



Royal City Quilters' Guild

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

www.royalcityquiltersguild.ca



President: Nancy McNab
Vice-President: Susan Harrington



Secretary: Ann Jeffrey
Treasurer: Chris Saracino

Meeting

Tuesday, April 14, 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
- Money for Garage Sale
- Newsletter Submissions
- Zehrs Tapes
- Canadian Tire Money
- Show and Tell Items



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time this makes the newsletter Easter will almost have come and gone and spring will officially be here, YAHOO! It's time for yard work and spring cleaning. Perhaps it's time to spring clean the sewing room and there's no better time because, at the April meeting, we're have a "chair sale" which is sort of like a yard sale but without the yard, unless you're thinking yards of fabric. Seriously, it's a great way to make room for the new. Your uglies or "what did I buy that for?" can go and live at someone else's house for a while where they may be more appreciated.

If you haven't done it already, it might be a good time to get your machine out and serviced. They always run better after a good cleaning and overhaul. It's been a long cold winter and they were probably used a lot. Also, it might be nice to have it in top running order before the Hilary Rice workshops in May.

We have many interesting events on the way and changes to the Standing Rules that affect us all, so you'll want to read on.

As always Happy Stitching!
Cheers, Nancy

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We currently have 154 members in good standing.

At the March meeting, three new members joined RCQG and we were happy to welcome two guests.

Don't forget – if you haven't yet picked up your 2008-09 Directory, please stop by the membership table, and see Kathy or Joyce.

Kathy Wilson
Membership Chair



NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING

Monday, April 20, 2009
7:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Co-operator's Building

NOTE FROM NEWSLETTER EDITOR

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



NOTICE TO MEMBERSHIP

FROM THE EXECUTIVE

The Guild has kept our membership fee at \$34 for more than 9 years. In that time period, our expenses have increased - rental for monthly guild meetings and workshops, postage, printed newsletters, insurance, speakers fees, mileage for speakers to name a few. We have been able to offset some increases by going to an emailed newsletter, looking to our own members to provide speakers and assist at demonstration nights and cutting expenses where possible. We, the Executive, have made the decision to increase the membership fee to \$37 per year. This increase from \$34.00 per guild meeting to \$37.00 will allow our Guild to remain viable and maintain the level of speakers and services you have come to enjoy.

Please be advised of the following change to Standing Rule #2 of the Royal City Quilters' Guild as follows:

Annual membership fee will be \$37 per person. New members joining on or after February 1st will be charged a prorated fee of \$20 for the balance of the term.

Thank you for your understanding.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PERFUME ALLERGY



Several of our members are allergic to perfumes of all kinds and ask that you refrain from using them.

PROFESSIONAL QUALITY QUILT PHOTOS

Professional Photographer, Dean Palmer, will take professional quality photos of quilts for a group of 6-10 people at the low, low, introductory rate of \$10 per quilt. Call Joan Hug-Valeriotte 836-9388 if interested.

LIBRARY QUILT DISPLAY

RCQG will have displays of quilts in all of the Guelph Public Libraries during National Quilting Month, in May.

There are a lot of walls to fill, so if you would like to have some of your quilts included, please bring them to the April meeting, or drop them off at Joan Hug-Valeriotte's studio at 1968 Gordon St. before April 28th. (Please call first!)

We will also need volunteers to help accept the quilts at the meeting and to hang the quilts on Thursday, April 30; Friday, May 1st; and Saturday, May 2nd. You will be asked for pertinent information, such as the dimensions of your quilt, so please measure them before bringing them in.

Quilts will be returned at the May and June meetings or may be picked up by appointment.

Please call Joan 836-9388 if you can help out.



CALEDONIA GUILD BLOG

The Caledonia guild now has a blog which is www.caledonia-quilt-guild.blogspot.com.

PROGRAM

ANNIVERSARY MEETING

Special thanks to the members who help Andrea and me to make the party favours (flowers) - Joanne Ariss, Shelley Palframan, Nancy McNab, and Barb Jordan.

Everybody had a great time.
Jackie



GARAGE SALE

Did you sign up at the March meeting to book your spot to sell your unwanted quilting stuff to those looking for treasure?

\$5.00 per chair



April's Program SPRING CLEANING

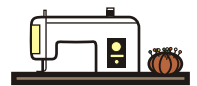


Wanted! UFOs (Unfinished Objects)

April is all about cleaning out your cupboards and getting those unfinished objects done. We want to see them - big, small, any size at all! Enlist your friends - have a UFO party!

Also, at the meeting, we will have some mini-demos on:

- Binding
- Sleeves
- Labels



PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES!
FOR THOSE WHO SHOW US THEIR
UFO'S

Come Clean!



(Who knew cleaning could be so much fun?)

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

- Do you like quilting books? Do you like to buy quilting books? Have we got a job for you or you and a friend! How about chairing the Library Committee?
- Do you like to see the speakers on the stage? Do you like to take pictures of the quilts displayed on stage? The Historian Committee is looking for a Chair (it's a one person job; we supply the camera).
- Do you enjoy workshops? Would you like to see specific workshops at our Guild? Consider Co-Chairing the Workshop Committee.
- Would you like to meet our speakers, see their quilts and quilted items up close? The Program Committee has two dynamic Co-Chairs, Andrea Curtis and Jackie James, and is in need of members to help at the meetings and with planning for next year. Are you available?

Aren't you coming to the meeting anyway? Join a committee, make some new friends; it's a great way to meet other quilters!

Are you interested? Have questions?

