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Program for April 21, 2010

We are very pleased to announce that our guest speaker for April will be Sylvia Naylor. Before moving to Canada, Sylvia was a teacher in England. She is now a Canadian artist and educator who presently resides in Cambridge, Ontario.

Her artwork has evolved over the years. At one point she focused on ecclesiastical hangings; her more recent work reflects inspiration from the natural landscape. Sylvia loves to experiment with paints and stitches, leading her to create quilts and collages which combine paper with hand and machine embroidery.

Sylvia has won numerous awards and has been featured in several publications, such as *Quilting Arts Magazine* (USA). Her work has been shown in galleries in Canada, the UK, USA, and Germany.

To see a preview of her beautiful work, go to her website at www.sylvianaylor.com

Joline Freund & Joan Doke

Meeting Checklist

- ✓ Your Nametag/Lanyard
- ✓ Books to Return to the Library
- ✓ Smile Quilts
- ✓ Memory Quilts
- ✓ Show & Tell
- ✓ Fabric for the Fabric Bank
- ✓ Donations for the Library
- ✓ Zehrs Tapes
- ✓ Toonies for Maggie Kaljas
- ✓ Membership Dues
- ✓ \$35.00 for Anniversary Dinner Ticket

From Your 25th Anniversary Committee

Wednesday, May 19, 2010 is our 25th Anniversary Dinner at St. George Hall. The Committee has decided that spouses/partners, and friends of guild members may purchase tickets. These will be available at the April guild meeting. The cost is \$35.00.

This includes a five course dinner including soup, salad, roast beef, chicken amaretto, potatoes, vegetables, dessert, tea and coffee. The hall offers a cash bar. Doors open for cocktails at 6:00 p.m. with dinner served at 6:30 p.m. Free punch will be served prior to the dinner. Diane Shink will be presenting a wonderful show. Treat yourself to a wonderful night out with your friends.

Please let us know if you require a ride. If you have a dietary restriction please let Fabia Joyce know.

Presidents' Meanderings . . .

Happy Spring Ladies!!!

April has arrived and with that comes the end of the hockey season for my two avid hockey players. Actually, it is not the end of the hockey season but rather the end of the winter season with a month off until the spring/summer season starts up. Not sure when or how hockey turned into a sport that is played outside of the winter months – did a memo go out that I missed again?

I do enjoy watching both of my children play hockey and interacting with their teammates. However, I could do with watching a little bit less of my 15-year-old son interacting with his opponents if you know what I mean. In addition, girls' hockey is so different from boys' hockey. For my daughter, it is more about socializing with her friends, both before and after the game – the actual playing of the game seems to be secondary. Sounds like another group that I might know.

As both of the kids play on traveling teams, going to their away games means driving to various places in Southwestern Ontario with a fair bit of time waiting for their games to start after we drop them off at the arena. Is it really necessary that they be at the arena a full hour before game time? Hmm – what to do with that time? Hmm – perhaps check out a quilt store that might be in the area? That's what I have done as we have traveled to Goderich, Sarnia, London, Exeter, Waterford, St. Catharines and Embro to name a few places. It seemed that no matter where we traveled, I just happened to be able to find a quilt store not too far from the arena. Every quilter needs to have a GPS in their stash of quilting gadgets!

The quilt stores that I visited were all so different. One was located in the garage attached to the owner's house and another was located in an old converted train station. Each carried a different selection of fabric, patterns, gadgets and quilt samples. I came away from each store that I visited with something for a project I was working on or "had to have" fabric for my ever-growing stash.

So my trips to the out of town quilt stores has come to an end for now as we air out the hockey equipment and I turn my attention to preparing income tax returns at the office. Nevertheless, May will be here before I know it and I am hearing from my son that his spring hockey team will be going to Michigan, Niagara and Montreal. So, the search for quilt stores in those areas will begin!!!

With May also comes our Anniversary Dinner and Celebration. Marilyn and I hope that you will be able to join us for what we know will be a wonderful evening of food, laughter and socializing with your friends from the guild.

Sandy



Mannheim Quilting Circle

The next date is Wednesday, April 14, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Once again, you are invited to join us at the Mannheim Quilting Circle. We exchange ideas, help each other and most of all, have a few laughs. Bring a project and your lunch/snacks/beverage.

This month will include a **Memory Quilt Bee Day** from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or whatever time you have available. In addition to sewing some Memory Quilts, we would like to make more Memory Quilt kits. We have some flannelette for the backing of the quilts as well as some batting. Fabric donations of any small baby prints are always appreciated and can be brought to the Bee Day. Please come and bring your sewing machine and/or your rotary cutter and mat (and your lunch if you can stay that long). Please call Lynne Thomson-Haven if you have any questions about the Memory Quilts at 519-746-7950.

Bernice Gammy & Fabia Joyce

More Facts about the Guild (2003)

Current W.C.Q.G. members are familiar with the impressive "Kaleidoscope of Nations" quilt that graces our website newsletter page. Did you know that the Mennonite Relief Sale and Quilt Auction sold the quilt for an unprecedented \$44,000 in May 2003?

