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IS IT A WHISPER OR A SHOUT?

Where does one find the whisper of an idea that begins a new project? If you ask those around you, each friend may offer a different answer. Some may not know where their inspiration begins—it simply arrives when it's needed. Inspiration comes to each of us in its own way; for some, it is a quiet whisper, for others, a joyful shout.

The cover of this issue presents a collage of possibilities where one might find creative inspiration. These photographs are downloaded from www.freepik.com—a website that licenses photographs and artwork for editorial and commercial use—another source of inspiration! Below is the list I composed to find the photographs.

If inspiration is hard to find at the end of a long, cold season, consider this list or the cover photographs—an idea may be waiting to whisper or shout!

- Spring gardens beginning to bloom
- Wildflowers along country roads
- Heirloom quilts made by mothers or grandmothers
- A cherished piece of vintage fabric or lace
- Changing light across fields, water or mountains
- Birds, nests and feathers
- The colours of sunrise or sunset
- Traditional quilt patterns with deep history
- Cultural textiles from around the world
- Nature's textures—bark, stone, moss and leaves
- A meaningful life event or family story
- Quiet time in the sewing room
- Friendship and community
- A class that teaches a new skill
- Beautiful fabric collections in a local shop
- Travel memories and landscapes
- Music that sparks emotion
- The rhythm of stitching and slow making
- A desire to create something lasting and useful
- Hope and renewal that come with a new season ♥

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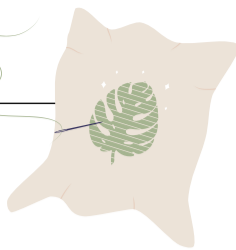
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NOTICE IT, NURTURE IT

We don't always notice the exact moment inspiration strikes. It doesn't usually announce itself. Think back. When was the last time you felt truly inspired to sew? Maybe it has been a long time. Maybe it was just last week! What was the catalyst? Was it a colour combination that stopped you in your tracks? A texture

you couldn't stop thinking about? A challenge that lit a quiet fire under you? Often, the spark happens before we even realize it, and suddenly we're mentally pairing fabrics, drafting ideas in a notebook or sketching designs on the back of a receipt.

So where does that spark come from? Where can you find it when it feels elusive?

For some, it begins in nature. A mossy forest floor layered in greens and browns. The sharp contrast of winter branches against a pale sky. The rhythm of waves, the geometry of a honeycomb, the soft gradient of a sunset. Nature is an endless textile library if you're paying attention. Colours feel more nuanced outdoors; patterns feel organic and alive. A walk can easily become a design meeting with yourself. It may translate into a flowing



garment, a structured bag or a bold quilt layout.

Others find inspiration in art galleries or museums. Seeing how another artist handles line, contrast or negative space can unlock something unexpected. A bold abstract painting might translate into improvisational piecing. A minimalist sculpture could inspire clean tailoring or a pared-back accessory. Art reminds us that textiles are

not just functional, they are expressive.

Thrifted is another powerful catalyst. Running your hands along racks of discarded garments, you start to see potential instead of waste. A wool skirt becomes appliqué shapes or the raw material for a reimagined jacket. A cotton dress transforms into quilt blocks, a tote bag or a stack of patchwork pockets. Upcycling

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For many sewists, the strongest motivation is relational. Making a baby quilt for a friend. Sewing a dress for a milestone birthday. Crafting a backpack for a child's first day of school. Repairing a beloved jacket so it can be worn another season. Sewing becomes an act of care. The project holds more than fabric; it carries intention.

And sometimes, inspiration comes from within. A desire to grow. Recently, for me, that spark came from entering a quilt show. The idea of putting my work out there felt both thrilling and terrifying. A deadline suddenly existed. "Good enough" no longer felt satisfying. Points needed to be crisp. Seams needed to align. The finishing needed to be intentional. Down to the wire, I worked hard, not just to finish, but to refine.

