



Scraps of Wisdom

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Program for February 15, 2012

The "Singing Quilter" Cathy Miller will be our guest. She and her husband John Bunge travel the world singing for quilting events, guild meetings and shows. Cathy delights in finding and writing songs about unusual and wonderful stories about quilts. She has recorded 5 CDs, published a song-book and created patterns. These will be available for purchase.

You are invited to attend a trunk show of Danish quilts from 5 - 6 pm in our regular meeting room between our afternoon and evening meetings. This is a selection from the "Quilts of Denmark" collection that will be displayed in Ailsa Craig during their quilt festival in May. Admission is free. This show is being co-hosted with the Grand Guild of Fibre Artists.

Please bring your own "brown bag" dinner and beverage if needed.

Our vendor this month is *Ye Olde Fabric Shoppe* from Stratford.

There will be no pre-meeting sewing in February. It will resume in March.

Our chair sale that is often held in February has been moved to the May meeting. This gives you a few extra months to clean out your quilting closet and set aside what you don't want but another quilter might. As the saying goes: "One quilter's trash is another quilter's treasure".

How are your P.I.G.S. coming along? Nearly finished? Don't forget to bring them in for show and tell, then fill out a ballot for a chance to win the money in the piggy bank.

Would you be willing to show and tell about a dozen of your quilts at a future Guild meeting like the 4 ladies at the January meeting did? Please let Trudy or Vikki know if you or someone you know might be interested.

Trudy Dey & Vikki MacDonald –Program Co-ordinators

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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

Bonnie Murdoch

President's Message

How wonderful this winter weather is for entering our place of fabric to design, cut, sew and eventually quilt. Each of us is different and has different types of materials with different ideas for putting them together as was evident at our January meeting. I enjoyed very much seeing Trudy's, Elizabeth's, Sally's and Renske's dozen or so quilts. Such fun it was to see a collection of varied log cabin quilts!

This month's program will offer a different slant on quilting and that is songs about quilting. Cathy Miller isn't afraid to poke fun at our passion since she is a quilter herself. How else could she write lyrics about buying material (sometimes to excess), cutting it up and sewing it back together again. I have four of her CDs and I am so grateful that the thief that stole my car was not a connoisseur of quilting music. He left behind my Cathy Miller CDs. I feel confident that she will have composed a few new songs that will bring a smile to your face. I remember her singing for us in the spring of our 20th anniversary. Do you?

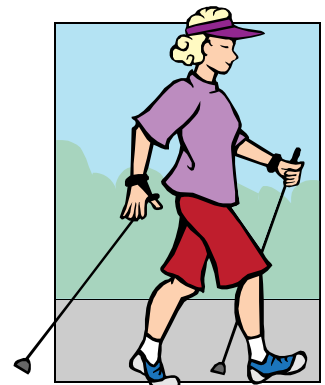
We have a bonus show to offer you if the timing is right. A new guild that just formed last year called, "The Grand Guild of Fibre Artists" and our Guild are offering you a chance to see a preview of quilts from Denmark. The full show will take place in early May in the town of Ailsa Craig. We can see this preview and hear some background about these quilts and all of this is free. A goodwill offering for their transportation would be appreciated for these volunteers from Ailsa Craig. It takes place at our meeting room where we have our meetings and will be sandwiched between our Guild afternoon and evening meetings from 5:00-6:00 p.m. this month.

I have to tell you about my Christmas gift! I received a pair of walking poles and they have put a new dimension on my solo walking. I am walking so much faster and getting a better cardiovascular workout which is good since my heart attack 5 years ago has made me more aware of the need to keep that heart working through exercise.

I have two blocks of the month (the relatively fast and easy Repeating Cross) ready for the draw - one for the afternoon and one for the evening meeting. I hope a lot of you will enter one because I would like to win a lot of them.

Enjoy your quilting and all the foul weather since quilting is the best thing for those miserable days.

Bonnie



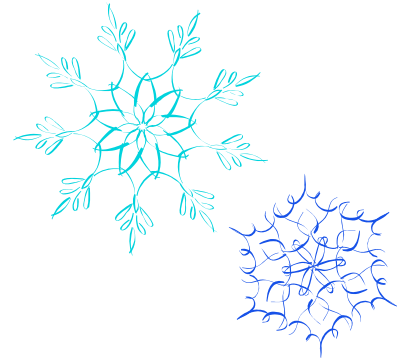
Wanted - Sewing Machines/Serger

For free or reasonable price. Older model used machines acceptable as long as they are in working order. Will be used at church to alter clothing for the homeless and for other charity work. Please call Marg 519-880-1690 or Karen 519-664-0999. Emmanuel United in Waterloo is starting a "4 Others" group to sew/knit/make items for those in need. Karen brings her own sewing machine one afternoon a week to a drop-in centre for street people and alters donated clothing for them. Both ladies would like to have machines at church available to use.

