

- The Waterloo County Quilters Guild begins its 31st year of providing 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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## Susan Bowslaugh: October Guest Speaker

Have you been curious about modern quilting? Susan Bowslaugh is the person with the answers. As one of the founding members of the Niagara Modern Quilt Guild, Susan has embraced the "modern" approach.

Like many of us, Susan innocently nurtured the seeds for quilting many years ago by sewing cloth-



ing. A love of fabric seems to evolve naturally into a love of quilting, and now that Susan works in a fabric store that specializes in modern fabric... well, you guessed it... her cup of quilt ideas overflows.

You may find, if you attended the National Juried Show in Niagara, that you recognize Susan. That is because the committee that organized that beautiful show was chaired by Susan - many thanks for that, Susan. We hope you had time for a bit of well-deserved rest in the summer, and perhaps a wee bit of



quilting. We look forward to being enticed into the world of modern quilting.

Elizabeth McDowell  
Heagy & Elizabeth King



## President's Message

What fantastic meetings we had in September! Great way to start the year - interesting speaker, amazing attendance, lots of show-and-tell!

I'm so proud to talk about our guild to other people! I often meet ladies who quilt but don't know about our guild. I encourage them to come out and meet others

who also like quilting. I hope I sound enthusiastic because that's how I feel.

I like the variety of quilts that we see and hear about at our meetings. Quilts are a big, deep topic. There are so many styles - traditional, utility, modern, art, just to name a few. Quilts connect to different cultures, historical periods, and reflect

our humanity and social practices. We make quilts for many different reasons and have so many materials to choose from these days.

We get a little slice of this every time we get together. Doesn't it make you think and wonder and feel inspired? Wow!

*Trudy Dey, President*

## Christmas Gift Bags - A Challenge!

How can Christmas almost be here? The Program Committee know you will want to participate in both of these opportunities to win fabric at our November meeting and so we are giving you an early invitation.

1. Make a beautiful

Christmas/seasonal bag and bring it to our November meeting. The bags will be displayed and there will be time for a Viewers' Choice vote. The owner of the bag receiving the most votes will win a fabulous fabric prize. All participants will have their bags returned.

2. Bring in a fat quarter of a beautiful Christmas fabric. Elizabeth and Elizabeth will select the two most beautiful (in their opinion) and the owners of these will each win half of all the Christmas fabrics entered.

*The Two Elizabeths.*

*We all need encouragement to complete our OWLS! Give a Hoot! Sign up for the challenge!*

## OWLS 2 Challenge

The OWL (Our Wonderful Leftover Stuff!) challenge is now underway. You must completely finish the project by May 2015 and show it off during the guild meeting Show and Tell. Make sure the program people check you

off and enter your name for the draw.

### OWL BONUS

Show something with two or more owls any time during the guild year and your name will be entered for a bonus prize draw.

You could feature

owl fabric or quilt with an owl motif.

The October meeting is your last chance to register your OWLS. Registration is only a toonie.

*Judy Siegner and Olga Mondoux*

## Smile Quilt Committee

Due to a recent illness Joan Doke has resigned from the Smile Quilt Committee. We wish Joan a speedy recovery. Peggy Herlick, Helene Doerfler, Judy Cumming and Jennifer Robinson will carry on with the Smile Quilts.

At the October meeting, sign up for our Bee Day at Mannheim on November 15, from 9:30-3:30 A pattern, backing and batting will be available. Bring your sewing machine and your lunch, and join us for a fun day of

sewing and making new friends. Coffee and tea supplied. New members welcomed. Mark your calendar for the special Bee Day on April 25, 2015,

Enjoy helping others by creating quilts with like-minded guild members.



