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Program for March 16, 2011

Welcome Spring! We look forward to the next three months of speakers all from Ontario! This month we welcome **Joan Hug-Valeriotte**.

Joan Hug-Valeriotte is a native and once again a resident of Guelph, Ontario, after more than 30 years in Toronto. Joan has been sewing since early childhood and quilting since 1977 while working in the film business and teaching French. She began creating art quilts in 1995 and is now an award-winning professional quilt-artist and long-arm quilter. Her pieces have been juried into shows such as Road to California, the Waterloo Quilt Festival Ontario Juried Show, The Grand National and the Canadian Quilters Association Juried Show. Her quilting has been influenced by international travel as well as five years living in Switzerland, France, Spain, and four years in California.

Our featured vendor this month is The Quilt Place from Shakespeare.

Nancy Winn
Dorothy Holdenmeyer
Your program co-ordinators



Doreen Bone President's Message

I can't believe we are almost to the end of February. I've been so busy that the time is just flying by. I'm working on 2" triangles that will be sent to the Quilt Show (Alex Anderson and Ricky Timms). There are 615 individuals from around the world participating in this exchange. These triangles need to be ready by the middle of March to arrive by April 1. A few ladies will sort the triangles and send them back. I'm looking forward to receiving triangles that others have done.

I'm also doing a 1 1/2" strip exchange that involves sending 200 stripes for the end of April. This one will be a lot easier to do.

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Reminder of Meeting Times:

1:30—3:30 (doors open @ 12:45)

7:30—9:30 (doors open @ 6:40)

Meeting Checklist

- Your nametag/lanyard
- Show and Tell
- Smile/Memory/Alzheimer Quilts
- Zehrs tapes
- Books/magazines to donate to the Library
- Boutique items
- 6" Show Magnet Squares

President's Message (cont.)

There is also our own monthly square in a square exchange and of course getting my projects ready for our Quilt Show. I think I need a rest.....

Chocolate tip for March:

Chocolate has many preservatives. Preservatives make you look younger.

Doreen



Calls for Entry

- Joseph Schneider Haus 519-742-7752 “Memories in Black and White” 2011 Quilt Block Contest. The deadline is April 15, 2011.
- Trend-Tex Challenge May 2011 London Ontario - Forms/information: www.canadianquilter.com/pdf/2011-trend-tex-quilters-challenge-kits.pdf
- St. Jacobs Quilt Show 2011 - Monochromatic www.stjacobs.com. Entry deadline March 5, 2011. Pick up your entry form at Reichards, St Jacobs or Quilters Nine Patch, Elmira. **Forms on Guild Information table.**
- Upper Canada Village 50th Anniversary Challenge. Entry deadline July 15, 2011. Info: www.uppercanadavillage.com 1-800-437-2233

Smile Quilt Bee Day Saturday March 26, 2011

The next Smile Quilt Bee Day will be Saturday, March 26 from 9:30 to 3:30 at the Mannheim Community Centre. The Guild will provide batting and a flannelette backing. Bring children's fabric for the quilt top, your sewing machine and equipment to cut. We will have pattern ideas. The membership booklet gives more information about the Smile Quilt program. Tea and coffee will be provided. Bring a bag lunch and have a great quilt making day. A special invitation to new members-come and make new quilting friends.

Hope to see you there.

Rosemary Plummer

A Note From Membership

We are so pleased to welcome new members Jean Giesler and Margaret Hicks. Please take the time to give them a warm hello – they'll be the ones with the white badges. Members, this year we will begin renewals for next year at the April meeting. Happy quilting!

Your membership committee:

Cindy, Betty Anne, Kitty, Lyn, Pat, Joline and Marilyn



Marney Heatley with the rag coat

The Rag Coat

The Waterloo County Quilters' Guild and the Waterloo Public Library have collaborated for a number of years to create delightful book-and-quilt kits for children. Special picture books with a quilt theme are purchased and the quilts in the books are replicated to help make the story more real for children and also to introduce them to a wonderful Waterloo Region tradition – quilting. This collaboration won an Ontario Public Library Service Award: The Ministers Award for Innovation in 2004.

