



June 2023 Newsletter

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A Message from our CEO & Founder

In a few short days, we will be boarding our flight to set off for Halifax to attend Quilts Canada. I am excited to have once again a booth at the event. Last year I met so many amazing people, volunteers, quilters, and vendors. Meeting the volunteers and survivors was the highlight of the trip for me.

I am once again looking forward to having Suzanne, the owner of The Quilting Barn attend with me. We had such a great time last year. I am pleased to have my travel companion and helper, Katherine. It's her first time. I am sure we will be making memories to last a lifetime.

The last few weeks of May have been busy and exciting. We welcome our new staff member Michael. He will be spending the summer longarming and is off to a great start. I think quilting might be in his blood. He does have a cool mom (if you were to ask Jojo she would agree 😊)

I have been working hard trying to get the traveling quilt done to reveal in Halifax.

Thank you all for your continued support. We couldn't have done it without you. With summer around the corner take time to enjoy nature, and family and make some great memories. I'm looking forward to camping, soccer games, swimming, and time spent with my children at home and at the studio.

Vanessa
CEO & Founder
The Quilter with a heart of gold



Class Quilt 2023/2024

Online Classes

Third quilt

With fall just around the corner, we will once again be having our Zoom quilting classes. We will be making a new quilt called "the bliss quilt along" by Fig Tree Quilts.

Classes will be held every third Sunday of the month from September to June.

The second Class is October 16th, 2023, from 2 pm-4 pm EST.

To register please fill out the form

<https://forms.gle/tSoAiSdpmtpCidyq8>



Look back at May

May 6th - Quilt Day 11

Vanessa attended Quilt Day 11 In Kirkland Lake. We Received many donated blocks, and Vanessa also got to do a presentation about QFS.

May 11th- Attended the Nova Awards

We attended the local Nova Awards and won the City of Timmins non-profit organization award.

Watch us win here

https://www.youtube.com/live/Dt_hMt8NBAw?feature=share&t=6059

May 11 – Sent out our 3,000th quilt

We sent out our 3,000th quilt, we had a small gathering at the QFS Studio, and had the Mayor of Timmins, Michelle Boileau here when we showcased it live on Facebook!

May 27th- Binding Marathon

At our Monthly Binding Marathon we had 4 people in the studio and got 11 Quilts bound and some other things trimmed and put away.



Look back at May

May 2 to July 30 - Kelowna quilt display

As part of our commitment to reach out to local first nations people, OVQG has made more than 30 quilts for the Westbank First Nations survivors of residential school system and other trauma.

Quilts will be on display from May 2 to July 30 at the Rotary Centre for the Arts in Kelowna and then gifted to the Westbank First Nations.

read more here -> <http://www.kelownaquilts.com/quilts-for-survivors.html>

May 17th- Make a block marathon

This month i had planned to work on a block called courthouse steps.

I completed one block as there were not many people in the studio. I plan on making a few more as I enjoyed how it turned out.



Upcoming Events

June 1st

Summer hours start
Monday - admin*
Tuesday 10 am-3 pm
Wednesday 10 am- 8 pm
Thursday 10 am-3 pm
Friday - closed

* studio is closed for volunteers

May 2 - July 30 - Kelowna quilt display

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June 7 - 10th

Quilts Canada Halifax Nova Scotia!
To find out more please visit
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/423573136415569/>

Quilts for Survivors 2nd Anniversary

June 26, 2023- Open House at
340 Spruce St S Timmins ON
from 10am-4pm

**Orange you glad were sewing
retreat signup.**



Limited spots available
\$175 Fee includes Lunches, Snacks and One Feast
Does not include accommodations
Fee Must be paid in full upon registration.
Click the Link below to register.
<https://forms.gle/ujTiApcgnNDzJJ1z9>

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Updates

Donations



Donations can be made by
EMT to Vanessa@quiltsforsurvivors.ca
or through buy me a coffee

Linktree*



Check out our Linktree!
It has all our links such as our website, the sew along
registration, Buy me a coffee, Our Wishlist ETC.
<https://linktr.ee/Quiltsforsurvivors>

Volunteering

It is our hope that you will take some time once a
week or even once a month to come in and work a
few hours or spend the whole day with us at our
studio. See page 7 for full details.



