

AGM and Social, theme - summer travels

Each year the guild holds one meeting in the evening (7:00 pm) to complete our guild year. Following the Annual General Meeting and introduction of the 2014-2015 Executive and Committee Heads the fun begins...
- the Presidents Challenge quilts, "Playing With Colour" will be exhibited and participation prizes awarded
- the winners of the OWLS challenge and bonus prize drawn
- special presentation by the 2 Elizabeths (Elizabeth King and Elizabeth McDowell Heagy)
- social time with sweet and savoury finger food provided by members with last names beginning with M-Z

Please bring your show and tell pieces as they relate to your summer adventures and share their stories. Surely you have visited quilt shops and come home with a new project or idea. Did you follow through or did it become another OWL? Of course, all projects are welcome at show and tell in June. We thank you for your participation in this part of our meetings and really appreciate hearing about the new patterns, designers, and quilters you are discovering!! Thank you for sharing!!

Judy Siegner

2014-15 Membership

I wish to thank all the members who renewed their membership in May. We now have 65 returning and 3 new members. Those of you who have renewed will have your name in the draw for a free membership to be drawn at the June meeting. There is still time to get in on the draw, BUT you must renew your membership at the June meeting or mail it to our Post Office Box. Of course you can renew in Sept to make sure you are in the membership book for next year. The renewal form is on our website (www.wcquiltersguild.on.ca).

You can fill it out online, print it OR print it, fill it out OR fill it out at the June meeting (there will be blank ones available). Renewals are \$35 and new members are \$40.

Madeline

Mannheim Quilting Circle

Wednesday June 11, 9am - 4pm - pot luck picnic

We will celebrate our last get-together for the year with a pot luck picnic. Bring a salad, main dish or dessert. Coffee and tea provided. Hope to see you there.

Bernice Gammy and Fabia Joyce

Meeting Checklist

nametag/lanyard
show and tell quilts
smile & memory quilts
membership renewal
president's challenge project
fabric strips if in the exchange



President's Message

Hello Quilting Friends:

As I write this, the sun is shining and summer is in the wind. It seems hard for me to believe that another Guild year is coming to an end. Looking back, we had another successful show, thanks to Colleen Robertson and Marg Cassel and all the members who helped by showing their work and volunteering in the organizing of the show. Bonnie Murdoch and Marg Notar are already planning for 2015, with new ideas and lots of enthusiasm. I hope they will enjoy your full support for this wonderful fundraising activity that contributes so much to the rich traditions of our Guild.

Thanks to Judy Siegner and Olga Mondoux for arranging enjoyable, inspiring Guild programs throughout the year. For next year, the 2Lizzies, (Elizabeth McDowell-Heagy and Elizabeth King), asked for and received additional program funding so they could bring in some international speakers/instructors for your enjoyment. You have a lot to look forward to as you will have new sources of learning and inspiration. If you haven't yet enjoyed the Guild's Sewing Circle at Mannheim, make a note to drop in next year. Thanks to Coordinators Fabia Joyce and Bernice Gammy for the energy and enthusiasm they put in to making this fun and welcoming for all. Adding to the full enjoyment of our monthly meetings are Block Exchange Coordinators, Paula McDermott and Bonnie Murdoch and Scrap Bank Coordinator, Kathy Langill. Thank you, ladies.

Ruthanne Snider and Brenda Warner have poured their time in to updating and upgrading our already excellent library. They and the members who help them each month make sure that we have access to the latest publications about our passion. If you have time to help out, they will be conducting the annual inventory at Albert McCormick on the afternoon of June 19th. You'll get to see all our awesome books and even take some home for the summer, if you like. Special thanks to Brenda for her service as our evening librarian, as she moves on from this position.

And what would we do without Trudy Dey and Kathy Bissett? They do such a great job of keeping us well informed, Kathy with our web site and Trudy with our newsletter. Sue Findlay contributes, too, by keeping our bulletin board up to date so that you know what is going on in the arts in surrounding communities.

Sometimes we forget about all those who work so hard behind the scenes to keep our organization running smoothly. From Madeline Hughes and her team at Membership, to Cindy MacKay-Musso who writes our cheques and keeps our financial records, to Silvia Cadman who keeps our Executive records and Ruth Hicks who maintains our archives, the business of the Guild could not be done without you.