The Rag Coat by Lauren A. Mills was the inspiration for the newest quilt kit. It is a touching story about a young girl, Minna, who wants to go to school but doesn't have a warm coat to wear. Winter is coming, but the family is very poor and can't afford to buy warm clothing. So the neighbourly quilting mothers sew together fabric scraps to make Minna a coat. Every one of those scraps has a story to tell, bringing Minna closer to her schoolmates and friends.

Although the creation of this coat was a group effort by the guild, there is one member in particular who deserves special mention: Marney Heatley. She is the talented quilter who

organized this project and saw it through to the end. All the fabric scraps were donated and Marney said that it's "the stories and fabrics from quilt guild members (that) made the coat possible." Just like Minna's coat in the book, these fabric scraps have a special story to tell, which Marney highlighted by compiling the fabric swatches and stories in a booklet that circulates with the quilt kit. A lot of love, hard work, and dedication went into making this rag coat and the library is delighted to add this beautiful quilt kit to our collection.

All of the quilt kits are available to schools, daycares, and public libraries in the Waterloo Region and they include:

- *Selina and the Bear Paw Quilt* by Barbara Smucker
- *The Quilt Story* by Tony Johnston
- *Reuben and the Quilt* by Merle Good
- *Sweet Clara and the Freedom Quilt* by Deborah Hopkinson
- And now *The Rag Coat* by Lauren A. Mills

Kerstin

ESTERITA AUSTIN

Fri, Jun 10/11 - Creating the Illusion of Depth
Sat, Jun 11/11 - Framework: 'Guild It'
Sun, Jun 12/11 - Sheers to You!

Time: 9 am--4 pm

Location: 4 Venus Cres., Heidelberg, ON
(5 min. north of Waterloo)

Cost: \$125/workshop
Includes lunch



Creating the Illusion of Depth

In this workshop you'll train your eye and sharpen your design ability to learn how to create the illusion of depth by working with three design elements: perspective, value and light source. You'll learn an easy, no fail, technique of fusing. This is a loose technique that allows for greater freedom in construction. Build your confidence to go beyond the quilt surface into its visual depth.

Framework: 'Guild It'

We live in the "Golden Age". Why not add elegance to your pictorials with a lavish frame? You will create three painted gilded border samples in the Baroque, Renaissance and Modern styles.

Sheers to You!

Sheer fabrics are the building blocks for a translucent, shimmering still life that will glow and sparkle while adding depth to your finished piece. You will be provided with a pattern and fabric kit to be taught an easy fusing technique that will add more creative tools to your fiber art repertoire.

Contact Marilyn Farquhar to purchase ticket

Telephone: 519-699-0255

Email: marilyn@providentmanagement.ca

The International

Plowing Match is being

held in Roseville in September 2012. Mary Wiedner and Nita Timm have entry forms and fabric for the Block Challenge available for anyone who wishes to enter. They also have brochures for anyone interested in entering the quilt competition for the match. Web site not available yet.

Mannheim Quilting Circle - Wed March 9, 9am to 4pm

Holy Mackerel-there's something fishy at Mannheim!!!!

We will be ordering fish and chips for lunch from the Fish Hut. Cost will be \$6.25 for fish, fries and cole-slaw. Exact change would be appreciated. Feel free to bring your own lunch if you are not interested.

Fabia Joyce and Bernice Gammy

PS Sorry for the wrong date for "Stone Soup". It happened in February.

Quilt Show Boutique 2011

Many wonderful items were dropped off at the table that is set up by the back door. Please take the time to visit the table to get ideas and pick up a pattern if you need one. If you have an idea but need help making the items please let us know. Our Guild website has patterns on it under 'Quilt Show'.

