

# Royal City Quilters' Guild

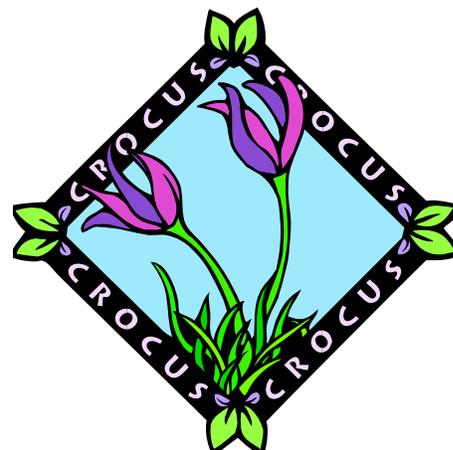
April 2008



## April Meeting Tues. April 8, 2008

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

- ✓ Name Tag
- ✓ Zehrs/Ultra Tapes
- ✓ Canadian Tire Money
- ✓ Library Books
- ✓ Show & Share Items
- ✓ Newsletter Submissions

### Thanks to our April Greeters

Audrey Vrooman  
and  
Sandy Ward



A sneak peek at one of the lovely quilts that our April speaker, Reta Budd, has created.

### Issue Highlights

- President's Message page 2  
Program page 2  
Down Quilters' Lane page 3  
How to Help Out page 4  
Block of the Month page 6  
Job Fair page 7  
Calendar of Events page 8

### Contact Information:

**President:** Barbara Jordan 519-837-0818

**Vice President:** Nancy McNab 519-856-1084

**Secretary:** Anne Smith 519-833-9577

**Guild Treasurer:** Frankie Poxon 519-837-0185

P.O. Box 24030, Bullfrog Postal Outlet, Guelph, Ontario N1E 6V8

[www.royalcityquiltersguild.ca](http://www.royalcityquiltersguild.ca)



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE




## PROGRAM

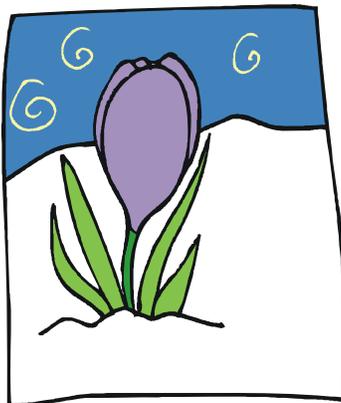
CHERYL COWAN  
RUTHANNE FINNIGAN

"A good time was had by all" to quote our own Gail Brown. These words aptly describe the fun and frivolity of the March guild meeting. Seventeen door prizes were handed out to celebrate our 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, treats were enjoyed courtesy of our Social Committee and our historical records were laid out for all to enjoy.

Diane Black was the lucky winner of thirteen embellished purses from the March Block-of-the-Month draw. Founding members, Isobel King and Evelyn Lane selected four purses created by Lynda Banks, Susan Harrington, Nancy McNab and Shelly Palframan as Best Embellished. Many thanks to Isobel and Evelyn for participating as judges and their continued involvement in the RCQG.

Twenty-six of the February Block-of-the-Month hearts were received; a good start to a quilt top for the Community Outreach Committee. Congratulations to the winners of the participation prizes, Joanne Ariss, Cynthia Geddes and Shelly Palframan. Blocks were also turned in from previous months which will also go to the Community Outreach Committee. Thank you to all for creating and donating blocks. Keep up the good work!

For those who fear that winter will never end, I spotted a robin at the University of Guelph during their College Royal open house on Sunday, March 16. That optimist little bird must know that spring is coming.



Barbara Jordan  
President



The smell of spring is in the air! The garden beckons and the mud from my dogs' footprints makes interesting geometric shapes in the back hall! Hmmmm ... maybe this is the long-awaited incentive to jump into a full house cleaning ... or wait, perhaps it's really the suggestion for a new quilt design? (in which case, the garden and house can wait).

It never ceases to amaze me, when I look at the quilts in magazines, shops, or exhibitions just where the quilters have found their particular inspirations. I love hearing the 'stories' behind the creations (and, now understand the merits of writing down my own – thanks, Helen).

