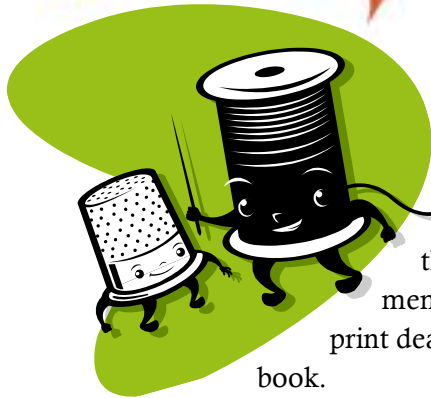


Scraps of Wisdom

Waterloo County Quilters Guild Newsletter



Members Wanted!

WOW! We have 153 members who have renewed their memberships for the coming year. Please renew your membership before October 1st to meet the print deadline for our 2012 - 2013 Membership book.

This year the membership form can be printed from the Members page on the Guild website: <http://www.wcquiltersguild.on.ca>.

Two ways to register:

1. Print and complete the form from the Members page on the website – bring to the September meeting or mail in the form with your cheque to the Guild address.

OR

2. Complete a membership form at the next Guild meeting.

Madeline Hughes, and the Membership Committee

On the Calendar...more events listed on page 5

Quilters Getaway October 12-14th

Greystone on
Golden Lake, ON

\$300 + taxes

see page 9 for more
information

SewFlakes October 20th

Papercut applique
Mannheim, ON

9:30-4pm, \$35

see page 6 for more
information

Fibre Content Show October 27-28th

Fibre Art Show
Burlington, ON

see page 6 for more
information

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September Meeting

Our featured speaker is Kathy Wylie from Whitby. She is fascinated with papercut applique and its possibilities for incorporating hidden images.

For the past 10 years, she has been exhibiting her quilts and giving trunk shows across Canada. Her quilts have received local, national and international recognition. Her talk is entitled "Beauty is All Around". Beauty really is all around us and provides a constant source of inspiration. Many natural designs are circular or radiating

Kathy will show us her collection of papercut applique quilts, revealing how each motif is transformed into a snowflake, a block and a quilt.



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F. R. O. G. S.

Many guild members have asked for another incentive to finish their unfinished projects. Last year we called it a "P.I.G.S. Challenge", which stood for "Project In Grocery Sack". This year it's named after a green amphibian. Can you guess?

Yes, you're right! We have a F.R.O.G.S. challenge! It stands for "Finish Recent or Old Good Stuff". How many unfinished projects do you have that you really would like to get done? We'd like to encourage you to complete them during this guild year. At the September and October meetings you can register your unfinished project(s) by depositing a \$1.00 per project into a Froggy bank.

Your goal is to complete the project and show it during show-and-tell on or before the May guild meeting. When you do, you will receive a ballot to deposit into a second Froggy bank. During the May meeting we'll draw from all the ballots and you could win the first frog full of money! BUT, best of all, you'll have completed a project!



Co-Presidents Message

The WCQG 2012/2013 year is about to begin!! We are grateful for all who have volunteered for executive and committee positions and anticipate a good year of working together. We also look forward to what this year has in store for our membership.....inspiring speakers and workshops, our monthly show and tell, times of connecting with one another at retreats and quilting bees, also getting to know any new members who join us. It's all so good, isn't it?

Much work will be done this year in preparation for our 2013 quilt show, individually, as we create beautiful pieces to display and items to donate for the small quilt raffle and boutique and also corporately, as we work together to organize all the many aspects of a successful show.

Sally and I are excited about some activities we have planned as your co presidents. One of the many strong points of our guild is how committed you are to charity quilting. On July 12th, 30 of our guild members enjoyed a successful, fun day creating a quilt for the palliative care department of Sunnyside Nursing Home. Due to the tremendous amount of positive feedback from those who participated in the Sunnyside quilt bee, another one is being organized to make a quilt for another charity.

