



Royal City Quilters Guild



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May Meeting
Tuesday, May 9, 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 and Share Items
- ✓ Newsletter Submissions



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

These members have kindly offered to provide treats for the April meeting

Diane Black, Verna Bludd, Sharon Clarmo, Laurene Davis, Cynthia Gedye,
Diane Magrath, Helen McKinnon, Jacoba Near, Shelly Palframan, Sara Penny
Joyce Pflug, Carol Puncheon, Lorelei Stinson

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Greeters this month are

Donna Lesar
Sara Penny



Message from the President

Sue Keuhl (826-7914)

“A visual and emotional feast”

Those are the words spoken by one of our judges during opening remarks. “A Gathering of Quilts 2006” was an abundant display of talent and skill. What an incredible show! I heard lots of “ooohs” and “ahhhhs” from the many who admired the quilts. The colours, creative techniques and personal stories for each quilt were so inspiring. I had a fabulous time hanging out at the show. I went to bed each night dreaming of colours and patterns. So many quilts danced in my head! I love feeling that inspired! I love that creative excitement!

I am in awe of the dedication of each and every volunteer at every level of commitment. Everyone put their heart into their tasks and the environment was so upbeat and pleasant. Many people commented on what a wonderful, light-hearted spirit they enjoyed at the show. It was so inviting. Thank you to each and everyone one of you who put your best foot forward to welcome everyone to the show. **It was a true celebration!**

Words cannot express the appreciation we all feel towards our two Co-chairs Jackie James and Barbara Jordan. As soon as they stepped up to the plate to co-chair, we all knew the show was going to be a success. Their hard work, diligence and commitment to detail was outstanding. A great amount of thought went into the smallest of details. They did considerable research and planning. Thank you for the wonderful weekend you provided for all of us to enjoy our quilting!

Not to go unnoticed is the dedication of the Show Committee. They showed the same dedication and attention to detail that our Co-chairs exhibited! Quite a few members of our Executive did double time as part of the Show Committee. I know it was quite a pace, but we were so fortunate to have you in the planning process.

Lastly, everyone who came out to volunteer during the weekend did an outstanding job! Thank you for being so giving with your time! I enjoyed being with all of you. I can't think of anywhere else I would have wanted to be. You are all outstanding, creative and kind women. I hope we do this again. Let's see... three more years...some of us may get a quilt finished by then!

Looking ahead, our May Guild meeting includes our Annual General Meeting. A few years ago the AGM process was streamlined. The benefit to all of us is the process is usually no longer than 20 minutes. We quickly review our financial information, dissolve the current Executive and welcome the new Executive. Also, we will be asking you to vote in changes to our Bylaws as recommended by our current Executive. The new changes include adding the Outreach Committee as a Standing Committee to the Executive team. We've tidied up some of the language to simplify some of the governing rules and reaffirmed what makes a quorum at meetings since we now do business with many co-chairs leading our committees. Lastly, due to many requests, an apostrophe will be added to the name Royal City Quilters' Guild. If you have any questions or comments, we'd love to hear from you before the meeting. Feel free to contact me at 826-7914 or koolhouse1@rogers.com (e-mail is preferred for leaving messages).

I hope you come out to the May meeting to enjoy our wonderful program and to once again, celebrate and applaud our fabulous Show Committee! Good one team!

All the best!

Sue Keuhl

Program

Norah McGuire-McLeod (220-1248)

Nancy Trowbridge's lecture on quilt judging was very enlightening. I always thought that Judges had a great job. I did not think of all the hard work that went into choosing the best quilt among the many. She gave us lots of information to help us when we are submitting quilts to be judged. Did we all go home and put those last finishing touches on our quilts for our show?