# Library News

Please come up to the library and check out our great selection of quilting books. Here are the latest additions to the collection:

**Color Essentials: Crisp & Vibrant Quilts** by Amanda Murphy

**Contemporary Curved Quilts** by Jenny Pedigo (comes with the Quick Curve Ruler)

**Easy-Cut Quilts With a Modern Twist** by Laurel Albright

**First Time Machine Ap-**

**plique** by Janet Pittman  
**Free-motion Quilting** With Angela Walters

**Playful Little Paper-Pieced Projects** by Natasha Bruecher

**Scrap Happy Quilting** published by Annie's  
**Seasonal Table Toppers** by Chris Malone

**Lost from the library:**

Two items are missing from the guild library. If you have these items at home please bring them back..... no

questions asked. Thanks.

We are looking for:

**Journey to Inspired Art Quilting**

and

**2013 National Juried Show DVD**

**Found for the library:**

A light table has been found (under the stage). If you would like to borrow it for your next marking project please ask at the library check-out desk.



## Jim Wilford

Jim Wilford featured as our first artist of our 2014 - 2015 WCQG year with a wide variety of work, much of which is done by hand, in his summer cabin in the woods of Northern Ontario. The stories were both fascinating and humorous.

- Ruth Hicks

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Cost: \$8.00, Free Gift. **.CALL CREEKBANK AT 519-323-2693 TO REGISTER BY OCTOBER 24/14**



## October Vendor: Creative Sisters



Linda and Brenda work with their new Intelliquilter quilting system.

Guild members, the Creative Sisters, Brenda Wiles and Linda Weinstein have a brand new store in exactly the same location. "It is so spacious", Linda says. "It is wonderful to look across the room and see all of

the colours." The new layout gives them lots of room to work with customers to pick the perfect fabrics for their quilt projects.

Creative Sisters has an extensive stock of wide backings, almost 200 bolts, of which 40 are batik backings. The store specializes in batik fabrics,

stocking a broad range of colours and styles. Linda explains that is because "We like them! - the colours, the patterns and we find they do lot fray as much as typical quilting fabrics.

You can visit Creative Sisters at their new look shop at 321 Lancaster Street in Kitchener. They are open Monday to Friday 10 to 5 and Saturday 9 to 4.



## Quilt Contest



The 2015 IPM quilt contest details are now on their website. There are 18 categories including several for youth.

## Threads of Africa

The African quilt has a name! Threads of Africa was the winner at both the afternoon and evening meetings. Thanks to Barb McDonald for her suggestion.



Photo courtesy of St. Jacobs Printery

# The Quilting Month ahead..

Month	Day	Detail
Oct	8	Manheim Quilting Circle
	15	Guild Meeting: Susan Bowslaugh "Modern Quilts"
	15	Pick up Raffle Quilt Blocks at the Guild Meeting
	18	Beginner Workshop: Christmas Table Runner Part 1
	25	Raffle Quilts—Paperless Paper Piecing Workshop, Stanley Park Zehrs 10am to 4pm
Nov	1	Fall Mini-Retreat
	12	Manheim Quilting Circle
	15	Smile Quilt Bee, Manheim Community Centre,
	19	November Social (food A - L); Hilary Rice workshop registration begins
	19	Christmas Gift Bag challenge
	22	Beginner Workshop: Christmas Table Runner Part 2
	29	Beginner Workshop: Christmas Table Runner Part 3



## Christmas Table Runner

Sign up for the three session beginner workshop to make this beautiful Christmas Table Runner. Sessions are Oct 18, Nov 22 and Nov 29 at Stanley Park Community Church. New quilters are welcome!

## Show and Tell - Newbies

If you have never brought any tem for Show and Tell, this is the perfect time to take the plunge! We want to see your projects! To encourage you to step up to the front of the room and show your quilt, we have a special reward for all first timers! Be brave! You are among friends who are all really happy to see your quilts!

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# Raffle Quilt: Kit Packing in Progress

Behind the scenes , much is happening— designing, cutting, counting, assembling and kitting of blocks, ready for members to pick up at the October guild meeting.



