

Scraps of Wisdom

President's Message "What Was I Thinking?"

With respect to my quilting life, I have asked myself this question a few times. Hopefully you have never had to ask yourself this. Although when we see a previous photo of ourselves, the outfit or hairstyle worn often evokes this response. Thankfully it does not stop us from wearing clothes or trying new hairstyles. We laugh and move on. It has not deterred me from continuing to quilt (or making the same choices). Personally, it results from impulsive decision-making and an apparent inability to say "No". Fellow quilters who admit to this fleeting thought have done so for various reasons. Some mention poor fabric choices, challenging patterns and not trusting our own abilities. A range of experiences include: it never occurred to them, laughing at the number of times, or not wanting to go there. Thank goodness we have each other to encourage, inspire (and laugh at) us and we keep on quilting. It has been said that if we can laugh at ourselves, we will never run out of material (pun fully intended). - Eileen Fennell, President



Did you know you can purchase your very own guild pin for only \$6? See Madeline Hughes at the registration desk.

The Waterloo County Quilters' Guild provides an opportunity for quilters to learn in a supportive, sharing, social environment. We encourage you to get the most out of your membership by becoming more deeply involved in the guild.

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PLEASE WEAR SOMETHING PINK TO OUR MEETING, IN MEMORY AND HOPE FOR ALL OUR SISTERS, MOTHERS AND DAUGHTERS WHO HAVE FOUGHT OR ARE FIGHTING A COURAGEOUS FIGHT WITH BREAST CANCER.



Smile Quilts—Bee Day Saturday November 12, 2016 At Mannheim

This is a reminder that this year's ONLY Bee Day is being held on Saturday November 12 at Mannheim from 9:30am to 3:30pm. We will have batting, backing and labels there. Your order will be filled before you leave. We will also have 2 Smile quilts there made by Bev MacKinnon, with directions to help inspire you. These quilts and directions will also be at the October guild meeting. This will be your last chance to sign up, as the Bee is before our November guild meeting.

The Smile Quilt Committee - Joan Doke, Peggy Herlick, Helene Doerfler, Jean Munro & Marilyn Weckworth

October Program

Our speaker this month will be Jackie Syer. Jackie is president of the Ancaster Quilters' Guild and her lecture will be "From Under My Ironing Board". She will share some great stash busting quilt ideas with us.

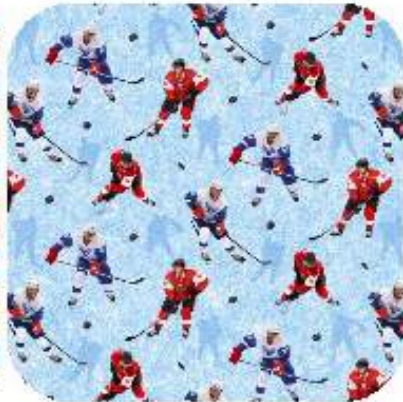
Caroline Berch will be our vendor for October. Caroline sells fabric and quilting notions out of her home in Cambridge (by Freeport) by appointment. She has over 1600 bolts of fabric and sells by the yard when you come for a shopping spree. At her 'Pop Up Shop', she will be bringing many precuts - one yard rolls (\$7-\$9); fat quarters (\$2); pillow case kits (\$10); shopping tote kits (\$16); braid table runner kits (\$22); and 2 1/2" strip sets (\$35). Other items (prices as marked) will include - fat quarter bundles; one yard bundles; various quilt kits; as well as some notions and patterns. Please visit Caroline's website -

www.carolinequilts.blogspot.ca On the left side are links to her fabrics and kits. If anyone has something they would like to pre-order, please contact Caroline using the "Contact Me" button on the right side of her webpage, and she will bring it to the meeting. Her preferred payment method is cash or cheque. Caroline is also donating 2 door prizes; one for each of our October meetings.

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Executive Meeting Highlights

Membership - Madeline has a few pictures that require names. The new handbook should be ready for the November meeting.

Newsletter - Several new advertisers have signed on for this year. We will continue with the Mid-summer edition as it was well received.

