

# Royal City Quilters' Guild

October 2007



## October Meeting Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2007

Three Willows United Church,  
577 Willow Road, Guelph



6:45	Doors Open
7:00	Welcome
7:15	Speaker
8:15ish	Break
8:30	Announcements & Show and Share



### Meeting Checklist

- ✓ Membership Fees
- ✓ Workshop Fees
- ✓ Name Tag
- ✓ Mug please
- ✓ Zehrs/Ultra Tapes
- ✓ Canadian Tire Money
- ✓ Show & Share Items
- ✓ Newsletter Submissions



### Thanks to October's Greeters:

Judy Rowan    Cindy Kinnon

### Treat Providers:

Sara Penny    Lisa Jones  
Joanne Ariss    Barbara Kuczynski  
Judy Rowan    Donna & Marsha



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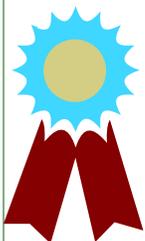
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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A little rain, wind and lightning did not dampen the spirits of the Royal City Quilters' Guild on September 11. It was tremendous fun to watch demos, browse thru vendors wares, wander among the quilts in the sanctuary and catch up with quilting friends. We needed the rain after a dry summer and we were far too interested in all things quilt related inside to mind the wet weather outside. What a great idea to start the year with this mix and mingle, shop and talk night. Kudos to Ruthanne Finnigan, Cheryl Cowan and the Program committee for this kick start to our new guild year.

Congratulations to the President's Challenge winners, 1st Wendy Oskam, 2nd Judy Taylor and 3rd Diane Black. It was hard to pick just one favourite of the 8 full size and 2 mini quilts, we could have easily had a 10-way tie. I was very pleased with myself to have a top done, hats off to those who had their tops quilted and bound. Good show!



Take note of our earlier start time this year; we are endeavouring to get everyone in and seated by 7 pm. When the bell rings, the program will begin. This all ties in with the theme for the year "This Business of Quilting". If you have other commitments or the weather turns bad, you'll have had the opportunity to enjoy the program at the very least.

October's speaker is Sandy Simmelink, rescheduled from this February when the weather did turn bad. You may have seen Sandy's work in the Canadian Quilter or at various shows. It will be a treat to see her award winning quilts. A reminder to all to enjoy the quilts but keep the refreshments out of the sanctuary as a courtesy to Sandy as well as the Three Willows Church. Don't forget to bring your own mug for refreshments, it will help reduce the garbage collected at the end of the night and you'll be doing your part for the environment.

Enjoy your long Thanksgiving weekend and don't forget to come out Tuesday October 9 to our guild meeting. You deserve a break from turkey leftovers!



## PROGRAM

CHERYL COWAN  
RUTHANNE FINNIGAN

My head is full of ideas, not any that I could concretely describe to you (at least not without a pad of paper and some 'artful' scribbling). I get excited about 'possibilities' – in fabric, patterns, tools – collecting these items for that inevitable 'future' project. My organized self tends to put these projects into little bundles with a quick note on them, but my dreamy self keeps procrastinating because there may be another, better possibility!

That's why I'm so excited that Sandy Simmelink will be joining us at our October meeting. Sandy is a multi-dimensional quilter, who has also been teaching and lecturing to guilds since 1998. Her topic is "Turning Your Own Designs Into Reality" and along with a trunk show of her award-winning quilts, she'll take us step by step through her own design process. Taking the sources of her original inspirations, Sandy will explain how her ideas go from dream stage to final execution. She hopes to encourage us to create work that is 'uniquely' our own. Come be inspired, and if you're still going to need some extra help pushing those ideas out ... sign up for the guild's workshop with Sandy in February!



I hope you all enjoyed our 'Marketplace' last month. It wouldn't have been a success without our 'demonstrators', so let me thank them here once more: Judith Eckhardt, Alma Laidlaw, Wendy Oskam, Nancy Caravaggio (Triangle Sewing Center), Burt Fleming (Grantham Books) and Nancy Johnston (Cuddly Cocoon).