For this month's meeting, we're calling on a very special person, to share her inspirations and stories: Reta Budd. She's an award-winning, prolific quilt maker, with exhibits in the USA, England and Japan to her credit. Renown for her landscapes and depictions of rural life, Reta is a sought-after speaker and workshop teacher. Check out some examples of her quilt art on the website: [www.oxfordquiltersguild.com](http://www.oxfordquiltersguild.com) then click on Teachers.



Reta uses different fabrics, hand and machine techniques and embellishments to bring her 'pictures' to life. In her own words: "Nature reaches deep into my being and, touching my soul, demands

expression. In particular, trees symbolize the Divine for me, and encourage intimate creativity. My spirit responds to that divinity, is guided by and replenished through it. My current work is done in fabrics and threads, because I'm excited by their textures and colours. For me, there is such vibrancy, dimension and vitality in the combinations I discover. I hope that my work will create an ambience for you in which you will become imbued with nature's rich blessings."

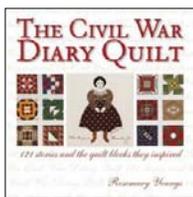
**LIBRARY**  
DIANE BLACK & JACOBA NEAR

If anyone has any special book requests for the library please leave your "wish list" with the library helpers at the April meeting.



*Off to Paducah*

**BOOK REVIEW**  
LAUREL MARSOLAIS



The Civil War diary quilt :  
121 Stories and the Quilt  
Blocks they Inspired  
by Rosemary Youngs  
ISBN: 0873499956

Rosemary Youngs has been moved by the journal entries of ten very different women to create 121 quilt blocks inspired by their experiences during the American Civil War. The girls and women range in age from 11 to 66 and their range of life and wartime experiences vary just as greatly. There are entries from a Shaker Eldress, a housewife, a prisoner under house arrest, a spy and an emancipated slave.

The six-inch quilt blocks can be recreated by tracing the blocks with freezer paper to make templates, ironing the templates to fabric and cutting after adding the seam allowance and finally, reassembling the block. Alternatively, suggestions are included to recreate the blocks using foundation piecing.

The gallery includes instructions for joining selected blocks into table runners, table toppers and various sized quilts. The blocks and the theme are reminiscent of the "Dear Jane" quilt blocks from the same period.

If you are looking for a challenging quilting experience, or a moving reading experience I would recommend this new addition to the library.

**DOWN QUILTERS' LANE**  
EVELYN LANE

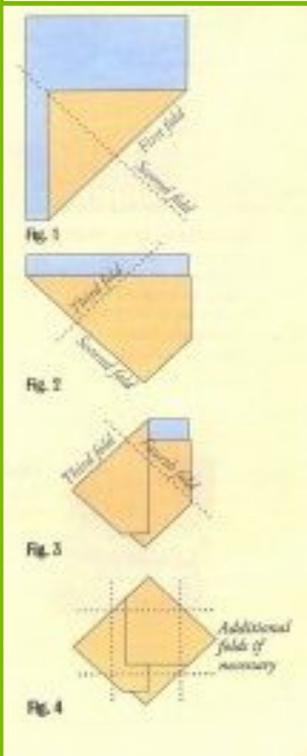
Quilts that are folded on racks or in cupboards or trunks need to be re-folded every few months to prevent permanent creases from forming. Last year Helen Martin drew our attention to an article in the Quilters' Newsletter Magazine suggesting that we fold our quilts on the bias. Since the author made a point of telling us to share the information with EVERYBODY there is no problem with copyright infringement re-printing the instructions here. Now - who wants to come over and help me re-fold all my 15 antique quilts?

**BIAS FOLDING TECHNIQUE**

1. Lay the quilt flat.
2. Fold corners one at a time into the center of the quilt (Figs. 1-3).
3. Continue to fold in the corners until the quilt will fit into its storage container. (Fig. 4)



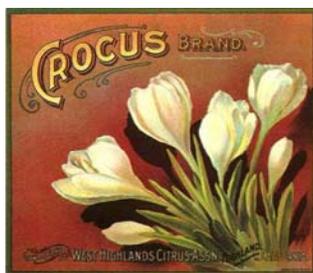
A finished quilt folded on the bias looks like this.





