



Royal City Quilters Guild

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Monthly Newsletter

May 2005

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May Meeting

Tuesday, May 10, 2005

Westwood United Church, Willow Rd., Guelph

6:45 Doors Open

7:15 Opening Remarks

7:30 Program

8:30 Break

8:45 Show and Share

Treat List

Marilyn McKague
Karen Heal
Donna Lesar
Margaret Toth
Berni Neville
Susanne Johnson
Katrina Gordon
Catharine Johnston
Sara Penny

Thank You!

Things to Remember

- ◆ Name Tag
- ◆ Library Books
- ◆ Show and Share Items
- ◆ Block of the Month
- ◆ Money for Raffles and Purchases
- ◆ Zehrs tapes, Canadian Tire money
- ◆ Cup or Mug
- ◆ Newsletter Submissions

Greeters

Joanne Ariss
Cindy Schwan



We need our chairs filled for the Annual General Meeting. Come and enjoy our Program! Enter our library raffles and win fabulous prizes! There's lots going on at the AGM!

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SPECIAL MOMENTS

Sue Keuhl (821-7914)



At every Guild evening, there seems to be one or two really special moments that touch your heart and stay in your thoughts days after Guild night. It may be a story told with a quilt at Show and Share. It could be a conversation you had with a fellow member. It could be picking up a library book that completely inspires your next quilt. Many times, it is something our guest speaker will say. I found our last speaker, Aline Chan generated quite a few special moments. Her conviction to use her quilting to reach out to others was inspiring and breathtaking. Her stories about her travels, difficulties and friend who was forever in search of organization left some imprints on our memories. I'd like to suggest that few of these special moments were by accident. They are a result of a chain of events that come together when we meet. Sort of like baking a cake. Many different ingredients stirred up together make something really wonderful.

So, how do these moments come together? They may come from a chain of people who have met possibly as far back as last summer to plan the activities for that evening. They may also come from a series of phone calls or e-mails. They may also result from something as simple as a fresh battery in the wireless microphone! The special moments are a result of a chain of events carried out by Guild members who have volunteered to do the odd thing or two behind the scene for the purpose of a really great evening centred on our passion for quilting.

In all types of organizations, there are many types of volunteers. Some are "idea" people, some have certain areas of expertise and some are generalists or "doers". A balance of all these types of people is essential. This is certainly a sign of a healthy and thriving organization. I am so grateful to say this has been true of the Royal City Quilters Guild.

Within this newsletter, you will see the Executive Summary reports. These are brief descriptions of the tasks and responsibilities completed by members of our Executive. As you can imagine, there were so many extra little things that they did. It was heartbreaking to edit and reduce the size of the full reports.

Since my first full time job after University, I have been fortunate to work with many Executives and committees. I often get asked why I am so committed to volunteering with the Quilters Guild. I tell people without hesitation that it is because of the really excellent and thoughtful women that I have been privileged to work together with. I have always found conversations so stimulating and my own personal growth has been enhanced. I can even make tea now without breaking into a sweat! Imagine that!

Another reason why I volunteer is the opportunity, along with my fellow quilting friends, to facilitate those special moments. Have you thought of doing this too? I know some people feel they should wait to be asked. At this time of writing, we still need a few more people on our Executive, especially in the area of Program. The door is open for you! If you have an interest, don't hesitate to call Jackie James, our Nominations Chair at 824-1342.

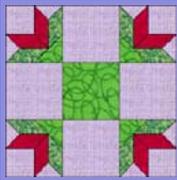
Of course, special moments are not all due to Executive activities. There are so many activities that make up the whole experience. Some tasks involve doing a bit extra before you leave home and some involve just showing up! Other ways to volunteer are: ♥ being a greeter ♥ becoming a white glover ♥ making a snack ♥ welcoming a new member by introducing yourself ♥ helping a bit with clean up ♥ joining a special interest group ♥ becoming part of a Quilt Bee ♥ bringing something to our December Bake 'n' Deli sale ♥ participating in Block of the Month ♥ being a committee member ♥ bringing in your Zehrs tapes for the Library.

