



Scraps of Wisdom

Newsletter of the Waterloo County Quilters Guild

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Program for June 20, 2012

Social Time and Annual General Meeting

We have only one meeting at 7:30pm and it's our final meeting of the year! We'll celebrate with a social time, play a quilter's word search game and hear about the memory boxes that our memory quilts go into. If your last name begins with N-Z please bring finger food. There will also be an open mike time for everyone to share on the topic "What quilting item(s) do I regret buying". These could be short, straightforward comments, or even humorous. Feel free to bring your item to show.

We'll also have our annual general meeting to wrap up our Guild year and introduce next year's executive and committees. No guests please at this last meeting.

Enjoy your summer! Spend some time outside when the weather's nice. Sew and quilt when it's raining. See you in September!

Trudy Dey and Vikki MacDonald

Program Co-ordinators

Bonnie Murdoch

President's Message

It has felt like summer for a few months already. I have escaped the heat of the day and descended a number of times to the cool of my basement sewing area. I have started sorting some of my scrap bags for bright butterfly colours along with some neutral for the Sunnyside palliative care quilt. Time goes quickly as the material that emerges from the bags takes me back to the making of different quilts. I didn't get to make as many quilts this year but I have made many more connections with you, the members of our Guild and that is a good thing.



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One Meeting Only

7:30—9:30 (doors open @ 6:45)

Meeting checklist:

Your name tag/lanyard
 Show and Tell
 Smile/Memory/Alzheimer Quilts
 Zehrs tapes
 Library books/magazines
 Raffle Quilt Blocks
 Membership Forms

This is where I would like to thank all the executive members for the work they did this year that helped make my job that much easier. In particular the members who are moving over so new energies can contribute are Joan Doke (secretary) who kept me informed and had minutes ready with summaries for the next meeting. Fabia Joyce (editor) put together an outstanding newsletter that was a pleasure to read. Each month I would anticipate the graphics and layout she would include to make it bright and so readable. Doreen Bone (past -president) who so willingly and cheerfully said yes to whatever job that needed to be done. I thank all the other committee members who have given their time to make this a good year for the Guild.

It is June and the last time I can gently nudge we quilters who unfortunately have sedentary ways due to our passion/hobby of quilting. We all could discard our chairs, elevate our sewing table and install a tread mill under our machine as my neighbor has done at his desk at the university (in his case it is a computer and not a sewing machine). Wouldn't that be a challenge to get the thread through the needle! So I urge you all to keep walking as it is gentle way to help us to be long lived quilters.

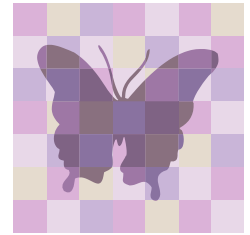
I have been forced to look at situations from a different point of view since my daughter and her husband told us that they were moving to Calgary due to a work promotion. The promotion is good but the forced new view point is that they are taking their children, our 6 and 3 year old grandchildren with them! How can I make this to be better than what I presently see? This has some similarities to quilting if I stretch this analogy. (No, Bonnie. You are just feeling sorry for yourself. Think of those people who have family in far greater distances from the KW area.) Yes, look at this as if solving those quilting problems. How is this? I can see a province that I haven't seen for a long time (like going to a quilt store that you haven't visited for a long time). I can learn to Skype to visit with the grandchildren (like using a new ruler to make quilting more accurate). I can boost the economy by buying plane tickets to Calgary (like buying lots more material on the shop hops). When I visit it will be for a longer time (like going on a quilt retreat). I am sure to find a new quilt store when visiting. Okay, I am feeling a tiny bit better about this move.

Thank you for allowing me to be your leader this year. It has been a pleasure.

