



Royal City Quilters Guild



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Monthly Newsletter

March 14, 2006

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March Meeting

Tuesday, March 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

- ✓ Name Tag
- ✓ Library Books
- ✓ Show Registration Forms
- ✓ Zehrs/Ultra Tapes
- ✓ Show and Share Items
- ✓ Artist Trading Cards
- ✓ Cup or Mug
- ✓ Blue and Green Theme
- ✓ Challenge Quilt
- ✓ Mini Quilt



In honour of our 15th Anniversary, treats will be provided.

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Greeters this month are

Dorothy Price
Sharon Huska

Message from the President

Sue Keuhl (826-7914)

Our February Guild Night was a flurry of activity! I really enjoyed the chance to mix, mingle and interact with you. Everyone's displays for the demos were so inviting and inspiring. A few of us were lamenting that a few more skills will have to be added to our list! There always seems to be a bit of a cost factor involved with new inspiration! That is a quilter's life, isn't it!?!?

If you weren't present during the meeting, a few announcements were made concerning our members. I should repeat the one made regarding Maureen Kay who has been our Vice President since Fall 2004. Shortly before Christmas, Maureen was diagnosed with Breast Cancer and has undergone surgery to remove cancerous tissue. Despite a few complications, prognosis since the operation has been good and very positive for a full recovery. In lieu of this experience, Maureen has decided to step down from her role as Vice President so she can fully devote herself to her recovery. She is taking the time to rest, read, walk, do yoga and get back to her hand stitching. She has received and enjoyed the "Thank You" card that everyone at the February meeting signed. Hopefully we will see her at our next meeting! We are fortunate that Barbara Jordon has graciously stepped into the position of Vice President. Currently, she is Chair of Publicity and Co-chair of our upcoming Guild Show. Her professionalism, resourcefulness and positive attitude will be an asset as she assumes her new responsibilities as Vice President. We thank her for accepting this new role.

As I reflect on the many people who have been on our Executive, I think about how each person slightly tweaks or asserts their personal touch on various aspects of our Guild evenings. There are too many examples to mention. When visiting with Maureen, I asked what her desire for the Guild was. She responded that she would like to see the art of quilting promoted. What a delicious thought. I have been contemplating this a fair bit. Firstly, I began to take a look at what we are already doing to promote our quilting. Naturally, each time we get together at our monthly meetings, we are bringing quilting into light. We have a chance to be inspired and encouraged. We build each other up in our work and share our expertise. Next, I thought about our Guild Show. What a wonderful way to promote quilting. On April 22nd and 23rd, we will open the doors of the Legion to unveil our wonderful, glorious works of art! We hope to attract family, friends, fellow quilters and potential quilters. A quilt show is a great forum to reach out to members of our community who would like to quilt but not sure where to start. Do you have something ready for the show?!?! At this time of writing, we have a few weeks left to complete our work. See pages 5 and 6 for some important dates, contacts and updates for the show! Unless you have vacation time coming or a few sick days where sewing isn't prohibited, chances are it is too late to start a large quilt! Don't be discouraged about the other opportunities to get a piece in the show. What seems impossible may become a reality! Flip through this newsletter and previous ones for guidelines, dimensions and instructions to get in a smaller piece in the show. Submit yourselves to the idea of a messy house and quick/easy meals for a few weeks. You might be amazed to see what you can come with!

I do know there are a fair number of quilts out there that a few of you are hesitant to enter in the show. Some of us may feel like our work isn't worthy. I would like to dispel that myth. Everyone's work needs to be seen. Your piece just might be the one quilt that inspires a new or potential quilter to say "I would like to try that". You will become instrumental in promoting and passing along the art of quilting! We need to show our quilts to perpetuate the art through future generations. Our quilts also provide fond memories of the past for many who will attend our show. Please consider sharing your quilts with us!

Aside from the activities we are currently doing within our Guild, if you have more thoughts on how we can promote the art of quilting, please bend our ears to tell us. We would love to know your thoughts. You can contact me at koolhouse1@rogers.com. We would love to know what direction you would like to see our Guild step into. Your input is valuable! Happy and safe quilting to you all!!



