

WATERLOO COUNTY
QUILTERS GUILD

SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:

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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MAY 2015

May Speaker: Laura Wasilowski

Yes, May will definitely have flowers... and leaves... and slightly wonky houses... when Laura Wasilowski brings her wonderful world of colourful art quilts for a visit. Fun, fun, fun - both Laura and her quilts. Even her website and blog will elicit a smile—<http://artfabrik.com>

Laura's creative and unique approach to art quilts has been recognized recently at Houston with an award in the Art Miniature category. She is also in high demand for her excellent workshops both at sea and on land. Laura's enthusiasm for what she does is contagious. "Creating with fused fabric allows my work to be joyful, organic, and more inventive. It is the most direct route from a design idea in my head to the realization of that



idea in fabric."

Laura will also teach two workshops: "Art Quilts: the Musical" and, "I Quilt, therefore I am". Visitor admission for Laura Wasilowski's lectures will be \$15.

~Elizabeth McDowell Heagy
Program Committee

President's Message

One of the aspects of our guild meetings that I like a lot is show and tell. We are fortunate to have so many members making quilts and bringing them to show us. I was so nervous the first time I showed a

quilt when I joined about 5 years ago. I'm sure my voice quivered and my knees knocked! We've had a quite a few "first timers" this year. Way to go! If you're hesitant because you think your latest quilt isn't very interesting or

special, remember that it just may be the one that inspires someone else. Keep on showing and sharing!

Trudy Dey



Joseph Schneider Haus



Each year members of our guild enjoy hand quilting at the Joseph Schneider Haus Museum. We will once again be hand quilting during the week of Quiltfest (last week of May). If you would like to join this fun event, please contact Kathy Pegalo who will find a time on the schedule just right for you!

Mannheim Circle

Wednesday May 13, 9-4

We are winding down another fantastic year at Mannheim. Are you ready for the quilt show? Spend the day getting those projects done. In June we will have our pot luck picnic. Join the fun.

~Bernice Gammy and Fabia Joyce

MCC Material Resources

Do you have a passion for sewing or quilting?
Do you love to share your skills with others?

Material Resources is seeking volunteers to run several classes at 50 Kent Avenue; a Basics of Sewing course (2 - 3 classes), and a Beginner Quilting Course (6 - 8 classes). If this piques your interest, please call Wendy Cotter at (519) 745-8458 ex. 248 or email wendycotter@mcco.ca for more details.



Magnets!

Be sure to pick up some magnets to deliver to quilt shops along the routes of your summer travels. Help promote our show!

SCRAPS OF WISDOM

Membership Renewal

May and June are renewal months for your membership. If you renew in either May or 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 before the May meeting. You can complete and print it or print the form first and then fill it in. There will be forms at the May and 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. Almost 170 pictures are done! If you wish your picture in next year's Handbook, see Madeline at the May or June meeting.

Library News



The latest new books to arrive in the library this year include:

- 365 Free Motion Quilting Designs by Leah Day
- Creative Stitching by Sue Spargo
- three wonderful books by Bonnie Hunter to help you use up your scraps.

Please note that May is the last month to borrow books. All books and kits need to be returned to the library at the guild meeting in June. The library inventory will be held on Thursday June 18, 2015 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Please plan to help if you can. Thank you,

~Ruthanne, Tamara and Margaret

Get Ready! 2015 Waterloo County Quilters Exhibit - Oct 16 & 17

I am so pleased that most of our members have planned on entering a quilt (or two or more). We will now need to enter our quilts so we know how many and what size for display and the stories behind the quilts. This needs to be done by our June meeting.

We can enter them on line or we will have a paper copies at the May and June meeting for you to fill in. Bring your story of the quilt (100 words) and the measurements and you can get it done that day of the meeting.

In August- the third week, we are asking you to bring in your finished quilt to the Creative Sister Quilt Studio on Lancaster Street so that we can photograph your quilt so that Kathy Bissett can planning her layout and Fred Hicks can start putting together our CDs or DVDs to sell.

We will be asking for the quilts in October just before the exhibit.