Bonnie



Sunnyside Quilt Project



It was announced at the May Guild meetings that we will be making a Log Cabin Butterfly design as our gift to Sunnyside Home for their palliative care department. A sign up clip board was sent around but many have brought it to my attention that this clip board did not reach them. It will be sent around again at the June meeting or you can call/email me to let me know if you'd like to be added to the list. Thanks to all those who have already volunteered. I anticipate a fun day together - a good old fashioned quilting bee with a purpose!! We will be meeting on July 12th at the Stanley Park Community Church (corner of Ottawa St and Dreger Ave.) from 9:30 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. If you plan to be there over lunch and/or supper please bring potluck finger food to share. Marg Cassel has also donated some appliquéd butterfly blocks. We hope to piece them that day as well so we are able to offer two quilts to Sunnyside. There will be lots of work to keep us all busy.

Kathy Bissett has graciously offered to donate fabric for the backing of the Log Cabin quilt. We still need LOTS of 1 1/2 inch strips of fabric to make the "logs" or small pieces of fabric that can be cut into strips on the bee day. We are looking for bright colours for the butterfly part of the blocks and many creams, pastels, neutrals and pale grey for the background. Any size pieces would be greatly appreciated. Please check your scrap bins!!

I'll be calling those who have volunteered once we have decided the number of sewing machines etc we will need.

Thanks. I'm looking forward to our day together.

Judy Pearce



Congratulations to Renske Helmuth

Renske has just been awarded "Teacher of the Year" by the Canadian Quilters' Association.

This has not been posted to the website as yet but be sure to check out the website in the coming weeks: <http://www.canadianquilter.com/awards/teacher-of-the-year.php>

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.

MEMORY QUILTS

Up to the end of May, 79 Memory Quilts have been made. We also received 4 quilts from a woman (Manitoulin Island) who lost her twin grandsons. Her daughter received two of our quilts when she lost her babies. Quilts were delivered to Grand River Hospital in November 2011 and February 2012. The goal for this Guild year (September meeting 2011 to September meeting 2012) is 80 to 85 quilts. Since September, a total of 80 kits have been put together for distribution to members. Gradually more kits are being made up featuring baby prints as we understand recipients of these quilts do like baby prints and cheerful colours. Also there is now more emphasis on kits with “boy theme” fabrics or flannels as there is a greater need for quilts suitable for boys.

Several Guild members donated fabric, flannel or batting and 11 quilts were made with members own stash supplies. Memory Quilt Coordinators would like to thank all who contributed in any way – sewing and donations – to this valuable and very necessary outreach program.

Submitted by Janet Thomson Smith

Janet will be leaving the Memory Quilt program but before she leaves I would like to thank her for the work she has done in putting the kits together and delivering the quilts to the hospital. THANK YOU!!!



I’m looking for 1 or 2 members who would like to help me with the Memory Quilt Program. I’m away for the June meeting but please leave your name with Judy Pearce and I’ll get in touch with you when I return.

Doreen Bone

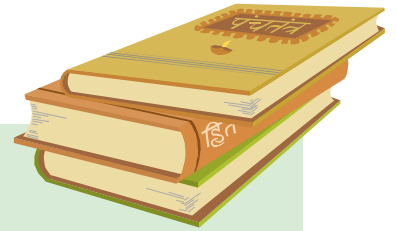
Silly Sewing Superstitions

- * The first time a baby girl comes to see you, put a needle in her hand if you want her to become a good seamstress
- * A bride shouldn’t sew her own wedding gown or trousseau: for every stitch she will shed a tear
- * When a flock of geese goes over your head, shake your dress - you’ll soon receive a new outfit
- * Once a needle is broken, you must bury it in the ground to avoid bad luck
- * A shirt sewn during the dark of the moon will creep up and out of the wearer’s trousers. To avoid this problem, put sugar in your shoes
- * Hanging clothes on a door knob is bad luck

From Your Librarians

A reminder that all library books currently on loan need to be returned at the Guild meeting on June 20. The library inventory will take place at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday June 21, 2012 on the stage at Albert McCormick Community Centre. Many thanks to those who have volunteered to help.

