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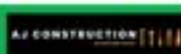


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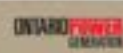
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From the Editor

Announcements:

Tickets for our 3rd Annual Sewing Retreat went on sale February 1st and as of publishing this newsletter are already 70% sold! Get yours today!

We have started shipping out quilts after the Canada Post strike has ended and are currently shipping for November 2023. This has extended the approximate wait time to 13 months from the previous 11-12 months.

We are asking you to **CONFIRM YOUR ADDRESS** or update it by visiting our website at www.quiltsforsurvivors.ca. **Due to the high number of quilts returned, we are no longer sending out quilts if you do not confirm your address before shipping.**

If you requested a quilt, please watch your inbox for an email asking you to confirm your address with us. We have also been calling and texting using our studio number: 705-262-1853.

We have extended the due date for the volunteer quilt block to March 1. More information can be found in the Volunteer section on our website.

MIIGWECH (Thank you!)



Phyllis Webstad

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Brandy Maslowski



Suzanne Gauthier



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

Hello everyone!

As we step into February, I'm thrilled about all the exciting activities we have coming up! Our latest newsletter is packed with updates and valuable information for Quilters, Volunteers, and Survivors.

I'm especially looking forward to our Spring Break Youth Week – it's going to be an incredible time filled with connection, creativity, and fun!

On a personal note, I have a lot of exciting things happening in the next few weeks. I'm overjoyed that some of my art will be featured at the Timmins Museum until the end of March! It's an incredible honor, and I'm so grateful to share this part of my journey with the community.

As always, we love hearing from you, so please feel free to share your thoughts and ideas with us. Your feedback helps shape future newsletters, and we truly appreciate your suggestions.

Thank you for your continued support! Be sure to check out our website for the latest updates.

Katherine Jeremiah
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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF





Message From Our CEO & Founder

By Vanessa Genier How Quilts for Survivors Builds Connection,
Resilience, and Community

Weaving a Legacy of Healing

Dear Quilts for Survivors Community,

As I reflect on the incredible journey of Quilts for Survivors, I am overwhelmed by the love, respect, and sense of community that our quilts represent. These handmade gifts, stitched with care and intention, embody a powerful message of healing and comfort – not just for the Survivors who receive them but also for the quilt makers who create them.

Every quilt carries with it a story of resilience and connection, traveling across Turtle Island to reach Survivors in remote communities and bustling cities alike. Each delivery is a reminder that no one is alone, that their experiences are honoured, and that healing is a shared journey.

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This mission has brought together an extraordinary community of makers, supporters, and volunteers from all walks of life. Quilters from coast to coast have poured their hearts into this work, finding their own solace and joy in creating something meaningful for others. Through their stitches, they channel respect for Survivors, honour for Indigenous cultures, and hope for reconciliation.

The impact of these quilts is felt far beyond the recipients. They inspire dialogue, foster understanding, and create bonds that bridge vast distances. They are a testament to what we can achieve when we come together in the spirit of love and respect.

To everyone who has contributed to this mission—through quilts, donations, or words of encouragement—thank you for being part of this journey. Together, we are weaving a legacy of healing, one quilt at a time.

Warm wishes,
Vanessa Genier M.S.M

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By Katherine Jeremiah

Photography by Katherine Jeremiah



Renovations, Murals, and New Opportunities Coming Soon!

Exciting Changes Coming to the Quilts for Survivors Studio!

Big things are happening at Quilts for Survivors, and we are thrilled to share some exciting updates with you!

Renovations Are on the Way – Inside & Out!

We are preparing to start renovations at the Studio, both inside and out! These improvements will help us create a more welcoming, functional, and inspiring space for quilting, learning, and gathering.

In addition to updating the interior, we are also planning to enhance the outside of the studio.

Our vision includes:

A Beautiful Survivors Garden – A peaceful space where we can connect with the land and grow together.