Makes me wish that I had found the box with my note and the little bundles of fabric that I'd set aside ... I can just picture how it'll turn out! (Stay tuned ... it may show up down the road!)



## LIBRARY

DIANE BLACK & JACOBA NEAR

The Library is currently missing some books from its inventory. Could everyone please have a look around their sewing room for the following books, and I've noted the author in brackets: **Clever Quilts Encore** (Dissmore), **Creative Patchwork** (Claxton), **Cutting Curves from Straight Pieces** (Bowles), **English Cottage Quilts** (Mostek), **Magic Stack N Whack Quilts** (Reynolds), **Pink Lemonade & Other Delights**, (Johnson), **Quilt Studio** (Burbidge), **Stars and Flowers** (Nephew), **Super Simple Fat Quarter Quilts** (Milligan & Smith) and **You Can Be a Super Quilter** (Hassel). Thanks so much for taking the time to do this.

We have five new books this month for you. Jacoba has been shopping in the States and found some new books. The new books are: *Quilt a Travel Souvenir*; *Wonderful 1 Fabric Quilts*; *Seven Sisters-New Quilts from an Old Favourite*; *Hard Times, Splendid Quilts*; *Dear Pam...Teach Me Your Quick Quilting Techniques*.

Again, watch for a raffle in November. Thank you to Nancy Wells for her donation of books to the library.



## MEMBERSHIP

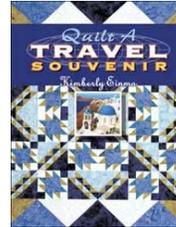
CAROL COUSINS

If you haven't renewed your membership yet please visit the membership table at the October meeting to ensure you don't miss a single stitch of information. This is the cut off for your uninterrupted newsletter subscription. A full year of quilting fun is only \$34. Cash or cheque cheerfully accepted!




## BOOK REVIEW

LAUREL MARSOLAIS



**Quilt a Travel Souvenir**

By **Kimberly Einmo**

ISBN: 1-57432-892-1

Who doesn't like to combine a visit to a fabric shop with their vacation? If you're one of those quilters who believes that a glorious piece of fabric is the perfect way to remember your holiday then this is the book for you. Kimberly Einmo takes fabric souvenirs to a whole new level – combining the fabric purchased on a trip with quilts she has designed to create unique and distinctive keepsakes of the areas she has visited. Kimberly has had plenty of opportunities to visit fabric shops all over the world; her husband was a career U.S. Air Force officer stationed in Europe.

Kimberly has designed more than a dozen quilts to showcase her one-of-a-kind souvenirs. The quilts look deceptively difficult, but are easy to construct. You could choose pieced and appliquéd tulips to remind you of the Netherlands or batiks in blues and greens that bring to mind a cruise through the Greek Islands, or a star pattern to match the crystal from the Czech Republic.

Kimberly also encourages quilters to try new techniques and expand their skills in sections highlighted "Try this" or "Hints" throughout the book. She shares her experience as a quilting instructor and includes lesson plans for a series of three-hour classes or an all-day workshop.

This book might be the stash-buster you are looking for, and some of those fabulous fabrics you've picked up on your travels might find a home in one of these lovely quilts.





## WORKSHOPS 2007-2008

KATHY WAGNER & MARILYN WATSON

Workshops are filling up quickly, so register soon. The RCQG subsidizes these workshops and they offer excellent value with talented instructors. Visit the Workshop table in its new location at the back of the meeting hall to see samples and sign up for your choice(s). Cash or cheques are accepted at registration.

### November 3/07

### Quilted Vases

**Teacher: Christine Ford**

Location: Turfgrass Institute

Time: 9:00 - 3:00

Cost: \$40 PLUS \$5 pattern fee payable at workshop

Learn to create your own fabric vases! These gorgeous 3-dimensional quilted vases can be functional or used as a work of art by itself. This class covers all the techniques needed for success and features a special segment on working with colour. A detailed pattern is included to guide you every step of the way plus bonus gift ideas.

