

Quilts For Survivors



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A look back at a great month



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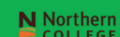
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From the Editor

Remember, registration for our **2nd Annual Sewing Retreat** is now open and there are limited spots available. **We are already over 50% sold out.**

You can click here to register:

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/2nd-annual-sewing-retreat-tickets-695394021237>



Quilts For Survivors

Karen Brown
Guest Speaker
Just Get It Done Quilts
I'm a quilter, crafter, mother, wife, daughter, businesswoman but not necessarily in that order. I love to make things and like nothing better than checking things off the list.

Vanessa Genier
CEO & Founder
A time to **come together** as an international community to **sew, learn and be inspired**, and to **meet other volunteers and QFS's own Quilter with a heart of gold, Vanessa Genier.**
Visit the City with a heart of gold and learn how we **give back to Survivors.**
Come be a part in Truth and Reconciliation.

ALREADY 50% SOLD!

2nd ANNUAL ORANGE YOU GLAD WE'RE SEWING RETREAT

When?
> September 27 - 30, 2024


Where?
> Timmins Ontario - Northern College

How?
> Tickets on Sale Now! on Eventbrite


Price?
> \$225.00*
*Includes lunches, dinners, snacks and a traditional indigenous feast with traditional drumming, food and dancing.

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For more information, please call us at 705-262-1853 or send us an email: admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca



Thanks so much for your continued support. We hope you enjoy reading this month's newsletter!



Hey there!

I'm excited to share with you our latest monthly newsletter, packed with lots of updates and new information for Quilters, Volunteers, and Survivors.

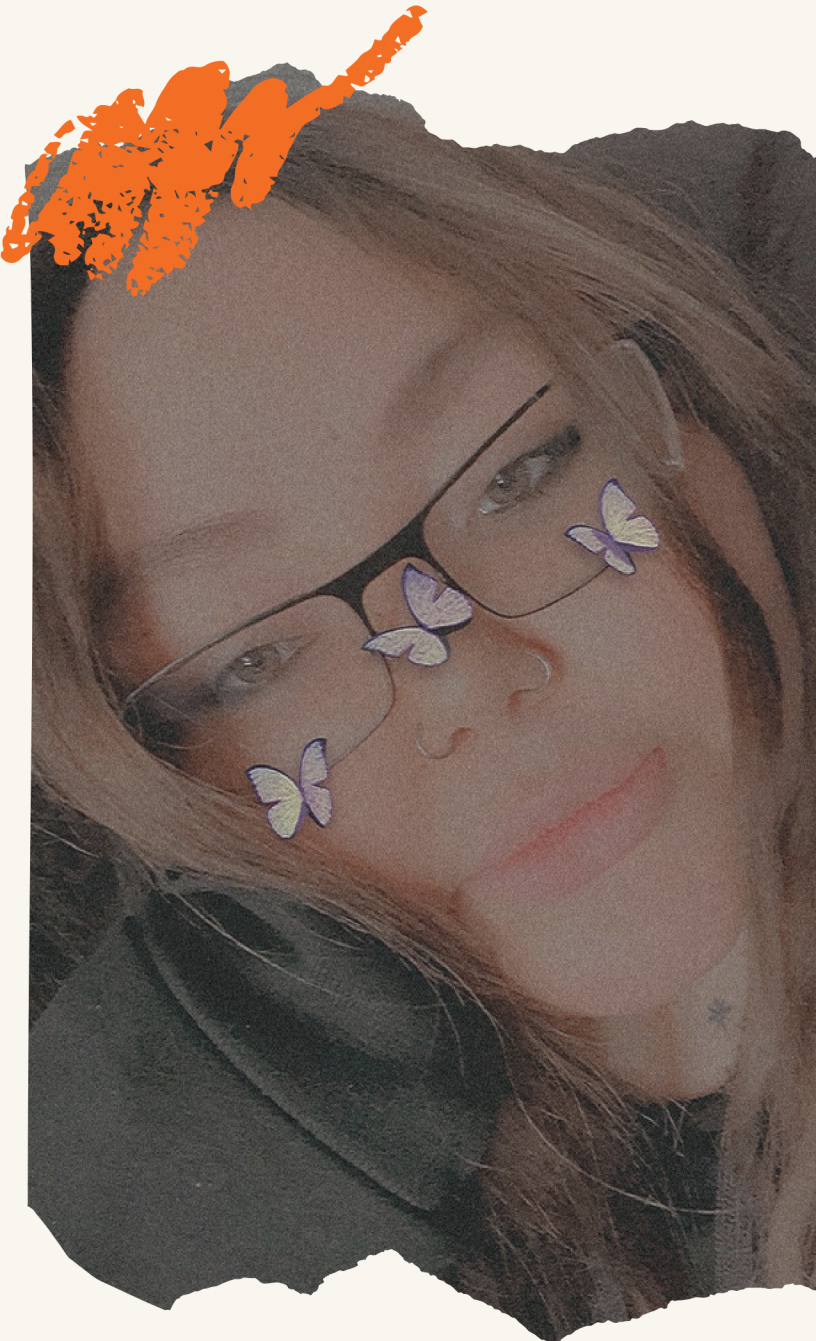
I am so incredibly proud of my mum for everything she has done before and i am especially proud of her for winning the meritorious service decoration (civil division) from the governor-general. I cannot wait to see what else my mum will do.

