



Scraps of Wisdom

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President's Message

Many thanks to Vicky MacDonald for last month's trunk show. What a varied array of scrappy and traditional styles she presented. It was interesting to hear about her life experiences and how she incorporated them into her quilt making. Thanks for the inspiration!

The result of the vote on charities was overwhelmingly in favour of Hospice of Waterloo Region.

If you forgot or were away, this is a gentle reminder that the President's Challenge Blocks will be gratefully accepted at the February meeting. Many thanks for those already handed in.

Marney will also be accepting the fabric and story lines for the Rag Jacket at the February meeting.

Next month, besides our usual door prize, there will be a separate draw ticket for all those who wear a quilted garment, and bags will be accepted also. So, I'm expecting a fabulous fashion show at both meetings. Perhaps the remnants of one those items could be incorporated into Marney's project.

Many thanks to Jan Hember and helpers, for defining the parameters of our quilt show categories and explanation on sleeve requirements. Look for written directions elsewhere in this newsletter.

And finally, but not least, many thanks to Bev Bechthold for her extensive work on the two charity quilts as well as the third given to the executive to distribute. We will let you know by March where this last quilt will go, and to the members who participated in making blocks, you are awesome. Thank you!

Well, we have survived January's far too extensive snowfall. The days are starting to lengthen. We only have February (a short one this time) to get through and then there is hope. For those of you who enjoy winter sports, this has been a great season. Keep quilting, stay warm, and see you next month.

Carol

Condolences

Our condolences to Lynn Thomson-Haven, whose mother died before Christmas. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

A reminder that members should consider a guild meeting to be cancelled if the universities (UW and WLU) are closed. University closures are announced on local radio stations, and are posted on the KOOL FM website at www.koolfm.com



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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Contact Emily Hunsberger 519-884-5711

ejhunsberger@sympatico.ca

Meals on Wheels

We've had such a busy time so far this year with blocks for the Charity Quilts, the president's challenge, Renske's MCC quilt and our mystery quilt project, as well as smile quilts, touch quilts, fabrics for Marney's rag coat and items for the show boutique. Do you remember what is due in February (or March)?

Yes - placemats for Meals on Wheels clients.

Our goal is to provide 125 cheerful, spring-themed, quilted placemats for men and women who are housebound and would really appreciate your thoughtfulness. An appropriate size is approximately 13" x 18". Please consider making them reversible with a different theme or season on the back. We hope to have them ready to be delivered before Easter. And don't forget to include your name, perhaps on a greeting card. Some of the thank-you notes which were received for the Christmas 2006 placemats will be displayed by the Bulletin Board at the February meeting. Have fun!

Marilyn Weckworth

Anniversary Committee

The 25th Anniversary Committee still needs 1 to 2 more members in order to make this year of celebration the best it can be. Please consider getting involved. We have some of the speakers for the year planned, some ideas for events and projects, but we need your help and ideas to make it a success.

Let Colleen know either via email: colleen.robertson@rogers.com or via phone: 519-590-0731.

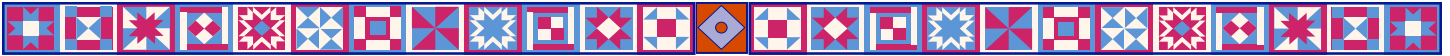
St. Jacobs Quilt Shows

I was unable to attend January's afternoon meeting. I have fabric and instructions for our St. Jacob's Quilt Block Challenge. The theme is black and white. No other colours may be added. If you are interested, you can

pick up the fabric at Richards or Treadle & Company or email myself. I can mail them to you if you'd like. They are due Mar. 1st, 2009.

Thanks,

Kathy Langill 519-746-0476



WCQG Quilt Show 2009

Message from the Show Committee

Your show committee is very excited about the upcoming Quilt Show 2009. We hope to create a show that is even better than our previous shows; a difficult task to imagine when you think of the fabulous shows we have had in the past. We want this show to be about you. It is our hope that all members will enter something in at least one of the quilt categories and also get involved in the workings of the show. There are many opportunities for you to exercise your creative talents, your organizational skills and your good nature to help out wherever possible. Each month the newsletter will update you with information and with a list of where you can help.

The Quilt Show Boutique

Elizabeth King, Marilyn Weckworth, Elizabeth McDowell Heagy and Judy Cumming have a table set up at every guild meeting with ideas and patterns for you to look at and make for the boutique. Or you can give ideas and patterns to them to share with guild members.

Show Magnets (Jan Hember)

Bring your magnets to the guild meeting already made or bring 6" squares to be made into magnets. The information for the magnets is on the website for you to print or there will be copies at the meeting. You can see how to make the magnets at the table.

Mannheim Quilting Circle in February and March - Sharing and creating of boutique items and magnets.

The 'Small Quilt' Draw - Lots of donations are needed for a draw on Friday and a draw again on Saturday at the show. Paula McDermott is looking after this.