Who in our guild made the statement "A pucker is just a seam with attitude"?

The 2003 Raffle Quilt, "Victorian Houses", won Best Guild Quilt Award at the Ontario Juried Show.

A traditional verse states:
 "At your quilting, maids, don't tarry.
 Quilt quickly if you would marry.
 A maid who is quiltless at twenty-one,
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Ruth Hicks



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Membership Dues 2010/11

It's that time again! Membership renewal forms will be available at the membership table beginning at the April meetings. We have moved it up one month this year since we will not be accepting membership renewals at the Anniversary Dinner in May. The forms will also be available at the June meeting. You can speed up the renewal process by printing the membership form from our web site and filling it in at your leisure. Again this year we will award a free membership at the June meeting by drawing the name from those members who have renewed before the end of this guild year. Happy quilting!

Your Membership Committee

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May Newsletter Submissions are due on **April 16, 2010**. Please send to Carol Williams at twotaffy@yahoo.ca or by mail to P.O. Box 192, Plattsville, Ontario N0J 1S0

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Members Who Make a Difference

February



It is my honour to recognize the many contributions that Bev Bechtoldt has made to our guild throughout her many years as a member.

I first met Bev at Miller's store in St. Agatha when she participated in a series of classes that I taught on Sampler Quilts. Her commitment and meticulous workmanship quickly resulted in a beautiful quilt. When I joined the guild a few years later, I was glad to meet her again.

Bev has always been an eager volunteer. She has been on the executive, coordinated the Memory Quilts program for many years, contributed Smile Quilts and entered all block and wallhanging guild challenges. Her work has received many awards at our guild meetings, shows and nationally at Quilt Canada Conferences.

In the spring of 2008, her article, "A Fresh Look at the Group Quilt", was published in the *Canadian Quilter* magazine. A method of producing a group quilt by members handing in quilted blocks of specified sizes was outlined. She then coordinated the guild raffle quilts for our last show using her method. Three beautiful quilts were the result. While the guild was able to present our chosen charity with a large donation, I personally felt that the fact that her project was inclusive of all members from novice to advanced, was of greater importance. It certainly made members eager to join in and be a part of an important project.

On behalf of all members – thank you Bev for all that you have done and I'm sure will continue to do as a key member of our guild.

Rosemary Plummer



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Marilyn Weckworth

What a pleasure it is to thank another of our tireless volunteers, Marilyn Weckworth. You will, of course, recognize Marilyn from the years she served us as part of our executive. It is noteworthy that the work she did as a member of the program committee was so impressive that she was accelerated directly into the position of co-president at the end of that year.

Marilyn has willingly taken on a succession of smaller tasks as well, from organizing placemat collections for Meals on Wheels, to facilitating collections for charity.

Marilyn was recently part of the hard-working team that made our guild boutique a reality and a great success for the last two quilt shows.

As you might have surmised from these brief highlights of her volunteer history, Marilyn's great flaw is an inability to say, "I don't have time" or, "I don't think I'm able". We saw a perfect example of what makes Marilyn special at our last meeting. Although she made it seem effortless, presenting a trunk show of someone else's work at the last minute is no small feat. What a wonderful friend she is to all of us, her sisters in the guild—she stepped in so we would not be let down. Members like Marilyn make joining this guild inviting, and members like Marilyn are the reason I stay.

We thank you, Marilyn, for your good nature and your generous spirit.

Elizabeth McDowell Heagy

Library Quilts

Thank you to all those who so graciously signed up to have their quilts displayed at the Kitchener Public Library. Since the library will be undergoing major renovations over the next three years and the Hamblin rooms will not be available, your quilts will not be needed at this time. The library staff extends a big "Thank You!" to the guild for the many years of beautiful quilts we have made available to them. They will be looking forward to our quilts again when the renovations are complete and the rooms are available.

Judy Pearce



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EXHIBIT- 'Henny's Minis' -
May 1 to June 15

SPRING SHOP HOP – May 6, 7, 8 – Five Shops,
Draws, Mystery Project

Maggie and Anna Kaljas

One of the many opportunities given to members of our guild, in the area of community caring, is donating to the Kaljas fund. Since May will be our Anniversary Dinner, we will be collecting for Maggie and Anna at the April meetings this year.

For the 9 years I have been a proud member, I somewhat thoughtlessly participated in this event, never seriously considering or researching what it meant. One of my greatest pleasures while I was president of our guild was to make the time to meet Maggie Kaljas and learn her story. I felt an instant bond and kinship with this calm, confident woman who's every waking moment is focused on the wellbeing of her residents. She doesn't take holidays, except an occasional weekend, and only if a special volunteer is available to live-in for the duration. At the end of our talk, I asked her if there was anything she would have done differently in her life. In her words, "No; this is where I was meant to be, and this is what I was meant to do". Here is part of her history.

