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Program for October 21, 2009

Our guest for October will be Kathy Wagner from Cambridge, Ontario. Her Trunk Show is titled, "REPLENISHING THE WELL – QUILTING & CREATIVITY".

Kathy has been quilting for almost 20 years, and although she enjoys all forms of quilt making, she is particularly interested in miniature quilts because they are fast and inexpensive, and provide a wonderful way to learn new techniques, experiment with colour and design and complete a project quickly!

Kathy teaches quilting classes for Reichard's (St. Jacobs), Triangle Sewing Centre (Guelph) and the David Durward Centre (Cambridge). She will be doing our Workshop at Mannheim Community Centre on November 14, 2009. To see examples of Kathy's quilts go to her blog:
<http://kathysquilts.blogspot.com/>

Joline Freund & Joan Doke

In addition to the regular Show and Tell items that you would like to bring to the October meeting, Marilyn and I would like you to bring a favourite quilt that you have made for yourself or that you have received as a gift. We hope that you will bring these favourite quilts to the meetings in October and share your stories as to why they are special.

Marilyn and Sandy

Vendor for October

Our vendor for October will be **Hearth and Home** from New Hamburg. They will bring along "Christmas gifts" for you to buy.

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Meeting Checklist

- √ Your Nametag/Lanyard
- √ Books to Return to the Library
- √ Smile Quilts
- √ Memory Quilts
- √ Touch Quilts
- √ Show & Tell
- √ Fabric for the Fabric Bank
- √ Donations for the Library
- √ Zehrs Tapes
- √ 2009 Show Winner Quilts
- √ Your Favourite Quilt

Presidents' Meanderings . . .

Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all. -- Stanley Horowitz

Don't you just love the month of October? The kids are back in school, everyone has settled back into their daily routines once again and the fall colours around us just take your breath away.

Fall is the time for walks in the park or drives in the countryside to enjoy Mother Nature's incredible display. And perhaps while you are out and about, you might find a quilt shop to explore or a quilt show to take in that will be as spectacular as our own show that just finished up.

For me, it is a special time of the year as it is when I go away on my annual quilt retreat. I have been making the trek to a lodge near the Peterborough area for the past number of years to join an incredible group of sixty inspiring women for three days of quilting, sharing, laughing and, as always when quilters gather, great food. These ladies come from all over and are friends, sisters, mothers or daughters, or complete strangers.

I had heard about this retreat while I was taking a couple of quilting courses one summer and had been told repeatedly – you have to come, you will have a wonderful time, and register early because it fills up quickly.

So I did what I was told and off I went to my first quilt retreat. I was a bit nervous when I arrived at the lodge as the only people I knew were the organizers of the event. But Sue and Wendy knew just the person with whom to pair me up and am I ever glad they did. Leianne is an amazing quilter and I look forward to reconnecting with her every October. We share stories about our children, our jobs, the quilting projects we are working on and other things that have gone on in our lives the past year. We never seem to run out of things to talk about while we are sewing or when sharing a coffee as we open up the sewing area early each morning.

What I have found at the retreat, and also from any other quilt course that I have taken, is that quilters are very “sharing” people. They are willing to share:

- their fabric stash if you need a little something to finish your project;
- their time if you are new to quilting and are struggling with a pattern or technique and need a little extra help;
- their magazine or pattern collection that has just the one you have been looking for; and
- their sense of colour if you need a little nudge to move yourself outside your comfort zone.

Marilyn and I hope that this guild year, whether you are new to the guild or have been a member for a number of years, that you have the opportunity to “share” with others. This could be at a workshop, at the Smile Quilt Bee Day, at a regular meeting, on Colleen's bus trip or at the May Anniversary Celebration. Who knows, maybe you too will be as fortunate as I have been, to find a “quilting buddy” like Leianne, who shares your passion for quilting.

