



August 2021

August 2021... A beautiful summer... with **EXCITING NEWS!**

As I sit at this keyboard intending to create a catchy, informative newsletter, I am overwhelmed with gratitude with all the exciting news I am about to share! (scroll to the bottom if you can't wait!)

I am always grateful for the opportunities that come my way and this year has brought many.

(Still) Working from home ...

2021 began with an opportunity to work with AHS CDC Contact Tracing, as Alberta was deep in the throes of the pandemic. While working virtually from home, along with hundreds of diverse team members, we spoke with thousands of Albertans who have been affected by Covid-19 in some capacity. Compassion, patience, understanding, support, awareness, hope....

Studio Time ...

My studio time spent quilting for my clients has never been more important than this year, as it provided a necessary creative outlet and complete reprieve from Covid-world. I cannot **THANK YOU** enough for your continued support. I look forward to seeing more and more of your wonderful quilts come through my studio.

Teaching ...

I have continued with virtual teaching throughout 2021 - offering lectures and workshops via Zoom to many guilds and groups across Canada (and even a lecture to the Irish Patchwork Guild!). Zoom is a wonderful platform for both teacher and student, providing continued connection in these challenging times. I look forward to continued opportunities to meet and share with others.



Quilt Canada 2022 ...

Speaking of teaching... I'm thrilled to have been chosen to be a part of the teaching faculty for Quilt Canada 2022 in Vancouver, BC in June. Mark your calendar for June 16-18 and watch for details to come.



Celtic Quilt Tours ...

As the world slowly begins to pen up again, we are setting our sights on travel in 2022... and finally getting back on the road! We have three tours planned for 2022 – Newfoundland in May, Ireland/Scotland in August, and France in September. I am beyond grateful for our dedicated travelers, many of whom have traveled with us before.

<http://www.celticquilttours.com/>



BIG NEWS! Blue Barn Quilt Co ...

And now for the REALLY BIG NEWS! I am BURSTING at the ¼" seams with excitement! I'm finally able to share BIG NEWS - I am over-the-moon excited to announce I have partnered with Linda Timms of Blue Barn Quilt Co. and will be heading up the Education component of Blue Barn Quilt Co.!

More details to be announced.... but here's sneak peak of what's in store!

- **Blue Barn University** - beginner, intermediate, advanced, and specialty classes
- **Blue Barn Guild** - not your ordinary guild (membership definitely has it's benefits!)
- **Blue Barn Events** - special guest presenters, workshops, sew-days, retreats, adventures.... the list goes on!

I am **so grateful** for this opportunity and can't wait to GET BACK TO THE CLASSROOM!

Click here to read the latest Blue Barn Quilt Co. newsletter: <https://preview.mailerlite.com/c3z1k1>

So.... grateful and appreciation have become my words for 2021. A most unprecedented year, yet full of opportunity. One must only open that door....

Stay safe and stay positive happy stitching.

- Kim

Our lives are defined by opportunities, even the ones we miss.

- F. Scott Fitzgerald

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