We'll let you know when the details for a "President's Day Retreat with a Purpose" are finalized.

We would also like to entice you to participate in a quilt challenge. You have until June to complete these quilts that will be displayed at our June Annual General Meeting. During that evening, the membership will be given an opportunity to vote for their favourite. The plan is that these quilts would also be part of the 2013 quilt show and would be eligible for the viewer's choice vote there. The theme of our challenge is "Things with Wings". There are so many ways to interpret this theme. Be creative!!! Feel free to create a traditional quilt or a contemporary one. Most of all, have fun. There is no size restriction, make your quilt as large or small as you like.

While we are contemplating "wings" lets also consider soaring even higher as a guild this year, expanding our knowledge, creating beautiful works of art, growing in our relationships with other guild members and working together towards being a warm welcoming group of quilters.

Now I must stop typing and go quilt! See you on September 19th.

Judy Pearce and Sally Gray

Guild Challenge

How Far can we Stitch?



In honour of Canadian Quilt Month, CQA (Canadian Quilters Association) is challenging all member guilds to see how far across the country we can quilt in inches. The distance across Canada via the Trans Canada, from St. John's NL to Victoria B.C. is 4,860 miles which equals 307,929,600 inches.

Our goal is to see how many accumulated inches quilters can sew in 6 months. This challenge will run from September 1 2012 until February 28 2013. May is our national quilt month but to get the results in for the spring magazine edition they have chosen just 6 months to record.

Bring your measurements (the perimeter in inches) of your finished quilt or quilts that you are going to show at the Show and Tell on a piece of paper with your name on it ready to hand in to Kathy Bissett or Bonnie Murdoch. We will send our Guild's total each month to the inch counters at CQA.

Oh! I almost forgot to tell you, there will be a prize for the quilter who sews the most inches each month - one prize for the meeting day. If you show a quilt at both meetings, we will only be able to record it once. Check out: <http://www.canadianquilter.com/events/how-far-stitch.php>

Bonnie Murdoch

2013 Quilt Show

We begin again for another year of making lots of great quilts, attending wonderful speakers who can inspire our own creativity and so on. As you put together your creations, please consider entering them into the Quilt Show which is only 1 year away.

Our first Quilt Show Committee meeting is on September 26 at 6 pm at the home of Marg Cassel. If you would like to be involved with the planning, we would be happy to welcome you. Please remember that we always need more volunteers for this committee if we expect to continue to offer the Quilt Show. Apprentices are well trained and needed now. Please consider being a part of this committee. If you plan to attend, please call Marg, whose phone number is in the Handbook.

As you finish your entries for the Show, please note that we will be photographing all entries in July of 2013. If you plan to be away during July, arrange for a buddy to get your quilt photographed. Each quilt entered will need to be COMPLETELY finished by the time of photographing.

Our deadline for entries remains the AGM in June 2013. With this deadline in mind, enjoy quilting your miniatures, small, medium and larger quilts, clothing and other articles that will make this next Show a wonderful success. Don't forget to document your sources of inspiration, author, and other documentation needed for the entry form.

Marg Cassel and Colleen Robertson

Events

Mannheim Quilting Circle

September 12th 9 – 4pm

Its "**Back to School**" at Mannheim. Bring one of your *old* school pictures. We have an exciting game planned. We are going to try to identify you in your school days. Make sure your picture does not have your name on it. There will be prizes for this fun activity.

If you are new to the Mannheim Quilting Circle, we meet the second Wednesday of the Month at the Mannheim Community Centre. The group is informal. Bring your own project, sewing machine and supplies. We have lots of irons and ironing pads. Feel free to just drop in for a while or stay for the whole day.

Bring your lunch, snacks and beverages. Fast food is just a short drive away. It's all about the fun and making new friends.

Directions to Mannheim are in your handbook or on the Guild website under "Community Outreach".

Bernice Gammy & Fabia Joyce



July, we received a cheque for \$406.67.

