



Scraps of Wisdom

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President's Message

Anita Zobens gave us a tremendous amount of information last month at our meeting. For some it was simply a refresher course in needles and threads. For many of us, there were a great number of tips and tricks. Now all we have to do is remember it all and use it to our advantage in our projects.

Speaking of projects, I've just taken my quilt off the frame. It is always amazing how wonderful a quilt looks when it has been trimmed. I'm behind though, since I had hoped to quilt two quilts this winter. Since I have discovered wool batting, it is my preference and absolutely delicious to quilt. However, one of the drawbacks is that it is warm, at least in my mind, and so I don't hand quilt in summer. And already, though spring has barely begun, the outdoors is beckoning.

Many thanks are extended to Paula McDermott and Jean Carberry for 9 years of service as Memory Quilt Coordinators. They have decided to retire from this project. Lynne Thomson-Haven has agreed to take on this task and there is someone in the wings who may decide to help her.

Also retiring from a long-time task of providing quilts for the Kitchener Public Library meeting room, are Betty Dietrich and Lynne Fisher. Many thanks for this service of enlisting quilts from members of our guild, delivering and returning them quarterly. It has been great advertising and surely enjoyed by all who used these meeting rooms. If a guild member is looking for a fun job to have that does not require a great deal of time or labour, this looks like just the one.

At our April meeting the requests for volunteers will begin. One of those events will be the Joseph Schneider Haus quilting bee, which Betty Dietrich is looking after for this year. Remember to bring your calendar with you so you can enjoy all the opportunities that will present. Happy spring, everyone!

Carol



PROGRAM NOTES

April:

April brings Heather Stewart (www.HeatherStewart.ca) to our Guild. Heather is a very entertaining lecturer and although Heather has been to our Guild before, we have lots of new members who have not had the pleasure of hearing her speak. Heather's topic will be, "A lighthearted trip through my life with quilting". She will bring 25-30 quilts with her including, (and I quote), "a very ugly one that was made when I was ten". This will be a very entertaining program.

Our vendor in April will be Ye Olde Fabric Shoppe from Stratford, so come and see the new fabrics that have arrived.

May:

Our final speaker for the year will be Sherry Hisey from Border Creek Station Pattern Company (www.bordercreekstation.com). Her lecture is titled, "The Thread that Binds". Sherry will bring lots of quilts to show us and will also be our vendor this month. She will bring all her own patterns and these will be available for members to purchase; check out her website so you know which ones you will want to buy.

MEMBERS' CORNER

This is your space. Let us know what you are doing, quilts in shows, classes, workshops you've attended - anything which you would like to share with the other members. We look forward to hearing from you.



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Quilts in the Library

Thank you to Emily Hunsberger and Carol Fleet who have quilts hanging at the Kitchener Public Library.



Lynn Fisher and Betty Dietrich

Congratulations!

For the past 3 years an Amateur Photography Contest and Exhibition has been sponsored by Kitchener Public Library in partnership with The Record. As her first such venture, guild member Helene Stevens entered this photography contest. Her entry of an elderly couple, taken in Venice two years ago, was the First Prize winner in the "People Category/Adult Division".

Quilting and photography are two artistic hobbies Helene enjoys.

We look forward to seeing the photographs, which will be featured in a special section of The Record in April.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR 2009-2010

The Waterloo County Quilters' Guild has many energetic volunteers who serve on the executive as well as committees. We appreciate all the time and patience that you give to assist the guild as well as the community.

In June 2009, a new slate of executive officers will be elected at the annual meeting to serve from June 2009 to June 2010. Sandy Bussey and Marilyn Hollinger will be moving up from the position of co-vice presidents to become the co-presidents of the Quilt Guild.

The positions that are vacant are:

Vice President

Membership - requires basic computer experience

Newsletter editor - requires computer experience

Program & Workshop - 2 people, in training

Co-Librarian - one for the afternoon meeting

Quilt Racks - 2 people

Kitchener Public Library Display - 2 people

When you read this list, we hope that you will give this opportunity consideration and contact either Sandy @ 519-745-5765 or Marilyn @ 519-747-3430. We also encourage friends who wish to share a position to volunteer. The Quilt Guild needs your expertise and enthusiasm to continue to make the meetings a time of motivation for trying new projects. Should we receive insufficient interest in an available position, we may contact members directly where we think they could offer service.