We love hearing from you, so please feel welcome to share your thoughts and ideas with us. We always appreciate your feedback and suggestions for future issues.

Thanks so much for your continued support, and we hope you enjoy reading this month's newsletter!

Katherine Jeremiah

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF





Message From Our CEO & Founder

By Vanessa Genier

“ Spring is also a reminder of new beginnings. It is a reminder that we don’t need to stay in one place we can begin again.”

March is a busy month for us here at the QFS studio. We have International Women's Day March 8th. I have been asked to speak at the Timmins Native Friendship Centre. The kids will be off school for March Break we will be heading down to Markham, Ontario to participate in the 50th Little NHL tournament. This year QFS will also have a booth set up at one of the 5 or 6 arenas. This is a first for us and will be very exciting to share our organization with thousands of attendees. I know Wallace and Josee are excited to play and support our nation through hockey. They are not big hockey fans but they sure do love to play for Uncle Dom.

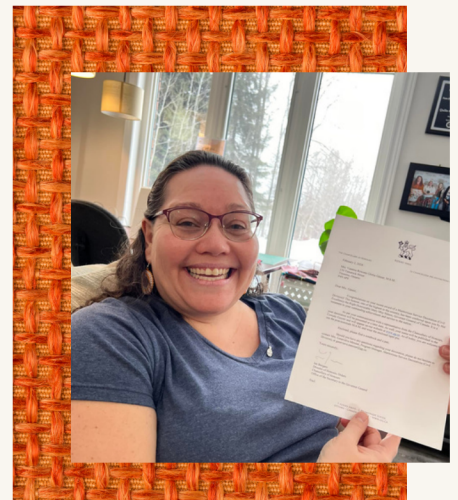
March is also International Quilting Month. March 16th is International Quilting day with activities going on all over the world. I will be giving a presentation over Zoom on the Saturday morning with several guilds. We will also be sewing over Zoom that day from 11 am – 3pm. I invite you to join us in person or over Zoom. I am excited to share this day with so many of you.

March also brings the promise of another spring. Warmer days, more sunlight, return of birds, flowers, and the melting of snow. I am looking forward to all that spring brings. Spring is also a reminder of new beginnings. It is a reminder that we don't need to stay in one place we can begin again. This is true in our personal lives, professional lives and in our quilting journey. I am reminded that I can make a new commitment to any area of my life regardless of what I might have been struggling with before. During spring at least in Eastern Ontario, the snow melts and with it reveals new life that was just waiting patiently for the right time to bloom and grow. We too might have been waiting for the right time to bloom. I encourage you to reflect on where you wanted to be in 2024. Maybe you have set goals for yourself in January and feel you are not meeting those expectations. This is ok. Life can move quickly, and it can take us time to adjust. I have struggled with balancing motherhood, work, quilting and all the other duties I have. I have given myself permission to reach out for help. This could be signing tasks to my little ones to help around the house. It could be assigning tasks to staff at the studio that take pressure off my to do list. I had a volunteer tell me the other day delicate that. She then proceeded to take that task on for me.

