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#### **PATTERN**

Left: Beating Heart by AGF Studio

This and many other free PDF Pattern can be downloaded at: https://liveartgalleryfabrics.com/free-quilting-patterns/

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year PEQG members. Here is to a happy, healthy, prosperous 2024.

What a welcome return to a normal Christmas. Busy times visiting family and friends. Eating and imbibing maybe a little too much, good thing it only happens once a year. I hope everyone received the gift that they wanted. It would be wonderful if we all could get the gift of peace in this world!

The weather outside is frightful! I say this because climate change frightens me and the weather we have been experiencing is definitely different. Snow may have fallen by the time this newsletter goes to print.

Comfort quilts does such an amazing job donating quilts to worthy community causes in our county. The guild members donated 132 placemats to the Meals on Wheels program. This was the first year we donated to the Angel Tree program of 35 children's quilts.

What a fun time at our first workshop, 'Crumb Quilt' by Sarah Roberts. I learned how to make fabric and that I do not do random. It was very well attended and so nice to socialize with everyone. Watch for news of upcoming workshops.

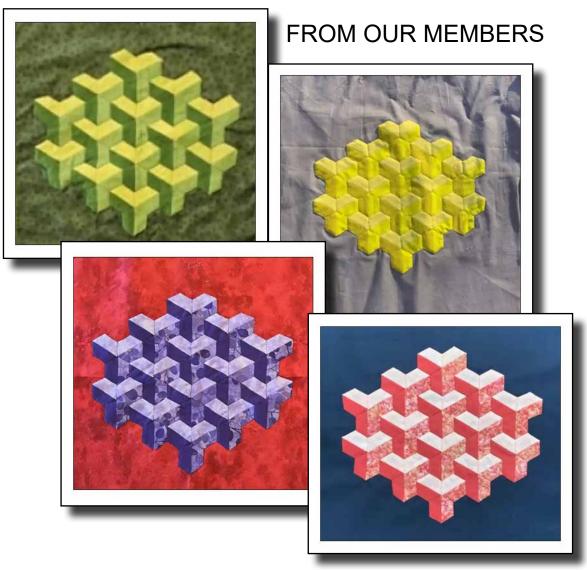
Do you have a story, a message a cartoon? Don't forget to send in submissions to Anne for the newsletters.

Well decision has been made, next quilt show in July 2026. Mark your calendars.

Christine Hays President, PECQG



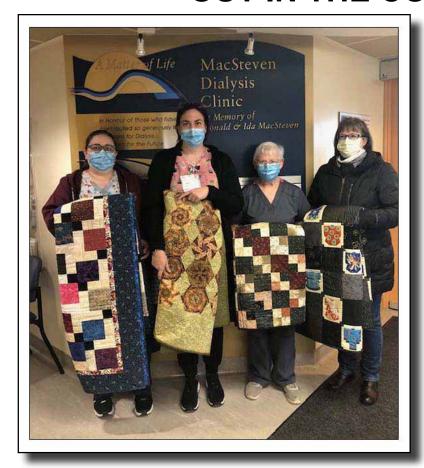
## **SONIA'S CHALLENGE**



SNEAK PEEK AT THE NEXT MONTH'S BLOCK (check your e-mail)



### **OUT IN THE COMMUNITY**



Colleen Kelly and Betty Beaumont delivered these comfort quilts to dialysis in November.

Community Care Seniors posted the pic on the right, and these words on their Facebook page:

"We are grateful for the annual donation of handcrafted placemats made by the Prince Edward Quilters' Guild. These placemats will be delivered to seniors during the month of December to bring some joy this Holiday Season.

Accepting the donation is Brandon Clarke, Co-ordinator. On the left is Christine Hays and on the right is Hanne Simoes, both from the Quilters' Guild."

Note: 132 placemats were donated by the guild this year!

#### **COMFORT QUILTS**

# THANK YOUS FROM THE COMMUNITY

Hanne received this note from a grateful wife of a recipient of one of our comfort quilts. Judy (guild member) writes:

"Hi Hanne! Today was the first time Jim used his quilt at dialysis in Picton. Everyone thought it was lovely! It kept him warm throughout the procedure and he was very happy! We want to thank you and the Guild from the bottom of our hearts for your kind gesture. It is so appreciated."

Know that as guild members, your contributions to this initiative are very appreciated!!!