If you need anything please call Doreen Bone or Judy Pearce.

March Madness"

March 24 -27, 2011

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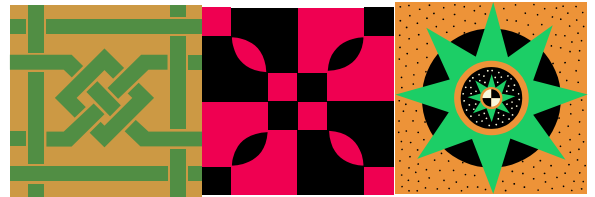
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Quilt Show Report February 2011



Things are beginning to take shape with all of our preparations for the Quilt Show. The quilt raffle tickets will be available at the March guild meetings. Joan Doke and Joline Freund will be looking after the distribution of the tickets and the receipt of the money. Please STOP BY and collect your envelope of tickets. Included is a photo of both quilts. We again hope that each member will sell at least 2 books of tickets (we currently have about 220 members – $\$20 \times 220 = \$4,000$ – sounds good to me). As you sell your tickets please return the ticket money AND TICKET STUBS in an envelope with your name and dollar amount enclosed. The Raffle Tickets are a MINI FLYER of our Quilt Show so please encourage ticket buyers to mark the date on their calendar and come and visit our Show. **Keeping track of your raffle tickets is important** as at the end of the draw we have to be able to account for all sold stubs and unsold tickets. Please note that the person named on the ticket must be 18 years or older and they must be in Ontario when the ticket was purchased.

Advertising will also be available at the March meetings for you to drop off at other shows, shops, community halls, churches, friends, etc. Jan Hember and Bonnie Murdoch have the materials for you including flyers, posters and the magnets you've so generously made. Let them know where you're intending to go so we can be sure to cover as much of Ontario as possible and we aren't duplicating our favourite spots.

Only 3 more months to consider which quilt projects you would like to enter. Although the show isn't for another 5 months, we need to have a picture of your finished item (digital is preferred and we will have someone available at meetings for this), accompanying story card and entry form for each item to either the website, if completing online or by hand to Kathy Bissett, Marg Cassel or Colleen Robertson by the June AGM (which is June 15, 2011). Entry forms are available at each meeting until the June AGM. For the story card, please remember to include your source for the pattern, who quilted it and personal addition if you wish (ie. inspiration for making the quilt). When considering the sleeve for anything to be hung, see the bottom of this article for the instructions

The Show committee would like to have a CD of the Show entries available for our visitors. We would like our CD to appear as professionally done as possible. We will be setting up appointments at Creative Sisters for digital photos for this purpose during the month of July. The shop will have a setup for the quilts so that they are hung straight, have a specific background and no feet or hands are showing holding up your work of art. We expect to be able to have you in and out quickly with accurate appointment times. Please let us know if you don't want your quilt on the CD, otherwise every entry will need to have a photo taken via the Creative Sisters setup. This process is separate from the photos accompanying your Show entries.

Don't forget to enter any Smile quilts, Memory quilts or Alzheimer projects. We would appreciate those not only to be entered but to showcase our charity outreach projects.

For smaller items we hope to showcase, consider entering things like table centres, runners, placemats, bowls, bags, boxes, pillows, pillowcases and so on. We will have space and would like a variety of the garments we know you enjoy making, such as jackets, vests, skirts etc. Think about the smaller projects you enjoy making for the Boutique, smaller project area and the Small Quilt Draw.

Please consider providing a small item for our Small Quilt Draw. We would love to have enough items for draws on each day. Things such as mini quilts, small wall hangings, landscapes, etc. are what we're looking for. Speak to Bonnie Murdoch for inspiration.

Quilt Show Report February 2011 (con't)

Boutique items continue to amaze me. We have such wonderful talent and generosity in our Guild. Thank you so much for the items that have already begun to fill the storage bins that Doreen Bone and Judy Pierce are using. I can hardly wait to see everything on the tables and watch them disappear into our visitors' bags as the treasures that they are.

