

The Waterloo County Quilters Guild provides an opportunity for quilters to learn skills in a supportive, sharing, social environment. We encourage you to get the most out of your membership by becoming more deeply involved with the guild.

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# Scraps of Wisdom

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## June Program: 30 year Celebration!

In June we celebrate the completion of another successful year, with our annual business meeting and social (thank-you to those whose last names begin with M-Z for providing our snacks). Come and enjoy a trip down memory lane as Kathy Bissett and Ruth Hicks share some highlights of our last 30 years. Our last Pearl of Wisdom will be shared by Renske, thus completing the 30 begun in November – a big thank-you to all those who contributed their excellent ideas. Some of our members too, will be sharing highlights of courses taken both within our guild and internationally. We promise inspiring presentations and scintillating conversation, so please join us. Since June is “rose” month, anyone wearing a rose will receive an extra door prize ticket. Use your imagination!

Please remember to thank the ladies (and their friends) who stepped forward to organize the tables and food for us this year: Cathy Pryor, Marilyn Weckworth, and Dorothy Holdenmeyer.

~Elizabeth McDowell Heagy &  
Elizabeth King  
Program Committee

### Quick reminder from the Program Committee:

If you would be interested in either presenting a trunk show or running a workshop for our guild, please email Elizabeth McDowell Heagy or Elizabeth King so that we include your name on our list. Please provide us with the topic, and any other pertinent information such as level and number of participants (workshop), fee, whether you are novice or professional, etc. Thanks!

## President's Message

Another guild year is coming to an end. I hope you enjoyed it as much as I have! Have you been inspired to try a new design, technique or project? I've got a project from one of Laura Wasilowski's workshops that I want to finish and enter in our exhibit.

Entry forms for that have to be in at this month's meeting, although the quilts don't need to be ready until mid-August when they're photographed. Whew! Glad that gives me a few weeks to finish my project. I hope everyone can come to our

June social meeting. It's a fun way to end the year! Then I wish you all a relaxing summer that includes some time to sew and quilt.

Trudy Dey



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## Membership Renewal

June is the renewal month for your membership. If you renew in June, you are eligible for a draw for a free membership for the coming year. The renewal form will be on the website under membership . You can complete and print it or print the form first and then fill it in There will be forms at the June meeting. We are very lucky that our membership fees have not gone up like so many other things! We are a bargain. Renewals are \$35 and new members are \$40.

~Madeline Hughes Membership Chair

## Membership Pictures

Madeline is still taking pictures of our members for the 2015-2016 WCQG Handbook. Only 50 more member photos needed! If you wish your picture in next year's handbook, see Madeline at the June meeting.

## Library News

Please return all borrowed materials to the library on June 17. The inventory will be held on Thursday June 18 starting at 1:00 p.m. and usually takes about 2 hours. Please come if you are able to help out. Library books may be signed out for the summer months immediately following the inventory on Thursday afternoon. Thank you,

~Margaret, Tamara and Ruthanne

## Mannheim Circle

**Wednesday June 10, 9-4**

This is our last meeting until September. We are having a picnic pot-luck. Bring something to share. The bingo block quilt has been pieced. We are looking for solids to piece a colourful backing. If you have any larger pieces of cotton in red, yellow, green, blue etc please bring them along. In the fall we hope to set up a frame for hand quilting.

~Bernice Gammy and Fabia Joyce

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# Quilt Exhibit 2015: Writing Your Story Card Statement

When you venture onto the Guild's web site and you click on "Quilt Exhibit" on the left hand side, you will discover the list of vendors coming to this October's exhibit, and, on the right hand side, under last show's raffle quilt, you will notice the heading: **Members' 2015 Quilt Exhibit Preparations.**

In addition to information on making magnets and boutique items, you will also find a simple tutorial for **making a quilt sleeve**, and, most important for the month of June, you will find an instruction page and the **ENTRY FORM**. This can be completed on your computer or, printed and submitted in hard copy.

