

Niagara Modern Quilt Guild



MARCH 2025

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NMQG Meeting

MARCH 13, 2025 @ 7:00 - 9:00 pm.

"Green" is the colour for the Meeting this month - "even if you're not Irish"



Executive Members

President - Stephanie B
VP/Membership - Jo-Anne V
Continuity Officer - Sylvia K
Treasurer - Pat S
Secretary - Carol L
Program - Donna Z, Tracy M

Non-executive Members

Bee Hives - Kathleen O
Quilting Kindness - Kelly T
50/50 - Carol L, Donna Z
Photographer - Janet T
Newsletter Editor - Shirley B
Membership Sign in Desk - Elizabeth L

PROGRAM:

. **Peter Byrne** - Peter is a published, National & International award-winning modern quilter and teacher with a deep passion for innovation and design.

- see page 2 for description

Niagara Modern Quilting Guild Meeting Dates 2025

March 13, 2025, April 10, 2025, May 8, 2025

June 12, 2025, July 10, 2025

No meeting August 2025 – Enjoying our summer

September 11, 2025, October 9, 2025, November 13, 2025

December 11, 2025 – Christmas party

Warmest Regards - Pat Scully, Treasurer, NMQG



Presidents' Message

Dear Quilting Friends,

Spring is in the air, Spring is in the air!!!! This time of year this song starts to fill my mind as the days get longer and the temperatures start to rise. For many people, New Year's Day is their new beginning of the year . . . for me it is Spring! Spring brings renewed life to all that is around us and lightens moods, spirits and energy!

As spring awakens the world around us, it also brings a fresh canvas for creativity in our quilting. This is the perfect time to let go of winter's weight and embrace new techniques and ideas. We continue to brainstorm program ideas that will hopefully help inspire you and I'm excited about our upcoming Round Robin Sew day on March 22nd, the President's challenge launching this month, and various speakers we have lined up to inspire you. We will also host additional sew days and Zoombees. It will be a good refresh for seasoned modern quilters and a great resource for those who are struggling with it. Let's make this spring a season of rejuvenation and innovation in our quilts! We continue to brainstorm program ideas that will hopefully help inspire you.

Wishing you all happy and fulfilling moments of modern quilting!

Cheers, Stephanie

Peter Bryne

Peter is a published, National & International award-winning modern quilter and teacher with a deep passion for innovation and design.

His strength is maintaining a fresh approach to quilting, with original designs and technical mastery. Peter's goal is innovation, his passion is creativity and he's thrilled to have opportunities to share new techniques within the quilting community.

After 25 years working as a stylist and salon owner he retired, and then had the time to explore new creative outlets. He purchased a sewing machine, and quilting quickly became his passion and community. In 2017, Peter joined the Toronto Modern Quilt Guild to expand his quilting experience, and in 2018 he began teaching.



MEMBERSHIP

Welcome back to in person meeting this month or on zoom for our online members.

We are starting strong at 80 members with some online only. We all have been seeing new faces and let's remember to welcome them. So, wear your name tags or ask for a sticker tag if you can't find your name tag. Try to say hello to someone you don't know or if someone looks lost invite them to sit with you.

If you have friends who are interested in our speaker, we welcome them to come with you. \$10 for an outside speaker and \$5 for other meetings and it is never too late to join!

If you have questions about Membership and all it includes, please contact us at niagaramqg@gmail.com

We have a handy new member booklet (e copy) available and always willing to send you a copy. Enjoy 2025 at NMQG and all that is planned.

Jo Vandermeij

Zoombees

Tanya's Sew and Chat Dates

Sew and Chat with **Tanya**

March 28, April 25th, 2025 @ 7:00-9:00pm

A drop-in zoom meeting with your fellow NMQG members. Meet new people. Sew either on machine or by hand or any project you want to work on. Tanya is always happy to talk about quilting and so are our other members. (Link for Zoom is sent out by email Monday before the meeting)

Would you like to do a **Zoombee** and show our members how to do something you think they would love. Share techniques, projects etc...

