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Program for February 17, 2010

CHAIR SALE

“BARGAIN TIME”— February is the month for our annual CHAIR SALE. This is an opportunity for you to clean out the items you don't use any more or items which may be duplicates. It is also the opportunity for you to get a special item that you don't have, at a great price. Don't forget that the thing you don't need anymore can be just the thing someone else wants. Get to the meeting early, set up your chair, and then do your shopping. Don't forget to bring change for buying and selling.

This will be a busy meeting, as we are also having a wonderful guest, Ruth Kennedy.

Our guest for February is Ruth Kennedy from Fergus, Ontario. Ruth tells us that she is the latest in her family from a long line of quilters. Her mom, who taught sewing with knits to all of the home economics teachers in Sudbury, had a great deal of influence over Ruth in terms of Ruth's love of fabric. She let Ruth keep a sewing machine in her bedroom and often gave her “yardage” as gifts.

Ruth lives in Fergus, Ontario with her husband and three children, and is a member of the Grand Quilt Guild. She began quilting in 2000 and it quickly became a true passion. She has been teaching locally for about 5 years and finds it very rewarding. A career change, about a year ago, to Reichard's in St. Jacobs, also freed up the time to launch a custom longarm quilting business. Ruth is the enthusiastic owner of Dancing Thread Longarm Quilting. She has won awards for her pieces and has discovered how enriching and supportive the quilting community truly is.

Joan Doke and Joline Freund

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Meeting Checklist

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- √ Books to Return to the Library
- √ Smile Quilts
- √ Memory Quilts
- √ Show & Tell
- √ Fabric for the Fabric Bank
- √ Donations for the Library
- √ Zehrs Tapes
- √ \$35.00 for your Anniversary Dinner Ticket

Presidents' Meanderings . . .

It is hard to believe that the first month of 2010 has come and gone so quickly. Did you make any New Year's Resolutions at the beginning of January? Did any of those resolutions have to do with your passion for quilting?

As for me, the "new year" starts in September when the kids go back to school and I generally tend not to make New Year's Resolutions, but this January 1, I actually made some New Year's Resolutions that revolve around my quilting. My first resolution was to finish some of the many UFOs that I discovered as I organized my sewing room over the holidays. Okay—I did not really discover them, I just forgot that I had so many of them. Do they multiply on their own when more than one is stored in the same cupboard? The second resolution was to take more quilting classes to learn a new technique or two during 2010. I have a feeling that sticking to the second resolution is going to lead to a few more UFOs and may work at cross-purposes with my first resolution.

I have made some headway on the first resolution—I pulled out the wedding quilt that I promised I would make for a dear friend in Ottawa and got some work done on it over the Christmas holidays. All of this is good since she celebrated her second wedding anniversary in September. Maybe it will be done for her third anniversary—always good to have a deadline to work towards.

The second resolution is coming along as well. I was fortunate to take the class in January with Kathy Wagner on mini quilts and thoroughly enjoyed spending the day with 17 other guild members. I learned several new techniques and got many great tips from her. Who would have thought that working with 1.5 inch squares could be so much fun? I did a little bit of show and tell at my office on the Monday morning after the class—I can tell you they were impressed with my three little 3.5 inch square star blocks! They just were not sure how working with such small squares was decreasing my stress levels though. There are some things only quilters can understand.

So, fingers crossed that I continue to make progress on my quilting resolutions for 2010—who knows, you may see one or more of my completed projects at an upcoming "Show and Tell"!!

Marilyn and I want to wish you a Happy February—hope you have a wonderful Valentine's Day and, since it will also be the Family Day holiday, that you have the opportunity to spend a long weekend with those you love.

Sandy



Mannheim Quilting Circle

The next date is Wednesday, February 10, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Has winter got you down? Friends in Florida without you? Join us in Mannheim—we will lift your spirits. It's bright, sunny, and warm inside. Bring a project to work on—maybe a Valentine quilt for your special someone.

Need help with your mini quilts? Trudy, our very own mini "expert", will be there to help you. She will also be bringing her mini collection—you will be inspired.

Bring your lunch/beverage if you plan to stay for the day. We have tea and coffee. Take-out is just a short drive away.

We are looking forward to seeing you.

Bernice Gammy and Fabia Joyce

Smile Quilt Bee Day

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. By the time you read this, the number of Smile Quilts donated since December 2001 will be in excess of 1,000. At sign-up in March and April there will be further information as to supplies, etc.

