



Royal City Quilters' Guild



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April Meeting Tuesday, April 9, 2013

**Three Willows United Church,
577 Willow Rd., Guelph**

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

Program

Laughter and merriment were the theme for the evening at our March 22nd Anniversary Guild meeting. Thank you to Anna Dawczyk, Diane Black and Jacoba Near who participated in the "Spotlight on Members" program. Many wonderful quilts and stories were shared. How lucky we are to be able to share our love/addiction to quilting with each other. We look forward to continuing to turn the "Spotlight on Members" in the future.

Congratulations to the 22 winners of the door prizes provided by our Special Projects committee. Each Anniversary means more prizes to win, there is always next year if you did not win this year!

At our April meeting, we will welcome the Group of Eight. This group of Fibre Artists from the Georgetown area meet to challenge and encourage each other, blog about and display their art. You may have seen their work in May 2012 at the Silos in St Jacobs or at the Fibre Content Exhibition in October, 2012 at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre. Three of the members of the GOE (Group Of Eight) will be on hand to speak to us and share their fiber art. Head on over to their blog, goegeorgetown.blogspot.ca, you will find links to the individual members blogs as well for a peek at what we can expect to see in April.

Please note the meeting will be in the Willow Grove Room this month, not the Sanctuary.

Barbara Jordan, Stephanie Moddison, Nancy McNab
Program Committee Chairs

President's Message

I thoroughly enjoyed the program on Tuesday, March 12 as we celebrated our 22nd Guild anniversary. Our three guest quilters, Anna, Diane, and Jacoba, did a marvellous job of displaying and telling the stories of both their past and present works. Like everyone who begins a hobby and works hard to improve his/her skills, these three have all grown significantly as they tried a myriad of different projects. What a delight it was to meet each of them and see the directions they have each pursued. Well done ladies!

Now that spring is just around the corner and my mobility is improving, I will be exploring the quilt and fabric shops to see the newest bolts of fabric, the newest quilting books and, of course, any new designs that might spur me into making a new creation. What fun it is! There are also a number of quilt shows that we will be able to enjoy and, like all quilters, I love these opportunities as it gives me a chance to admire the tremendous abilities of others, to see the colour combinations and designs that really work and to marvel at the skills of so many other avid quilters. Enjoy all the possibilities that spring has to offer and I'll see you in April.

Nancy Wells, President

Meeting Checklist



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

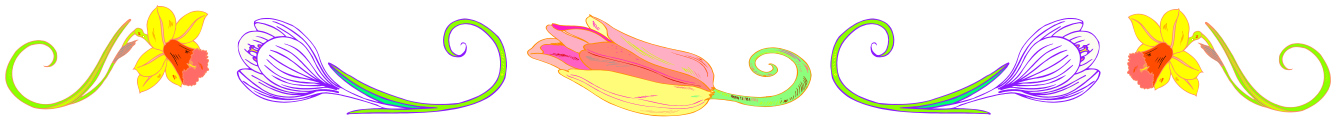
Publicity

MAY IS NATIONAL QUILT MONTH

Each May, in celebration of National Quilting Month, the Guild displays mini quilts and quilted wall hangings at all branches of the Guelph Public Library. This is a great way for us to showcase our work in the community. There are two ways you can help with this project.

If you would like to display some of your quilts please bring them to the April guild meeting, or call me to arrange to leave them at my place before April 27th. My number is in the guild directory. All quilts must have a label and a hanging sleeve. We also need to know the dimension of your quilts, so please measure them in advance. There is a lot of wall space so we need lots of quilts. You can lend us quilts which have been in previous displays. Quilts will be returned to their owners at the June meeting or by arrangement. You can also help by volunteering to hang quilts in the various branches on April 30th or May 1st and 2nd.

Lisa Jones, Publicity.



Blogging Along

I love surfing and hope all of you do too. Here are some more blogs I hope you will find fun and interesting. I know I did.

<http://qfdcreative.com.au>

<http://tallgrassprairiestudio.blogspot.ca/>

http://www.ohfransson.com/oh_fransson

<http://wont-to-bequilter.blogspot.ca>



ENJOY!

Library

LIBRARY REPORT

When the call goes out for new executive members you know that it is getting close to the end of our guild year. Not that I would dream of rushing things but let this be a gentle reminder that if you have any books misplaced/overdue now would be a good time to put them on your "to do" list.

