



Program for February 19, 2014

We welcome HENNY BREMER, known for her MINIS as our guest speaker. Her presentation will consist of approximately 40 quilts, shown in chronological order as she shares the story of her quilting journey.

Our annual CHAIR SALE will also take place. Start now to sort through your treasures and bring your unwanted items so that they may find a new home. Remember to attach a price tag to each item and include a jar or tin for your cash. Come early to set up your display and shop!!!

Let's beat the winter blahs with another fabulous SHOW and TELL!

Judy Siegner

Reminder: Evening Meeting Starts at 7pm

February Strip Exchange

Just a reminder to bring light blue fabric strips for the strip exchange. Please use good quality 100% cotton.

If you are going to miss a meeting please contact me, so I can inform the other participants that there will be missing strips. Try to get a friend to bring your strips or you can drop them off at my house.

Paula McDermott

OWLS

(Our Wonderful Leftover Stuff)

Nancy Troyak has completed all of her OWLS!!!! WOW!!

Remember to stop by the program table so we can document your completed projects and enter your name in the prize draw.

BONUS: Show something with an OWL on it and have your name automatically entered in a draw.

Judy and Olga, your Program Committee

Convergence Workshop Rescheduled

The workshop with Rosemary Terpstra on Saturday, January 25 was cancelled due to the weather. It has been rescheduled to Saturday, March 1st at Mannheim. We hope that March comes in like a lamb!!! If you have already registered, please confirm with Judy that you will be able to attend. If you did not register, there is room available. Please call Judy Siegner now! (contact info in the handbook)

Judy Siegner, program committee

Meeting Checklist

nametag/lanyard
show and tell quilts
total perimeter of your show & tell quilts
library books/magazines
smile & memory quilts
fabric strips if in the exchange

President's Message

Hello Quilting Friends:

There's a new man in my life! You know the feelings – can't wait to see him, happiness when you're around him. His name is Edgar and he is my new quilting assistant – a robot that helps me to achieve better results with my quilting than I would ever be able to get on my own.

So when Ilene, Mary Karen, Olga, Nancy and Heather made their wonderful presentations at our January Members' Showcase, I was interested not only in their awesome display of quilts and quilted items, but also in how frequently each of them mentioned ways that they use technology in their quilting. They are doing things we couldn't have even imagined 15 years ago: photocopying images to fabric, downloading patterns from the internet; learning new techniques on line and much more.

We each have our own favourite ways to use the internet and I thought that this month I would share my current top 5 websites (this is a fluid list), in the hopes that at least one will be new to some of you. Here they are, in no particular order:

1. **Craftsy** - www.craftsy.com : This is a place where you can take quilting classes for a reasonable price, at your own pace and have the reference materials available to you indefinitely. I take online classes about once or twice a year and really enjoy them. Watch for class sales to make it even more economical.
2. **Youtube** - www.youtube.com : There is no better place to find thousands of short videos on almost every technique you would ever want to know about. Just go to youtube and search using key words. Want to try it? Search for “quilt binding” and you'll find lots of tutorials from experts and regular quilters on different binding techniques.
3. **Leah Day** - www.leahday.com : Leah's site was mentioned at our January meeting. She is the author of The Free Motion Quilting Project that shows you how to accomplish 365 free motion machine quilting motifs on your domestic machine. If you're interested in learning free motion quilting, you can follow along now as Leah teaches her husband Josh how to free motion quilt. He is having all the same problems we all would and Leah is explaining how to work through them. Really fun!
4. **Design Seeds** – www.design-seeds.com : Stuck for a colour scheme for your next project? I was referred to this site by fellow member and dear friend, Marilyn Farquhar. It's a site that has thousands of colour palettes. You can just browse through and find a combination you love or pick a favourite fabric from your stash and find hundreds of ways to combine it with other colours for an exciting and unique project.
5. **Green Fairy Quilts** – www.greenfairyquilts.com : One of my current favourites, Judi Madsen of Green Fairy Quilts must be one of the most talented machine quilters around. It is inspiring to be able to see the work of quilters you'll never meet but who are advancing our craft. Her new book, *Quilting Wide Open Spaces*, is my latest treasured resource.

I am sure that many of you have favourite sites, too. Please share! All you have to do is send the name of the site and the reason that you enjoy it to Trudy Dey, our very capable Newsletter Editor, and she will put it in the newsletter so we can all enjoy it. Free patterns, technique videos, classes, blogs, inspiration – it's all out there for us, without leaving the comfort of our homes, thanks to advancing technology. I hope you've found a way to take advantage of technology to increase your quilting enjoyment.

Until we meet again-

Audrey

Mannheim Quilting Circle

Wednesday February 12, 9am - 4pm

next: March 12, 9am - 4pm

Join us for our favourite "Stone Soup". Bring one cup of chopped, washed vegetables for the soup pot. Enjoy a tasty bowl of soup for lunch

Directions to Mannheim are in your handbook or on the guild website under Community Outreach.