Looking forward to seeing your there!
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New Library Books

www.librarything.com/catalog/wcqq

These books got into circulation before I wrote about them so enjoy them when you come across them.

1. **The Reference Guide to Piecing Like a Master** by Ruth McDowell
2. **The Design Workshop** by Ruth McDowell
3. **Log Cabin Quilt Book** by Judy Martin
4. **Piecing with Pixels** by Hart & Campbell



Contemporary Quilts - Design, Surface and Stitch by Sandra Meech (a former speaker at WCQG)

This book has over 200 stunning colour illustrations, mostly close up so you can see the detail work. The chapters cover how to develop a theme before stitching, and how to experiment with different fabrics, surface decoration techniques and mixed media. She writes about the importance of keeping sketchbooks and design files and devotes a chapter to design and colour and how they can be applied to contemporary quilt art.

Coloring with Thread by Ann Fahl

This is a book about free-motion embroidery. She writes that no drawing skills are required. She starts with easy practice studies, then moves into free-motion designs. Ann takes the mystery out of threads, needles, and stabilizers so you meet with success. She includes many tips for this success.

Quilting your Style - Make it Unique Embellishing Techniques by Leah Fehr

Each technique is presented step-by-step, with a 5" square as the building block, which you could use to make a sampler quilt. She covers beading, pin-tucks, yo-yos, couching, ruching, appliquéing and more. I like her use of buttons—especially the sea buttons.

Intuitive Color & Design - Adventures in Art Quilting by Jean Wells

Jean writes that you can turn quilting into a new artistic adventure with her 11 creative exercises, which take your use of colour, design, and piecing in new directions. She suggests you use photographs and journals to find inspiration and develop your ideas. She illustrates innovative finishing methods that show your quilts at their best.

Cozy Modern Quilts - 23 Easy Pieced Projects to Bust your Stash by Kim Schaeffer

Kim gives 23 cozy, contemporary quilts to complement any décor. The sizes include wall and lap quilts, table runners, and placemats. These patterns are easy straight-line piecing—no tricky measurements or stretchy bias edges.

Bonnie Murdoch

Members Who Make A Difference

In January, we recognized the many volunteer hours donated by long-time member, Emily Hunsberger. She has served the guild in many ways over the years, including work on the executive as president, newsletter editor, and quilt show co-chair. She is our liaison for the MCC Relief Sale and, in the past, has designed and coordinated the creation of a guild quilt for this auction. Emily is also a constant and generous contributor to our Smile Quilt Outreach Program. We thank Emily for her dedication to her quilt guild and the larger quilting community that she also serves.



Lynne Thomson-Haven has been a member of our guild since approximately 1995. At that time, there was a waiting list since there was only one meeting. We are so glad that the guild opened up the meetings to two since Lynne has been such an active member!

I first met Lynne when she was the librarian, not just for one meeting but for both. For one year, she did the librarian's duties and held the vice president's position, which she said, was not much then. Her easygoing, seemingly unflappable nature made her year as president run smoothly. As past president, she coordinated the work on our raffle quilts—not one but two quilts—one was traditional and the other was in her signature wonderful, wild, colourful palette.

Lynne has helped organize three retreats for our members, and taught for two of them. At each retreat she requested that we sew an extra square so that she could then make a large quilt for a refugee family. She continues to sew large quilts in uplifting colours and gives these welcomed gifts to the Bridges group to distribute to refugees in our city.

Speaking of large, uplifting, colourful quilts, Rosemary Plummer tells me Lynne has made a *tremendous* number of Smile Quilts, which have brought many smiles to the teenagers who need the larger size quilts. These quilts make me smile too.

For several years she volunteered in a grade one classroom and guided the students in making squares for Smile Quilts, which she then finished off with sashing, borders and quilting.

I do not have the date, but Lynne coordinated the making of the large landscape quilt that hangs in the foyer of the Cancer Centre. The guild also made 12 banner quilts that designate certain rooms.

She has not stopped. She is now one of the coordinators of the Memory Quilt Outreach Program because the guild needed someone to help. Lynne does this so very graciously and without great fanfare. She says she sews because she loves to and the guild and our outreach programs benefit so much from this love, as does her extended family. Thank you, Lynne.

Submitted by Bonnie Murdoch

From Your 25th Anniversary Committee

The Anniversary Committee is working hard to help you have great memories of this year.