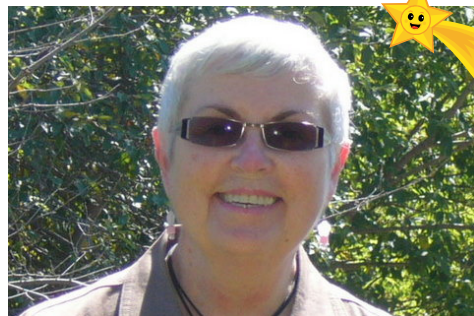
Happy October!!! Sandy and Marilyn

Waterloo County Quilters' Guild Celebrates

Members Who Make a Difference

Due to some re-scheduling in September, we honoured Pat Janowski with a shining star at the afternoon meeting, without including a write-up for her in the newsletter. Below are the words that were written to nominate Pat for the members who make a difference.

“Pat Janowski has an encouraging and winning smile for everyone. She is patient and helpful to anyone who needs it, and so Pat is often sitting at the back humbly and quietly working away. She is truly an ambassador for the guild.”



Rosemary Plummer is nominated for this Volunteer Recognition award for her many years of work with the Smile Quilt Program. We are certain that none of us recognize the time and personal expense she has donated.

Jan Hember, who did have a few words written in the previous newsletter, will receive her award at the evening meeting in October.

Marilyn Hollinger

ZEHRS TAPES -- WE STILL WANT THEM

There has been a bit of confusion about the Zehrs tapes. Yes, Zehrs has changed their criteria for their funding, but we are hoping to meet the new criteria through application on behalf of our Community Outreach programs.

I have taken last year's tapes to Zehrs but, as of this date, I have not received an answer. In the meantime, let's keep turning the tapes in. I will continue to calculate them into bundles and will be ready in the hopes that we will qualify. I will certainly keep you all informed when I receive confirmation from Zehrs.

So BRING IN YOUR TAPES. The bag will be at the Membership Desk, as usual. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has turned in the tapes since my request to have them flat, etc. It has been a great help.

Joan Doke

New Library Books www.librarything.com/catalog/wcqq



Drunkard's Path - Stepping Beyond by Cheryl Phillips and Karla Schultz.

The traditional Drunkard's path forms the foundation for this book, but the authors take you beyond the tradition to explore new creative paths. They do work with a cutting tool called the *Cut A Round* which I have seen in quilting stores. It has all sizes, so eliminates individual templates (which are in the book). There are good illustrations, a gallery, conversion tables, as well as instructions.

From the Cover of Quilter's Magazines by Mary Leman Austin and Quilter's Magazine Editors and Contributors. There are 15 quilt projects taken from the front covers of the Quilter's Newsletter Magazine over a 35 year span. Projects are for both traditional and contemporary tastes and for beginner through advanced quilters.

Color Blend Appliqué by Jane Townswick. Stitch realistic roses, orchids, poppies and more. A dozen block patterns show you how, with plenty of photographs. Learn an expert appliqué artist's secrets for blending a rainbow of colours to achieve a painterly look. There is also a photo gallery of quilts made by the author's students.

Jelly Roll Quilts – the Perfect Guide to Making the Most of the Latest Strip Rolls by Pam and Nicky Lintott. There are 17 quilting projects all made from these sumptuous rolls of fabric to which we are all attracted. There are step-by-step instructions and easy-to-follow diagrams which they say insures that untying your beautiful rolled fabric will be the first step to quilting heaven.

Totstuff by Linda Lum DeBono. The author shares 11 easy-to-make designs in upbeat, urban hues for your tot. Some examples are a tooth fairy pillow, crayon roll, an organizer as well as the usual blankets, bibs, etc.

Fig Tree Quilts - Fresh Vintage Sewing by Joanna Figueroa.

Get a fresh take on vintage. Dress up your home with 5 quilts and many unique projects ranging from adorable pin cushions and pretty aprons to pillows and journal covers. 20 projects in all are shown in palettes of warm tones. There are some neat pincushion patterns.