Contact:

niagaramqg@gmail.com

Zoombees

Mondays with Anastasia

6:30 - 8:00 pm - March 10, 17, 24, 31

Join us for a cozy quilting drop-in Zoom. Whether you're a seasoned quilter or just getting started. This is the perfect opportunity to share tips, showcase your latest projects and connect with fellow quilting enthusiasts.

Bring your fabric, threads and questions for an evening of creativity and camaraderie.

We can't wait to see what you're working on!



Are you comfortable setting up

Zoom meetings?

We are looking for someone to be a backup for zoom meetings in case our regular zoom tech Kelly T is unable to be available for a meeting. It may not be needed we are trying to be prepared. Please speak with Jo-Anne V., Or send an email to : **niagaramqg@gmail.com**



Everywhere you go - You see

QUILT PATTERNS

Went to Valentine's Day dinner at a local restaurant and this was the pattern on the bench. Now how could I think about anything else but "*quilting*" and making blocks. Shirley B



HAPPY NATIONAL
QUILTING MONTH

- designed by
modernstitchwitch.



Facing your fear of improv together

When we start quilting, we usually learn about patterns, precise cutting, piecing, and accurate seams. This round robin won't include those rules. Come with excitement and openness to create freely! Your improv quilt will be created simultaneously by you and your fellow guild members. You need to watch Cheryl Arkison's webinar for instructions on creating improv blocks and quilts. Log in to access the recording: [https:// www.themodernquiltguild.com/resource/take-the-leap-facing-your-fears-of-improv/](https://www.themodernquiltguild.com/resource/take-the-leap-facing-your-fears-of-improv/).

Consider making some trial blocks shown by Cheryl's descriptions to create your starter block. Your round robin quilt will be made from your own fabrics and a surprise insertion from each of the day's participants. You will have scheduled times to work as you help each quilt grow. Your quilt will move from one quilter to another and your basket of fabrics will travel with it, Karen and Lorna are managing the day but you are your own teacher - learning as you go and the result will be a surprise!

Date: March 22, 2025

Location: Trillium United Church, 415 Linwell Road, St. Catharines, Ontario

Time: Set up at 9:00 am finishing at 3:00 pm

Lunch: Bring your own. Coffee and tea will be provided.

The day will start with instructions starting at 9:30 am so our machines will need to be set up and ready to sew. *Everyone ready to sew at 9:30 am will have an entry ballot for a draw prize.. * and at end of day an entry for a participation prize.*

You will need: • Regular quilting supplies along with your sewing machine (remember your cord and pedal), extension cord a cutting mat, rotary cutter, ruler. A seam roller (not essential but will save you time) **NO IRON** •

A basket or container to hold all your fabrics and your quilt to move from quilter to quilter.

Fabric • a combination of large scraps (2 -3 metres); WOF 1/4 metre to 1/2 metre.(2-3) Bring fabric that you like and that people can play with, not your most prized yardage. • 1 metre for a signature/feature fabric which you will add to everyone's quilt as the quilts move from one quilter to the next. This fabric will stay beside your sewing machine for you to insert as you add to the quilts being created.

Think of this as adding your signature to each of the quilts you are helping to build.

Preparation • A starter block using your fabrics approximately 12" x 12" Your choice of design. (not the signature fabric) • Watch Cheryl Arkison webinar

QUILTING KINDNESS

Please bring all those quilt tops you have been working on this winter. We will kit them out with batting and backing for you to pick up at a future meeting.

Of course finished quilts are more than welcome!

Kits for both tops and quilting will be available at the March meeting.

Lots more winter to get through, lots more QK projects to work on!



Sylvia K

SOCIAL CORNER:

This section is for members to let others know of events not organized by NMQG that are of interest to Quilters.

