






Royal City Quilters' Guild

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 *President:* Nancy McNab
 *Vice-President:* Susan Harrington

 *Secretary:* Ann Jeffrey
 *Treasurer:* Chris Saracino

Meeting

Tuesday, February 10, 2009

Three Willows Church
577 Willow Road, Guelph, ON

- 6:45 Doors Open
- 7:00 Welcome
-  Announcements
- Program
- Break
- Show and Tell

Meeting Checklist



- Name Tag
- Membership Fees
- Newsletter Submissions
- Zehrs Tapes
- Canadian Tire Money
- Show and Tell Items



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Brrrr! It's cold out there. I have to say, though, it's a great time of year for us as quilters. What could be better than quilting on a cold winter's day? Perhaps sleeping under a pile of quilts on a cold winter's night. Ah, the joys of winter!

Everything is running smoothly and I want to take a moment and thank all the volunteers on your behalf and mine. They have done simply a fabulous job so far this year and what they have planned for the second half is not to be missed - shopping, contests, raffles and great speakers still to come. You'll want a front row seat!

As we are readying ourselves for the Quilt Show, I encourage all of you to take part in it in some way, be it contributing a mini, making a bra purse, taking the challenge, volunteering and/or submitting your latest quilt. Our guild is known for the fabulous show it has put on in the past. Let's not disappoint the masses this time.

Happy Valentine Day
Nancy



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We currently have 145 members in good standing.

At the December and January meetings, two new members joined RCQG and we were happy welcome a total of 13 guests.

The Membership Directory is now available. If you have not yet picked up your copy, please stop by the Membership table at the February meeting.

Kathy Wilson
Membership Chair



NOTE FROM NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Thank you for your submissions.
Reminder: Bring March's articles, notices, photos, etc. to the Guild/Executive meeting or email them to:
rcqgnews@gmail.com.



LIBRARY

THANKS to all the Guild members. We have totaled up all of the Zehrs tapes to date and submitted them for a whopping total of \$406.46 coming back to us. Let's keep those tapes coming and we'll submit another batch at the end of June.

There was a great response to the December bake and deli sale which brought in \$212 for the Guild library.

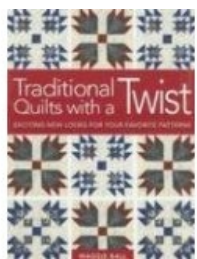
No new books were bought over the holidays but we'll be going shopping soon.

Diane Black and Jacoba Near
Co-chairs



Book Review

**Traditional quilts with a twist :
exciting new looks
for your favorite patterns**
by Maggie Ball



Maggie Ball teaches us how traditional blocks (Ohio star, Trip around the world, Bear paw and Bowtie) can evolve by using our imagination. She uses unusual settings, alternating two different blocks to create secondary patterns, rearranging units within blocks, inserting sashing between blocks, or even within blocks. She also shows her experiments with distorting the length and width of blocks to create the illusion of curves.

This book serves as a springboard for your creativity. You could try an

unusual value placement within the block, combine areas within the block to simplify construction or overlap blocks to create blocks within blocks. The projects can be adapted for bags, wallhangings or quilts of any size. Or, you could try a variety of methods, and create a beautiful sampler quilt. The gallery of quilts is extraordinary – your final design depends on your imagination.

Laurel Marsolais

SPECIAL PROJECTS

BLOCK OF THE MONTH

For our March anniversary meeting we will be having a Block of the Month.

This block is called “Remembering”. It is in memory of our founder Evelyn Lane who loved participating in every Block of the Month Challenge. Evelyn loved batik fabrics and enjoyed any and all challenges.

This month you will receive a 5½” square of fabric that was donated to the guild by Evelyn’s family, that you will use in constructing the “Remembering” Block of the Month.

Any blocks submitted at the March anniversary will be entered for lucky draws held during the meeting. The more blocks you enter, the more prizes you will win.

These blocks will be put together. Watch for the finished quilt at our next anniversary.

In keeping with our theme, we are encouraging everyone to use batiks only for the pieces below.

Please follow instructions that follow.

