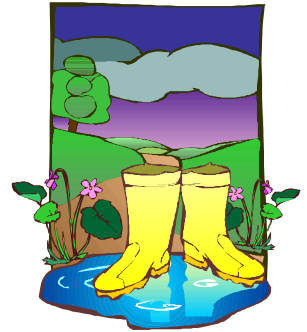




# Royal City Quilters' Guild



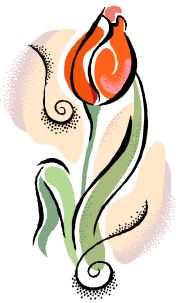
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## April Meeting Tuesday, April 10, 2012

Three Willows United Church,  
577 Willow Rd., Guelph

6:45 Doors Open  
7:00 Opening Remarks  
7:15 Program



## Meeting Checklist

- ✓ Name tag
- ✓ Show and Share
- ✓ Newsletter Submissions
- ✓ Zehrs Tapes
- ✓ Comfort Quilt Block
- ✓ Library Book(s)
- ✓ Food Bank Donations are always welcome

## Program

Our guest speaker at April's meeting will be Gayle Martin. Gayle lives in Kitchener and in 2003 began a longarm quilting business, QuiltIT by Gayle.



Through the years she has made hundreds of quilts and quilted hundreds more for customers. For her, quilting is the perfect outlet of artistic expression. The combination of fabric, colour and design has endless appeal for her. As Gayle explains, "quilting is not something she does, it is a part of who she is". You will want to join us at our April meeting to listen to Gayle's stories and see her beautiful quilts.

*Joanne Criss, Program Committee*

## President's Message

The weather has been fabulous and very spring like or should I say summer like. It is totally out of character for this time of year, but I for one hope it continues.

Well ladies, we are winding down to the Quilt Show. It is time to finish up all those items you started specifically for the show and get them registered. I can hardly wait to see all those masterpieces.

As I have mentioned before, the Royal City Quilters' Guild has a vast array of talented quilt artists. **Yes, artists every one of you.** You say that your quilts are not as good or as artistic as "so and so's" – foey. I am here to tell you that everyone is unique in their style; so why would you want your quilt to be the same as what someone else has made? Thank goodness it isn't. It would be a pretty dull world if we all did the same thing. Everyone has to start somewhere – at the beginning and then move on and up.

Let's make our show the most spectacular yet!

*Susan Harrington, President*

## Show and Share

Our Show and Share portion of the meetings every month is something I really look forward to and enjoy. It is always great to see and hear about what our other members are working on, always a new pattern, an original pattern, new fabrics, and lots of interesting ideas that members are willing share with others. Thanks to all of our members who are happy participate in our Show and Share. The sign-up sheet is located at the side of the meeting room.

*Joanne Criss, Program Committee*



# Quilt Sleeves

# Quilt Labels

## Quilt Sleeves and Quilt Labels

If you need some help for final touches for your show quilt entries, here are a couple of resources for quilt sleeves and quilt labels:

To learn how to make a quilt sleeve; visit this website:

<http://www.bluemoonriver.com/QuiltSleeve.pdf>

To learn how to make a quilt label; visit this website:

<http://www.etsy.com/blog/en/2011/how-tuesday-make-a-quilt-label/>

*Jackie James*

## Special Projects

Congratulations to the 21 winners of the door prizes at our March Anniversary meeting. Special thanks to Jackie James for donating two handmade items for door prizes, these were a wonderful treat for two lucky winners.

Forty-three creative, colourful, "SPRING-y" Challenge pieces have been collected as of the March 13th Guild meeting. These 43 items qualify for judging and prizes. If you didn't make the March 13 deadline, your items can still be shown with the other Challenge pieces at the show. Be sure to contact me to arrange to be included in the display. All show attendees will love to see what you have made.

*Barbara Jordan, Special Projects*



## Blogging Along

I am quite fortunate to have a daughter that loves quilting too. In fact, if the truth be told she was the one that got me hooked. After a quilting chat with Heather she sent along some of her favourite sites and I thought that you all would enjoy discovering them also.

- <http://freemotionquilting.blogspot.ca/>
- <http://www.redpepperquilts.com/>
- <http://www.joscountryjunction.com/>
- <http://sweetp-paulette.blogspot.ca/>

Evidently, this site has an awesome giveaway

<http://oneygirl-my-quiltingadventure.blogspot.ca>

ENJOY!



## Library

We in the library are happy to report that things are progressing into spring wonderfully well. This year we have spent between \$300 and \$400 on new books and after the purge at the Christmas book sale, we are in great shape. Remember that new books are usually set up at the first table as you come into the library area and have a yellow dot on their cover.

We also have a collection of magazines and DVD's for your enjoyment. We try to rotate what is put out; so if what you see doesn't spark your interest, keep checking back you never know what you might find.

Last month we collected \$14 in fines and this money, too, will help with the purchase of new inspiration. We also have a corner set aside for the collection of Zehrs tapes. This area is at the sign-out table and all tapes that are collected are tallied by Laurel Marsolais. All monies that are collected from them go to our Community Outreach committee to help offset their expenses with the purchase of batting, etc.

Hope you are all gearing up for our Guild Show and also enjoying the great weather we have been having!  
**QUILTERS ROCK !**

*Carol Cousins and Berni Neville*

## Membership

Please welcome new member Jane Rajante who joined us at the March meeting. We had two guests at the meeting as well.

Although the membership renewal for the 2012/13 Guild year isn't until June, please be advised that membership fees will be increasing to \$40.00 for a full year membership and \$25.00 for a half year membership (beginning in February). Costs to the Guild have been continually increasing. One significant increase is the gas mileage our speakers require as part of their fee. Other costs incurred by the Guild are insurance and rental fees. This small increase will help us continue to bring great speakers to our Guild.

