

Scraps of Wisdom

Co-Presidents' Message :

"Celebrating Benefits of Quilting" Part 2

In our quilting lives there are obviously more benefits for us than risks or negative aspects. Consequently, we just keep on quilting. The cognitive skills we employ keep our brains active, challenging us constantly while we develop new skills. We use abstract things for creating patterns: mathematics, geometry, reasoning skills, coordination while using our machines, as well as concentration.

Personally, our favorite skill, problem solving, involves frequent trips to various quilt shops. These necessary, repeated excursions offer opportunities for mental and social development as we navigate through fabric bolts, numerous notions, books, patterns and such. It may or may not involve calculations of the amount spent before checking out. Although we like to navigate our way to new quilt shops, we can still be geographically challenged with all the detours encountered along the way.

It is in our best interest and, after all, we owe it to ourselves to practice all things quilt related as often as possible in an effort to keep our brains active. Puzzles may be less expensive, but will never come close to the fun we all can experience with quilting. - Eileen Fennell & Kathy Langill



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The Waterloo County Quilters' Guild provides an opportunity for quilters to learn in a supportive, sharing, social environment. We encourage you to get the most out of your membership by becoming more deeply involved in the guild.

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Have Your Say in how our guild is run! We currently require a president, vice-president, secretary, program chair and evening librarian for the 2016-17 guild year. It's your turn to step up and share this experience. Please speak to Eileen Fennell or Kathy Langill right away so you can be part of the planning for our future as a guild.

Meeting Cancellations due to severe weather—listen to KOOLFM 105.3—if the universities are closed our meetings will be cancelled. We will post on our facebook page as well.

Carol Seeley: Fibre Artist and Instructor

For our April meetings we welcome long-time teacher and former Canadian Quilting Association Teacher of the Year, Carol Seeley, who comes from the far west coast of Canada - Campbell River, BC. In addition to the



Starry
Night



Cassel Falls

above honour earned by Carol, her quilts have received awards from coast to coast in Canada and in the U.S.A. Her quilts include traditional and contemporary designs. Carol's stunning scenes of realistic west coast landscapes can be recognized by her use of innovative 3D techniques and detailed threadwork.

Her work has been shown in galleries, magazines and books and in private homes in Canada, the U.S.A. and Europe. Some of her work can be seen at www.fibreartnetwork.com.

Guest cost for the Wednesday, April 20th presentations will be \$15.00.

Program Coordinators, Elizabeth King
and Elizabeth McDowell Heagy



Echoes

Deposits and Expenses

Our financial year end for the guild, April 30, will be here soon! Please be sure to have all your funds to be deposited, or expenses to be reimbursed for, submitted to Linda Collins or Darlene Yanke as soon as possible. Please plan to have these in by the April Exec meeting at the latest, and sooner if you can manage! One or both of us will be at each of the March and April guild meetings, a convenient time to seek us out. You will help make our job easier and also help us have an accurate financial record of the year's transactions. Thank you! Darlene and Linda

Using Up Scraps #4 with Vikki MacDonald

Easy Scrap Quilt

Cut Sizes for a 6-inch Finished Block

$$A = 1\frac{1}{2}'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}''$$

$$B = 4\frac{1}{2}'' \times 6\frac{1}{2}'' \text{ OR four } 2\frac{1}{2}'' \times 3\frac{1}{2}''$$



OR



The blocks alternate horizontally and vertically to create the woven design.
The woven illusion is clearer with the careful placement colour and/or value.



Scrappy Checkerboard

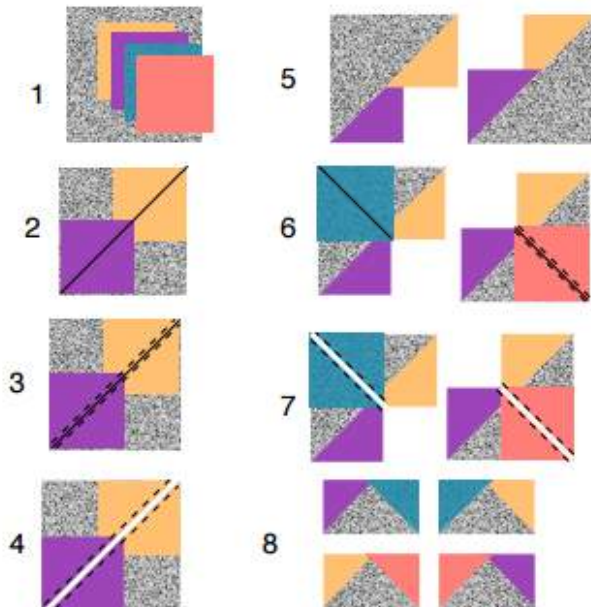
Create a checkerboard by alternating nine-patches.