Lastly, possibly the easiest way to volunteer your time is simply to attend our Annual General Meeting. And why not! It will be short! We will honour and thank our outgoing Executive and be introduced to our incoming Executive! Afterwards, there will be two outstanding "Meet the Quilters" and plenty of time to talk quilting! But honestly, we need your presence at the May meeting. We need 50% in attendance from our membership to pass our audited budget and to welcome our new Executive. We really need you there to say "yea" or "nay"!

After the May meeting, you just may be inspired to volunteer a bit more. We have a really exciting year coming up in the 2005-06 quilt year. We will be celebrating our 15th Anniversary and subsequently will be hosting our 3rd Annual Guild Show "A Gathering of Quilts 2006" There will be so many opportunities to step forward and be a part of the excitement while developing closer relationships with quilting friends.

But wait, sometimes life does get in the way! For some, the thought of volunteering for one more thing may just be too overwhelming for you right now. If you fall in that category, don't worry. Come and enjoy a "special moment" or two. That's what we're all about!

Sue Keuhl



PROGRAM

Maureen Kay (843-1778) and Sharon Beach (836-4639)

Meet the Quilters

We are delighted to welcome Laurene Davis and Verna Leeson as our speakers. As some know, their work is impeccable and beautiful. They will be gathering their work from people who have been the fortunate recipients of their quilts. Come and enjoy our stunning May show ... more inspiration for all of us!

Hats Off To You!



We would like to thank everyone who has participated in Show and Share! We have been treated to an amazing array of work by our members. We are always happy to welcome first quilts as well as all the other work that is shown by our members. We know from feedback that this is a favourite part of the meeting for many people ... thank you again for your participation!



...and a round of applause to our white glove volunteers!

Our trunk show presentations have gone so smoothly thanks to each of you who volunteered your time to help with the showing of the quilts. The white gloves have added a professional touch that our speakers have appreciated.

Guild Quilt Update

The Guild quilt is a dynamic explosion of colour! The quilt label for the back of the quilt will be available at the May and June meeting for everyone who was at the Quilt Bee last November to sign. Be sure to sign it if you made a block for the quilt. The quilt will provide a beautiful backdrop for our meetings next season!



ASK THE QUILTER

Beginner Quilting Tips

Dear Expert Quilter,

How important is a 1/4 inch seam? Can I not use a larger seam?

Suzie Sewer

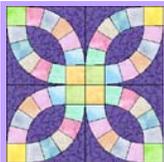
Dear Suzie Sewer,

It doesn't matter what block pattern you are sewing, it is crucial that your seams be the same size so that they can be matched to each other to meet at the corners. The quarter inch seam is standard and assumed in most quilting book patterns. To be able to use these patterns and their measurements, it is easiest to stick with a 1/4 inch seam.

Most sewing machines have available a special foot that gives a quarter inch seam, or you can buy a generic foot called the "Little Foot" You will still need to practice with the placement of the edge of the seams to be sewn.

If you cannot find a special foot, you can use masking tape on the bed of the sewing machine as a guide. Using a clear quilter's ruler, gently lower your needle at an inch mark and then place tape 1/4 inch away to guide the fabric edges. Then practice, practice, practice!





FROM THE LIBRARY

by Barbara Jordan (837-0818)

It's raffle time again! There are 3 chances to win a \$25 gift certificate and a "previously enjoyed" book **plus** 3 bonus draws from all non-winning tickets. Tickets are \$1 each, 3 for \$2 or 10 for \$5.