May is our annual general meeting and although not everyone likes business, it must be done. To offset this, the Program Committee decided wouldn't it be fun to have a



social event and be able to shop at the same time. As quilters we all love to go on road trips to the quilt shops. Well instead of having to travel, we have brought the shops to you. Four shops will set up for the evening. These shops will include:

- * Cobwebs and Caviar from Shelburne
- * Sew Fancy from Campbellville
- * Quilter's by the Square from Goderich
- * Sew Little Time from Cambridge

I hope to see you all there! The evening will be very social and the Program Committee have a few surprises for that night. You won't want to miss them.



NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND

Copies of the proposed amended bylaws were handed out at the April 11 Guild meeting. The following is a summary of the changes and brief explanation that will be voted on during the May Annual General Meeting. They are:

1. Removed a separate constitution and bylaws. According to Robert's Rules they have the same function. We did not remove the words of the constitution, just called everything Bylaws and fixed the numbering.
2. Added an apostrophe to Quilters' in the name.
3. Under Article IV, 3., added the one committee, one vote rule (applies if there are co-convenors). Under B., added the Past President; Programme Committee in charge of equipment only - facilities comes under Past President; Workshop in charge of own refreshments and removed that from Social; asked Membership to report on membership numbers; gave greater clarity and more scope to the Special Projects Committee; Historian to keep file of newsletters; and added the Community Outreach Committee.
4. Under Article VII, 4. removed the requirements to have the books audited upon change of Treasurer. We've never done it and it would mean an audit two months apart every two years when we elect a new treasurer—once at year-end (March 31st) and once at change of Treasurer (after the annual general meeting in May).

Anybody with specific questions (in advance of the meeting) may direct them to Sue Keuhl.



FROM THE LIBRARY

by Audrey Vrooman (653-6562)



Spring is here! The sun is shining and nature is providing lots of inspiration for new projects. In celebration of a new season, the Library will be holding our Spring Raffle at the May meeting. There will be at least four raffle prizes to choose from, including a special donation from Maureen Kay from her trip to

South Africa. So bring your loonies and toonies to the May meeting and look for us at the back of the meeting room. All proceeds will be used to purchase new materials for your Library.

New Items in the Library

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

- ♦ Color and Composition for the Creative Quilter (Pasquini-Masopust & Barker)
- ♦ Bella Bella Quilts (McMeeking)
- ♦ Homebound (Selk)
- ♦ Heirloom Machine Quilting (Hargrave)

If you're looking for some new nature-related inspiration, check out the following books:

- ♦ Appliqué in Bloom
- ♦ Art and Inspirations
- ♦ Basket Garden
- ♦ Blending Photos with Fabric
- ♦ Garden-Inspired Quilts
- ♦ Log Cabin Flower Quilts

If you're having trouble finding a particular book, ask one of our Library Volunteers. We're always glad to help.

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



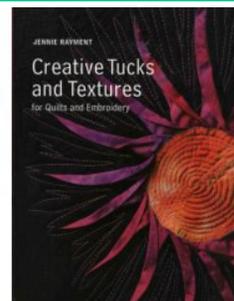
A Book Review

By Norah McGuire-McLeod 220-1248

Creative Tucks and Textures for Quilts and Embroidery

by Jennie Rayment

ISBN 0-889682-40-3



This practical and inspirational book reveals the secrets of acclaimed quilter, author and teacher, Jennie Rayment's innovative fabric manipulation techniques. Tucks and pleats in one form or another have been used for centuries, mainly as an adornment on clothes, such as baby gowns. The use of them today in quilts, adds a three dimensional element to wall hangings or quilts. Jennie's book explores:

- ♦ Tucks
- ♦ Crossed-Over Tucks
- ♦ Tucked Circles
- ♦ Folded Squares
- ♦ Interlocked Squares and more
- ♦ Trumpets
- ♦ Inserted and Manipulated Shapes

This is a book for all those interested in quilts and for all skill levels from beginner to expert. It contains full instructions and clear diagrams. There are illustrations throughout with inspiring examples of tucked and textured pieces. There is a wealth of innovative ideas for fabric manipulation.