Flying Geese A Quick & Scrappy Way



There are many websites that explain and illustrate the quick, no waste method of making 4 identical flying geese units. **The formula for these flying geese is to have the finished unit's width be twice the unit's height.** This remains the same for our scrappy flying geese units. *The difference is that each of the smaller squares are of a different fabric (or colour) as illustrated left.*



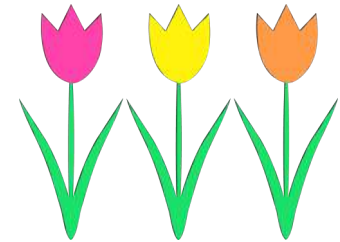
- 1) Cut the larger square the finished width of the unit + 1/4".
- 2) Cut the 4 smaller squares the finished height of the unit + 7/8" and place the smaller squares, right sides together on the large square and draw a diagonal line as shown.
- 3) Sew 1/4 - inch on both sides of the drawn line.
- 4) Cut on the drawn line.
- 5) Press the seams toward the smaller triangles.
- 6) Place a smaller square, marked with a diagonal, as illustrated.
- 7) Sew 1/4 - inch on both sides of the drawn line and cut on the drawn line.
- 8) Press toward the smaller triangle.

Strategies

A collection of all the “Taking the Mystery Out Of...” block strategies presented at guild since 2011 by Vikki MacDonald have been kindly compiled for us by Kathy Bissett. They look fantastic now that they are all computerized and put into colour. There are still copies available for \$10. Please see Madeline Hughes to purchase one.



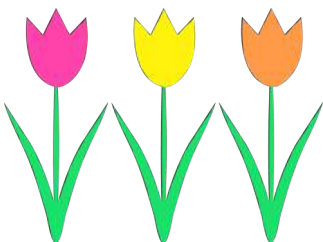
DON'T FORGET TO SIGN IN AT THE MEMBERSHIP DESK AND GET YOUR DOOR PRIZE DRAW TICKET! It is important for fire regulations that we know how many people we have in the community centre especially during the afternoon meetings.



Library News

Be sure to check out the latest additions to the WCQG library:

- Curvy Log Cabin Quilts by Jean Ann Wright
- Learn to Paper Piece by Nancy Mahoney
- Pat Sloan's Teach Me to Sew Triangles
- Shape by Shape Free-motion Quilting with Angela Walters
- Splash of Colour by Jackie Kunzel
- Stash Lab by Tonya Alexander
- Striking Strip Quilts by Kate Henderson
- Vintage Vibe by Amber Johnson
- Quilted Christmas by Ann Hazelwood (Colebridge Quilters' series #6)
- Quilted Lilies by Ann Hazelwood (Colebridge Quilters' series #7)



The **Grand National Committee** is seeking a volunteer to help with the data entry for the 2017 show, **Oh! Canada**. The deadline for entries is February 21, 2017. We would expect entries to start coming in toward the end of this year. If anyone is interested in working with us, please call or email Kathy Bissett.

Nita Tim and Jean Carberry;
a couple of
happy white glovers!



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CQA/ACC Collecting "Inches" from Quilt Guilds Across Canada

CQA/ACC is collecting "inches" from guilds. They are travelling from Lethbridge, AB (QC2015) to Toronto, ON (Mississauga) home of Quilt Canada 2016. They will track the inches on their map of Canada every month and keep you posted on just where they are. The journey is 3,627.28 km and that is 142,806,299.2 inches, so they need your help getting there.

Please measure the inches around the perimeter of your 'Show & Tell' and charity quilts and email the information to Kathy Bissett at wccg@wcquiltersguild.on.ca, who will forward our "inches" on to them. Thanks for participating in this trip to Toronto!



Nesty Owls

Hooray for the early birds!!! 21 projects have been completed. There is still time for you to show your quilt. The last chance will be the May meeting. Remember, the two lucky winners of the draw in June will each receive \$60. That's enough for another quilt!

If you know of a guild member who has become ill, please let our secretary, Silvia Cadman, know so she can send a get well card from all of us.