Quilt Sleeve Instructions

- Cut width of sleeve fabric 6" or 9" (small hanging / bed quilt size) - use fabric that matches or coordinates with the backing fabric
- Cut length the same as the finished width of the quilt
- Do a double turn under on the short ends - ¼" turn under will make the sleeve ½" shorter at each end of the finished quilt OR a ½" turn under will make the sleeve 1" shorter on each end - this will be your preference - and it may depend on how you are attaching the rod to the wall for hanging
- Sew long seam with wrong sides together so the seam ends up on the right side of sleeve tube (1/4 inch seam) press seam open and press tube so seam ends up in middle of tube (the seam will be placed next to the quilt back)
- Hand sew sleeve FLAT to the top of the quilt (NOT Pleated)
Bev cuts a sleeve for all her bed quilts - so it is always ready to be hung up
I like doing a sleeve with a separation in the middle - this allows for small quilts to be hung on a single nail in the wall

Colleen Robertson and Marg Cassel

Support our Local Quilt Festival - Quilt and Fibre Art Festival - Waterloo Region and Beyond - May 24-28, 2011

16 Events in 6 Communities - St Jacobs, Kitchener/Waterloo, Cambridge, Shakespeare, New Hamburg and Quilt Stores. Quilting is an integral part of this region's heritage, so it is fitting that we're known as "The Quilt Capital of Canada". The last week of May is the time when the communities come together to host a variety of exceptional quilting and fibre arts events. Web site www.stjacobs.com (under Festivals). Brochures at local quilt stores and our Guild information desk.



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Small Quilt Draw for the September Quilt Show

We are asking for donations of small quilts with the dimensions of 60 inches maximum as the perimeter. It can be less but not any larger. This is the time to perhaps use those orphan blocks, try a favourite pattern or a new one that you want to try. Some suggestions are: something for children's room or the baby's nursery, a quilt for a doll, a wall-hanging for a small space on a wall or perhaps something for the middle of a table.

We will sell tickets just at the show and proceeds will help pay for the expenses that the show will generate. We hope to have enough quilts to have a draw for both Friday and another set of small quilts for Saturday. I will be asking for them for September so you can be thinking about one while you are finishing up your big quilts for the show. Thank you for considering doing one for this show.

Bonnie Murdoch



April Workshop

At the March meeting, we will be offering sign-ups for our April workshop. The topic is "An Introduction to Colour Theory", presented by Sandy Small-Proudfoot. The date is April 30, 2011 and the cost per person is \$30. Space is limited to 20 people. More information will be available at sign up table.

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Scrap Bank and Alzheimer Fabric

The scrap bank has now been organized into two bins - cottons and flannelette. Please try to place your fabric in the correct bins so it looks a little neater. Thanks to Kathy Langill.

NO MORE FABRIC NEEDED FOR THE TOUCH QUILT PROJECT

First of all a big thanks to all who have donated fabric to the Alzheimer's Touch Quilt Project. As this project was just getting off to a start they certainly appreciated all the fabric that we donated.

They are now overstocked and do not need any more fabric. I know it is hard to believe anyone could have too much fabric but it is true in this case.

They are still in need of more Touch Quilts and kits are available at Guild meetings (on a table at the back of the room). You can also pick up a kit at many of our local fabric shops or at the Alzheimer's Society in Kitchener. They are located at 831 Frederick Street, Kitchener.

