

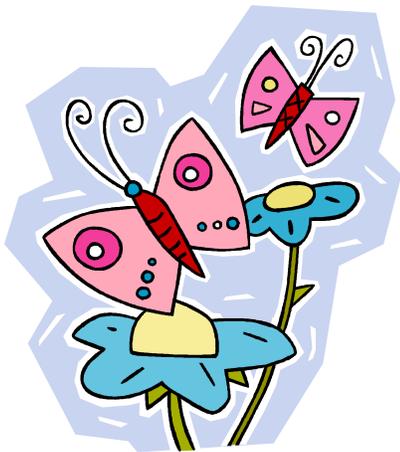


Royal City Quilters' Guild



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June Meeting

Tuesday, June 13, 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

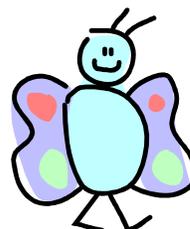
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| ✓ Name Tag | ✓ Registration Form & Cheque | ✓ Zehrs/Ultra Tapes |
| ✓ Library Books | ✓ Comfort Quilt | ✓ Canadian Tire Money |
| ✓ Loonies and Toonies | ✓ Palliative Care Quilt | ✓ Cup or Mug |
| | ✓ Memory Quilt | |



These members have kindly offered to provide treats for the June meeting
 Margaret Austin, Cheryl Cowan, Mary Gray, Marjorie Hamilton, Sharon Huska,
 Catherine Johnston, Dawn Labelle, Gloria Longshaw, Ivy Smailes, Anne Smith

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Greeters this month are

**Susan Knabenschuh
Cheryl Wallace**

Message from the President

Sue Keuhl (826-7914)

I've mentioned a few times lately that one of the privileges of being President is having a "bird's eye view" of everything that transpires within the Guild. That has been a really special thing. I have been a member of our Executive team since 1999. When I look back I marvel at how each new person on the team tweaks an idea or comes up with a new inspiration that takes us on a new path. It has been quite an experience watching someone have the courage to come forward with a new idea, watch other members embrace it and then see it put into action. It brings a smile to see our membership enjoy a feature of our Guild as if it was something that was always done.

This past weekend, I brought home all of our Historical Records to prepare a data base for our Executive team. I've taken home a book or two before to prepare for other projects, but this was the first time I looked through all the books together in one sitting. I have to tell you I am amazed. To see the evolution of the Guild is incredible. The first Guild meeting was held at Evelyn Lane's home in response to notice she placed on bulletin boards. I remember seeing those notices! There were 16 people who attended the first meeting and 6 of those people are still members today. Our Historical records for the early years show that meetings were small and informal. Everyone's enthusiasm for quilting is evident.

I am tempted to comment on the dress and hairstyles in the pictures until I get to the years where I am featured in the records. I know where to tread lightly! Looking at our Historical Records was a wonderful trip through time. There are so many smiles and signs of laughter! Lots of proud faces while showing their quilts. You can feel the excitement of the many winners of our draws and competitions. I found pictures of members who moved away and members who are no longer with us. How wonderful to see them and their quilts one more time. My heart soared and melted at the same time when I saw the picture of two of my sons on stage. In December 1998, Andrea Curtis hosted a program welcoming children to the meeting. My three boys enjoyed the projects so much I am surprised they made it to the stage to show what they had made! They are standing beside other member's children. Many of them are now in University! The picture takes me back as if it happened yesterday!

As quilters of Guelph, we have formed quite a legacy. We started as a group of 16 and became over 180 in fifteen years. The calibre of our speakers, Show and Share, Library and Newsletters has increased exponentially. Our capacity to give our time and talent to the community continues to grow each year with the marvellous quilts we have made together at various Quilt Bees. I continue to be in awe at the wonderful, efficient way our Guild has evolved. I have never been involved with another organization where members consistently give more than 100% each year. We are very fortunate to have this special Guild.

In our 15th year, we have accomplished many great things such as our Palliative Care Quilt, Guild Quilt, Comfort Quilts, 15 Year Celebration Party and our very successful third major Show "A Gathering of Quilts 2006". All of this has been possible because of all the volunteers who have lovingly dedicated their time and efforts. Our Executive and Show Committee have done a top notch job with tremendous dedication. They all deserve our appreciation.

As my term as President comes to an end, I am glad to say I haven't become unravelled. I enjoy our Guild even more than before. My quilting hasn't been prolific over the past two years but I now have a new appreciation for colour due to the numerous shopping trips for the Quilt Bee Days. Lime green and hot pink are now on my personal shopping list! I have learned a thing or two about sewing the binding thanks to a few helpful members who took pity on me! Rotary cutting doesn't scare me anymore. I have learned so much about quilting just from hanging out with many of you. Honestly, though, my best memories will be the informal chats—sometimes at Guild meetings, sometimes after committee meetings, or sometimes while picking something up or transferring a quilt to another member's house. You have all shared so much with me. I often feel like I've gained many sisters over the past few years. My life has been so enriched by this incredible experience of being President. I thank you all! When I first joined the Guild, I thought I was just going to reap the benefits of a great library and some good speakers. I have enjoyed so much more than words can express.