## Quilt Show 2009

Traditionally, the Royal City Quilters' Guild has held a quilt show every 3 years. We have a good foundation of 3 previous shows in May 2000, June 2003 and April 2006. There are records, reports and minutes to draw upon, members eager to assist and the Royal Canadian Legion in Guelph in which to hold the event. Are you interested in chairing or co-chairing the next quilt show? Do you know someone who would like to lead the event? Contact Barbara Jordan 519-837-0818 or Nancy McNab 519-856-1084 if you have any questions or names to suggest.



### Clarification

In the March 2008 newsletter, under the heading "Happy Anniversary", it was noted that the Guild was involved in donating quilts to St Joseph's Hospital in 2002. Although RCQG members were involved in the project, not only donating quilts but also in heading and promoting the project, it was not a Guild sponsored project.

We regret any misunderstanding regarding this article.

## May is National Quilt Month

Each year the Guild puts on a display of mini-quilts and wall hangings at the various Guelph Public Library branches. This is a great opportunity to show the work our guild members have completed.



**HOW YOU CAN HELP ...** In order for this project to be successful, we need members to allow us to display their quilts. Please let me know April 8<sup>th</sup> if you would like your work displayed. Let me know the size and number of quilts you will make available. Each item must have a hanging sleeve and label. Items that have been in our shows or previously displayed at the libraries **can** be shown again.

All quilts will need to be delivered to my house at 310 Edinburgh Road South on April 29 or 30. Call before you come to make sure I am home. I will bring them to the June meeting for you to pick up or you can pick them up at my house after they have been taken down. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Shelly Palframan 519-824-0768  
spalframan14@hotmail.com



### Quilting Special on CBS

On March 16th CBS TV ran a special on the Houston Quilt Show and specifically on Ricky Tims. If you missed it you can view it on the internet at the following link. If by any chance you can't get it there, go to [www.google.ca](http://www.google.ca) and search for *CBS quilting March 16*. There are many quilting sites that have added this 7 minute video.

[http://www.cbsnews.com/sections/i\\_video/main500251.shtml?id=3942008n&channel=/sections/sunday/videoplayer3445.shtml](http://www.cbsnews.com/sections/i_video/main500251.shtml?id=3942008n&channel=/sections/sunday/videoplayer3445.shtml)



To Nancy Wells who recently attended the 13th Annual Elly Sienkiewicz Appliqué Academy in Williamsburg, Virginia. Nancy submitted a beautiful 7 inch appliqué block in a Challenge entitled "Remember Me" and won first prize, the Elly Sienkiewicz Scholarship of \$500.00 toward next year's Academy for "exemplary appliqué". Well done Nancy!!

**FROM NANCY WELLS...** I recently attended The Elly Sienkiewicz Appliqué Academy in Williamsburg, VA and took a wonderful three day class with Nadine Thompson. The Academy has been running for 13 years now and each year there are several very high-profile appliqué artists, including Elly herself, who teach a variety of classes on their style of appliqué. Represented this year were Sandra Scharmer, Shirley Bloomfield, Jennifer Buechel, Jan Severnson, Jane Townswick, Sandra Leichner and several other award winning artists. This conference draws about 245 or more appliqué enthusiasts from all over the world and there are one and two day classes that run before and after the conference for those eager to take on more classes.



**This beautiful appliquéd quilt block was the first prize winner by our own Nancy Wells.**

Those wishing to know more about this conference should go to [www.ellysienkiewicz.com](http://www.ellysienkiewicz.com) to find out more about the Academy and details of the most recent conference. As well as attending the conference, my husband and I had a wonderful time sightseeing in colonial Williamsburg and nearby Jamestown was also very interesting as it is site of the first English settlement on the shores of what is now the United States.

I received the only scholarship awarded (\$500 to attend next year's Academy) and my block was designed and executed by me. Unfortunately, I had to surrender my block to them as they hope to perhaps use this and other previous winning blocks in a publication. Since returning home, I have redone my block and it is presently out being framed. I look forward to bringing it to the April Guild meeting for Show and Share.

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

JOAN HETT

### Comfort Quilts

April will be the last month for kits for this year. Please complete all outstanding block kits and bring them to the April meeting. Kits for April should be completed and returned at the May meeting.

Thanks to those who took a quilt top home last month. We will have a few more ready for April and hope that you will consider lending your talents to our cause. We're hoping to get as many quilts completed for the June meeting as we can and we need your help NOW!

### Michael House Quilts

We still have a few of these quilts outstanding. Please remember to bring in any completed baby quilts for Michael House to the April meeting. They will be forwarded to Michael House.





