



Royal City Quilters Guild

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Monthly Newsletter

September 2003

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SEPTEMBER MEETING

Tuesday, September 9, 2003
Westwood United Church, Willow Road, Guelph

6:45 Doors Open
7:15 Opening Remarks
7:30 Program
8:30 Break
8:45 Show and Share



SEPTEMBER MEETING CHECKLIST

- ⇒ **Membership fee in an envelope**
- ⇒ Fees for workshops
- ⇒ Name tag
- ⇒ September Block of the Month
- ⇒ Mug or cup for coffee break
- ⇒ Memory Quilt (if you made one)
- ⇒ Show and Share items
- ⇒ Canadian Tire money, Zehrs/Ultra tapes
- ⇒ Submissions for the October Newsletter
- ⇒ Fabric donation, see page 6

*Members of the Guild Executive will provide treats for the September meeting.
Greeters for this month are Kathy Wagner, Julie Cradder-Thompson and Sue Keuhl*

NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING

The next meeting of the RCQG Executive will be held Tuesday, September 16, 2003, at the Co-operators Building on Macdonnell Street. We will start promptly at 7 pm and finish at 9:30. Please review your August minutes prior to the meeting.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jackie James (824-1342)

Where has the summer gone? We certainly finished the year on a good note with a wonderful quilt show. I must congratulate and thank the show committee on doing a fantastic job!!!

Over the summer I was able to accomplish a few quilting projects and finished ONE of my UFOs. I hope everyone else was able to accomplish a few things and you are eager to start new projects. The committees have taken your suggestions to heart and have set up great programs for this coming year.

Even though summer is almost over, it has been enjoyable. Ralph and I certainly enjoyed our granddaughter. She is such a joy. I look forward to seeing you all on September 9th.

*Regards
Jackie*



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Diane Black (821-8543)

Membership renewals for the 2003-2004 year will be taken at the membership table starting at 6:45 p.m. Renewals remain at \$34 for the year. Please put your cheque or the correct amount of cash in an envelope with your name on the front and place it in the basket on the membership table – no line-ups.

If you have a change of address, phone number or need to update your e-mail address please indicate on the envelope.

Only new members signing up that night will need to stand in line to fill out the membership form.



PROGRAM

Maureen Kay (843-1778)

A warm welcome to all members and guests. We hope your summer was productive (if not in quilting, at least in the purchasing of fabric). We look forward to bringing you an exciting and informative program.

September

'Wellington County Heritage Quilting'

with Susan Dunlop



Come and enjoy a trip back into the heritage of quilting from our own county with Susan Dunlop, the curator of the Wellington County Museum. Susan will be showing slides and details of the Museum's historical collection of quilts. She also has interesting anecdotes to share about some of the quilts. Susan will be bringing a few of her best-loved quilts to show us as well.



Those Ever-Circulating Clipboards

Please help the guild meetings run smoothly with a small donation of your time. Clipboards will be circulating throughout September's meeting. We are looking for "greeters" and "bakers" for the upcoming meetings. Greeters should arrive at 6:30 to greet and direct members and guests to the displays. Bakers provide the goodies that we all enjoy during break time. Remember to mark your goodies if they contain peanuts or nuts! The executive thanks you in advance for volunteering!



Special Interest Groups

This fall, we are introducing something new to the Guild. We invite you to participate in our new "Special Interest Groups." They will provide you with an opportunity to apply your quilting skills and share your talents with fellow Guild members. These groups are open to quilters of all abilities. We hope these groups will be successful in helping all of us get to know each other better while doing the activities we all enjoy. Look for our displays and registration area in September. Please note, you must register for the "Tinnners" **before** the September meeting.