Wishlist

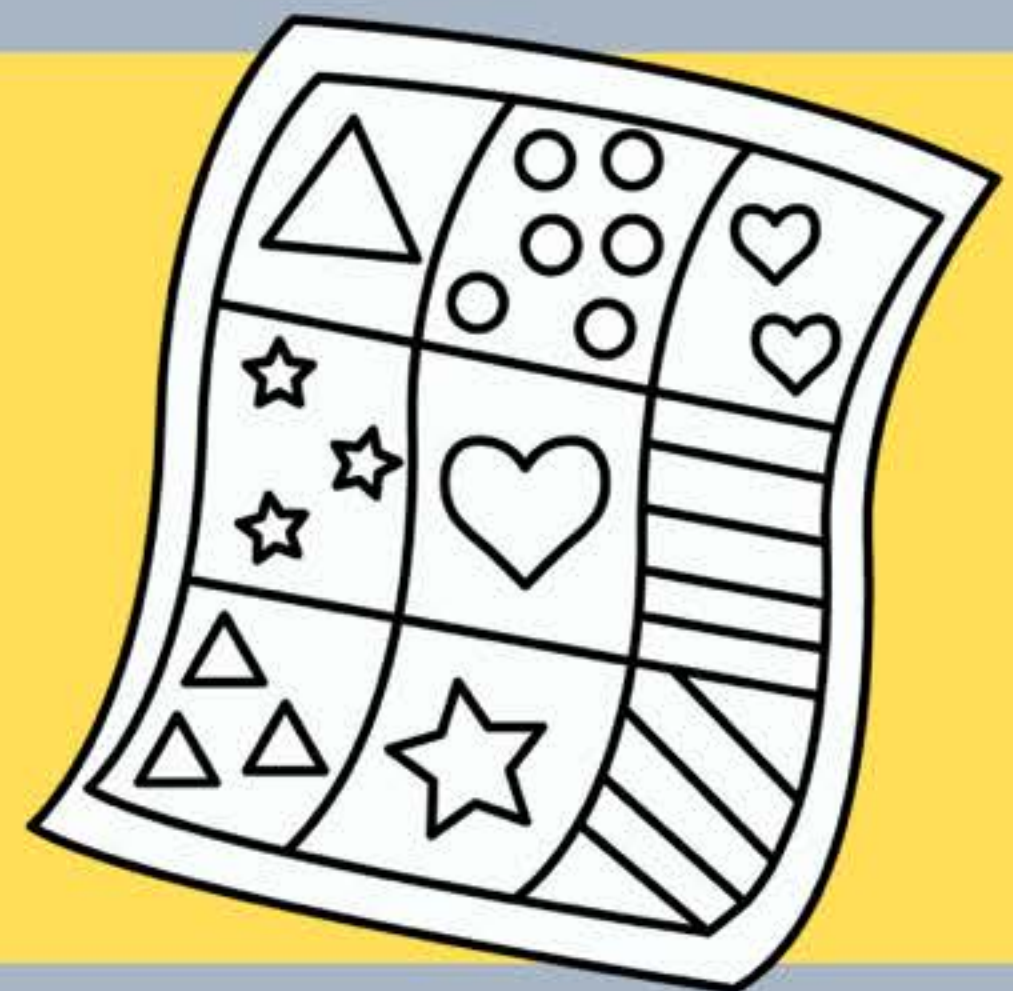


I've also been asked about our Wishlist,
how does that help QFS?
Purchasing items off our Wishlist helps us
get things we need for the studio or would
help make things easier for us in the studio.

If you would like to purchase something please visit our
Wishlist, thank you!
<https://mywishlist.online/w/5pxebt/quiltss-wishlist>

Quilts Quilts and More Quilts

In case you didn't hear we have now sent over
3,054 quilts. That's amazing! Thank you everyone
for your continued support!