Louise and Ruthanne



Membership Forms for 2012/2013

Wow!! We had 95 members renew their membership in May and 2 new members. It is time to think about your membership for next year, 2012/2013. Please register in June so we can get your membership booklet out as soon as possible.

This year the membership form is on the members page of the website.

You can:

- a) print it off, hand write the information and bring it to the meeting
- b) fill in the information and then print it off and bring it to the meeting
- c) come to the meeting and fill in the registration form there.
- d) mail your form and money to the Guild address.

There will be a draw for a free membership at the June meeting from all those who have registered and paid in May or June.

Who cannot do with the extra \$35 if you win!!!!

Just think of the fabric, patterns, books or gadgets you can buy!!!!

Madeline Hughes and the membership committee.

Smile Quilts

Many thanks to all those who have volunteered to be part of a Smile Quilt committee. Also, a BIG thank you to Rosemary Plummer who has been so committed to this wonderful program for many years.

Judy Pearce

“Thank you to all Guild members who quilted my quilt at the Joseph Schneider Haus”.

Kathy Pegelo



Quilt Show 2013 –Boutique

It's that time again. I'm looking for a few members who would be interested in helping me get the boutique ready for the Quilt Show. Please leave your name with Colleen Robertson and I'll get in touch with you during the summer.

We need to get ideas of items we can sell at the boutique. When visiting quilt shops during the summer look around and see what's new. The name of the Boutique is 'A Few of a Kind'. I'll have a table set up in September to collect items.

Doreen Bone (Co-coordinator)



In Our Community

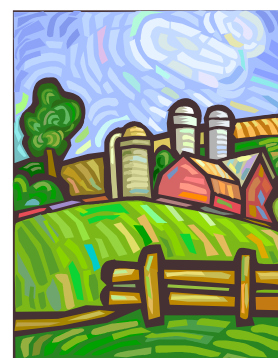
“Ruralist: a careful section of the best things to see, do and buy in rural Ontario.” This is a blog by Erin Samuel. In May, Erin featured Renske Helmuth in her blog to correspond with the Mennonite Relief Sale. Please visit her blog to read the article.

<http://www.ruralist.ca/meet-ontario-quilt-artist-runske-helmuth/>

Barn Quilts

www.barnquiltrail.ca

There are maps of 5 routes to see quilt patterns on the sides of barns. Sounds like a fun summer activity.



2013 Raffle Quilt

The Raffle Quilt is coming along quite well. Many of you have returned your pieced blocks however we ask that any pieced blocks still being worked on be finished and returned at the June meeting. We also ask that if you have applique blocks, you complete and return them at the June meeting as well. We would like you to start thinking about the charity we want to support with the proceeds from our raffle quilt. We will be looking for suggestions at the September meeting.

The Quilt Show Committee will be gathering in the fall to begin its work for the 2013 Show. If you are interested in being a part of this rewarding project, please speak with either Marg Cassel or Colleen Robertson.

We also hope you will start thinking about all the great projects you could make for the club boutique.

Have an enjoyable summer quilt making and keep your projects in mind for entry in the 2013 Quilt Show.

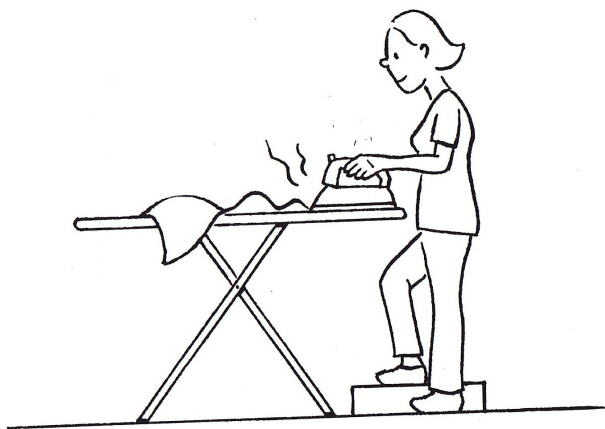
Colleen Robertson and Marg Cassel

Quilt Show Co-ordinators 2013

Guild Retreat 2013

It is not too early to reserve your place at the next Guild retreat! Another wonderful retreat is planned for March 14 - 17, 2013 at Brentwood on the Beach. A three night stay is \$380 and a two night stay is \$305. A \$100 deposit will reserve your spot! Please contact Megan Stauch at megan.stauch@rogers.com or at 519-748-1254 for further details.