I look forward with great anticipation to fall 2006. I can't wait to find out what Special Interest groups will be available. For the first time in many years, I won't know what the program will be! Once again, I look forward to September like a kid waiting for the Sears Christmas catalogue to arrive! We are in great hands with Barbara Jordan as our new President and Nancy McNab as the Vice President. I can't wait! I hope you will sign up again this June or September! I think our Guild is one of the best deals in town!

Sue Keuhl

Program

Norah McGuire-MacLeod (220-1248)

The May program was certainly a social night. A great thank you to Cindy for her great job of organizing the event. Also, our thanks go out to Sew Fancy, Cobwebs and Caviar, Quilter's By The Square, Lilac Lane and Sew Little Time for bringing all their wonderful items for the guild to see and purchase.

Our June program is "Meet the Quilters". They are our own Barbara Jordan, Louise (Barb's sister), Deanna from Val Caron (north of Sudbury) and special guest, Ronnie the duck. They are a long distance quilting trio who keep in touch by email, phone calls and cards. They manage to get together at each other's guild quilt shows and annual events such as the Waterloo County and Area Quilt Festival. Their styles are a mixture of traditional and non-traditional.

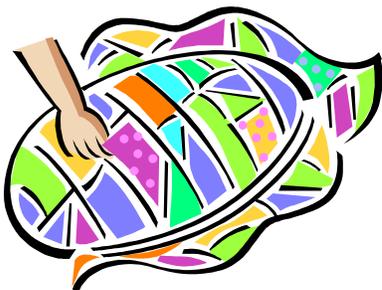


As for Ronnie, well you will have to come and hear his story—how they met, where he's been and maybe even where he is going. You won't want to miss this program.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Shelly Palframan (824-0768)

The Development Committee plans to continue to offer Block Buddies, Handstitching, Meet to Complete and UFO groups. This is a great way to get to know other people and perhaps learn a new skill. If you have an idea for a new group for September, please contact Shelly Palframan (824-0768) or email: spalframan14@hotmail.com



Membership Renewal

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

June is early membership registration. As an added incentive, those members who register in June will be included in a draw for a free membership or a free Guild workshop (\$40 value).

If you receive your newsletter by **POST** your registration form is included. **PLEASE COMPLETE AND BRING IT ALONG WITH PAYMENT** to the June meeting with any corrections noted.



If you receive your newsletter by **EMAIL** your form will be at the registration desk for you to approve or update as needed. **PLEASE BRING PAYMENT** to the June meeting.

To speed the process, please bring exact change or cheque payable to the Royal City Quilters' Guild.



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

Cheryl Cowan (763-1268)

Block of the Month seeks your help! We are looking for your suggestions on the content for next year's Block of the Month. Maybe you would like to request a theme, colour, patterns, technique or size of block. The goal is to have maximum participation each month.... so what can we do to help motivate you to get involved throughout the year? What have you enjoyed about past years' Block of the Month? What changes would you like to see incorporated?

Please contact Cheryl Cowan (763-1268 or email to cowanche@hotmail.com).



SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2006-2007

The following is the slate of officers and committee members for the 2006-2007 year.

President: Barbara Jordan
Vice President: Nancy McNab
Past President: Sue Keuhl
Secretary: Sara Penny
Treasurer: Frankie Poxon
Past Treasurer: Helen Meyer



Program Convenor: Norah McGuire-MacLeod
Program Committee: Cindy Schwan, Nancy McNab, Ann Reynard, Bev Matson, Christine Whitehouse (bulletin board)

Membership Convenor: Carol Cousins
Membership Committee: Susan Martin, Berni Neville, Lana Phillips

Workshop Convenors: Diana Magrath, Cynthia Gedye
Workshop Committee: Remy Heard, Cynthia Gardiner, Gail Brown, Susan Harrington

Newsletter Editors: Susan Knabenschuh, Cheryl Wallace

Social Convenor: Dorothy Price
Social Committee: Sharon Huska, Ivy Smailes



Publicity Convenor: Shelly Palframan

Special Projects: Gloria Longshaw

Community Outreach Convenor: Joan Hett
Community Outreach Committee: Karen Heal, Leslie Mactaggart, Donna Lesar, Sara Penny, Sue Keuhl

Library Convenors: Audrey Vrooman, Sandy Campbell
Library Committee: Florie Lonsdale, Lana Mansfield, Susan Birkholz, Donna Reimer, Theresa Bryant, Donna Lesar, Marilyn Watson, Norah McGuire-MacLeod (book review)

Historian: Kathy Wagner

Block of the Month: Cheryl Cowan, Susan Pulleyblank

Development Committee Convenor: Liz Honneger, Shelly Palframan

Nominating: Sue Keuhl
Nominating Committee: *Open*



FROM THE LIBRARY

by Audrey Vrooman (653-6562)



To give you all more time to shop, we postponed our May raffles. So, bring your loonies and toonies along to the June meeting and take a chance on four wonderful raffles, including a beautiful piece of mud cloth generously donated by Maureen Kay from her travels in South Africa. The raffle items

are sure to inspire your creativity over the summer months. Ticket prices will be \$1. each, 3 for \$2. and 10 for \$5. All proceeds will be used to purchase new items for your Library.