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Mannheim Quilting and Sewing Circle

The next Mannheim Quilting and Sewing Circle will be Wednesday April 13, from 9am to 4pm. Bring the project of your choice and a bagged lunch (tea and coffee will be served), and enjoy a relaxed day of sewing in the company of other guild members. Your \$4 donation helps pay for the cost of the room. All are welcome—it's always nice to see new faces! Directions to the Mannheim Community Centre can be found in your guild handbook or on the website. Please contact Megan or Tamara if you have any questions.

More Library News!

A reminder that the date of our annual library inventory has been changed this year. It will be held in May so that guild members can borrow books at the June meeting and keep them for the entire summer! In order to facilitate the inventory, we will need all library books to be returned at the May 18th meetings.

Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

- Ruthann, Tamara and Margaret

Some guild members are sensitive to scents. Please refrain from wearing perfume to guild meetings.



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A SAMPLING OF QUILTS & MORE Guest Artists: Grand River Mod Squad Tea & treats on lower level Quilt Block Challenge: A Square In A Square	St. Jacobs Schoolhouse Theatre 11 Albert St. St. Jacobs N0B 2N0 Admission \$6.00 includes tea	10-7	10-7	10-7	10-7	10-4
THE TRUNK SHOW Guest Artist: Sharon Fisher of Mount Forest: traditional, primitive & whimsical themes - hand embellished	St. James Lutheran Church 1407 King St. N. St. Jacobs N0B 2N0 Tickets \$5.00 at the door or phone 519-291-4709 for advance			Shows 2:30 7:30		
CONTEMPORARY FIBRE ART Guest Artist: Kathy White of Stratford; yarn painting exhibit	Silo Weavers, The Village Silos 1441 King St. N. St. Jacobs N0B 2N0 Admission FREE 519-664-2421	10-6	10-6	10-7	10-6	10-4
EXHIBITS AT THE MILL • Canadian Embroiderers' Guild Guelph • Grand Guild Of Fibre Artists • Group of Eight	The Mill 1441 King St. N. St. Jacobs N0B 2N0 Admission by donation	10-6	10-6	10-6	10-6	10-6
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FIBRE ART CLASSES Hands-on experiences; wet felting, rug hooking, yarn painting Class descriptions posted online at www.stjacobs.com	St. Jacobs Mennonite Church 1310 King St. N. St. Jacobs N0B 2N0 Fee varies per class Contact Quilter's Nine Patch, Elmira www.quiltersninepatch.ca 519-669-9511					
QUILTS FOR THE WORLD Display: quilts purchased over the past 50 yrs at the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale auction	St. Jacobs Mennonite Church 1310 King St. N. St. Jacobs N0B 2N0 Admission \$5.00, proceeds to MCC World Relief	10-7	10-7	10-7	10-4	
MERCHANT MARKET NEW VENUE A variety of vendors hosted by Quilt Essentials - Merchant Market located behind the store - lunch available	Quilt Essentials 1340 King St. N. St. Jacobs N0B 2N0 Parking on Princess St. Admission FREE		10-5	10 to 7:30	10-5	

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	Tues	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
MCDUGALL COTTAGE The Myth and Majesty of Scotland 14th Annual Wee Quilt Challenge www.mcdougallcottage.com					
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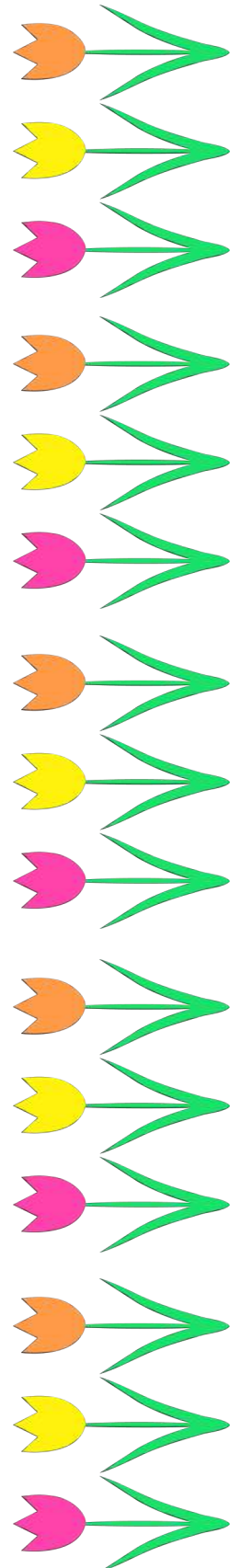
WELLINGTON COUNTY MUSEUM Threadworks: Flashback is the theme for the 2016 juried show www.wellington.ca/museum	Wellington County Museum & Archives 0536 Wellington Rd., 18, Fergus N1M 2W3 519-846-0916 Admission by donation	9:30- 4:30	9:30- 4:30	9:30- 4:30	9:30- 4:30	1-5
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JOSEPH SCHNEIDER HAUS MUSEUM Clearly Canadian: Quilt Block Challenge theme - Submissions due April 8, Preview of quilts for New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale until May 26. Quilting activities & quilting bee www.josephschneiderhaus.com	Joseph Schneider Haus Museum 466 Queen St. S, Kitchener N2G 1W7 General Admission jsh@regionofwaterloo.ca 519-742-7752		10-5	10-5	10-5	10-5
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NEW HAMBURG & STRATFORD