Program

Norah McGuire-McLeod (220-1248)

Wow, what a night. I can't remember seeing so much talent in one room and at the same time. The Program Committee would like to extend a great big thank you to the following guild members who demonstrated their techniques for all of us to see. Those members include: Mary Howlett Nero, Marilyn Watson, Kathy Wagner, Andrea Curtis, Linda Stewart, Sue Keuhl, Shelly Palframan, Isobel King, Nancy Wells, Nancy McNab, Evelyn Lane, Judy Eckhardt. I can't wait to try out some of those techniques I saw. Once again, thanks for making the February program a success. Thanks to Barbara Jordan for the donation of the great Valentine chocolates. I hope the winners enjoyed them.

Now for March's program: Denise McKenna has been teaching for the past 13 years and her classes are based on specialized paper piecing techniques. She started designing her own patterns, under the Meadow Lily Bridge. Her paper pieced patterns are sold throughout Canada, the United States and in Australia. She is bringing her trunk show for us to see and titles it "Learning the Hard Way". She will also be selling her patterns during the break. You don't want to miss this program.

15th Anniversary Celebration Events

- ✿ A free gift to each member attending the March meeting.
- ✿ Unveiling of the Palliative Care Quilt and Guild Quilt
- ✿ In honour of our Guild Challenge, the theme colours for the evening are blue and green. So if you're daring and want to have some fun, why not come dressed for the occasion.



Happy Anniversary

By Kathy Wagner, Historian

This month we celebrate our 15th Anniversary! As most of you know, our founding member, Evelyn Lane, planted the seeds for the Guild in March of 1991 with a group of twenty interested quilters meeting at her home. Several of our founding members are still members of our Guild and continue to attend our monthly meetings. As of this year our membership has grown to over 180 quilters!!

Over the years the Guild has been involved in numerous community activities, made countless quilts to provide comfort and warmth to the recipients, as well as to raise money for worthy causes. The Guild has continued to provide entertaining programs to inspire and teach us, as well as provide opportunities for us to learn new skills, develop our quilting talents, and to enjoy the company of quilters.

We extend our gratitude to everyone who has contributed their time, talents and energy to operation of the Guild over these past 15 years. We wouldn't be here together as a Guild without all of this hard work..... **THANK YOU!!!**

Please visit the anniversary table during the March Guild meeting to view some of our historical records from the past 15 years.



FROM THE LIBRARY

by Audrey Vrooman (653-6562)

Last month's "Tips and Techniques" program was a great way to learn from some of our accomplished members about the ways they are able to make their quilts sparkle! If you're interested in building on your knowledge and skills, or even if you're just looking for some new inspiration over the cold winter months, your Library has lots to choose from.

New Items in the Library

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

For those interested in traditional quilt patterns and appliqué:

Keep Quilting by Alex Anderson
 Designing with Built In Borders by Sally Schneider
 Clever Quarters by Susan Dissmore
 Favorite Quilts, Fast & Fun by Smith and Milligan
 Cozy Flannel Quilts by Lynette Jensen
 Miss Rosie's Quilt Collection, Carrie L. Nelson
 P.S. I Love You 3 by Smith and Milligan

For those interested in quilt design, embellishment and new techniques:

Quilt It for Keepsakes Magazine 2005
 Fantastic Finishes by Rodale
 Quilt Maniac's Playbook by Nicole Chambers
 Creative Tucks and Textures by Jennie Rayment
 The New Applique by Trice Boerens

Also, thanks to Kathy Wagner and Gloria Longshaw who donated nearly new books to the Library for all of us to enjoy. Finally, an update on Zehr's tapes - it's amazing how quickly they add up! This month we submitted \$107,000 in tapes which will yield almost \$238. for library purchases. A heartfelt thanks to all members who help in our participation in this program. It is a key source of funds for building our Library.

