



Quilts For Survivors February 2023 Newsletter

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Announcement

Orange you glad were sewing quilting retreat
signup.

Limited spots available

Click on the link below to signup, payment needs
to be sent ASAP or you will lose your spot.

<https://forms.gle/ujTiApcgnNDzJJ1z9>

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A message from your CEO and Founder

As a little girl I use enjoy playing pretend. I enjoyed playing house, school, office, and I liked crafts. I knew from a very young age that I wanted to be a mom. I wanted 8 to 10 kids. I was the middle child of three and I wanted my children to have lots of siblings so that if they didn't get along with one, they would have others to choose from. Not sure why I thought that but that was the plan. I also knew that I wanted to work in an office. I wasn't sure what I wanted to do exactly. I also was great at selling things from painted rocks, cookies, Newspapers and even Regal at the age of 14. I also enjoyed planning and organizing. I even taught my friends how to perform mime. Yes, they don't talk only movement arts. We even travelled a bit doing shows for community events.

Looking back all those events and dreams make up my life now. I am blessed to be the mother of 7 children. Two of my little ones passed over when I was in my first trimester. My sweet Timothy and Noel. There was no way to tell whether they were a boy or girl. I know that they my babies are waiting for me in the spirit world. I am beyond blessed to be the mother to 5 amazing children. Who are becoming amazing strong, intelligent, and caring adults.

I am also living my dream of working in an office. Who knew it would also include a sewing machine, longarm and an iron. I am truly blessed to be able to do the things I enjoy, am passionate about and love every day. My journey hasn't always been easy. Not just the miscarriages we're in my journey. I was sexually abused as a child. I was in an abusive marriage that I was able to flee with my three little ones. My second husband just walked out with no explanation. I was able to get through it all because of my family and friend's support. Not something I take lightly as so many people don't have half the support I did.

My journey has made me the woman, mother and even quilter that I am today. I am blessed that so many others have joined me on this journey of creating and healing. When I first reached out, I thought I might be crazy. Here we are 20 months later having surpassed my original goal by leaps and bounds. Knowing that survivors not only accept our humble gift but anxiously await the arrival of them. This journey started out of hurt for my people's pain and love for their journey. A journey that has brought them to a place where they can receive love, support, understanding, comfort, and healing. Through the simple act of presenting a quilt.

- Vanessa Genier CEO & Founder

Online Classes

Second quilt

With fall just around the corner we will once again be having out Zoom quilting classes. We will be making a new quilt called "Churned All Day" by Laurie Flannery for Laurie Rose Designs.

Classes will be held every third Sunday of the month from September to June. The Fifth Class is February 19th, 2023, from 2pm-4pm EST. To register please email vanessa@quiltsforsurvivors.ca



QFS Spreading comfort.

Out in the communities

January 5th – Presentation to slope to shore quilting guild from Wasaga Beach Ontario

Presented our organization to the guild and let them know how they can help.

January 13th -14th - binding marathon

23 quilts bound, we had 14 Local people and other people attended through zoom, we also had a potluck lunch.

January 18th – Presentation to mountain cabin Quilting Guild

Presented our organization to the guild and let them know how they can help.

January 19th – Interview with Kinz & Klomp

You can watch the interview below!

<https://fb.watch/ieozDrFUyz/>



photo taken by Roxanne Metlin



Photo taken From Scott Wabano

January 22nd – Presenting a Quilt to Scott Wabano

While attending the Mushkegowuk Youth Department Youth Gathering, I had the chance to listen to Scott Wabano speak about his journey and I asked Vanessa if we could present him with a quilt the next day, both Vanessa and Clara presented Scott with a quilt.

See photos above.