Your chefs Bernice Gammy and Fabia Joyce

Come Join the Fun - Presidents' Day

When: Saturday, February 22nd

Where: Stanley Park Community Church at the corner of Ottawa St. and Dreger Ave., Kitchener

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Drop in any time; stay as long as you can!)

What to bring: sewing machine in good working order
basic sewing supplies (rotary cutter, neutral thread, scissors etc.)

Optional: large pieces of flannel and/or leftover batting from your stash (36 - 40 in square or larger)

What we're doing: We are challenging ourselves to complete 50 touch quilt kits for the Alzheimer's Society!

Homemade, hot lunch included! Last chance to sign up at the February meetings.

Library News

Looking for a good book to read these cold winter nights? Our guild library has a growing collection of quilting-themed novels. Come and check them out!

Earline Fowler writes the "Benni Harper " mystery series.

Clare O'Donohue writes mysteries as well.

Jennifer Chiaverini writes about the Elm Creek Quilters. We have most of the books in that series.

Emilie Richards has written the Shenandoah series of books and is an avid quilter.

Hope to see you in the library!

Ruthanne and Brenda



Members Donate Quilt to MCC!

All of the votes have been counted and it was a close call. In November (online) and January (paper), members voted on what they would like to do with the beautiful extra quilt that was made from the surplus blocks from our 2013 Raffle Quilt. Here are the results:

- 33% voted to donate the quilt for fundraising purposes to a charity chosen by members
- 51% voted to donate the quilt to the Mennonite Central Committee's annual quilt auction, the funds from which support their work around the world
- 16% voted to use the quilt as a door prize at our upcoming special event, the Carol Taylor lecture

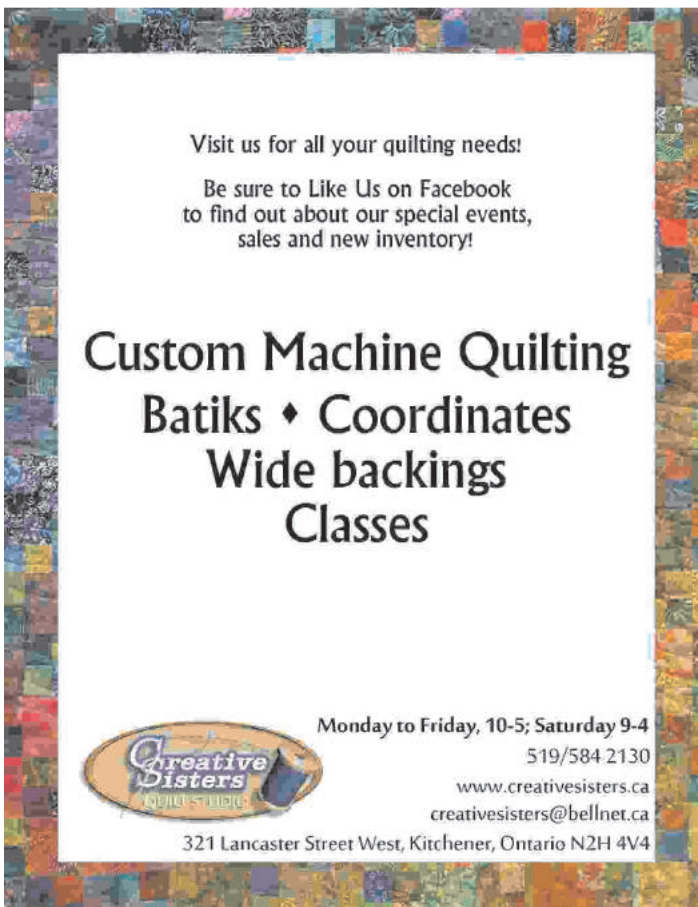
Based on this input, the Executive has decided to donate the quilt to the MCC, in accordance with the wishes of the majority of our members who voted. Judy Pearce has agreed to arrange the donation on behalf of the Guild. Many thanks to all the members who voted and provided comments that helped with this decision.

From the Smile Quilt Committee

Our November, 2013 Smile Quilt Bee at Mannheim was very successful and we want you to know that the next Smile Bee will be on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at Mannheim Park (directions are at the back of our Members' Handbook) from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.


We will have 'signup' sheets at the March 19 and April 16 Guild Meetings, at the Smile Quilt table. Again, we will bring flannel backing and both polyester and Hobbs 80/20 batting to cut for you. Don't forget you can also order this at all guild meetings. Just fill out the forms this month and we will have it back to you the next month.

Your Smile Quilt Committee – Joan, Helene, Peggy, Judy and Deb.



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The Quilts of Renske Helmuth

The Wellington County Museum in Elora has put together an exhibit of the works of our fellow member and master quilter, Renske Helmuth. Over the years, many of us have seen individual pieces of Renske's work at Show and Tell, in our Quilt Shows and in provincial, national and international shows. It is a rare honour to see an exhibit that showcases the full range of Renske's exceptional needlework talent. The show runs until June 1, 2014. Come and meet Renske on Family Day, Feb 17, 1:00pm - 4:00pm.