From texture to embellishment, manipulation to construction, this book is ideal for anyone who enjoys playing with material. I was so intrigued with her techniques that I made one of the projects, Tarantells, and thoroughly enjoyed the results.

Guild Quilt

At the March meeting, we unveiled the new Guild Quilt that will be the back drop of our meetings. What a gem! It is stunning!!! I would like to take a moment to recognize everyone who was involved.

The project first came to light during a brainstorming session with Executive members in June 2004. From there, engineers of the quilt were Isobel King, Maureen Kay, Sharon Beach and Sue Keuhl. What a shopping trip we had picking out the fabrics! Members came forward for a work day at Isobel's house to cut and prepare the fabrics into quilts in anticipation of our Quilt Bee Day in November 2005. The following attended the Bee and made the Guelph Beauty Blocks:

Evelyn Lane, Christine Whitehouse, Shelly Palframan, Joy Lefneski, Lana Gay Phillips, Debby Clark, Nancy McNab, Joan Hett, Cindy Robinson, Sharon Huska, Gillian Robinette, Cindy Schwan, Sharon Beach, Sue Keuhl, Isobel King, Maureen Kay, Henny Valduizen, Donna Reimer, Barbara Jordan, and Dorothy Price. After that, we met again as a smaller group to lay the blocks out and decide how the rest of the quilt would come together.

To our surprise, we laid the blocks down to our liking in just one shot! Another work day helped us join the blocks together. Separately Isobel King made the centre block, Maureen Kay did the letters and Sharon Beach made the funky strippy border in the centre block. We were fortunate that Kathy Wagner and Donna Lesar picked up the tail end of the project by completing the assembly of the top. The quilt was quilted by Nancy Johnston of Cuddly Cocoon. Special thanks to Donna who finished the binding. A true group effort!

Now we have a real quilted treasure to display our new logo and the fabulous workmanship of our members. There will be no mistaking when you walk into our meetings that you are at the Royal City Quilters' Guild. Congratulations!!!

EDITOR'S NOTE

Susan Knabenschuh (836-6274 or susan@qualitycomputing.ca)

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

Palliative Care Quilt

The goal of our last fall Quilt Bee Day was to make a quilt to hang in the Palliative Care Unit at the Guelph General Hospital. Last spring, Guild member Sue Sharpe approached our membership to ask if we would make quilts that would hang in this brand new unit. Making one of the larger quilts that were requested seem like a perfect fit for us.

Pattern and fabric selection were done by Joan Hett, Sue Sharpe and Sue Keuhl. A special thank you to the staff at Greenwood Quiltery who assisted us in getting permission from the publisher to use the pattern. The following attended the Quilt Bee in November 2005: Halyna Myers, Jean Julian, Remy Heard, Lorelei Stinson, Marg Austin, Sharon Beach, Judy Eckhardt, Henny Valduizen, Sandra Hannon, Leona Kingsbury, Donna Reimer, Kathy Wagner, Karen Heal, Joy Lefneski, Helen Meyer, Jane Berberich, Gloria Longshaw, Joan Hett, Cindy Stoate, Cindy Kinnon, Barbara Jordan, Sara Penny, Sue Sharpe and Sue Keuhl.

Joan did the final assembly of the borders and Nancy Johnston of Cuddly Cocoon did the quilting. Binding was done by Sue Sharpe. This stunning quilt will hang in our Quilt Show before making the way to its permanent home at the Guelph General Hospital. Thank you everyone!



NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING

The next meeting of the RCQG Executive will be held Tuesday, May 16, 2006, at the Co-operators Building on Macdonnell Street. We start promptly at 7:00 pm and finish at 9:30. Please review your April minutes prior to the meeting.

WAITING FOR THE SHOW...

