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Program for April 18, 2012

“Sandy's Quilts” by Sandy Simmelink

A feast for the eyes! Sandy's quilting interests have gone in many different directions. She will show us her original designs made in wide variety of styles: pieced, appliqued, crazy quilting, embellished with 3D flowers, beading and paint work.

Workshop Sat April 21 - 3D Pond Flowers Wallhanging

Our guest speaker, Sandy Simmelink, will be teaching us how to make a "3D Pond Flower Wallhanging" on Saturday April 21, 9:30 - 4:30, at Mannheim. The cost is \$30 which includes a \$15 kit fee (she is providing all necessary fabric).

Pre-meeting Sewing time

We have booked our Albert McCormick room for sewing time during the morning of the April Guild meeting. From 9:00 - 12:00 you can come with your sewing machine to work on your own projects or bring some handwork (perhaps one of your PIGS?). At 12:00 we need to clear out so that the Guild committees can set up for the afternoon meeting. Please bring your own coffee/drink/snacks.

P.I.G.S. reminder

To have a chance at winning the piggy bank with money, your P.I.G.S. project must be shown at the April or May meeting.

Our vendor is Grantham Books from Waterloo.

Trudy Dey and Vikki MacDonald Program Committee Coordinators

Your Membership Handbook is a valuable tool. Please spend some time reading through the information pages. You will find meeting dates, membership rates, newsletter policies, website information, community outreach programs, workshop information, Mannheim information, the fabric bank, the library, our bylaws and standing rules. Do not hesitate to contact your executive if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

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Reminder of Meeting Times:

1:30—3:30 (doors open @ 12:45)

7:30—9:30 (doors open @ 6:45)

Meeting checklist:

- Your nametag/lanyard
- Show and Tell
- Smile/Memory/Alzheimer Quilts
- Zehrs tapes
- Library books/magazines
- Raffle Quilt Blocks/Selvage
- Strips

Bonnie Murdoch

President's Message

Was anyone surprised that the link that I gave you last month sent the message that walking has so many benefits! I loved the anticipation that all the statistics led up to. So now that spring has officially arrived, I expect that more and more members will take a break from their quilting to take a walk and live longer and healthier so they may go forth and create many quilts.



I have just read that Quilt Canada has officially confirmed that St. Catharines will be the city of their future show for June 10 - 14, 2014 and Brock University will be the venue for the CQA special events with Niagara Heritage Quilters Guild being the host guild. That means more of us will be able to attend this quilting event!

Another event in the future is our 2013 Quilt show and before that all happens we want to sell many tickets for our **raffle quilt**. We have to make it first and that is where my writing is going. We need more quilters to pick up the block material (\$2.00 a block which will make our charity dollars go further) and sew them ready for the next stage that Marilyn Farquhar and Marsha Clarke have designed. They also need more red and black selvages with the numbers and words (with the half inch of material) - every little piece will count. This quilt will be different than the previous ones and will be grand when it is finished.

This year Quilt Canada is being held in Halifax, Nova Scotia and I am sure some of you have already booked your workshops, flights and rooms. Lucky you!

I have met many more quilters this year in my role as president and that is a great thing. We have two women, Judy Pearce and Sally Gray coming up as co-presidents next year on our executive. You have an opportunity to work with these two dynamic women (and myself as well as 10 other members) and you too can make new friends since we have a few positions that are coming open on the executive starting this July. The secretary's job is a great entry for anyone. As for the evening librarian's position, Ruthanne has already organized our books by category so much of the work has been done. The buying trips are great fun as well as seeing the books first hand. We have an up-to-date programme to help you do the newsletter editors job from the convenience of your home. Trudy Dey and her committee have already started on next year and having her as an experienced head of programming will make it easy for the needed 4 members to join the existing team. Perhaps you might like to be an understudy for being the webmaster.

I wish you a happy spring and a good quilting. There is still time to finish your P.I.G.S. by May.

Bonnie



Executive Positions for 2012/2013

The time has come on our Guild calendar to start looking for new people to fill positions on the Guild Executive for next year. At this point, we are looking to find a vice president(s) who would carry on to become the president(s) for the 2013 - 2014 year. We are also in need of a secretary, an evening librarian, someone who is willing to take over the newsletter and 4 people for the program committee (2 of which would apprentice to lead this committee for the 2013 - 2014 year).

If you have interest in any of these positions we would love to hear from you. Please don't be shy.....step up and jump in!!! We would love to have you on board and look forward to the new ideas you would bring to the table. Thanks for considering this opportunity to serve your Guild.

If you have any questions about what would be involved in these positions, you could call either Sally Gray or Judy Pearce. There is also a description of the duties in our Guild handbook or you could call the person who is presently filling the position you are interested in.