### Feb 2/08 Turn Your Own Designs into Reality

(a perfect follow-up to Oct.07 Guild Meeting)

**Teacher: Sandy Simmelink**

Location: Triangle Sewing Centre

Time: 9:30 - 3:30

Cost: \$40



The class will focus on excellence in quilt design, colour, balance, ideas and features a working class using Sandy's award winning quilts for inspiration. Students come with some of their own ideas, drawings, pictures or anything that inspires them. Design boards, books and displays are used and students are given a full set of handout notes. Drawings and ideas are thought out and templates started. No sewing machine required.

### December 1/07

### Paper Piecing

**Teacher: Denise McKenna**

(creator of Meadow Lily Bridge Quilt Designs)

Location: Turfgrass Institute

Time: 9:30 - 3:30

Cost: \$40

Denise will teach us everything we need to know about paper piecing. In the morning, she will review all the basics of paper piecing, including several ways of solving common problems. In the afternoon we jump into advanced paper piecing. This is a great class to make some last minute Christmas gifts, while developing our piecing skills.

### March 29/08 Still Life Composition

**Teacher: Marilyn Clarke**

Location: Turfgrass Institute

Time: 9:30 - 3:30

Cost: \$40

Explore free motion stitching as a method of drawing and developing a painterly approach to your still life composition. Instruction will focus on surface manipulation, principals of design and individual expression. Marilyn aspires to challenge her student's creativity and concept development in designing art pieces using textiles.

### January 5/08

### Quilted Sweatshirt

**Teacher: Sandra Thomas**

Location: Turfgrass Institute

Time: 9:30 - 3:30

Cost: \$40

The Asian Harmony jacket is made of strip sets that we can design as we go. Rectangles are used along with a strip set for the back and the sleeves are balanced with a strip set down the center surrounded by rectangles. A great way to keep comfy in the upcoming winter.

### April 26/08 Open A Door To Stitch Witchery

**Teacher: Sybil Rampen**

Location: Joshua Creek Studio, 1086 Burnhamthorpe Rd.E., Oakville

Time: 9:30 - 3:30

Cost \$40 PLUS \$10 kit fee payable at workshop



This is an experimental workshop to learn what you can do with sheets of transparent glue: gilding, painting, ripping, trapping, layering, melting, wrapping and inventing. It is an amazing tool.



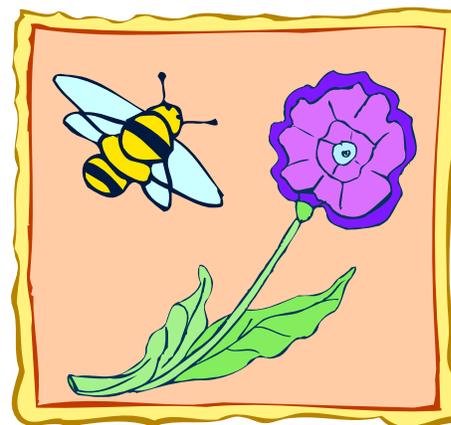
## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

JOAN HETT

### Quilt Bee Day 2007

It's back! Our annual Quilt Bee Day has been scheduled for **Saturday, November 10, 2007** at Dublin Street United Church (note the change in venue from the past couple of years). The day will begin at 9:00 and finish by 3:00. We break at noon to enjoy some fellowship over a lovely pot luck lunch. Our goal is to finish a quilt top which will then be quilted and donated to a local charitable organization to use as a fundraiser. All levels of quilters are welcome. We would like to extend a special invitation to new members to join us.

Please sign up at the Community Outreach table. We have room for about 24 quilters so we hope to see you there!



### Comfort Quilts

Thanks to all who took a Block of the Month kit at the September meeting. We appreciate your assistance. We will continue to provide kits on a monthly basis. Please remember to return the finished blocks on a timely basis and sign the kits out AND back in so we can keep track of the blocks. We will also have a sign up sheet for those who are willing to help assemble the blocks into quilt tops, or do quilting or binding. We'll be in touch as projects become available.