Today, April 18, the newsletter submissions are due, but the show is four days away. How will it all turn out? All these months of planning and promotion; will our work translate into attendance exceeding 800 visitors? We know there will be a great variety of quilts, both traditional and non-traditional. Over two hundred items are expected to be registered today. These two hundred items, along with four hundred plus Artist Trading Cards, forty-five Challenge quilts and one hundred and fifty-five mini quilts for the raffle and silent auction will be hung and placed at the Legion on Friday 21. The Tea Room, Door Prizes and Demonstration area are also to be set up.

There are door prizes to be won, twenty-four Challenge prizes, the Jane Baldwin Award of Excellence, Canadian Quilting Association and Ontario Quilting Connections ribbons to be awarded. It has been a wonderful ride—from the first show meeting in June 2005 to the anticipated wrap-up meeting in early May 2006. Many thanks to the show committee members, show volunteers, handy setup people and guild members who donated their expertise, time, mini quilts and door prizes. Based on all this effort our show is sure to be a success.

Jackie James and Barbara Jordan

AFTER THE SHOW...

Thank you to all who participated in the show! Many hands contributed to a successful show. It was perfect weather for a quilt show. The yard work was justifiably postponed to another day. The winners of the many awards are as follows:

Jane Baldwin Award of Excellence: Linda Rawson Stewart *for* “Guardians of the Sea and Sky” as judged by Gwen Hurst and Ann Bernard.

Ontario Quilting Connections Rosette: Helen Martin *for* “Bow Ties of April” - RCQG Members Viewers Choice.

Canadian Quilters’ Association Rosette: Helen Martin *for* “Bow Ties of April” - Viewers Choice

Royal City Quilters Guild Rosette awarded to the item with the most votes in each category: Viewers Choice and Members Viewers Choice combined.

Clothing: Sandra Thomas *for* “Black Magic Jacket”

Miniature: JoAnne Oldridge *for* “Tulips”

Small Wall Hanging: Maria Hilts *for* “Strip Pieced Landscape”

Large Wall Hanging: Nancy Wells *for* “Flight Patterns”

Bed Quilt: Helen Martin *for* “Bow Ties of April”

Artist Trading Cards

The display of all your Artist Trading Cards at “A Gathering of Quilts” was fabulous! At the May Guild meeting, **keeper cards** will be returned to you in a paper bag. Included will be the appropriate number of **trader cards**, randomly selected by the Special Projects Committee. Please take the opportunity at “break time” to participate in a **trading session**.

Thank you to all participants who stepped outside the box and stretched their imaginations to create ATC’s.

Challenge

The Challenge Quilts were judged at the Guelph Civic Museum on April 10th by Daphne Alevan and Dianne Gibson. The prizes were awarded at the opening of "A Gathering of Quilts—2006". Winners are as follows:

Pieced Mini

- 1st Kathy Wagner
- 2nd Cynthia Gardiner
- 3rd Sue Sharpe

Appliqued Mini

- 1st JoAnne Oldridge
- 2nd Barbara Jordan
- 3rd Donna Lesar

Pieced Wallhanging

- 1st Helen Hughes
- 2nd Lana Phillips
- 3rd Donna Lesar

Appliqued Wallhanging

- 1st Judy Taylor
- 2nd Diana Magrath
- 3rd Susan Strachan-Johnson

Use of Embellishments

- 1st Judy Taylor
- 2nd Kathy Wagner
- 3rd Mary Howlett Nero

Use of Challenge Fabric

- 1st Isobel King
- 2nd Cynthia Gedye
- 3rd Vicki Gobbi

Use of Technique(s)

- 1st Lana Phillips
- 2nd Wendy Oskam
- 3rd Karen Heal

Interpretation of Theme

- 1st Helen Hughes
- 2nd Gillian Robinette
- 3rd Joanne Ariss

Thank you to all participants for accepting the Challenge!

