



# Royal City Quilters Guild

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Monthly Newsletter

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## NOVEMBER MEETING

**Tuesday, November 11, 2003**

Westwood United Church, Willow Road, Guelph

**6:45** Doors Open  
**7:15** Opening Remarks  
**7:30** Program  
**8:30** Break  
**8:45** Show and Share

### MEETING CHECKLIST

- ♥ Program supply list items
- ♥ Fees for workshops
- ♥ Name tag
- ♥ November Block of the Month
- ♥ Money for library raffle
- ♥ Mug or cup for coffee break
- ♥ Memory Quilt (if you made one)
- ♥ Show and Share items
- ♥ Canadian Tire money, Zehrs/Ultra tapes
- ♥ Submissions for the Dec/Jan Newsletter
- ♥ Money for book Scrap Quilts Made Easy

The following members have kindly offered to supply the goodies for the November Meeting:  
Sharon Clarmo, Annette Crewson, Cynthia Gardiner, Mary Gray, Sharon Huska, Dawn Labellé  
Diana Magrath, Barb Mehlattig, Val Richardson, Celia Webb and Nancy Wells



Our Greeters this month are: Judy Parker, Nancy Wells and Andra Curtis

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Jackie James (824-1342)*

Laughter is the best medicine.

For those of us who ventured out on such a miserable night, we certainly got their money's worth at the October guild meeting. I cannot remember the last time we had a meeting with such laughter. Nina Stahlschmidt and Marion Holman certainly entertained us well. The history lesson they gave us on feed sacks along with their wonderful sense of humour certainly made it an enjoyable meeting.

I would also like to thank everyone for your generous donations to the Food Bank.

*Regards,  
Jackie*

*It would appear that  
our guests enjoyed  
themselves as well...*



Dear Members,

Marion and I would like to thank you for our very pleasant visit with you. Such an enthusiastic group! We were surprised to see so many members out on such a wild night. It was wonderful to see so many old friends and to catch up on life's happenings....Thanks to those that shared their feed sack stories - just great. We wish you continued success and endless stitches.

*Kindest regards,  
Nina and Marion*

*And finally,*

If you were unfortunate enough to miss the October meeting you may want to check out this website for information and history on feedsacks!

<http://www.quilthistory.com/feedsacks.htm>

## PROGRAM

*Maureen Kay (843-1778)*

### *Garden of Hope Quilt*

*A Remembrance Day Project by the  
Royal City Quilters Guild members*

*An evening of fun, learning and  
friendship*

This month's program is an instructional workshop on the art of making 3D flowers. At the beginning of the program, you will receive the templates and instructions for a variety of flowers. Instructors from our own guild will be ready to teach small groups how to construct these simple but lovely flowers using easy hand sewing. ***Please bring the items suggested on the supply list.*** The flowers will be used in the design and assembly of a quilt, which the guild will be donating to The Homewood Health Centre. We are looking forward to this meeting as we get to sew and stitch together.

### Supply List for Flowers



**You will need to bring the following to the meeting:**

- ♥ Sewing kit (including needle, scissors, pins, thread)
- ♥ Hard surface such as clipboard to work on
- ♥ Pencil or marking tool
- ♥ Heavy thread
- ♥ Four or five 6" squares of red, orange, purple, pink, purple or periwinkle blue for the poppies, zinnias, forget-me-knots, or thistles
- ♥ Two 5" x 4" squares of yellow or white for the daisies.



## FROM THE LIBRARY

by Barbara Jordan (837-0818)

### November Raffle

Bring your loonies and toonies for a chance to win Omingrid's new foldaway portable cutting & pressing station!

It looks like a briefcase when folded but it opens to a 12x18 gridded mat and a non stick pressing surface side by side. Perfect for workshops, travel or use at home. Retail value \$59.95.

**Tickets \$1 each or 3 for \$2**

### What's New in the Library

#### That Dorky Homemade Look

by Lisa Boyer

#### Dancing Quilts from Straight Pieces

by Debbie Bowles

#### Happy Ending, Revised Edition

by Mimi Dietrich

#### Quilt Studio

by Pauline Burbidge

#### Down Under Quilts No 66 2003 (magazine)

#### The Quilter's Apprentice, a novel

by Jennifer Chiaverini

Book 1 in the Elm Creek Series and recommended by Barbara Johnston. The series is available at the Guelph Public Library

A big thank you to everyone who has been saving their Zehrs & Ultra tapes! For every \$450 of tapes we turn into Zehrs or Ultra, we receive \$1 for the guild. Helen Meyer (chief tape totaller) has reached the \$100,000 plateau in Zehrs tapes which translates into \$222 of "free" library items! Where do you turn in the tapes? Look for the brown bag on the check out table during guild meetings.