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Stories from Survivors & Volunteers

"The D.O.T.S. Quilt Guild (Dunnville's Own Tiny Stitchers) had a display table at Dunnville's Home and Garden Show in April to bring about awareness of their community efforts and beyond. The hopes were to recruit more members to our Guild. On display were quilts from our Comfort Quilts Group who make quilts for those who are sick, going through cancer treatments or have suffered some sort of tragedy such as a house fire.

Besides locally, quilts have been sent all over Canada including High River, Alberta; Humboldt, Saskatchewan; and Prince Edward Island storm victims.

A pet beds display was featured showing beds we make from our scraps and pillow cases that we donate to the S.P.C.A. These beds go home with the pets as they are adopted.

Our display also showed our involvement with Quilts for Survivors. We wanted to bring further awareness to this program. A Survivor quilt made by President, Bonnie Robins was showed along with a display board posting information from the Quilts for Survivors website. The display included local newspaper articles about the quilts our Guild have sent out to Survivors across Canada. We were happy to explain to people who stopped to look at the display how Vanessa Genier started the group, what it has grown into and what they could do if interested in helping. Any inquiries for more info or to request a quilt were directed to the Quilts for Survivors website and Facebook page. Some members of The D.O.T.S. Quilt Guild have been making quilts for Survivors since 2021 and continue to do so."



When I was young I had a quilt that hung on my bedroom wall. This quilt was created by my Granny and a few other talented quilters. It was then raffled off and as luck would have it, my Mom won the raffle! Many many many decades later, we still have this quilt. My Nana (my Great Grandmother) and my Granny (both of whom I was blessed to have known for many years) were avid quilters and my Mom, Liz, still is. The sounds of their sewing machines working away in the basement are sounds I will always remember.

Flash forward to 2021 when my Mom saw Vanessa on Facebook. Wanting to support the goal of 18 quilts, my Mom submitted some blocks. As I learned more about QFS and what my Mom was doing, I too became involved. Working together, a few blocks became many blocks, became many quilt tops, became hundreds of hand drawn cards for inclusion with the quilts when they are sent out.

Along the way, I reached out to a number of companies to see if they would be interested in supporting our efforts – a print shop in Northern Kentucky was more than happy to give me a box of card stock for us to make cards with, wanting to learn more about Residential School Survivors and what Vanessa and QFS was doing; a pencil crayon company sent me extra orange pencil crayons as those are the ones I am using up the fastest; a paper company shipped me two huge boxes of paper to make even more cards with, and many friends with fabric are sending it our way for our blocks and tops.

We are honoured to be a part of QFS, supporting the group and the Survivors on their journeys, while educating others along the way.

Alexia & Liz Patton, Toronto, Ontario

QUILTS FOR SURVIVORS STUDIO SCHEDULE JUNE 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	1 OPEN 10AM-3PM	2 CLOSED	3
4	5 CLOSED	6 CLOSED	7 CLOSED	8 CLOSED	9 CLOSED	10 CLOSED
11 CLOSED	12 CLOSED	13 CLOSED	14 CLOSED	15 CLOSED	16 CLOSED	17
18	19 ADMIN	20 OPEN 10AM-3PM	21 OPEN 10AM-8PM	22 OPEN 10AM-3PM	23 CLOSED	24
25	26 ADMIN QFS 2nd birthday!	27 OPEN 10AM-3PM	28 OPEN 10AM-8PM	29 OPEN 10AM-3PM	30 CLOSED	