Sincerely, Sandy and Marilyn



25th Anniversary Celebration Update



Our 25th Anniversary is quickly approaching. We hope to do a number of things throughout the year, to celebrate our accomplishments. Beginning with the September 2009 meeting we will have a number of surprises throughout the year, culminating in a dinner celebration on May 19, 2010 and a viewer's choice vote in June. We will keep you informed of the various details as they become solidified. If you have any questions talk to the anniversary committee members Marg Cassel, Joan Doke, Joline Freund, Fabia Joyce or Colleen Robertson. Email addresses and phone numbers are in the Guild Handbook.

Colleen Robertson

WCQG Celebrating Members Who Make a Difference

Starting in September 2009 the WCQG will be celebrating its 25th year as a guild. This vibrant guild could not have become what it is today, without the volunteer commitment of members throughout the years. As part of our anniversary celebration, a *special volunteer* will be honoured each month. These are individuals who have gone above and beyond in their contribution to the guild.

The role of the WCQG volunteer is varied. Some volunteers are often before us during meetings, arranging events and organizing outreach projects. Other volunteers work quietly in the background for a variety of guild projects and/or continuously donate work to outreach projects. The volunteer might be the quiet quilter who submits lots of quilts to projects, or a volunteer who contributes a great deal of her time.

All members are invited to nominate one or more *special volunteers* whom they feel are worthy of recognition. Each nomination should be submitted as a single page of up to 150 words describing the nominee's contribution to the guild. Keep in mind that our anniversary celebrates all 25 years of the guild's activities. Please sign your nomination. The volunteers selected might represent a variety of "eras" within those 25 years. Each selected *special volunteer* may be featured in an edition of *Scraps of Wisdom*.

Current members of the guild's executive are ineligible for nomination. Please email your nomination to the guild email address: wcqg@wcquiltersguild.on.ca or place it in a box which will be available at the April, May, and June meetings.





MANNHEIM QUILTING CIRCLE
 Meets 2nd Wednesday of the Month
 From 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Next dates are **April 8 and May 13**

April at Mannheim

On April 8th, Barb and Marj from the Alzheimer Touch Quilt Project will be bringing lots of fabric to be cut into 6-inch squares. We can really use your help with this mountain of fabric.

If you are willing to help, please bring your cutting mat, ruler and rotary cutter.

Hope to see you at Mannheim,

Fabia and Bernice

Memory Quilt Bee

The Memory Quilt Bee will be on April 8th at the Mannheim Community Centre, from 9:00-4:00pm. I have started cutting up some of the fabric for the kits. Please come and help put the kits together. If you have any suitable fabric such as cotton, polycotton, flannel or eyelet in pastel colours bring that along. Bring your lunch and stay for the day. We will have delicious baked treats!

Paula McDermott and Jean Carberry



New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale

The Relief Sale is now officially a 2-day event, May 29th & 30th, with food booths etc. opening on the Friday evening. The main event is still Saturday. We are on the brink of offering a new improved website: nhmrs.org, where we hope to post pictures of most of the quilts up for auction. Prior to the sale, there will be some quilt previews:

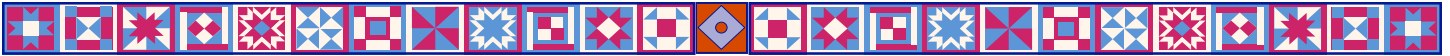
- April 13 Promotion Dinner at Bingeman's (Please get your tickets in advance.)
- May 1-27 Kitchener City Hall Rotunda
- May 1-27 Waterloo City Centre Atrium
- May 5-28 Joseph Schneider Haus
- May 26-29 "Quilts for the World" at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church
- May 29 6:00-9:00 pm Final Quilt Preview, New Hamburg Arena
- May 30 8:30 am - mid-afternoon Quilt Auction, New Hamburg Arena

Quilting Bee at Joseph Schneider Haus

This year the 3-day event will be held Monday May 25th-Wednesday May 27th. We will be working on Betty Dietrich's quilt, since she was first in line last year, but needed more time to get it marked. If you would like to help out for half a day, eat yummy "haus-made" snacks and a delicious lunch provided by Friends of JSH, call Betty or Emily Hunsberger, or sign the clipboard that will be circulated at the April meeting.

Mugs: I was unable to get to the last meeting, but Judy Gascho-Jutzi brought mugs with the image of Renske's Postcard Quilt project that we are selling as a fundraiser for the Relief Sale. They can be purchased for \$15 and will be available until we sell out.

Emily Hunsberger



KW Quilt Show 2009:

September 25 & 26, 2009

Setup day: Thursday, September 24

As this newsletter is being put together it is 5 MONTHS till Quilt Show time. To everyone working on all the small pieces that are required to put this Show together, we give our thanks (from Jean & Colleen).