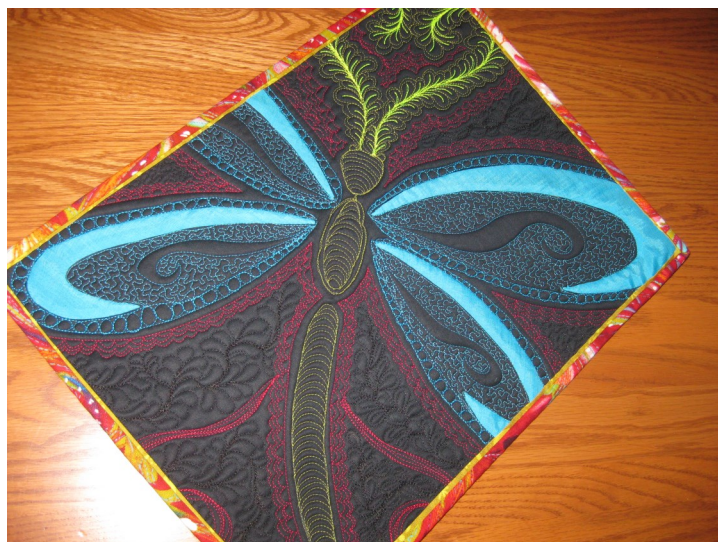


## Design Inspiration

Guild member and award winning art quilter, Marilyn Farquhar has been invited to participate in a CQA travelling quilt show called "Its Time for Colour". The show will travel around Canada from January 2015 to May 2015, at quilt guilds, shops, galleries, community centres, and churches. The quilts will sell at \$200 each. Greeting cards featuring the quilts will also be sold. All proceeds go to The Children's Wish Foundation of Canada. The pieces will also be shown at Quilt Canada 2105 in Lethbridge, Alberta.

Marilyn writes about her design process:

*"The design process for most of my quilts start from an idea to showcase machine quilting and then work backwards to either piecing or applique. In the case of "Changing Colour", I first chose a wonderful energetic backing fabric and then pulled colours from it for the machine quilting to provide high contrast against a black sateen background. As dragonflies symbolize*



*change, I felt the colour palette could be non-realistic and include bright, vibrant colours. Since this is a small piece, I chose to draw a simple, stylized image to fill and extend beyond the frame. Each element is drawn on a separate piece of tracing paper—items that may be mirror image, can then be traced by flipping the paper. Having elements on separate sheets allow me to audition and alter the angles and positions. Once I'm satisfied with the composition, I tape it in place. The pattern is then marked on the top level of tracing paper with a black sharpie, ignoring any portions that may be hidden from layering. In this project, I also chose not to applique all sections, but to feature a portion of each wing with a fine silk fabric and the remainder stitched with rich, vivid threads."*

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## Strip Exchange Paperless Paper

Calling all Strip Exchange participants to bring your finished project to the Show and Tell at the Oct afternoon meeting. There will be a prize draw for those who bring a quilt made from the blue/beige/cream strips. Would the two ladies who showed quilts at the September meeting, see Paula McDermott who will put your names into the draw.

## Piecing Workshop

Learn how to paper piece without sewing through the paper. This technique avoids the distortion and stress on the block when the paper is typically removed. The workshop is in conjunction with our raffle quilt. It is an opportunity to learn to piece the Canada Star blocks. The workshop is Saturday October 25th from 10 am to 4:30 at the Stanley Park Zehrs Community Room.



## Waterloo County Quilters' Guild

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## Recipes from Schneider Haus

### RHUBARB SQUARES

- 1 cup flour
- 1/3 cup powdered sugar
- 1/3 cup butter
- Filling:
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup flour
- 2 eggs, lightly beaten
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 3 cups fresh rhubarb or 3 cups frozen rhubarb, finely chopped
- 1. Combine flour and powdered sugar; cut in butter until mixture resembles crumbs.
- 2. Press into the bottom of a greased 11-inch x 7-inch x 2-inch baking pan.
- 3. Bake at 350 degrees F for 12 minutes.
- 4. For filling, combine the first four ingredients in a bowl.
- 5. Stir in rhubarb; pour over a warm crust. Bake at 350 F for 35-40 minutes or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean.
- 6. Cool on wire rack.
- 7. Store in refrigerator.

Adapted by Heather Imrie from her Grandma's very old recipe. Yum Yum!

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