Submit items to: niagaramqg@gmail.com 10 days prior to the meeting with the subject line Social Corner. Include a contact name, phone/email where required as NMQG will not be responsible for any part of managing the event. Please remember we post on Facebook.

Etobicoke Quilters' Guild Show & Sale

Quilt Fever 2025

Join us for an amazing display of colour & talent featuring traditional to modern quilts & fibre art!

Quilting Demos, Pick to Win, Daily Draws & Door Prizes,

Merchants Mall, Members Boutique & Café

Friday March 28 - 10 am-5 pm

Saturday March 29 - 10 am-4 pm

Admission \$10.00

Neilson Park Creative Centre

56 Neilson Drive, Etobicoke, ON M9C 1V7

info@etobicokequiltersguild.com

BeeHive

Kathleen O

You're invited: Thorold Public Library 14 Ormond N. Wed. March 26 11:30am to 1:30pm

Come for a Quilty chat

All tutorials are optional. HilaryO and Kawandi stitching

- Bring 10"x6" of batting - quilting cotton 12"x 8"
- Q.cotton scraps - minimum 4"x5"
- chenille needle #24 or sashiko-Valdani perle cotton #12.

Info? ?'s KathleenO irishapple1@icloud.com

Non-members welcome.

Sew'n'Tell. Free will offering.

There will be shortbread.



ONTARIO QUILT SHOWS / EVENTS

Quilts on the Seaway April 11–12, 2025- at St. John's Presbyterian Church in Cornwall, ON. This event is presented by the Cornwall Quilters Guild and includes quilt exhibits, a merchant mall, boutique, bed turning, and a tea room.

WEFTFEST - May 16—19, 2025 Fibre Arts Festival 10:00 am - 5 pm \$15.00 door fee St. George Banquet Hall, 665 King St. N. Waterloo, ON N2J 4G8

Featuring Quilt of Belonging is a 36 metre (120 foot) long collaborative textile art project. Its 263 blocks portray the rich cultural legacies of all the First Peoples in Canada and every nation of the world at the dawn of the new Millennium. weftfest.ca

HQG "Stitches in Our Time" Quilt Show

May 30–31, 2025 at the Sheridan Conference Centre in Oakville, Ontario. This event is presented by the Halton Quilters Guild and will feature a variety of quilts, from traditional to modern.

Quilt Canada - June 18–21, 2025 International Centre in Mississauga, ON. This event includes a welcome and award ceremony, and the show hall will be open from June 19–21.

<https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada2025>

- Become a personal member to get discounts to Quilt Canada and hotels. Support Quilting in Canada.



QUILT CANADA 2025 QUICK LINKS & UPDATES

<https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada2025>

Workshops, Lectures and tours descriptions

Registration for members with a 10% discounted workshop fees continues until March 11 at noon ET. Registration reopens on March 12 at noon ET for everyone.

Hotels with Block Pricing are almost sold out with limited rooms available. Rooms have been added to both hotels with block pricing for Tuesday June 17 for those coming in that day.

Guild Rosette Invitational Call for Entry and entry form

2025 Merchant Mall—Vendor Information and Application is still available with a few spaces left.

TrendTex Challenge Fabric Kit for sale and entry form

JN Harper Youth Challenge Information and entry form

Recruiting Quilt Canada 2025 Team Leads

The Team Lead volunteers assist CQA/ACC with various areas of the conference, before and during the event.

These include:

1. Concurrent Shows Team Lead
2. National Juried Show Team Lead
3. Setup and Take Down Team Lead
- eMerchant Mall Team Lead

These positions can be filled by an individual or by a team of two people.

See the Job Descriptions.

Ready to apply? Go to:

<https://canadianquilter.com/quilt-canada2025>
fill out an application form and we will be in touch.

~ BUS TRIP ~QUILT CANADA~ BUS TRIP ~

Are you interested in attending Quilt Canada but either don't drive or don't want to drive, park, endure the pain of 401. Right. Niagara Heritage is in the planning stages to see if they can get enough people to go on a coach. We could all share the cost of the bus.