That kind of pressure isn't for everyone. Competition

can energize some and paralyze others. But what that experience gave me wasn't so much the possibility of recognition; it gave me focus. It pushed me beyond my usual stopping point. It reminded me that improvement often lives just past discomfort. Inspiration doesn't always look like excitement. Sometimes it looks like discipline.

Sometimes it looks like curiosity. Sometimes it looks like love.

What drives you to sew? Is it colour? Sustainability? Connection? Mastery? Play? Deadlines?

There's no single right answer. The beauty of sewing is that it holds space for all of it—the careful tailoring of a garment, the engineering of a bag, the

slow stitching of a quilt, the simple satisfaction of a well-executed hem. But inspiration isn't something to wait for. Let's notice it, nurture it and follow where it leads. ❤️

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by Virna Sheard
1862-1943

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with softly shining eyes,
And daffodils bound
in her wind-blown hair,
Oh, she will coax all
clouds from out the skies,
And every day will
bring some sweet surprise—
The swallows will come
swinging through the air
When April comes!

When April comes
with tender smile and tear,
Dear dandelions
will gild the common ways,
And at the break of
morning we will hear
The piping of the
robins crystal clear—
While bobolinks will
whistle through the days,
When April comes!

When April comes,
the world so wise and old,
Will half forget that
it is worn and grey;
Winter will seem but
as a tale long told—
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all its frost and cold
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WHAT INSPIRES YOU?

FINDING CREATIVE SPARK THROUGH TEXTILES & TRAVEL

Inspiration is a curious thing. Sometimes it arrives quietly, sparked by a familiar fabric pulled from a shelf. Other times, it arrives in a rush—bold, unexpected and full of possibility. And sometimes, inspiration is driven by motivation: the theme of a guild challenge, a looming deadline or that familiar, persistent urge to finally finish the project waiting patiently in the sewing room. However it arrives, inspiration has a way of nudging us forward, inviting us to begin—or begin again.

For me, few things ignite creativity as powerfully as textiles and travel. Around the world, cloth tells stories—of place, tradition, innovation and identity. When you step into an international quilt festival or a textile museum, you're not just viewing fabric;



you're witnessing ideas stitched into form. Each piece reflects a maker's voice, shaped by culture, history, and personal expression.

International quilt festivals are especially inspiring spaces. They bring together artists from across the globe, each offering unique perspectives and techniques. One moment you might be admiring intricate handwork rooted in centuries-old tradition; the next, you're captivated by bold contemporary fibre art that pushes the boundaries of what a quilt can be. These experiences stretch our understanding of quilting and remind us that creativity knows no borders.

Travel deepens that inspiration in unexpected ways. Colours appear richer when seen in context—the soft neutrals of European stone buildings, the vibrant hues of Australian landscapes and sunsets, the layered textures found in historic British textiles. Patterns reveal themselves in architecture, nature and everyday life. Even a simple walk through a local market or village can spark a new design idea or colour palette.

I've seen this kind of inspiration take root in powerful ways. After our recent Australia tour, a traveller shared how the experience stayed with her long after she returned home. She told me that while she wasn't a quilter when she joined the tour, visiting Kathy Doughty's (Material Obsession) workshop (Organic Appliqué) lit a spark she hadn't expected. Kathy's appliqué work and fearless use of colour lingered with her, inspiring her to order Kathy's book *Organic Appliqué* to learn more. Before long, that inspiration turned into action—she bought a sewing machine and began creating for herself. She later reflected that without the creative experiences of our Newfoundland and Australia tours, that new outlet for creativity might never have found a home.

When inspiration truly takes hold, it carries a momentum of its own. It reminds me of a quote I learned from my mother, one that always rings true when creativity is fully awakened, "There's no force greater than an idea whose time has come." In those moments, ideas don't need to be pushed or forced—they arrive ready, urgent and eager to be brought to life.