### Baby Quilts for Michael House

As our Memory Quilt project is well in hand this year, we have decided to lend our support to Michael House, a home for young, unwed mothers. We invite members to create a baby quilt approximately 30" x 40". The Community Outreach committee is able to provide materials for these quilts, if desired, or you can use fabric in your stash that you wish to clear out. For more information about Michael House and the support they provide please see Elaine Gostick at the Guild meetings or contact her at 519-766-9069. Thanks for considering this project.



### COFFEE CORNER



Help  
Wanted

Do you enjoy a cup of coffee at break? We have an immediate opening for volunteers to help make and clean up the coffee. Perhaps you can help out regularly or at a few meetings. For more information contact Dorothy at 519-822-998. Thanks!

PLEASE

Lug - a-Mug

And help reduce  
styrofoam cup usage!

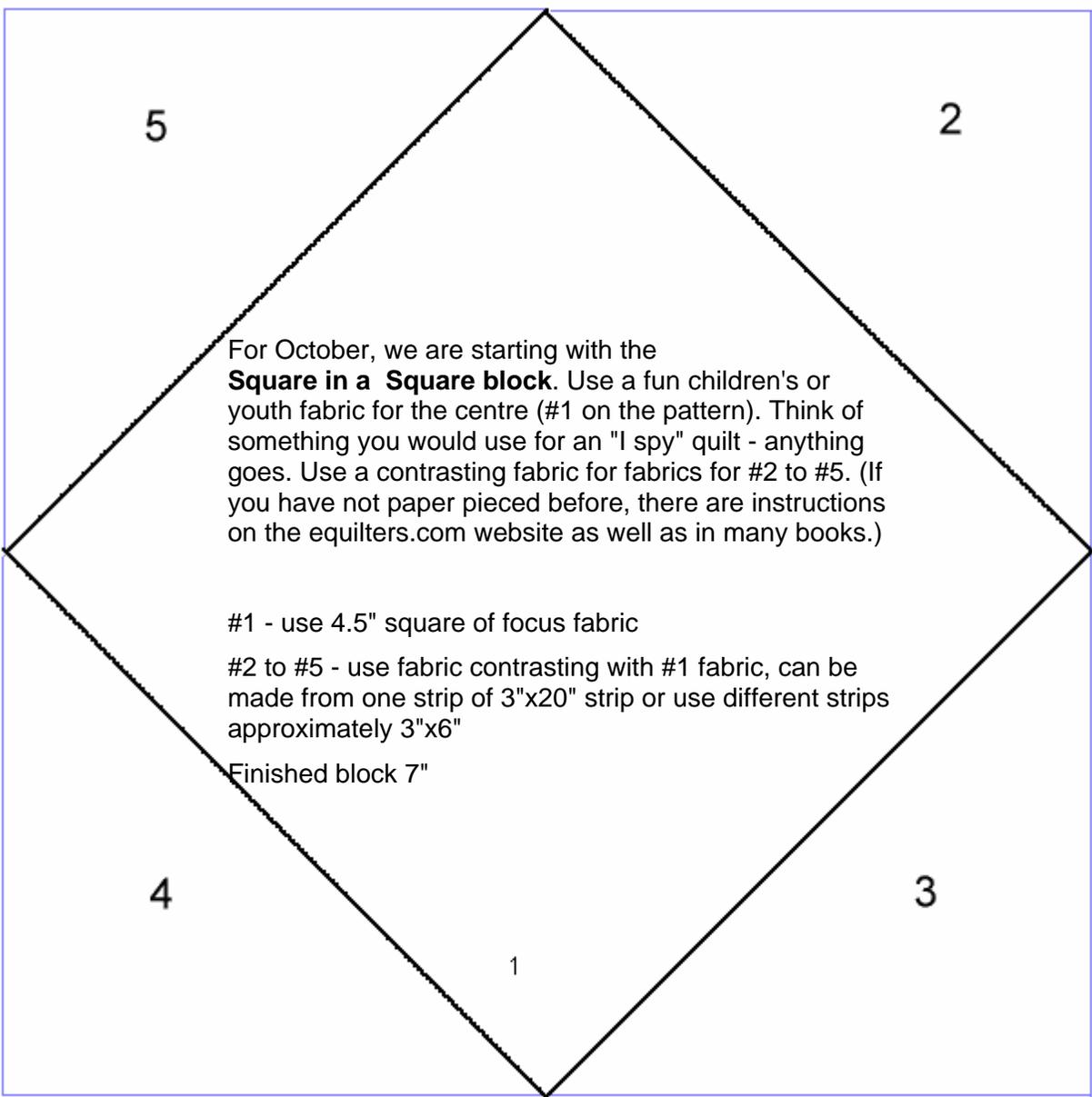


  
**BLOCK OF THE MONTH**

Based on last year's donations to the Community Outreach Committee, we've decided to forward all the monthly blocks received to this project this year. Anyone donating a block will be eligible for participant prizes.

Free paper foundation pattern courtesy of Susan Druding at [equilters.com](http://equilters.com). For those who participated in Block of the Month and the Mystery Quilt last year, Susan Druding was the creator of the Mystery Quilt and generously allowed our guild to use her work. Any questions? Need help? Call Nancy McNab 519-856-1084 or Barbara Jordan 519-837-0818.

**simple Square in a Square block**



For October, we are starting with the **Square in a Square block**. Use a fun children's or youth fabric for the centre (#1 on the pattern). Think of something you would use for an "I spy" quilt - anything goes. Use a contrasting fabric for fabrics for #2 to #5. (If you have not paper pieced before, there are instructions on the [equilters.com](http://equilters.com) website as well as in many books.)

#1 - use 4.5" square of focus fabric  
 #2 to #5 - use fabric contrasting with #1 fabric, can be made from one strip of 3"x20" strip or use different strips approximately 3"x6"