Sally Gray & Judy Pearce

Vice Presidents

Mannheim Quilting Circle - April 11, 2012 9 am - 4pm

We are “steppin out for lunch” this month at the Mannheim Quilting Circle.

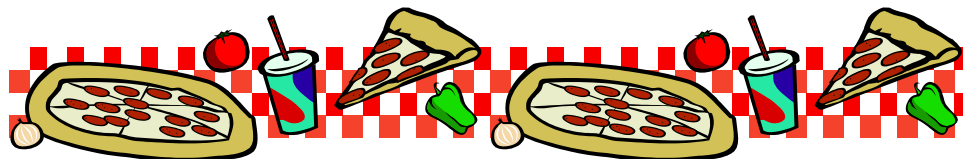
We are off to The Concordia Club on Ottawa Street for their Wednesday Bavarian Lunch Buffet - \$10.95

<http://www.concordiaclub.ca/>

Join us if you like or bring your own lunch and stay at the Community Centre.

Directions to Mannheim are in your handbook and a link is on our website under Community Outreach.

Fabia Joyce and Bernice Gammy



Reaching Out to Guild Members

Do you know a Guild Member who is sick or has lost a loved one? The Guild sends out “Get Well/Sympathy” cards to members. Please send a note or call our vice-presidents Judy Pearce or Sally Gray who take care of this. Due to the Canadian Privacy Act, we cannot publish or announce names at Guild meetings. We rely on your information to reach out to our quilting friends.

Taking the Mystery Out of.....

The Triple-Four Patch or Upstairs, Downstairs

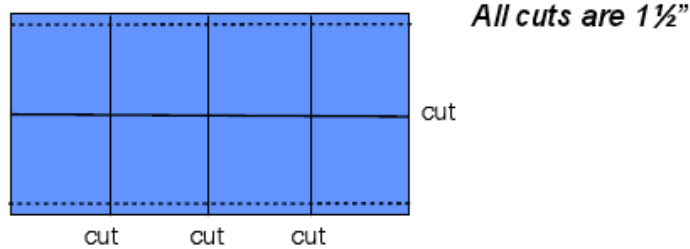
One block requires the following:

- Two 3" x 6" rectangles - contrasting fabric - light & dark
- One 5" square - dark fabric
- Two 4½" squares - dark fabric

A) Quickie Four-Patch

Put the two 3"x6" rectangles right sides together and sew a ¼" seam down both 6" sides.

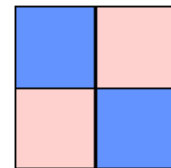
Then cut 1½" down the middle and along the length as illustrated:



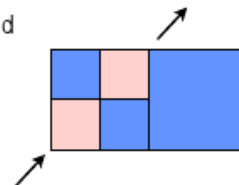
That makes eight segments that look like this:



Sew these 8 segments into 4 four-patches.



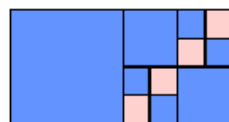
B) Cut the 5" square into four 2½" squares and join onto one onto each four-patch. **NB* Always keep the light fabric in the same direction.*



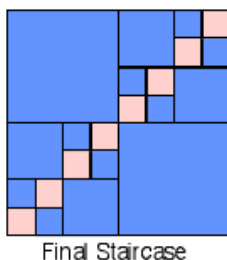
Put two of these together to make a "mini" staircase



C) To the two "mini" staircases sew on a 4½" square.



Join these to make the final staircase.



For the top of a quilt this block can be arranged in as many ways as a log cabin. The finished size of the block is 8".

Block of the Month Draw

It's time for a new block draw. Thanks to everyone who contributed to the February draw. The batik reversing crosses were beautiful.

Once again, we are using Vikki's instructions for the block she took the mystery out of for us at the February meeting, the Arrowhead block. Please follow the instructions in the March newsletter for the block size that starts with two 10 1/2 inch squares. We would like to have these done with one dark purple square and one light purple square. We will have our draw for this block at the April meeting.

Judy Pearce and Doreen Bone



From the Newsletter Desk

Do you have an item of interest for the newsletter? You can share a story, sell something, find "lost" fabric, share your stash, find a quilting buddy or carpool to a quilt show.

Contact your newsletter editor **Fabia Joyce** - email

fabia_steve@rogers.com

Please note that all submissions may be subject to editing for grammar, spelling and content.

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1812 + Quilts + Great Lakes Seaway Trail National Scenic Byway = International Cultural Heritage Showcase March 17 - 18 in Sackets Harbor, NY.