There is a pretty gift bag at the Membership table for you to put your tapes in. So keep your tapes coming as this money goes for the batting and backing that the Guild buys.

I also want to thank everyone for making it much easier for me, by handing in their tapes nice and smooth and not crumbled or rolled up. This is a big help, when they have to be added up. *Joan Doke*

Unravelled – Quilting Arts

October 5th – December 31, 2012

"Unravelled: An eclectic exhibit of the quilting arts of Frayed Knots"

The exhibit, by group members Marsha Clarke, Marilyn Farquhar, Marg Notar, Judy Pearce, Audrey Vrooman and Nancy Winn, will be on display at the St Jacobs Quilt Gallery (third floor of the Mill) 1441 King St N. St Jacobs.

Gallery Hours

Monday – Saturday: 10:00am – 6:00pm

Sunday: Noon – 5:30pm

Opening Reception

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Zehrs Save-A-Tape Program

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who bring in your Zehrs Tapes each month. This is a reminder that the Zehrs Save-A-Tape program continues to contribute to our Community Outreach Programs. For every \$450 worth of tapes, Zehrs gives us \$1. This

Events Continued

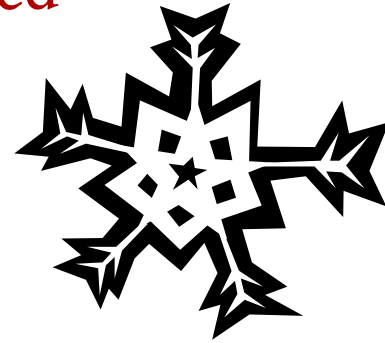
Sewflakes: Papercut Applique

by *Kathy Wylie*

Saturday, October 20, 2012, 9:30 - 4:00pm

Mannheim Community Centre

Cost: \$ 35/pp, required when registering



Kathy will be teaching us a technique similar to making paper snowflakes, as described in her book "Sewflakes". We'll learn how to design these unique snowflakes for fabric, with an emphasis on incorporating recognizable images into the design, then look at various ways to transfer the design from paper to fabric. Some applique experience is helpful but not essential. Sewing machines are not required.

Fibre Content Show



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You will be dazzled by 128 works of art created by 65 artists. These extraordinary pieces will be complemented by the impressive setting of the new BPAC that is drenched with natural light and open space. Some works will be for sale.

Admission includes a detailed catalogue of all the works displayed at the show and access to a vendor marketplace of related art merchants.

Come and join us in the beautiful downtown Burlington area, situated on the shores of Lake Ontario, close to a local art gallery, restaurants and boutique shopping.

Show hours: Saturday 9—5, Sunday 10—4
Admission—\$7
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440 Locust St., Burlington, ON

<http://www.fibrations.org/>

Events Continued

Quilters Getaway

So Much Fabric – So Little Time

Greystone on Golden Lake Cottages is offering its first annual Quilters Getaway. Mark your calendar for October 12th, 13th and 14th, 2012 for 3 days of quilting, presentations and beautiful Ottawa Valley/Algonquin Park countryside in full Fall colours.

Friday is check in – a wine and cheese meet and greet and setting up for Saturday and Sunday's workshop.

Check in early if you can to enjoy our beautiful cottages and take one last canoe ride on Golden Lake this season. Enjoy the Fall colours. Get inspired; bring your camera; and bring your photo album to share.

Saturday is a full day to do whatever you want – our large reception room will have long tables, ironing boards and irons ready. Just bring your equipment and projects and do whatever your heart desires.

Sunday is another full day that will include a presentation from internationally acclaimed fabric artist and quilter Catherine Timm. You can check out her work at www.catherinetimm.com.

Monday is late check out (2 pm) – early enough to check out some fabric stores on your way home if you like. You can leave here

refreshed*, inspired and more knowledgeable.

If this is the weekend of all your quilting dreams register now by checking out our website www.greystoneongoldenlake.com. Our cottages are all gorgeous with all the amenities. And then just get in touch with me – Rita at barrette@nrtco.net to book your reservation.

