

October 2023 Newsletter

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A Message from our CEO & Founder

Wow! What a weekend. I don't think I have ever been this tired after a weekend. It was the most amazing, spectacular, fun, lots of learning, emotional, inspirational, and so worth it. These are just a few of the words used to describe our 1st Annual Sewing Retreat.

Seeing all your planning, thoughts, and ideas come together and people enjoying themselves. This is exactly what I was thinking of when planning the Sewing Retreat. I wanted people to relax, enjoy, learn, and grow not only on their quilting but also to grow in their own life. Susan, our speaker, gave us lots of advice and encouragement to really look at why we do what we do and how we should live for ourselves. How we should be our true selves. I know that she has helped me move forward after my second marriage ended.

Suzanne taught us two amazing blocks that taught many new skills or techniques. I liked the big block that was straight forward and made a big impact. I had fun sharing my simple block that helped new quilters jump in and feel confident about themselves.

Spending the weekend with so many wonderful, caring people was exactly what I needed. Throwing quilting in the mix was like eating dessert first. It was a great space to share my culture, traditions, and myself with all of you.

Thank you to all who joined online. I really hope you also received something from the event. Quilters are an amazing bunch of giving people. Thank you all for coming you made this event so special.

All my love for the year ahead until next year,

Vanessa

We completed binding on 19 quilts
We made 62 quilt tops (several with new blocks we made)

Orange You Glad We're Sewing 2nd Annual Retreat September 27-30, 2024.

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>



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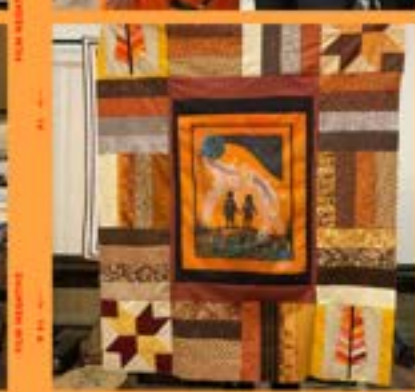
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Throughout the retreat we had traditional drumming, teachings and stories from Survivors.



We worked on a few new blocks as seen on the right, we then made the blocks into tops.



A few of the Local Volunteers set up a table full of scraps and got to work creating scrappy blocks! Pictured at the table are Therese, Collette & Judy.

Our Speaker Susan Crawford

Throughout the retreat Susan talked and had motivational speeches.



Alex and I took Susan out to a few different spots! Radical Gardens for dinner - she couldn't stop talking about the fries - and to the Vic to sit down and have a drink!



Susan learned how to sew with some help from Patsy, who managed to teach at least 5 other non quilters to sew.

It was a lot of fun having Susan at the retreat and she's even coming back next year to sew!





Event Summary

- 56 Registered Guests
- 4 days of Sewing
- Drumming
- Teachings
- Traditional Feast
- Stories From Survivors
- Quilt presentations to Survivors
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Upcoming Events

September - Class quilt 2023-2024

The class Quilt for 2023-2024 starts on September 17th. To sign up please visit <https://forms.gle/UDzH743oLDw8VsD98>

All Classes are recorded and can be viewed at any time.

Orange You Glad We're Sewing Retreat Signup Opens Febuary 1st 2024

Limited spots available
\$225 Fee includes Lunches, Dinners and Snacks
Does not include accommodations OR Travel
Fee Must be paid in full upon registration.

- Lunches, Dinners, Snacks
- Traditional Teachings
- Drumming & Dancing
- Stories from Survivors
- Meet Vanessa
- Meet other Volunteers
- Learn From Karen Brown
- Studio Tours



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Quilts For Survivors

2nd ANNUAL SEWING RETREAT

When?
September 27th -30th, 2024
Where?
Timmins Ontario - Location To Be
Announced
Tickets?
On Sale February 1st, 2024

FEATURING
Karen Brown - Just Get It Done Quilts

Upcoming Events

Machine Quilting Workshop



About Workshop
We will teach you how to do machine quilting on 4 domestic sewing machines.
• Sandwich the quilts / fabric
• Machine Quilting

November 29th 2023 at 10 am EST
*Future Dates To Be Announced

Quilts For Survivors Studio
Timmins , Ontario

Join Us On Zoom

Vanessa Genier
Founder & CEO of QFS

Suzanne G
Director of The Quilting Room

Price: FREE
Donation of \$10 to charity appreciated

****Limited to Person Spots****
To Register Email Admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca

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Quilts For Survivors

QUILTS FOR SURVIVORS \$1 CHALLENGE

November 29th 2023
12:00 am - 11:59 pm



Questions?
Reach out to the Admin Team
Admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca

Please See Facebook for more details.