If you are interested, please contact me at : mplscully@outlook.com.

Right now, the cost would be in the region of \$100, which would include the cost of your entrance. Unsure at this time of the day we go. I'm looking for the interest factor now. Heritage has opened this invitation to the Guilds in the Niagara region.

The show is at the International Centre in Mississauga June 18-21st 2025

Groups and Group Discounted - Purchase Deadline May 21, 2025:

CQA web site announcement

Groups purchasing 30 or more Entries may purchase their tickets at a Group Rate of \$24.00 + tax/person (\$27.12). The regular price for Online Entries is \$30.00 + tax (\$33.90). All Entry Wrist Bands for GROUP RATE must be purchased at the same time



WHEN? Friday, May 30 and Saturday, May 31, 2025

WHERE? Sheridan Conference Centre
1400 Trafalgar Rd., Oakville
(Sheridan College Oakville campus)

*SPRING MAY NOT YET BE IN THE AIR
BUT THOUGHTS OF QUILT SHOWS ARE!*

Hello, Fellow Quilt Enthusiasts

The **Halton Quilters Guild** and its members are pleased to invite you to our Spring Quilt Show which will feature a variety of quilts, ranging from traditional to modern, as well as other quilted items made by our members. There will be a Merchant's Mall, Tombola, Spool Pull and a Tea Room with an Outdoor Patio. In addition, **Judy Lyons**, a Certified Quilt Appraiser, will be on site. Contact Judy at judy.lyons35@gmail.com, should you wish to set up an appointment.

The following vendors will be featured at the Merchant Mall:

Grantham Books (St. Jacobs / Waterford) www.granthambooks.com

Hamilton Sewing (1564 Main St. W., Hamilton) www.hamiltonsewing.com

Kindred Spirits Quilt Co. (211 Martindale St., St. Catharines) www.kindredspiritsquiltco.com

Pastime Pieces (11175 Brush Line, Blenheim) www.pastimespieces.com

Quiltalious (1292 Lincoln Rd., Windsor) www.quiltalious.ca

The Cotton Harvest (220 Main St. S., Seaforth) www.thecottonharvest.com

Thimbles & Things (1282 Brodie St., Severn) www.thimblesandthings.com

Ye Olde Fabric Shoppe (327 Erie Street, Stratford) www.yeoldefabricshoppe.com

Young Vintage Fabrics (Bolingbroke Rd, Maberly) www.facebook.com/Young-Vintage-Fabrics-116521103807764/

The Sheridan Conference Centre in Oakville is an accessible facility.

Buses are welcome. Please notify us of any large group, so as to avoid delays at the door.

Thank you for your assistance in spreading the word!

Susan Atherton

Publicity, Quilt Show Committee

haltonquilters@gmail.com

Quilting Corners Guild Presents

Stitching Among Friends

QUILT SHOW

June 7 & 8, 2025

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Viewer's Choice Award Winner 2023
- Senora Baldry -



Jungle Walk for a Cause
Harebrained Happenings

Alliston Curling Rink, 52 Albert St., W, Alliston, ON

Admission Adults - \$10.00

Children (12 & Under) - \$ 5.00

Quilts, Wall Hangings, Quilted Apparel
Mini Auction, Quilt Raffle, Merchant Mall
Bed Turning, Tea Room, Corner Store



Free and Handicap Parking

www.aqcguild.edublogs.org



MEMBER BUSINESS OWNERS



If you haven't signed up yet to include your business card in the Newsletter, you can still take advantage of this opportunity for 2025. Let our members and FB readers know where they can access their quilting needs. Send an email, subject line "Advertising" to: niagaramqg@gmail.com for more information.

