



# Royal City Quilters Guild

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Monthly Newsletter

February 2006

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## February Meeting

Tuesday, February 14, 2006

Three Willows (formerly Westwood) United Church,  
577 Willow Rd., Guelph

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



## Meeting Checklist

- ✓ Membership Fees
- ✓ Workshop Fees
- ✓ Name Tag
- ✓ Food Bank Donation



- ✓ Library Books
- ✓ Show and Share Items
- ✓ Artist Trading Cards
- ✓ Newsletter Submissions



- ✓ Zehrs/Ultra Tapes
- ✓ Canadian Tire Money
- ✓ Cup or Mug

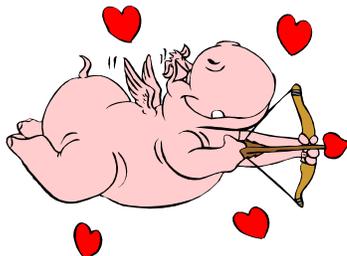
These members have kindly offered to provide treats for the February meeting:

Cindy Dowling, Shirley Green, Helen Hughes, Maria Kee,  
Sara Penny, Audrey Steele and Lorelei Stinson



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Greeters this month are

**Vicki Gobbi**  
**Susan Knabenschuh**

## Message from the President

Sue Keuhl (826-7914)



About four years ago, a dear friend of mine told me “there are no such things as coincidences”. This idea stuck in my mind. Since I have embraced this thought, I have found each new day is full of surprises. Often welcomed! The idea of a coincidence has been tossed about for ages. The dictionary defines it as “a remarkable concurrence of events or circumstances without apparent casual connection” (Concise Oxford Dictionary, 1990). Philosophers, psychologists,



theologians, mystics and others have had a great deal to say about coincidences. The word has been meditated, contemplated, postulated and even satirized. It seems that everyone has something to say about a series of coincidences and the meaning they have in our lives.

Ever had the name of someone in your mind and hours later you’ve run into them? Think of a favourite movie and find to your surprise that it is on TV the next time you sit down to relax. Buy a new sweater and find out the next day your best friend is wearing the same sweater? The list goes on and on. I “googled” the word coincidence and found that in German it is called “zufall” or something that “falls towards you out of the blue”. Interesting thought!

I am sure our Program Chair, Norah McGuire MacLeod was feeling like something fell out of the blue when she received the call that our scheduled guest speaker was not able to attend our meeting last month. These are the things we joke about but hope will never happen. You may or may not know that most of our activities for the Guild year are planned out in the summer. On our Executive and supporting committees, we have a brilliant group of smart and creative women who prepare the best possible plans and programs for us. Despite our efforts, there will always be that bit of wiggle room where things may not quite go as planned.

This is part of the fun and magic that goes on behind the scenes. Perhaps you may have noticed by the odd smile or look of relief on our faces when we’ve pulled something off that by all standards was against the odds. Yes, there have been fun moments when the microphone didn’t work until the minute before the meeting started. A few times the projection screen went missing. A few times where we couldn’t find the guest speaker (or at least it appeared that way!). These are the moments we now laugh at and have bonded over.

So was it a coincidence that we had to make last minute changes to our program last month? The great thing about hiring professional speakers is that very little goes wrong. They have a polished speech and presentation. We are fortunate to have the funds to attract such great names to our stage. We are also fortunate to have such a wealth of talent in our Guild. While I regretted that our guest speaker wasn’t available, I know my quilting life was truly enriched by the presentations of our own talented members. I went home totally inspired and yearned to reach for my fabrics while firing up the sewing machine. What a sensational feeling for someone who likes to create! How truly fortunate we were that three individuals were available to answer the phone when Norah gave her passionate plea to ask them to show their quilts on stage. A sincere word of thanks to Isobel King, Joy Lefneski and Helen Martin. I am sure their initial response to Norah was “but everyone has already seen my quilts!”. I am so glad that didn’t hold them back from packing up and bringing their quilts for old and new members to appreciate. The stories and behind the scenes details about each quilt brought each creation to life. Did you notice that the best quilt stories are about a series of coincidences? Being in the right place at the right time? Finding the last bit of fabric by chance? Saving a quilt from the garbage? These are cliffhanger stories for a quilter!

