1G 2A4](#). The church is located on the South side of Adelaide, between Central Park Blvd N. and Wilson Rd. N. Below is a google maps image with the location of the church, marked up to show the entrance and exit to the parking lot, the parking closest to the meeting, and the location of the gym entrance that we will be using. If driving down Adelaide from the east, note that the entrance to the church is JUST AFTER the school, and you don't have much of a chance to see the actual church before you've ended up driving past the entrance. I have also provided a photograph of the exterior of the gym (the east-most building extension), with a yellow circle drawn around the entrance we will use. The entrance is fully accessible and to enter the gym, you have a choice to use either a few stairs or the lovely new ramp.





STUFF TO BRING – LUG A MUG

Due to our new meeting location, cups and plates are no longer being provided during meetings. Please bring your own cup if you wish to be able to drink the provided beverages (coffee/tea). Also, if you want a plate to hold your snacks during the break, you will need to bring one.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITY – LIBRARY CONVENOR

The library convenors who were elected at the June Annual General Meeting have unfortunately had to step down from their position. For the guild to be able to provide our library at our meetings, we need to have a volunteer oversee the library. If you are willing to volunteer for the guild library convenor position, please see me during the September 8 guild meeting.

Secretary

Jacqueline H.

I continue to happily work on duties “as assigned by the President” :) Such as helping run the retreat :) and keeping the e-mail clear, taking minutes etc.

Program Convener

Gail L.

The program for our 2025-2026 guild year is posted on our DTQG website. I think it will be a very exciting year with five great speakers, three meetings with member presentations, a December quilt shop visit and our June Annual General Meeting. A great value for your money and sure to provide lots of inspiration and time to visit with other quilters. We begin the year off on September 8th with a presentation by Kleo Tobias, a local instructor and quilt enthusiast. Kleo is a long-time member of our guild and loves colour. Many of you have likely enjoyed a class by Kleo at Ultimate Sewing. I have worked with her on the executive and at quilt shows. She was also a regular Elim Retreat participant. I'm looking forward to reconnecting with Kleo and seeing her trunk show. On Tuesday, October 14, 2025, we will have a member presentation of wearables and

accessories. Hopefully in anticipation of this meeting you have had time over the summer to complete a project to model for us. Or dust off your old ones – Noelle's jacket?, chenille vest?, Weekender or Professional Tote bag? or the aprons, jumpsuits, etc. Our distance members may be able to participate through zoom with the help of our wonderful tech people. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our new location, Kingsview United Church, 505 Adelaide Ave. E., Oshawa. We are meeting in the gym which has its own entrance.

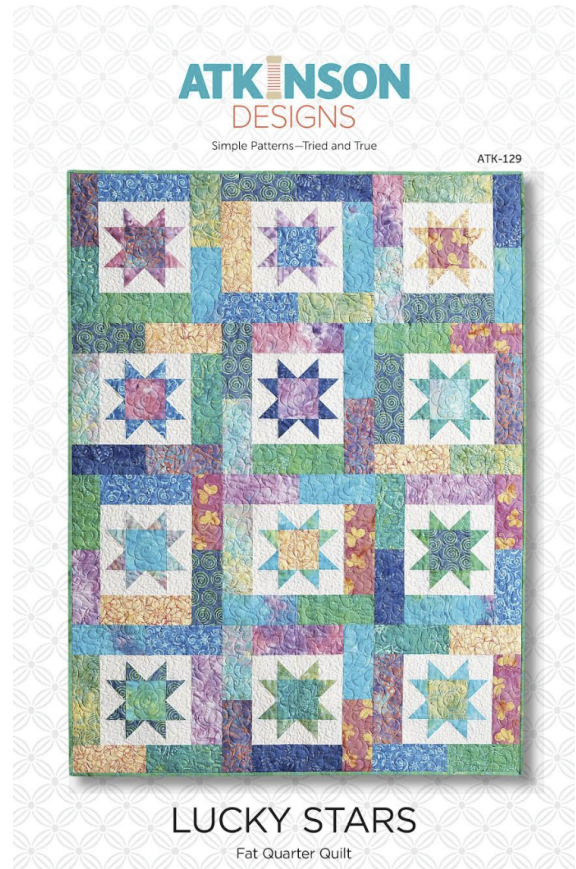
Quilt Block of the Month Convener

Diane W.

As something a little different from a traditional block of the month, this year we will be focused on learning a Quilt As You Go (QAYG) Easy Cover Strip Method by Monica Poole while using a fun and easy pattern by Atkinson Designs called Lucky Star. It is a great use for those fat quarters and smaller batting pieces that have been hanging out in your sewing space.

