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Program for November 18, 2009

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR. It seems too early to be extending these wishes, but the November 18, 2009 guild meetings will be our last ones until 2010.

We will be having our usual Christmas Social, so those with the last name initials A to L don't forget to bring our Christmas Treats. The Program Committee will take care of the coffee.

During our treats we will be having our Fashion Show with some of our very talented members displaying their creativity in wearable art. This will be a lot of fun and a great way to start off the Holiday Season. The Program Committee is looking forward to seeing you at the meetings.

Joline Freund

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Meeting Checklist

- √ Your Nametag/Lanyard
- √ Books to Return to the Library
- √ Smile Quilts
- √ Memory Quilts
- √ Show & Tell
- √ Fabric for the Fabric Bank
- √ Donations for the Library
- √ Zehrs Tapes
- √ ROOF Donations
- √ Coffee Mug

Vendor for November

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Presidents' Meanderings . . .

Saturday mornings are a special time of the week for me. My perfect Saturday morning starts around 6:00 a.m. with a cup of coffee and one of my favourite radio programs – CBC Radio One, “Fresh Air”. I know - 6:00 a.m. is rather early to be getting up on a Saturday morning – but at that hour in the morning, one of my kids won't be trying to change the radio station on me. Have you noticed that the radio stations that they like to listen to play the same three songs over and over again!

I have listened to “Fresh Air” over the years and have always enjoyed hearing about the latest food and wine trends, updating myself on the various events going on around the province and listening to some talented Canadian musicians.

I was listening to the program a couple of weeks ago when an item on quilting came up. The story was about the Etobicoke Quilters' Guild and an upcoming trip that two members of the guild are going to make to the Inuit village of Kangiqsujuaq in Northern Quebec. The guild has been sending comfort quilts to this village for the past 10 years for the day care centre and the seniors. The women of the village decided that they would like to learn to make quilts themselves and the planning for the trip began. With donations from the Etobicoke and Mississauga Quilters' Guilds and local quilt shops, twenty boxes of supplies – fabric, batting, rulers, cutting tools, etc. - were shipped in September to the village.

The women in the village are all talented sewers and this is evident in the gifts that they have been sending to the guild in appreciation for the quilts that have been sent to them.

The biggest challenge for the two instructors will be the language barrier as few of the women in the village speak English. Although there will be an interpreter assisting them, they realize that rather than lecture-style classes, they are going to have to do a lot of hands-on teaching, working one on one with the women.

You could just hear the excitement in the voices of these two ladies as they talked about the trip and the plans that have been made for their two-week visit. They were equally excited about what they are going to learn from the women of the village. They talked about learning new techniques from a different art form that they could apply in their own quilt making. The teaching is going to be going both ways.

The story highlighted to me why so many of us are drawn to this art form – it isn't just about making quilts – it is about sharing and learning from others. And sometimes that is done with people who live in far away places, from different cultures and who speak a different language. Quilting seems to cross all boundaries and barriers.

As this will be the last newsletter for 2009, Marilyn and I want to wish all of you the best for the holiday season and a Happy New Year. There are lots of exciting events planned for the rest of this guild year and we hope to see you all at the January meeting.

Sandy and Marilyn



Mannheim Quilting Circle

Next date: Wednesday, November 11, from 9:00 to 4:00

We will be having potluck for lunch. Bring your favourite dish. The kitchen has a stove, refrigerator and microwave.

If you can't make the whole day, feel free to drop in anytime (there may be a treat left).

Bring a project to work on - maybe a UFO (we all have at least five in our workroom). We have a new guild challenge - get a head start on this one. It is the perfect time to start a Christmas project.

Fabia Joyce and Bernice Gammy

Brentwood on the Beach – Spring Retreat

Our March 2010 retreat at Brentwood on the Beach still has openings. It runs from March 12 to 14, 2010 and an extra night on March 11 is also available.

The cost is \$280 for two nights (this includes dinner on Friday and Saturday, brunch on Saturday and Sunday) and an additional \$70 for the extra night (this includes breakfast on Friday morning).

A "New York Beauty" wall hanging is the teaching project for this retreat. The pattern will be supplied but you need to bring your fabric. Please contact Megan Stauch at 519-748-1254 or at megan.stauch@rogers.com to reserve your spot.

ROOF

This is just to remind everyone that we will be making our annual collection for ROOF (Reaching Our Outdoor Friends) at the November meetings. I understand they have a shortage of socks and underwear. Gloves also have been requested, but they don't need hats. Toiletries (especially deodorants) are always welcome and, needless to say, so is cash.

I have volunteered to look after the collection and I will take our items to ROOF. The guild members have always been very generous and your help is very much appreciated.

Shelagh Hitchens

Library www.librarything.com/catalog/wcwg



Members Who Make a Difference

At the afternoon meeting we will recognize the contributions of Erma Roth:
"She has been a member faithfully coming and sewing a square whenever it was needed. She has quilted many pieces."