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2006-2007

The following is the proposed slate of officers and committee members for the 2006-2007 year. As you can see, we still have some positions that remain open. It would be great if all of these positions would be filled by the Annual General Meeting. Please contact me, Jackie James, at 824-1342 should you have any questions. Thanks.

President: Barbara Jordan

Vice President: *Open*

Past President: Sue Keuhl

Secretary: Sara Penny

Treasurer: Frankie Poxon

Past Treasurer: Helen Meyer

Program: Norah McGuire-MacLeod

Program Committee: Cindy Schwan, *Open*,
Christine Whitehouse (bulletin board)

Membership: *Open*

Membership Committee: Susan Martin

Newsletter Editor: Susan Knabenschuh

Newsletter Assistant: : *Open*

Social: Dorothy Price

Social Committee: Sharon Huska, Ivy Smailes,
Donna Lesar

Publicity: Nancy McNabb

Special Projects: *Open*

Special Projects Committee:

Joan Hett (Community Outreach)

Library: Audrey Vrooman, Sandy Campbell

Library Committee: Florrie Lonsdale, Lana Mansfield, Susan Birkholz, Donna Reimer, Norah McGuire-MacLeod (book review)

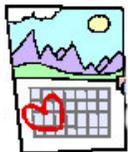
Historian: Kathy Wagner

Block of the Month: Cheryl Cowan and 2
positions still open (this is not an executive position)

Development Committee Convenor: *Open*
(this is not an executive position)

Nominating: Sue Keuhl

Nominating Committee: *Open*



A Quilter's Calendar 2006

May 6 - 7 Halton Hills Quilters' Guild presents "**A Symphony of Quilts**" and will be held in the Acton Community Centre, 415 Queen Street (Hwy 7), Acton. Hours on Saturday are 10:00 to 5:00 and Sunday 10:00 to 4:00. Show includes a quilt raffle, Merchants Mall, Tea Room, Members Boutique, Door Prizes and more! Admission: Adults \$5.00, Children under 12 \$2.00.

May 6 - 7 Kawartha Quiltmaker's Guild, Peterborough presents "**Feelings in Fabric**" will be held in the Evinrude Centre, 911 Monaghan Road, across from the Canoe Museum. There will be an exciting display of quilts and quilted articles, Members Boutique, Demonstrations, Northcott Challenge, Vintage Display, large Merchant's Mall, Tea Room, Door Prizes and more. Admission: \$6.00.

May 3 - June 25, 2006 "**The Grand National Quilt Exhibition**" will open at the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery, 101 Queen Street North, Kitchener. It is an invitational quilt show of Canadian quilt artists from all across Canada. This year's theme is **Wild Life**. There will be 68-70 quilts exhibited in the show. Go to www.grandnationalquiltshow.ca for more information.

May 4 - May 29, 2006 "**Sea and Ice**" by **Phillida Hargreaves** will be held in the Gallery at Greenwood Quiltery, 275 Woolwich Street, Guelph, Ontario. Gallery hours: Monday through Wednesday and Saturday 10:00 to 5:00, Thursday and Friday 10:00 to 6:00.

May 24 - 27, 2006 "**Waterloo County & Area Quilt Festival**" RIM Park, 2001 University Ave. E. events include the Ontario Juried Quilt Show, World Piece - Quilts from Near and Far which include the Northcott Challenge, the Hoffman Challenge, Men's Quilts (made by talented Canadian male quilters), CQA Winners and more and, of course, the Quilt Festival Merchant Mall. Admission package for the RIM Park location is \$18. You may also want to visit the Grand National Quilt Exhibition: Wild Life located at the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery. Admission for this event is \$6. There are numerous other quilting events located throughout the area. Go to www.waterlooquiltfestival.com for more information.

May 26 - 28, 2006 **The Common Thread Quilt Guild of Ottawa** presents its biennial quilt show at the RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa, Ontario. This show will feature hundreds of quilts made by guild members, a nine-patch display and historic quilts from the Ottawa Valley.