Longarm Workshop



About Workshop
We will Teach you how to do free motion all over quilting on a 10' foot Longarm Machine.
• Loading
• Quilting
• Unloading

January 24-27th 2024

Quilts For Survivors Studio
Timmins , Ontario

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Longarm Quilter

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Updates

Donations



Donations can be made by
EMT to Vanessa@quiltsforsurvivors.ca
or through buy me a coffee
[Stay Tuned For Updates](#)

Linktree



Check out our Linktree!
It has all our links such as our website, Instagram,
Tiktok and more!
<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 16 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 **3,800** quilts. That's amazing!
Thank you everyone for your continued support!



for more information please visit www.quiltsforsurvivors.ca

Stories from Survivors & Volunteers



**If you have a story you would like to share, please email it to
admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca.**

**Any story from a survivor or volunteer is welcomed
and you can choose to remain anonymous**

QUILTS FOR SURVIVORS STUDIO SCHEDULE NOVEMBER 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29	30	31	1 OPEN 10AM-8PM	2 OPEN 10AM-8PM	3 ADMIN	4
5	6 ADMIN	7 OPEN 10AM-8PM	8 OPEN 10AM-8PM	9 OPEN 10AM-8PM	10 ADMIN MACHINE QUILTING WORKSHOP	11
12	13 ADMIN	14 OPEN 10AM-8PM	15 OPEN 10AM-8PM	16 OPEN 10AM-8PM BIBING WORKSHOP	17 ADMIN	18
19 OOM CLASS @2PM	20 ADMIN	21 OPEN 10AM-8PM	22 OPEN 10AM-8PM	23 OPEN 10AM-8PM	24 ADMIN	25 BINDING MARATHON 11AM-3PM
26	27 ADMIN	28 OPEN 10AM-8PM	29 OPEN 10AM-8PM HAPPY BIRTHDAY MICHAEL	30 OPEN 10AM-8PM YOUTH NIGHT	1	2

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



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source: google images



Colour in the Wolf

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Block of the month TMNF - Teenage Mutant Ninja Fabric Designed by Kat & Jo

I took fabric from the scrap bins, jo picked out the colours. I made 6.5 inch blocks with the green and brown. then made half square triangles. once the half square triangles were done i snowballed the green corner with a piece of coloured fabric. The "snowballed" corners weren't meant to look perfect as this block was designed to represent the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, which is one of Jo's favourite cartoons. If you do end up trying this out please send me a picture at admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca

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Information

BLOCK

Donations

AT QUILT CANADA 2024



Drop-Off Location
Edmonton Convention Centre in
Edmonton, Alberta.
Drop-Off Dates
June 19-22, 2024
Size of blocks
12.5 inch blocks

We are looking for Block donations at
Quilt Canada 2024 in Edmonton, Alberta.

We have a goal of 1000 Donated Blocks!!!



QUESTIONS?

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NEED A LABEL?

EMAIL:
ADMIN@QUILTSFORSURVIVORS.CA

INCLUDE YOUR NAME AND ADDRESS
FOR A **PHYSICAL LABEL**
OR ASK FOR THE **DIGITAL FILE** OR
SPECIFY WHICH **EMBROIDERY FILE**

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

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

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YOUTH Sewing NIGHT

NOVEMBER 30TH

QUILTS FOR
SURVIVORS

FROM 4:00 PM -8:00 PM
340 SPRUCE ST S APT B
TIMMINS ON P4N2M9

FREE PIZZA & DRINK

To Register Email
Admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca



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

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A message from the Editor

Hello everyone,

I had a great time at the sewing retreat!
I loved meeting everyone! I was so so happy to meet
Christine and her daughter Fiona, I previously met
Christine at Quilts Canada in Halifax.

I had a great couple of days with Susan, Sue,
Auntie Suzanne, Mum, Alex, Donna, Therese, Judy
and Collette ... just to name a few.

I had a great time watching all of the wonderful
Volunteers sew and create amazing blocks & tops!

I cant wait for next year!
We have already started planning!!!

I really appreciate everyone who helps QFS in any way.
We have been busy putting away donations, supplies etc
from the sewing retreat, which is why this month's
Enewsletter is going out late.
I hope you all had a good month, and Happy Halloween!

Happy quilting - kat



**If you have a story you would like to share, please
email it to admin@quiltsforsurvivors.ca.**

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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