Quilt Registration Forms

The Quilt Registration Forms will be available for pickup at the April Guild Meetings (and the May & June meetings). The Registration Form will also be available on the guild website. This form will be due by the June 17 Annual Meeting (remember this is an evening only meeting). It may be received in a hard copy format or emailed as noted on the Registration Form. A picture of your quilt will be required and may be in a hard copy or a digital format. The quilt does not need to be finished for this picture; what is required is an accurate colouration of the quilt and a view of the quilt pattern. Arrangements will be made for the May & June meetings to have a photographer available to take pictures of your quilt for this purpose, if you require this help.

Show Advertising Magnets - Jan Hember

We are still working hard on making Show Advertising Magnets. It is now that we start delivering the magnets to our vendors, local quilt stores, neighbouring guilds, upcoming Quilt Shows, etc. We will continue to take donations of completed magnets, cut 6-inch squares or yardage - thanks again for your help.

Small Quilt Draw - Paula McDermott

Please consider making one or two quilts for the Small Quilt Draw for our Quilt Show in September. We would like to have at least ten small quilts for each of the two days. Some ideas for the quilts could be a Christmas, Easter, Valentines, winter, Halloween, Baby theme, or any block you especially like or may have left over from another project. Beading on batik is very effective. Maximum size 60" around or anything smaller would be great.

IDIOM Challenge Quilts - due at the June 17th, 2009 Annual Meeting - Pat Lockyer

It was nice to see a show of hands at the March meetings of those working on their Idiom Quilts - I must say this one is a Challenge!!! The members in attendance at the June Annual meeting will be voting for their favourite Challenge entry.

Raffle Quilt Tickets - Judy Cumming

Thanks to the many members who picked up their Raffle Tickets at the March meetings. And thanks to those members who promptly purchased their 20 tickets and handed their money in. Please remember to pick up your raffle tickets or if you are unable to attend the next meetings please have a friend pick up your tickets for you, or give Judy a call to make other arrangements. Did you get a copy of the picture that had your quilt block in it??? If not ask Judy as we did have copies of both raffle quilts made. Payment by cheque is fine as we are now banking with the BMO and do not have to worry about the banking service charges.

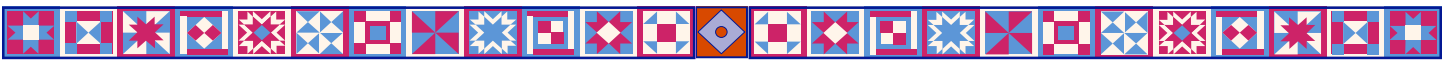
NOTE:

* person named on ticket stub must be 18 years or older

* person named on ticket stub must have been in Ontario when ticket was purchased

KW Quilt Show 2009 Flyers and Posters - Laura Bristol

The flyers & posters will be available at the guild meetings for members to pick up and take to their church or work areas. Our Quilt Show advertising is very dependent on the members getting the word out via, flyers, posters, charm magnets and selling raffle tickets. If you are travelling to out of town Quilt Shows or Quilt Stores and could deliver some flyers please give Laura a call. It will help her out in her effort to disburse the flyers. She will also be looking after getting the flyers & posters out to the Kitchener & Waterloo community so if you have any suggestions that can help with this process please contact her.



On the Calendar 2009

- ⇒ **March 7-June 7, Quilt Treasures from the WCMA Collection.** See page 9 for details.
- ⇒ **April 17-19, Off The Wall and Under the Covers 2009.** Mississauga Quilters' Guild at Burnhamthorpe Community Centre. For more information: www.mississaugaquilterguild.ca
- ⇒ **April 18-19, Works of HeARTS.** Region of York Quilters' Guild. Newmarket Seniors' Meeting Place, 474 Davis Dr. Newmarket, ON. Sat: 10-5, Sun: 10-4. Merchants' Mall, tea room, quilt appraiser on site. Wheelchair accessible. For more information: www.regionofyorkquiltersguild.ca
- ⇒ **May 1-3, Windsor Quilters' Guild Show & Sale.** Novelletto Rosati Sports & Recreation Complex, Windsor. Admission \$5. for more information call Vivian LaCroix 519-733-2886
- ⇒ **May 8-10, "Feelings in Fabric",** Kawartha Quiltmakers' Guild, 2009 Quilt Show and Sale. Evinrude Centre, 911 Monaghan Road, Peterborough. Admission \$6.00. For more information see www.KawarthaQuiltmakersGuild.ca or email: KQGquiltshow2009@live.ca
- ⇒ **May 26-30, St. Jacobs Fibre Arts Festival.** Various locations in St. Jacobs. For more information see the Festival web site.
- ⇒ **May 29-30, New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale.** New Hamburg. Food booths etc. opening Friday. Main event Saturday.
- ⇒ **CQA/ACC National Juried Show 2009, May 26-30,** Saskatoon, SK
- ⇒ **Oct 19-24 Quilts from Ireland.** Ailsa Craig. More information to follow.