What you will need:

- Pattern: Every participant is responsible for purchasing their own individual pattern. There are no additional fees to join this year's Block of the Month.
 - The PDF pattern can be purchased directly from Atkinson Designs for US\$12: <https://atkinsondesigns.com/products/lucky-stars-pattern>
 - Your local quilt store may also have a paper pattern or be able to order it for you!
- Backing: You can pick a backing fabric that is consistent for the whole quilt back OR have a scrappy backing out of your fat quarters. Each block will require a 15.5" backing square



- Important Note: Avoid stripes or directional fabrics for your backing. All over designs vs. solids will help hide your quilting if you are beginner.
- Batting: For this QAYG technique, batting has to be 1" less than the block size. So for this pattern, these are 14.5" batting squares.
- Sashing: In addition to the fabric requirements on the pattern, you will eventually need fabric for the QAYG sashing. How much you need will depend on the size of the quilt. A meter will be enough if you are doing a throw or baby quilt. For April, you will need a 1" (25 mm) bias tape maker to make the sashing. More to come on that!

Lucky Star only has ONE type of block to piece but each month we will try different quilting ideas. Because everyone will want to make a different size quilt, to enter the monthly draw you only need to submit one (1) block for that month's selection. No rush and no stress! I even have two 'catch up' months built in!

Sneak Peek at the Calendar:

- September Meeting: Pattern and Program Announcement
- October Meeting: Make (some) Lucky Star Pieced Blocks
- November Meeting: Grid Quilting using your Walking Foot
- December Meeting: Free Motion Meander

Extra! Extra!

- Do you love the Studio 180 Corner Pop for snowballing corners? I have done the adjusted cutting measurements to save you fabric and drawing those pesky lines. Just find me at the September meeting!

I look forward to taking this quilty adventure with you so don't forget to find me to sign up at the Block of the Month table beside Community Outreach!

Sew Day Social Convener

Jacqueline H.

- Thursday Sept 18th, 7-10 pm
- Sunday September 28th from 1-4 pm
- Friday October 10th from 1-4 and 7-10 pm
- Sunday October 19th from 1-4 pm
- Friday October 31st ... "ZOOM HALLOWEEN PARTY" 7PM – MIDNIGHT (with hourly draw prizes for those in costume)

Membership Convener

Angie S,

Hello fellow quilters! Just a reminder that the 2025-26 DTQG membership is due and our September meeting is just a couple of weeks away. For those that have already renewed I thank you for doing so early. For those that haven't it would be very much appreciated if you do so before the meeting by filling out our membership form, which you can find on our website, along with an e-transfer of the fee of \$50.00 as soon as possible. It would make my job easier than having a long line up at the beginning of our meeting to renew.

Thank you and see you all in September.

Social Convener

Judy B. and MaryLou H.

As we begin our guild year at our new location, there are a few changes for our Social refreshments.

First the church is a no nuts of any kind facility as there is a school/daycare on the premises. So please take care with anything you bring into the building.

The guild is now providing decaf coffee and regular and decaf tea for you at our mid-meeting break. We are going back to having you bring your own mug/cup, which we call Lug-A-Mug. If you like, you can also bring a small plate for your treats, instead of using a napkin.

We will have cream, milk and sugar available. Due to there being many varieties of sugar substitutes (sweeteners) on the market, we ask that you please bring your own preferred kind with you.

There will be a clipboard on the treat table at our September meeting for volunteer sign-up to bring treats to our meetings. We need treats at the October, November, April and May meetings. We would like to have 8 members each meeting provide the treats. We are asking for 18 treats from each volunteer and some suggested items are cookies, squares, or tarts.

For the September meeting, we would like to thank the following for providing the treats.

Maureen E., Jacqueline H., Patricia K., Sharron C., Diane W., Kate H., Judy B. and MaryLou H.

MaryLou and Judy are looking forward to being your Social Convenors this year and we will see you on Monday, September 8th.

Please remember -

- NO NUTS OF ANY KIND
- LUG-A-MUG (AND PLATE IF YOU LIKE)
- BRING YOUR OWN PREFERRED SUGAR SUBSTITUTE/SWEETENER

Show and Share Convener

Patricia K.

It has been a hot summer where many of us may have thoroughly embraced the outdoors or remained in an air conditioned environment. Regardless, consider what you can bring to our Show and Share at September's meeting. If you have completed a quilt (quilted, bound & labelled) be sure to enter your name for this meeting's draw.

Head's up for October's meeting as the theme will be quilted fashion. Vests, jackets, bags, we all probably have them. What have you made in the past? Where have I put them?...



Newsletter Convener

Shaina G.