## A Book Review

By Nora McGuire-McLeod

### Luscious Landscapes

by Joyce R. Becker

ISBN 1-57120-194-7

The fall colours, the clouds on the skyline, the colourful leaves on the trees hold so much beauty for our eyes. All around us nature calls. We need only to tap into the sights and sounds, to give us a catalyst for creativity.

Joyce Becker, author of Luscious Landscapes reveals the simple techniques she uses to make landscape quilts. She guides quilt makers of all levels to design and complete a landscape quilt, from inception to completion.

Joyce has given the quilters ten projects to choose from. The first five chapters explore the techniques she uses. The chapters include: The Basics, Select a Design Inspiration, Ready Set Go, Baste and Embellish and lastly Texture with Machine Embroidery.

Joyce indicates your first project should be a simple design without excess detail. A good size is approximately 26" by 20".

Choose from landscape, seascapes, garden, or wilderness examples. With quick techniques and great fabric-selection guidelines, Joyce's easygoing style ensures that beginners and experienced quilters alike can create wonderful landscape quilts.



## Workshop Review

By Cindy Schwan

On October 18th the first workshop of the 2003/2004 season was held at Maria Hilt's country home. It was a delightful workshop—filled with wonderful tips on a wide variety of topics, from drafting the quilt to binding the finished work. Isabel King led the workshop and shared much of her experience, knowledge and warmth with us.

I love the workshops that are taught by Guild members. A cozy, friendly, atmosphere envelops the class from start to finish. Laughter rings out, fabric is traded, and friendships are made. And while I never seem to quite finish anything I start, I am content with what I have learned, and attempted (although I'm not so sure I will ever hand appliqué). Our thanks to you, Isabel, for making our first workshop a success!

If you have never taken a workshop through the guild, I encourage you to do so. You can't go wrong—we have a Guild filled with marvelous quilters and wonderful women. Come out and enjoy!



## Feature Workshop

The November meeting is your last chance to sign up for our next workshop which is:

### Surface Embellishments

By Sandra Thomas

In this workshop you learn to adorn your quilts with buttons, beads & ribbons. Adding buttons, beads, sequins, and trims, making tassels, prairie points, couch ribbons & braids, adding lazy daisy flowers, French knots, etc. using embroidery floss, crewel yarn and silk ribbon will be covered in this workshop. Have look at Sandra's vest which is on display at the workshop table to view a variety of the techniques that will be discussed.

*Remember we accept only cash or cheques. Spots are available in most workshops. Ask at our workshop table for more information.*



## Young Apprentice Program

We are pleased to offer the Young Apprentice program again this year. To become a young apprentice you must be between the ages of 12 and 17 and you must be accompanied to the meeting by an adult member.

The apprentice fee is \$17.00 per year. Apprentices receive the monthly newsletter and are entitled to take part in the meetings and sign up for workshops. When possible one or two apprentice workshops (held during the meeting time or at a workshop) will be offered.

If you are interested in helping out with the apprentice program please speak with Kathy Wagner at the next Guild meeting.



## We'll Have a Blue Christmas Without You!

We know you're busy or that you may have other commitments on Tuesday nights. We would like you to know that if you have not yet paid your membership dues (regular or apprentice), this will be the last newsletter we will be able to send you. If you wish to remain in the Guild and cannot make it to November's meeting, please mail your payment in to our post office box (see front page) or send it to the meeting with a friend. Make sure you include your name and address. If Tuesday evenings no longer work for you, you can keep in touch with the guild events by purchasing a newsletter membership for \$17.00. We hope to see you back in the Guild soon!

## Break-time!



If you can't get to sleep after the guild meeting, blame it on the excitement of seeing all that fabric in one place—it's not the coffee—it's **caffeine** free.

And to members in charge of goodies—if you have time, could you please bring the recipe of your goodie. We would like to publish them in our newsletter. Thanks!



## Remembering our Past



This poppy quilt was made in 1997 by members of our Guild to commemorate the 125th anniversary of Col. John McCrae's birthplace. The quilt was designed by Lisa Tomlinson-Gils at the request of the Guelph Civic Museum and was designated a raffle quilt. The winning raffle ticket was held by Mrs. D. Reid of Guelph, and on receiving the quilt, she donated it back to John McCrae house. It now resides permanently at the Museum. The poppy is the symbol of remembrance and has taken on worldwide significance. Our Guild is proud to be a part of this heritage.

## Special Interest Groups

By Sue Keuhl (826-7914)

A warm hearted thank you to everyone who brought in a donation of fabric for our Quilt Bee Day. We received a great selection of fabrics which we will enjoy mixing and matching together to make our Wheel Chair Quilts. By our next Guild meeting, we hope to be able to show some samples from our group efforts.