Of course, it is often more comfortable to talk about coincidences after the fact. When you are in the eye of the hurricane, unplanned events can certainly raise your heart beat! For sure we know as we prepare quilts for our upcoming quilt show: “A Gathering of Quilts” on April 22 and 23, there will of course be a few unplanned obstacles in the mix of things. As the heart starts to pound when you run out of fabric, or the machine dies or the thread runs out when it was the last spool in the dye lot, remember this is where your creativity will thrive and the real magic will take over. Our choice is to panic and give in or to press on to see what happens. Real moments of creativity and invention come out of these types of scenarios. We look forward to seeing the fruits of your labour in April.

Remember, there are no coincidences! Thanks for the inspiration!

*Sue Keuhl*

# Program

Norah McGuire-McLeod (220-1248)

The Program committee wants to extend a big thank you to Isobel King, Joy Lefneski and Helen Martin for generously sharing with us their quilts and stories. I heard it more than once, that it was the Program Convener's worst nightmare—a no-show for the program. I was grateful the night went off without a hitch due to the help and support of others. I may have gotten a few more grey hairs, but I am not counting.

Now to February's program. This our Demo Night. The following techniques will be demonstrated.

- ♦ Borders - Mitered
- ♦ Silk Ribbon Embroidery
- ♦ Hand Applique
- ♦ Hand Beading
- ♦ Quilt-as-you-go
- ♦ Making a Sleeve
- ♦ Hand Quilting
- ♦ Embellishments
- ♦ Thread Painting



I hope everyone is looking forward to revisiting old techniques and viewing some new ones. The night is “up close and personal”, a time to ask questions and get new ideas. Come and join in the fun!



# Special Projects

Liz Bayne (763-6337) and  
JoAnne Oldridge (821-3112)

## ARTIST TRADING CARDS

Our “wall of colour” to be displayed at A Gathering of Quilts 2006 is growing with over 200 ATC's collected. Many members have enjoyed making and submitting their cards.



For those who do not have time to enter the Celebration Challenge, how about challenging yourself to create an ATC for our “wall of colour”?

Instructions can be found in your September and November newsletters. Our hope is to have something to displayed from every member at the Quilt Show.

## Challenge “CELEBRATION”



Can you keep a secret? Prizes! Prizes! Prizes!

You already know that ribbons will be awarded for prize winning quilts. There will also be cash prizes. Stay tuned for more news next month and keep working on your Celebration Challenge Quilt!

## TRADING CARD MONTHLY THEME COLOURS

September - Yellow
October - Orange
November - Black and White
December - Silver and Gold
January - Blue
February - Red
March - Purple
April - Green



**Favourite Websites from December's Meeting**

December's speaker, Judy Eckhardt, who spoke to us about Computer Assisted Quilting has provided a list of some of her favourite websites. She has also noted that sewing machine manufacturers have excellent websites full of help, suggestions, tutorials and free patterns. Be sure to check them out!

- ♦ [www.canadianquilter.com](http://www.canadianquilter.com)
- ♦ [www.quilting.about.com](http://www.quilting.about.com)
- ♦ [www.quiltuniversity.com](http://www.quiltuniversity.com)
- ♦ [www.patchworkstudio.com](http://www.patchworkstudio.com)
- ♦ [www.piecepatcher.com](http://www.piecepatcher.com)
- ♦ [www.quiltersfancy.ca](http://www.quiltersfancy.ca)
- ♦ [www.quiltersline.com](http://www.quiltersline.com)
- ♦ [www.thehobbyhorse.on.ca](http://www.thehobbyhorse.on.ca)
- ♦ [www.victorianpleasures.com](http://www.victorianpleasures.com)
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**Greeters Needed**

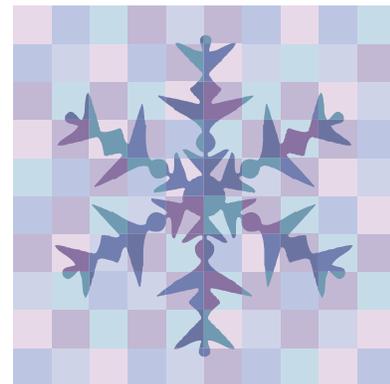
We will be circulating a sign-up sheet for Greeters at this month's meeting. Please consider signing up. We thank you for your generosity.