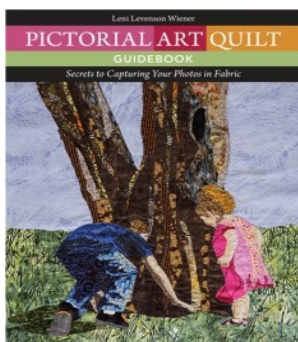
However, whatever way you choose, the **deadline to submit your entry form is JUNE 17!** (Forms will be available at the June meeting. Bring along the dimensions of your quilt and your story card and you can complete the rest of the information that night!)

While the entry form is fairly straightforward to complete, the bottom of the form asks you to add a 100 word (or less) **statement for the story card**. Not sure about what that is or what to write?

I've found a helpful guideline on Leni Weiner's April 8, 2015 blog (<http://leniweiner.com/blog>). Leni is an American quilt artist who is best known for making quilts from her photographs of people. Her blog connects you to the *Bernina We All Sew* web site: <http://weallsew.com/2015/04/08/how-to-write-an-artist-statement>.

Here are a few of Leni's tips: The statement, sometimes known as an *artist's statement*, is a short explanation of your quilt, written in the first person and in a conversational style, just the way you talk.

- *It could* talk about **WHAT** and **WHY**: *what* you've done in the quilt (for example, techniques used) and *why* you did it (for example, your inspiration).
- *It could* talk about **HOW** you go about making a quilt (for example, the steps you take or decisions you make).
- *It could* talk about how the quilt is specifically connected to you – in other words, **WHO!** For example, what's the relationship between the theme, pattern or colours you chose and your life?



There's some ideas to get you started. Remember, short, simple and conversational. J



## Photography Sessions

Creative Sisters Quilt Studio (321 Lancaster St. W., Kitchener, near Union) has again kindly offered their studio as a location for the photographing of the quilts that will be displayed in this fall's exhibit. Thank you to Linda and Brenda. J

Photo days will take place *the third week in August* from **9:00 am – 4:50 pm**:

- Monday, August 17
- Tuesday, August 18
- Thursday, August 20

A **sign-up sheet** for your 8 minute time slot (give or take 30 seconds) J will be available at the June guild meeting.

Away for the June guild meeting? Please contact Bonnie Murdoch or Marg Notar *after* June 17, the guild meeting date, and we will assign you a date and time slot.

Away on those dates in August? Please arrange for a trusted quilt-sitter to bring your quilt(s) in for their photos, and take them back home. Please note that person's name, along with your own, on the sign-up sheet.

Quilts **must** have sleeves attached by August as they will be hung for the photos. (Quilts will get dropped off for display the day before the exhibit opens in October – more on that at the June and September meetings!)

Our thanks again go to Fred Hicks for generously offering his photography skills toward this task.

## WCQG Workshop Series

### INTRODUCTORY PAPER PIECING AND BASIC PATCHWORK PROJECT

WHAT: A Funky Table Runner (or wall art)

WHERE: Stanley Park Community Church  
9 Dreger Street (Ottawa and Dreger)

WHEN: Saturday September 19, 2015,  
from 9:00 – 12:00 and 9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.  
on Saturday September 26, 2015,  
Saturday October 24, 2015  
Saturday November 14, 2015

OTHER: Sign up at our June meeting, or later by email. The pattern will be provided. A detailed supply list will be provided.

Five participants are required to run the workshop; max. is 10.

Cost for all days is \$35 - includes pattern and some supplies

This series of workshops is being offered to introduce/review the basics of quilting and techniques such as paper piecing, patchwork, and simple fusing. There will be homework between classes.

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL:  
Elizabeth McDowell Heagy - elizmcdeh@gmail.com  
Elizabeth King - kingeliz@bell.net

## Scrappy Challenge Memo

If you signed up to participate in the "Scrappy Happy 30th Anniversary President's Challenge", please bring your completed projects to the June meeting. We'll all have a chance to admire what you've created! And there's a chance you may win a "little" prize.... Contact Trudy Dey if you have any questions.

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## The Quilting Months ahead...

