



Royal City Quilters' Guild



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May Meeting Tuesday, May 8, 2012

Three Willows United Church,
577 Willow Rd., Guelph

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



Meeting Checklist

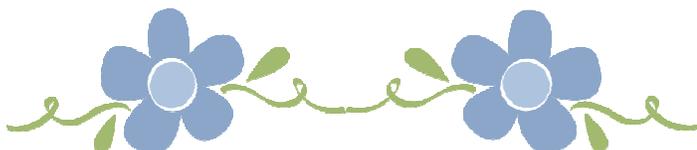
- ✓ Name tag
- ✓ Show and Share
- ✓ Zehrs Tapes
- ✓ Library Book(s)
- ✓ Donations to the Food Bank are always welcome

Program

Have you ever wondered what is the best type of thread to use for certain projects; what about different needles, and how should the tension be set on your sewing machine? Well, all these questions will be answered at May's meeting.

We are pleased to have Anita Zobens, certified Superior Threads educator, present her "Thread Talk" to our members. Anita will give us a general overview of thread types, tension, and needles. She will also bring with her an assortment of many different threads that will be available for purchase. Anita will also provide a door prize for one lucky winner.

Joanne Criss, Program Committee



President's Message

By the time this newsletter arrives in your mailbox the quilt show is about to happen. I know that it's going to be a terrific show. The show committee has been working their "fingers to the bone" making sure this is our finest show ever.

A great deal of work goes into the planning and executing of a quilt show, and without the help of all the volunteers and your quilts we wouldn't be able to pull it off.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Marjorie and her committee for a tremendous job and a big thank you to everyone who volunteered their time at the show. Also a big thank you to everyone who put their quilts on display for everyone to enjoy.

"WAY TO GO ROYAL CITY QUILTERS".

Susan Harrington, President

Next Executive Meeting

The next meeting of the RCQG Executive **(including the incoming Executive)** will be held Monday, May 14, 2012, at Delainey's restaurant on Woodlawn Rd. Those wishing to have dinner, please arrive at 5:30 pm. We start promptly at 7:00 pm and finish by 9:30 pm.

Show and Share



A big thank you to all of our April Show and Share participants. Any of our members can participate in our Show and Share. Just sign up on the clipboard located at the side of the meeting room.

Joanne Criss, Program Committee

Next Year's Executive Update

I would like to thank you for listening so intently to my story at our last meeting. I am pleased to announce that there are only two positions left to fill— TREASURER and PROGRAM. These are both very important positions to the functioning of our Guild. We can't really go forward without someone willing to take on the fun of doing these tasks. Since May is the last meeting before the AGM, and if you are thinking about giving back to the Guild, now would be the time to do so.

For Program, we have a committee signed up to help you; you don't have to do it alone. Plus there are many who have gone before you who are always there to help.

For Treasurer, Joan has made the bookkeeping easy for non-accounting types; so basically all you have to know is how to fill out a cheque, sign it and enter it into the bank book.

Now for the fun part of joining the executive! I can truly say I have had the opportunity to meet and make many good friends over the past few years. I have enjoyed our dinners out. I have enjoyed watching the Guild grow and change. Plus there is a sense of pride in knowing that you have contributed to the expansion and continuance of such a fine group.

See me at the May meeting for your opportunity to participate in such a fine enterprise. Cheers,

Community Outreach

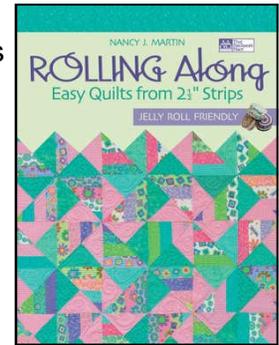
What a great year we've had.... and none of it could have been possible without all the willing hands of our Guild. Thanks to everyone who regularly visited the Community Outreach table to pick up new block kits, quilts for quilting or binding; you are the folks who make it all happen! Thank you to all who donated fabric especially the backing-size pieces; my job was so much easier when I didn't have to create a second quilt for the backing. And a great big thank you to all who donated finished quilts; you've helped reach our target of forty plus quilts. Royal City Quilters' Guild truly has a generosity unsurpassed by others. I appreciate your support in the Community Outreach fundraisers – whether you purchased workshop kits or raffle tickets at Christmas. It's always good to know there is enough money to purchase batting or new fabrics.