Border Patrol

A fast track round robin! You create the centre and your block will be rotated only twice for others to complete your piece with borders. We will be suggesting a seasonal theme so your work with completed borders will be back before the holiday season. In January, long after the final exchange, the group will meet for a social evening to show off their final product. This group will be convened by Maureen Kay at (843-1778) and Christine Whitehouse (837-0141). Sign up will be at the September meeting and spaces are limited. A block with one side being no more than 12" and a fat quarter of fabric must be prepared for the first rotation at the October meeting.

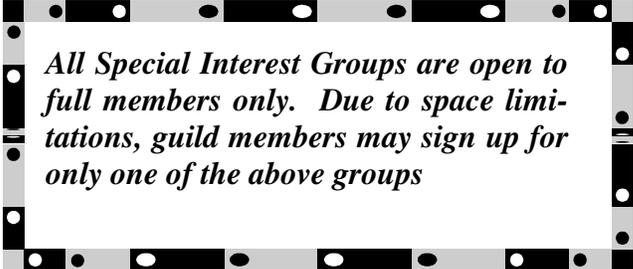
Tinnners

A catchy name to remind us of what will be in those special cookie tins. Each member of the group will place one fabric fat quarter in a cookie tin with their name enclosed, choose a theme and hand it over to the convener so the adventure can begin! The tins will be passed among group members and each recipient will but a new block inside based on the theme for each tin. At the end of the year, there will be a social evening to reveal all the blocks. This group will run from September to June. Pre-registration is required **before September**. Contact Gillian Robinette at 905-927-9431 or gillian.robinette@sympatico.ca **before** the September meeting to join this group. Your tin and fabric must be ready for the first exchange which will take place at the September meeting. ***This is a nine month commitment and spaces to join are limited.***

Block Buddies

Ever dreamed of winning all the blocks at Guild night? Wish they would choose the pattern you always wanted? Join us once a month as we get together and

bring one to two group members your version of the block of their choice. The rest of the evening will be spent helping the recipient with ideas for arranging the blocks. An instant quilt in one evening! By the end of the year, each group member will receive a collection of blocks at least once, possibly twice depending on the group size. Registration will be in September. Requires a full year commitment from September to May and will be open to 7 to 21 people. Conveners are Sue Keuhl (826-7914) and Sharon Beach (836-4639).



All Special Interest Groups are open to full members only. Due to space limitations, guild members may sign up for only one of the above groups

Quilt Bee Registry

Wish you were a part of a quilt bee but don't know who to connect with? Sign up sheets will be available at the September meeting. We will collate the names of those who live close in proximity to help them connect.

Quilt Bee Day

November 1, 2003

This will be a special, one-day event open to all members of all abilities. We invite you to join us as work we work together to make lap quilts for those who rely on wheel chairs. Our goal is to make 50 lap quilts, which will then be donated, to seniors living in Nursing Homes in the Guelph area. We will be able to donate the quilts just before the cold weather creeps in to stay for the winter. Stations will be set up for rotary cutting, colour selection, strip piecing, ironing, and machine quilting. There will be something for everyone to do! Keeping with the tradition of a quilt bee, we will break for a pot-luck lunch. We will be working at a facility overlooking Guelph Lake. We encourage early risers to meet us in the early morning for a short walk or hike. More information and registration will be at the September meeting. Space is limited to 30 people.

We look forward to new friendships and a creative year of quilting this fall. Please see out displays for more details.



WORKSHOPS 2003-2004

All workshops will be offered on Saturday from 9 am to 3 pm at the Turfgrass Institute on Victoria Road South unless otherwise noted. Please bring a lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Table Runner or Wall hanging Sampler

by Isobel King

In this beginners' workshop you will make a 3-block sampler table runner or wall hanging using a variety of techniques such as piecing (traditional and freezer paper method), appliqué and hand quilting. Why not start an early Thanksgiving or Christmas project!