Our Guild is more vibrant and meaningful because of the community contributions we make, so I also want to recognize the important contributions of Joan Doke and the Smile Quilt team, Doreen Bone and the Memory Quilt team and Bernice Gammy, the Alzheimer Touch Quilt Coordinator, for all they do to make it easy and enjoyable to support the community at large.

Finally, a heartfelt thanks to Judy Pearce who has conducted all the evening meetings and backed me up when I have been away. The year would not have been as easy without your help.

So you can see what I learned this year, as your President:

- Your Guild is absolutely full of caring, talented and inspirational quilt makers who love to have fun while doing important work for the Guild and the community. If you're reading this, you're one of them. So, thank you.

- As you can see, it takes many members to keep the Guild running. If we each do just a little bit, everyone's load is lighter and (BONUS!) - we'll get to meet new quilting friends.

I feel honoured to have had the opportunity to be your President. I very much appreciate the wonderful support I received from the Executive and our members throughout the year and I hope you will continue your support by getting involved in your Guild and working with next year's President, Trudy Dey. We have a healthy, friendly Guild and can look forward to an exciting year ahead. Enjoy your summer and try to make some time for quilting.

Until we meet again,
Audrey

Library News

A reminder that all borrowed library books, magazines and CDs need to be returned at the June guild meeting. If you will not be attending that evening, please arrange to have a friend return your items. The annual library inventory will take place Thursday June 19, 2014 starting at 1:00 p.m. at Albert McCormick Community Centre. If you are able to help please sign up at the June guild meeting or e-mail Ruthanne Snider. Thank you,

Brenda and Ruthanne

June Strip Exchange

June's colour is ANY COLOUR you like. This is the last strip exchange for this season. I would like to have the strip exchange completed at the June meeting. If you cannot be at the meeting, have a friend bring your strips and pick up your new strips for you. If you have forgotten strips from previous meetings, bring them with you. I would prefer not to hold strips over the summer, as they may get lost in my stash. Just kidding!

Paula McDermott

OWLS (Our Wonderful Leftover Stuff)

The time has come to uncover the winners. Draws will be made for an afternoon prize nest ("pot" did not sound right) and an evening prize, as well as the BONUS, for those members who included an owl in their project. Due to popular request, OWLS TOO (or is it "TWO"?) will be featured next year. So be ready to sign up again in September with your wonderful stuff!

Judy S and Olga M



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2013/14 Presidents' Challenge - Playing With Colour

We are really looking forward to seeing the beautiful creations of all the members participating in this year's President's Challenge at the June meeting.

Please bring your completed (or partly completed) quilt to the June meeting, along with the packaging label you used for colour or theme inspiration. There will be an intake table at the side of the room where you will be asked to leave the quilt so that it can be hung for showing later in the meeting. You will also be asked whether you are willing to tell us about your quilt.

All members who bring their quilt and label will be entered to win one of three participation prizes. We can hardly wait to see your awesome creations!

Touch Quilts Very Much Appreciated

I delivered the many 'Touch Quilts' that were handed in over the last few months to Marg Bellingham from the Alzheimer Touch Quilt group. She was very appreciative of our large donation. She said the Touch Quilt program is still going strong. They are branching out to other communities now and also 'topping up' the homes here in KW that have a constant need for more quilts. Marg hopes to attend a guild meeting in the fall to keep us up to date with the program. So, thank you to all of you kind ladies that have taken the time to make these quilts. Please know that they are so appreciated and KEEP THEM COMING!

Bernice Gammy

Quilt Show/Exhibit 2015

We are thinking ahead to the guild's next quilt show in the fall of 2015 and wanted to quickly flag a few items of potential interest:

- we have a new DATE: Friday and Saturday, October 16 and 17, 2015 (the weekend after Thanksgiving)
- we have a new quilting CATEGORY: modern quilts
- we NEED some new committee MEMBERS! In particular for the Advertising / Marketing committee, the Vendors committee and for the Charity Selection committee (all which need to start work this fall).

We plan to hold a first meeting late in September for all who are interested, however don't wait if you're interested now! Please speak us at the June guild meeting if you have questions about these or other positions (or call or email us). Thanks!

Bonnie Murdoch and Marg Notar

Congratulations!

Congratulations to members Marilyn Farquhar, Elizabeth McDowell Heagy and Nancy Winn who had their quilts accepted in to the CQA National Juried Show. The show takes place at Brock University from June 11th to June 14th.



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