Finished block 7"

Susan Druding

leave 1/4 inch seam allowance

## DOWN QUILTERS' LANE

EVELYN LANE

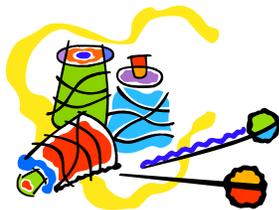
Workshop season has begun so I think the following might be useful.

Supply lists from workshop leaders often use the term "BSK" or "Basic Sewing Kit/Supplies but what exactly is that? In 1992 the Oxford Quilters' Guild published a B.S.K. Check List designed by Jean Hillis which I have edited somewhat and updated. I hope it is helpful.



### B.S.K. Check List

- Pins
- Sewing needles
- Extra machine needles (where applicable)
- Thread - neutral
- Fabric scissors
- Paper scissors
- Small trimming scissors
- Stitch ripper
- Pencil and pen
- Ruler - at least 6"
- Tape measure
- Glue stick
- Tape - transparent
- masking
- Band-Aid



Depending on the type of workshops you usually attend you might want to add an Olfa-type cutter and a small cutting mat.



## IMPORTANT MEETING REMINDERS

In our continuing efforts to be good tenants for the Three Willows United Church and to ensure a pleasant meeting environment for all of our membership, we would like to bring the following changes to your attention:

Parking: The driveway in front of the church is designated an Emergency Vehicle Access route. You are requested to NOT PARK on this stretch of pavement, but at the sides and back of the church. Drop-offs and pick-ups at the front door are permitted. There is also an elevator to by-pass the stairs, from the side entrance, if needed. We recommend arranging car-pools, if possible, as the lots can become quite congested.



Meetings: Church doors will be open by 6:30pm to allow the library and program committees time to setup. The formal program proceedings will start at 7:00pm sharp, with the 'ringing of the bell' and our Presidential welcome. Speakers will commence at ~ 7:15pm and have approximately 1 – 1 ¼ hours for their presentations. A 15 minute 'social break' for refreshments, library visit and workshop signups will follow. The final 30 minutes of the meeting are devoted to other important announcements and our popular membership's 'show and share' segment.