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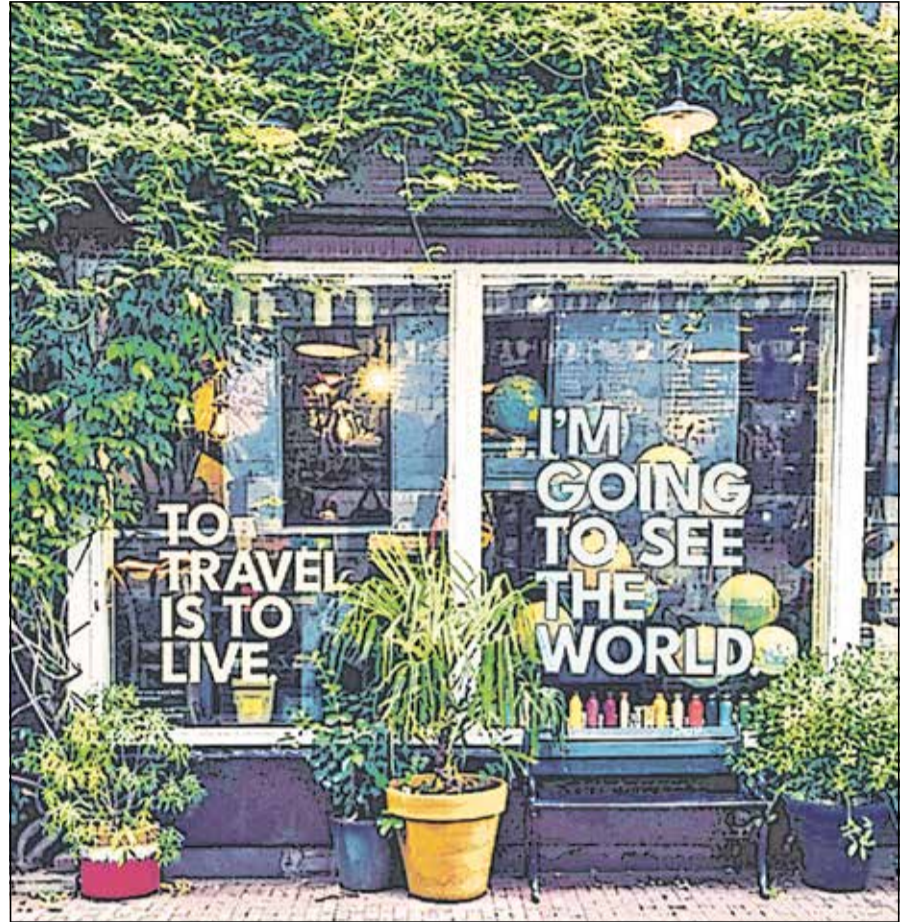
by Boundary Bay Quilters Guild

2025 was a banner year for the *Boundary Bay Quilters Guild (BBQG)*. The group marked its 25th Anniversary with a gala evening at the Beach Grove Golf Course in September. The highlight of this event was the premiere viewing of *A Sliver of Silver Runs Through It*, a collaborative fibre art piece made by 38 members. Each member created an 18- by 36-inch panel, which were all displayed side-by-side. The common element was the same “ribbon” of silver fabric running through all 38 panels. The exhibition will be on public display for the first time at the BBQG quilt show, *Quilts By The Bay*, held Saturday, May 2, to Sunday, May 3, at the South Delta Recreation Centre in Tsawwassen. This location is just off Highway 17A, very close to the Tsawwassen Ferry Terminal. Features of the show include live entertainment, demonstrations, a featured quilter, guild boutique, raffle baskets, raffle quilts, a Merchants’ Mall and much more. Admission is \$10, good for both days. Cash, debit or credit cards will be accepted at the door.

