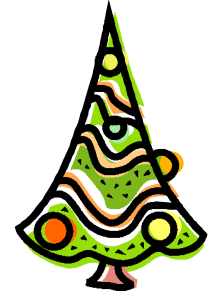




# Royal City Quilters' Guild



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## December and January Meetings

Tuesday, December 13 and Tuesday, January 10

Three Willows United Church,  
577 Willow Rd., Guelph

6:45

Doors Open

7:00

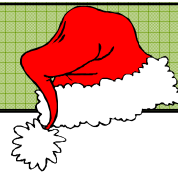
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Program

### Meeting Checklist

- ✓ Name tag
- ✓ **Bring your own MUG**
- ✓ Show and Share
- ✓ Zehrs Tapes
- ✓ Comfort Quilt Block
- ✓ **Ca\$h** for Annual Bake & Book Sale
- ✓ If you signed up for the December program bring, your Christmas/ Seasonal Show and Share items



### President's Message

Christmas is almost here. Are you ready??? Have you been good??

Because I hear that Santa doesn't like anyone who has been naughty.

OK, I know that some of you are still crunching those midnight hours trying to get everything finished on time. What with the sewing, shopping, baking, gift wrapping, and party going there really isn't much time to just relax and enjoy the season. Please do relax, have a drink or a coffee/tea, pick up a good book or magazine and pamper yourself with a little "me time" during the holiday season. You deserve it.

Once the Christmas and New Year's celebrations are over, it's time to regenerate. The nights are cold and nobody really wants to venture outside. So why not spend the time getting your projects ready for our Quilt Show. Have you managed to make a little mini yet? There is still time.

All in all, on behalf of the Guild executive, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a "Very Merry Christmas" and a safe and "Happy New Year". Stay warm and we'll see you in January.



Ps. I hope that Santa brings you everything on your wish list.

*Susan Harrington, President*

### December Program



December's program will be a fun and relaxing night to socialize and also learn a little about our other guild members.



We are asking everyone who signed up to participate in our Christmas/Seasonal show and share, to come out to the meeting and bring with them, their seasonal items, wall hangings, vests, Christmas quilts, tree skirts, tablecloths and runners, etc. When you bring your holiday item to show and share with us, your name will be entered into a lucky draw and you could walk away with a prize. We will have several participation prizes to hand out. After our holiday show and share, you can take time to socialize and enjoy some refreshments, kindly provided by your Executive. Thanks to all the bakers on the Executive! It will be a difficult decision for some—refreshment table or bake and book sale. Either way, they both are going to be worth checking out. We will "wrap up" the meeting with our regular show and share items.

Thanks to all of the members who participated in our **Show and Share** time at November's meeting. We will be having our regular show and share time during the last part of December's meeting, and the signup sheet for this will be at the back of the meeting room. Hope to see everyone at our December holiday meeting.

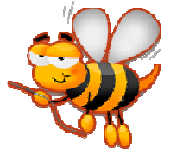


*Joanne Ariss, Program Committee*



## Community Outreach

Our Annual Bee Day held on November 5<sup>th</sup> was a tremendous success. Twenty-six quilters arrived prepared to make a major effort to complete quilts for the Sexual Assault Unit at the Guelph General Hospital. There were a variety of projects for those who wanted to do some hand quilting, some binding, piecing quilt tops or blocks. Maureen led us in a few stretching exercises before we took a break and shared in a delicious pot luck lunch. The camaraderie and willing hands made for a fun day of quilting. Pictured below are most of the participants with some of the projects they worked on.



We will have a quilt raffle at our December meeting for a delightful hand quilted Christmas quilt. It's the perfect size for a small table and could be a great Christmas gift for someone special. Tickets will be \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. All funds raised will go to the purchase of some batting to finish off the Bee Day quilts.

Don't forget to return your block kits at the beginning of our meeting. Extra block kits are not cut and every last one needs to be returned on time to be able to piece together a quilt top to meet our target number. If you aren't

able to make the meeting, try to pass the kit along with a quilter who is attending. Thanks for your co-operation.

Special thanks to Greenwood Quiltery for the two quilt tops they donated – one a baby quilt and the second a floral delight. Their support is greatly appreciated.

*Nellie Hanuta, Community Outreach*

## ling it on.....

**We have less than 20 challenge kits remaining.** Don't miss your opportunity to participate in this fun guild event! **FAQ - Frequently asked questions:**

- ♦ **Can I add other fabrics to the two Challenge fabrics?** Yes. There needs to be a recognizable amount of the two challenge fabrics in your finished mini or wall hanging but add as many fabrics as you like.
- ♦ **I've never entered a Challenge, what am I getting myself into?** F-U-N! I had never entered a Challenge until I joined the RCQG. I followed the guidelines that came with the 2003 kit and made a wallhanging I still enjoy. I've entered every Challenge since then.
- ♦ **What are the rules for a Challenge?** Each kit comes with guidelines outlining the theme, **SPRING** for 2012, what is expected, maximum sizes (36" perimeter for miniature, 160" perimeter for wallhanging), There are 5 prize categories, ie pieced &/or appliqued miniature, pieced wallhanging, appliqued wallhanging, best use of challenge fabrics, best interpretation of theme, prize money, etc.
- ♦ **Did I hear there were free tickets and prize money?** Yes, you heard right. If you submit a completed challenge mini or wallhanging, you receive one free admission to the 2012 show. There will be cash prizes awarded in 5 categories—1st or best \$15, 2nd \$10, 3rd \$5; pieced &/or appliqued miniature - 1st, 2nd and 3rd; pieced wallhanging - 1st, 2nd and 3rd; appliqued wallhanging - 1st, 2nd and 3rd; Best use of challenge fabrics (1 prize awarded for Best); Best interpretation of theme (1 prize awarded for Best). You can win your money back, get in free to the show and make a new wallhanging or mini of your very own.
- ♦ **Can I buy more than 1 kit?** Yes. If you have so many ideas from the theme of SPRING that you can't put it all in one quilt, buy another kit or two or nineteen!