Vice president Lilla Hall is our liaison with CQA/ACC.

Submitted by Marg Sandiford

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Dear Quilt Friends,

In April this year I started a hexagon quilt. My idea was to make a large quilt from fabrics from all over the world... In August I went to "The Festival of Quilts" in Birmingham, UK where I met several people from different countries who donated a few scraps! I was surprised by the lovely reactions and the generosity of the quilters! One of them was very enthusiastic and gave me the idea to ask guilds in different countries to contribute some scraps. So my question is... would you ask your members to each send me one or two scraps? Maybe they have some fabric they don't like, but which will be great for my quilt. I use all colours and patterns. Size: small hexagon = 6cm x 6cm (2.5" x 2.5") big hexagon = 11cm x 11cm (4.5" x 4.5")

Hope to hear from you!

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Library News

We are looking for a volunteer or volunteers to assist with the signing in and out of books at the **evening** guild meetings. If you can help, please notify Judy Pearce.

The **Library Challenge** is running once again this year. And the rules are simple. Choose a library book that inspires you. Make a quilt from a pattern in that book. Complete the quilt in the period from September 2016 to June 2017. Make sure you have registered your name for the Library Challenge so you have a chance to win the draw prize. As a bonus, you will have made a quilt that can then be shown in the 2017 Quilt Exhibit at RIM Park! We look forward to your challenge entries!

- Judy and Ruthanne



DON'T FORGET TO SIGN IN AT THE MEMBERSHIP DESK AND GET YOUR DOOR PRIZE DRAW TICKET! It is important for fire regulations that we know how many people we have in the community centre, especially during the afternoon meetings.

Donation Made to the Smile Quilt Project

The following email was sent to the Smile Quilt committee:



"Two years ago my daughter Brianna was hospitalized and diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes at Grand River Hospital and received a beautiful Smile Quilt. Our family would like to make a donation toward the Smile Quilt project to help with your work in continuing to brighten a child's stay in the hospital and beyond."

After some communication, it ends up that Brianna's family sent a \$100 cheque to the guild to go toward the Smile Quilt project. We will be purchasing labels that we will give out to sew onto the back of your Smile quilts. The Smile Quilt committee wants all of you to know just how much your work has been appreciated.

Thank you! - The Smile Quilt Committee

WCQG Mini Retreat Day—Saturday November 26, 2016

Enjoy a day of sewing, quilting and socializing!

Location: Waterloo North Mennonite Church, 100 Benjamin Road, Waterloo (across from the St. Jacobs Outlet Mall)

Cost: \$35/person, non-refundable, full payment must be received upon registration.

Registration: Trudy Dey will be taking registration and payment at the October and November guild meetings—before the afternoon and evening meetings. Space is limited to 28 retreaters.

Details: Bring your own sewing/quilting projects on which to work. Irons and ironing stations will be set up.

Mannheim Quilting and Sewing Circle

Enjoy some Gemütlichkeit at Mannheim this month, as we celebrate the season with an Oktoberfest lunch on Wednesday, October 12th! Bring \$3 and enjoy a sausage in a bun with mustard and sauerkraut (or bring your own bagged lunch if you don't want to participate). If you're thinking of attending, would you please email:

megan.stauch@rogers.com or
tamara@redmaples.ca

so we can get an idea of numbers. Gluten-free sausage/bun also available, if you let us know in advance. Coffee and tea will be provided. All are welcome, so bring your sewing machine and the project of your choice, and join us from 9am to 4pm for quilting and friendship. Directions are in your guild handbook, or on the WCQG website. A \$4 donation helps cover the cost of the room rental. Hope to see you then!



If you know of a guild member who has become ill, please let our secretary, Robin Bogaert know so she can send a get well card from all of us.



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In June, the guild was contacted by Robin McLean, the Community Development Coordinator for The Arthritis Society's Central West Ontario Division. She was looking for individuals and/or groups to help her raise funds for The Arthritis Society and to spread awareness about the physical and emotional journeys of the 4.6 million Canadians living with arthritis. She thought that surely, if 1 in 5 people have arthritis, some of them must be quilters! She didn't know then that her email would go directly to someone with a sympathetic ear.