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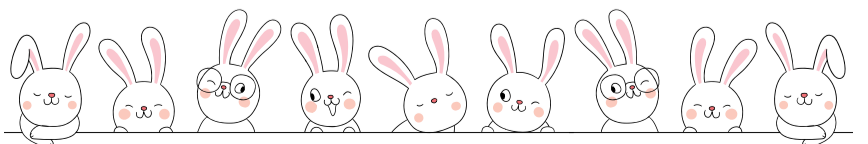
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INSPIRED TRAVEL QUILTS

by Marcy Horswill

Experiencing new places always fuels my creativity. Different surroundings invite me to explore and discover. I am especially drawn to textural designs and unique

colour combinations found in architecture and nature. I record what I see in hundreds of photographs, attempting to capture the special “feel” of an environment. I take the photos home and treasure them like a pirate’s golden hoard.

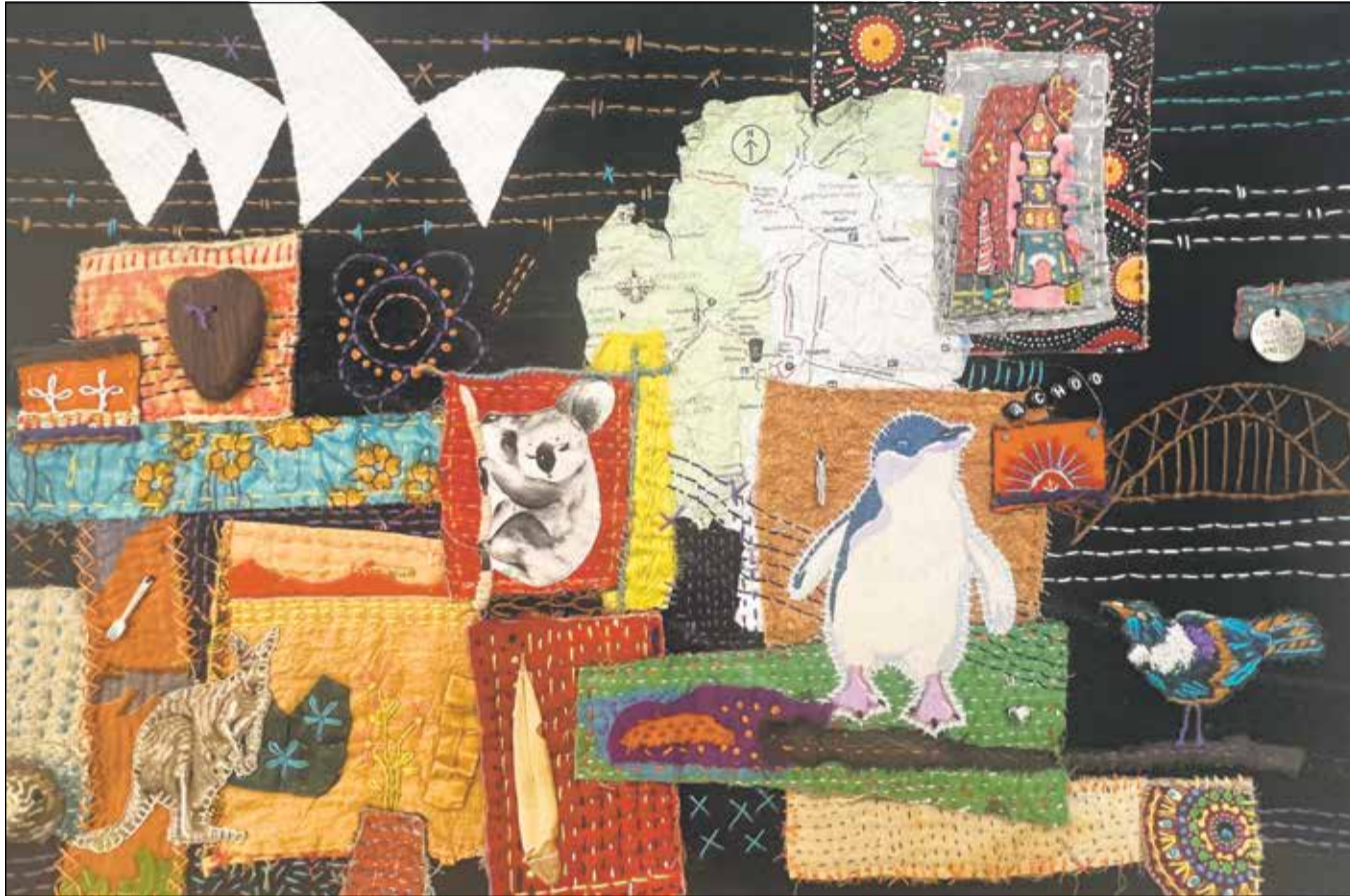
In September, I travelled to Australia on a *Kim Caskey Quilt and Textile Tour*. I had visited