2012 is the 200th Anniversary Year of the War of 1812. Celebrations include "Quilting Along the Great Lakes Seaway Trail". For a complete list of events in Canada and the USA - and there are many wonderful events - please see the website:

www.seawaytrail.com/quilting

From Your Librarians

Are you wondering just what books are available in the WCQG library? You can check out our listing online. Just go to:

<http://www.librarything.com/catalog/wcqq>

As always we welcome your suggestions for new book titles or subjects.

Yes there will be more new books in April. They include:

Adventures in Design by Joen Wolfrom

Candy Cane Lane by Melinda Bula

Cozy Cabin Quilts by Lynette Jensen

Civil War Sewing Circle by Kathleen Tracy

Dynamic Quilts with Easy Curves by Karla Alexander

Fabric Painting with Cindy Walter

Fresh from the Clothesline by Darlene Zimmerman

Jelly Roll Quilt Magic by Kimberly Einmo

Luminous Landscapes by Gloria Loughman

Miss Rosie's Spice of Life Quilts by Carrie Nelson

Material Obsession by Doughty and Fielke

More Layer Cake, Jelly Roll and Charm Quilts by Lintott

Nature's Beauty in Applique by Susan Propst

Patchwork Among Friends by Judy Martin

Points of View by Valerie Header

Quilt a new Christmas by Goldsmith and Jenkins

Quilter's Album of Patchwork Patterns by Jinny Beyer

Scraps by Judy Martin

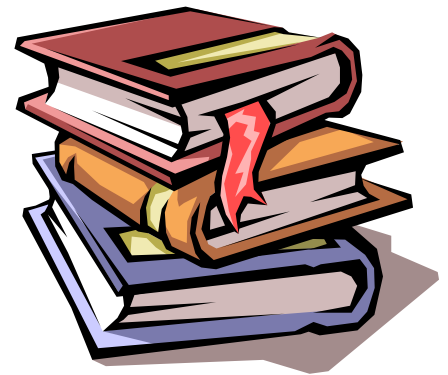
Simple Strategies for Block-swap Quilts by Lynn Brown

Thread Magic by Ellen Eddy

Thread Magic Garden by Ellen Eddy

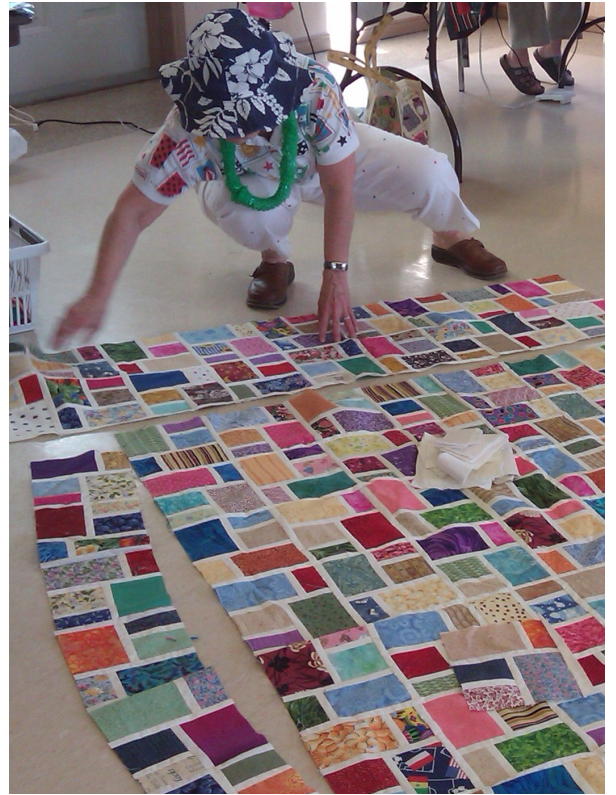
'Tis the Season by Large and Wicks

Urban Country Quilts by Large and Wicks



Be sure to come up to the library and see what's new.

Ruthanne and Louise



Beach
Day at
Mannheim

Executive Meeting April 25, 7:30pm

The executive meets to discuss Guild business in the Optimist Room at the Albert McCormick Community Centre (right next to the large room used for Guild meetings). Members are always welcome to attend an executive meeting. Meetings are the 4th Wednesday of every month.

Terrific Tips

Use paper coffee filters as a stabilizer for your machine embroidery or applique. They tear away easily and are inexpensive (less than 1 cent per filter).

Use a dryer sheet as a foundation for small projects (after it has been used). Keep one beside your machine for those small snippets of fabric and create mini projects.