June 9 - 11, 2006 the Trent Valley Quilt Show "**Love Covers All**" will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 57 Stella Crescent, Trenton, Ontario.

Saturday, June 10, 2006 Queen's Bush Quilt Guild, Markdale, Ontario presents "**Quilts in Our Homes**" a quilt tour featuring seven unique homes full of quilts plus a special Vintage Quilt Show in the Annesley United Church 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. For information and tickets call Marion Charkow (519) 986-4289 or Visit the website www.village.markdale.on.ca.



Show Tea Room



We just wanted to once again thank the fourteen quilters that trusted us with their quilts, and to those who helped us set up the Tea Room during our recent quilt show. We couldn't have created that glorious room without your help. It too was a success! Thanks a bunch.

Gloria Longshaw and Jane Berberich

EXECUTIVE REPORTS FOR 2005/2006

Sue Keuhl (821-7914)

The following is a summary of reports submitted by each Chair within the Executive.

President: Sue Keuhl

It was a busy year that included our 15th Anniversary and Guild Show called "A Gathering of Quilts 2006". In addition, we were approached by the Guelph General Hospital to provide quilts for the Sexual Assault Unit. This led to the establishment of the Community Outreach Committee headed by Joan Hett. Helen Meyer played a key role in amending the Bylaws and Standing Rules to suit the changing needs of the Guild. It was a pleasure to work with everyone on Executive. They were a creative, positive and intelligent group of women brimming with fresh ideas while paying careful attention to details. Everyone gave more than 100%. To quote Gail Brown, "a good time was had by all"! On behalf of the Guild, thank you all for your efforts.

Past President: Jackie James

With the help of Judy Rowan and Diane Black, members for the new 2006-07 Executive were recruited.

Vice President: Maureen Kay/Barbara Jordan

Maureen Kay began the year by chairing the Development Committee which oversees the Special Interest Groups. Due to illness, Maureen decided to step down from this position and Barbara Jordan graciously accepted to step in. We were fortunate to have both women occupy this role.

Secretary's Report: Shelly Palframan

The Secretary attended all executive meetings and recorded minutes Executive meetings. Cards have also been sent to families of members who have passed away and to members dealing with illness.

Treasurer: Helen Meyer

The Treasurer kept accurate records of the Guild's accounts. She received monies collected through the Guild and co-signed all cheques required to pay the Guild's expenses. The treasurer provides the Executive with a budget for fiscal year of 2006 and with monthly financial updates. At year-end, books are prepared for our auditor so that financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2006 can be presented at the Annual General Meeting. With direction from Executive, revenue from membership fees and Guild Shows went to purchasing a digital camera, additional tables, supplies to complete the Guild quilt and the quilt to be donated to the Palliative Care Unit at the Guelph Hospital. Funds were also allocated to the new Community Outreach Committee and to pay for the Anniversary celebration, which included our new anniversary pins.

Membership: Gillian Robinette and Susan Martin

The Membership Committee was responsible for registering and renewing memberships for the Guild year. The 2005-06 membership stands at 180 with 36 guests attending 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 membership file.

Programme: Norah McGuire-McLeod

Committee: Nancy McNab, Cindy Schwan and Lana Phillips

This year's programs were based around the theme "New and Old Meet in the Middle". In addition to guest speakers, the Program Committee hosted a demonstration evening and shop hop. Special thanks to the dedicated committee.

Newsletter: Susan Knabenschuh

The Newsletter Editor prepared and distributed the newsletter to the Guild members. Each newsletter included regular monthly columns such as Program, Library, Workshops, and a monthly Quilter's Calendar. Guild members had a choice of whether to receive their copy by Canada Post or e-mail. With the e-mail version, a copy was also posted on a secure server with the "link" being sent to those members who designate receiving their copy by e-mail. This version takes up less space within a member's "mailbox". Fifty percent of the membership receive their newsletter electronically.