Murals – Artwork that reflects our mission, culture, and the strength of Survivors.

A Teepee – We are actively looking for one to provide a space for gathering, ceremony, and cultural teachings.

Stay tuned as we bring our vision to life!

Expanding Our Offerings: More Events & Classes

As we continue to grow, we are actively looking for more events to host and be part of. Whether it's workshops, community gatherings, or special collaborations, we are eager to expand our reach and impact. If you have an idea for an event that aligns with our mission, we'd love to hear from you!

In addition to events, we are also offering more classes. Whether you are new to quilting or looking to refine your skills, we are committed to providing engaging and educational experiences for all. Keep an eye out for announcements on upcoming class schedules and registration details.

Join Us on This Journey!

We are grateful for the continued support of our community and our Sponsors, and we can't wait to share these next steps with you. As we move forward with renovations and new programming, we invite you to be part of this exciting chapter. Stay connected with us for updates, and feel free to reach out if you'd like to get involved.

Together, we are creating something truly special.

With gratitude,

The Quilts for Survivors Team

QUILTS FOR SURVIVORS STUDIO SCHEDULE FEBRUARY

2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 ADMIN	3 CLOSED	4 CLOSED	5 CLOSED BLOCK MAKING* Zoom	6 CLOSED	7 Intro to long sewing* 10-4pm
8	9 ADMIN	10 OPEN 10am-4pm	11 OPEN 10am-4pm Intro to Sewing* 11am-1pm	12 OPEN 10am-4pm	13 CLOSED 11P-12AM BLOCK Zoom - Zoom	14
15 Zoom Class* 2-4pm	16 ADMIN	17 OPEN 10am-4pm	18 OPEN 10am-4pm Quilt Social 3-4pm	19 OPEN 10am-4pm Youth Night*	20 CLOSED	21 Binding marathon 11am-4pm
22	23 ADMIN	24 OPEN 10am-4pm	25 OPEN 10am-4pm	26 OPEN 10am-4pm HAPPY BIRTHDAY	27 CLOSED	28

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



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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.

Regular Hours

We are open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 am to 6 pm.

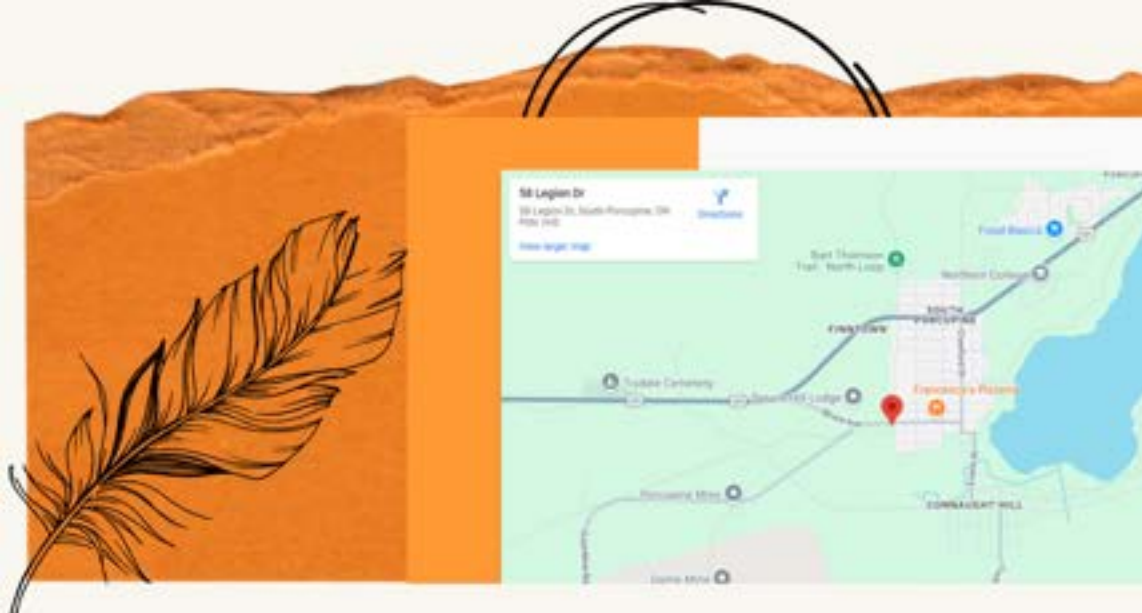
Stay Updated on Our Events!

