

# July 2023 Newsletter

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# A Message from our CEO & Founder

Two years wow! I can't believe it has been two years. A simple goal of 215 plus one block to make 18 quilts by sharing a post on social media. I still am in awe of all that has been accomplished since that first post.

I went from a simple idea to a sea of fabric, thread, blocks, and fabric coming to my door daily. It grew so quickly that the postal workers were wondering what I was up to.

A simple idea to honour and comfort those whose journeys took them on a path no child, no person should ever have to walk. The idea to present quilts to honour the children who made it home changed in so many ways from the child they were when they left. To also honouring the children who never made it home and whose childhood was stolen within the walls of a building that should never have been called a school.

What an honour to be a part of the healing journey of so many resilient, strong, powerful people. My people are the Indigenous people of the nations of Turtle Island who through their suffering saved our nations, our people, our culture, and our traditions. What an honour to give a simple gift made by many hands to show our support and limited understanding of their pain.

We cannot take away the memories, the hurt change the past. Today, and every day we choose to listen, learn, grow, and walk beside you.

Many of us are here because of your resilience. I am here a mother, quilter, businesswoman, a leader, all the while being Indigenous. I am very proud of my heritage. I am very proud of the strength of my people.

Thank you to all the survivors who accept our humble gifts of love. We do this to honour you.

Thank you to the hundreds of volunteers, supporters, and sponsors. We have made it this far because you are walking with us. Helping us reach for goals we never dreamed of. Quilts for Survivors is making a difference in part because of you.

**Our Mission:** To provide comfort and healing through the making and giving of quilts.

**Our Vision:** To see that all living survivors receive a quilt.

Thank you for an amazing two years. Here's to two more and beyond.

Kitchi Meegtwitch,

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 June

## June 5th-June 13th - Halifax, NS

We attended our second year at Quilts Canada, this time in Halifax, Nova Scotia. It was a great couple of days with amazing volunteers and lots of people visiting our booth. We revealed our traveling quilt "We Are Still Here" made by Vanessa. We got to spread lots of information about Quilts for Survivors, We also got some donations. We did hand out a few quilts to survivors at Quilts Canada. We are very excited to be heading to Edmonton for Quilts Canada 2024.



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# Quilts Canada



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# Look back at June

## Quilts for Survivors 2nd Anniversary

June 26, 2023 - Open House

We had a busy day with tours of the studio, donations and sewing!



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# Upcoming Events

## July

Summer hours:

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

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.

## Missinabie Cree Youth Gathering July 10th

Vanessa will be speaking to the youth of her home community Missinabie Cree First Nation.

## Prince Edward County Quilters Show July 8 & 9

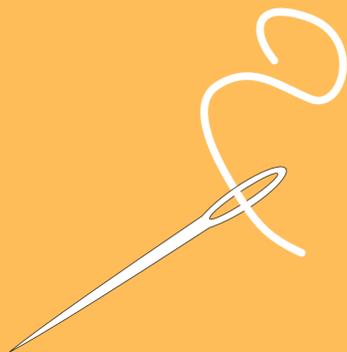
Saturday, July 8th, 2023 10 am - 5 pm

Sunday, July 9th, 2023 10 am - 4 pm

Wellington and District community Center  
Lehigh Arena at 111 Belleville Street,  
Wellington, ON

**Accepting Donations on behalf of QFS**

## 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](mailto: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



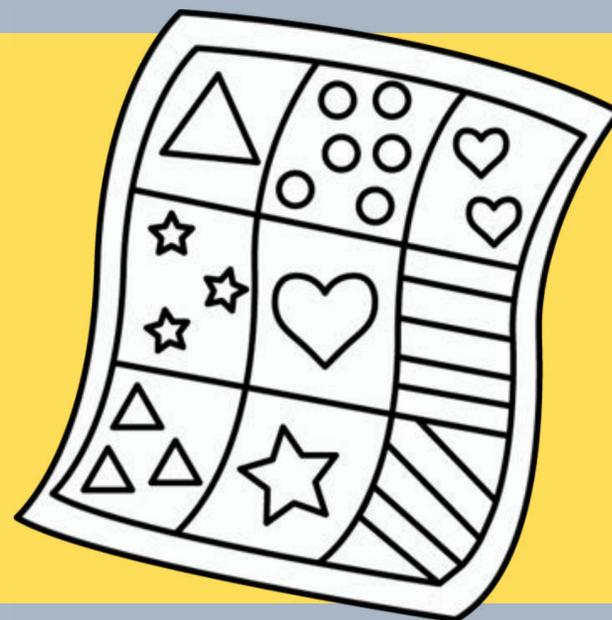
I've also been asked about our Wishlist, how does that help QFS?  
Purchasing items off our Wishlist helps us get things we need for the studio or would help make things easier for us in the studio.