NEW HAMBURG MENNONITE RELIEF SALE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS One of Canada's largest quilt auctions Quilt Preview Friday, Quilt Sale Saturday www.nhmrs.com	Fairgrounds 251 Jacob St. S, New Hamburg N3A 1C6 519-745-8458 or 1-800-313-6226				5:30- 9:30 pm	7-4
STRATFORD PERTH MUSEUM "My Corner of the World" 80 piece show from Studio Art Quilts Associates (SAQA). Canadian & International artists interpret their "corner of the world" www.stratfordperthmuseum.ca	Stratford Perth Museum 4275 Huron Rd., Stratford N5A 6S6 (Just west of Stratford on Hwy #8) General Admission Micaela@stratfordperthmuseum.ca 519-393-5311	9-5	9-5	9-5	9-5	9-5





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Dear Guild Members:

Re: Quilt Canada 2016 Sponsorship

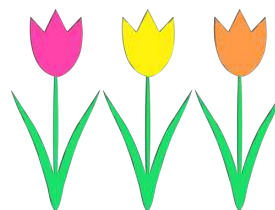
On behalf of the CQA Board, I would like to thank you for your generous sponsorship of \$500.

The Board of Directors will be assigning your donation to the Trend Tex Challenge Award and Viewers Choice, as you requested that it go 'for a quilter'. We trust that this use will be satisfactory to your guild. It has been wonderful to receive your support for the CQA/ACC annual conference.

In recognition of your generosity, your guild will be acknowledged as a sponsor at the 2016 conference as well as in the Autumn 2016 issue of *Canadian Quilter*.

Sincerely,

Linda Schmidt
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March Mini Retreaters



Many Thanks to Marilyn Hollinger, Trudy Dey and all the others who made our mini retreat a resounding success!



And who could forget



... our uninvited guest!



Photo Credit - Ruth Hicks

Nancy Wells, a Guelph quilt artist amazed us last month with her incredibly detailed applique. Nancy is pictured here with some of her original work.



3 Hand Quilters Needed

If you would like free admission and a ride to the Creativ Festival on Saturday April 23 in Mississauga, give Marg Sandiford a call at 519-886-4162. Bring your thimble and join us for a couple of hours, either morning or afternoon, while we encourage others to try hand quilting at the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale booth at the Creativ Festival.

“Contemporary Art Quilts of Waterloo County” - Call for Entry

Joan Hug-Valeriotte is planning a sesquicentennial exhibit of art quilts, and a multiscreen, dynamic **video of photographs of Art Quilts** created by quilt artists who reside in Waterloo County, to be displayed in the **Berlin Tower ARTSPACE at Kitchener City Hall, during April and May 2017** .

It will be presented by The Waterloo County Quilters’ Guild, although other quilters from Waterloo County are also invited to submit their work. Ed Video Media Arts Centre, in co-operation with Joan Hug-Valeriotte who will co-ordinate the show, will provide the technical equipment (a rental value of some \$16,000 - \$20,000), at only the cost of the actual installation.

The project will include two components: a state of the art **high-tech display** of contemporary art quilt **photographs**, and about a dozen actual **wall-size art quilts**, juxtaposed with the traditional quilts from the preview of the Mennonite Relief Sale which will be hung in the Rotunda at the same time. Quilts should have been created after January 1st, 2000.

Quilters who **reside in Waterloo County** are invited to submit good quality **photographs of original Art Quilts** they have created. Photographs must be **at least 1920 pixels wide and 150 DPI**. This is a minimum. **Bigger is better!** Group quilts welcome!

These photographs must be submitted to Joan Hug-Valeriotte between April 2016 and the end of September 2016, at jhugval@horizonsquilting.ca. (A Drop-box account may be opened to accept and store the photographs for the duration of the project.)