Package #1

\$25 Gift Certificate from **Reichard's Quick Watercolor Quilts** by Dina Pappas

Package #2

\$25 Gift Certificate from **Sew Fancy Living With Quilts** by Phyllis George

Package #3

\$25 Gift Certificate from **Sew Little Time Quilt Studio** by Pauline Burbidge

Bonus Draw #1

Dream Sewing Spaces by Lynette Black (\$30.00 value). Perhaps you saw this book at Dorothy Price's demo table during our Tips, Tricks and Tools Tradeshow in February? Thanks to Elaine Gostick for suggesting this book for the library and tracking down copies for the library and this draw. November 2004 was the fifth printing of this book, you should be able to find it at quilt and book stores if you do not win this copy.

Bonus Draw #2

4 assorted fat quarters

Bonus Draw #3

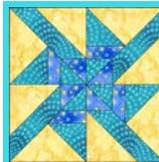
4 assorted fat quarters

Tickets will be on sale before the guild meeting and during break. All proceeds will go to library purchases.

New items in the library

Dream Sewing Spaces by Lynette Black
Fabric Journey by Ruth B McDowell
Quilting the Lodge Look by Debbie Field
 Quilting Arts Spring 2005 (magazine)

As I submit this column for the newsletter, we are just over 1 year away from our 2006 guild show on Apr 22 and 23. We have the place and dates set, the planning process has begun but we can not overlook the most important part of the quilt show.....QUILTS! Come browse the library for inspiration, jump start those creative juices or if you have a work in progress, set your deadline to March 2006. Our guild has built a great reputation over the last two shows, let's keep that momentum going!



A Book Review

By Norah McGuire-MacLeod

Beading by Machine

by Yvonne Perez- Collins
 ISBN 0-819-8642-7

When I think of beads, I remember myself as a teenager with loads of beads and fishing line. I would sit for hours at our cottage and make beaded bracelets, necklaces, headbands and rings. I still remember the pattern, the design was simple, a two colour pattern that resulted in a delicate flower. I still have the tin of beads and a few of the unfinished projects.

Beading is one of the oldest art forms in the world. Throughout history, their use for embellishment, trading and status has been important. Beads hold a sense of charm and distinctive style. There are beads to capture the interest of any designer or collector.

Yvonne Perez-Collins, author of *Beading by Machine*, considers anything with a hole as fair game for beading. Her book presents techniques and projects designed specifically for beading by sewing machine. The book is divided into three parts.

The first part, "Get Ready," pertains to beading in general. It discusses selecting, buying and crafting beads and provides some basics about tools and important techniques such as tying knots.

The second part of the book, "Get Set," introduces the reader to beading using the sewing machine. Yvonne describes what to bead on your sewing machine and then explains how to set up your machine for machine beading. It describes the tools and material needed and what general steps to take.

The third part "Let's Bead!," says it all. The chapters in this part describe specific techniques in beading and offer projects to help you master the techniques. Yvonne provides step-by-step instructions and gives the reader the techniques and tools to create a lovely work of art. This book offers the reader a variety of innovative approaches to beading on any sewing machine. A must read for any quilter who wants to add a little sparkle to their next project.



PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2005-2006

On April 30, 2005, nominations for the Executive Officers and Conveners closed. No positions were contested, thus no elections will be held at the Annual General Meeting. Thank you to all that have volunteered their energy and valuable skills to these positions. ***At this time, we still need program committee members.***

President: Sue Keuhl
Vice President: Maureen Kay
Past President: Jackie James
Secretary: Shelly Palframan
Treasurer: Helen Meyer
Past Treasurer: Dianne Cook

Program: Norah McGuire-MacLeod
Program Committee: Nancy McNab, Cindy Schwan, Christine Whitehouse (bulletin board)

Membership: Susan Martin and Gillian Robinette
Membership Committee: Lana Phillips

Newsletter Editor: Susan Knabenschuh
Newsletter Assistant: Susan Harrington

Social: Gail Brown
Social Committee: Lorelei Stinson, Nora-Jane Sutherland, Velva Rowsell