- Cut:
2–3” x 5 ½” pieces of batiks;
2–3” x 10 ½” pieces of batiks
- Sew:
1 – 3” x 5 ½” piece to the top of the square and 1 - 3” x 5 ½” to the bottom of the square.
- Sew:
1 – 3” x 10 ½” piece to the right side of the square and 1 – 3” x 10 ½” to the bottom of the square.
- Your finished block should measure 10 ½”.



Remember, enter as often as you wish - lots of prizes to be won.

Any questions please call Joanne Ariss at 519-821-4492 or Shelly Palframan at 519-824-0768.

PROGRAM

This month we will have the pleasure of having Leslie Irving from Reichard's, The Quilt Store. After being in the same location for years, they are very excited about their new location.

They will have a trunk show highlighting the various quilts they made for their shop and various new items they carry in the store.

Reichard's will also be selling some of their merchandise after their show, so we hope you enjoy shopping at break.



NOMINATION COMMITTEE

As announced on January 13 at our Guild meeting, candidate nominations are now being accepted for the Executive and Committees. All positions are open to any paid member of the Guild except for Past Treasurer and Past President.

The term of a position is one year beginning on June 1, following the elections held at our Annual General Meeting (AGM) in May. A Chair (or Co-Chairs) can hold the same position for two years. A special thank you to - Website Chair, *Susan Knabenschuh*; Library Co-Chairs, *Diane Black and Jacoba Near*; Historian, *Muriel McGibbon* and Workshop Co-Chairs, *Kathy Wagner and Marilyn Watson* who will be completing two years at their current Executive positions.

If you've picked up the 2008-2009 Members Directory (available at the Membership desk during Guild meetings), you will see the current Slate of Officers on the first page. The Bylaws governing the Guild are listed at the back of the booklet. An overview of the duties of the various positions are listed below; refer to Bylaws for more details.

Keep in mind:

- **Historian,**
- **Library,**
- **Website, and**
- **Workshop**



are positions that will be in need of new Chairs for the 2009-2010 Executive.

Officers of the Guild:

• **President** – presides over the general and executive meetings, is an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating

Committee, general supervisor of the affairs of the Guild, performs duties normally part of office of President.

- **Vice-President** – assists and/or replaces the President when necessary, covers any areas or duties not covered by an other officer or as designated by the executive.
- **Secretary** – takes accurate minutes of the executive meetings and AGM, responsible for general correspondence.
- **Treasurer** – responsible for all Guild funds, receiving of all monies, makes deposits, issues cheques as required. Keeps up-to-date records and prepares financial reports.
- **Past President** – while this position is not open for nomination, duties include chairing the Nominating Committee.

Standing Committees:

Program – plans and arranges varied programs for the Guild meetings.

Membership – keeps membership list up-to-date, collects annual dues and guest fees. Also arranges for printing of Membership Directory.

Workshop – plans and organizes workshops, facilities, equipment and refreshments for workshops.

Publicity – publicizes Guild meetings, workshops and other activities.

Newsletter – prepares and distributes newsletters to all Guild members.

Special Projects – arranges special events or activities as requested by the executive.

Librarian – responsible for Guild library books and magazines, oversees the loan of books to members.

Historian – keeps pictorial and

written history of the Guild and our newsletters.

Community Outreach – coordinates the Guild outreach program of providing quilts as needed in the community of Guelph and immediate surrounding area.

Website – maintains and monitors the Guild website as directed by the executive.

Each of the standing committees is headed by a Chair and may include committee members who assist in the duties of the committee under the direction of the Chair.

Are you interested in Chairing a committee? Would you like to join a committee? Volunteers are always welcome! Here is your opportunity to get involved in the Guild, get to know other members and have some fun while doing it. Want to volunteer? Interested but not quite sure? Contact Nominating Chair, Barbara Jordan (519-837-0818) or Nominating Committee members, Isobel King (519-822-4792) or Liz Honegger (519-821-1718)

Barb Jordan
Chair



WORKSHOPS

Thank you to Judy Eckhardt for presenting the two free sessions on how to make a bra purse. If there is sufficient interest, we may be able to run another session later in the spring. Please let either of the workshop co-chairs know of your interest.