I have enjoyed the opportunity to plan quilt tops and use orphan blocks to create quilts for our community. Thanks to all for making it such an enjoyable experience.

Nellie Hanuta,

Book Review

ROLLING Along
Easy Quilts from 2 ½" Strips
(Jelly Roll Friendly)
By Nancy J. Martin



“Want to make a quilt in a jiffy?” This was the first quote in the introduction and it most certainly caught my attention. The intro goes on to explain that with the use of pre-cut strips and maybe even some of your own yardage, you can make amazing quilts. Pre-cuts usually come in fabric lines and Moda, for example, usually has a very nice selection of Jelly Rolls (packages of forty 2 ½ “ wide strips of fabric rolled into a bundle that resembles a jelly roll) to choose from. You can also cut the required number of strips from the fabric in your stash.

There are sections labelled tools of the trade and quilting basics to help with the construction of your chosen project. They are very clearly written so even a newbie to our craft would have no trouble understanding what they are being asked to do.

Magic Carpet, Sunny Days and Around the Town were just a few of the patterns that are included and had me thinking that perhaps... just perhaps. However, the section Small Projects From Leftover Strips really did me in. I couldn't resist the Tote Bag pattern and had to have a go at it. I now have a wonderful tote bag made from my all-time favourite Moda line called Water's Edge. The book and the bag will be in the library at the May meeting for all to check out. (no pun intended).

Berni Neville



Membership

Welcome new member, Dahlia Clark, to our Guild. We now have a total of 137 members. Coming up next month is our membership renewal.

Lisa Jones, Membership

Library

This year has just flown by and looking back we in the library have to say it has been a great year—lots of new books to inspire and even the regular tried-and-true books have come forward to receive some rave reviews.



At the last meeting we collected \$12 in fines. I would like to extend a hardy thanks to Corrie Smitt for donating several bags and bundles of books and magazines. I bet it felt good to clear out some space for new purchases! A reminder: if the spring cleaning bug bites you, the library would love to help out. Donations will be gratefully accepted and if some of the items don't make it to the regular collection, they will certainly help out in the sales for next year.

This May meeting will be the last time members will be able to take out books. In the June newsletter there will be a reminder to return all checked-out library books at the June meeting. They need to be inventoried and stored away over the summer. Enjoy the quilt show.

Carol Cousins and Berni Neville



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

Show Registration

Everyone must have really listened for our plea at the April Guild meeting and registered their bed-size quilts. We were over-subscribed and had to limit the number of entries from each member. Thanks to those who have been so accommodating. We really appreciate your help. See you at the show.

Joan Hett & Sue Sharpe, Registration Committee



Blogging Along

Time To Stitch – Meet Sylvia from Canberra, Australia. Her blog features lovely stitching and appliqué Blog: <http://sylvia stitch.blogspot.ca/>

Espritpatch - Celine in the United Kingdom features confessions of a swap addict. Blog: <http://espritpatch.blogspot.ca/>

Dyeing2sew – Hop over to Cornwall, United Kingdom and meet Valerie. There were some lovely hand dyed quilted handbags when I visited the site. Blog: <http://dyeing2sew.blogspot.ca/>

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Quilt-along list paper
Give-aways
block Piecing Shop-Hop
free cut UFO

Berni Neville

Calendar (May has LOTS to choose from)