Anna Kaljas was born in Estonia and came to live in Canada in 1950. Without formal training, she has been caring for people her entire life, specifically the homeless and the misfits, her own words. In 1983, Anna was to receive the Order of Canada. She needed to travel to Ottawa to receive her award. Assistance in her home had to be organized before she could leave her residents. A request to local agencies was met with counter-requests to complete piles of paperwork to ensure her eligibility for assistance. She was about to forgo the pleasure of receiving the Order of Canada because she wouldn't leave her residents unattended but her son and daughter-in-law decided to step in and help.

Maggie has never really left. She had been working in nursing homes 30 years ago when Anna decided to sell her three homes in Kitchener-Waterloo. Anna owned a residence in Moorefield where she was planning to live after the sale. Since there were six clients from Kitchener-Waterloo whom she couldn't place, she decided to purchase another home across the street in Moorefield for them to live in. However, the Kitchener-Waterloo sale fell through and she decided to remain after all.

Carol McLaren

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Waterloo County Quilters' Guild

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- Monthly meetings take place at the Albert McCormick Community Centre, 500 Parkside Drive, Waterloo, in the Community Room.
- To accommodate our large Guild, we have an afternoon meeting and an evening meeting each Guild day, with identical contents. Meetings are usually 1 & 1/2 to 2 hours.
- Guests are welcome at all meetings (except the June business meeting): \$7.00 at the door (includes a coupon towards membership).
- New membership: \$40 (includes nametag)
- Renewal membership: \$35 per year
- Guild pins (available at the 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.

Guild Executive Contacts

Officers:

- Co-Presidents:** Marilyn Hollinger and Sandy Bussey
- Vice President:** vacant
- Secretary:** vacant
- Treasurer:** Lisa VanGalen
- Past President:** Carol McLaren

Committee Chairs

- Program Co-Chairs:** Joan Doke, Joline Freund
- Newsletter:** Carol Williams
- Historian:** Ruth Hicks
- Website:** Kathleen Bissett
- Membership:** Cindy MacKay-Musso
- Library (Afternoon):** Audrey Vrooman
- Library (Evening):** Bonnie Murdoch
- 25th Anniversary:** Fabia Joyce

Anniversary Challenge

Are you working on your challenge piece? The theme is "Silver Threads Among the Guild". We will be taking these in at the June meetings. The viewers' choice awards will be presented in September and the pieces will be displayed at our 2011 show.

Unfinished Fantastic Opportunities Exchange

Did you take one home? Were you pleasantly surprised? We have decided to collect these in October 2010. This means the whole summer is yours to ponder and create something fantastic. We cannot wait to see your finished work.

If you have any questions about the Anniversary, program, or dinner, please ask a Committee member.

Your Anniversary Committee members are Marg Cassel, Joan Doke, Lynn Fisher, Joline Freund, Fabia Joyce and Colleen Robertson



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Touch Quilts

Hello Faithful Volunteers,

Because of people like you, we will have reached our goal of making a donation to all the Long Term Care Facilities in Waterloo Region by June of this year!! Considering that when we started less than 2 years ago, we thought we would do one donation a year - this goal is amazing!! By June we will have donated over 2100 quilts!

We have plans to continue handing out quilts and reaching more folks as we move forward with this project. We will keep you informed as we begin "Phase Two - Touch Quilt Project".

Thanks for you continued support! 😊 Marj

Submitted by Bernice Gammy



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Smile Quilt Bee Day

SPECIAL INVITATION TO NEW MEMBERS!

On Saturday, April 24, 2010, there will be a special Smile Quilt Bee Day from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Mannheim Community Centre (map in membership book). All members are welcome with a special invitation to new members. It would be a great opportunity to get to know other members and to participate in an extremely successful Outreach Program. All quilts are delivered to the outpatient pediatric clinic at Grand River Hospital. At sign-up in April there will be further information as to supplies, etc.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Rosemary Plummer

APPRAISALS**APPRAISALS****APPRAISALS**

Diane Shink will be our Guest Speaker at our 25th Anniversary Dinner on Wednesday, May 19, 2010. Diane has agreed to be in our area for a couple of days before the dinner, in order to facilitate our guild members own appraisals of their wonderful and precious quilting.

Diane Shink is an AQS (American Quilter's Society) and CQA (Canadian Quilters' Association) certified appraiser. You can go to her website at www.dimacquilt.com to get details on how her appraisals work. There is too much information for us to include here.

The appraisals are \$50 per item, and take at least one-half hour. At this time, we have scheduled one-hour appointments for Tuesday, May 18, and Wednesday, May 19 (morning only).

To reserve an appointment, we will need a \$50/item cheque, made out to Diane Shink, at which time you will receive the "write-up sheet" which Diane requires you to complete before meeting with her. We will have the schedule and additional information for you, when you sign up at the April Guild meetings. There are a limited number of spaces, so don't hesitate—sign up now.

Joan Doke and Joline Freund

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