We all have busy lives and many things we want to accomplish. While we add to our never ending to do list let us also pencil in time to be creative and do what brings us joy. Taking time for ourselves is important. It is important to teach our children and grandchildren that they matter and what they enjoy matters too. What are you going to pencil in today that brings you joy? I'm going to play with the kids and sew.

Happy Spring,

Vanessa Genier M.S.M
Founder and CEO
Aka Quilter with a Heart of Gold



A Look Back At February

By Katherine Jeremiah
Photography by Katherine Jeremiah

A look back at a great
month



Quilts
For Sun

Look back at February 2024

Block Making - Block making was a fun time, we worked on a pattern that called for half-square triangles.

How to Use a Panel - Vanessa showed how to use a panel with a free pattern, the participants took the instructions and made beautiful tops out of them

Quilt Presentation - Vanessa Presented 150 Quilts to survivors at the Ramada Inn during the IRS Gathering

Youth Night - We had around 6/7 youth for our 3rd youth night, we made 9" strip blocks and had a great time!

Zoom Class- Vanessa Taught the Class quilt over zoom

Intro to sewing - We had a few people in for the intro to sewing class, we did the 9" strip blocks, and everyone had a great time!

Binding marathon- We had a great time at the binding marathon, lots of volunteers came out to help, we were also joined by a few other people and had a great potluck and sang happy birthday to Vanessa!

Presentation at Nishanabie Aski Nation (NAN)- Vanessa was in Thunderbay, Ontario at a gathering and presented 20 quilts to survivors.



Vanessa presented
170 quilts this
month

photo description - a stack of finished quilts ready to be shipped

QUILTS FOR SURVIVORS
STUDIO SCHEDULE
MARCH

2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25	26	27	28	29	1 admin	2
3	4 admin	5 open 10am-7pm	6 open 10am-7pm Block Making*	7 open 10am-7pm	8 admin	9
10	Closed For March Break					16
17	18 admin	19 open 10am-7pm	20 open 10am-7pm	21 open 10am-7pm Youth Night*	22 admin	23 Binding marathon 11am-3pm
24 Zoom Class* 2-4pm	25 admin	26 open 10am-7pm	27 open 10am-7pm Intro to Sewing* 9pm - 7pm	28 open 10am-7pm	29 Closed	30
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

Admin- Studio closed for volunteers || potluck lunch at binding marathon || *must register



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Studio Hours

Welcome! Our studio is a safe space for everyone to come in and sew! We offer classes, events, and workshops. We are open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 am to 7 pm.



**SPONSOR OUR
MONTHLY
YOUTH NIGHTS**

By Sponsoring Our Monthly Youth Nights you will:

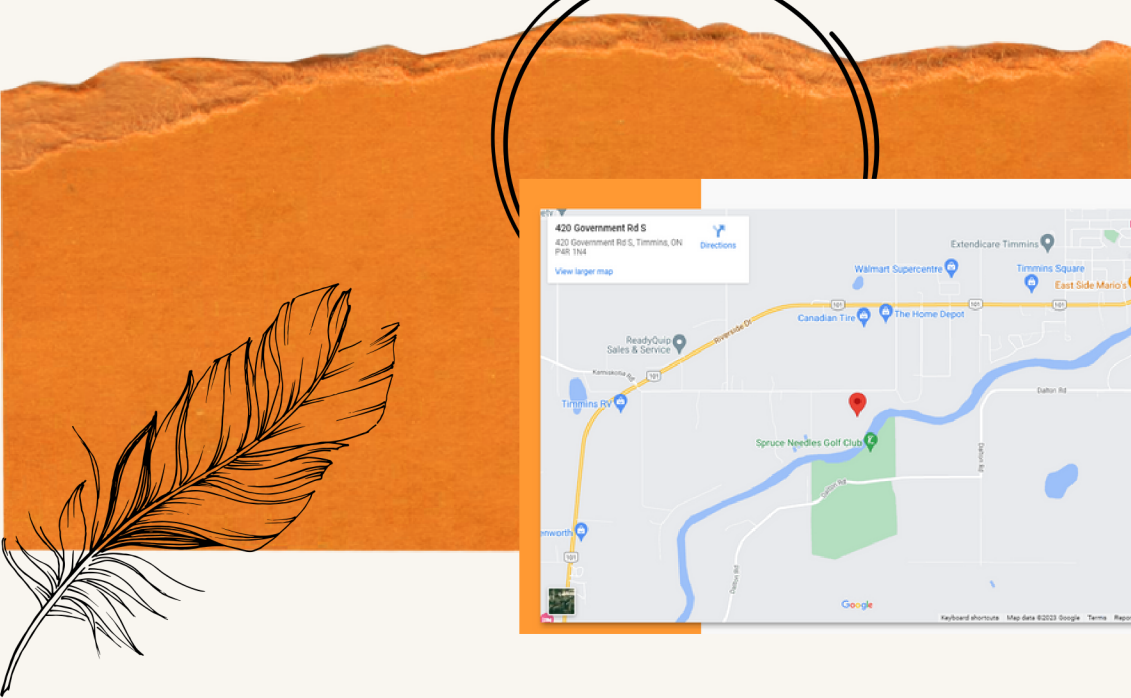
- Get free advertising for you or your business
- Be supporting local Timmins youth