the country twice before and had certain expectations of what I might see. The surprise of this tour was experiencing Australia with a group of 20 incredible women who shared the same passion for textiles. Some were quilters, some were not—but none of us could resist studying (and touching, and purchasing when possible)

any textile that crossed our path. Travelling with like-minded people deepened my experience.

Over the three weeks, our guest host, Pam Holland, guided us in creating a textile artwork to represent our journey—an art travel quilt. We were all collectors of fabric, but on this tour, our focus shifted to collecting with intention, choosing pieces to incorporate into a handmade travel keepsake. Beyond fabric, we gathered tiny charms, beads, scarves, shells, maps—anything that could be stitched into our final pieces.

Midway through the tour, Pam devoted an entire day to encouraging us to open our minds and translate our experiences onto fabric. We began with a collected base >>



Travel quilt by Kim Caskey (above), small (right) and large (below) travel quilts by Marcy Horswill

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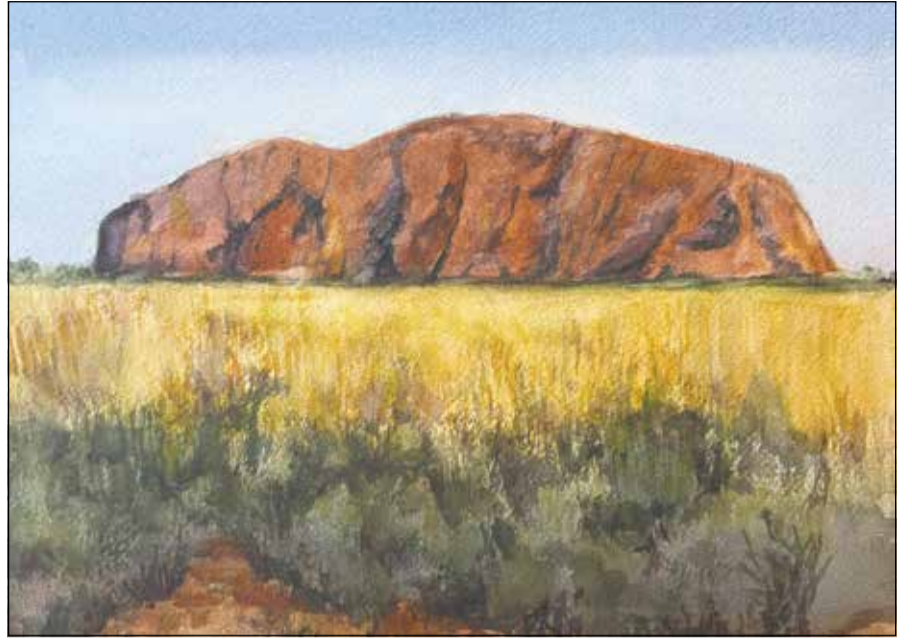
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fabric, then slow-stitched our treasures into rich, layered collages of memory. This rhythm of collecting, stitching and sharing continued throughout the trip, keeping us all alert to the small details that mark meaningful moments. Once home, we continue to stay connected through our group chat. Some have shared



Small travel quilt (above, left) by Kim Caskey
Watercolour painting (above) and travel quilt (right) by Kathy Nelms



their finished travel quilts or other projects inspired by the journey. Others are still working away, fitting stitches into the margins of busy lives. I am grateful to those who allowed me to share their work in this issue.