**MEMBERSHIP**

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

The cost of membership for the remainder of this Guild year is now \$17.00. The fee for a guest is still \$5.00. If you bring a friend to the meeting as a guest, please escort them to the membership table where they can be welcomed and given further information about the Guild .



**Inclement Weather**

In the case of inclement weather, please listen for an announcement of meeting cancellation on the Guelph radio stations CJOY (1460 on the AM dial) or MAGIC (106.1 on the FM dial).

**A Gathering of Quilts  
April 22-23**

Don't forget to pick up the latest "yellow page" for Show News.

Seek out the blue and green balloons for all show info.



## FROM THE LIBRARY

by Audrey Vrooman (653-6562)

**THANK YOU!** December's Deli and Bake Sale was a tremendous success. We raised almost \$300.00 (\$298. to be exact) for library purchases. Look for the yellow sticker which identifies new items, including this month's additions. Many thanks to all the members who contributed to our fundraising activities, either by donating items or by buying goods. There were some terrific bargains to be found. Special thanks to Liz Honegger who generously donated more than 200 magazines for use in the Library and at the sale.

### New Items in the Library

This month, the following items will be added to your Library:

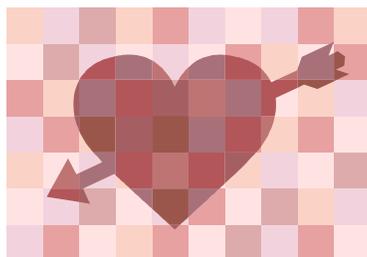
For those interested in **traditional quilt patterns and appliqué**:

- ♦ **Quilting for the Men in Your Life**, Krush
- ♦ **Thimbleberries Big Book of Quilt Blocks**, Jensen
- ♦ **Raise the Roof – Appliqued Houses and Buildings**, White
- ♦ **Liberated String Quilts**, Marston

For those interested in **embellishment and fibre art techniques**:

- ♦ **Quilt Savvy – Simple Thread Painting**, Prince
- ♦ **Stitch Magic**, Beaney and Littlejohn
- ♦ **Quilt Toppings – Fun and Fancy Embellishment Techniques**, Crust
- ♦ **Quilting Arts Magazine**, Winter 2005

Another new addition to the library is “**The Patchwork Pilgrimage**”, donated by Jill Liddell. Thanks, Jill! If there is a book you'd like to see in the Library, please let us know. You can either contact Sandy Campbell or me, or leave us a note in the Suggestion Book at the Check Out desk. We like to hear from you!



The Library is open from 6:45 p.m. to 7:10 p.m. and for ten minutes at the break.

## A Book Review

By Norah McGuire-McLeod 220-1248

### Casting Shadows by Colleen Wise

ISBN 1-57120-295-1



The sun is finally shining today. I was beginning to think that this winter we would only see clouds, rain and more rain. As I think back to my childhood and the winters I grew up with the minute you stepped outside, the magic filled the air, the winter sunshine and cold northern air would cause the snow to sparkle and cast wonderful shadows. One of my favorite pastimes, was to go cross country skiing, with my sister in the park outside of my hometown, Schreiber. We would marvel at the picturesque scenes of the undisturbed snow, trees, and lakes and how the shadows would dance across the snow as my sister and I skied down the paths. It wasn't so much the skiing I remember but the great talks, we had in those shadowed-filled areas. Colleen Wise's book, *Casting Shadows*, explores the use of shadows in quilting. She uses a variety of tools to add dimension to her work: colour and value, piecing, applique, dyeing and discharging, painting, and quilting. Colleen starts by taking the readers through her thought process, by discussing the properties of shadows, the shape of shadows, and the colour of shadows. She explores the use of colour and value and how they can create depth in your quilts. She takes the reader step-by-step and teaches you how to incorporate shadows that are pieced right into the designs to create a three-dimensional look. She uses both perspective settings and drop shadows and gives many examples of both for the reader to learn from. Another method Colleen describes is the applied drop shadows. The shadow creates the illusion that that particular piece is hovering above the surface of its surroundings. Discharging is a method used to remove the dye from your fabric, and recreate the realistic blurry shadows seen in nature. This method uses common household chemicals, so anyone can try it. Colleen has given the readers many examples to use to create shadows. Each method can be used alone or in combination of several. The placement of shadows behind objects on the quilts can be controlled by colour, shape, and orientation of those shadows. These choices influence the perception of the viewer and the quilter treats the viewer to a illusion that is frozen in time. Colleen's *Casting Shadow* is a great book for any level of quilter and the quilter has many techniques to choose from to create shadows in your quilting designs.