Sylvia K

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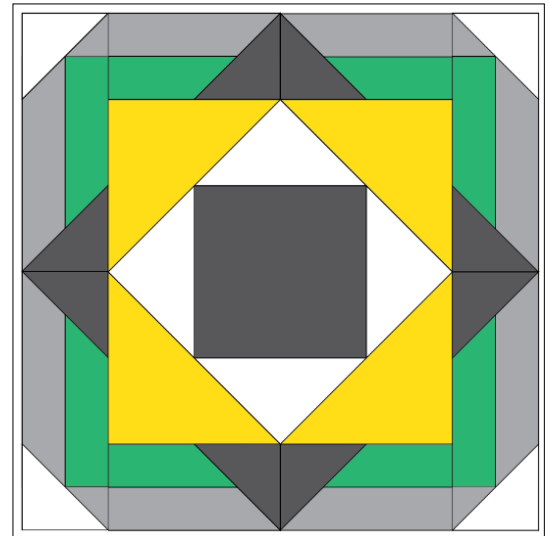
NMQG Block of the Month with a Twist Block March 2025 # 6

March is a blustery month. Every changing weather here is a chance to play with colour, value and design. Look through the blocks that are in the box. Is there a colour missing? Do you need a little contrast? Whether you are working on your own quilt or someone else's or both lay the block out to get a sense of the flow of the blocks.

Follow the link to find the whole pattern for this to be made into a quilt in a modern way. Mod Economy Square, August 2017 by Rebecca Severt & The MQG

This month we're exploring foreground and background with the Mod Economy Block designed by Rebecca Severt of the Baltimore MQG.

Learn to make the block, plus get a bonus design lesson and quilt pattern in this month's Block of the Month!



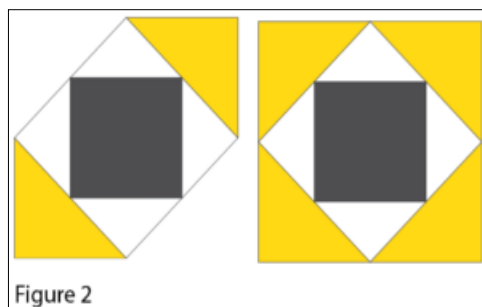
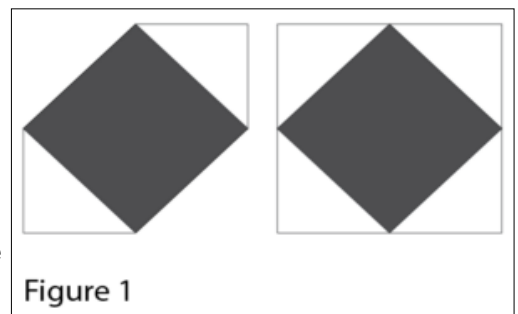
From the dark gray fabric, cut: [1] 4-1/2" square [8] 2-1/2" squares	From the white fabric, cut: [2] 3-3/4" squares. Cut each square once along a diagonal. [4] 2-1/2" squares
From the yellow fabric, cut: [2] 4-7/8" squares. Cut each square once along a diagonal.	From the green fabric, cut: [4] 1-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles [4] 1-1/2" x 5-1/2" rectangles
From the light gray fabric, cut: [4] 1-1/2" x 4-1/2" rectangles [4] 1-1/2" x 5-1/2" rectangles [4] 1-1/2" x 2-1/2" rectangles	

August 2017 MQG BOM (Remember the colours in the block your making will be different than the ones stated below.)

Block Assembly Instructions:

Step 1:

Sew a 3-3/4" white triangle to opposite sides of the 4-1/2" dark gray square. Press seam allowances toward the triangles. Repeat on remaining sides of the dark gray square. Trim the square in a square (SIAS) block to 6-1/8" square.



Step 2:

Sew a 4-7/8" yellow triangle to opposite sides of the SIAS unit from Step 1. Press seam allowances toward the triangles. Repeat on remaining sides of the unit. Trim the SIAS block to 8-1/2" square.