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Studio Updates

By Katherine Jeremiah
Photography by Katherine Jeremiah and
Vanessa Genier



Address
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Sewing Space

We have been making good use of the sewing space! We have had someone in it every day that we are open!



Fabric Room

“Our fabric room is so well organized it makes picking out fabrics so much fun!!



Workshops

We are always trying to get new Quilters and Volunteers in the Studio. We have been looking at offering new workshops and themed nights for Volunteers to come in and learn. We have four events now for people to join and attend every month.

The more people we can teach the better, so that we can continue this healing work for Survivors and ourselves.

“We are always trying to get new volunteers in the studio”



Stories From Survivors & Volunteers



Stories from Survivors
and Volunteers



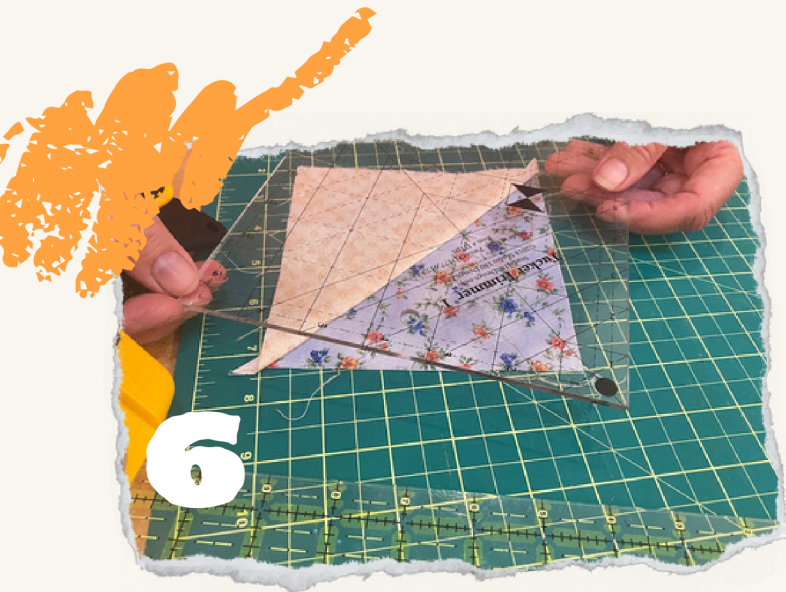
To have your story shared here please email admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca



Upcoming Events

By Katherine Jeremiah

March's Events and Workshops



Block Making

In this Workshop, we will focus on making a start block with Quarter Square Triangles, to join the workshop email admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca

Table at LNHL

We have a table at the little native hockey league tournament in Markham, Ontario from March 10-14th, 2024





Youth Night

Youth Nights are for ages 16-29. We will be working on some different projects all geared towards beginners and those new to sewing. We offer pizza with our Youth Nights. Our last Youth Night was sponsored By Cheryl M

We are looking for a sponsor for this month! Please contact us at: admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca if you would like to Sponsor a Youth Night.