Publicity: Barbara Jordan

Special Projects: Joanne Oldridge, Liz Bayne
Special Projects Committee: Andrea Curtis, Joan Hett (memory quilts)

Library: Audrey Vrooman, Sandy Campbell
Library Committee: Florrie Lonsdale, Lana Mansfield, Frankie Poxon, Sue Birkholz, Sara Penny, Donna Reimer, Norah McGuire-MacLeod

Historian: Kathy Wagner

Nominating: Jackie James
Nominating Committee: Liz Honegger, Judy Rowan



MEMBERSHIP

*Susan Martin (519)623-8622 and
 Gillian Robinette (519)927-9431*

As we come to the end of a wonderful quilting year, it's time to think about next year. You will be receiving in next month's newsletter your renewal form for next year's Guild membership. Avoid the rush in September and bring your form and payment to the June meeting. Your name will be entered into a "Early Bird" draw for one of two free memberships. If you are changing any information on the membership form, please print clearly.



Membership Book Updates

Please make the following changes to your Guild membership book

Sue Keuhl
 e-mail: Koolhouse1@rogers.com

Gillian Robinette
 e-mail: gillian.robinette@sympatico.ca

Next Executive Meeting

An important meeting and pot luck supper for all current and new RCQG officers and chairpersons will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2005 at the home of Jackie James. We will start promptly at 6:30 pm. Directions to Jackie's house will be available at the May Guild meeting. Please bring all important information needed to brief the new chair of your respective position to the meeting.

Editor's Note

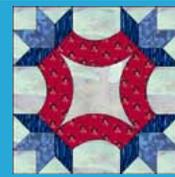
Cindy Schwan (836-5319) realschwans@yahoo.ca
 Thank you to all who submitted information for this newsletter. The deadline for the next newsletter is the May Guild meeting.





EXECUTIVE REPORTS FOR 2004/2005

Sue Keuhl (821-7914)



The 2004-2005 Quilt year was a very successful year. Each meeting ran smoothly and many innovative ideas were implemented. It has been a joy to work with such a talented, creative and positive group of women. All committee Chairs thank their members for their commitment and enthusiasm that they have brought to each task. We were fortunate to have such a wonderful group behind the scenes! Please join me in thanking them all at our Annual General Meeting in May.

Respectfully yours,

Sue Keuhl

President: Royal City Quilters Guild

Past President: Jackie James

Committee: *Judy Rowan and Liz Honegger*

The Past President's duties included assisting the President, renewal of rental contracts, monitoring the Standing Rules for potential changes, and chairing the Nomination Committee. This committee filled the vacant executive positions for the upcoming Quilt year.

President: Sue Keuhl

This year began with a brainstorming session with new and returning Executive members in June. Some ideas were immediately implemented and many are in development for this coming "Quilt" year as we enter the celebration of our 15th year in existence. The President opened each meeting as well as chaired Executive meetings. As Chair of the Development Committee, the second year of our Special Interest groups continued giving members a chance to socialize and quilt beyond Guild meetings. A Quilt Bee day took place in October to create a Guild Quilt and banners to hang as the backdrop for future meetings. Co-chairs for the Guild 2006 A Gathering of Quilts Show were secured with Jackie James and Barbara Jordan graciously stepping up to the task.

Vice President: Maureen Kay

The Vice President met several times with the President to discuss Guild business and stepped in to chair the March Executive. She has been involved with the Development Committee as well as the planning, design and execution of the Guild quilt.

Secretary's Report: Shelly Palframan

The Secretary attended all executive meetings, prepared and distributed minutes of the executive meetings. She also sent cards of well wishes to members' families.