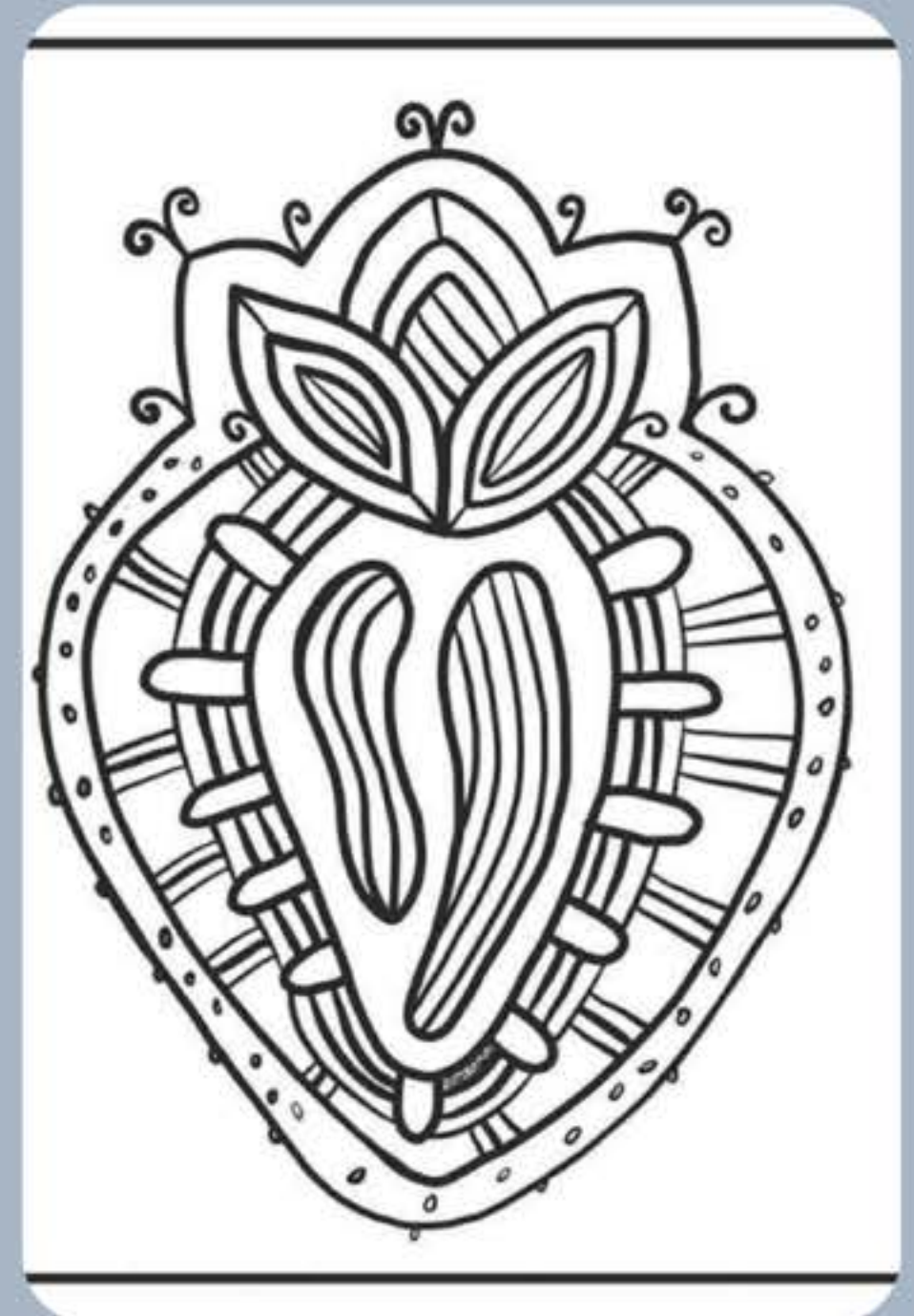
Admin- Studio closed for volunteers Summer hours starting June 1st,2023