Library: Sandy Campbell and Audrey Vrooman

Committee: Florrie Lonsdale, Lana Mansfield, Sara Penny, Theresa Bryant, Frankie Poxon, Sue Birkholz, Donna Reimer and Norah McGuire-MacLeod

A total of 46 new items costing approximately \$1,300 were added to the Library, increasing the size of the Library by over 10%. Budgeted funds were supplemented by raffles in May and November, grocery tape donations and the December Bake and Deli Sale. In addition to purchased items, many interesting donated items were added to expand our Library and cater to the varied quilting-related interests of members.

Workshops: Maria Hilts and Marjorie Mansell

Committee: Cynthia Gardiner, Remy Heard, and Berni Neville

The workshop committee had a very successful year thanks to the enthusiasm and commitment of the committee and the support of Guild members. Workshop instructors included Deb Beirnes, Andrea Curtis, Aline Chan, Kathy Wagner, Helen Hughes and Anna Reddish.

Special Projects: Liz Bayne and JoAnne Oldridge

The Special Projects Committee has undertaken three major projects for 2005-2006.

1. **A Quilt Challenge** with the theme, **Celebration**, was organized for A Gathering of Quilts 2006. Northcott Silks Inc. kindly donated the fabrics. Seventy kits were sold to Guild members with 45 quilts submitted for judging. Judging took place at the Guelph Civic Museum. Dianne Gibson and Daphne Aleven were contracted to be the judges. The Challenge Quilts will be displayed at the RCQG Show.
2. **Artist Trading Cards** was a new initiative for the Guild replacing Block of the Month. Each month the Artist Trading Cards were assigned a colour to create a wall of colour at the RCQG Show. Approximately five hundred ATC's were collected. Draws for prizes were held on a monthly basis for those who participated. Trading of cards will take place at the May meeting.
3. **Mini Demonstrations** Special Projects Committee demonstrated how to prepare an Artist Trading Card. Guild member volunteers demonstrated techniques which could be used when creating Artist Trading Cards. Topics covered were edges, photo transfer, use of novelty fabrics and threads, etc.

With the above initiatives, the Special Projects Conveners have been involved both with the Executive and Show Committee.

Publicity: Barbara Jordan

The Guild brochure was produced in August and distributed to area shops and Library branches to promote interest in the 2005-2006 Guild's 15th Anniversary year. In January an invitation to former Guild members was mailed to encourage attendance at the 15th Anniversary celebrations at the March Guild meeting, as well as a flyer to publicize the upcoming Guild quilt show in April. The minis for raffle and silent auction at the quilt show were displayed from April 10 to 20 at the West End, Bullfrog and Scottsdale Library branches. These minis were replaced with minis and wall hangings from members to remain at the various branches and main branch until May 31. As part of promotion for the RCQG and the show, Nancy McNab, Jackie James (Show Co-Chair) and Barbara Jordan attended meetings of the Halton Hills, Waterloo County and Grand Quilt Guilds.

Historian: Kathy Wagner

A digital camera was purchased to take photographs at all meetings, Quilt Bee Day and Guild workshops. All photographs were printed, and an extra copy was given to any Guild member who exhibited a quilt at a guild meeting, thus ensuring that our members have photo documentation of their work. All photos were put into an album with a copy of the "Show and Share" list, as well as the monthly newsletter. A copy of all photographs taken has also been put onto computer disk. All quilts being displayed at the Guild quilt show in April 2006 will be photographed and a separate photo album will be put together for this show. Joanne Ariss assisted by taking photos when the Historian was unable to attend meetings.

Social: Gail Brown

Committee: Velva Roswell, Marion Osborne and Lorelei Stinson (until her accident)

Gail would like to thank everyone who signed up and delivered all those delicious goodies, which we all really appreciated. She would also like to extend her appreciation to her committee. Gail is looking forward to passing on the tea pot and china cups!