## BLOCK OF THE MONTH



### Spring Pinwheel

Spring is just around the corner so think soft pastel colours and pinwheels spinning in the breeze. Winter can not last forever!

Fabric A - two 4" squares of soft pastel colour ie pink, blue, yellow, purple or orange

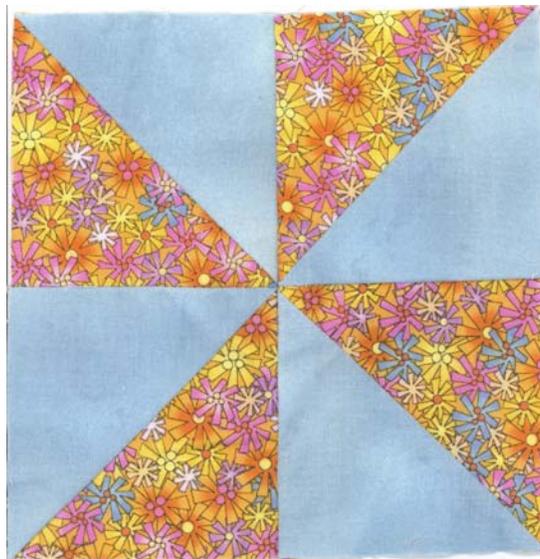
Fabric B - two 4" squares soft pastel colour or white (you'll want good contrast to Fabric A above)

Using a square of A and B, make 2 Half Square Triangles, see instructions following. Repeat with remaining A and B squares. See diagram below to assemble four Half Square Triangles together for Pinwheel block. Block should be 6 1/2" square, leave untrimmed.

All blocks are accepted, do not worry if your points are not perfectly matched or your block is too big or too small, wonky or misshapen. Think of this block as practice for your next quilt; the Quilt Police will not be at our guild meeting.



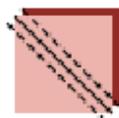
Do you remember  
this fun childhood  
toy?



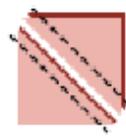
**Making Half Square Triangles (HST):** Draw a line on the wrong side of the lighter coloured square with ruler and pencil. With right sides together, layer the lighter square on the darker square and stitch a scant 1/4" seam on both sides of the drawn line. Cut apart on the drawn line and press seam allowances toward the darker fabric. Trim each HST to 3 1/2".



Mark



Sew



Cut apart



Press & trim



## NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE—JOB FAIR

SUE KEUHL



Take note! We are in the process of recruiting for our 2007-08 Executive team. We are looking for individuals willing to dedicate a few hours a month to work behind the scenes to keep our Guild running as smoothly as it does! Volunteers are the backbone of our Guild evenings and events. It is a fabulous, creative experience that is not only rewarding but will enhance your quilt life! Here are a few Q & A's you may consider:

### Q: How much time is involved?

**A:** Varies by each position. Please read the job descriptions to give you an idea. Being on the Executive involves attending the monthly meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month from August to May, excluding December.

### Q: What if I am just new to the Guild?

**A:** Volunteers who are willing to learn are the key to growth! We love fresh faces around the table! There are resources and other members to help you.

### Q: What if I am new to quilting?

**A:** Without a doubt, increasing your time spent with other like minded quilters will inspire you more! Committee meetings at each other's homes will teach you more than what you might learn in how-to books!

### Q: What if I've already done a term on Exec?

**A:** Don't by-pass this page! Read on and see where your talents can be applied! We'd love to have you back!!!!!!

### Q: Don't you have to be nominated? Isn't it better to wait to be asked?

**A:** Don't be silly!!!! We need you to come forward! With a membership of 183 people, we need people to step up to the plate and tell us where your interests and talents are!

### Q: What are the benefits of being on Exec?

**A:** There are many but a few to mention are the friendships you will make, visiting quilter's homes for committee meetings (checking out their stash!), watching creative ideas come to reality, volunteer appreciation tea, signing out library books for the summer and the fabulous pot luck in May! You might have a lot of fun too!

### Q: I am not sure how I can contribute?

**A:** Please read the job descriptions. If not sure, offer to join a committee. We also welcome co-chairs if you would like to share the responsibilities.

### Vice President:

Provides back up to the President, assists with various requests and looks after the Guild quilt.