During the evening meeting we will be recognizing Thelma Ignor:
"Thelma has continually contributed to the guild membership for many years. She is willing to take on jobs as they come and even more I don't know about."

Members' Corner

We are fortunate to have several new and returning members this year. We welcome Leslie Break, Kathryn Caie, Dorothy Cook, Kathryn Craig, Trudy Dey, Chris Gasselle, Tamara Gilhuly, Marlene Good, LeeAnne Harrison, Angela Jackson, Carol Kraatz, Barb McDonald, Dale McKenzie, Jean Munro, Janet Newington, Marg Notar, Griere Rennie, and Cathy Weis. This year, new members will be wearing white lanyard cards so please extend our usual warm welcome as you run into them throughout the year.

Your membership committee is seeking new members to help at the membership table. Please contact any committee member at the door if you are interested in helping in this capacity or would like more information.

Cindy MacKay-Musso, Lyn Barrett-Cowan, Kitty Mitchell, and Betty Anne Scott

The Waterloo County Quilters' Guild sends its sympathy and caring to Joyce Riener on the death of her husband and to Bonnie Murdoch on the death of her mother. May you know that our thoughts are with you.



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25th Anniversary Committee

The Anniversary committee is working hard to help you have great memories of this year.

Anniversary Challenge

We wish you happy quilting as you create your item from the challenge fabric. Keep in mind it is due back in June.

Celebrate in Silver

Remember to wear something silver to the January meeting (jewelry not included). Your name will go into a draw for a nice prize.

Anniversary Dinner

May 19, 2010 is our anniversary dinner. It promises to be a fantastic evening. After a delicious dinner in a very lovely venue, Diane Shink, our speaker for the evening, will be presenting a wonderful show. We will have lots of door prizes as well. Tickets will be \$35 and will go on sale starting at the January meetings.

Celebrating New Members

Have you met any of our new members yet? If you have, be sure to introduce them to any of the Anniversary committee members to get your name and theirs in a draw that will be held in June.

Show and Tell

Are you a first time "Show and Tell" contributor? We all feel somewhat shy and inadequate alongside our speakers' inspiring items and those of our more accomplished members, but we all make wonderful things for ourselves, our families, etc. This is your opportunity to share your colour choices, patterns used, etc. Who knows, you may be inspiring someone else to try something new. We all strive for our best.

You may not feel confident about the quality, but the rest of us are all in the same boat, so take the plunge. Make sure you let the Anniversary committee members know you are a "First Timer" so that we can give you a little thank-you gift for participating.

We have a few other things to present as the year progresses, so be sure to attend as many meetings as you can throughout this Anniversary year.

Fabia Joyce, Marg Cassel, Lynn Fisher, Joan Doke, Joline Freund, Colleen Robertson



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2009 Quilt Show Tea Room

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to our very successful tea room again this year.

To the "Rising Dough Bakery" in Cambridge, I need to say thanks for those delicious scones. Make sure you stop by and let them know where you heard about them.

Thank you to RIM staff and the City of Waterloo who were very helpful getting us in and out, and for making the tea room a possibility.

For the card tables, the table toppers, jam and teacups we say a heartfelt thanks.

Thank you to Paula McDermott for making our white tablecloths for the card tables. They were perfect.

Thank you to those who contributed the table toppers. They were excellent and added to the ambiance I hoped for. We had lots of offerings. I thank you for your generosity.

Thanks to Vicki MacDonald for contributing the cream and sugar sets that she collected for this purpose.

To all of our volunteers without whom this tea room would not have functioned, a very big thank you for your time and sore feet and/or dishes you washed and dried.

To Doreen Bone, I want to say a special thank you. Untiringly you worked alongside me to make this event a reality and great success. Thank you for providing so much energy and laughter to make our job go much easier.

The tea room has held a special interest for me. I had wanted an elegant atmosphere in which people could relax while enjoying such a spectacular show. We had many compliments for the work we did in the tea room. Thank you to all who gave so much time and energy to this project.

Colleen Robertson

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 ☆ January Newsletter Submissions are due ☆
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Out and About

September 8 – November 6 – Oakville - **Not Your Grannies Quilts**

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November 14 to February 21 – Fergus, Ontario **Winter in Red and White** Wellington County Museum & Archives, located between Fergus and Elora, is open weekdays 9:30 to 4:30 and weekends & holidays 12:00 to 4:00.

The colour red was treasured for its richness and was used in combination with white to enhance the quality of everyday household articles – signature and wedding quilts, clothing, toys and even tableware. Brought together in one exhibit space, the works create stunning visuals of deep warmth and elegance. Drawn from the collection of the Wellington County Museum & Archives, these examples from the past two centuries offer insights into the vibrancy of our Canadian heritage. For more information on upcoming exhibits please check their website at www.wcm.on.ca or phone

519-846-0916 ext. 232.