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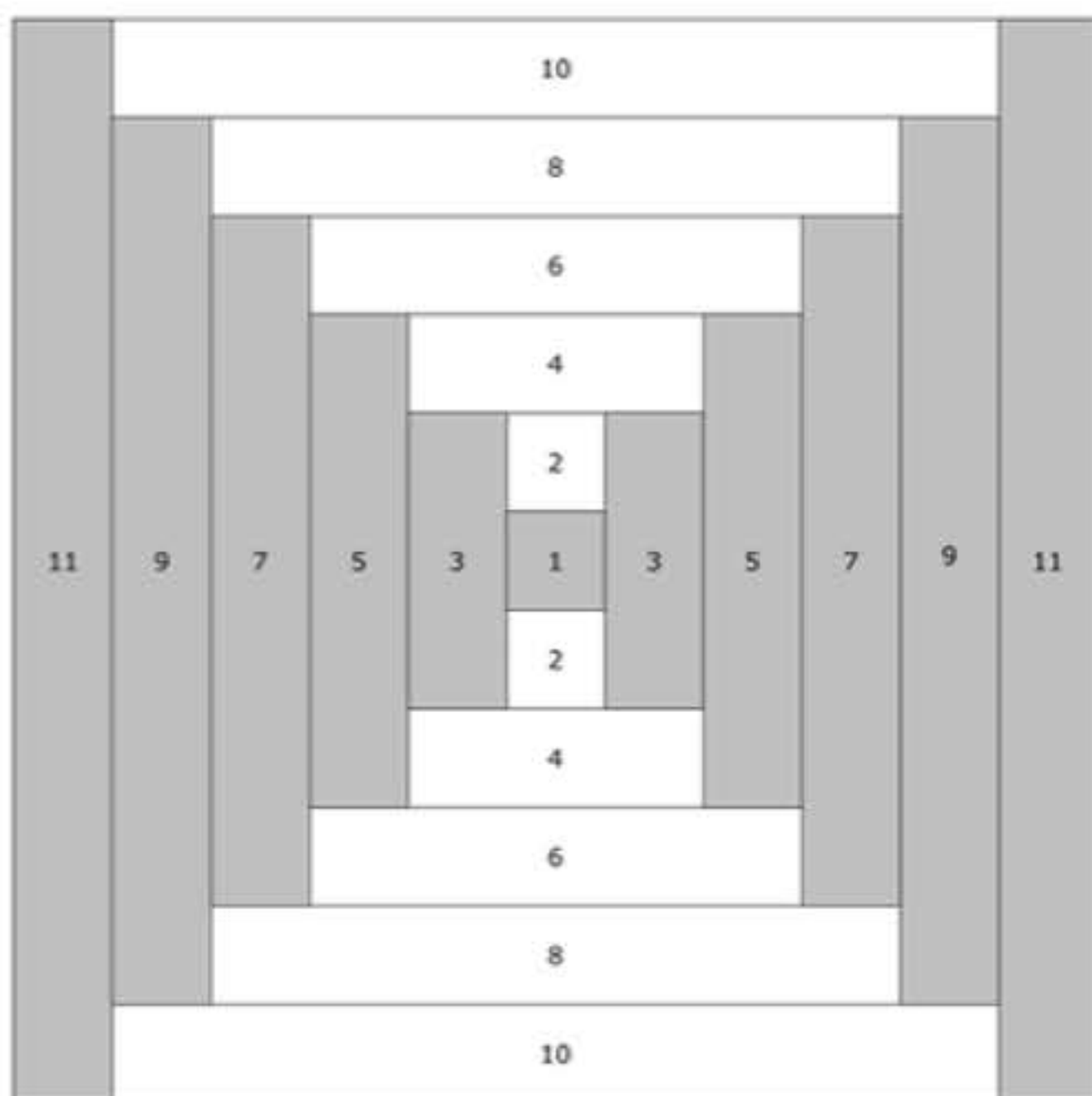


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Colour in the strawberry

source: google images



Our block from our Block Marathon!
If you have a pattern for a block that is
16.5" x 16.5" and would like to feature it in
the newsletter please feel free to email me!
Admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca





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MERCH

BUY NOW!