Treasurer: Helen Meyer

It was the Treasurer's responsibility to keep accurate and concise records of the Guild's accounts. She was responsible for receiving monies collected through the Guild and for bank deposits. As well as co-signing all cheques required to pay the Guild's expenses, the treasurer provided the Executive with a budget for fiscal year of 2005, monthly financial updates and kept the Executive informed of the current balance of our accounts. At year-end, the books have been prepared for our auditor and the treasurer will be meeting with him to receive the financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2005 which will be presented at the AGM in May.

Membership: Gillian Robinette and Susan Martin

Committee: *Jackie James*

The Membership committee was responsible for registering and renewing memberships. For 2004-05 Guild year, membership stands at 176 members with 30 guests attending the meetings over the year. The Membership Committee was also responsible for providing new members with a Guild orientation package, developing and distributing a Guild address booklet, and maintaining all records, including a computer database.

Program: Sharon Beach and Maureen Kay

Committee: *Debby Clark, Joan Hett, Dorothy Price and Niki Zmija*

The Program Committee met in June and set our theme for the year, "Colour with Courage". Our monthly meetings included Deb Beirnes; Ralph Beney; making 'Cathedral Window' Christmas ornaments which were donated to the Salvation Army; Rosemary Plummer; Helen Hughes and Elizabeth Duggan; Tips, Tricks and Tools Trade-show; Chair Sale; "Executive Quilts" and Aline Chan. We look forward to Meet the Quilters Laurene Davis and

Verna Leeson. Our program wraps up in June with Martha Brown. The program also initiated finding volunteers to hold up the quilts on the stage. Thanks to the "White Glove" volunteers! In addition to the program, a very successful food/toiletry drive was held for the Food bank in February.

Publicity: Marion Osborne

Publicity for the Royal City Quilters Guild monthly meetings included notices sent each month to various local publications. The Guild's brochure was printed and distributed in the fall. The "National Quilt Month" show in May of 2004 went extremely well with quilts being hung in the Main Library Showcase, Bullfrog Mall Library and West End Library. Over 50 quilts were displayed and the response was very enthusiastic.

Library: Barbara Jordan

Committee: Theresa Bryant, Dawn Labelle, Sandy Campbell, Audrey Vrooman, Bev Matson, Florrie Lonsdale, Pat Wright, and Norah McGuire-MacLeod

A total of 48 new items have been added to the guild library in 2004-2005 to date. Aside from budgeted funds and grocery tape donations, there were raffles in May and November, the annual December Bake & Deli Sale along with the addition of the February Chair Sale which assisted in the purchasing of new books to build our library.

Workshops: Maria Hilts and Marjorie Mansell

Committee: Cynthia Gardiner, Remy Heard, and Berni Neville

The workshop committee has had a very successful year, thanks to the enthusiasm and commitment of the committee and the support of Guild members. Workshop instructors included Bev White, John Willard, Helen Hughes, Sandra Thomas and Sharon Beach. Little did the committee know that Deb Beirnes talk at our September meeting would inspire us all to control our stash!! She was the instructor for the March and April classes. Her workshop titled "Scrap Magic" was an overwhelming success and we look forward to her return in September for another workshop. The guild retreat was held May 6-8 at Crieff Hills. Vivienne Dawney was our instructor and we had a full house for the sewing plus socializing all weekend.

Special Projects: Liz Bayne & JoAnne Oldridge

Committee: Nancy McNabb, Joan Hett

The Special Projects Committee held Mini Demonstrations during break time geared to introduce quilting techniques and to encourage more interaction among members. The demos included Rotary Cutting, Paper Piecing, Mitred Corners for Borders and "Lug a Mug. The demos were done by past president Jackie James and the committee. The Mini Demos were a suggestion from the brainstorming session held last June. The Special Projects Committee also began a column in the newsletter called "Ask a Quilter. Behind the scenes, the Special Projects committee have two projects in the works for the 2005-06 Guild year. This includes a new Guild Challenge and a special monthly event to replace Block of the Month for one year.