Bernice Gammy

Quilting Time Together

Join us for a fun day of quilting on Saturday April 16, 2011

Where: Emmanuel United Church, 22 Bridgeport Rd Waterloo (Albert & Bridgeport Rd)

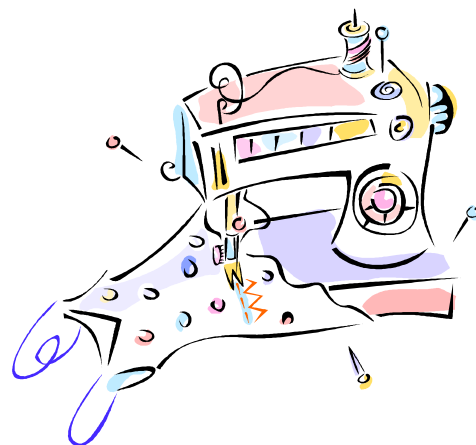
Time: 8:30 am to 8:30 pm

Cost \$25.00 includes a light lunch and a chicken supper

Limit of 40 people. Bring your sewing machine/fabric/small cutting board/smiles :-)

Sign up at the March Guild Meeting - payment by cash/cheque due at sign-up.

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Mar 4 – 22, 2011	Mountain Cabin Quilters Artistic Vision Show 2011 Canmore Alberta Contact : Lynn Cooper 403-609-0228
Mar 4 – 26, 2011	Landscapes of the Soul Salmon Arm, B.C. Contact: Hilary Rice (709) 634 5131
Mar 9 - Apr 9, 2011	Wings,Feathers,Flowers & Boquets by Nancy Wells Greenwood Quiltery Gallery 275 Woolwich St Guelph ON 866-364-2790 www.greenwoodquiltery.com
March 19 – 20, 2011	Timberlake Quilters Guild Celebration of Quilts Powell River, B.C. Contact: Gail Werner http://tqguild.wordpress.com/
Mar 19 - May 15, 2011	Full Circle – Art Quilts by Lyn Gowan at Homer Watson House & Gallery for information contact 519 748-4377
Mar 20 – Apr 24, 2011	Devon House Craft Council Gallery Textile Art Exhibition: Rare Reflections 59 Duckworth St, St. John's, NL Contact: Hilary Rice (709) 634-5313
Until May 1, 2011	Kai Chan:A Spider's Logic & Beauty Born of Use:Natural Rainwear from China and Japan -The Textile Museum of Canada. Also their permanent collection contains more than 12,000 artifacts and spans almost 2000 years and 200 world regions-fabrics, ceremonial cloths, garments, carpets & quilts. 55 Centre Ave. Toronto 416-599-5321 www.textilemuseum.ca Open daily 11-5 Wed 11-8.
Mar 25 – 27, 2011	West Shore Quilters Guild Quilts Along the Shore Contact :Margaret Shamlock www.westshorequiltersguild.com
Apr 15 - 16, 2011	The Royal City Quilters' Guild in Guelph -workshop and lecture with Becky Goldsmith of Piece O' Cake Designs The lecture will be at 7 pm Fri Apr 15, admissions is \$10 for guests, \$8 for RCQG members. The workshop will be Sat Apr 16 from 9 am to 3 pm, \$60 for non members. Both events will be held at Three Willows United Church, 577 Willow Road, Guelph,ON www.royalcityquiltersguild.ca 519-837-0818.
Apr 11 - 16, 2011	Machine Quilters Expo Providence Rhode Island Special guest speaker: Charlotte Angotti www.mqxshow.com
Apr 16 - 17 2011	Rayside Balfour Stitchery Guild Quilt Show Azilda Arena (Edgar Leclair Centre) Azilda ON Quilt Appraiser Judy Lyons... Verbal \$25.00 Typewritten \$50.00 Appointments for Appraisals contact Darlene at 705 855 9431
Apr 15 - 17, 2011	Feelings in Fabric present Memories in Stitches Peterborough, Ontario Contact: Maureen O'Neill www.kwarthaquiltmakersguild.ca
Apr 15, 16 2011	Creative Sewing Festival International Centre, 6900 Airport Road, Mississauga, ON L4V 1E8 www.csnf.com 1-800-291-2030
Apr 16,17 2011	Quilts North WH Collins Hall, 120 Hillside Drive N, Elliot Lake ON Contact: Joyce MacKenzie 705-848-1063
Apr 29 – May 1, 2011	Quilt Show & Sale Windsor, Ontario Contact: Pat Laing 519 733-5731 vivlac@gmail.com
Apr 30 – May 1, 2011	Region of York Quilters Guild Silver Threads Quilting Show Celebrating 25 Years of Quilting Together Newmarket Seniors Meeting Place, 474 Davis Drive, Newmarket, ON Contact: Carol Lypaczewski (905) 841-8250 www.regionofyorkquiltersguild.ca