At our last quilt show we had a "Mini Quilt Draw". It was very successful. We are planning to do this again at the 2009 Q.S. Only it will be renamed "Small Quilt Draw".

Please consider making a small quilt to donate to the draw. Any theme, such as Christmas, Halloween, etc and any type of quilting such as applique, paper pieced, fused etc would be good. Sizes can vary from very small (such as 5x5) to a maximum of 60 inches around (such as 15x15). It can be square, rectangle, round or any shape.

Please contact me if you have any questions. I am usually at the afternoon meetings too.

Thank you. Paula McDermott 519 747 0663

Challenge Quilt (Pat Lockyer)

The challenge this year is "Idioms". The quilt size can take on any shape up to a maximum of 60 inches or less in perimeter. There is no special material supplied for this challenge. The Idiom Quilt is to be completed by the **June meeting**. "Don't beat around the bush", "it's a piece of cake", start sewing now and you'll have it done "in the nick of time". So, "give it your best shot" and have fun!

Quilt Categories

Each entry within a category needs to be prioritized.

Small Wall Quilts - Max of 3 entries - hanging sleeve suitable for a dowel - maximum perimeter is 180 inches

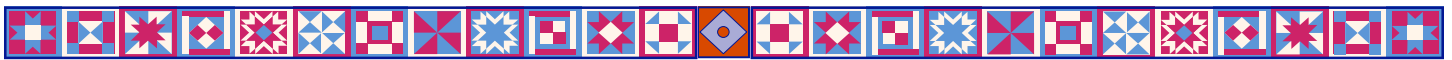
Large Wall Quilts - Max of 3 entries - 4 inch hanging sleeve - perimeter is greater than 180 inches

Bed Quilts - Max of 3 entries - 4" hanging sleeve - suitable for a specific sized bed King, Queen, Double, Single, Crib, Lap

Other Quilted Items - Max of 3 entries - (with possible allowances made for 3 postcards accepted as 1 entry and 3 coordinating landscapes possibly accepted as 1 entry) Suitable items are: jackets, vests, hats, pillows, table runners, tree skirts, Christmas stockings, postcards, small landscapes etc.

Mention in each Award Category.

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Quilt Show *cont.*

Quilt Show 2009 Awards (Pat Janowski)

Rosettes are awarded for 3 Best of Show winners in the following categories:

First Time Show Entry

General Membership

Provincially or Nationally shown members

Winners are determined by Viewers' Choice ballot done at the show. Ribbons will be presented for Honorable Mention in each Award Category.

Challenge quilts for the 2009 Show will be presented at the June 2009 Annual Meeting where members will vote for a 'Best of Show' with a Rosette for the winner and a ribbon for 'Honorable Mention'.

New Books for 2009

Quilts for Men-from Crib to Dorm to Den by Landauer Books

If you ever thought about creating wonderful quilts for men in your life and just needed inspiration, you might find something in this book. There are 112 pages, inspiration and ideas for every age and many interests (I was looking at the nautical alphabet for the sailors in my family), full colour photos with 12 projects and detailed how to instructions.

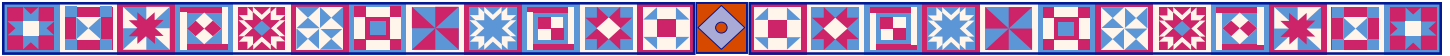


Mariner's Compass Quilts -Setting a New course by Judy Mathieson

America's expert on the Mariner's Compass presents a new method: freezer-paper foundations, which will create accurate results every time. There are 2 complete projects or you can create your own variations. Included are 13 full size patterns, no need to enlarge. Judy also gives instructions for circling geese, outer ring of points, and expanding checkerboard backgrounds.

Blendable Curves- Stack, Slice and Sew Unique Quilts in a Weekend by Peggy J. Bickle There are 10 projects with complete instructions. There are no seams or points to match, no pinning needed. Ricky Tims is quoted by saying "The freedom Peggy offers in this book is right up my alley. Her designs are exciting and doable. She takes the familiar, twists it a bit, and makes the whole process fresh."

My Red Sofa by Terry Atkinson. This is a thin book and all the 6 quilts were designed as a backdrop for her red sofa. Only a quilter would go furniture shopping with an armful of quilts and a bag of fat quarters. All the quilts look fabulous to a lover of the colour of red.



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



Next Dates Feb11 and March 11

Bring your own project to work on or help create some items for the boutique at our quilt show in September. Join the fun!!!

The boutique committee is hoping that members will take advantage of the opportunity to come out to the Mannheim quilting circle on Wed. Feb.11 and March 11. Bring your fabric scraps and ideas, or share our patterns and materials, and create unique items such as I Spy beanbags, pin cushions or microwave baking bags to sell at the Quilt Show.