January 23rd - QFS class quilt blocks 9&10

The second zoom quilting class was a success, we've completed Blocks 9 & 10 If you haven't signed up yet you can by emailing vanessa@quiltsforsurvivors.ca



Upcoming Events

February 1st registration for the QFS sewing retreat opens * limited spots available *

February 11th - Binding marathon

February 19th – QFS Class quilt blocks

Future Events:

**June 8th – 10th – Quilts Canada 2023-
Halifax, Nova Scotia**

June 24th , 2023- 2nd Anniversary Gala

**September 28th – October 1st , 2023– QFS
sewing retreat**

QUILTS FOR SURVIVORS
**Monthly
Binding
Marathon**

**ONCE A MONTH!
EVERY 2ND SATURDAY
FROM 11 AM - 3 PM
POTLUCK LUNCH**

340 Spruce St S
Apt B
Timmins Ontario
P4N2M9

Join us Virtually over Zoom!

Quilts Quilts and more Quilts

In case you didn't hear we have now sent over 2,618 quilts. That is amazing. Thank you all, for now it is our hope that you will take some time once a week or even once a month to come in a work a few hours or spend the whole day with us at our studio. Visit www.quiltsforsurvivors.ca for full details.

Go check out Our Wishlist!!!

<https://mywishlist.online/w/5pxebt/quiltss-wishlist>

Don't forget to check out our website!

www.quiltsforsurvivors.ca

Support QFS by buying us a coffee!

<https://www.buymeacoffee.com/quiltssurvivors>

Buy some QFS merch!!!!

<https://www.redbubble.com/shop/ap/136745213>

Quilts For Survivors

MAKE A Donation

EMT :Vanessa@quiltsforsurvivors.ca
or send donations to
Quilts for Survivors
130 Tamarack Street
Timmins, Ontario
P4N6P8

DONATE NOW

Email Us to see how **YOU** can become a **SPONSOR**
Vanessa@quiltsforsurvivors.ca or
Visit **www.quiltsforsurvivors.ca** for more information

ONLINE SEWING CLASSES

Private sewing classes from the Quilter with a heart of gold

- HOW TO USE A SEWING MACHINE
- BLOCKS BY REQUEST
- CLASS QUILT (EVERY 3RD SUNDAY)
- 100 BLOCKS (BUY ME A COFFEE)

REGISTER NOW

VANESSA@QUILTSFORSURVIVORS.CA

SENDING OUT A QUILT?

HOW TO SEND A QUILT TO A SURVIVOR

- Make a quilt
- Put a QFS Label on the quilt
- Print out letter and poem
- Email us for a name and address

Admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca

- Send out the quilt within 2-3 business days

Send a Quilt to QFS

- Mail it to Quilts for Survivors
130 Tamarack Street
Timmins Ontario
P4N 6P8

QUESTIONS?

If you have a question please email me at **Admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca**

www.quiltsforsurvivors.ca

Volunteer AT QUILTS FOR SURVIVORS

HOW YOU CAN VOLUNTEER

Events

- We always need volunteers to help out at our booths and events

Sewing at the studio

- Come sew at the studio!
- Learn how to make quilt blocks
- Do binding
- Cut fabric

How volunteering helps

- Collect volunteer hours for school
- Help out in your community
- You get a chance to give back.
- A great way to socialize

Must be over the age of 16* to volunteer
*Under 18 years old will need parental consent to volunteer
Must fill out a waiver

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Message from Grandmother Cheryl