The Museum is located on Wellington Road #18 between Fergus and Elora. Admission by donation. Open 9:30am - 4:30pm Mon - Fri, 1:00pm - 5:00pm Sat and Sun. Full details at www.wellington.ca/museum

Below: Renske Helmuth with one of her quilts



Peanut Butter Temptations

Here is the requested cookie recipe that I took to Mannheim in January. - Judy Pearce

1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup peanut butter
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup white sugar
1 egg
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
Beat together in order given then combine
1 1/4 cups flour
3/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
and add to peanut butter mixture. Chill dough.

Shape dough into 48 -1 inch balls. Bake these balls in mini muffin tins at 350 for 8-10 minutes. Remove from oven and immediately press a small 1-inch peanut butter cup into each cookie. Cool and remove from tins.

From the editor

All members are welcome to submit articles for publication. The deadline for the next newsletter is Feb 27.

Trudy Dey

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TAKING THE MYSTERY OUT OF a GREAT SCRASH QUILT (scrap + stash)

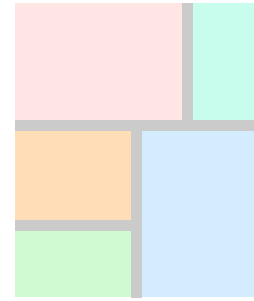
For each block cut the following rectangles:

Two of 5" x 3½" (A)

Two of 2" x 3½" (B)

One of 3" x 3½" (C)

A **B** **C**
 5" x 3½" 2" x 3½" 3" x 3½"

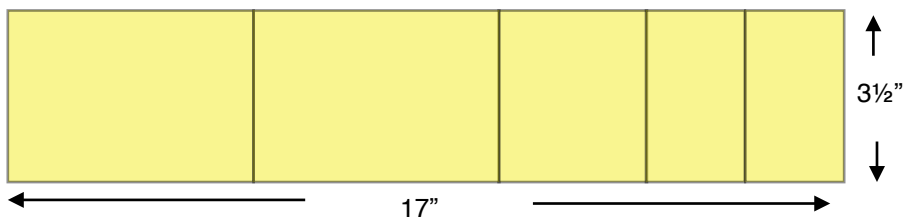


Each block also uses 1" strips between/connecting the rectangles.

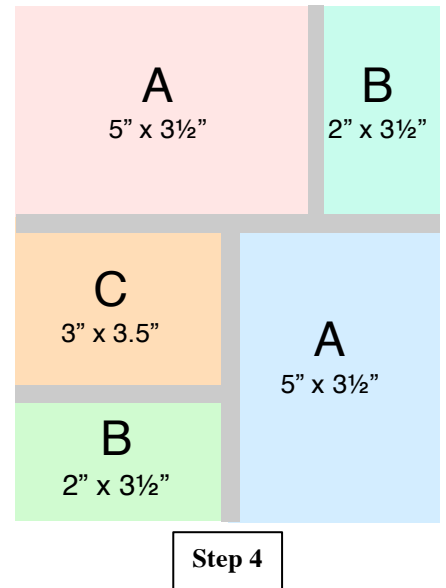
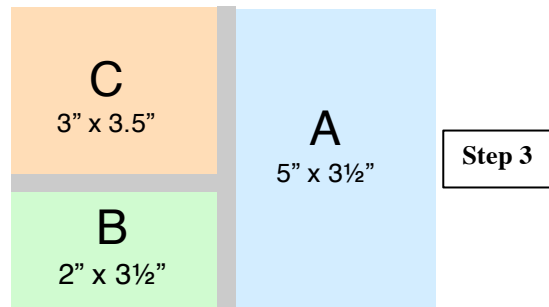
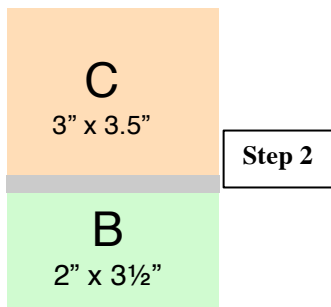
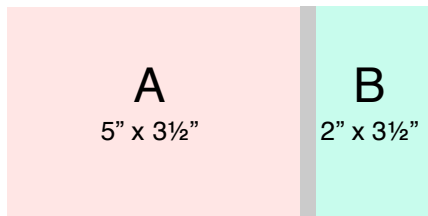
The finished block size including seam allowances is 7" x 8½".

Cutting Suggestion:

- From one fat quarter you can get six 3½" x 17" strips
- If you layer several fat quarters you can cut multiple 3½" x 17" strips at the same time.



Sewing Sequence (with 1" strips inserted):



When assembling the blocks, insert the 1" strips and rotate alternate blocks 180 degrees (upside down).