Fabia and Bernice

PROGRAM NOTES

February: This month three of our members, Lyn Barrett-Cowan, Angela Grasse, and Glenda Dippel, will share with us their expertise with cards, foiling, and Hardanger embroidery, respectively. They will show us some new techniques we can use in our quilts, as well as special ways to keep in touch with family and friends. There will NOT be a vendor this month. Instead, we will have our annual Chair Sale. So clean out your sewing room and bring in all those patterns, notions and fabrics that you know you will never use. Perhaps it will turn out to be the perfect "something" for somebody else.

March: Anita Zobens from Cottonmill Threadworks will come back to the Guild. Last year Anita shared her expertise with us by showing us ways to mark our quilts and the products now available on the market to make the job easier. This year she will clear up the mystery about all the threads that are available. We will learn about the different

fibres and weights, how to choose the right needle and adjust that dreaded tension dial. Anita will remove all our fears about metallic and specialty threads and will even cover those "dust bunnies" lurking in our machines. Don't forget to sign up for her class on March 21st - there are only a few places left.

April: Heather Stewart is our guest for April and she will provide us with "a light-hearted trip through her life with quilting". Heather promises to bring her quilts from the very ugly to her most recent creations. Those of you who know Heather can vouch that this will be a very entertaining program. Heather has her own website at www.HeatherStewart.com if you would like to take a look.

WORKSHOPS

The Thread Workshop, March 21/2009, with Anita Zobens

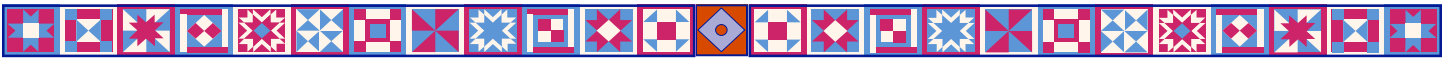
Have you ever wanted to experiment with different threads before buying them? Well, now you can! This is an "open thread bar" workshop - you bring your machine and Anita will bring the threads.

Learn how to choose the correct needle, and overcome your fear of the tension dial. We'll discuss the properties of the different threads available today so that you can make an informed decision when choosing thread.

Various machine applications will be covered, such as: straight stitch, free motion, decorative embroidery, both raw edge decorative, and invisible appliqué. Learn some nifty techniques using fusible and water-soluble threads.

At the end of the day you will have a new perspective on threads and your own sampler as reference.

The cost is \$30.00 per person and it will be held at the Mannheim Community Centre from 9.30am to 3.30pm. Sign-up sheets will be available at the January & February meetings. The class is limited to 20 people, so first come first served.



On the Calendar 2008– 2009

- ⇒ **Nov 15-Mar 1/09 A Few of our Favourite Things:** A Quilt Exhibition at Wellington County Museum and Archives. Opening reception Fri. Nov 14, 2008. For more info check website www.wcm.on.ca or phone 519-846-0916
- ⇒ **April 17-19, Off The Wall and Under the Covers 2009.** Mississauga Quilters' Guild at Burnamthorpe 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
- ⇒ **April 25-26, Quilts in the Gardens.** Halton Quilters' Guild. Royal Botanical Gardens, Burlington. There will be workshops, vendors, and demonstrations. For more information see www.quiltsinthegardens.com
- ⇒ **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
- ⇒ **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
- ⇒ **The Grand National 2009. Postcard Quilt Art.** Arrival deadline is April 1, 2009 at Joseph Schneider Haus Museum. Postcards will be received at the Schneider Haus office until 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 1, 2009. For more information call 519-742-7752 or email: info@kathleenbissett.com
- ⇒ **CQA/ACC National Juried Show 2009, May 26-30,** Saskatoon, SK. Entry deadline, January 23, 2009
- ⇒ **St. Jacobs QuiltShows. Challenge Block.** Due date is March 1.



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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.

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 March is February 25, 2009.**

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™.
- ✓ Meals on Wheels placemat
- ✓ Fabric for Rag Coat

Next Guild meeting:

February 18, 2009

Afternoon

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

Evening

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

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Mon. Feb. 23rd – 9:30am – 3:30pm

*Appliqué
Sat. Feb. 7th, 14th & 21st

*Paper Piecing
Tues. Feb. 3rd or Sat. Mar 21st – 9:30am – 3:30pm

*Landscape with Judy Gascho-Jutzi
Sat. Mar. 28th 9:30am – 3:30pm

*Wednesdays with Sandra
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Greetings from Arizona

Your editor is at present vacationing in Arizona. For the first 3 weeks I was in Sedona and took the opportunity to visit the local quilt store, It resembles Aladdin's Cave! In fact, there were so many fabrics and notions to choose from that I really could not make up my mind just what to buy. I did buy something, but did not "blow the budget"!

I also found a very good quilt shop in nearby Cottonwood. It appeared to be a new store, very nice, I bought something there, too!

Our weather in Sedona was very good after the snow on the day we arrived. We had temperatures around 18C towards the end of our stay.

We have just returned from visiting the Grand Canyon and Monument Valley where we got our "snow fix". Last night in Kayenta it was -2C.

Tomorrow we will be going west and south in search of warm weather again. I think I am spoiled for Canadian winters!

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