- 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 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.
- May 22-26 Quilt & Fibre Art Festival** Waterloo Region and Beyond There are numerous events right in our own backyard. Events take place in St. Jacobs, Cambridge, Kitchener and Waterloo, Shakespeare, New Hamburg (Mennonite Relief Sale—one of Canada's largest quilt auctions) and Stratford. For more information for these events, go to www.stjacobs.com or call 1-800-265-3353. You can check out some of the quilts for the quilt auction April 26-May 22 at the Kitchener City Hall Rotunda and Waterloo City Hall Atrium, May 1-22 at the Comfort Inn in Cambridge, May 2-24 Joseph Schneider Haus and May 22-25 St. Jacobs Mennonite Church as part of the "Quilts for the World" display.
- May 24-26** Busy Hands Quilters Guild presents a collection of quilts at the Cambridge City Hall, 50 Dickson St, Main Floor, Cambridge, ON. Thurs-Fri 8-8, Sat 8-noon. Admission is free.
- May 24 at 1:30 pm** The Grand National Quilt Show Committee presents Looking Forward, Looking Back: A Grand National Retrospective, Joseph Schneider Haus, 466 Queen St S, Kitchener, ON. The committee chair will have a PowerPoint presentation of highlights of the past years and members of the committee will be on hand to answer questions for first-time entrants and Grand National regulars alike. Admission is free.
- May 25-26** The Textile Museum of Canada presents More Than Just A Yardage Sale. Annual fundraising sale of fine fabrics, beads, buttons, patterns and more! 55 Centre Ave, Toronto, ON (Dundas and Centre) It is held in a temporary tent (rain or shine) in the parking lot adjacent to the Museum, Fri 11-6, Sat 10-1 Admission is free.
- May 25-26**, The Ragged Edge Quilt Show, Dorchester Community Centre and Arena, 2066 Dorchester Rd, Dorchester, ON, Fri 10-6, Sat 10-6, featuring quilt display, merchants' mall, tea room and door prizes.
- May 25-26** Sarnia Quilters' Guild presents A Feast For the Eye Quilt Show Fri 10-6 and Sat 10-5, Redeemer Christian Reformed Church, 5834 Blackwell Side Road (just north of London Line), Sarnia, Admission \$6.00 They are featuring over 200 quilts, the Hoffman Travelling Challenge Show, merchants' mall and tea room.
- June 1-2** Quilts By The Bay, Harry Lumley Bayshore Community Centre, 1900 3rd Ave E, Owen Sound, Fri 10-7 and Sat 10-4. Featuring over 200 items, merchants' mall, boutique, tea room and demos. Admission: \$5
- June 8-9** Grand Quilt Guild presents Quilts on the Grand featuring a showing of members quilts held at St. James Church, 171 Queen St E, Fergus, ON, Fri 10-6, Sat 10-4. Lunch is available for purchase. Admission: \$5

Shop Hops

If you are interested in area Shop Hops, here are a few that are coming up. "Passports" are available at each store.

Spring Shop Hop - May 10-12, Shops involved include Reichards, St. Jacobs; Creative Sisters Quilt Studio, Kitchener; The Quilt Place, Shakespeare; Ye Old Fabric Shoppe, Stratford

Goose on the Loose 2012 - May 10-12, Shops involved include: Quilters' Line, Markdale; Cobwebs and Caviar, Shelburne; Lilac Lane Quilts, Alliston and Country Concessions, Cookstown.

Niagara Shop Hop - June 7-9, Shops include Kindred Spirits Quilt Shop in St. Catharines, The Quilting Bee in Fonthill and The Patchwork Porch in Niagara Falls.

And if you need a month to thoroughly analyze some quilt shops.....

Yours to Discover Shop Hop - Explore 10 exciting shops from Alliston to Sarnia during the month of July. Shops include Alice's Quilt Shoppe, Erin; Country Patchworks Fabrics and Quilts, Woodstock; Creative Sisters Quilt Studio, Kitchener; Hyggeligt Fabrics, London; Lilac Lane Quilts, Alliston; Quilt Junction, Waterford; The Quilt Shoppe Sarnia, The Quilt Place, Shakespeare; Undercover Quilts and More, Fergus, The Marsh Store, Ilderton/Coldstream. For more information go to: <http://www.yourstodiscovershophop.webs.com/>