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



A Book Review

By Norah McGuire-McLeod 220-1248

Miss Rosie's Quilt Collection

by Carrie L. Nelson

ISBN 1-57486-5366

If you adore quilts in harmonious colors, then you must have this collection of 14 patterns from Carrie Nelson and her canine friend, Miss Rosie! Each gives a new twist to an all-time favorite pattern. Choose the antique tones of Radio Flyer and zip through your quilt's creation, or stop and smell the pastel flowers while piecing Rosie's Posies. For quilts that make your heart sing, stitch Amadeus in rich, lively shades and Uptown Girl in fun, refreshing hues.

Whether you're brand new to quilting or you've been "A Round" the (quilt) block a time or two, you'll find the perfect project here. Choose from Six Degrees, Sweet Emma Rose, Tag Sale, Amadeus, Uptown Girl, and many others. Each pattern includes photos and easy rotary-cutting directions. Carrie gives detailed instructions for all of the 14 quilts in her book along with great tips. You'll quickly learn there's no such thing as too many prints! A must read for any quilter.



SHOW NEWS

Contacts

Do you have specific questions about part of the show? Are you wondering who you need to contact? The following lists the Who's Who for our upcoming Show. Now if you need a question answered, you will know the right person to contact. You may also come to the show table during the meeting for assistance.

Artist Trading Cards - Liz Bayne, JoAnne Oldridge
Awards & Judges - Helen Hughes
Challenge - Liz Bayne, JoAnne Oldridge
Demonstrations - Sharon Beach
Door Prizes - Marion Osborne
Grab Bags - Gillian Robinette
Merchants Mall - Jackie James, Barbara Jordan
Mini Raffle and Silent Auction - Joanne Ariss, Kathy Wagner
Publicity - Nancy McNab
Registrar - Marion Osborne
Secretary - Shelly Palframan
Show Newsletter - Cindy Schwan
Tea Room (decorating & setup) - Jane Berberich, Gloria Longshaw
Treasurer - Helen Meyer
Volunteers and Staffing - Cynthia Gardiner

2006 Show Co-Chairs - Jackie James, Barbara Jordan

WANTED!

QUILTS



COLOUR — ANY — (the brighter the better)

STYLE — ANY — celebration theme is perfect
 (eg: Wedding, birthday, anniversary, birth, etc.)

To display in the Tea Room at our quilt show

Contact: Jane Berberich 821-9337
 Gloria Longshaw 821-1844

Dates to Remember

- March 14** Registration forms for all non-Challenge quilts due to Marion Osborne
- March 24** All Challenge quilts due to JoAnne Oldridge and Liz Bayne
- April 11** ATC cards due to JoAnne Oldridge and Liz Bayne
- April 18** All other quilts due to Marion Osborne
- April 21** Set up of Quilt Show at Legion
- April 22 & 23** Quilt Show

Mini Quilt Auction and Raffle

We hope everyone had a chance at our last meeting to admire the great display of some of the mini quilts that have been donated to our mini auction and raffle. They are all so colourful and unique - what a great group of quilters we are! Don't they just inspire all of you to create your own special mini to donate to our raffle? We still need your help in reaching our final goal of 135 minis. Having just passed our halfway mark, we are counting on everyone's generosity and support and know we can achieve this goal!

Every month we have a great prize for one of the quilters who handed in their completed mini. February's winner was Christine Whitehouse. Congratulations and thank you for helping the Guild with your donation.

Please remember each little mini quilt will require a hanging sleeve and label. Visit with us at our display at the back of the meeting room. We are looking forward to receiving your mini quilt donation.

Joanne Ariss and Kathy Wagner

Artist Trading Cards

Notice!

We are accepting **all colours** of **Artist Trading Cards**.

While assembling the ATC's on the display board, we have heard these comments repeated each month as members view the fabulous collection.

"The ATC's are so beautiful, but I am not creative."

If you are a quilter, you are a creative person.

"The ATC's are so small, I only work on large projects."

Maybe you would enjoy a change.

"I don't have an embellishment collection to use".

Quilting patterns, embroidery techniques, machine or hand quilting are all useable techniques.

All quilters have a **stash of scraps**. So...choose your favourite colour, and go for it!

The March colour is **purple** and April is **green**.