Reminder for the Tinnerns and Border Patrol participants. Please bring your work in for exchange at the next meeting. If you are not able to attend, please someone is able to bring your blocks in for you! The next meeting for Block Buddies will be on Tuesday, November 25th. Happy stitching everyone!



## Scrap Quilts Made Easy

The Emergency Relief for Development Overseas Organization (ERDO) will have for sale at the November meeting, Scrap Quilts Made Easy. This book will sell for \$3.00 and would make a great gift or addition to your personal library. ERDO is a non profit charitable organization that sends hospital beds, school supplies, clothing etc., to third world countries.



## Bake and Deli Sale

It's time to start perusing those cookbooks again. Our annual bake and deli sale will be held during the break at the **December** meeting. Please bring what you can. Items go quickly, and all types of holiday food are popular... jams, jellies, pickles, preserves, mixes (spices, soup, hot chocolate), and of course traditional baking. Please label your goodies (especially if they contain nuts). Also, please wrap them so they are ready to go, and price them appropriately. Don't forget to bring your wallet with plenty of small change as you will probably want to take away a few goodies for your own holiday enjoyment. **All proceeds from the sale will go directly to our Library.**

## Threads of Love

Museum Show

January 15, 2004 to Feb 29, 2004

Our guild will be presenting the "Threads of Love" show at the Guelph Civic Museum. We will require a maximum of 8 bed size quilts. We would also love to have many small lap quilts and wall hangings to complete the show. There is no restrictions on these quilts - they may have appeared at other shows. Please see Jackie James (824-1342) for further information.

# Block of the Month

By Evelyn Lane (763-4682)

The Log Cabin Stars were so pretty--thank you to everyone who participated. One nice thing about 12" blocks is that it doesn't take very many to make a full-size bed quilt. Marilyn's sample Remembrance Star blocks in blue and gold looked wonderful and inspired many comments, so we are really looking forward to your November blocks coming in.

The December Star could also be named the Christmas Star if it is done in reds and greens. Please make the background very light. And remember block patterns are published a month ahead of time, so that you have plenty of time to make them. This block is due at the **December** meeting. If you have any problems please call me at 763-4682.

Evelyn

## Log Cabin Star Blocks

won by  
Audrey Steele

## Participation Prizes

won by  
Sue Keuhl  
Annette Crewson  
Velva Rowsell

**Prizes donated by  
Len's Mill Store and  
Country Loft & Treadle & Co.**

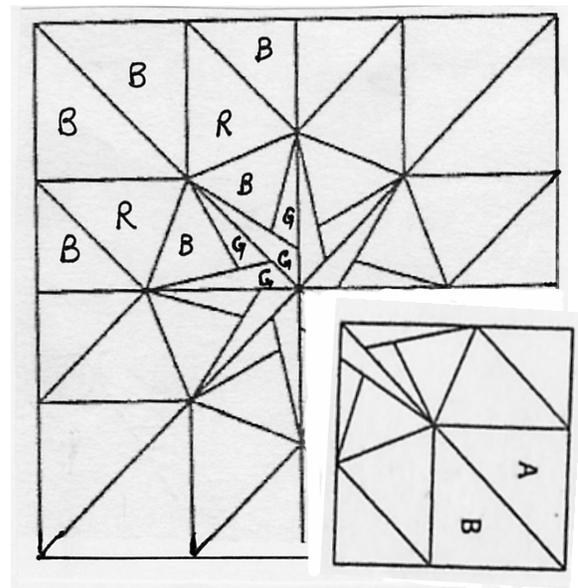


## December Star Instructions

**You may paper piece stars or make templates.  
(paper piece instructions on next page)**

### Stars from Templates

1. Make a copy of each of the A & B sections
2. Cut out each part of the section numbers 1 to 6.
3. Paste onto blank paper and add 1/4" seam allowance on each piece.
4. Cut out each numbered piece 1 to 6.
5. Use these templates to cut fabric pieces
6. Sew together as numbered: i.e., sew #1 to #2, then add #3, and so on.
7. Remember that A is the reverse of B when cutting your fabric pieces.
8. When all four A sections and all Four B sections are sewn, stitch an A and a B together to make four quarter sections.
9. Sew the four quarter sections together to form Star



(Make 4 of these blocks)

**Paper Pieced Stars**

1. Trace or copy four each of both A & B sections.
2. Cut out leaving a 1/4" seam allowance around each A & B section.
3. Stitch on stitching lines using your choice of Christmas fabrics or colours
4. Sew sections A to sections B.
5. Sew all four quarters together to form the Star

