



# Scraps of Wisdom

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## *Program for January 20, 2010*

We are so proud to start off January 2010 with our very own Marilyn Farquhar. She won the "Best of Show" at the WCQG 2007 KW Quilt Show, and this beautiful quilt, *Leaves*, was on the cover of The Canadian Quilter - Summer 2008 issue. She also received Honourable Mention in the Master category in the recent WCQG 2009 KW Quilt Show, with her *Wheel of Teal* entry.

Marilyn will present a trunk show, entitled, "The Learning Continues", featuring quilts which span the years from her first quilt of 27 years ago to her most recent art quilts.

She started as a self-taught quilter, acquiring skills through reading and trial and error. In recent years, however, Marilyn has begun to search out inspirational instructors, and travels to expand her skills and enrich her quilting experiences, specifically in the areas of design and machine quilting. In the past two years, Marilyn has attended workshops presented by Hollis Chatelain, David Taylor, Renae Haddadin, Sharon Schamber, Karen McTavish and Diane Gaudynski.

She will share with us specific tips, tools and inspiration she has gained from these high-caliber quilt educators and how she has translated these into her own quilts.

Marilyn is self-employed in the property management industry and claims that she "quilts to work and works to quilt".

Joline Freund and Joan Doke

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### *Meeting Checklist*

- √ Your Nametag/Lanyard
- √ Books to Return to the Library
- √ Smile Quilts
- √ Memory Quilts
- √ Show & Tell
- √ Fabric for the Fabric Bank
- √ Donations for the Library
- √ Zehrs Tapes

*Presidents' Meanderings ....*

I'm a feeler and a piecer at heart. I love the feel of fabric, the colours and patterns. I can't walk into a fabric store and not touch the fabric! It's exciting to watch the design unfold as I piece together the blocks. Sometimes, in the midst of each project, I hit a point where I'm sure that the design and fabric are not working together. Yet I forge ahead knowing that each quilt becomes what it needs to be. This is why my "Sew What" friends are so important. They either confirm or refute that the fabric choice and pattern complement one another.

My first memories of quilts and quilting are of playing underneath the quilting frame in my grandmother's dining room while my granny, mother, aunts and older cousins chatted and quilted away. My brother and I were clearly the "little ones" under the table. I often listened to their conversations, fascinated that they could express themselves so eloquently. One time they talked about a mistake in the quilt, and I recall my granny saying that there is a mistake in every quilt because "only God is perfect." Looking back, I believe that this was her Amish faith being expressed.

I have held that wisdom for many years and it has helped me through many quilts, as well as many other challenges in life, and I don't have to make mistakes intentionally. Remembering that "only God is perfect" has helped me relax and enjoy what I'm doing rather than strive for perfectionism.

Facilitating the quilt guild meetings is very much like piecing a quilt. I look through the stash of material that comes from the program committee, from the executive meeting, and from material that has been sent to the guild. Sandy and I meet for lunch to review and slowly shape the meeting at hand. I delight in reading the words, phrasing and varied perspectives. As I reflect on the season, I begin to imagine the design of the meeting. I search for the focus of the meeting and how it will be received by the quilters at hand. Piece by piece the meetings and information takes shape.

The hardest part comes when Sandy and I realize that we need to make some cuts. Yet, the choice to let go of one new project and keep another creates the design that is needed. In my mind, I make the choices remembering that "only God is perfect."

Enjoy the design and piecing of this newsletter,  
Sandy & Marilyn



February Newsletter Submissions are due on **January 15, 2010.**

Please send to Carol Williams at [twotaffy@yahoo.ca](mailto:twotaffy@yahoo.ca) or by mail to P.O. Box 192, Plattsville, Ontario N0J 1S0

*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. We will be selling tickets starting at our January meeting. The cost will be \$35.00. This delicious dinner will be five courses served country style including soup, salad, two entrees (Roast Beef and Breast of Chicken Amaretto), potatoes and vegetables. There will also be dessert/tea/coffee. The venue will be St. George Hall in Waterloo, an elegant and charming facility. Diane Shink, our speaker for the evening, will be presenting a wonderful show. We will have some fabulous door prizes. The hall offers a full cash bar. Treat yourself to a wonderful night out with your quilting friends. The committee will arrange rides for those who cannot drive. Please talk to one of the committee members if you require a ride.

*Celebrate in Silver*

Remember to wear something silver to the January meeting (jewelry not included). Your name will go into a draw for a nice prize.

*Celebrating New Members*

Have you met any of our new members yet? If you have, be sure to introduce them to any of the Anniversary Committee members to get your name and theirs in a draw that will be held in June.

*Show and Tell*

Are you a first time "Show and Tell" contributor? We all feel somewhat shy and inadequate alongside our speakers' inspiring items and those of our more accomplished members, but we all make wonderful things for ourselves, our families and our community. This is your opportunity to share your colour choices, patterns used and your creativity. We are all inspired by show and tell. You may not feel confident about the quality but the rest of us are in the same boat so take the plunge. We will give you a little gift for participating.

*UFO Exchange (or, in Anniversary terms, "Unfinished Fantastic Opportunities")*

In January you are challenged to bring in a UFO. For those new to quilting, a UFO is an unfinished project. Some of us have more than one—some of us have up to 10—yes ten!!!! Bring one to the guild meeting. We will photograph it, put it in an unmarked bag and pass it along to another quilter. Then in June we will reap the rewards with a wonderful show and tell. The recipient of your UFO can do whatever she likes with it so prepare to be surprised. Examples of UFOs include kits, block of the month, jelly rolls, charm packs, blocks started but never sewn together, fat quarters, quilt patterns and fabric bundles. Endless possibilities! If you have any questions, please feel free to call one of the Anniversary Committee members.