I'm your new Newsletter Convener! I look forward to meeting everyone at our September 8th guild meeting :)

Fabric Exchange Convener

Dorothy M.

Fabric Exchange NEW NEW NEW

Our fabric exchange this year will be slightly different this year than in years past. You will pick your fabrics from your stash or buy new and bring in a plain paper gift bag with your name on it for me to exchange with a secret quilting friend. You will have a year to make your secret friend something using her fabrics (i.e. place mats, table runner, wall hanging, bag, tote, lap quilt, purse etc.) You can add some of your own fabrics if you wish. Then next September or October we will have a REVEAL party where your secret quilting friend will present your completed item during our meeting. I was involved in this kind of exchange twice at my Quilt Guild in Florida and it is a lot of fun with many ooo's and aah's from the rest of the guild members.

Fabric Requirements...

5 fat quarters that go together

Background Fabric

You may put in more Fabric if you wish.

Rewards...

You get to make something for a secret quilting friend using her fabrics and have a year to work on it. She will love it as she picked the fabrics. Please bring your fabrics In a plain paper bag with your name inside to the SEPTEMBER meeting. I will exchange the fabrics and return your SECRET FRIENDS fabrics to you at the OCTOBER meeting. If you miss bringing your fabrics for the exchange in September you can bring them to my house before the next meeting and still get in on the fun.

The more the merrier fun. Let's change this up. Get those quilting juices flowing. Try out a new/old pattern using a friends colour choices. The REVEAL is a Show and Tell.

Community Outreach Team

Team Members: Kate H., Lyne M., Carolyn L., Sharon L., Janine L., Diane W. &
Dorothy M.

Welcome back quilters, we hope you have been able to spend some time sewing over the summer. When it's too hot to be outside, I spend my time indoors in my sewing room. Housekeeping can wait!

We look forward to receiving any projects you may have made with us in mind over the summer.

This year, we are collecting:

- Placemats for **Community Care – Meals on Wheels** (12” x 16” are preferred)
- Pillow cases for Comfy Cases (hot dog type are super easy)
- Neutral yardage if you are cleaning out your sewing room.
- Completed tops with binding for **Quilts of Valour**. Please ensure they meet the size criteria from Quilts of Valour, minimum size 50 x 70, maximum size 60 x 80 and include binding fabric with your quilt top. We have had discussions with the Q of V representative, and they have copious amounts of backing and batting at their disposal. We will facilitate a drop off to them of your tops and binding. If you would like to submit a completed quilt to them (quilted and bound) we will gladly accept them on their behalf from our member. For more information on the Quilts of Valour program, see their website: <https://www.quiltsofvalour.ca>
- Completed tops with binding for Quilts for Survivors as well. They have no minimum or maximum sizes, however, they do have specific criteria about the types of fabric patterns they would like in the quilt tops created for the Survivors. For information on that, please check their website at <https://www.quiltsforsurvivors.ca> check out their ‘contribute’ page for details.
- The Pregnancy Help Centre has indicated flannel receiving blankets and bibs are a hot item and would love to receive some, if you have some time to make either of these, we will make the delivery
- Lakeridge Health NICU unit is looking for isolette covers and flannel receiving blankets as well. The size they are looking for is roughly 40” x 44”. We will facilitate a drop off after the October meeting.

Each month we have kits to be signed out for completion and receive completed items from the members. We currently have over 300 kits made up ready for members to assemble. Don't forget to fill in the tag that came with your quilt kit. We keep track of all the member activities.

If you wish to support us by making a complete quilt, that is absolutely amazing and we love those. Please make sure your name and the size of the quilt is provided when you hand it in at the meeting. Ask for a label anytime at the meeting. Labels should be sewn on before handing in.

We are planning to have another sew weekend May 2 & 3, 2026. Kindly mark your calendars. Many hands make light work on these days.

Last year we donated over 200 quilts to various organizations in the Durham Region. If you have suggestions for us to donate to, please see Kate or Lyne to share contact information.

Do you belong to a service organization and maybe looking for a quilt for a silent auction or raffle? Contact Dorothy or Kate to see what we have on hand.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the September meeting in our new facility!

Community Outreach Team

Jacqueline H.

We have started to fill the positions for the upcoming (2027 ish) quilt show! We are still seeking a Chair for the entire show. If you are interested in helping out as a chair of a committee... or just want to be part of the team, please keep your eyes peeled to upcoming news.

Scrap Basket Convener

Kathy D. and Gwen VN.