## WORKSHOPS 2005-2006

*Marjorie Mansell (837-3217) and Maria Hiltz (836-7657)*

Register now for the remaining workshops! Cash or cheques only please. We are at the main doors before the meeting and during break. Cheques should be made payable to The Royal City Quilters Guild. Payment is due upon registration. All workshops will be offered on Saturday from 9 am to 3 pm at the Turfgrass Institute on Victoria Road South, Guelph, Please bring a lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided.

**Refund Policy:** No refunds. We will try to keep a waiting list and you may contact someone on this list if you need to miss the workshop.

### Dimensional Construction

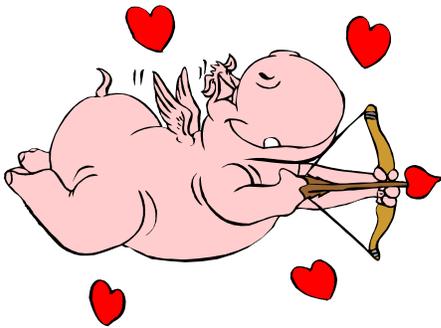
*with Helen Hughes*

This construction technique builds on a simple visual theme or motif that is repeated throughout the quilt. Several fabrics are cut into shapes around a chosen theme and then appliquéd to background fabrics. A series of building blocks are created, cut, rearranged and then reattached to form an interesting wall quilt.

March 4, 2006

Cost \$40

All Levels



### Tumbling Glass

*with Anna Reddish*

Tumbling Glass is a popular contemporary pattern designed by Martha Brown, Anna's business partner. This 61" x 61" wall quilt is made up of 16 identical blocks, but many different effects can be achieved depending on the colour selection and block layout. This is a perfect pattern to feature hand-dyed fabrics done in a previous workshop!

*Turfgrass Institute (9 - 3pm)*

May 6, 2006

Cost \$40 + Pattern

All Levels

### Community Outreach Comfort Quilt Project

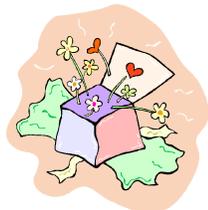
*Joan Hett 763-1395*

Our Comfort Quilt project is well under way. As you know, these quilts will be provided to the Pediatric Sexual Assault Unit at the Guelph General Hospital. The recipients of these quilts will vary in age from toddlers to teenagers with the majority being older girls and teenagers. Quilts approximately 45" x 60" would suit the younger children, while lap-size quilts approximately 58" x 70" would suit the older teenagers. Please remember that this is an ongoing project. If you are busy with show pieces now and can make a Comfort Quilt over the summer or into next fall, that's great too! Thanks to all who signed up for the Quilt Bee Day on February 11. We had a great response and are ready to sew. Thanks also to Greenwood Quiltery for providing a space for us to work.



### "A Gift from the Heart"

Food Bank donations will be gratefully received this month. Toiletry items (soap, toothpaste, shampoo, feminine protection), socks and underwear are particularly needed at this time.



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jackie James (824-1342)  
Judy Rowan (824-5108) and Liz Honneger (821-1718)

### *Nominations Are Now Open*

*Volunteers are the hands and heart of a guild!*

January marked the opening of nominations for next year's Guild Executive. All positions, with the exception of Past President and Past Treasurer, are open to any paid member of the Guild.

January also marked the start of recruitment of members to serve on the Executive and the various committees. Volunteers are essential to the success of our group and are the backbone of all organizations including our Guild. Every member of our Guild is invited to participate in its operation by volunteering in some way, be it a big or small contribution. If you feel you have the necessary skills or an interest that would serve the Guild please consider being a volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering or need more information please contact a member of the Nominating Committee (telephone numbers listed above) or any member of the Executive.

*The following is a brief description of the positions of the Executive, Conveners, and their committees:*

**President:** Shall preside over and conduct the general and the executive meetings, and serve as ex officio member to all the committees.

**Vice President:** Shall assist the President when necessary, and cover any areas not covered by other committees.

**Secretary:** Is responsible for general correspondence and shall take accurate minutes of proceedings at the executive meetings and the AGM.

