

## Some Fun on the Internet Lately

Donna Hamilton

While Kathy Willey was preparing an article, she reread these words from the acknowledgements section in her book *Sewflakes*, written 13 years ago: "Quilting can be a very solitary activity. Sometimes I fear I could become a recluse, for I truly enjoy the days I get to spend, quiet and alone, working on a quilting project. Yet I am not alone." We are in this together and let us be grateful for everything we still have - including you, my dear friends. On to plan B! Taken from an email she sent around.

**Humour will get us through this ...** the first two were found by Diane Hogan of the Limestone Quilters.



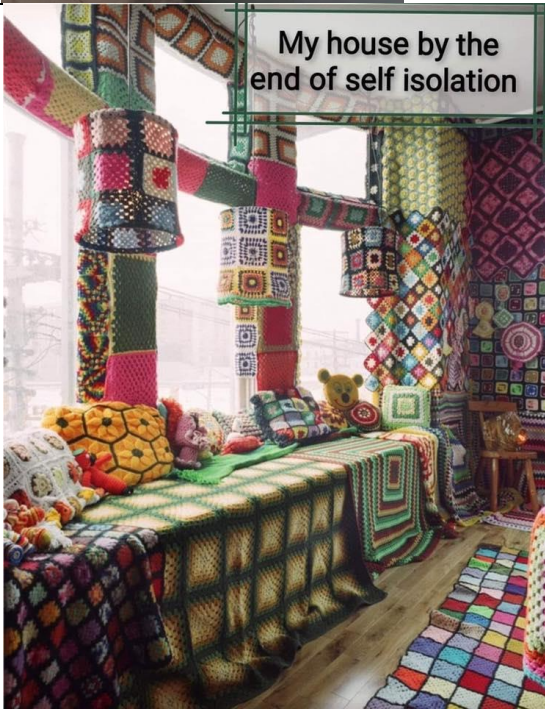
*Friend - How are you filling  
your time?*

*Me - I'm sewing and crafting.*

*Friend - What if you run out  
of supplies?*

*Me - laughing uncontrollably*

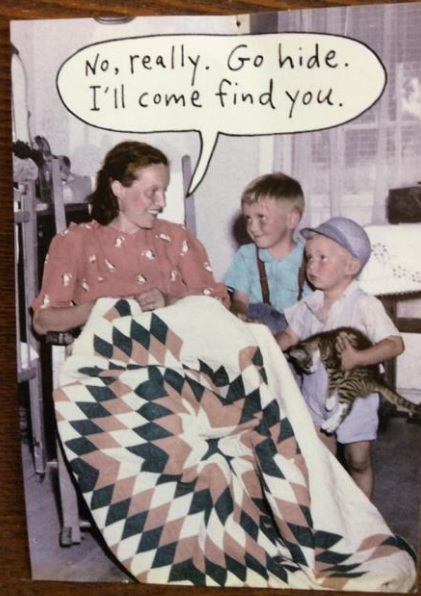
*The Quilting Room*



DAY 4  
OF ALL THE CRAFT STORES  
BEING CLOSED.

FARMHOUSE CRAFTAHOLICS  
FOUND A GENTLEMAN  
SITTING ON MY COUCH.  
APPARENTLY HE'S MY  
HUSBAND.  
HE SEEMS NICE.

QUARANTINED WITH  
HUBBIE FOR TWO WEEKS –  
GERTRUDE IS KNITTING  
SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR  
HIM! 🧶



### Sharing of quilts for National Quilt Day on the Quilting in Canada Facebook Discussion

"If you can't hug somebody, give them a quilty hug!" A woman in Brentwood Bay is planning to use her creativity to provide comfort by showing her quilts.







Evelyn Smith



Northern Wilderness. Piecing and applique. Rebecca Sundberg



Kelly Patchett



Carol Cann – first quilt photographed on snow!



Gail Balfour, Saskatchewan



Colleen Hogue





Sandra McVee Andrews – hope neighbours get out for a walk today ...



Tina Beauregard Jones



Joanne Goyer Arthur



Colleen Walsh



Monika Mohr



Did a [#neighbourhoodquiltshow](#) today. It was fun to see people out for a walk, stop and look at the quilts. Think I may do this every day with 1 quilt per day. Maybe a good way to organize, photo and record each of my many quilts!





Karen Bonanno, Waterdown, ON



Colleen Lawrence



An old one but I love it. Woodland Creatures From a Rosemary Makhan pattern. Simone L.



Eileen P, baby quilt





Deb anger



### Stay at Home and Hop with us!

Saturday, March 21st - Tuesday, March 31st  
Explore and Shop with New Pattern Designers,  
Quilt Websites & Sewing Facebook Groups!



#stayathomeandhop #stayathomeandshop

Are you ready for some fun? I've joined forces with 40+ other designers and we decided have a little 'virtual shop hop' across the internet. If this sounds like fun:

- 1) leave me a comment
- 2) share this post with your quilt groups here at FB
- First group is NOW LIVE at <https://blog.patsloan.com/2020/03/do-you-want-some-quilt-day-fun.html>

WHEN: Starting on Saturday, March 21st to Tues March 31st join us! Meet new designers, see super cute patterns and notions from this group of very talented people. I'll post here at Facebook each day with the list.