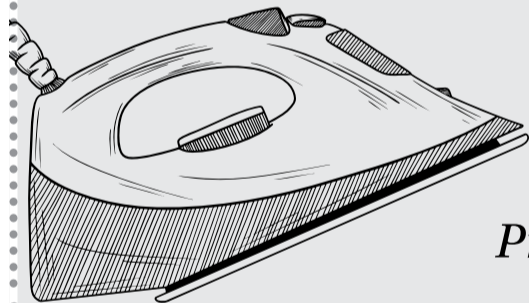
chance to explore somewhere new—where there may be inspiration waiting around every corner. ❤️

I hope you find inspiration somewhere within these pages. I highly recommend taking the



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Recipes shared by Lynn Burdett (Gremlynn) of Prairie Points Quilt Shop, Ponoka, AB

BASIC WHITE BREAD



- Two packages or 1½ tbsp of active dry yeast
- ½ cup of warm water (105°-115° F)
- 1¾ cups warm water
- 3 tbsp of white sugar
- 1 tbsp salt
- 2 tbsp of butter or oil
- 6 to 7 cups all-purpose or unbleached flour
- A bit more butter, softened to brush loaves before and after baking



Method

Dissolve yeast in ½ cup warm water until showing signs of activity (5 to 10 minutes), then add to a large mixing bowl with 1¾ cups warm water, sugar, salt, butter (or oil) and 3½ cups of flour. Beat until smooth. Add remaining flour, about ½ cup at a time until dough is shaggy—still sticky, but easy to handle (likely not all flour is needed). Incorporate in the large bowl, until all comes together, with no obvious flour lumps.

Turn onto lightly floured or slightly damp surface, knead for 8 to 10 minutes, until smooth and elastic. The dough will become cool and feel satiny and will hold shape when shaped into a ball. Lightly grease cleaned out bowl, roll ball of dough into it, turning greased side up. Cover with a clean tea towel. Let rise (also known as proofing) in warm place about an hour until double in size. If kitchen is cool, put bowl with dough into oven with light on. Dough is ready if indentation remains when poked.

When risen, turn dough onto counter and punch down with fingertips or knuckles. Make it flat, pushing out air bubbles. Divide dough into two halves. Form each half into rectangular shape, about 9"x18". Fold crosswise into thirds, overlap the two sides, then roll up, tightly, jellyroll style.

Press ends closed, tuck under, forming smooth loaf shape. Place loaves, seam side down, into two greased loaf pans, 9"x5"x3", brush with butter. Cover loaves, let rise second time, about 45 minutes to one hour. Let rise up, out of pans. Touch to see if a slight indentation stays. They are ready to bake.

Preheat your oven to 425° F. Put loaves in oven on rack in lower third of oven in order to allow room to continue to rise. Pans should not touch each other. A pan of boiled water may be placed under loaves, if desired, to create a steam oven and give great oven spring. Bake 25 to 30 minutes until deep golden brown crust forms and loaves sound hollow when tapped with wooden spoon. Remove from pans. If bottoms of loaves are too light, return to oven for a while longer. Let cool on wire rack and brush with more butter for a soft buttery crust. *Enjoy!* ♥

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THE THREADS THAT BIND US

by Langley Quilters' Guild

The Langley Quilters' Guild is proudly celebrating its twenty-first year. The group meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month (excluding December) at the George Preston Recreation Centre, located at 20699-42 Ave in the Township of Langley, BC. To accommodate our members, both a morning and an evening meeting are offered.

The Guild warmly welcomes quilters of all skill levels. Members with years of experience participate in a mentorship program designed to guide and inspire those who are newer to quilting or eager to learn new techniques.

Each monthly meeting features an engaging program that may include a guest speaker, trunk show or demonstration. We also enjoy "Show and Tell," where members share their recently completed projects. In between the morning and evening meetings, members can participate in a mini workshop or simply stay and stitch together—a wonderful opportunity for learning and fellowship.