#### MORE ABOUT OUR PLACEMATS

Hanne received this lovely note from Elizabeth Hill, who is a volunteer doing deliveries with Meals on Wheels:

"Good evening Hanne, I hope this email finds you well.

Attached is a photo I took of the placemats I delivered today with my meals for Meals on Wheels. Some of my people had placemats from earlier in the week, and the ones I delivered were very well received.

I have never been more proud of being a member of a group!

All the best for the holidays, talk soon, EH"



## ANGEL TREE CONTRIBUTIONS



# Did we mention????

In 2023 - there were 132 placemats made and 73 quilts donated to various organizations and individuals within The County in 2023!!!

With gratitude, Hanne



## **COUNTY FESTIVAL OF TREES**

December 11th, 2023

#### Janet

Your contribution added an amazing \$310. Total was actually \$370!!! - WOW!!

We thank you for your continuing support and wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays.

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#### 'THE ROSE'

This GORGEOUS quilt was created by Janet Reader Day on behalf of our guild as a fundraiser for the Festival of Trees. It was displayed for show and share at one of our guild meetings.

As Janet reported to the editor "Our Festival of Trees quilt donation this year was called 'The Rose', Bid #167. It was 68.5" wide by 81" long. The winning bid was for \$370!"

Well done - another proud example of our guild "Out in the Community".

# **HOLIDAY QUILTS**



#### **PROGRAM 10 JANUARY 2024**

## January 2024 - Stephanie Hackney of Hobbs Bonded Fibers - via Zoom Batting: What's Inside Matters

Stephanie was a fabulous speaker who shared a wealth of knowledge regarding Hobbs battings. This lecture covered:

- Batting choices 'best' for achieving the results desired
- The various fiber types, and pros and (potential) cons of each type
- What she recommends for specific use quilts (modern quilts, charity quilts, art quilts, wall hangings, runners, throws, etc.)
- Proper use and care of battings and quilts
- Tips and tricks for best results!



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Thank you so much!

To all the guild members who gave of their time, skills, and fabric to create quilts and placemats for Comfort Quilts in 2023. We look forward to more opportunities in 2024 to bring comfort to our community through the love of quilting...

With gratitude,

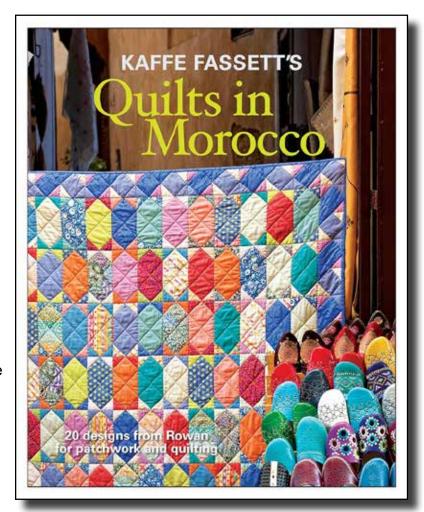
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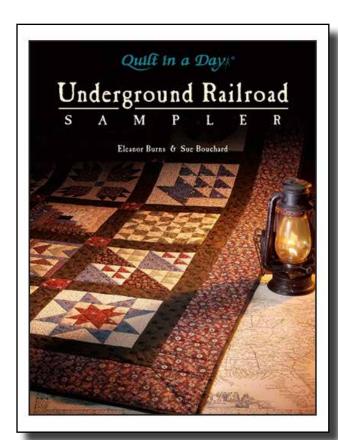
#### LIBRARY CORNER

Hope everyone is doing well during the current winter weather conditions. I just wanted to post a reminder in the newsletter about books borrowed prior to the pandemic. If you did borrow during that time period, please try and return it when we are back to in person meetings in March 2024 where the book stand will be open for returns and borrowing again.

Don't forget the 50/50 draws which take place each meeting in support of the library costs. I also would like to get your thoughts on what books you want purchased for the library. Let me know your favourites. There is a up to date list on the guild website of books that are currently in the library for your borrowing pleasure.

Library list can be found at: https://pecqguild.weebly.com/library.html





#### PLEASE REVIEW OUR BOOKS!!

If you have borrowed a book, can you give a review on the book for us to publish in the newsletter so other members might be encouraged to borrow the books as well.