- Hoodies
- Shirts
- Phone cases
- Stickers

PURCHASE MERCH HERE

<https://www.redbubble.com/people/Quilts4Survivor/shop>



Quilts For Survivors

WE NEED YOU

JOIN OUR TEAM AT
QUILTS CANADA 2023

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers needed
June 8th, 9th and 10th
from opening to close

- no entry fee
- free merch
- meet Vanessa

FOR MORE INFO

admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca

CONTACT US

705-262-1853



**JOIN US FOR OUR
BLOCK MAKING
MARATHON**

IN PERSON

340 Spruce St S
Apt B
Timmins Ontario
P4N2M9

ON ZOOM

Check link in comments

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**HOW TO SEND A QUILT
TO A SURVIVOR:
THERE ARE 2 OPTIONS**

Send Direct to a Survivor:

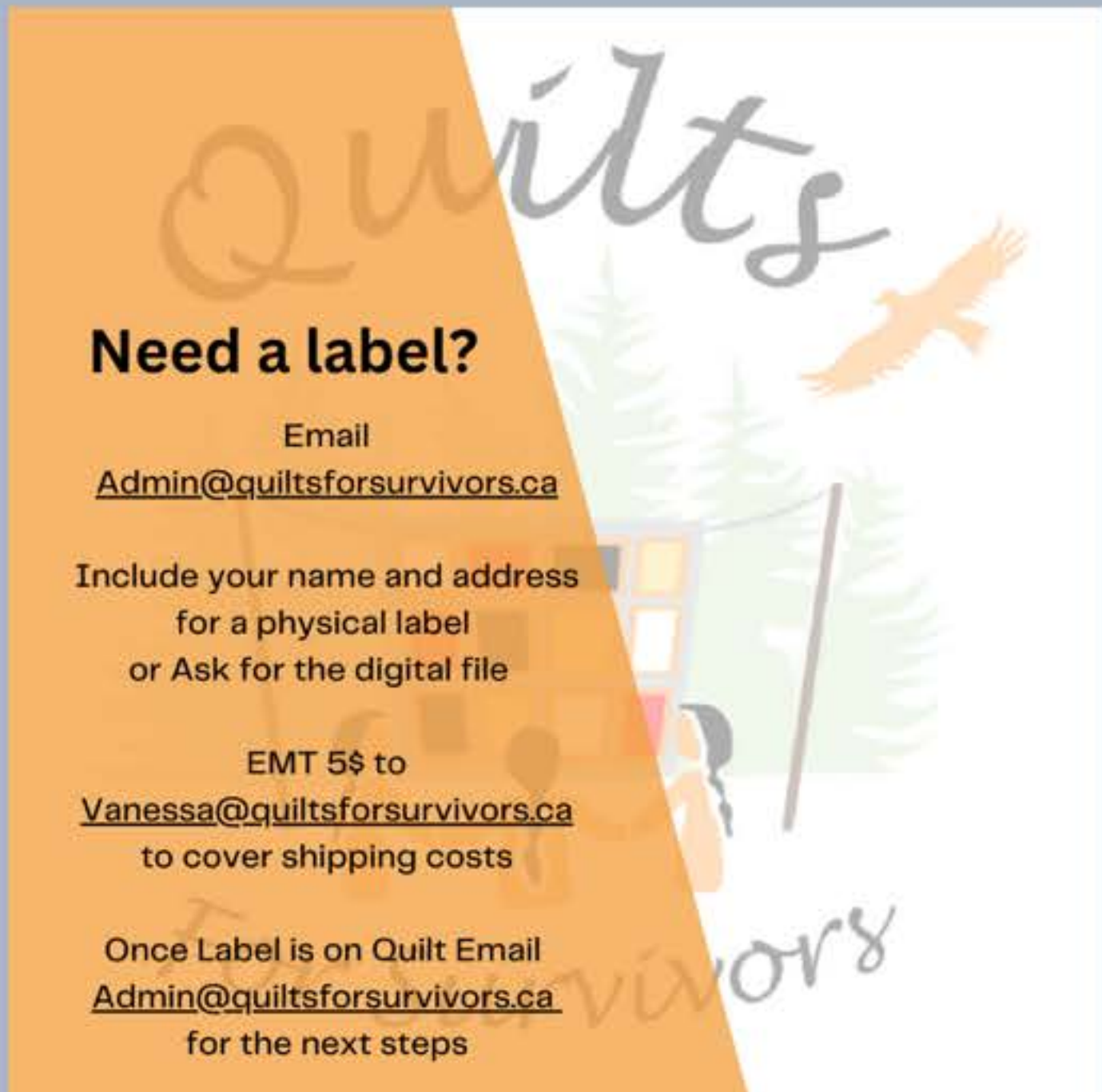
- Make a quilt
- Put a QFS Label on the quilt
- Print out letter and poem
- Email us for a name & address:
Admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca
- Send out the quilt within 2-3
business days to the name &
address we provided to you

OR

Send to QFS:

- Send quilt to QFS to send out

Quilts for Survivors
130 Tamarack Street
Timmins, Ontario
P4N 6P8
Canada



Need a label?