Smile Bee Day - Saturday April 28, 9:30 - 3:30

Members are invited to a day of learning and community caring where quilts will be made for the Pediatric patients of Grand River Hospital. Our priority continues to be children with long term or life threatening medical challenges. The Guild will supply batting and flannelette backing for the days quilts. Just bring fabric for a top, machine and notions etc, as well a bag lunch.

Due to allergies please do not bring any 505 spray.

Sign up will be at the April afternoon meeting or by calling me (# in handbook). Even if you have not signed up and find that you are free just come. Everyone is welcome.

Rosemary Plummer



Calls for Entry

- Joseph Schneider Haus “What’s in a Name” - Entry deadline Apr 20, 2012. Entry forms available at the Museum, 466 Queen St S Kitchener, ON N2G 1W7. Call 519-742-7752
- International Plowing Match - Entry deadline Jun 1, 2012. Guild members Mary Wiedner & Nita Timm have entry forms. Website: www.ipm2012.ca
- Ongoing Exhibits at the Greenwood Gallery (Guelph). Currently accepting submissions from individuals or groups for monthly exhibits. They seek to maintain a relationship with the tradition of quilting while exploring new avenues in textile art. Contact Christine Whitehouse 519-822-2790. email contact@greenwoodquiltery.com
- Cambridge Center for the Arts 2013 exhibitions. Open to visual artists and craftspeople in all media. Deadline May 11, 2012. Call for details 60 Dixon St. Cambridge 519-740-4681 ext 4376
- Central Manitoulin Pioneer Museum Quilt Block Contest 2012 “Pioneer Times”. Entry deadline Jun 1, 2012. Contact Wilda Campbell 705-377-4632. Forms on the Guild community table
- 2012 Trend - Tex Challenge “At Home in My Garden By the Sea” - Entry deadline Apr 5, 2012 details CQA website

New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale

Dates of Quilt Previews and the Relief Sale.

Kitchener City Hall Rotunda - Thurs 26 Apr - Tues 22 May

Waterloo City Hall Atrium - Thurs 26 Apr - Tues 22 May

Joseph Schneider Haus - Wed 2 May - Thurs 24 May

Comfort Inn, Cambridge - Tues 1 May - Tues 22 May

St. Jacobs Mennonite Church - Tues 22 May - Fri 25 May, as part of "Quilts for the World" quilt show

New Hamburg Arena - Final Quilt Preview - Fri 25 May 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Quilt Auction - Sat 26 May 8:30 a.m. - mid-afternoon

Info at www.nhmrs.com

Quilting at Joseph Schneider Haus

Quilters welcome for morning or afternoon shifts May 21 - 23, lunch provided.

Contact Emily Hunsberger



2013 Raffle Quilt

Thank you so much for the response we've received to participate in creating our 2013 Raffle Quilt. In order to have a successful raffle quilt, we need the help of many!!!! There are lots of ways to participate and perhaps learn a new technique in the process. We have received several sections of selvage in both reds and blacks which will be sewn into a larger piece of selvage yardage - however, we need much more. Please go through your stash and topstitch together as per the supplied instructions. We'd like to receive most selvages by the April meeting, however, you can continue to submit them at following meetings. Also, we now have the pieced block kits ready for distribution. Many were signed out at the March meeting, however, we still have a ways to go - they will be available again in April. We are collecting \$2/kit to offset the purchase of fabric. We will have some reverse applique block kits ready for signing out shortly, so if that's your area of expertise, we will be calling on you soon.

Please offer your talents so we can create a wonderful raffle quilt to raise funds for our charity. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Marsha Clarke at thepclarkes@rogers.com or Marilyn Farquhar at marilyn@providentmanagement.ca. Thank you so much.