Standing Can Be a Pain

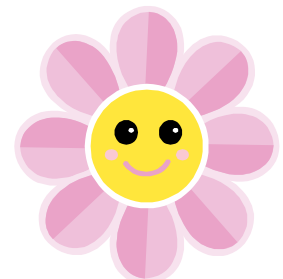


When you are standing for a long time, change position frequently by raising first one foot and then the other.

Mannheim Quilting Circle

There is no meeting in June. We will have our first meeting after the summer on Wednesday September 12. Thanks to all who have supported this program this year.

***Fabia Joyce and
Bernice Gammy***





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On the Calendar

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| Jun 1 - 2, 2012 | <u>Quilts by the Bay</u> Harry Lumley Bayshore Community Centre, Owen Sound, ON info: SueCole711@sympatico.ca |
| Jun 8 - 9, 2012 | <u>Quilts in Bloom</u> Hamilton Quilters Guild, Ancaster Fairgrounds, Marritt Hall, 630 Trinity Road, Jerseyville, ON, LOR IRO www.hamiltonquiltersguild.com |
| Jun 8 - 9, 2012 | Grand Quilt Guild presents <u>Quilts on the Grand</u> St James Church, Fergus www.grandquiltguild.ca |
| Jun 8 - 10, 2012 | LimeStone and Heirloom Quilters <u>Quilts Kingston</u> Royal Kingston Curling Club, 120 Days Road. Featuring Kathy Wylie. Demonstrations by Pamela Allen and Tiffany Tuttle. Info: www.quiltskingston.org |
| Jun 15 - 16, 2012 | <u>It's The Berries Quilt Show</u> Goderich Community Centre Arena, Goderich info: bmninhuys@tcc.on.ca |
| Jun 19 - Jul 15, 2012 | <u>Lake of the Woods Quilt Show</u> contact Pat Redden pat4769@gmail.com |
| Month of July, 2012 | <u>Yours to Discover Shop Hop</u> Visit 10 unique shops from Alliston to Sarnia for a chance to win wonderful prizes and a great outing. Info: www.yourstodiscovershophop.webs.com |
| Jul 7 - 8, 2012 | <u>Prince Edward County Quilt Show and Sale</u> website www.pec.on.ca/quilters_guild |
| Jul 28 - 29, 2012 | Black Creek Pioneer Village presents <u>Quilts At the Creek</u> in partnership with the York Heritage Quilters Guild. Quilts will be displayed all over the Village on porches, in the Pavilion, and in the homes. We will have a great market place with lots of vendors and Rosalie Tennison will be on hand to do quilt appraisals. www.blackcreek.ca |
| Aug 3-5, 2012 | <u>24th Annual Women's Institute Quilt Show</u> Clover Valley & Richards Landing Womens Institutes. Contact Maria Smith 705-246-2483 mariajsmith@hotmail.com |
| Aug 10 - 11, 2012 | <u>Quilt and Garden Show</u> IPM 2012 Quilt Committee, New Dundee Community Centre. Web: www.ipm2012.ca and look under lifestyle or call Jean at 519-632-9225 |
| Sep 7 - 9, 2012 | 2 Workshops by Jane Sassaman "Abstracting from Nature" and "Pattern Play" 4 Venus Cres. Heidelberg, ON. Contact Marilyn Farquhar 519-699-0255 or marilyn@providentmanagement.ca |
| Sep 7 - 10, 2012 | <u>Quilting At the Lakes Quilt Show Inspired by Nature</u> Buckhorn Area Quilters Guild, Website www.buckhornquilters.ca |