November 15 to March 1 – Fergus, Ontario **A Few of Our Favourite Things** Wellington County Museum & Archives located on Wellington Road 18. Reception - Friday, November 14, 7:30-10:00. Grand Quilt Guild 519-846-0916. www.wcm.on.ca

Friday, November 20, 4:00 pm to midnight; Saturday, November 21, 8:00 am to midnight; Sunday,

November 22nd, 8:00 am to 2:00 pm

Sharing knowledge, support and caring through the act of quilting The Region of York Quilters Guild invites all hand quilters, experienced or otherwise, to participate in our first 30 Hour Quilt Marathon at Doane House Hospice. Form a team or register on your own but sign up early to get the time slot of your choice! Remember to collect pledges early, using the pledge form which can be obtained at www.regionofyorkquiltersguild.ca or from the contact information below. Group pictures will be taken, and there will be a silent auction! Refreshments are free. There is a \$10 registration fee per person. All pledges and donations are in support of “The Quilt” Support for People Living with Cancer (www.thequilt.com). For more information and to register, contact Bonnie at 905-727-2921 or email marathon@regionofyorkquiltersguild.ca.

April 22 to 24, 2010 – St Marys - **Piecemakers 2010 Quilt Show** Pyramid Recreation Centre, 317 James Street S., St. Marys. Contact Benda Miller 519-245-3923

July 15 to 17, 2010 – Meaford – **Quilts in My Garden** Meaford Museum, 111 Bayfield Street, Meaford. Come to Meaford, a gem along Georgian Bay, and enjoy three days of quilting excitement. A ‘free motion quilting’ workshop as well as information seminars on Japanese quilting and fabric conservation will lead into a day of enjoying scenic gardens and magnificent quilts. Tour some of Meaford’s most beautiful gardens while seeing exquisite quilts in each garden. In addition, visitors will enjoy demonstrations, vendors and boutiques geared to gardening and quilting. Runaway Quilters’ Guild and Meaford Museum. Contact Pamela Woolner 519-599-3968 or meafordmuseum@meaford.ca

Waterloo County Quilters' Guild

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- Monthly meetings take place at the Albert McCormick Community Centre, 500 Parkside Drive, Waterloo, in the Community Room (use the Library entrance).
- To accommodate our large Guild, we have an afternoon meeting and an evening meeting each Guild day, with identical contents. Meetings are usually 1 & 1/2 to 2 hours.
- Guests are welcome at all meetings (except the June business meeting): \$7.00 at the door (includes a coupon towards membership).
- New membership: \$40 (includes nametag)
- Renewal membership: \$35 per year
- Guild pins (available at the membership table). \$6
- The Guild is run entirely by volunteers and help is always appreciated. Just speak to anyone on the Executive to get started.

Guild Executive Contacts

Officers:

Co-Presidents: Marilyn Hollinger and Sandy Bussey
Vice President: vacant
Secretary: Elizabeth McDowell Heagy
Treasurer: Lisa VanGalen
Past President: Carol McLaren

Committee Chairs

Program Co-Chairs: Joan Doke, Joline Freund
Newsletter: Carol Williams
Historian: Ruth Hicks
Website: Kathleen Bissett
Membership: Cindy MacKay-Musso
Library (Afternoon): Audrey Vrooman
Library (Evening): Bonnie Murdoch
25th Anniversary: Fabia Joyce



Update from the Few-of-a-Kind Boutique

To all of you who generously donated your time and materials to make this year's boutique another great success, we extend our sincere thanks. We have been to many quilt shows over the years and have not encountered a more impressive display of beautiful, unique, and well-made articles. We were very proud to be associated with the booth as your representatives. We also thank our friends who volunteered to help us out so that we were able to enjoy the show and tearoom as well. Finally, we thank all of those who came to shop. Proceeds from our booth this year topped \$2600.

If you donated items to the booth and would like to have those which did not sell returned to you rather than stored for the next time, please contact one of the committee members: Judy Cumming, Elizabeth King, Elizabeth McDowell Heagy, Marilyn Weckworth.

More Facts about Our Guild

1992/1993

- ⇒ Emily Hunsberger was the Coordinator (later the term became President).
- ⇒ This was the first year that the after-noon meeting was added due to the size of our guild.
- ⇒ In 1992, Kathy Bissett was the folk artist in residence at Joseph Schneider Haus.

There were probably many more hand quilters at that time and recipes were often shared for removing pencil marks from quilts. Here is one:

Removing Pencil Marks From Quilts

Mix 3 oz. Rubbing Alcohol,
 2 Tbsp. water and
 3 drops white Ivory dish detergent.
 Scrub gently over the marks with an old toothbrush.

Submitted by Carol McLaren

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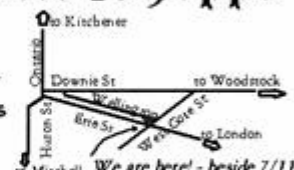
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