Food & Drink: We request your co-operation in keeping all food and drink (including bottled water) outside the sanctuary. We encourage you, as always, to bring your own cups to meetings. The Social Committee will be setting up in the lobby area to serve refreshments and as this area can become congested, we ask those of you who are able, to move to the upstairs hallway to enjoy your snacks. On a final note, help us manage our cleanup - place all of your waste in the appropriately designated bags.



As always, many hands make 'light' work ... offer your hands to help with set-ups or tear-downs ... the committees welcome your support!

*Merci*



## A QUILTER'S CALENDAR



**October 3-31 ~ A Flexible Attitude** by Nancy Latchford. Featuring sculptured and fibre art. Greenwood Quiltery and Gallery 275 Woolwich St., Guelph 519-822-2790

**October 13/07 1-5 pm ~ Orillia Sunshine B&B Quilt Tour.** Six Bed & Breakfast locations throughout Orillia. Hundreds of quilts decorate these beautiful homes. Lucky draw at each house. Sale House for your shopping pleasure. \$10 Orillia QG. Glenda (705)719-7661 [www.orilliaquiltersguild.com](http://www.orilliaquiltersguild.com)

**October 13-21/07 ~ Threads of Praise** An Exhibition of Liturgical Fabric Art in Celebration of St. George's 175th Anniversary Year. Sundays 1-4pm. Monday-Saturday 11am-4pm. St. George's Anglican Church, 99 Woolwich St. Guelph. Freewill Offering. 519-822-1366 [office@saintgeorge.ca](mailto:office@saintgeorge.ca)

**October 15-20/07 ~ Ontario Russian Quilt Show** Ailsa Craig Rec. Centre. 9-9 all week. 80 plus quilts on display, merchant mall, lunch/tearoom, classes with Master Quilter from Russia, classes with Russian quilters. Adm \$7 for show. Garnet (519) 293-3499 [garnet@cotton-by-post.com](mailto:garnet@cotton-by-post.com)

**October 19-20/07 ~ Harvest of Quilts 2007** Emmanuel United Church 871 Upper Ottawa St. Hamilton. Fri 10-7 Sat 9-4. Quilts, wall hangings, quilted clothing, boutique, Christmas display, merchant mall, lunch/tearoom. Adm \$5 Hilltop QG. Debbe Durham (905) 575-8173 [jimdebbe@sympatico.ca](mailto:jimdebbe@sympatico.ca)



**October 27-28/07 ~ The Magic of Cloth, Act III, Star Gazing, Quilt Show & Sale.** Orangeville Fairgrounds, 247090 5 Sideroad, Mono. Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4. Display of quilts, boutique, quilt appraiser (by appointment only) lunch/tearoom, children's area, merchant mall, door prizes. Adm \$5. Dufferin Piecemakers QG. Mary Light (519) 925-9805 [mary.light@sympatico.ca](mailto:mary.light@sympatico.ca) [www.dufferinpiecemakers.org](http://www.dufferinpiecemakers.org)

**November 3 - 11/07 ~ 2007 Oshawa Fibre Art Show and Sale.** Juried exhibition of original fibre art, Artist's Boutique, Silent Auction for Charity, Viewer's Choice awards and door prizes. Centennial Retirement Residence, 259 Hillcroft Street, Oshawa, ON. 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. daily. Meet the Artists Reception Sat. Nov. 10th, 7:00 - 9:00. Info: Contact [martha.brown@rogers.com](mailto:martha.brown@rogers.com)

**From the Editor**—Cheryl Wallace

Thank you for your submissions.

Reminder - Bring next month's articles to the Guild meeting or e-mail them to [RCQGnews@gmail.com](mailto:RCQGnews@gmail.com)

**Executive Meeting**

October 16, 2007

7-9:30 pm

Co-operators Building