Marilyn and Marsha





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On the Calendar

Mar 3 - Apr 7, 2012	In the Gallery - Greenwood Quiltery Maggie Vanderweit "Allowing" 275 Woolwich Street, Guelph, ON N1H 3V8 www.greenwoodquiltery.com
Apr 13 - 14, 2012	Quilts in Bloom , Southwold Keystone Complex, Shedden, ON 519-764—2697 www.sheddenfair.com
Apr 20 - 21, 2012	Country Classics Quilt Show Binbrook United Church, 2617 Binbrook Road, Binbrook Ontario info: 905-962-4283 or 905-692-3500 Sue Swayze
Apr 21 - 22, 2012	Trent Valley Quilters Guild presents The Fabric of Our Lives , Knights of Columbus Hall, 57 Stella Drive, Trenton, ON www.trentvalleyquiltersguild.com
Apr 21 - 22, 2012	Sunshine Quilt Show Orillia Quilters Guild, Trillium Manor, 12 Grove Ave, Orillia, ON Info: www.orilliaquiltersguild.com
Apr 26 - 28, 2012	Piecemakers 2012 Quilt Show – Presented by Huron Perth and Stonetowne Quilt Guilds at The Pyramid Rec. Centre, 317 James Street S, St. Marys ON. Info: www.huronperthquiltersguild.com Workshops/Trunk Show with Lorraine Roy info contact Sandra Thomas 519-243-2707
Apr 27 - 29, 2012	Quilts, Glorious Quilts Amherst Museum, 3755 Tonawanda Creek Road, Amherst, NY, 14228 www.amherstmuseum.org
Apr 27 - 28, 2012	Creative Sewing Festival International Centre, 6900 Airport Road, Mississauga, ON 1-800-291-2030 info: www.creativfestival.ca
May 1 - 5, 2012	Quilts of Denmark Recreation Centre, Ailsa Craig, ON www.ailsacraigquiltfestival.ca 519-293-3430
May 3 - 5, 2012	Oakville Quilters Guild presents Sentimental Reasons , Operating Engineers Conference Centre, 2245 Speers Road, Oakville, ON web oakvillequiltersguild2012.blogspot.com
May 4 - 5, 2012	A Gathering of Quilts 2012 Royal City Quilters Guild, Three Willows Church, 577 Willow Road, Guelph, ON info: www.royalcityquiltersguild.ca
May 5 - 6, 2012	Stoney Creek Quilters Guild presents 20th Anniversary Quilt Show , St Gregory the Great Church, 125 Centennial Parkway N, Hamilton, ON contact Linda Arsenault 905-512-4719 or linsquilts@yahoo.ca
May 24 - Jun 2, 2012	Quilt Canada "Seams Like Home" Halifax, Nova Scotia http://quiltcanada2012.ca

May 5 - 6, 2012	<u>20th Anniversary Quilt Show</u> St Gregory the Great Church, Stoney Creek, ON, 125 Centennial Pkwy N, Hamilton, ON Contact: Linda Arsenault 905-512-4719
May 5 - 6, 2012	<u>Quilting Beyond Borders</u> Stitches From the Heart Quilt Guild, Sault College, 443 Northern Ave E, Sault Ste Marie, ON Contact: Clare Walker 705-949-9066
May 10 - 12, 2012	<u>Local Area Quilt Store Shop Hop</u> , The Quilt Place, Shakespeare, Ye Olde Fabric Shoppe, Stratford, Creative Sister, Kitchener, and Reichards, St Jacobs.
May 11 - 12, 2012	<u>Quilting on the Grand</u> Dunville's Own Tiny Stitchers, Dunville Memorial Arena, 275 Ramsey Drive, Dunville, ON Contact: Mindy Veldhuizen 905-899-1582
May 11 - 13, 2012	<u>Quilts in Bloom</u> Common Thread Quilt Guild, RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa, ON info: www.commonthreads.on.ca
May 18 - 20, 2012	3 Workshops with <u>Hollis Chatelain</u> : Quilt Line as the Third Design Aspect; Painting Images with Dyes; Quilt Line as the Third Design Aspect www.hollisart.com Workshops to be held at Marilyn's Quilt Studio at 4 Venus Cres, Heidelberg, ON. Cost is \$130/workshop and includes lunch. Contact Marilyn Farquhar for more info: 519-699-0255 or marilyn@providentmanagement.ca
May 22 - 26, 2012	<u>Quilt and Fibre Art Festival Waterloo Region and Beyond</u> includes various locations in St. Jacobs, Cambridge, Kitchener-Waterloo, Shakespeare, New Hamburg and Stratford for information www.stjacobs.com or telephone 1-800-265-3353
May 24 - 26, 2012	<u>Busy Hands</u> Busy Hands Quilters Guild, 50 Dickson Street, Main Floor, Cambridge, ON Contact: Pauline Isbester 519-620-0936
May 25 - 26, 2012	<u>More Than Just a Yardage Sale</u> Textile Museum, Toronto. Fine fabrics, beads, buttons, patterns and more. www.textilemuseum.ca
May 25 - 26, 2012	<u>A Feast for the Eye</u> Sarnia Quilters Guild Show, Redeemer Christian Reformed Church, 5834 Blackwell Side Road, Sarnia, ON info: pastpresident@sarniaquiltersguild.org or 519-542-5652
Jun 8 - 9, 2012	<u>Quilts in Bloom</u> Hamilton Quilters Guild, Ancaster Fairgrounds, Marritt Hall, 630 Trinity Road, Jerseyville, ON, LOR IRO www.hamiltonquiltersguild.com

Websites for Events in Canada and the USA

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American Quilter's Society web www.americanquilter.com