Mark the evening of Friday May 22nd on your calendar for an inspiring trunk show by fabric artist Hilary Rice. The Royal City Guild won the Agnes Boal Bursary and we are bringing Hilary Rice from Newfoundland to Guelph as part of her tour to other guilds in

Canada. There will be more information in the near future about Hilary teaching creative workshops on Friday May 22nd and Saturday May 23rd. You can see some of her fabric art pieces if you Google her web site at M.E. Studios. (Hilary Rice M.E. Studios)

Kathy Wagner, Marilyn Watson
Co-chairs

MEMBERS' SERVICES DIRECTORY

Tapestry & Tassels

Soft Furnishings by Nancy McNab
167 Old Maple Blvd.
Rockwood, ON N0B 1K0
Window coverings including drapes, Roman blinds, valences and swags; also duvet covers, bed skirts, pillow shams and decorated cushions; basically anything for the home, done on the sewing machine

Creative Quilting with Sandra

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quiltingwithsandra@rogers.com

I offer a wide range of quilting and sewing classes that include foundation piecing, machine appliqué, quilting, crazy quilting, Sashiko, wearable garments, etc. to children, teens and adults. I also do trunk shows of my quilts and garments, commissions, offer catered weekend retreats and offer Long Arm Machine Quilting on all sizes of quilts.

Sew Little Time

Norah McGuire-MacLeod
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ON N3C 1P4 - by Appointment only
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Web site: www.sewlittletime.7p.com
Sew Little Time carries a great selection of fabrics from Northcott Silks, George Courey, & Contemporary Sewing; all fabrics are 100% cotton. I specialize in panels, border prints, traditional and non - traditional fabrics and have a variety of my own patterns for totes, wall hangings and quilts. I carry Hobbs, Warm & Natural Batting.

Denise Bolton Knits & Embroidery

Denise Bolton
519-821-3554

email: dvbolton@sympatico.ca

I do machine embroidery, and am available to make quilt labels, add names, etc, to quilts for members, plus I do embroidery, logos and names on shirts, hats and jackets. I also am able to supply the garments for the customer. I do this as a part-time business, and have many corporate customers, plus many quilters who require quilt labels of all sizes - I just finished one for a customer, with 42 names on the label ;}

QUILT CHALLENGE

The CQA/ACC organizes a yearly challenge as a fundraiser. The fabrics are generously provided by Trend-Text Fabrics Inc. Here is the link to see the fabrics for 2009: http://www.trendtextfabrics.com/?p=sec_8

This year the theme is 'ROOTS'. Tree roots? Family roots? Connecting roots? The 'root' or beginning of something new? Root vegetables? Root out the truth? Community roots? The hidden roots? What does 'roots' mean to you? Go to: http://www.Canadianquilter.com/events/index_Events_ttc2009.htm.

Click here for the registration form

with guidelines. The form can be forwarded to:

Johanna Alford,
President, CQA/ACC,
12115 Cherrywood Drive,
Maple Ridge, B.C. V2X 9K4

along with \$20.00 by cheque, MO, or Credit Card information.

Only the five Trend-Text fabrics can be used in your quilt to qualify for the Trend-Text prize. You may add up to 3 other fabrics and still qualify for lots of other prizes.

To see some examples, here is the link of last year's quilts: 2008trendtext.htm.

The challenge quilts will be displayed at the CQA/ACC show in Saskatoon SK, and will be donated to CQA/ACC as a fundraiser when they are auctioned at Quilt Saskatchewan, held in Saskatoon in 2009:

Quiltcanada2009.htm

Johanna Alford, President CQA/ACC
President@canadianquilter.com

A QUILTER'S CALENDAR

●April 25-26/09 - Quilts in the Garden Show - Royal Botanical Gardens (www.quiltsinthegardens.com)

●May 22, 23/09 - Hilary Rice trunk show and workshops



CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

●Ongoing - Greenwood Gallery is currently accepting both sole and group proposal submissions programming. For information contact Christine Whitehouse (contact@greenwoodquiltery.com).

●April 1/09 - Postcard Quilt Art Arrival Deadline for the Grand National Quilt Show (www.grandnationalquiltshow.ca)

GALLERY SHOWINGS

Current to February 28/09 at the Greenwood Gallery: "Geometry of the Quilt" - works by Johanna Masko