Welcome back fellow quilters! We hope that you have enjoyed a lovely summer break filled with lots of quilting projects that have generated some lovely new scraps for our Scrap Bag! The bag has been purged and ready for your fresh new scraps to be looked through and enjoyed by others! It's lots of fun to find your scraps reinvented and sewn into someone else's quilt.

DTQG Scrap Definition: a scrap is a piece of fabric BIGGER than your outstretched hand and at least as wide as your palm. Of course it is also 100% COTTON quilting fabric. Please DO NOT add in any polyester, silk, drapery, linings, shortening pant leg cut offs, etc!!! We purge those fabrics as our Scrap hunters are only looking for 100% COTTON scraps to add into their quilting creations.

All Star Sampler Platter

The guild has been made aware of a great opportunity to see short demonstrations from many different teachers (thank you Diane W). The guild has registered for this program, and all guild members are able to join in and participate in this on-line event. Mark your calendars for September 27 and 28 – the actual hours will be announced later, but during this time, there will be 18 different teachers each providing a 15 minute demonstration. In total, there will be 6 hours of instruction over the 2 days. There will also be an 18-page PDF that each viewer can download, which contains a page dedicated to each mini-workshop or lecture.

We have registered as a guild for this event, so members of the DTQG do NOT need to individually sign up. The guild's link for joining the program will be emailed to guild members prior to the event date (since we are not allowed to post it in our newsletter, which is available online).

For more information about the teachers who will be presenting, you can check out the All Star Sampler Platter at: <https://www.globalquiltconnection.com/samplerplatters>

A free pattern for you! A mug bag to help you lug a mug :)

[Mug bag pattern and tutorial](https://www.handmadiya.com/2023/05/mug-bag-pattern-tutorial.html?m=1)



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From the Community

A request from Paola C.

“I was told that the Durham Quilter’s Guild would be a good place to start. I’m interested in having 2 quilts made for my sons using their old sports jerseys. I was wondering if anyone in the area took on these kinds of projects. Thanks!”

Please contact Jacqueline H. if you are interested.



Cottons, Flannels, Faux Furs, Homespuns

Patterns, Buttons, Laces & Trims, Cording

& much more!