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



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We will be selling tickets at the April and May meetings for the raffle quilt that Joan Hett and Joan Hug-Valeriot made. Tickets will be \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Please come to our table at the back of the meeting room to see the quilt and buy tickets. For the members who have quilted quilt tops, please come to the table for your free tickets.

At the Garage Sale we will be selling some of Evelyn Lane's fabric. We have a wide selection including landscapes, earth tones, novelty (for eye spy quilts) and some Christmas, black and white and batik fabrics. Most pieces are in fat quarter cuts and will be sold in small bundles for \$1 or \$2. We will also have some larger pieces, panels and border prints. Bring your loonies and toonies (or \$5 and \$10 bills if you plan to buy a lot!).

Donna Reimer
519-836-5613

LIBRARY

Three new books have been purchased for the Library -

- Machine Quilting Solutions,
 - Quilting with Fons and Porter
 - Going Postal
- all great books.

Watch for us in May where we will be raffling something new. More to come ...

Diane Black and Jacoba Near
Co-Chairs



BOOK REVIEW

Sew and Go Totes by Kristine Poor

Say "no" to ugly plastic bags, and say



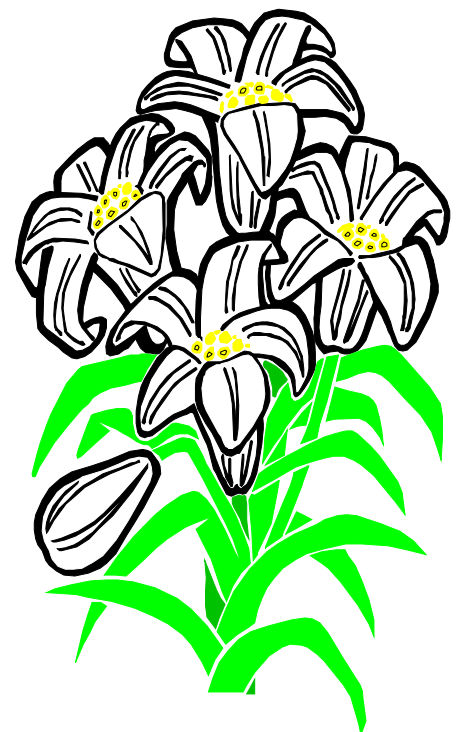
"yes" to environmentally-friendly quilted tote bags and accessories. The nine quilted projects include grocery

bags, mini bags for cell phones or pencils, a quilted wallet you'll want to make in a variety of colours, and a backpack among others.

The instructions are clear and easy to follow, and once you've mastered the basics, you can use your imagination to personalize the bags and make them your own. You could try new quilt blocks, and then use them as pockets for a tote bag, or add an embroidered monogram to the pocket, or practice a new free-motion quilting pattern.

There is a bag or purse in this collection for every purpose. If your time is limited, and you want to expand your creativity and make practical and beautiful gifts for your friends and family or for yourself, this is the book for you.

Laurel Marsolais



WORKSHOPS

Hilary Rice Events

The registration for the Hilary Rice classes went very well! We are sure that the quilters who signed up for a class will enjoy every minute!

And we look forward to seeing lots of projects from Hilary's classes finished in time for our Quilt Show in October!

There is one spot available in the Friday class and there are three spots open for the Saturday class. So if you were being generous and allowing other members to have a chance to sign up for a class before you signed up for both, now is your chance to get in on the full two days of learning and inspiration. Consult the workshop page on the guild website for detailed information about the classes.

Class fee for guild members is \$40 and there will be kit fee charged for the May 22nd class (\$25 paid on the day of the workshop – there will be some choice in terms of colour options with the kits). ***Please pick up your supply lists at the workshop table.***

Trunk Show with Power Point Presentation

On Friday May 22 at 7 pm there will be a spectacular trunk show by Hilary at Three Willows Church. The trunk show is called "Along the Silk Road".

"It is said that all things are connected. Each of us moves through our lives, one thing leading to another, the way the silk journey of long ago was a continuous journey. While selling silk was part of it, it also acted as a conduit for thoughts and ideas. In her inspirational talk, textile and mixed media artist Hilary Rice will share her



story – a story full of chance meetings and doors opening, fun experiments and happy accidents. It is a journey that acts as a conduit for thoughts and ideas - a journey that winds through a progression of art quilts and into a new world of creativity. "

Cost for the trunk show will be \$8 per ticket or \$10 at the door, if there are still seats available.

This event will be open to members of the public and announced to other quilt guilds.

Purchase your tickets at the April or May guild meeting at the workshop table and enjoy a wonderful "quilty" evening with your friends. These tickets would make a great Easter and/or Mother's Day gift!

If you haven't seen Hilary's work in person, you can look on her website: www.mestudios.ca.



A QUILTER'S CALENDAR

●March 28-April 6/09
Erin Village 4th Annual Festival of Quilts
in village shops during business hours
Hwy 124N east of Guelph

●April 3-4/09
Kindred Hearts 10th Anniversary Show
Whitby Baptist Church
411 Gilbert St. E.
Whitby ON
Adm \$6
Dorothy Boehm (905) 668-5380 or
boehm@rogers.com



●April 17-8/09
Off the Wall and Under the Covers Show
Burnhamthorpe Community Centre
1500 Gullenden Dr.
Adm \$6
905-615-4630

●April 17-18/09
Country Classics Quilt Show
Binbrook United Church
2617 Binbrook Road,
Binbrook ON
Adm \$5
Sue Swayze 905-962-4283

●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

●August 2009
Lowell Quilt Festival: Images 2009
Museums and galleries throughout historic Lowell also plan many special activities of interest to all. Log onto lowellquiltfestival.org for exciting information about this prestigious event, including classes and photos of winning quilts from last year.