#### PARTNER IN CRIME

I am also looking for someone who would be interested in working with me on the library committee. Let me know!

Thanks Kathleen Pollock Library Committee

NOTE FROM EDITOR: If you provide a review, provide your own words and opinions. Our member reviews are not a book report for shcool - relax - and just let us know why you loved it or did not., or any other comments you would like to share. We will find a pic to go along with your review!

## **UPCOMING PROGRAMMING**

# February 2024 - Tamara Kate - via Zoom For the Love of Colour

Tamara is a licensed fabric & product designer, quilter and illustrator based in Montreal. While she has been drawing and painting since her childhood, the work she is best known for today didn't start until a number of years after she graduated with a BFA in Textiles from NSCAD.

Having spent her youth in the Caribbean plays a large part in Tamara's design aesthetic. She is greatly inspired by nature, color and pattern and plays on a combination of her weekend wanderings, her children's current fascinations and her own memories to tell stories through design. She creates work that is fresh, joyous and youthful with a touch of whimsy.

Tamara's online shop is a place where sewists can find a wide range of:

- recent as well as hard to find/out of print Tamara Kate fabrics
- sewing & quilting patterns
- some fun items she has recently had the pleasure of designing for a variety of companies.

Tamara enjoys teaching both sewing and design projects, large and small, through both online sources and in-person workshops.



#### WHAT HAPPENED AT OUR PROGRAM DECEMBER 2023



December 2023 - Shannon Fraser - via Zoom

# Finding Your Creative Practice Through the 100 Day Project

We were THRILLED to welcome Shannon Fraser who is a colour and textile lover.

Shannon joined us before the meeting opened on zoomed and delighted the early attendees with some friendly chatting.

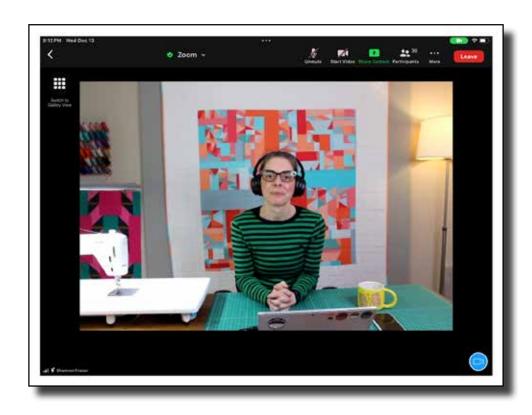
After an introduction by Kelly Panacci, Shannon gave us a vibrant discussion about her participation in the 100 Day Project which is initiated by the Creative Collective

The 100 day project is just that - a commitment to work on a project for 100 days. Participants use the hashtag #100dayproject on social media postings of their progress, and others follow along and share their own photos.

Shannon spoke to the membership about the importance of working on a project that will continue to be interesting, and not become overwhelming. She particularly stressed the importance of "just showing up" - if you miss a day or two or more of working on your project or posting photos - just push yourself back into it and enjoy the fun!

Here's the link to sign up for the free workbook Shannon told us about for the 100 Day Project:

https://view.flodesk.com/pages/5f638097a7fae-a2e3e381a02



# What we did with Luisa's challenge!

There's no Place Like Gnome:)

The Christmas Gnome was a Confident Beginner Paper Pieced Pattern - and it sure looks like we had some confident guild members who participated in the challenge!!!



# WE ARE MEETING ON ZOOM FOR THE WINTER MONTHS

Does that mean we are Zoomers?

#### **DECEMBER 2023 MEETING**



#### **FUN QUILTING LINKS**

#### Free Quilting Tutorials by TAMARA KATE

https://www.kayajoydesigns.com/tutorials/

#### **TAMARA KATE's Website**

https://www.kayajoydesigns.com/

#### **YouTube - Tamara Kate**

**Designer Chat with fabric designer Tamara Kate** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DvmBKh7g0zM

Instagram - Tamara Kate
https://www.instagram.com/tamarakatedesign/



#### **Quilt Shows**

Canadian Quilters Assoc. Quilting Events Calendar

https://canadianquilter.com/calendar/

Quilter's Travel Companion - quilt shops, quilt shop sales, quilt shop hops, quilt guilds, quilt shows, and quilt retreat facilities worldwide <a href="http://quilterstravelcompanion.com/">http://quilterstravelcompanion.com/</a>

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