You will be asked to sign a release form allowing the photographs to be used in the video which will be displayed across a bank of 20 Christie Digital MicroTiles, a seamless installation of 4 x 5 LED high-definition screens that will be part of the exhibit.

As you can imagine, there will be costs involved, most of which we hope to cover with grants and/or volunteer work. Most grantors, however, require that there be other sources of revenue as well. Therefore we will be asking that you consider making a donation to show the granting bodies that there is real grass-roots support behind this initiative. Since we will need between 100-200 photos for the video, we think a donation, instead of an entry fee of \$10 per quilt submitted (up to 5 quilts) **in trust** for the project, would be in order.

This is **not** a requirement for submission and the number of quilts you can submit is **not** limited to five.

Your donation will, however, help the project tremendously by providing seed money and proof of community support. If we manage to get any grant money from the Ontario Arts Council, and/or the Region of Waterloo Art Fund, the artists will be paid a hanging fee, according to CARFAC rates. (approximately \$25 per submission). Otherwise the donated money will be applied directly to the installation costs, which will be approximately \$2000.

You may begin sending photos anytime to Joan at jhugval@horizonsquilting.ca, until we have a Dropbox account set up. If your photograph is of acceptable quality, I will send you a photo release form and an application form.

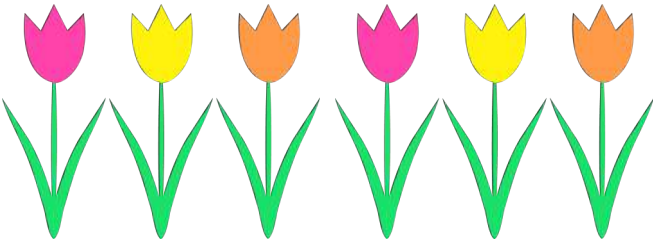
Look for more information on the project in the next newsletters, or speak to Kathy Langill, Eileen Fennel or Joan Hug-Valeriotte if you have questions.

Yours,

Joan Hug-Valeriotte



Two quilts made from the IPM Quilt Block Challenge—"30 Shades of Green". Several of these were created by our guild members.



Did you know guild members may advertise for **FREE** in our classified section?

One ad per issue per guild member—the content must be quilt related.



TIMING IS EVERYTHING—PLEASE REMEMBER to allow time for those doing setup at guild meetings and come **AFTER** 12:45pm and 6:15pm

Just a warm and friendly reminder from the IPM 2016 Quilt Committee that there's plenty of time to create your masterpiece for the show. The Entry Brochure and Entry Form are available at www.plowingmatch.org/2016-committees/quilting. Prizes for the eleven categories are valued at over \$4200, thanks to the generosity of our donors. Entry forms are due to Renske Helmuth, Committee Chair, by April 15th. The quilts themselves do not need to be delivered until August. Mark your calendars for the IPM 2016 "A Fresh Taste of Quilting" Show and Competition to be held at the Harriston Curling Club, August 19th & 20th.



“Focus on Quilting”

Program Outline 2015 -2016

April - Carol Seeley, Campbell River, BC, is accomplished in many genres of quilting. In addition to presenting “My Quilting Journey”, Carol will conduct 3 landscape/seascape workshops.

May - Dorothy Fu, from the Toronto area, will discuss her diverse quilting interests, from hand quilting to machine quilting, from traditional work to portraiture and from piecing to machine appliqué, during her informative trunk show.

June - Annual General Meeting, evening meeting only

Elected Officers of the Guild 2015-2016

Co-Presidents: Kathy Langill & Eileen Fennell
 Vice President: Vacant
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 Past President: Trudy Dey

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 & Ruthanne Snider, Co-chair
 Website: Kathy Bissett



Quilting Months Ahead

Month	Day	Activity
April	13	Mannheim Quilting and Sewing Circle
April	20	Regular Guild Meetings
April	21,22,23	Carol Seeley Landscape/Seascape Workshops
April	22,23	Creativ Festival in Mississauga
May	11	Mannheim Quilting and Sewing Circle
May	18	Regular Guild Meetings
May	24 - 28	Quilt & Fibre Art Festival
May	25	Library Inventory 1—4pm
May	27 - 28	New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale
June	8	Mannheim Quilting and Sewing Circle
June	15	Annual General Meeting EVENING ONLY
June	15-18	CQA/ACC Quilt Canada 2016 in Mississauga

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