**Treasurer:** Is responsible for all the Guild funds, keeping up-to-date records, and preparing financial reports.

*The remainder of the positions are comprised of a convener and committee members.*

**Program:** Is responsible for planning and arranging interesting and varied programs

**Membership:** Is responsible for keeping membership lists updated, collecting annual dues and admitting new members

**Workshop:** Is responsible for planning and organizing workshops and arranging for facilities

**Publicity:** Is responsible for publicizing guild meetings and workshops, and other events as necessary

**Newsletter:** Is responsible for preparing and distributing monthly newsletter to all guild members

**Social:** Is responsible for preparing tea, coffee and juice and arranging for snacks at guild meetings

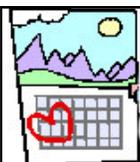
**Special Projects:** Is responsible for organizing special events/activities as requested by the executive

**Librarian:** Is responsible for the operation of the Guild library, and the recommendation of new purchases to increase the library's inventory

**Historian:** Is responsible for the written and pictorial history of the Guild.

**Community Outreach:** Is responsible for the co-ordination of Comfort Quilts to the Pediatric Sexual Assault Unit at the Guelph General Hospital

**If you are interested in volunteering for one of the following positions, please contact Jackie James (824-1342).**



## A Quilter's Calendar 2006

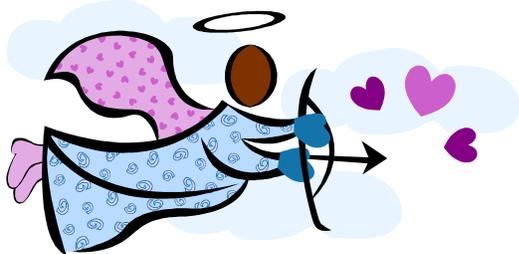
February 3-27, 2006 **"Miniature Madness"** by Pat Menary will be held in the Gallery at Greenwood Quiltery, 275 Woolwich Street, Guelph, Ontario. Opening reception, meet the artist on Saturday, February 11, 2006 from 2:00 to 4:00.

**Quilt Fever 2006:** Etobicoke Quilters Guild show and sale of members work from the past two years held on March 24, 25, 26 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Large Merchants Mall, Tea Room, Quilt Raffle and two galleries full of wonderful quilts, wall hangings, quilted garments and other items. Located at Nielson Part Creative Centre, 56 Neilson Drive, Etobicoke (one block west of Hwy. 27, North of Dundas Street). Full details and map on website, [www.etobicokequiltersguild.com](http://www.etobicokequiltersguild.com)



### NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING

The next meeting of the RCQG Executive will be held Tuesday, February 21, 2006, at the Co-operators Building on Macdonnell Street. We start promptly at 7 pm and finish at 9:30. Please review your January minutes prior to the meeting.



## Membership

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

A reminder to please keep your membership information up to date. After the publication of the membership book, all membership changes will be listed in the newsletter, so that you can make any changes in your book. Please pick up your membership booklet at the membership table.

### New Member Additions:

**Carla Cowtan**, 4120 Downey Road, R.R.#2, Puslinch, ON N0B 2J0, Telephone: 827-1401

**Rhonda Gatto**, 43 Balmoral Drive, Guelph, ON N1E 3N7, Telephone: 823-1210,  
Email: [rmgatto@rogers.com](mailto:rmgatto@rogers.com)

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Email: [Peter-lyall@sympatico.ca](mailto:Peter-lyall@sympatico.ca)

**Marty Start**, 306-21 Woodlawn Road East, Guelph, ON N1H 1G6, Telephone: 763-8250

**Paula Reid**, 164 Rickson, Guelph, ON N1G 4Y6, Telephone: 766-9908,  
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### EDITOR'S NOTE

*Susan Knabenschuh (836-6274 or [susan@qualitycomputing.ca](mailto:susan@qualitycomputing.ca))*



Thank you to all who submitted information for this newsletter. The deadline for the next newsletter is the February Guild meeting.

### A final note.....

At the March meeting we will be celebrating our 15th Anniversary. There will be a free gift to all members who attend, unveiling of finished quilts from our last two Quilt Bees, a blue and green theme for the night, and more surprises. You won't want to miss our celebration!