Marg is a member of our Guild.

Tip for Machine Quilters

A stitch in the ditch quilting foot will make this often used quilting style much easier. There is one for Janome machines costing around \$10. Check with the dealer for your brand of machine to see if this special foot is available.



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.

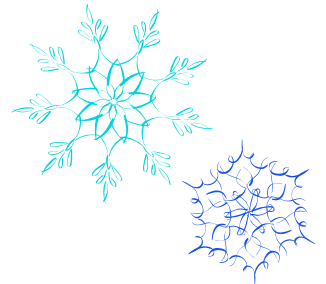
Guild Retreat

There are still spaces available for the annual Guild retreat at Brentwood on the Beach from March 15 - 18, 2012.

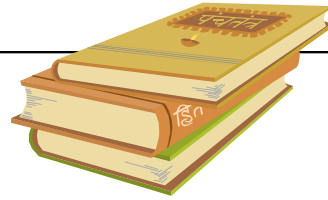
Please contact Megan Stauch at 519-748-1254 or at megan.stauch@rogers.com if you would like to enjoy a weekend of fun, friends, good food and of course, quilting!

Wanted - Themed Fabric

Star Wars themed fabric for a project. Please call Judy at 519 743-9836 if you can help.



From Your Librarians



Don't forget to visit our Guild Library located on the stage and open half an hour before each meeting. There are many new books which may catch your interest. Here is a listing of our latest purchases:

A Touch of Rosie's Quilts by Carrie Nelson

Another Bits of Schnibbles by Carrie Nelson

Cookies 'N Quilts by Judy Martin

Crazy Curves Continues by Elisa Wilson

Crazy-Quilted Memories by Brian Haggard

Cut The Scraps! by Joan Ford

Easy Batik Landscape Quilts by Patricia Brown

Fast and Fun First Quilts by Sara Diepersloot

Flower Festival by Kim Schaefer

Give and Take: Fabric Applique by Greig and Mark

Link to the 30's: Making Quilts We Didn't Inherit
by Connors and Earlywine

*Make Your Bed: Quilted Bed Runners, Pillows and
More to Suit Your Style* by Leslee Evans

M'liss Rae Hawley's Pre Cut Quilts

Nickel Quilts and Borders by Pat Speth

Quilts From Textured Solids by Kim Schaefer

Quilt Revival: Updated Patterns From The 30's by
Nancy Mahoney

Remembering Adelia by Kathleen Tracy

*Singular Sensations: 14 Great Quilts From One
Simple Block* by Barbara Douglas

*Slash Your Stash: Scrap Quilts from McCall's
Quilting*

Spotlight On Neutrals by Pat Wys

Stars Unlimited by Derek Lockwood

String Quilting Today by Connie Ewbank

Table Toppers: Celebrating The Great Outdoors

Tidings by Nancy Halvorsen

Wonky One-Block Quilts by Marlous Carter

Please remember that we are happy to take your suggestions for new books that you would like to see in the library. Please give us a call or e-mail your requests. Happy quilting!

Ruthanne Snider & Louise Heintz



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.

Mannheim Quilting Circle - February 8, 2012 9 am - 4pm

“Stone Soup” is back. Bring a cup of washed, chopped vegetables and join us for lunch. If you can't make lunch, come for part of the day - you may get leftovers. Bring your snacks/beverage and a project to work on.

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

Your chefs, **Fabia Joyce and Bernice Gammy**



Quilting Time Together - Saturday March 31, 2012

We are having a “mini retreat” from 8:30am to 8:30pm at Emmanuel United Church in Waterloo (Bridgeport and Albert). This is a day to work on your own project while meeting other Guild members and having fun. We will have irons and ironing pads available. Bring your project, machine, cutting mat, sewing supplies, light and an extension cord if you have one.

Cost will be \$30.00 for the day which includes your lunch and dinner. You may want to bring extra water or beverages if you wish.

Sign up will be at the February Guild meeting. Payment by cash or cheque is required when signing up. Parking is limited so please try to carpool.

Limit of 30 people

Fabia Joyce and Marilyn Hollinger

Memory Quilts

Very many thanks to all Guild quilters who made Memory Quilts and handed them in at the January meeting. Several people offered to take another kit and so there will be some more kits available at our February meeting. Your response to this valuable programme is much appreciated. If anyone has a query about a kit you are working on, please contact Janet 519 884-0633.

Coordinators Doreen Bone and Janet Thomson Smith

Redwork Quilts

At the January Guild meeting a web site was mentioned for viewing these quilts. They are fabulous. Run your cursor over the picture to get a larger image. To view a collection of quilt photos from several web sites, type into the Google search engine, “redwork quilts”. Click on “[Images for Redwork Quilts](#)” which will be the first item on the list, and the images will appear.