Suggested Colour Legend

B - Background, 2, 5 and 6  
R - Red - 1  
G - Green - 3 and 4

## QUILTERS' CALENDAR 2003

### The Quilt Gallery

1441 King St. St Jacobs,  
Country Mill, 3rd Floor  
October 7 - Dec. 31, 2003  
Resident Artist: Maggie Vanderweit  
Hours: M-Sat 10-6, Sun Noon-5  
Waterloo County & Area Quilt Festival  
1-888-804-7909 or [www.quiltcapitalfestival.com](http://www.quiltcapitalfestival.com)

### Elly Sienkiewicz

November 12th, 2004  
6:30 pm in the Auditorium Room  
Kitchener Public Library,  
85 Queen St., Kitchener  
Call Audrey Vrooman for tickets  
519-653-6562

### Threads of Love Quilt Exhibit

January 15—February 29, 2004  
Royal City Quilters Guild  
Guelph Civic Museum

### The Quilt: A Breast Cancer Support Project

Entry form deadline January 30, 2004  
Quilt Project due February 27, 2004. E-mail entry  
form: [callforentry@thequilt.com](mailto:callforentry@thequilt.com) or check  
[www.thequilt.com](http://www.thequilt.com)

## Volunteers Needed

The Quilt Gallery needs volunteers in November and December (especially on the weekends). If you can help out please call Diane Bonfonte at 1888-804-7909

## Interesting Websites

If you find a website that might be interesting to members of the guild, please email it to the newsletter editor or give hand it in during the meeting. We will try to list a few in each newsletter. Try these two for quilt block patterns and colourwash ideas.

<http://www.quilterscache.com/QuiltBlocksGalore.html>  
<http://www.lenorecrawford.com/>

## Editor's Note

Cindy Schwan (836-5319) [realschwans@yahoo.ca](mailto:realschwans@yahoo.ca)

Thank you to all who submitted information for this newsletter. Deadline for the next newsletter is the November Guild meeting.

## A Treasure

By Mildred Hatfield



It's more than a coverlet,  
More than a spread,  
This beautiful quilt  
That graces my bed.

It's laughter and sorrow,  
It's pleasure and pain,  
It's small bits and pieces  
Of sunshine and rain.



It's a bright panorama  
Of scraps of my life-  
It's moments of glory,  
It's moments of strife.

It's a story I cherish  
Of days that have been,  
It's a door I can open  
To live them again.



Yes, it's more than a cover,  
This much-treasured quilt,  
It's parts pieced together  
Of the life I have built.

## Directory of Services

Are you a guild member with a quilt-related business or service you would like other members to know about? We will publish a directory in the Dec/Jan issue. Send submissions to [realschwans@yahoo.ca](mailto:realschwans@yahoo.ca) or drop in the newsletter box on the stage no later than the November Guild Meeting

## Next Executive Meeting

The next meeting of the RCQG Executive will be held Tuesday, November 18, 2003, at the Co-operators Building on Macdonnell Street. We will start promptly at 7 pm and finish at 9:30. Please review your October minutes prior to the meeting.





Show and Share is worth the wait. It is the time at the end of each meeting when members bring their work up to the stage to show others what they have been working on, share a story or technique and describe how much perspiration went into the project. It is a chance for us to learn from each other. Some members bring in a newly acquired heirloom or recent purchase of an antique quilt. We love seeing these quilts as well.

If you have something to bring for Show and Share, there is an area just on the right of the stage where you can drape your projects and sign in. You will be called up in order of signing. After Show and Share, the list is given to the Historian so she has a record of names to go with the pictures she will take of you and your quilt or quilts.

Show and Share is **open for everyone regardless of skill level, experience or style.** Our Guild is made up of people with such diverse talents and interests. If you have completed a project or even just the quilt top we would love to see your work. We will give you lots of encouragement and you might even inspire us to take on a new idea. If you have never submitted anything for Show and Share, maybe you will **set a goal this year to bring in at least one project.** We all will be a little richer from what you have to share with us!

## DIRECTORY OF SERVICES

Are you a Guild member with a quilt-related business or service you would like Guild members to know about? We will publish a directory in the November issue. Send submissions to [hajk.anderson@sympatico.ca](mailto:hajk.anderson@sympatico.ca) or drop in the newsletter box on the stage no later than the October Guild meeting.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

Jocelyn Anderson (821-4713) [hajkanderson@sympatico.ca](mailto:hajkanderson@sympatico.ca)

Kudos to those of you who have already given articles for the newsletter. All submissions are really appreciated. Share your stories. We'd love to hear from all of you some time. Deadline for the next newsletter is September 10 (Guild night). You'll find a box on the stage.

Our thanks to Audrey Steele who has offered to serve

**Yea! School is in!**