October 18, 2003 Cost: \$35

Beginner

Surface Embellishments

by Sandra Thomas

Adorning quilts with buttons, beads & ribbons is a common design technique the world over. Quilters have always experimented with a variety of surface design techniques, so it's no surprise that we have been inspired by the traditional use of embellishments. To enhance the visual interest to our quilts, we'll add buttons, beads, sequins, trims, make tassels, prairie points, couch ribbons & braids, add some lazy daisy flowers, French knots, etc. using embroidery floss, crewel yarn and silk ribbon, etc.

November 22, 2003 Cost: \$35

All levels

Colourwash

by Maggie Vanderweit

Learn a practical hands-on approach to colour value and colour theory using the quilting technique of 'colourwash' or 'watercolour.' Participants will create a small wall hanging by manipulating 2" fabric squares to achieve the desired effect of design and colour flow. Limitless possibilities!

January 24, 2004 Cost: \$35 + supplies* All levels

*Optional \$12.00 fabric kit can purchased

Colour by Accident, Crazy and Funky

Dyeing

by Sharon Beach

This workshop will take an unconventional approach to creating multi-coloured hand-dyed cotton fabrics using Procion MX fibre-reactive dyes and the (extremely) low-water immersion method. We will scrunch, twist and layer fabrics using multiple colours in each dye bath. The resulting pieces will be utterly unique and impossible to reproduce! They make wonderful background pieces (sunsets) or the mottled fabric can be cut up to make pieced or appliqued blocks with more 'movement' than traditional solids or prints.

February 21, 2004 Cost: \$35 + supplies All levels
LOCATION: Dublin United Church

Phototransfer

by Kathy Wagner

Create new interest in your quilt designs by including your own photographs. Learn how to do iron-on transfers and then different ways to frame or incorporate the pictures into your quilt.

March 20, 2004 Cost: \$35

All levels

Strip-pieced Landscape - 2 day workshop

By Reta Budd

Learn Reta Budd's signature technique in creating landscapes. The composition provided by Reta includes a barn, a tree, and water. In the first session, learn how to strip-piece and create the desired background scene. Complete the strip-piecing at home and come prepared to the second session to learn how to embellish and finish the landscape.

April 17 AND May 1, 2004 Cost: \$80 All levels

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Shaded Four-patch or Angles & Squares

by Joan Hug-Valeriotte

Learn the Shaded Four-patch technique using Al Miller templates (finished blocks will be 4 in. square). I will also demonstrate how to make mini shaded four-patch blocks and how to create the same block in various sizes using the Jodi Barrows ruler. Loads of design variations!

May 15, 2004 Cost: \$35 + supplies All levels



Things to Keep in Mind about Workshops

- ♥ Availability is on a first come first served basis (payment required).
- ♥ Most classes have a capacity of 15 participants
- ♥ Be sure you can attend before you pay for a workshop. We can no longer give refunds (for any reason). If you cannot make it, give or sell your spot to another member or friend.

Workshop Registration Begins This Month

Registration for workshops begins at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, September 9th. We will be located in the lobby area of the church near the entrance of the meeting room. Cheques or cash only please. Cheques should be made out to the Royal City Quilters Guild. Please include your phone number on the cheque.



LIBRARY NEWS

Barbara Jordan (837-0818)

I hope everyone had a great summer and survived the "blackout of 2003"! Wasn't it the ultimate cruelty to be home from work but without power for your sewing machine?

You'll need to pick up your new 2003-2004 pink library card from the membership table before you can borrow items from the library. This month we will have 2 check-out tables to reduce your waiting time. Remember you can borrow 4 items and 4 magazines per month but only 1 new item (watch for the yellow sticker).

Many thanks to Dawn Labelle and Pat Wright for helping with the library inventory! We have 312 books, 78 magazines, 24 patterns, 16 stencils, 6 paperbacks and 5 videos. We also have 175 Quilters' Newsletter magazines from 1974 to 2000 for reference only (these cannot be taken out of the library). We invite you to browse through these!