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 3,205 quilts. That's amazing! Thank you everyone for your continued support!



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# Stories from Survivors & Volunteers



If you would like your story  
featured in our newsletter  
please email me at  
[Admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca](mailto:Admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca)

# QUILTS FOR SURVIVORS

## STUDIO SCHEDULE

### JULY 2023

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

Admin- Studio closed for volunteers \*\*Summer hours till September 2023\*\*



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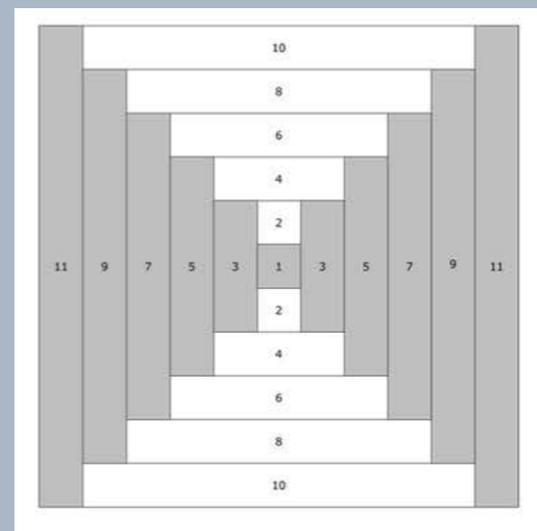


Colour in the Blueberrys

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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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**Quilts For Survivors**

**MERCH**

**BUY NOW!**

- Hoodies
- Shirts
- Phone cases
- Stickers

**PURCHASE MERCH HERE**

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



**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

**QUESTIONS?**

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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  
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Canada



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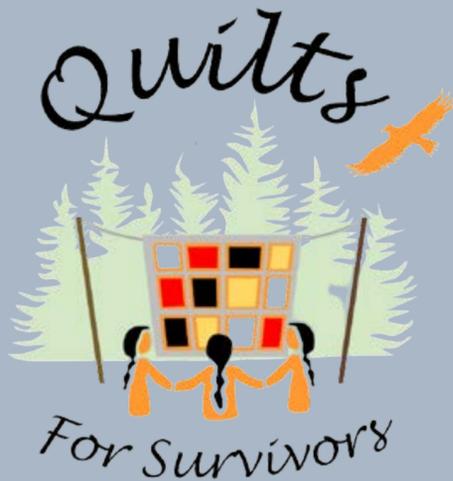
Email  
[Admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca](mailto:Admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca)

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

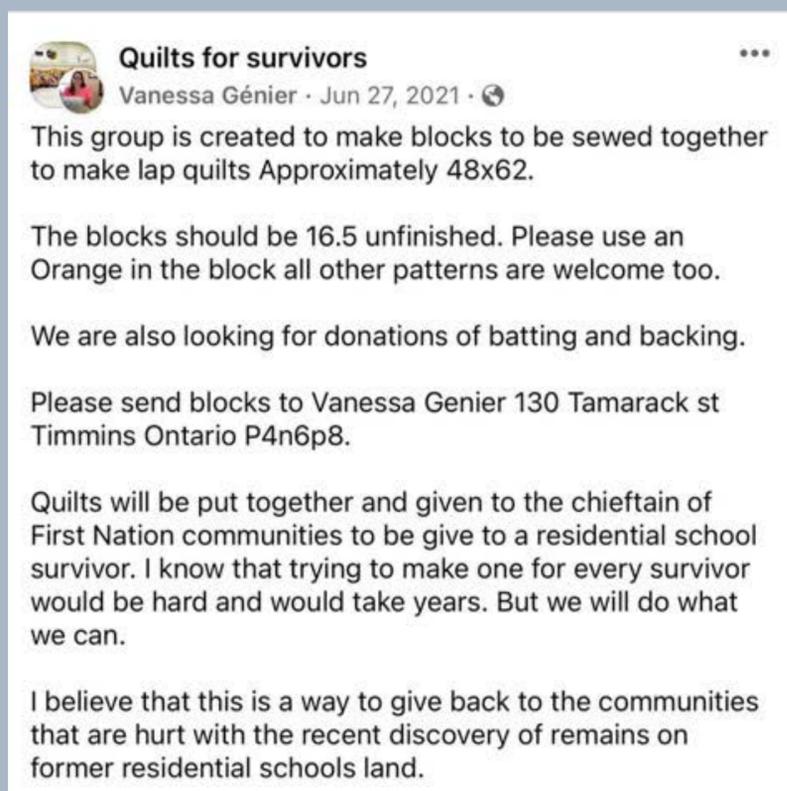
EMT 5\$ to  
[Vanessa@quiltsforsurvivors.ca](mailto:Vanessa@quiltsforsurvivors.ca)  
to cover shipping costs