Anniversary Dinner

May 19, 2010 is our anniversary dinner. The venue will be St. George Hall in Waterloo, an elegant and charming facility. **Tickets are now on sale for \$35.00. This includes a five-course country style dinner. Included will be soup, salad, roast beef, breast of chicken amaretto, potatoes, vegetables, dessert, tea, and coffee.** The hall offers a full cash bar. Diane Shink will be presenting a wonderful show. We will have many fabulous door prizes. Treat yourself to a wonderful night out with your quilting friends. The committee will arrange rides for those who cannot drive.

Anniversary Challenge

Are you working on your challenge piece? The theme is "Silver Threads Among the Guild". Happy quilting!

Unfinished Fantastic Opportunities (UFOs)

Did you take one home? Were you pleasantly surprised? We cannot wait to see them.

Show and Tell

Are you a first time "Show and Tell" contributor? Sometimes we can be a little intimidated by "Show and Tell" but we are all creative. We all have something to share. So take the plunge and participate. We will give you a little gift for contributing.

Celebrating New Members

Have you met any of our new members yet? If you have, be sure to introduce them to an Anniversary Committee member. Your name and theirs will go into a draw for a fabulous prize in June.

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

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On the Calendar**Ongoing Each Tuesday**

"Arc Quilters" meets every Tuesday at the Adult Recreation Centre at King and John Streets in Waterloo, from 9 - 2. They are happy to welcome anyone who would like to quilt with them. They quilt tops which are brought to them by members of the public. Anyone interested in quilting, or in having a quilt top hand quilted, can drop in at the Centre any Tuesday morning, or contact Jean Munro at ijmunro@kw.igs.net for more information.

Ongoing to February 21, 2010 – Fergus – **Winter in Red and White**

Wellington County Museum & Archives, Fergus, Ontario www.wcm.on.ca or telephone (519) 846-0916.

March 26 to 28, 2010 – Etobicoke - **Quilt Fever 2010** at Neilsen Park Creative Centre, 56 Neilson Dr., Etobicoke. Hours on Friday and Saturday are 10 - 5 and Sunday 10 - 4. Admission is \$5.00. Go to www.etobicokequiltersguild.com for more information or contact Linda Robertson, (905) 876-1387 or lindaquilts@sympatico.ca.

April 17 to 18, 2010 – Orillia - **Sunshine Quilt Show** at Trillium Manor, 12 Grace Ave., Orillia. Hours are Saturday and Sunday 10 - 4. For more information contact carol-sears@rogers.com

April 22 to 24, 2010 - Huron Perth and Stonetowne Quilt Guilds present, **St. Marys Piecemakers 2010 Quilt Show** at the Pyramid Recreation Centre, 317 James Street S., St. Marys. Hours are Thursday 10 - 5, Friday 10 - 7 and Saturday 10 - 4. Featuring: New Quilts, Quilted Articles, Tea/Lunch Room, Merchants Mall, Boutique, Quilt Appraisals by appointment & Demonstrations. Admission is \$6.00. Contact Brenda Miller (519) 245-3923 or millbr@sympatico.ca

May 25 to 29, 2010 – Waterloo Region and Beyond (formerly Waterloo County & Area) present **Quilt & Fibre Art Festival**. For more information go to www.stjacobs.com or contact lbrubacher1942@rogers.com

July 10 to 11, 2010 – Prince Edward County Quilter's Guild presents **A Stitch in Time 2010** at the Prince Edward Community Centre, 75 Main St., Picton, Ontario. Contact mjtucker@sympatico.ca or telephone (613) 476-0334.

July 15 to 17, 2010 – Meaford – **Quilts in My Garden** Meaford Museum, 111 Bayfield Street, Meaford. Come to Meaford, a gem along Georgian Bay, and enjoy three days of quilting excitement. A free-motion quilting workshop, information seminars on Japanese quilting and fabric conservation will lead into a day of enjoying scenic gardens and magnificent quilts. Tour some of Meaford's most beautiful gardens while seeing exquisite quilts in each garden. In addition, visitors will enjoy demonstrations, vendors and boutiques geared to gardening and quilting. Runaway Quilters Guild and Meaford Museum. Contact Pamela Woolner (519) 599-3968 or meafordmuseum@meaford.ca

Brentwood on the Beach Retreats

There is still space available for the upcoming retreat at beautiful Brentwood on the Beach on March 11-14. The cost for the 3-day retreat is \$270 and \$335 for the 4-day retreat. A New York Beauty project will be taught during this retreat.