On the Calendar cont'd

May 6 - 7 2011	Thames Valley Quilters Guild Quilts in the Village Wesley Knox United Church, 91 Askin St (Wortley Village) London ON contact: andrea.maniyas@sympatico.ca
May 12 - 15 2011	Gathering Threads 2011 The Canadian Embroiderers' Guild London celebrating fibre and community for 40 years www.ceglondon.com or call 1-888-661-3545
May 14 - 15, 2011	Halton Quilters Guild Presents " Quilts in the Garden " Royal Botanical Gardens, Burlington, Ontario www.quiltsinthegardens.com
May 15 - Sep 11, 2011	Joseph Schneider Haus Museum Grand National Quilt Show: Balancing Act 466 Queen St. S., Kitchener, Ontario Contact: Anne Marie 519 579-7752 grandnationalquiltshow@gmail.com
May 18 - 21, 2011	Niagara Heritage Quilter's Guild will be hosting " Quilts of Niagara ... A Symphony of Talents ". A medley of 400 quilts, a stunning raffle quilt, boutique items and quilts for sale. Mini demos, a Merchants Mall and a silent auction. Lectures on varied topics will be held twice daily with advance registration of \$3.00. On-site quilt appraisals with Judy Lyons are by appointment on Thursday only. The crescendo of the show ... a car quilt. Admission \$6.00 at the door or \$5.00 in advance. Located at Niagara College Canada, Niagara-on-the-Lake Campus, 35 Taylor Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake Ont., LoS 1Jo. For further information call Nina at 905 562 4859 or check our web site www.nhqg.ca
May 23 - 28 2011	Quilts of the Netherlands Recreation Centre, Ailsa Craig, Ont. Daily info sessions, workshops with Dutch and Canadian Teachers, Tea Room, Merchants Mall www.ailsacraigquilt-festival.org
May 24 - 28, 2011	Quilt & Fibre Art Festival Waterloo Region and Beyond Takes place in and around St. Jacobs, Cambridge, Kitchener, Waterloo, Shakespeare and New Hamburg. Annual event www.stjacobs.com For more information 1-800-265-3353
May 24 - 28, 2011	Quilt Ontario at University of Western Ontario in London, Ontario www.canadianquilter.com/events/quilt-canada-2011-welcome.php
Jun 17 - 18 2011	Pine Tree Quilter's Guild of Muskoka is having our Quilt Show - 10am to 5pm at the Bracebridge Fairgrounds 331 Fraserburg Rd, Bracebridge ON. Admission is \$5.00 and it is wheelchair accessible-boutique-merchants mall -tea room www.pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com
June 10 - 11, 2011	Abbotsford Quilters' Guild presents Quilts in the Valley at Tradex, Abbotsford Airport, BC Admission \$5.00 men free www.abbotsfordquilters.org 604-854-3806
July 10, 2011	Doll and Quilt Show Fish & Game Club, Elmwood Drive, Belleville Contact: Bev Lasher 613 966-8095
July 17 - 29, 2011	Quilting By the Lake 2011 Onondaga Community College, Syracuse, NY - offering 31 quilting and fibre arts classes and workshops. www.quiltingbythelake.com
Aug 8 - 13, 2011	The Quilts of Hawaii London International Quilt Festival-workshops with Hawaiian Teachers-London Convention Centre, 300 York St. London ON 518-639-9473 www.cotton-by-post-com

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workshop

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