Once Label is on Quilt Email  
[Admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca](mailto:Admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca)  
for the next steps

# A look back at the last Two Years

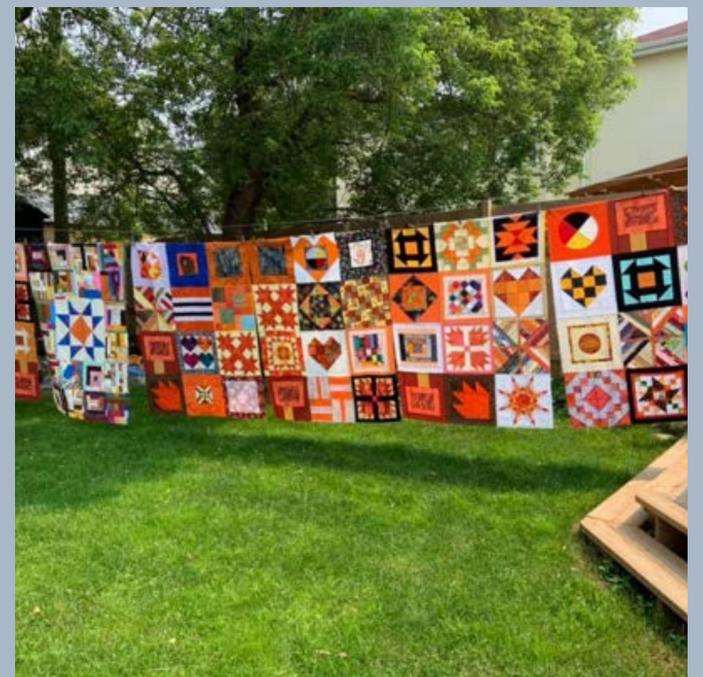


**Founded by Vanessa Genier  
on June 26 2021**



**June 2021:**

**Vanessa made a post on  
Facebook asking for  
215 + 1 blocks**



**July 2021:**

**Sent out our goal of 18 quilts**



**September 2021:**

**Became a registered  
non profit organization**

**October 2021:  
Got a studio space thanks  
to GreenLamp Properties**



**End of 2021:  
Sent out 940 Quilts**

**January 2022:  
Got a Long Arm &  
Sent out the 1000th quilt**



**June 2022:  
Vanessa started working at QFS**

**June 2022:  
Attended Quilts Canada 2022  
in Vancouver, BC**



**June 2022:  
1 Year Anniversary of QFS**

**September 2022:  
Kat started working at QFS**



**September 2022:  
2,000th Quilt sent out**

**December 2022:  
Went to Bella Coola, BC  
to present Quilts**



**End Of 2022:  
2475 Quilts were sent out in  
total and 1537 for the year**



**May 2023:  
3,000th Quilt sent out**



**May 2023:  
Nova Award For  
Non Profit Organization**

**May 2023:  
Michael started working at QFS**



**June 2023:  
Attended Quilts Canada 2023  
in Halifax, Nova Scotia**



**June 2023:  
QFS 2nd Anniversary**



**July 2023:  
Total Quilts sent out  
since 2021  
3,205!!!!!!!**

# A Message from the Editor

Hello, everyone!

I can't believe it's July already!

I had a blast in Halifax attending my very first quilting conference!

I loved spending time with Eileen & Christine, & Auntie Suzanne. I had a fun time and was very surprised by how many people visited our booth. While I enjoyed the quilting conference, the highlight of my trip was on Sunday when Christine and her brother drove us out to Peggy's Cove. Peggy's Cove is one of my papa's favourite places as he has family in Nova Scotia, and his parents are from there. I enjoyed every second of it! I had a great day and got to go in the ocean and collect some treasures to bring home.

I loved making new friends and am very excited to go to the next Quilts Canada! I hope to see you in Edmonton next year!!

happy quilting - kat



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](mailto:admin@quiltsforsurvivor.ca)

# Thank you to our Sponsors



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