Friday & Saturday, September 26 & 27, 2025

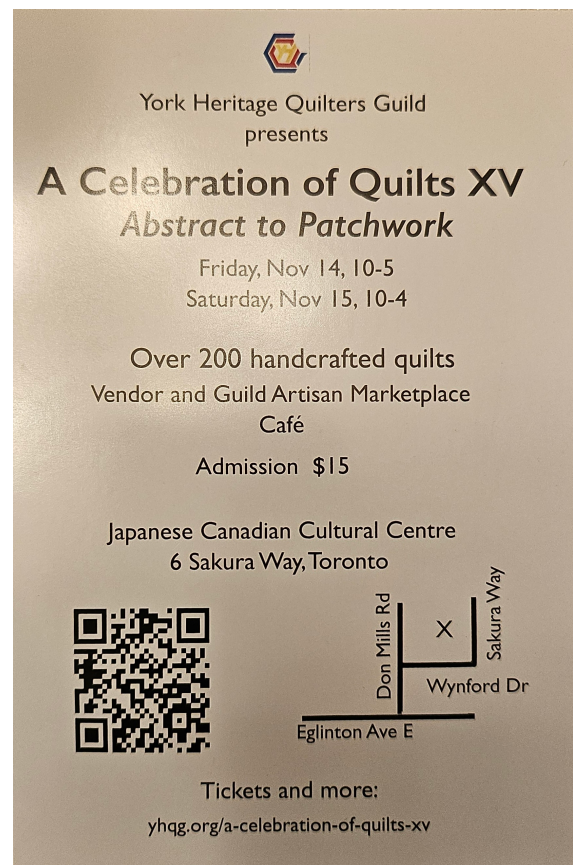
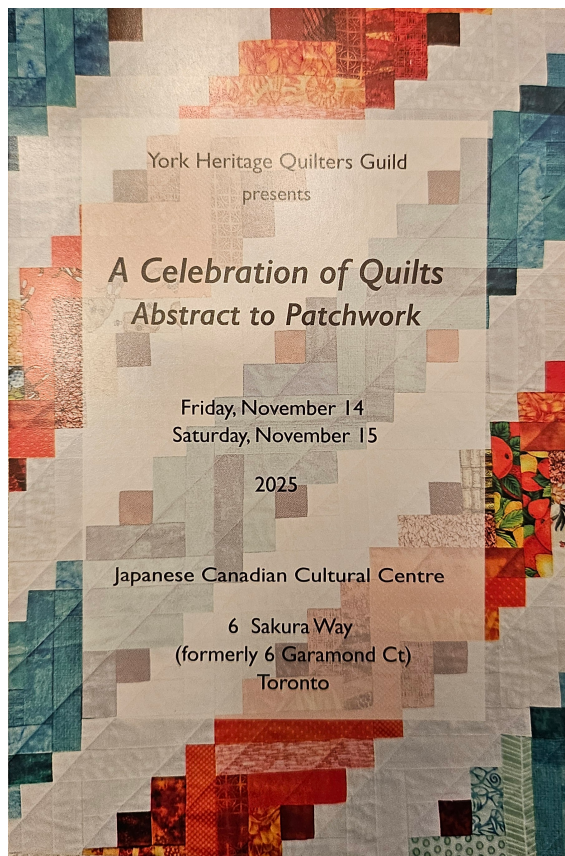
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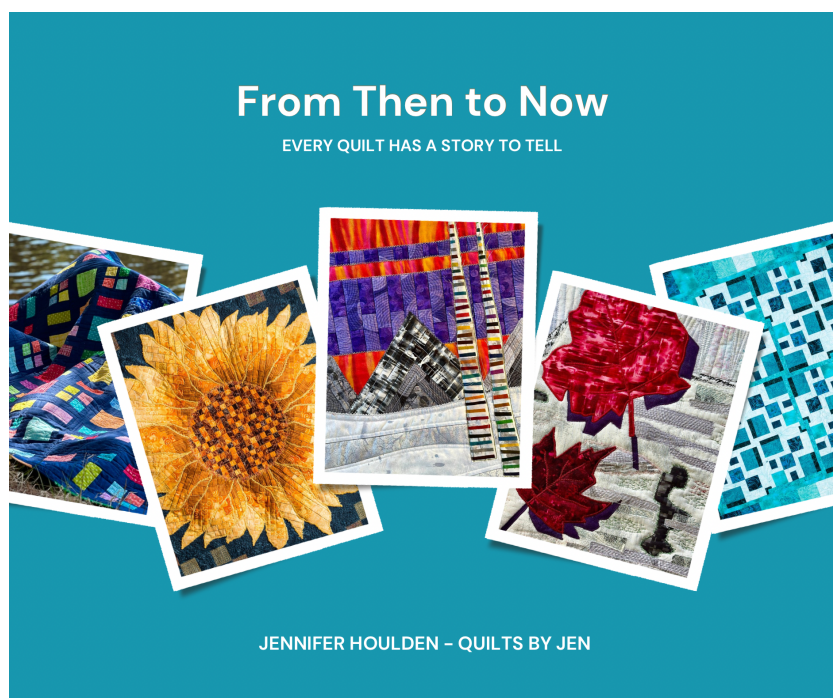
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For further info, call Sharron Coxon 705 – 324 – 9868





From Then to Now



Members of The Rouge Valley Quilters' Guild would like to invite our neighbours to RVQG's first meeting of the season at Peace Lutheran Church in Pickering, on Monday, September 22 at 7pm. For a guest fee of \$10 you can experience Jennifer Houlden in person, with her program entitled "From Then to Now - Every Quilt Has a Story to Tell".

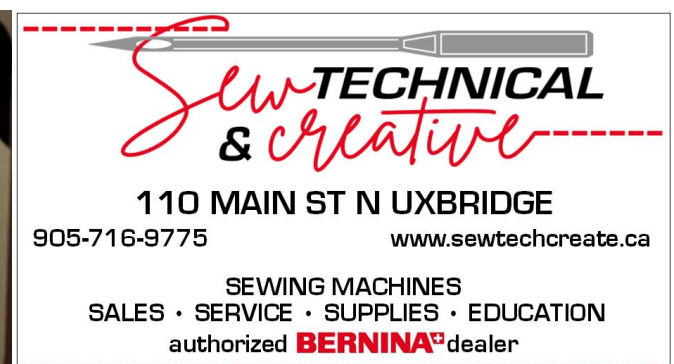
If you would like to know more about Jen, here is her website address:

<https://quiltsbyjen.ca>

We hope to see some of you then!

Kathy P.

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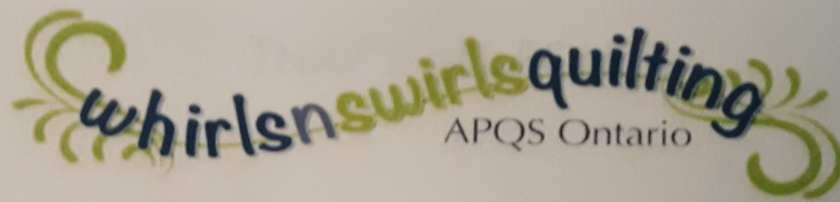

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