A retreat is also planned for September 16-19, 2010 at a cost of \$290 for 3 days or \$360 for 4 days (prices are slightly higher as this date is during Brentwood's peak season). If you are interested in either retreat, please contact Megan Stauch at (519)748-1254 or (519)570-7443 or at megan.stauch@rogers.com as soon as possible.

Upcoming Workshop

We are so pleased to announce our new workshop with internationally recognized artist Elaine Quehl on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at Mannheim Community Centre from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The project we will be doing is "FAST & FUN FUSED DESIGNS". We will be creating a simple and dynamic wall quilt by fusing simple flower and leaf shapes to a background. Elaine will demonstrate foolproof techniques to cut your own shapes freehand using scissors, a wave blade, and a regular rotary cutter. Students who prefer can draw their own shapes before cutting. Elaine will also provide patterns for those who are shy about drawing and/or cutting freehand. An overview of basic design principles will be covered so that your work has more visual impact. You will be going home with a work all ready for quilting, which Elaine will also be demonstrating for us.

Members are invited to come to the sign-up table and see the beautiful samples that Elaine has sent us. The fee for this class is \$35.00 and sign-up sheets will be at the February Guild meeting. The supply list will be given out upon payment. If paying by cheque, please make your cheque out to "Waterloo County Quilters' Guild".

You can go to Elaine's website at www.equarelle.ca to see other samples of her work.

Program Committee

Waterloo County Quilters' Guild

P.O. Box 38044, Waterloo, Ontario, N2J 4T9

- 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
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Past President:	Carol McLaren

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Members' Corner

Hi everyone - The other day I had a woman approach me about an old quilt that she received from a grandmother. It is in good shape on the front, but needs some repair to the back and needs a cleaning. Does anyone in this wonderful, knowledgeable Guild know of anyone that can help her?

If you do, please contact Carolyn Dysart at cdy-sart@rogers.com. It would be greatly appreciated.

Joan Doke

Winter Weather Notice

A reminder that members should consider a guild meeting cancelled if the universities (University of Waterloo and Wilfred Laurier University) are closed. University closures are announced on local radio stations and are posted on the KOOL FM website at

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More Facts about Our Guild (1992-1996)

It was in 1992 that we began donations of Memory Quilts.

In 1994, Margot Stockie was the Coordinator (read President) of our guild, and wrote these fine words as part of her last newsletter message:

”Quilting gives meaning to our lives at a time when the feeling of being unimportant or useless causes so much disruption in society. Our quilts will be tangible evidence that we made a contribution to the world around us. They provide us with an opportunity to express our spirituality no matter what our religious beliefs are. Our quilts link the past to the future and will reflect present day history with the stories that they tell. They provide comfort to people of all ages and because no two quilts are exactly alike, they tell the receiver that they are as unique as their quilt.”

1995 seems to be the year our guild began its annual sponsorship for ROOF and Anna Kaljas. The Quilt Show was held in the Seagram Museum!

In 1996, our membership was 270 and closed temporarily to new members. This year our membership fee was increased from \$20.00 to \$30.00

Submitted by Carol McLaren



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Current Status Regarding Zehrs Tapes

At the beginning of July, 2009 I took bags of tapes to the Laurentian Zehrs store and, because of the new criteria established by Zehrs for their redemption, wrote a note describing how we are helping the community with our various and worthy "OUTREACH PROGRAMS".

Much to my surprise, around December 15, in among the Christmas cards, was a letter from Loblaw's, which states -

"Please accept our heartiest congratulations on your recent achievements of collecting our Zehrs register tapes for such a commendable purpose.

We are grateful for your order in July/09 in the amount of \$244,000 worth of Zehrs register tapes being a redeemed value of \$542.22.

We are pleased to be able to assist the Waterloo County Quilters' Guild in its goal of fund raising.

Our cheque for \$542.22 is enclosed along with our sincere thanks from Zehrs Laurentian for your participation in our 'Save-A-Tape' plan.

We look forward to being of further assistance to you in the future."

Thanks to everyone and please keep the tapes coming. Again, I want to thank you all for helping me by keeping the tapes flat rather than crumpled and rolled.

Joan Doke