Recently Robin and I chatted about lives that are impacted by arthritis. She told me about a recent grant awarded by The Society to Dr. Lihi Eder (Toronto) who is examining the linkage between psoriatic arthritis and heart disease, and ways to identify and assist high-risk patients. The grant is one of many just announced as part of The Society's funding commitment for arthritis research: \$4.82 million, spanning 23 projects across Canada. We also talked about the need for education, the need for others to understand what having arthritis means, and the importance of The Society's motto: *We have arthritis. It doesn't have us!*

Our conversation moved on to how we can help by creating a quilt. Funds raised by a WCQG/Arthritis Society project will directly support high-impact research by scientists and clinicians searching for the causes of, and cure for, arthritis. They will also support the researchers doing transformative work uncovering the best ways to treat and manage arthritis right now.

Robin hopes that the quilters who take part in this project will share their own stories, as I did with her. Perhaps they have arthritis themselves, or their spouses, or their children. Those shared stories will live on in every stitch, and one day find a place in someone's home. Her hope is that as the finished quilt will travel around the province, it will help to tell those stories, to connect arthritis sufferers, and inspire others to learn about life with arthritis.

Judy Pearce and I have agreed to take on this project. We are in the midst of planning the quilt and hope to have kits prepared by the November meetings. Early in 2017 we will schedule a workday to assemble and get it to Aline Chan, who has kindly agreed to quilt it for us. *The guild will be responsible for the quilt, but not for the fundraising.* We thank you in advance for your participation.

Kathy Bissett





Many thanks to Sherri Hisey of Border Creek Station Pattern Company for giving us not one, but two lectures at last month's guild meetings. Sherry took us through her quilting journey and encouraged us to challenge ourselves to try something new. Her lecture on borders and the math involved was very informative and entertaining. The patterns are available online <http://www.bordercreekstation.com/index.htm> and at several quilt shops.

Sherry also challenged those of us who have yet to enter a quilt into our exhibit to make 2017 the year we do it!



one ROOF Youth Services assist youth (12-25) who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in Waterloo Region. We will be collecting unused items and/or cash donations at the **October** guild meetings. Hygiene items, socks, gift cards to Sobey's, Zehrs, Walmart, Tim Horton's, bus tickets, sunscreen, deodorant, lip balm, hair elastics, brushes, combs, razors, along with other items listed on their website, oneroof.org are needed.



Detail of Indian Splendour by Donna Funnell (GN 2015 - Connections)

The Grand National Quilt Show 2017

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2017 Dates to Remember

Entry Submission Deadline: February 24, 2017
 Accepted Entry Received at Joseph Schneider Haus by March 31, 2017

Exhibition Opens: May 7, 2017
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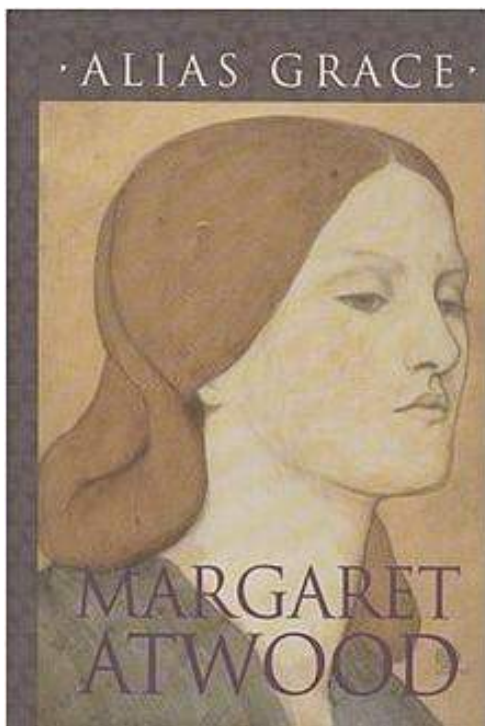
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Preparing for the 2017 - 2018 Guild Program

Potential speakers for next year's guild meetings need to be contacted now. If you are willing and have access to email, please let Kathy Langill know so members can send their speaker ideas to one person who will coordinate contacting potential speakers.