Newsletter: Cindy Schwan

The Newsletter Editor supplied the membership with their choice of an e-mailed colour version newsletter or the regular posted version. The monthly newsletter supplied members with Guild news, block of the month patterns and schedules of quilting events. Guild speakers were also supplied with coloured versions as a souvenir of their visit with the Guild.

Historian: Joanne Ariss

The Historian photographed the monthly activities at Guild Meetings and some of the different workshops held during the year. Detailed records have been maintained and include newspaper articles and photographs, along with flyers and the monthly Guild newsletter. All of the Guild photographs have been preserved in the Historical Record's photo album. Duplicate photos are made and distributed to the Guild members, and are much appreciated. Many of the past year's photo albums were on display at the March meeting for the Guild's 14th Anniversary, for all of the members to enjoy.

Social: Gail Brown

Committee: Lorelei Stinson, Velva Roswell, Nora-Jane Sutherland and Marion Osborne

Our Social Committee chair joined us in December and has done an excellent job in securing treats and refreshments at each meeting. Prior to finding a Social Chair, the committee members cheerfully and skillfully stepped in and assumed all the duties. This remained a strong group effort throughout the year and all members and guests have appreciated their efforts.





A Quilter's Calendar

Greenwood Gallery

Evita Schvallbe

May 1-29, 2005

Reception May 7th

2:00 pm to 4:00pm

275 Woolwich Street

Guelph, ON

(519)-822-2790

Quilted Odyssey 2005

Brampton Quilter's Guild

May 14-15, 2005

Sat 10-5pm, Sun 10-4pm

Jim Archdekin Recreation Centre

292 Conestoga Dr.

Brampton, ON

Canadian Machine Quilters Showcase/Conference

May 25-28, 2005

Albert McCormick Community Centre

500 Parkside Dr., Waterloo, ON

10th Annual Waterloo County & Area Quilt Festival

May 19-29, 2005

Ontario Juried Quilt Show, World Piece: an exhibition of quilts from Australia and Quebec, Invitation: The Quilt of Belonging. Exhibits at museums, galleries and quilt shops; fashion shows, merchant mall, youth quilt block challenge, workshops and lectures. CQA/ACC celebrates in Waterloo with the National Juried Show.

Call 1-888-804-7909 or visit

www.waterlooquiltfestival.com

Quilt Festival Merchant Mall

May 25-28, 2005

Woolwich Community Arena, St. Jacobs with over 30 quilt related vendors selling fabric, patterns, notions, books, frames and more! View the Northcott Challenge with over 60 quilts and quilted items. Free Parking, Admission \$2. Visit www.waterlooquiltfestival.com or call 1-888-804-7909

Fruits of Our Labour

Sept 8-10, 205

Owen Sound Fall Fair

Contact Gladys Pennacchiotti

519 376-9953

THE PATCHWORK QUILT

Life isn't given to us all of a piece,
It's more like a patchwork quilt -
Each hour and minute a patch to fit in
To the pattern that's being built.

With some patches light - and some patches dark,
And some that seem ever so dull -
But if we were given to set some apart,
We'd hardly know which to cull.

For it takes the dark patches to set off the light,
And the dull to show up the gay -
And, somehow, the pattern just wouldn't be right
If we took any part away.

No, life isn't given us all of a piece,
But in patches of hours to use,
That each can work out his pattern of life
To whatever design he might choose.

~ Helen Lowrie Marshall ~

Scrap Alert!

We are beginning to collect scraps or larger pieces of fabric for the Guild's Quilt Show next April. Fabric should be all cotton, and if possible at least 5" by 3" in size. Bright colours and 6" swatches would be most welcome. These scraps will be used for grab bags and for giveaways at the door - this time they will be needle-cases. Please bring your scraps to the next meeting. If you have any questions, please talk to Liz Honegger or Gillian Robinette. This is your chance to clean out those drawers and shelves!



May is National Quilt Month





FROM THE LIBRARY

by Barbara Jordan (837-0818)