A fresh snowfall creates a beautiful landscape inspiring us to get outside and have fun playing in the snow. Yesterday I had the great pleasure of having my grand babies over. Victoria and Arthur arrived in the morning anxious to go sliding with grandma. We bundle up and head to the hill. We arrive laughing and falling into the fresh soft snow-slowly making our way to the hill. We were happy to have the hill to ourselves. The babies line up their sled Arthur in the front and Victoria in the back, down the hill they fly. I can hear them laughing and yelling with pure joy - they reach the bottom and laughing roll off their sled into the soft sparkling snow. They didn't come up the hill right away, they start filling their sled with the snow - what pure joy and innocents. My grand babies enjoying something so uncomplicated and each other's company. We spent about an hour going up and down the hill. Tired and cold it was time to go back to grandmas for snack and to warm up. When mom came to pick them up Victoria is tired and ready to go home. Arthur like the little pink bunny is still going strong. Around 12:30 Wallace and JoJo are dropped off all bundled up and ready to play in the snow. They had straight to the pile of snow in our neighbour's yard. My husband and I bundle up and join them outside. "We're looking for diamonds, grandma. Wallace yells. You need to get a shovel and come and help us. Papa and I get our shovels join them at the hill. Wallace and Jo are at the top of the pile of snow digging. "We're looking for diamonds and hiding them. "Wallace says. You and Papa need to dig the holes to hide the diamonds. "OK Wallace, what do the diamonds look like? "Blue " says Jo. "There big chunks of ice "says Wallace. So, there we are Wallace, Jo, Papa, and me attacking the hill finding and burying diamonds. Wallace keeps us on track making sure we keep to the task. I'm just so amazed and thankful that my grandbabies are so creative and can make a game with shovels and a pile of snow. We worked up a bit of an appetite and after about an hour and a half went into the house for snacks and more games they stayed for supper and mom tells them it's time to put toys away we need to go home. Reluctantly Wallace and Jo put away their toys, get dressed and off the go -diamonds in the making. Wonder what we will do next time the grand babies come over another adventure with lots of laughs and hard work. The same holds true "If I had of known grandkids were so much fun, I would've had them first." Being a grandparent means being part of something very wonderful. It means we will Love and be loved for the rest of our lives. It has been a beautiful day any Season is the most fun season when with your grandbabies.



A message from the Editor

Hello, everyone!

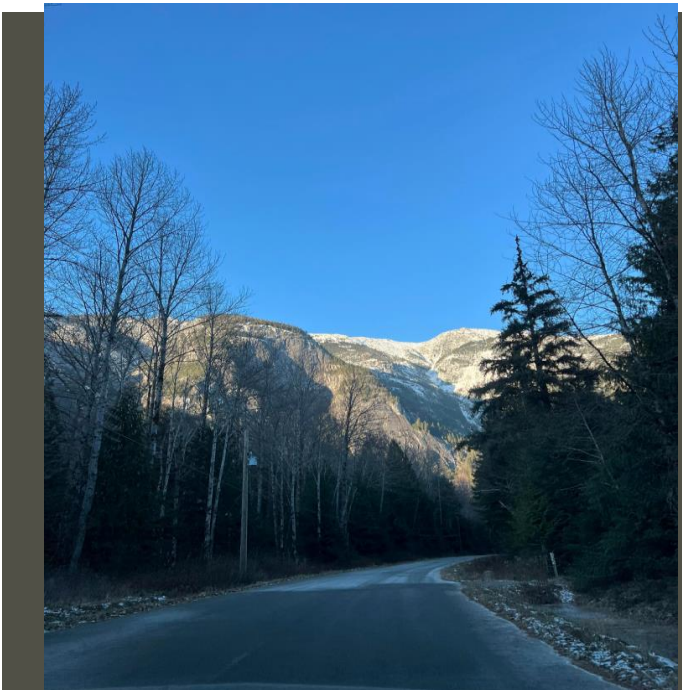
If you have any comments or questions,
please feel free to reach out to me at

admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca

Check out our linktree!

https://linktr.ee/Quiltsforsurvivors?fbclid=IwAR1Q7vMtbWTcflAjjT5MY4qr2JRRxoOLrVa-00_YXOeQYrVzmHKHwZFTTrp8

Happy quilting – love Kat





I Spy

- A dinosaur
- Measuring tape
- Thread
- Green button
- Sewing Susan
- Pin cushion
- Thimble
- Pins

Figure 1 Photo from Google

If you haven't checked out the 94 calls to action you can read it below, it is an important part of Truth and Reconciliation.

It will take 42 years to complete at the rate they are going, all the calls to action will be completed in 2065.

Truth and Reconciliation

Commission of Canada: Calls to Action

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/british-columbians-our-governments/indigenous-people/aboriginal-peoples-documents/calls_to_action_english2.pdf



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