Cutting Side and Corner Triangles for On-Point Setting

Finished Block Size (not including seam allowances)	Cut square size for side triangles. Cut each square twice on the diagonal to make 4 triangles.	Cut square size for corner triangles. Cut each square once on the diagonal to make 2 triangles.
5"	8 3/8"	4 1/2"
6"	9 3/4"	5 1/8"
7"	11 1/4"	5 7/8"
8"	12 5/8"	6 5/8"
9"	14"	7 1/4"
10"	15 1/2"	8"
11"	16 7/8"	8 3/4"
12"	18 1/4"	9 3/8"
13"	19 3/4"	10 1/8"
14"	21 1/8"	10 7/8"
15"	22 1/2"	11 1/2"
16"	23 7/8"	12 1/4"
Other Sizes	Multiply finished square size by 1.414 and add 1.25. Round up to nearest 1/8".	Divide finished square size by 1.414 and add .875. Round up to nearest 1/8".

This is the chart that Vikki demonstrated for us at the January meeting.

Try tilting your sewing machine to reduce neck strain and improve posture. A couple of rubber door stops work well.



Reference website www.bethanyreynolds.com

New Professional Page on the Website

A new page is being added to the WCQG website. Members who provide a quilt-related service or operate a quilt-related business have an opportunity to be listed on the WCQG Professional Page(s). The listing will include the member's name, the name of the business and/or the type of service provided. It will include links to the contact information and website. If there is no website, a link to a document with information regarding the service/business can be established. The listing will not provide a full description of the business or information about specific events, specials, etc.

If you provide a quilt-related service or operate a quilt-related business and would like to be listed, please email the necessary information to the Guild's email address (wcqg@wcquiltersguild.on.ca). Provide the contact information you would like included and your website address or a document describing quilt-related service/business.

Kathy Bissett



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 619-742-7752
- 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
- McDougall Cottage Wee Quilt Challenge “Plaids at Play” - Entry deadline Mar 5, 2012 McDougall Cottage, 89 Grand Ave S, Cambridge ON N1S 2L7 519-624-8250
- CQA National Juried Show - Entry deadline Feb 24, 2012 www.canadianquilter.com
- CQA “Youth Quilt Challenge” - Entry deadline Feb 29, 2012 www.canadianquilter.com/events/youth-challenge-2012
- 2012 Trend - Tex Challenge “At Home in My Garden By the Sea” - Entry deadline Apr 5, 2012 details CQA website

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.



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On the Calendar

Sept 10, 2011 - Mar 25, 2012	Building Warmth: A Log Cabin Exhibit Aboyne, Ontario Wellington County Museum (Fergus) Website: www.wcm.on.ca
Jan 14 - Feb 25, 2012	In the Gallery - Greenwood Quiltery SAQA Synthesis II - Laurentian Foothills 275 Woolwich Street, Guelph, ON N1H 3V8 www.greenwoodquiltery.com
Feb 24, 2012	Greenwood Quiltery presents a Mystery Bus Tour . Visit 4 quilt shops, lunch, snacks, games, prizes, loot bags. Cost \$50.00 Contact greenwoodquiltery.com
Feb 20 - 21, 2012	York Heritage Quilters Guild invites you to two workshops with Judi Blaydon . See their website for more information http://www.yhqq.org/newsletter/newsletter.html and www.judiwarrenblaydon.com
Mar 2, 2012	Workshop on marbling fabric with Jo Fittsell (www.jofittsell.com) 9:30 - 3:30 First Unitarian Congregation, 299 Sydney St, Kitchener ON Cost \$90 includes kit fee, lunch & snacks. Contact Judy 519-743-9836 or Karen 519-621-5761 or email FibreArtists@GrandGuild.ca
Mar 30 - Apr 1, 2012	Etobicoke Quilters Guild presents Quilt Fever 2012 , Neilson Park Creative Centre, 56 Neilson Drive, Etobicoke, ON www.etobicokequiltersguild.com
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 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
May 3 - 5, 2012	Oakville Quilters Guild presents Sentimental Reasons , Operating Engineers Conference Centre, 2245 Speers Road, Oakville, ON web oakvillequiltersguild2012.blogspot.com
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 linsquirts@yahoo.ca
May 24 - Jun 2, 2012	Quilt Canada “Seams Like Home” Halifax, Nova Scotia http://quiltcanada2012.ca
May 22 - 26, 2012	Quilt and Fibre Art Festival Waterloo Region and Beyond 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 18 - 20, 2012	3 Workshops with Hollis Chatelain : 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