Email
Admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca

Include your name and address
for a physical label
or Ask for the digital file

EMT 5\$ to
Vanessa@quiltsforsurvivors.ca
to cover shipping costs

Once Label is on Quilt Email
Admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca
for the next steps

Meet the Quilts for Survivors Board of Directors



I was born in Fort Albany June 1961 and a member of Fort Albany First Nation. I am a survivor of St Anne's Residential School. I am the second oldest and only girl of four siblings. In December 2021 my oldest brother lost his battle to cancer. I have three sons and three beautiful active grandchildren. I presently live in Timmins but also have lived in Moose Factory, Moosonee and Fort Albany. My hobbies include driving across the country, international travel, knitting and puzzles

Clara W She/Her

A bit about me is I am from Missinabie Cree First Nation. I have been married for 45 years, and I have 3 children, 11 grandchildren, and two cats. I was a social worker and a drug and alcohol counselor. I was previously on other boards, and started volunteering for QFS in June of 2021. I have since then put in many hours helping Vanessa and the team with various tasks and am enjoying my role as a board member. Some of my hobbies include crocheting, gardening, and playing games.



Cheryl M She/Her



Lesley is a member of the Missanabie Cree First Nation, she currently lives in Sault Ste. Marie. She is a mom to three kids and enjoys being outdoors, her hobbies include stain glass making, beading and gardening.

Lesley G She/Her

Meet the Quilts for Survivors Staff



Things you may not know about me

- I was a mime in France in 1995
- I went to the Summer Olympics in 1996
- I taught at a school on the rez
- My favourite colour is purple
- I like Hallmark movies
- I used to have a Michael Jackson costume as a kid

Vanessa Genier She/Her

Hi my name is Katherine, I usually go by kat. I have been working at QFS since September of 2022, before that, I was volunteering since we started. I am currently the program assistant at QFS which means I do a bit of everything: admin work, social media updates, the newsletter, keeping the studio open and running for volunteers as well as a few other things. A bit about myself is that I currently am on two youth councils, I am a member of Missinabie Cree First Nation, I have two cats (link & Nero), I also have 15 tattoos, my favourite colour is yellow, and I am very very proud of my mom (vanessa) and what she started.



Katherine J-G They/Them



I am the Quilter Assistant for summer 2023. I'll be longarming quilts in the studio. I am also the Artistic Director at neptune sound, I also do a lot of art of all kinds, mainly digital art, drawing, painting, music, beading, and quilting now. I love fishing and being on the land. I am currently going back to school in the fall at Northern College for an electrical engineering technician.

Michael J He/Him

A message from the editor

Hello, everyone!
Happy Pride Month!

Pride month is a great time to show your support for the LGBTQIA2S+ community. Find out what your community is doing for pride month and participate.

Our Organization strives to be safe, inclusive, and welcoming for everyone. We feel that it is important to do so in our indigenous culture, we have always been inclusive of our two-spirited family.

I have been sewing quite a bit this past month. I learned how to paper piece, and I am super excited to go to Halifax this month! It'll be my first time in Nova Scotia and I'm really excited to go sightseeing, meet volunteers and check out all of the different booths at Quilt Canada.

I hope everyone has a great June!

happy quilting - kat



**Happy
BIRTHDAY**

**QFS would like to wish Josée
a very Happy Birthday!**

If you have any comments or ideas for the
newsletter, let me know!

We are always looking at ways to improve.

You can reach me at
admin@quiltsforsurvivor.ca

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