Our new books this fall include:

Machine Quilting with Decorative Threads

by Maurine Noble & Elizabeth Hendricks

Reverse Appliqué with No Brakez

by Jan Mullen

Confetti Quilts

by Mary Mashuta

Color Harmony for Quilts

by Weeks Ringle & Bill Kerr

Luscious Landscapes

by Joyce R Becker

250 Continuous Line Quilting Designs

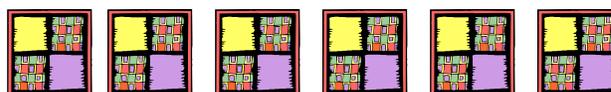
by Laura Lee Fritz

Saving Paradise: The Arboretum Project

by Lorraine Roy

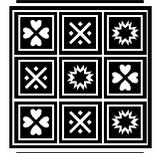


If there is something you'd like to see at the Library, write it in the suggestion book or talk to us. We look forward to your input!





Block of the Month



Welcome back to our Block Party!

As you may have guessed by our block of the month pattern, our theme this year is

STARS! STARS! STARS!

With thousands of star patterns out there you can imagine the “fun” we had choosing only nine. All the blocks this year will be 12 " (12 1/2" unfinished) so if every month you make one block for the Guild and one block for yourself you will have the makings for a Star Sampler quilt by June.

There will be colour value suggestions given with each pattern (i.e. light, medium, dark), which we suggest you follow for best results. And please always make the backgrounds very pale – not necessarily white but PALE colours. Most, but not all, the blocks will be designed for paper piecing because it makes for greater accuracy and is the best way to get large patterns into the newsletter format. Incidentally, paper piecing is not a modern but a traditional technique and there are many samples of the technique in old quilts.

We think the October Log Cabin Star is a neat way to move from last year’s theme to this year’s. We hope you enjoy making it.

Evelyn Lane (763-4682)

A previous block of the month project!



Tips to Remember

- ♥ Use Cotton Fabric
- ♥ Follow the shading suggested in the diagrams AND piece in the numerical sequence printed on the pattern.
- ♥ If you are the lucky winner of the blocks the first thing you must do is SQUARE THEM UP i.e., trim the blocks so they are all the same size! Whenever you have a group of blocks all made by different people, the blocks will NOT all be the same size. Foundation piecing eliminates much of this, but there will still be differences; not everyone’s 1/4" is the same nor does every machine sew the same.



Call for Fabric

The Development Committee is looking for donations of fabric for the Quilt Bee. The fabric will go into the tops we are making for wheelchair lap quilts which will be donated to local nursing homes. We welcome fat quarters or 5.5 inch squares in colour and fabrics suitable for male and female seniors. Have a look at your stash and see what you can part with. A collection box for donations will be adjacent to the sign up areas for the Quilt Bee Day.

Log Cabin in a Star Block

To Make Stars

- Cut four corner squares 4-1/2" of background (B)
- Cut two 3-7/8 " squares of background (B)
- Cut four 3-7/8 " squares of medium dark (MD)
- Cut all the 3-7/8 " squares in half diagonally
- Sew MD triangles onto 2 sides of each corner square (see diagram 4)
- Sew B triangles onto 2 of the corner squares (see diagram 5)

diagram 4
make 2

diagram 5
make 2

Legend

red (R)
background (B)
medium light (ML)
dark light (DL)
medium dark (ML)
dark dark (DD)

Instructions

1. Trace (*to save your newsletter*) or cut out the paper pattern above.
2. Cut strips of fabric according the legend 1-1/2 in. wide or a little wider.
3. Place the initial red square on the backside of the paper with right side of the fabric away from the paper. Tack with a dot of washable glue.
4. Lay #2 strip right side to #1 overlapping the seam line by 1/4 inch; sew with 2mm stitches; trim, flip and press.
5. Keep adding in this way until all eleven pieces are sewn. Please unpick any errors.
6. Sew two corner stars (diagram 4) to block, then sew two corner stars (diagram 5) to block
7. **DO NOT REMOVE PAPER!** Trim leaving 1/4 in. around block. Press and bring to October meeting.