Result: It's a wonderful way to spend a little time each day getting your creative juices going by visiting my friends websites, and you might find a goodie or two that you'd love to have! Each stop has it's own personality! With new and exciting sites to explore throughout the week, you'll be happy you took and break and virtually hopped and shopped with all of my friends!!

Gudrun Erla is hosting a Free Quarantine Quilt-Along this coming Sunday. Details are in the link below. Looks like a fun way to spend the day, and use up some of your fabric.

<https://gequilt designs.com/.../.../elvira-quarantine-quilt-along>

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gequilt designs.com

[Elvira Quarantine Quilt Along!](#)

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Looking for Yoga classes?

Many studios in town are offering free classes online. Check out:

- Janati Yoga ... <https://janatiyoga.com/daily-yoga-practice/>
- Saigon Om – Essential yoga poses for Everyday – dedicated to our GoodLife Fitness friends in Kingston ON (from Australia)  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c2nsEKnJO5c&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR2QWDZUymeseDwmbBSO-z9Vgff81QknIzi7X68SCHOWAU9GPVzvrkOqY4>
- Samatva Yoga Studio – Peace Yoga with Jaime Wood  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vqFQoZB623c&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR3Mi1mi48O64mEPH8yXaSkMNbS3GBkMZTGukz-ubyU4\\_5pK6BnwCzke-M](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vqFQoZB623c&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR3Mi1mi48O64mEPH8yXaSkMNbS3GBkMZTGukz-ubyU4_5pK6BnwCzke-M)

## What about MUSIC? Get your Live Music Fix!

Taken from an email from Al Rankin, [alrankin@xplornet.ca](mailto:alrankin@xplornet.ca)

There are a huge number of concerts being streamed online right now. Many of them have a button where you can tip the musician or group through paypal. Go to your favourite artists' websites and see what they are up to. Then get some popcorn, grab a beverage and enjoy a concert in your own home!

Here are a few options but there are a whole lot more:

**1) Home Routes** is an organization that organizes house concerts . They started in Manitoba a number of years ago but now have tours across Canada and have been instrumental in helping Canadian artists get gigs in homes across the country.

**The Online Home Routes Concert Schedule is:**

- Tuesday March 24 – [Sherman Downey](#) (NL)
- Saturday March 28 – [Willi Carlisle](#) (Ark, USA)
- Tuesday March 31 – [The Schotts](#) (ON)

Show times - all shows start at 9 pm our time. Here is the **Rick Fines** concert from Saturday March 21st:

<https://youtu.be/SinoUh1YDPo>

**2)** Wonderful local musician and all around good guy **Chris Murphy** is presenting a livestreamed concert every Tuesday night at 6:30 pm on facebook. Just go to Christopher Joseph Murphy on Facebook.

**3)** Here is another one featuring lots of great bands doing concerts with excellent production values in empty Toronto venues. Very cool idea:

Go to [urgnt.ca](http://urgnt.ca) for the details.

**URGNT LIVE** is an ad hoc crowd-funded livestream series of 19 concerts in empty venues created in response to the covid-19 outbreak. The goal is:

- to unify the arts industry in Toronto (musicians, presenters, technicians, organizers) in a safe and creative way
- to raise money to pay a nominal fee to all involved parties to help with lost gigs/wages as a result of the quarantine
- to make compelling content available to audiences when we need it most

*For the next 3 weeks, we'll go into 19 closed concert venues with 19 iconic Toronto bands whose tours have been cancelled and livestream a 40 minute set. You've never seen these artists like this. You've never seen these venues like this.*

*Urgent times call for urgent creativity. Our artists will lead the way.*

**Here's another surprise: Appalachian Spring - Musicians of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra**



An orchestra plays together, or are they? Each is playing at home and yet the sound is altogether! Fun to watch!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5rzZ2F18MwI&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR0p7PRkyFSbAFui5-mMe8miZDiTPTObGssOsFkJbvg8\\_TC6kkWYav1os](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5rzZ2F18MwI&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR0p7PRkyFSbAFui5-mMe8miZDiTPTObGssOsFkJbvg8_TC6kkWYav1os)

### **Are you a fan of Harry Potter Music?**

Not sure? Try visiting Harry Potter Music & Ambience | Hagrid's Hut on utube. It's quite nice and there are links to other pieces as well including Avatar, Lord of the Rings, Star Wars Music and more. All free.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h0Ce7GqNWdU&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR3oMAHNoBKINMYPHO4Lc9M82hfGvk4mxfNQh5YGWQrG-OuEBRvtqd6Y\\_MI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h0Ce7GqNWdU&feature=youtu.be&fbclid=IwAR3oMAHNoBKINMYPHO4Lc9M82hfGvk4mxfNQh5YGWQrG-OuEBRvtqd6Y_MI)

The bottom line here is no matter what or who your favourite music or artist is, you can probably google and find free music. Try it and enjoy!

### **What about some tutorials?**

Anna Hergert has some at <https://annahergert.me/resources-tutorials/>

I could go on but I'll stop here. If you have found some cool quilting resources and other things on the net, please do share. If you send the link to me, I'll put it up on our LINKS page on our web site.

Have fun with this! There's lots to learn and enjoy!