TRADING CARD MONTHLY THEME COLOURS



Challenge

Attention all Challenge Quilters!

Two challenge quilts have been received. We are looking forward to at least 40 more.

Remember, when your quilt is entered, you will receive a **ticket** to our show, A Gathering of Quilts. JoAnne and Liz request that, if possible, entries be submitted at our Guild meeting on **March, 14th**.

Keep those creative ideas flowing! The Challenge Theme, "**Celebration**", is open to interpretation. Happy Quilting!

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LAST WORKSHOP FOR THIS YEAR

Marjorie Mansell (837-3217) and Maria Hilts (836-7657)

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. 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 are unable to attend.

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, Victoria Rd. South (9 - 3pm)

May 6, 2006 Cost \$40 + Pattern All Levels



NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING

The next meeting of the RCQG Executive will be held Tuesday, March 21, 2006, at the Co-operators Building on Macdonnell Street. We start promptly at 7:00 pm and finish at 9:30 pm. Please review your February 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:

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From the Editor

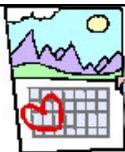
Susan Knabenschuh (836-6274)

Have you ever wanted to see the newsletter in colour? If you have access to a computer, here's how.

- * You need Adobe Reader (version 5.0 or above) installed on your computer. Adobe Reader is on most computers. It is the program that allows you to read files designated as "pdf". It is easily downloaded (at no cost) from the internet. The address is www.adobe.com and click on the link that says "Get Adobe Reader".
- * If you already have Adobe Reader, type in the following address and you will see February's issue. The address is

<http://www.qualitycomputing.ca/RCQG/RCQG-0602-13411.pdf>

If you would like to get the newsletters by E-mail, send me an E-mail at susan@qualitycomputing.ca.



A Quilter's Calendar 2006

March 2-April 29, 2006 "**Connections**" **Fibre Arts Group Exhibit** will be held in the Gallery at Greenwood Quiltery, 275 Woolwich Street, Guelph, Ontario. Opening reception on Saturday, March 4, 2006 from 2:00 to 4:00. Gallery hours: Monday through Wednesday and Saturday 10:00 to 5:00, Thursday and Friday 10:00 to 6:00.

January 29 - April 2, 2006 "**Connections in Guelph—Fibre Art Compositions**" - This is a group of International Textile Artists, with some of our own present and former RCQG members. It is being held at the Guelph Civic Museum, 6 Dublin Street South, Guelph, Open daily 1:00 - 5:00.

Wellington County Museum: Anne C. Bawden: A Family of Quilts: February 4 - March 26, 2006. Guelph quilter, Anne Charlotte Bawden, has collected a heritage of family quilts and over the years recorded her own narrative through the creation of pieced quilts. Gathering pieces from Winnipeg to Wellington County, this rich display weaves story and skill in a tribute to the enduring art of quiltmaking. M-F 9:30 - 4:30, Weekends 12:00 - 4:00.

March 15 (1:30 pm and 7:30 pm) the Waterloo Quilter's Guild meeting is featuring Canadian author and teacher, Sharon Pederson. She is the author of *Reversible Quilts* and *Sensational Shashiko*. She is a popular speaker and teacher all over North America, and promotes using machine methods to enable us to finish our quilts. Cost to visitors is \$5.00. For more information contact Angela Grasse at 519-745-3219 or angela@golden.net.

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.

Nomination News

Jackie James (824-1342)

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

Calling all members.....

Why volunteer? Well, there are many rewards in joining a committee. It's an opportunity to get to know other quilting enthusiasts on a more personal level, form new friendships, learn more about quilting (because quilters love to share information about their passion), contribute to the bigger picture of the Guild *and* be on the inside track of Guild developments. In sharing your skills, you will give a fresh approach to present positions and contribute new ideas which will help strengthen the Guild. I encourage you to consider volunteering for a position on the executive or to join one of the committees. Please see the February newsletter for descriptions of these positions. 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 working as part of our Guild. If you have any questions, or wish more information, please contact one of the nominating committee.



EDITOR'S NOTE

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