Costs are \$ 300.00 plus taxes per person for your entire 3 night stay. We include a buffet

breakfast every morning.

Make it a girls' weekend - make it a weekend to remember. A 50% deposit is required to secure your booking.



For more information – just contact me anytime at barrette@nrtco.net or at 613-628-2980. Please feel free to forward and share this with other quilters – we are all sisters in stitches.

* We can book a massage with a Registered Massage Therapist – receipts are provided.



Smile Quilt Committee

Thank you Rosemary!

After all her hard work for the past 10 ½ years, Rosemary Plummer decided it is time for her to retire from doing the Smile Quilts. As you can see, it takes 5 people to do what Rosemary has done all by herself.

We want the Guild to know that this committee is dedicated to continue with the wonderful work that Rosemary started. With this in mind, we want you to know a couple of things.

There will be a table setup, every Guild meeting, near the Library entrance, for people to hand over their Smile Quilts and to ask any questions they may have. Peggy Herlick and Helene Doerfler will be manning the table in the afternoon and Deb Martin in the evening.

The expensive part of these quilts is the backing and batting. The Guild has been providing these at the Bee Days in Mannheim. We realize that not everyone is able to go to the Bee Days, so this year we are adding another method of giving out the backing and batting.

At the Smile Quilts table there will be order

forms to fill out with your name, contact info, size of quilt, etc. Joan and Judy will fill the orders and bring the backing, batting, and form to the Smile Committee table for the next meeting. We will try this method for this guild year and see how it goes. You can, also, contact Joan or Judy during the month and they'll take care of the order.

We will continue to have the Bee Days, at Mannheim in November and April. The first Bee Day is Saturday, November 17, 2012.

We will have sign-up sheets at the September and October meetings. Judy is busy getting a pattern ready to hand out at this time. You certainly don't have to use this pattern, but it does help people to get a start.

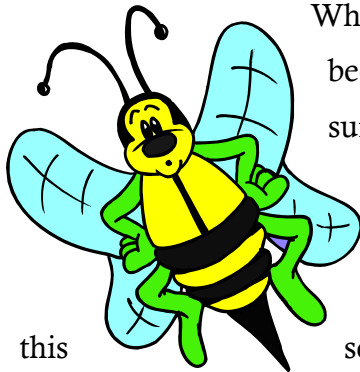
This Committee is looking forward to a great year of Smile Quilts. If there is any question you may have, please contact any member of the committee. Our phone and email information is in the Members' Handbook.

Committee Members: Joan Doke, Peggy Herlick, Helene Doerfler, Judy Cumming, and Deb Martin



Butterfly Quilt for Sunnyside Home

Palliative Unit



What a satisfying quilting bee we had over the summer! Twenty or more guild members got together over 5 different days to put this sew- as- you- go,

scrappy, log cabin quilt that looks like butterflies flying about. Kathy Bissett designed it with her EQA programme and we used the fabric bank to get a start on the background. Members donated the bright butterfly colours as well as more background material, batting and backing. I would like to thank all who spent hours doing all this work and particularly Judy Pearce who organized so very much of this process.

The bulk of the 120 blocks were put together with the help of many members at a church gymnasium close to the Sunnyside Home. The

Sunnyside palliative care committee who requested this quilt was able to join us over the day showing their appreciation with platters of fruit and goodies. That day was the longest- from 9am till 8:00pm but very satisfying to see the fruits of sorting, ironing, cutting, machine sewing, measuring, reverse sewing, squaring up, pinning, free motion sewing, hand sewing and of course talking, laughing, and eating.

An article was written up for the Sunnyside Home newsletter (they call our quilt the End of Life Quilt) and if you would like to read it, open the link on the Community Outreach page of our guild website.

We will be presenting the quilt to Sunnyside Home at our September Guild Meeting and it will be hung for both meetings so all can see this group quilt. We as a guild should be very proud of our gift to our community of senior people.

Bonnie Murdoch

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