*Lisa Jones, Membership*



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

## Why would I want to be on the RCQG executive?

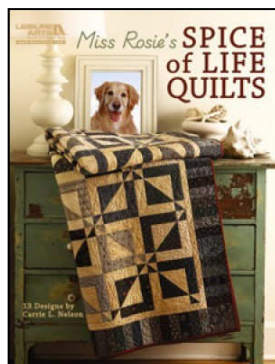
1. It's fun
2. It's a great way to meet new people
3. Make new friends
4. The executive meetings are usually short, about an hour on average
5. We go out to eat at least once a year, sometimes twice, there may be wine involved
6. Have a say in the direction the Guild is going
7. Be in the know, ahead of others, as to who is coming and what is going on
8. It instills a sense of pride in oneself, knowing your helping
9. Creates a feeling of belonging
10. Get to know a smaller group of members better
11. It's worthwhile
12. It's rewarding
13. It's gratifying
14. We have a good time; and
15. The Guild needs you!



## Book Review

### Miss Rosie's SPICE of LIFE QUILTS

13 Designs by  
Carrie L. Nelson



I LOVE THIS BOOK! There is absolutely nothing in it that makes me turn a page uninspired. Carrie has an incredible sense of proportion and design that will have you wanting to try each one of her patterns. The instructions are easy to follow and, in some cases, she even shows you a choice of colourways.

Carrie is the master of the scrappy look, "The more fabrics I can use in each quilt I make," she says, "the happier I am." The intro to the book states, "A quilt that is simply gorgeous, looks complex yet is astonishingly simple to piece must be a quilt by Carrie"

There is a 'General Instructions' section to make sure everyone is on the same page as far as techniques are concerned, even a beginner should feel confident. My favorite is Raise the Roof on page 84, what's not to love about stars and log cabins. (FYI Rosie is her golden retriever)

## Calendar



- April 13** Lorraine Roy (professional textile artist), presents "The Embroidered Tree: My journey with science and art" at the Arboretum Centre, U of Guelph, 3 pm—Free to anyone interested in plants or fabric art. For more information go to [www.Lroytextileart.com](http://www.Lroytextileart.com)
- April 20-21** Binbrook United Church presents 2012 Country Classics Quilt Show from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission: \$5.00. Over 200 quilts, merchants' mall, boutique, penny sale, tea room and light lunches, 2617 Binbrook Rd E, Binbrook.
- April 21-22** Trent Valley Quilters Guild presents The Fabric of our Lives, Knights of Columbus Hall, 57 Stella Drive, Trenton from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Admission: \$6.00 Features quilt display, quilt raffle, silent auction, merchants' mall and tea room.
- April 21-22** Orillia Quilters' Guild presents the Sunshine Quilt Show from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission: \$5.00 and men are free. Featuring exhibits and sales, quilt raffle, demonstrations, vendors' market and tea room. Location is Trillium Manor, 12 Grace Ave, Orillia.
- April 26-28** Huron Perth and Stonetowne Quilters' Guilds present Piecemakers 2012 Quilt Show from 10:00 am to 5:00 (Thursday), to 7:00 (Friday) to 4:00 (Saturday). Admission \$6.00. Featuring quilts, wallhangings and quilted articles, demos, vendors' market, quilt appraisals, antique quilts on display at museum and tea room. Location is Pyramid Recreation Centre, 317 James St S, St. Marys. **Also, Lorraine Roy is giving a trunk show Friday evening at 7:00 at the Pyramid Centre at a cost of \$5.00.**
- May 1-5** Quilts of Denmark, Recreation Centre, Ailsa Craig, On, Tues, Wed, Fri 9 am-6 pm, Thurs 9 am-8 pm, Sat 9 am-4 pm
- May 3-5** Oakville Quilters' Guild presents Sentimental Reasons Quilt show featuring quilt display, demonstrations, merchants' market and tea room. Admission: \$7, Thurs—Sat 10-5, Operating Engineers Conference Centre, 2245 Speers Rd, Oakville, On
- May 5-6** 20th Anniversary Quilt Show, St. Gregory Slovan Church, 125 Centennial Pkwy N, Hamilton, ON, Admission \$5, featuring, Quilt Draw, Vendors, Challenge, Boutique, Tea Room, Sat 10-5, Sun 10-4.
- May 10-12** Goose on the Loose Shop Hop Shops involved include: Quilters' Line, Markdale; Cobwebs and Caviar, Shelburne; Lilac Lane Quilts, Alliston and Country Concessions, Cookstown.
- May 11-12** Dunnville's Own Tiny Stitchers presents Quilting on the Grand, Friday 10-5 and Sat 10-4, Admission \$5 in advance (Apr 30) or \$6 at the door, 275 Ramsey Drive, Dunnville. Featuring exhibits, merchants' mall, boutique, raffle quilt, Chinese auction.
- May 11-12** Port Perry Patchers Quilt Guild presents Quilts 2012, Warmth, Decoration and Art. A showcase of members talents held at the Scugog Community Centre Area, 1655 Reach St, Port Perry, Fri 10-8, Sat 10-5, Admission \$7. Featuring quilts, demonstrations, Zentangle classes, guild shop, 10 vendors.

At the end of each Guild President's term, it is the custom of our Guild to present her with fabric in the size and colour/colours of her choice. What else would really do! On consulting with Susan, I am asking each of you to **consider donating one 3" strip of fabric (preferably batik)** that you have in your stash. These strips can be **dropped off at the library table from March to June** and they will be given to Susan at the Guild Meeting in June. Thanking you all in advance.

*Nancy Wells, Vice President*