The quilts need a SLEEVE(a piece 9" x the width of the quilt) on the back so that we can hang them. The instructions are on the website under the heading of Quilt show, on the bottom right of the page. The sleeve will also be needed to get the picture taken. The smaller quilts will need a sleeve as well but not as large.

Bonnie Murdoch, Co-convenor , Quilt Exhibit



Co-convenor Bonnie Murdoch, President Trudy Dey and Olga Mondoux display two of the items donated for the mini quilt draw. Coordinators Jolene Freund and Ilene Atkins will be delighted to receive your donations to this fundraising effort.



Treasurer Linda Collins shows Marilyn Farquhar the postcards the guild is using to promote the show. Did you get some for your friends?



Co-convenor Bonnie Murdoch and Ruth Hicks check out some of the items donated for the Quilt Show Boutique. Aline Chan, boutique coordinator has challenged us to earn more than \$3000 on the sale of boutique items. Great challenge, Aline!

WCQG Saves Thousands in Insurance Costs

Your Executive is always looking for ways to reduce administration costs so that more money is available for the services that are important to members. Last year, the Canadian Quilters Association (CQA) introduced an umbrella insurance policy for member Guilds. As long time members of the CQA, we were eligible to purchase Liability, Property and Officers and Directors Insurance under the policy at substantial savings to the Guild.

In addition to being a prudent way to protect the value of our property (library books, quilt show racks and other equipment), Executive, volunteers and show visitors, having

adequate insurance coverage is a requirement of our rental agreements with the City of Waterloo and Wilmot Township. However the costs of basic insurance are substantial. In 2013/14, we paid premiums in excess of \$2,500., an amount that represented almost one-third of our annual membership fees.

After extensive analysis and discussion, the Executive made the decision to switch to the CQA Policy. Under the CQA policy, comparable coverage will cost us less than \$500 each year – a savings of more than \$2,000 per year for the foreseeable future. Because the coverage started in 2014/15, you will see partial savings this year and the first full year of savings in 2015/16.

~Audrey Vrooman

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The Quilting Months ahead...

Month	Day	Detail
May	13	Manheim Sewing Circle
	20	Laura Wasilowski 1:30 "Art Quilts the Musical"
	20	Laura Wasilowski 7:00 "I Quilt, Therefore I Am"
	21	Laura Wasilowski Workshop: Zen Doodle Quilts
June	22	Laura Wasilowski Workshop: Colourful Leaves
	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

The Quilt Guild needs your Ideas, Time and Energy!

Getting involved in the running of the guild is a great way to get to know people and help our guild run smoothly. We're looking for people to do these jobs for the 2015-16 guild year. If you have some interest or questions about a position, please talk to the person currently doing the job (pg 2 of the handbook), or contact Trudy Dey.

President: Runs the monthly guild meetings and the executive meetings. Helps things run smoothly. Responds to mail, email and other requests. Gets the mail from the guild's post office box. This can be a 2 person team.

Vice-president: Attends guild and executive meetings, and runs them if the president is absent. Becomes familiar with the various committees and the executive. Becomes president the next year.

Program Committee Coordinators for 2016-17:

The program committee decides what we're going to do at each meeting and organizes it. They plan for speakers, contact them, send contracts, and act as hostesses when they're here. Since organizing the speakers takes a year to do, we're looking for a 2-person team to start this summer, under the direction of the existing coordinators, to organize our 2016-17 guild year.

Assistant Treasurer: Helps the treasurer manage our money, by collecting receipts, paying bills, keeping our financial records in order. The first year you work with the existing treasurer and then move into the treasurer

Presidents Scrappy Challenge

There were 33 ladies who signed up to participate in the scrappy Happy 30th Anniversary President's Challenge. (try saying that 10 times fast!) How are your projects coming along? Nearly done? Remember to bring them to the June evening meeting, since we don't have an afternoon meeting that month. There will be a special place to display them so we can all see them. Those who bring in their completed quilts will have a chance at winning some "little" prizes. Questions? Call Trudy Dey!



job in the second year.