Month	Day	Detail
June	17	Entry date for Quilt Show, forms available online
	17	Business meeting & social (food M-Z); Evening Meeting Only
Aug	16	Quilt Photos taken this week at Creative Sisters Quilt Studio
Sept	9	Manheim Quilting and Sewing Circle
	16	Regular Guild meeting
	26	Paper Piecing and Basic Patchwork workshops

## Meet two of our Founding Members

by Ruth Hicks

In our guild's thirtieth year we are honouring two of the founding members of WCQG who still remain members.

**Pam Sittler** Pam loved sewing at an early age, making her own clothes, some of which she still does to this day. Her Russian Mennonite background may have contributed to Pam and her mother, Carla Krause, (who won an award for promoting local arts) opening a quilt shop in Elmira in 1973. The "Sap Bucket" was a co-op that sold local Mennonite crafted quilts.

Uylond Lynch and Mary-Lynn McMahon dropped into the shop one day, inquiring about interest in starting a guild in the area. Pam spread the word and thus a few quilters helped to put together the first meeting of our guild. However, Pam was able to stay only briefly with the new guild as her husband was posted to Saudi Arabia. She and their son left the country. However in three years time, Pam and her son



were back to face a divorce as well entering nursing school and facing her mother passing in short order.

Pam worked in a local nursing home for a period of fifteen years, interrupted for a five year period when she ran a B&B in Red Bay on the Bruce Peninsula. She retired from nursing in 2013. Somewhere in there she worked on her BA from Western, graduating in 2014. Health issues have plagued her since retirement but hopes that is behind her. She would like to be more involved in guild activities now. Her quilting work is now mainly devoted to making quilts for various members of her her own family. She lives in Cambridge in a separate apartment in her son's home.

Pam wanted the guild to know "I think the guild is a community treasure, kept by some terrific women who balance their dedication along side family and other activities".

**Lynne Fisher** Another of our founding members is Lynne Fisher and for a time Lynne belonged to the Cambridge guild, "Bits and Pieces". This lady has turned her hand to many crafts over the years. Before discovered quilting, she was a weaver and a spinner having graduated from Georgian College with a Master Spinning course. She is very proud of the fact that she was able to spin and weave wool and silk to make her daughter Catherine's wedding dress.

For many years, she and her husband Don travelled yearly to Cuba. On each trip they would take school supplies and leave them at a poor country school house. One time, Lynne took an old sewing machine to Cuba to leave there so that the women could sew their own menstrual pads.

Through a chance encounter, she was made an honorary member of the quilters' guild of Santiago de Cuba, the second biggest city in the country. This was done so that she could do her own quilt show plus teaching for a 3 week period.

Her favourite quilting is paper piecing and patchwork. She also paints and makes cards for different occasions as well as she does flower arranging.

Lynn travels to spinning conventions with her daughter who also is a spinner.

For many year, Lynne drove a school bus. She and her husband of 58 years live in their own home in Kitchener.





## Creative Sisters Quilt Studio

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# Row by Row June 21 - September 8



July Shop Hop is on, too!  
July 2-31



## Next Year's Executive

Several key positions remain unfilled. We need volunteers to run our guild. Have you ever been on the executive? If not, it may be time to take a turn. Please consider taking a role. You will learn a lot about the guild and meet some great people! It will be well worth your time and effort. Your name belongs on this list!

### Elected Officers of the Guild

President: **Vacant** -  
Vice President: **Vacant**  
Treasurer: Linda Collins  
Assistant Treasurer: Darlene Yanke  
Secretary: Silvia Cadman  
Past President: Trudy Dey

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Marg Notar  
Website: Kathy Bissett

## Quilter to Quilter Classifieds

The Classified section is free to guild members for quilting items.

**For Sale:** Boxes of fabric including yardage pieces, fat quarters, charms, Rulers, cutters, mats, various other tools, -2-3 kits, magazines, huge number of books, Janome MyLock serger, Take the lot - \$500 or best offer. Call Barb 519-654-7303.

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