The Trials of Kathy L and Eileen

“Alias Grace’ is a book by Margaret Atwood about a 16 year old girl who murders... or does she? ...another woman. This takes place in the mid 19th century and is based on a true story. It is being made into a mini-series for CBC and Netflix.

I work at the St Jacobs Antiques Market. A set decorator was in the store looking for props, and when she mentioned quilting to another employee, he pointed her to me. I said I could make a ‘Tree of Paradise’ quilt and I know someone who can help me (Sorry, Eileen).

“How about one month?”

“Sure.”

“Can you make two quilts?”

“Sure.”

Little did I know that there would be numerous meetings and opinions which would change the details of the quilt fabric, colour, design, size and time lines many times over. After sewing, un-sewing, re-sewing, etc., etc., we were finally done—we thought. It was quilted and appliqued.

“Sorry, we want the snakes longer with a white strip on the border. We would also like a different binding.”

“When?”

“Friday.” (It was Thursday when this came up.)

I briefly considered driving away and never coming back until I pulled myself together and negotiated for Monday. After three days of late-night quilting, whimpering, paper-piecing, whimpering, and appliquing, we delivered the quilt to the set in Brampton and got to watch some filming.

We had already been to the studio in Toronto to teach actress Sarah Gadon how to piece. She was very sweet and called our sessions “crafternoons”. I can’t wait to tell you about more sewing escapades while on location in St. George as “quilt technicians”. Onto the second quilt, a log cabin. More to come.

Quiltingly yours,

Kathy Langill

PS They are only half-way through filming, so it will likely be a year until it is aired.



Margaret Atwood, Canadian author

Membership Renewal Time

Members can still renew their memberships at the October meeting or at the following meetings but their information and picture will not be in the membership handbook.

- Madeline Hughes, Membership Chair



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Spectral Locus, 2016

by Amanda Browder

The artwork adorning this building, titled Spectral Locus, is by Amanda Browder, a Brooklyn-based textile and installation artist. This is one of three sites in Buffalo, New York displaying her work. It is made using donated and recycled fabrics and was created during "public sewing days" held this past summer throughout Erie County. Craftspeople, artists, people with disabilities and others joined in the production of the final piece, cutting, pinning and sewing these giant swaths of fabric. It is part of the Albright-Knox Public Art Initiative.

- Ruth Hicks



Palliative Quilts

One of the best parts of GIVING is the warm feeling that comes from knowing you are doing something to bring comfort to others. A warm quilt certainly provides warmth and comfort in so many ways. We have recently done that for the family of one of our members!!

The quilts we are making and donating are received with love and are mainly being used on the beds of the palliative patients. Some of the quilts are going home with families and others are rotated often.

For that reason, fewer lap-sized quilts are needed. A length of 66 inches works well on the beds. Please see your handbook for further guidelines or call Judy Siegner.

Quilts are gathered after Show and Tell at the meetings.

Thank you,
Judy Siegner



NEWS UPDATE



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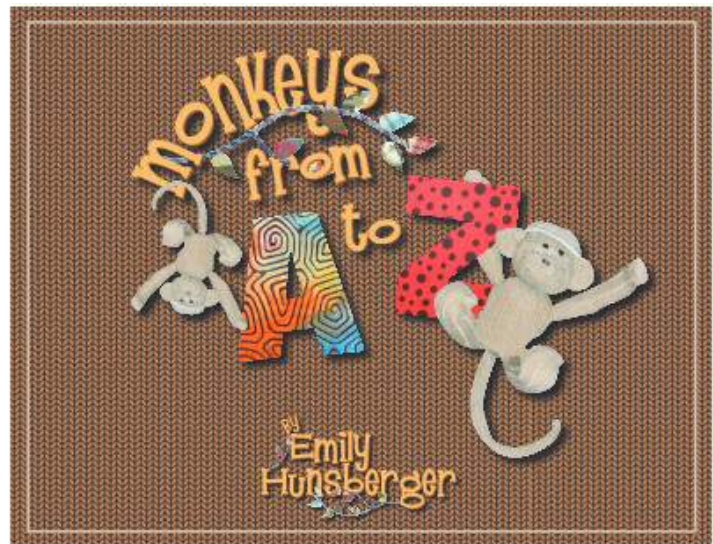
Announcing Quilt Canada 2018 - Vancouver B.C.