Zoom Class Quilt

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 Sixth Class is February 18th, 2024, from 2 pm-4 pm EST. To register please fill out the form <https://forms.gle/tSoAiSdpmtpCidyq8>



Intro to Sewing

We will teach you how to sew on a domestic machine, straight lines, a strip block to start, thread a machine, fill a bobbin, and sew a straight stitch.

Please note, that this Workshop currently has spots open!

Binding Marathon

Binding Marathons take place on a Saturday from 11 am - 3 pm. Binding is the finishing on a quilt. It always feels great when we can finish quilts to be mailed out to their forever home. Binding Marathons are a fun time filled with stories, laughter and good food.



Updates

by Katherine Jeremiah

Donations



Donations can be made by EMT to:
Vanessa@quiltsforsurvivors.ca
or through our Linktree

Linktree*



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

Volunteering

We 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 9 for full details.



Wishlist

Purchasing items off our Wishlist helps
us get things we need for the Studio or
things that would help make things
easier for us in the Studio. Thank you!

To purchase something from our Wishlist, please visit:
<https://mywishlist.online/w/5pxebt/quiltss-wishlist>

Quilts Quilts and More Quilts

In case you didn't hear we have now sent over **4,581** quilts.
That's amazing! Thank you everyone for your continued support!



General Info & FAQs



What kind of fabric is used?

100% cotton quilting fabric

What size of blocks are needed?

16.5 inches square

Are there any restrictions on the blocks?

Our Fabric Restrictions are posted on our website. No Religious fabric, School related fabric, Travel related fabric, Graphic illustrations or images, or Gang related fabrics.

You can always check with us by emailing: admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca

Can I donate something other than a block or a quilt?

Yes! We are accepting monetary donations, supplies, and more. Please visit our Wishlist, see page 15 for the link and more information.

Can we donate tops or completed quilts?

Yes, tops should be 48" x 64" or lap size.

Completed quilts can be any size.

Please mail to:

Quilts for Survivors

420 Government Rd S, Timmins, ON P4R 1N4

To ship directly to a Survivor please email: admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca

- Include a picture of the finished quilt & card (if you're sending one)
- Advise if you need a label or digital file from us
- Confirm you can ship within 2-3 business days of receipt of the address we provide

Once all of the requirements are met you will receive an address from us.

For more information please visit www.quiltsforsurvivors.ca

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Messages From Our Board

Board Member Clara W

Thank you for generously volunteering your time at Quilts For Survivors. Your willingness to give your time and service is greatly appreciated. Your support of QFS allows us to continue to fulfill our mission to present survivors with quilts.

Meegwetch

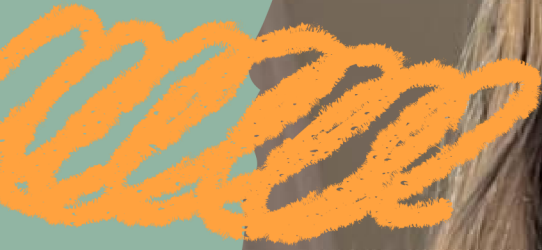
Board Member Lesley G

Happy spring and thank you to all the volunteers and supporters of Quilts For Survivors

Board Member Cheryl M

Greetings my fellow volunteers. Hope you are all doing well and I know that you are all busy quilting. Before winter the bear returns to where he/she is born back into Mother Earth. February we welcome "The Great Moon". This is the time of year that Bear Cubs are born. After the full moon, one morning where there will be heavy fog in the air and signaling the season of birth for the bear cubs. I still haven't quite grasped the full impact of the award bestowed on our CEO and founder Vanessa.

As she stated in her Video it is because of the dedication, perseverance and hard work by all our wonderful Volunteers across Mother Earth. I read somewhere that "Volunteers are the backbone of every non-profit organization" and this is SO very true of each one of you. Meegwetch a thousand times. We love you all and appreciate your contributions to this awesome organization. As I look to the past since we first started this journey I have seen and heard from you all how QFS has rewarded each of you with healing, knowledge and blessings as you worked so very hard to help heal our past and move to a new vision where we can all heal and enjoy knowing that we have made a difference. Not only in our own lives but in the lives of the Residential School Survivors. Peace and happiness to you all. Meegwetch, Meegwetch, Meegwetch.



**Thank you to everyone who
donated to QFS in honour of
Vanessa's Birthday!**