This has been a great year for the library with many new books purchased and who could forget that wonderful Christmas extravaganza. Please help us expand our collection by giving any suggestions for books you have enjoyed and we can look into acquiring them for the guild.

We at the library also have a basket for any Zehrs tapes or even Canadian Tire money that you may want to donate. It can be found at the checkout table. Both the Community Outreach and the Workshop committees will benefit from your generosity.

As always there is a charge of \$1 per book/ per month for late returns.

Carol & Berni

Horoscope

Aries - March 21 to April 20

Aries are adventurous and energetic quilters. They are forever looking for new ideas. The whole world to them is a palette of endless possibilities. Always confident, they use colour schemes that others wouldn't dare consider. Their enthusiasm can cause them to lose track of time when working on a project and they have been known to go days without sleep. Being impulsive by nature, they generally don't bother reading the instructions for designs. Of course, as far as they are concerned the patterns are just to give them more ideas. Aries have a talent for the arts and make excellent designers. They don't follow techniques; they invent them. Their quilt designs are the envy of many.

Courtesy of Quilter's Horoscope

NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING—The next meeting of the RCQG Executive will be held Monday, April 15, 2013, at the Co-operators Building on Macdonell Street. We start promptly at 7:00 pm and finish by 9:30 pm.

Help Wanted

Historian – this person will take photos of all the "Show and Share" items at each Guild meeting and any "special events" that occur. They will also keep a copy of these photos on a DVD and send a copy to the respective guild member should they request it. A camera will be provided.

Newsletter – This person compiles and sends out the monthly newsletter to all guild members via either e-mail or snail mail. All executive members will submit information to you ahead of time. There is also a graphics disk at your disposal.

Other than attending the monthly Executive meetings where you will have input into what the Guild is doing and where it is going in the future, we ask that you stay in this position for a two year term. However, a one year commitment would be OK as well.

Please contact Susan Harrington at the next guild meeting or by telephone if you are interested or have any questions about either of these positions.

The position of Librarian has been filled.

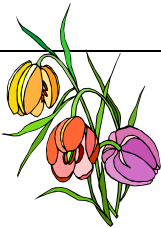
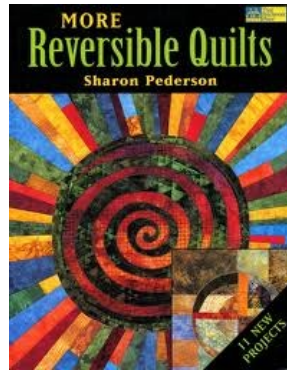
Susan Harrington

Book Review

MORE REVERSIBLE QUILTS

Sharon Pederson

If you ever wanted to make a reversible quilt this is the book for you. A brief look at the table of contents shows that Sharon has all the bases covered. She travels from fabric, tools and supplies through the blocks themselves to covering the sashing, borders and binding. Only after you have a good grounding in the information you will need does she share the projects. I peeked ahead. They are awesome. The Salted Peanut Table Runner would be a good place to start but then the Log Cabin by the Lake really caught my attention. This book has a lot to offer and definitely has my attention.



Calendar



There are several quilt shows going on in April and May. Rather than not being able to include them all in this section I will share the link I found on the web. Not only does this show Ontario shows, it contains shows right across this great country of ours.

Enjoy:

http://www.quiltersresources.net/quiltshows_canada.html



PPM (Past President's Mystery)

Saturday, March 16, 2013 – saw a full house of enthusiastic quilters. This was our first Past President's Mystery day and "WOW" it was quite a day. Almost everyone finished their blocks. Hopefully they will bring their quilt tops to our upcoming guild meeting and share these treasures with everyone. Truly it was an inspiring day as a vast array of colours were being assembled while Barb & Nancy tried to keep up with the pressing and Jackie and myself un-sewed some wayward blocks. Coffee, tea and treats flowed profusely while the sewing machines hummed continually. We broke for a delicious lunch and then back to more sewing with some chocolates added for continued stamina. Throughout the day prize draws were happening almost on the hour and everyone went home with a prize. Barb, Jackie, Nancy, and myself want to thank everyone who attended our first PPM day – we had a great time.

And for those of you who couldn't make it to the first PPM day, another date has been chosen:

Saturday, May 25, 2013 – Three Willows Church 9:00 to 3:30

(preference will be given to those who did not attend the March 16th workshop)

This is a free workshop . Don't forget to sign up.

ps: Not to mention any names but one person (Kathy Wagner) finished her quilt top before the end of the day. Way to go girl!!!