QUILTERS' CALENDAR 2003

Sept 19-21/03

Simcoe County Quilt, Rug and Craft Fair 2003

1151 Highway 26, Minesing (Barrie), On. Daily 9-5

Kelly Swift Jones 1-705-728-3721, museum@county.simcoe.on.ca

Sept 20-21/03

"Stitching the Past to the Future" Quilt Show, Sarnia On.

St. Clair Secondary School, 340 Murphy Road S., Sarnia,

On. Sat 10-6, Sun 9-4. *Wanda Philbin 519-344-4571 or Barb*

Bennett 519-869-4359

Sept 26-28/03

Waterloo Country Quilters Guild Show **"Victorian**

Charms" Friday and Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4. St.

Agatha Community Centre. *Joyce Brant 519-893-8666 or*

jbrant@golden.net

Sept 28-Oct 19/2003

An exhibition of Miniature Quilts by Pat Menary

Ingersoll Creative Arts Centre, 345 Hall Street in Victoria

Park, Ingersoll, On. *creative.arts@on.aibn.com or 519-485-*

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Elly Sienkiewicz!

Waterloo County Quilters' Guild and an area quilt shop are hosting a lecture by celebrated author and applique artist Elly Sienkiewicz this fall. Elly has been designing and making quilts, as well as writing about and teaching quilting, appliqué, and ribbon work for more than 25 years. Her work has hung at shows across the USA and has been widely published in quilt magazines around the world. While she will not be able to bring her large quilts across the border for the lecture, Elly will have samples and wonderful slides showing the details of her work. Elly will be available to sign books a short time after the lecture.

The lecture is on **November 12th, 2003** at 6:30 pm in the Auditorium Room at the Kitchener Public Library, 85 Queen St. N. Kitchener., Ontario.

A limited number of tickets are still available for \$7.00 each by calling Audrey Vrooman at 519-653-6562

Guild and executive members would like to express their deepest sympathies to Pat Lewis on the recent loss of her husband Cal. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.

OFFICERS and COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2003-2004

Congratulations and many thanks to the following Guild members for graciously volunteering their time, talent and energy to ensuring that our organization maintains its high quality programming and professional administration.

** indicates the Chair of the committee*

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 Judy Rowan, Liz Honnegar



Don't be shy!

**SHOW
&
SHARE**



Show and Share is worth the wait. It is the time at the end of each meeting when members bring their work up to the stage to show others what they have been working on, share a story or technique and describe how much perspiration went into the project. It is a chance for us to learn from each other. Some members bring in a newly acquired heirloom or recent purchase of an antique quilt. We love seeing these quilts as well.

If you have something to bring for Show and Share, there is an area just on the right of the stage where you can drape your projects and sign in. You will be called up in order of signing. After Show and Share, the list is given to the Historian so she has a record of names to go with the pictures she will take of you and your quilt or quilts.

Show and Share is **open for everyone regardless of skill level, experience or style.** Our Guild is made up of people with such diverse talents and interests. If you have completed a project or even just the quilt top we would love to see your work. We will give you lots of encouragement and you might even inspire us to take on a new idea. If you have never submitted anything for Show and Share, maybe you will **set a goal this year to bring in at least one project.** We all will be a little richer from what you have to share with us!

DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

Are you a Guild member with a quilt-related business or service you would like Guild members to know about? We will publish a directory in the November issue. Send submissions to hajk.anderson@sympatico.ca or drop in the newsletter box on the stage no later than the October Guild meeting.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Jocelyn Anderson (821-4713) hajkanderson@sympatico.ca

Kudos to those of you who have already given articles for the newsletter. All submissions are really appreciated. Share your stories. We'd love to hear from all of you some time. Deadline for the next newsletter is September 10 (Guild night). You'll find a box on the stage.

Our thanks to Audrey Steele who has offered to serve

Yea! School is in!