We have a few other things to present as the year progresses, so be sure to attend as many guild meetings as you can throughout this Anniversary Year.

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

*Mannheim Quilting Circle*

The next date is Wednesday, January 13,  
2010

from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Beat the January blahs and join us in our bright, sun-filled workspace at Mannheim. Bring your machine and a project to work on. We have lots of table space, irons and helpful advice. Need help basting your quilt? We are there for you.

We extend a special invitation to all members new to the guild (and those old ones who have never been to quilting circle). You will make new quilting friends in no time.

Bring your lunch/beverage if staying for the day. We have tea and coffee. Tim's and restaurants are close by if you are just sick of all those Christmas turkey leftovers.

We are looking forward to seeing you!  
Bernice Gammy and Fabia Joyce



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**ROOF**

In the words of the Program Director of ROOF, "You people are great!"

Thank you all so much. Once again you were very generous with your contributions to this organization. The cash amount collected at the meetings was \$446.31. The trunk of my car was full of your other contributions and the young people who unloaded it for me had to make several trips.

Everything is very much appreciated.

Shelagh Hitchens

### *New Library Books*

New Year, new books. How wonderful! Have you visited our catalogue of library books at <http://www.librarything.com/profile/wcwg>? You will find a colourful list of all our books. Click on a book that looks interesting and you will be able to find more of what is inside.

#### **Quick Quilts to Make in a Weekend** edited by Rosemary Wilkinson

This is not a 2009 book but the 26 designs are fresh, and for both traditional and modern quilts. It includes shortcuts and design techniques. The quilts are grouped under quick country quilts, quick strips, liberated piecing, quick triangles and quick squares. The enduring aspect is that they can be pieced in a weekend, however long that really is.

#### **Charmed, I'm Sure - Quilts and More from 5" Squares** by Lesley Chaisson, a quilter from Alberta.

Enjoy projects that make the best use of today's coordinated sets of 5" squares. Choose from 15 projects ranging from lap quilts and table runners to twin size bed quilts. Many of the designs allow you to use whole squares so the cutting is done before you start.

#### **Marvelous Miters** by Susan Cleveland

Susan's instructions will lead you through accurate cutting, piecing and mitering borders with ease. She shares the "Marvelous Miters" technique on any block or quilt. She writes as if she were there in the room and her style is bound to elicit a response from the reader. She has written a number of other books as well.

#### **Scrap-Basket Surprises Jelly Roll Friendly** by Kim Brackett

The author/quilter gives 18 projects designed for 2 ½" strips. You can cut strips from your stash or use convenient pre-cut Jelly Rolls. The book contains projects for quilters of all skill levels, including beginners. The book inspires creativity with a variety of designs and covers all the basics, from choosing fabrics, to sorting strips, to cutting pieces.

#### **Simple Comforts - 12 Cozy Lap Quilts** by Kim Diehl

The homespun/country stashers who also like appliquéing will be drawn to this book. These 12 projects feature traditional patchwork combined with charming appliqué. The photographs are wonderful and the appliqué patterns are plentiful with good tips.

#### **Bold and Beautiful - Artful Quilts from Just one Fabric** by Judi Dains

"Anyone can make these impressive quilts," says Judi. With her guidance, you will discover the many possibilities hidden within batiks and hand-dyed fabrics. She takes you through the steps in a "homey" story of self-discovery. She talks about fabric, thread, and quilting, and gives quilting designs for art quilts that will help you discover to your inner artistry in quilting.

#### **Color Shuffle - New Quilts** by Karla Alexander

The author writes that you can broaden your quilting repertoire by combining Karla's stacking and shuffling methods with even more techniques. Choose from 16 projects in a wide range of styles.

Bonnie Murdoch





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*More Facts About Our Guild -  
 1994/1995*

In 1994 Bev Bechthold's quilt won the "Piecing Award" at Quilt Canada in Halifax.

Carol Huehn won "Viewer's Choice Award" at Country Quilt Fest at Milton the same year.

"Bee Days" were held on Wednesday mornings at Lincoln Heights Missionary Church in Waterloo.

20 Guild members traveled to Paducah, Kentucky for the American National Quilt Show.

Quiltfest '95 was held at the Seagram Museum for the first time. The raffle quilt was the beautiful Basket design.

Ruth Hicks

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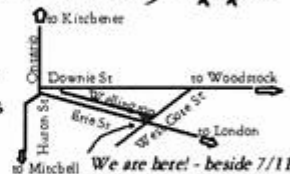


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- Monthly meetings take place at the Albert McCormick Community Centre, 500 Parkside Drive, Waterloo, in the Community Room (use the Library entrance).
- To accommodate our large Guild, we have an afternoon meeting and an evening meeting each Guild day, with identical 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:

<b>Co-Presidents:</b>	Marilyn Hollinger and Sandy Bussey
<b>Vice President:</b>	vacant
<b>Secretary:</b>	Elizabeth McDowell Heagy
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Lisa VanGalen
<b>Past President:</b>	Carol McLaren

Committee Chairs

<b>Program Co-Chairs:</b>	Joan Doke, Joline Freund
<b>Newsletter:</b>	Carol Williams
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### Members' Corner

From the Anniversary Committee:

Any member who has not yet received her special 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary bag and updated handbook should contact Fabia Joyce or Joan Doke.

The Waterloo County Quilters' Guild sends its sympathy to Linda Royea on the death of her mother-in-law who passed away in Montreal in November.

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