Take a chance on this **SPRING** thing! Try a new technique, have fun playing with fabric and creating your next favourite mini or wallhanging. Kits only \$15 each.



## Workshops

**Miniature Scraps with Kathy Wagner**  
**Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> 9am - 3:30 pm**  
**Three Willows Church**  
**\$35**



**We still have spaces available for this Miniature workshop.**

**SPRING** into action with Kathy in miniature quilt heaven and get a jump start on your quilt show mini raffle donation projects. You will learn how to make a variety of little quilts using various techniques including paper piecing, regular piecing, strip piecing, and Solvy work. Projects are geared to a wide range of quilting experience from beginners to experts. This class is ideal for quilters who want to use up scraps leftover from large quilts...no scrap is too small!



You will receive the instruction sheets for all projects, but will only focus on two main projects to start. You will hopefully have time to finish piecing your two projects within class time. NB...stealing fabric bits out of your neighbour's garbage is encouraged.

*Andrea Curtis, Jackie James, Cindy Kinnon, Workshop Committee*

## Library

The fund raiser was a wonderful success. Thank you to Len's Mill for their generous donation, we raised \$312.25 from the tickets sold. This will go a long way to help with Guild expenses and perhaps even buy a few more books for the library. Congratulations to our winners: Cynthia Gardner, Donna Tonizzo, Ann Jeffrey, Joan Hett, and Sharon Janosik.

Our new titles have arrived so be sure to look for them on the table where the yellow sticker books are. Please remember that a lot of people would like to share in this excitement so perhaps limit yourself to just one or two at a time. That way there will be something for everyone.



Our December Book and Bake sale is shaping up nicely. Thank you to all that did bring in items they could part with. Our committee will be gathering shortly to bundle and price. The sale will be set up in the space at the bottom of the stairs, right across from the library. The sale will happen at the break between the Christmas Show and Share Programme. **Remember to bring your priced, packaged bake goods and drop them off by the library.** Also remember to bring your cash; you never know... you might find that article or book you have been wanting at bargain basement prices.

The Library Committee would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and all the best for the coming New Year.

*Berni Neville and Carol Cousins, Library*

## January's Program

Virginia Ingleby will be our guest speaker at January's meeting. Virginia opened her own quilting store, "Undercover Quilts and More", five years ago. The store is located in a historic building in downtown Fergus. She is a third generation quilter and shares her passion of quilting with all of her family members. Virginia will share her stories with us about her love of quilting, fabrics, and patterns. She will also bring with her a wonderful display of her quilts for all of us to enjoy. Be sure to join us at January's meeting and meet Virginia.

*Joanne Triss, Program Committee*



## Membership Business Directory

**Marilyn Farquhar** facilitates workshops at her home quilt studio with international quilt teachers including Hollis Chatelain May 18 - 20, 2012. Contact Marilyn by telephone or e-mail to be included on her mailing list for future classes: 519-699-0255 or [marilyn@providentmanagement.ca](mailto:marilyn@providentmanagement.ca)



# Book Review

## Quilt a New Christmas with Piece O' Cake Designs

Becky Goldsmith & Linda Jenkins



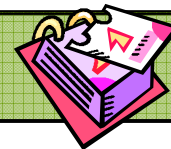
This book is delightful! We have all met Becky when she was here to do her trunk show and then workshop. Her enthusiasm was contagious and I would have to say that it even bubbles over into this book.

The colour suggestions for the projects are not your traditional red and greens but lime green, hot pink and bright blue just to name a few. The Perky Partridge pincushion/ornament offering really is cute and the instructions are clear enough for even the most hesitant beginner.

The book not only has general quiltmaking instructions but also general instructions for appliqué. Also included is an additional section on special techniques such as cutaway and circle appliqué.

Hopefully you still have a few days left in your busy holiday schedule to try your hand at some of these bright and cherry patterns.

# Calendar



At the time of printing this newsletter, there were no Ontario events listed on the CQA website. If you need to check for a listing, go to: <http://www.canadianquilter.com/event-listings.php>

If you are planning a trip, this site lists events for all provinces, United States and International.

# Blogging Along

Here are a few more sites that you might enjoy –

- σ Barbara O'Cleirgh submitted: Missouri Star Quilt Co. (quilting videos on YouTube) [www.youtube.com/missouriquiltco](http://www.youtube.com/missouriquiltco)
- σ Nancy McNab submitted: [www.artabrik.blogspot.com](http://www.artabrik.blogspot.com)
- σ Lisa Jones submitted: Crazy Mom Quilts [crazymomquilts.blogspot.com](http://crazymomquilts.blogspot.com)

Please remember to send along any more places that you visit, I am sure the rest of us would like to take a peek too.



# Membership

There were 11 guests at the November meeting. Additionally we registered 4 members. Please welcome new member Jane Schleihauf to the Guild, and welcome back to Wendy Oskam.

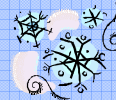
Most of you picked up your member directories at the November meeting. If you haven't picked it up yet, we'd be happy to give it to you at our December meeting.

*Lisa Jones, Membership*



**NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING**—The next meeting of the RCQG Executive will be held Monday, January 16, 2012 at the Co-operators Building on Macdonell Street. We start promptly at 7:00 pm and finish at 9:30 pm.

# Inclement Weather



In the case of inclement weather, please listen for an announcement of meeting cancellation on the Guelph radio station CJOY (1460 on the AM dial) or MAGIC (106.1 on the FM dial).