The Langley Quilters' Guild is deeply committed to supporting our community. We regularly donate beautiful quilts to individuals and organizations in need of comfort. The quilts have been sent to communities affected by floods and devastating fires—even to families in Saskatchewan impacted by the tragic Humboldt Broncos bus crash. Locally, we provide quilts to Victim Services, senior centres, children's hospitals and women's shelters, often distributing 30 or more quilts each month.

Every two years, the Guild proudly presents a quilt show. This year, our show, *The Threads That Bind Us*, will be held May 8 and 9, at the Christian Life Assembly, located at 21277-56 Avenue in Langley, BC. Visitors will have the opportunity to view more than 300 quilts created by our talented members. Some of these quilts have been featured in national juried *Quilt Canada* exhibits and include national award winners.

In addition to the quilt displays, our show offers many special features. We will honour members who have passed away since our last show in 2024 with a touching memorial quilt display. Guests may relax in our tea room, enjoying freshly made sandwiches, delicious baked goods and hot coffee or tea. Be sure to try your luck in our ever-popular Krazy Raffle, featuring beautifully themed gift baskets filled with quilting

treasures and other delightful items. Participants can place their tickets in the baskets they hope to win. Our gift shop offers a variety of handmade and quilting-related items that appeal to quilters and non-quilters alike. We are also pleased to host 12 vendors from across British Columbia, each bringing an exciting selection of fabrics, tools and quilting supplies available for purchase during the show.

Join us and prepare to be amazed and inspired. You'll leave glad that you came—and likely not empty-handed! ♥

Note: For more information about the show, view the Guild's ad on page four.

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What I love most about travel-inspired creativity is how it follows us home. We return with fresh eyes and renewed curiosity, more willing to try new techniques, mix unexpected colours or experiment with scale and texture. Inspiration doesn't mean copying what we've seen; it means allowing those experiences to inform and evolve our own creative voice.

And of course, you don't need to travel far to find this kind of spark. Local quilt shows, guild exhibits, museums and artisan studios offer powerful opportunities to see work through a different lens. Even paging through a favourite book or revisiting a treasured quilt can reignite creative momentum.

When we ask ourselves, "What inspires you?" we're really asking how open we are to curiosity, motivation and discovery. Inspiration thrives when we give ourselves permission to explore, to learn and to be moved by the creativity around us.

Because inspiration isn't something we wait for—it's something we welcome in, one curious step, one motivating nudge and one inspired stitch at a time. ♥

Kim Caskey operates and is Tour Host for Kim Caskey Quilt & Textile Tours, as well as a Professional Longarm Quilter and Educator. If you would like to learn more about Kim and her tours or quilting, please visit Kim's website: www.kimcaskey.ca.

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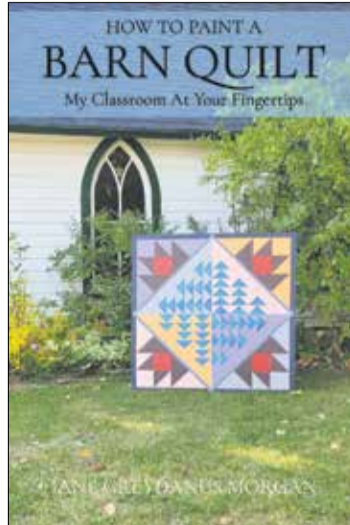
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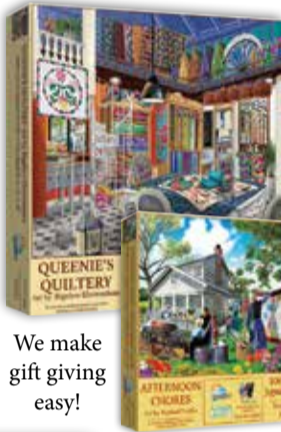
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