Calls for Entry

- ⇒ **Joseph Schneider Haus 2009 Quilt Block Contest.** The theme is "Wash Day Blues". Blocks will be received at the Schneider Haus office, until 4:30 p.m. Friday, April 17, 2009. Blocks must be postmarked no later than April 13, 2009. For more information call 519-742-7752



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- Monthly meetings take place on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, at the Albert McCormick Community Centre, 500 Parkside Drive, Waterloo, in the Community Room (use the Library entrance).
- To accommodate our large Guild, we have an afternoon meeting and an evening meeting each Guild day, with identical content. Meetings are usually 1-1/2 - 2 hours.
- Guests are welcome at all meetings (except the June business meeting): \$7 at the door (includes a coupon towards membership).
- New membership: \$40 (includes nametag).
- Renewal membership: \$35 per year.
- Guild pins (available at membership table) \$6.
- The Guild is run entirely by volunteers and help is always appreciated. Just speak to anyone on the Executive to get started.
- Executive Committee meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Centre.



Meeting Checklist:

- ✓ Your nametag/lanyard
- ✓ Books to return to the Library
- ✓ Smile quilt, if you have one to donate
- ✓ Memory quilt, if you have one to donate
- ✓ Show & Tell quilts
- ✓ Fabric to donate to Guild Fabric Bank
- ✓ Fabric to donate for Memory Quilts
- ✓ Books & magazines to donate to the library
- ✓ Zehrs' tapes
- ✓ Touch Quilts, if you have one to donate
- ✓ Fabric/Batting to donate for Touch Quilts"
- ✓ Fabric for Rag Coat

The newsletter is published 9 times a year. There is no newsletter in December, July or August.

The deadline for submissions is the **4th Wednesday** of the month and can be made by email or telephone sdhitchens@golden.net.

Submissions by email will be confirmed by email. Due date for the May newsletter will be **April 22nd**.

Next Guild meeting:

April 15, 2009

Afternoon

- 12:45 p.m. Library opens
- 1:30 p.m. Meeting begins

Evening

- 6:45 p.m. Library opens
- 7:30 p.m. Meeting begins



Join Edna on her Country Tours:

New England Quilt Tour

June 18 – 24, 2009

Vermont Quilt Festival,
New England Quilt Museum,
Keepsake Quilting Store



Amish Quilt Tour

August 7 – 9, 2009

Essenhaus Quilt Show, Lecture by Shirley Shenk,
Trunk Show by Rebecca Haarer

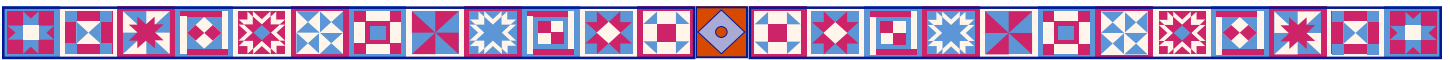


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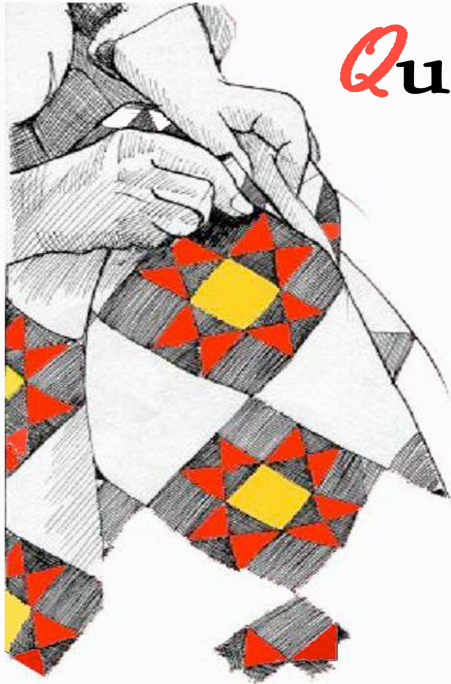


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