Newsletter Editor: Receives submissions of articles, photos and ads. Puts them together into a newsletter format, using the publishing software of her choice. There are 9 issues/year.

Advertising Coordinator: Arranges with quilting businesses to advertise in our newsletter in early summer, so that the newsletter editor has ads ready to be included come end of August.

Memory Quilt Committee: Coordinator and Members This committee manages the small quilts made for the hospital to give to families who have had an infant pass away. Quilt kits are created and complete by guild members, and taken to the hospital as required.

Quilt Exhibit Convenors 2017: Plan and orchestrate the guild's major show and fundraiser.



ArtBra

The 'ArtBra Show' will run at the Button Factory on Regina Street in Waterloo, from Oct. 27 until Nov. 14. A silent auction will be running throughout the show and there will also be a donation jar. All money raised will go to our local Hope Spring Cancer Center/Hospice in Waterloo. Saturday, Nov. 14, will be the closing day of the show, and we will have a 'gala' that day from 1-3 pm at the Button Factory, with a 16 piece swing band courtesy of Roseanna Rigo. The final bids will be made for the silent auction, and there will be refreshments and 'finger food'/snacks. The bras can be decorated in any way or medium that your imagination can come up with. They should be attached to some sort of hanging device, a canvas, or padded hanger, etc. They should be ready to hang and we will also need an artist statement. They should be ready by the September meeting and can be handed in to Judy Gascho-Jutzi.

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Alzheimer's Touch Quilt Project Update

The Alzheimer's Touch Quilt Project is going as strong as ever! Since it started in 2008 we have given away over 5,000 quilts to residents in Long Term Care facilities, Retirement Homes, those living at home, hospitals, and have even sent quilts to Australia, England, and USA. We have also helped other societies start their own projects.

This year, the Alzheimer's societies of Kitchener-Waterloo, Cambridge and Guelph amalgamated to become the Alzheimer Society of Waterloo Wellington. This has increased the need for quilts as we now donate quilts to the facilities in all three cities. We have appreciated the support of your guild over the years. We hope you will continue to think of us when you are looking for a quick fun project.

Thanks to Bernice Gammy who has been our faithful contact over the years., delivering quilts, material and goodwill. We welcome Charlene Stevens as our new contact. Help is urgently needed to sew backings onto tops that already made. Over 150 are waiting! Please contact us at the Alzheimer's office if you would like kits, information or to help.

Marj Bellingham & Barb Smith, Touch Quilt Project
Alzheimer Societies Waterloo Wellington

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chance to have your name entered
in the draw for completing your
projects. As a BONUS, you may
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June by adding an OWL to your
show and tell project.

Thanks for your participation !!

~Judy and Olga

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April Mini Retreat ... a fun day for all



The April Mini Retreat was a productive day, judging by the impressive display of projects shown by the participants in the photo above! Lots of happy smiles there!

On the right, admiring Sandy Farrish's quilt layout. Many minds help with the colour balance!

Below, Tracie Miller, a 2nd year member of the guild, shows her first mini quilt!





Waterloo County Quilters Guild

Elected Officers of the Guild

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Quilter to Quilter Classifieds

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

For Sale: Quilt Frame: A Jim Hincks Queen Size , Three Roller quilt Frame (Apartment Size). Asking \$85. Call Margo Bean (519) - 885-6873.

For Sale: A lovely Featherweight sewing machine. Sews a great 1/4' seam, nice and true. A full range of attachments included. Asking \$300. I've been entrusted to sell this machine for a relative. I have one and I am keeping it. I love it! Contact Peggy Nagle at 519-846-2285 after May 12.

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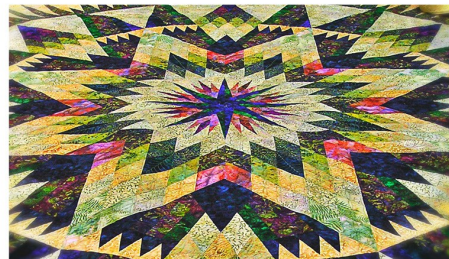


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