Comfort Quilts from the Heart by Jake Finch. Here are 12 helpful projects to take care of others. Make quilts fast with super-simple piecing and helpful shortcuts. These are great projects for guilds or small groups to make for worthwhile causes. Some projects in the book are fidget quilts, a wheelchair quilt with foot-warmer, bed shawl quilt, a game board quilt, a concentration game quilt, a walker bag, a pillowcase. She writes about labels and making comfort quilts at large.

Bonnie Murdoch

More Facts About the Guild

Joyce Ratz, a member of the Elmira guild, entered and won the guild's contest for a logo. She also became a member.



In 1988 another member, Carla Krause, was awarded one of the first Kitchener-Waterloo Arts Awards for her vigorous role in promoting quilting over a period of 20 years.

1989 saw our first quilt show and during that year John Willard was a guest artist!

Submitted by Ruth Hicks and Carol McLaren



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Quilts at the Kitchener Public Library

Thanks everyone who signed up to share your quilts for display at the Kitchener Public Library. I have enough quilts to fill the rooms from now through June. I'll send the clipboard around again as June approaches. Meanwhile, if you are working on a quilt that would fit well in that venue from July through September 2010, or October through December 2010, please feel free to contact me and let me know.

Judy Pearce

New Volunteers

Nancy Winn has joined the Program committee. Thanks for getting on board with Joan, Joline and the rest of the members of that committee.

KW Quilt Show 2009

Way to GO Everyone – It Was a GREAT SHOW

Your Help WAS Needed

I am especially grateful for the members who brought their husbands to help with either the set up or the take down, each of them will know how important they were to the process. I tried to thank them all personally but if I missed someone please pass on my thank you.

The members who volunteered and did their part of what is required to put on a quilt show were wonderful – thank you – this show would not happen without the many hands to do the many jobs. I hope you enjoyed doing your part, I know you can be proud of the results, IT WAS A GREAT SHOW.

Show CD's Still Available to Buy

Our Show CD will be available for sale at our guild meetings:

- the 2009 Show CD is \$7
- a CD with both the 2007 & 2009 Shows is \$10

We will be forever grateful to Fred Hicks who took on the making of this CD for us, it is a wonderful product and we appreciate the many, many hours it took to make it happen – thank you Fred.

Raffle Quilt Winners

The draw for the 2 raffle quilts was made on Sunday, September 27 at Castle Kilbride. There were 10 members there along with Moira Gibson, our Hospice of Waterloo Region contact. The draw was made by a Castle Kilbride staff member and the winners are Barb Boyes and Moira Gibson (that is right – Moira's name was drawn – it made for an exciting draw to have the winner in attendance – needless to say she was a bit excited too). The charity donation will be around our usual \$4,000 but Lisa will have the actual figure by the November guild meeting when we hope to do the formal cheque presentation to Hospice.

2009 Quilt Show Committee Wrap Up Meeting – October 7

Your 2009 Quilt Show Committee wrap up meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 7 – the show committee chairs and our current guild executive will receive an invite. If you want to be a part of the organizing committee for our 2011 show please call either Jean or Colleen and they will invite you to this meeting.

Lisa may have a Show Financial Report ready to announce/post at the October guild meeting – but it is currently looking like the show will be a financial success as well.

This is also the time to please put in 'writing' your suggestions and send them to Jean or Colleen for the 2011 committee to consider (also, your suggestions in 'writing' to Colleen will be accepted any time after this meeting date).

Jean Carberry

2009 Show Winners

During our silver anniversary show, I heard many glowing compliments about the beautiful variety of quilts and the expert workmanship and artistry. Thank you to all of you who shared your talents with our guests. It is a shame that we cannot have rosettes for many more very deserving quilts.

The viewers chose **“Ellen’s Botanical Garden”** made by **Jeanette Rettinger** as **Best in Show**. She will receive the Canadian Quilters Association rosette. Also in the General Quilter category is **Mary Snyder’s “Path in the Woods”**. Mary will receive an Honourable Mention rosette.

In the Masters category, **Kathleen Bissett’s “Yin Yang”** won first place. The Honourable Mention rosette will be awarded to the **“Wheel of Teal”** created by **Marilyn Farquhar**.