Did you know you can find all our upcoming events on our website? From sewing retreats to workshops and special community gatherings, our events page is the best place to stay informed and get involved.



Studio Updates

By Katherine Jeremiah
Photography by Katherine Jeremiah



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South Peninsula, CA
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Phone

[707.466.4611](tel:415-663-1111)

Email

Admin@quiltsouthpeninsula.org

Sewing Space

We're thrilled to share some exciting updates from our sewing studio! Over the past few weeks, we've been busy revamping our space to make it more inviting and functional for all our quilters and volunteers.



Workshops

Keep an eye out for upcoming workshops and open sewing days, where you can explore new techniques and connect with fellow creatives. We're excited to see what you'll create in our refreshed studio!

Fabric Room

We've also organized a vibrant fabric library, making it easier for everyone to access the materials they need for their projects.





Stories From Survivors & Volunteers

Share Your Story in Our Newsletter!

We're excited to invite members of our community—Survivors, Volunteers, and Supporters alike—to contribute to our upcoming newsletters!

Whether you have a personal story, reflections on your experiences, or thoughts about your journey with Quilts for Survivors, we'd love to feature your voice.

This is a wonderful opportunity to inspire others, celebrate resilience, and share the impact of our mission in your own words. No matter how big or small your story feels, it can make a difference.

We look forward to hearing from you and sharing your unique perspective with our community!

**To have your story featured here please email:
admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca**

Feel free to include a picture with your story as well.

Your story can remain anonymous if you prefer, we respect your privacy and invite you to share however you wish.

Upcoming Events

By Katherine Jeremiah
February's Events and Workshops

Intro To Long arming - Feb. 8

Join us for a hands-on Intro to Longarming workshop on Saturday, February 8, 2025, from 12 PM to 5 PM in South Porcupine. Perfect for beginners, you'll learn machine loading, threading, and beginner-friendly quilting designs. Spots are limited, so register today!



Intro To Sewing - Feb. 12

Join us at our Intro to Sewing Workshop from 11 am - 1 pm at our studio, perfect for beginners or those who need to freshen up their skills. We teach basic stitches, how to use the machine, and make a cool block in the process. To register please email admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca

Drum Social - Feb. 19

Join us for an evening of connection, culture, and community at our Drum Social & Potluck. Celebrate the rich traditions of drumming and singing, enjoy shared meals, and experience the unity these powerful rhythms inspire. All are welcome—bring a dish to share!





Youth Night - Feb. 20

Calling all youth ages 16-29! Join us for a fun and interactive evening where you will learn sewing skills, create something unique, and gain volunteer hours for school. Enjoy a delicious dinner while connecting with new friends and exploring your creativity. To Register please email admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca

Binding Marathon - Feb. 22

Join us for a day of fun, food, and teamwork at our Binding Marathon and Potluck! Bring your energy and appetite as we work together to finish binding projects while sharing delicious dishes and great company. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a beginner, there's a place for everyone to contribute and connect.



SCAN HERE TO VIEW OUR FUTURE EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS



Any questions? Email admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca

Updates

by Katherine Jeremiah



Donations



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

Survey



Our Survey On Colonization &
Indigenous Land: Effects and
Conservation can be filled out here
<https://forms.office.com/r/QnUan79EBv>

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.

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>

Quilt Canada Binding



We are asking for a 2.5-inch binding joined
on the diagonal.