Step 3:

Sew a 1-1/2" x 4-1/2" light gray rectangle to the top of a 1-1/2" x 4-1/2" green rectangle, along a 4-1/2" edge. Press toward the green.

Repeat to make four units like this.

Figure 3**Make 4****Step 4:**

Place a 2-1/2" dark gray square at one end of the unit, aligning the top, bottom and one side of the square. Ensure that the marked line is positioned as shown here. Sew on the marked line. Trim the seam allowance to 1/4" and press toward the triangle.

Repeat with one remaining unit from Step 3.

Figure 4**Make 2****Step 5:****Figure 5****Make 2**

Place a 2-1/2" dark gray square at the opposite end of a Step 3 unit, positioning the marked line as shown. Sew on the marked line, as in Step 4. Trim and press.

Repeat with the remaining unit from Step 3.

Figure 6**Make 2****Step 6:**

Sew one Step 4 and one Step 5 unit together, as shown. Press the seam open. Repeat to make a second unit. Sew to opposite edges of the block center.

Step 7:**Figure 7****Make 4**

Sew a 1-1/2" x 5-1/2" light gray rectangle to the top of a 1-1/2" x 5-1/2" green rectangle, along a 5-1/2" edge.

Press toward the green. Repeat to make four units like this.

Step 8:

Sew a 1-1/2" x 2-1/2" light gray rectangle to the left edge of a Step 7 unit, as shown below.

Repeat to make a second unit.

Figure 8**Make 2****Make 2**

Step 9:

Sew a 1-1/2" x 2-1/2" light gray rectangle to the right edge of a Step 7 unit, as shown above. Repeat to make a second unit.

Figure 9**Make 2****Step 10:****Figure 10****Make 2**

Place a 2-1/2" dark gray square at one end of a Step 8 unit, aligning the top, bottom and one side of the square. Ensure that the marked line is positioned as shown here. Sew on the marked line. Trim the seam allowance to 1/4" and press toward the triangle. Repeat with one remaining unit from Step 8.

Step 11:

Place a 2-1/2" dark gray square at one end of a Step 9 unit, positioning the marked line as shown. Sew on the marked line, as in Step 10. Trim and press. Repeat with the remaining unit from Step 9.

Figure 11**Make 2****Figure 12****Step 12:**

Sew one Step 10 and one Step 11 unit together, as shown. Press the seam open. Repeat to make a second unit. Sew to remaining edges of the block center.

Step 13:

Place a 2-1/2" white square at one corner of the block. Ensure that the marked line is positioned as shown here. Sew on the marked line. Trim the seam allowance to 1/4" and press toward the triangle. Repeat for all corners.

The block should measure 12-1/2" square.



Sew & Tell

Your Name _____

Quilt Name _____

Tell us about your quilt(Inspiration, pattern designer, quilting, fabrics used, intended recipient/use, technique, something you learned)

My quilt features these modern elements:

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| ☐ Maximalism | ☐ Alt. Grid | ☐ Neg. Space |
| ☐ Minimalism | ☐ Improvisation | ☐ Modern Quilting |
| ☐ Bold colour | ☐ High contrast | ☐ Graphic Design |
| ☐ Bold prints | ☐ Scale | ☐ Mod. Traditionalism |



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Niagara Modern Quilt Guild

Please complete

*Name: _____

*Address: _____

Street, City, Postal Code

Phone Number: _____

home

cellphone

*Email: _____

Annual Membership Fee:\$50.00 received by _____

Cheque ____ Cash ____ Etransfer ____ to : niagaramqg@gmail.com

*If you *do not* wish to have your information in a membership list provided to members please check here ____

*If you *do not* consent for publication of any photos taken of you to be used by

Niagara Modern Quilt Guild please check here ____



NMQG Membership Form

Member Name: _____

Amount Received: _____

Member in good standing until December 31, 2025 Signed:

for Niagara Modern Quilt Guild