The CQA/ACC Board of Directors is pleased to announce that **Quilt Canada 2018** will be held in Vancouver British Columbia May 30 - June 2 2018 at the Vancouver Convention Centre. More information will be released in the coming months.

They're Back!

Once again, sock monkeys have ganged up to support a fundraising project of the Grandmothers to Grandmothers campaign, part of the Stephen Lewis Foundation (SLF). Groups of women across Canada are helping those in African countries who are raising their grandchildren and coping with the AIDS pandemic.

Monkeys from A to Z has full-colour pages of improbable monkey "occupations", from an Adventurous Astronaut to a Zany Zookeeper.

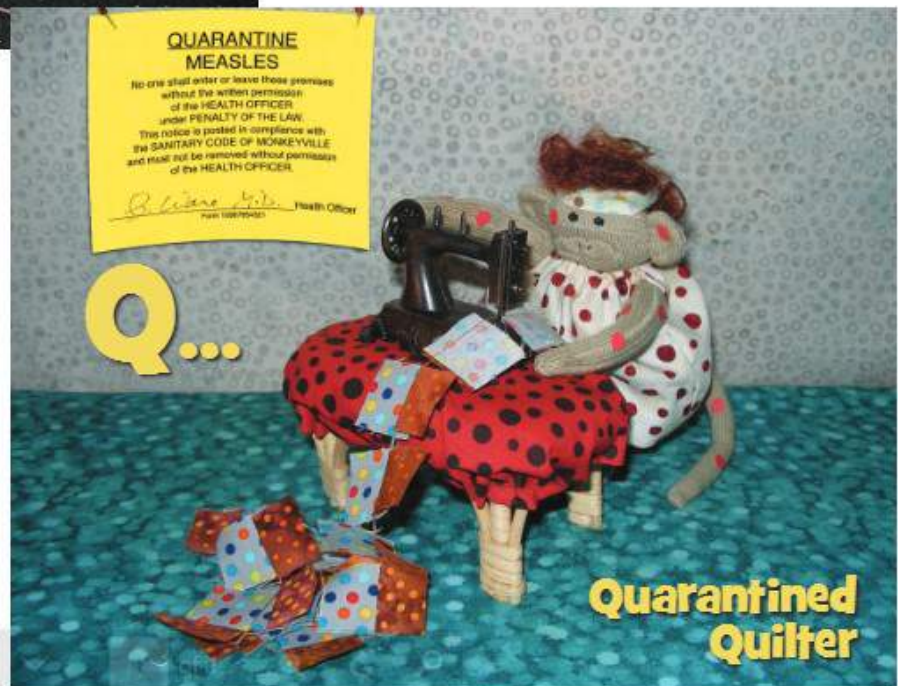


There are bonus pages of things to search for, and instructions for making sock monkeys, all for a mere \$20.00! The entire proceeds of the book sales go to the SLF.

I usually attend the afternoon guild meetings and will bring books, or other arrangements can be made.

Thank you for your support!

Emily Hunsberger
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Fort McMurray Quilts

Our 10 quilts were gratefully received and distributed by Nadine King of Fort McMurray. Many thanks to all who participated in meeting this need and for Ruth Hicks and Kathy Pegelo for coordinating this effort.

UFO'S

Doreen Bone is co-ordinating a contest to help us finish some of our UFO's before next June. Members will pay the \$1.00 fee in September and October to register their projects. If their project has a star, moon, clouds or another space object in it, they'll be able to put their name in for an extra draw at the June meeting for a chance to win a semi-fabulous prize (it won't be fat quarters.)