### Program Committee:

#### Chair/Co-chairs and committee members needed.

Planning done early in the summer. Includes choosing the speakers, setting up the meetings, hosting the speaker and tear down. Maintaining the microphone. Techies welcome!

### Membership:

#### Chair/Co-chairs and committee members needed.

Facilitating the yearly membership sign up and registering new members and guests at each meeting. Updating the membership list.

### Publicity:

**One person committee!** Involves preparing our yearly brochure and sending monthly Press Releases to the media. Co-coordinating the yearly quilt show at the Public Libraries.

### Community Outreach Committee:

#### Chair/Co-chairs and committee members needed.

Looking for someone to spearhead this group that makes quilts for the Hospital and Michael House. May include the year Bee Day project. Many volunteers are already in place on this committee!

### Treasurer:

Looking for someone with accounting/bookkeeping experience. Someone who loves numbers as much as they love fabric. Prepares deposits, issues cheques and monthly updates.

### Newsletter:

Prepares a monthly newsletter from August to May. Training provided.

### Q: How do I sign up?

**A:** Contact Sue Keuhl at 826-7914 Visit the Job Fair table at the April Guild meeting! We'd love to chat!



## A QUILTER'S CALENDAR



**March 4 - April 11 "Fusion"** Greenwood Group Show. Greenwood Quiltery, 275 Woolwich St., **Guelph**. Hours of operation are Monday to Wednesday and Saturday 10:00 - 5:00. Thursday and Friday 10:00 - 6:00. Closed Sundays. Includes work by RCQG members.

**March 29 - April 6 "3rd Annual Festival of Quilts"** In the Village of Erin. Over 60 quilts and their stories are displayed in the windows of the Shops and visitors can stroll the main street and experience the charm of the quaint village. View during regular business hours.

**April 1 - June 30** Joan Hug-Valeriotte will be the Artist-in-Residence at the Old Mill Quilt Gallery in **St. Jacobs**

**April 11-12 "DOTS are HOT"** Quilt Show 2008. Calvary Pentecostal Church, 1241 Hwy #3 E, **Dunnville**, ON. Fri 10-8. Sat 10-5. Adm \$5 Presented by Dunnville's Own Tiny Stitchers. Info: (905) 774-3626 [dunnvillequiltguild@hotmail.com](mailto:dunnvillequiltguild@hotmail.com)

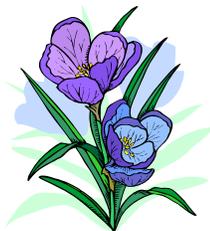
**April 24-26/08 "Piecemakers 2008"** Pyramid Recreation Center 317 James St. South, **St. Marys** Ontario. Thurs 10-5 Fri 10-7 Sat 10-4. Adm \$5 Huron Perth and Stonetown Quilters Guilds Brenda Miller 519-245-3923 email [millbr@sympatico.ca](mailto:millbr@sympatico.ca)

**April 25-26 "SYMPHONY OF QUILTS"** Maple Baptist Church, 177 Maple Ave. **Georgetown** ON. Fri 10-8:30 Sat 10-4. Adm \$6. Halton Hills QG [judyquilts@sympatico.ca](mailto:judyquilts@sympatico.ca) Judy 905-877-4338

**April 25-27 CreativFestival** International Centre, 6900 Airport Road, **Mississauga**, ON. Fri 10-8, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5. Adm \$15 or \$12 (60+) Seminar, demos, workshops, shopping and more! Lots of information at [www.csnf.com](http://www.csnf.com)

**May 9 - 10 "Off the Bed Off the Wall"** A quilt show presented by Port Perry Patchers. Scugog Community Centre, 1655 Reach St., **Port Perry**. Adm \$5. Fri 10-6 Sat 10-4. [ppquiltshow@hotmail.com](mailto:ppquiltshow@hotmail.com) Elaine Young 905-852-4596

**MARK THE DATE:** The June meeting of RCQG will be the ever-popular 'SHOP HOP'. There will be lots of new fabric and gadgets to tempt you! Bring your wallets, wear good walking shoes and don't forget the big, roll-along tote (or good friend) to carry home your new treasures!



Creativity  
can be described as  
letting go  
of certainties.

Gail Sheehy



**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**

March 18, 2008

7-9:30 pm

Location TBA