Thank you to the twenty-two guild members who entered a quilt show for the first time. **“Einstein’s Imagination”** made by **Caroline Keogh-Goetz** won the most votes in this category. Honourable Mention will be given to **Mary-Karen Gosselink** for her framed work of art, **“Sun and Wind on Georgian Bay”**.

At our Annual General Meeting in June, members who participated in the Guild Challenge brought their quilts and we voted on them during the meeting. **Beverly Bechtold** won first place for her **“Eleventh Hour”** and **Jean Carberry’s “In the Nick of Time – Salvador Dali Time** received Honourable Mention.

Congratulations to the winners and to all of you who shared your work in this way so that our show could be such a success. Awards will be presented at the October guild meetings and winners have been asked to bring their winning quilts so we can see them again.

Pat Janowski

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Certification dates: **Two new dates added!** Thursday Oct. 8th or Oct. 22th from 6pm to 9pm

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Out and About

Friday, October 16 12:00 to 6:00 and Saturday, October 17 10:00 to 4:00 – Stampville, Ontario
Flying Geese Quilt & Craft Show & Sale Featuring: Vendors Mall, Quilt Appraisals, Quilt Display, Guest Artists, Tea Room, Quilts & Crafts, Raffles. Admission \$5.00. Upper Canada Quilters' Guild, Stampville Centre, 11022 City Road 18, Stampville, Ontario (near Morrisburg). Contact Kelly Pratt at 613-543-3868

Friday, October 23 10:00 to 8:00 and Saturday, October 24 10:00 to 5:00 – Ajax, Ontario
Twisted Stitches First Quilt Show Merchant Mall, Tea Room, Viewers Choice, Raffle Quilt, Gift Shop, Silent Auction. Admission \$5.00. Twisted Stitches Quilt Guild, Ajax Community Centre, 75 Centennial Road, Ajax, Ontario. Contact Maggie Hannigan at 905-426-5465 mhanni1045@rogers.com or www.tsqgquiltshow.blogspot.com

October 24 from 1:00 to 4:00 – Oakville, Ontario **The Charlie Fund Silent Quilt Auction** All proceeds go to "The Charlie Fund" a special/emergency medical fund for ill and injured homeless animals. Free admission. Free parking. Free refreshments. Lots of door prizes. Check the website www.oakvillehumane.ca for more information and photos of some of the quilts for auction. For directions to the Oakville Town Hall see www.oakville.ca

For information contact Anne M. Smith at amsmithodhs@hotmail.com

Until October 31 - Lucan, Ontario **Threads of Freedom** Quilts and the Underground Railroad. Fact or Fiction. Take in this wonderful exhibit, read about the "quilt code" and decide for yourself. Learn some local history while viewing the wide range of historically significant quilts on display. Located at the Lucan Area Heritage & Donnelly Museum, 171 Main Street, Lucan, Ontario. Admission is by donation. Call 519-227-0756 or e-mail kyoung@donnellymuseum.com

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. 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 14th 7:30-10:00. Grand Quilt Guild 519-846-0916. www.wcm.on.ca

November 20, 4:00 pm to midnight; November 21, 8:00 am to midnight; November 22, 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.

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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 Contacts

Executive:

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Past President: Carol McLaren

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Library (Evening): Bonnie Murdoch
25th Anniversary: Colleen Robertson

November Newsletter Submissions are due on **October 16, 2009**

Please send to Carol Williams at twotaffy@yahoo.ca or by mail to P.O. Box 192, Plattsville, Ontario N0J 1S0



October & November Guild Member Calendar



- October 14 Mannheim Quilting Circle
- October 16 November Newsletter Deadline
- October 21 Guild Meetings
- October 24 Bus Trip with Colleen Robertson
- October 31 Smile Quilt Bee Day
- November 11 Mannheim Quilting Circle
- November 13, 14, 15 Brentwood on the Beach Fall Retreat
- November 14 Workshop with Kathy Wagner
- November 18 Guild Meetings

Check the September & October Newsletters for more details regarding events on the Guild Member Calendar!



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