If you cannot attend please email
admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca for the mailing address
Shipping begins in April 2025



Wishlist

Purchasing items off our Wishlist helps
us get things we need for the new
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 6,650 quilts.**
That's amazing! Thank you everyone for your continued support!

General Info & FAQs



Volunteer Quilt Top?

Update: The deadline has been extended to March 1, 2025

You can **find the pattern on our website** www.quiltsforsurvivors.ca

We ask that you only send us **ONE block per volunteer**.

Please include your name, city/town, and how long you have been a volunteer.

Mail to:

Quilts for Survivors 58 Legion Drive, South Porcupine, ON P0N 1H0

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

58 Legion Dr., South Porcupine, ON P0N 1H0

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



Do you know a survivor?

Please contact us to submit your request for yourself or another Survivor by phone, email or via our website.

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Quilts For Survivors started in 2021 with the vision of seeing all living Survivors with a quilt. Quilts For Survivors honours the journeys of Residential School Survivors, Day School Survivors, 60's Scoop Survivors and anyone who has gone through the foster care system.

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SPONSOR OUR SPRING BREAK

Youth Week March 10 - 13

We are seeking Sponsors to help cover:

- Materials for workshops at our Studio
- Snacks and refreshments
- Small prizes for the Youth

Sponsors can benefit from:

- Your logo featured on our website & promotional materials
- Public recognition at events
- Opportunities to connect with the community
- An invitation to our Arts Showcase

To become a Sponsor,
please contact us today.

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3RD ANNUAL ORANGE YOU GLAD WE'RE SEWING RETREAT



Vanessa Genier
Orange Shirt Society



Brandy Maslowski



Phyllis Webstad

September 27-30, 2025

About The Retreat

It is a time to **come together** as an international community to **sew, learn, & be inspired**, and to **meet other volunteers and QFS's own Quilter** with a Heart of Gold, Vanessa Genier M.S.M.

Visit the City with a heart of gold and learn how we **give back to Survivors**. Be a part of Truth and Reconciliation.



Vanessa Genier

Retreat Highlights

HONOURARY GUEST
PHYLLIS WEBSTAD FROM
THE ORANGE SHIRT SOCIETY

CLASSES
Quilting Classes Taught by
Brandy Maslowski, The Quilter on Fire
Long Arm Sewing Classes Taught by
Suzanne Gauthier, The Quilting Barn

TRADITIONAL TEACHINGS
Each day we will have traditional
Indigenous Teachings from Grandma Cheryl.

MEALS

We are pleased to offer daily
lunches and dinners to all attendees.
Please note: Dinner will not be
provided on September 27th.

**TICKETS ONSALE
NOW!**

\$260.00 + FEES

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Join Vanessa Genier, Founder
& CEO of Quilts for Survivors,
in creating a heart block!

Proceeds from this class will go towards shipping
quilts to survivors.

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FEBRUARY

Over Zoom - Recording available after

9:00 AM

1:00 PM

TO REGISTER PLEASE EMAIL:
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Messages From Our Board

Board Member Clara W

Board Member Cheryl M

Board Member Theresa (Terri) N

We are incredibly grateful to all our past and current Sponsors for their generosity and unwavering support—it has been instrumental in helping us achieve our mission. As we look forward to an exciting year filled with impactful activities, we are actively seeking new Sponsors to join our journey.

We are also thrilled to announce our upcoming 3rd Annual Sewing Retreat! This is an amazing opportunity for people to connect, create, and contribute to our mission. Spots are filling up quickly, and we're expecting to sell out, so don't wait to join us for this special event.

If you or someone you know is interested in sponsoring Quilts for Survivors, we'd love to hear from you. A sponsorship package can be requested by contacting us at admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca, and you can also reach the board directly at our new email: board@quiltsforsurvivors.ca

Thank you for helping us weave hope, healing, and connection across Turtle Island. Together, we can make a difference!



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