

Want a career in quilting?



I want to share this with you!

Want a career in quilting? Find out how others got started in my twice monthly newsletter. I have met so many creative people who have carved out a niche for themselves in the world of quilting over the past 15 years. Some of them I met through local guilds, and others through my own quilting ventures (Quilts the Creek and quiltTalk). I thought it would be fun to peek into their stories with you.. and possibly inspire you to make that leap. I hope you find their stories as interesting as I have!

Meet Peter Byrne

I first met Peter Byrne when he walked into his first Toronto Modern Quilt Guild meeting in January of 2017. He had made quilts for family and friends in the past, but now retired from his Hair Salon business, he was ready for a new venture.

Wow, did he aim high, and wow did he get there!

He showed some of his work, which featured his own modern quilt design and stunning quilts. He explained he was interested in entering juried quilt shows, and right from the start his work featured a unique design sensibility and quilting skills which are the highest I have seen.



At the time I was running Quilts at the Creek, and offered to put "The Spotlight" on his work and offered him space to show 5 of his pieces. The response was overwhelming, and he knew he was on to something special. He has gone from high to high. The accolades are too numerous to list here.

A few career highs:

His entries into QuiltCon, the largest modern quilt show in the world, have netted him 3 top honours with Best in Show, Best Machine Quilting Frameless and a Judges Choice award, making him the only person in the 10 year history of QuiltCon to have won a first, second and third place ribbon. Peter had 9 quilts juried into Quilt Canada on his debut year in 2021 and was one of 12 teachers that was invited to present a National Lecture and this year at Quilt Canada 2023, he has done it again with 8 quilts juried into the show!

All of this has led him to a career as a Zoom Presenter and Workshop Instructor. He has given over 150 Trunk Shows and Workshops to various guilds all over Canada, the US and beyond since going online in 2020. Those who have taken his classes love his energy, his patience and welcoming teaching style.



I invite you to follow Peter on Instagram @petersquilts and check out his workshops at www.peterbquilts.com

For further inquires Peter invites you to email him directly at petersquilts@gmail.com

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