Members who registered a UFO in September and have finished and shown it during Show and Tell in October will win a prize.

Also, members may bring in UFO's they no longer like or have an interest in putting together. Place the project in a sealed bag (that we can't see through). At the November guild meeting, members who brought in a project may select one of the bags. They then become the proud owner of a new project. Only those contributing a project will have the opportunity to choose a new one.

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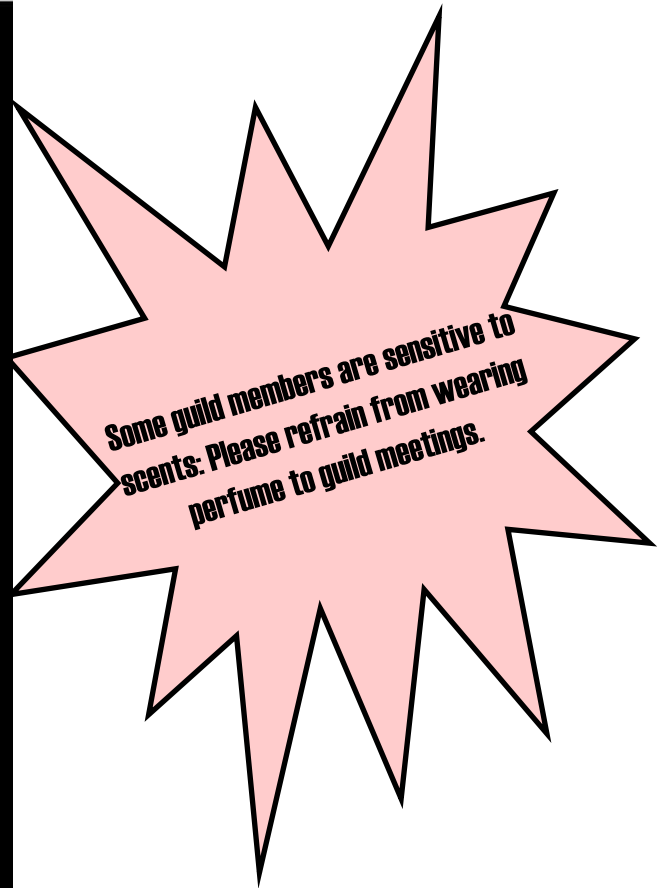
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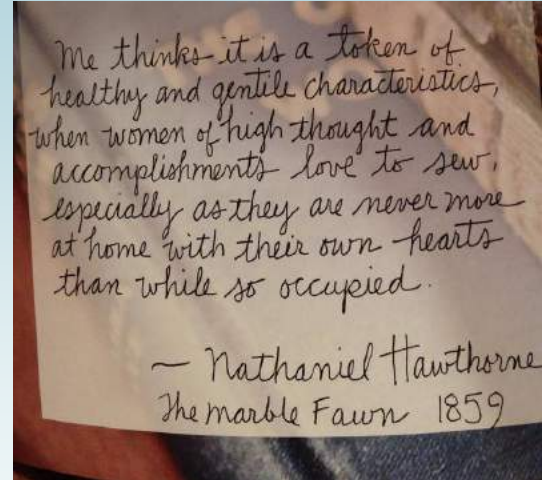
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Program Outline 2016-2017

- October** - Jackie Syer
November - Social gathering
December - no guild meetings, Happy Holidays!
January - Al Cote
February - Carol Ross Williamson
March - Robin Bogaert
April - Sharon Fisher
May - Mini Workshops
June - Annual General Meeting, evening meeting only



Elected Officers of the Guild 2016-2017

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Quilting Months Ahead

| Month | Day | Activity |
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| October | 19 | Regular Guild Meetings & oneRoof donations |
| October | 22 | DIY Festival at KPL |
| October | 24 | Call for entry deadline for Contemporary Canadian Art Quilts |
| October | 28 | Newsletter deadline |
| November | 12 | Smile Quilt Bee Day at Mannheim |
| November | 16 | Social gathering & UFO swap |
| November | 26 | Mini Retreat |



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