Thank you to the members of the Library Committee (Florrie Lonsdale, Theresa Bryant, Donna Reimer, Sara Penny, Frankie Poxon, Sue Birkholz and Amanda Birkholz) for their time and commitment in helping the Library to run smoothly. Thanks also to Norah McGuire-MacLeod for her excellent book reviews that help us all decide which books to look for.

Finally, thanks to all our members for your continued support, whether it's saving Zehrs tapes, donating new and nearly new books and magazines, or by participating in raffles and the annual bake and deli sale. It all helps to build a strong and current library, with selections everyone can enjoy.

All library items are due back at the June meeting to allow for the annual library inventory.

If you cannot make it to the meeting, please ask a friend to return your books for you. Arrangements must be made to return to the Librarians any books that remain outstanding after the June meeting, before the end of June.

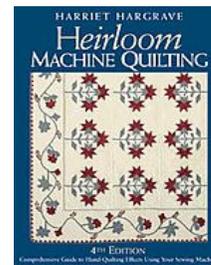
The Library will be open from 6:45 p.m. to 7:25 p.m., for the return of books only.



A Book Review

By Norah McGuire-MacLeod (220-1248)

Heirloom Machine Quilting
4th Edition
by Harriet Hargrave
ISBN 1-57120-236-6



Machine quilting will never replace the art of hand quilting, but with precious little time available, it has become more prevalent to machine quilt than to hand quilt. Harriet Hargrave played a role in starting this major event years ago. Her desire for quilts to look hand-quilted, she began exploring the possibilities of adapting machine embroidery free motion techniques to quilting patterns.

Her fourth edition of Heirloom Machine Quilting has a mountain of information and tips that she has either developed or learned with the help of her students. Her book delves into the guts of the topic of machine quilting techniques. She has written a workbook that needs to be read from cover to cover—more than once. This book is a culmination of 25 years of extensive teaching and quilting experience. Just looking at the quilts in her gallery will inspire you.

Harriet will take you from beginner to advanced-level quilts. Topics include “Preparing Your Workspace”, “Choosing Your Designs to Quilt”, “Straight-line Quilting” and “Free-Motion Quilting” just to name a few. Her motto is “buck up” and you can do it. Harriet says “it can seem difficult, maybe even daunting, but with time and practice, you can create what you see in her photographs and love doing it on your own machine. The rewards are awesome.” This is a must-read book for all levels of machine quilters.

Show Registration Committee and Door Prize Helpers

I would like to thank the entire 2006 Show Registration Committee for all their spectacular work over the last year and during the show. None of this would have been possible without your help and support. The members of this great group were Marg Austin, Diane Black, Joan Hett, Leanne Kay, Isobel King, Susan Martin, Trish Pequegnat and Lana Phillips. Many, many thanks! In addition, I would like to thank Marjorie Mansell and Maria Hilts for their great work in setting up the door prizes on the Friday before the show started. I could not have been two places at once and their help was invaluable.



Marion Usborne

Library Displays

Many thanks to members who loaned their mini quilts and wall hangings for display at the various Guelph Public Library branches in celebration of National Quilt Month this May. The librarians and general public look forward to this yearly display of our talent and creativity. A special "thank you" to Marion Usborne for approaching the Scottsdale Branch which displayed quilts for the first time this year. The librarians were overjoyed to be included in this event. Thank you also to Joanne Ariss for overseeing the installation of the quilts and to her willing assistants, Jackie James, Nancy McNab, Judy Taylor and Marion Usborne. The quilts will be returned at the June Meeting.

Barbara Jordan

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 August meeting.



Urgent Request for Memory Quilts

We have been notified by the Family Birthing Unit at the Guelph General Hospital that they are completely out of Memory Quilts. As you recall, these quilts are given to families who suffer the loss of an infant before or shortly after birth. We would like to be able to provide them with at least six quilts prior to the summer, and then more in the fall to restock their supply.

The size of the quilts should be in the range of 24" to 30" square. Given the low number of quilts, ones that are gender neutral would be really helpful. Thank you so much for your response on such short notice.

Joan Hett

Notable Websites to Visit (A Sampling)

Canadian Quilters' Association
www.canadianquilter.com

Ontario Quilting Connections
www.ontarioquilting.org

American Quilting Society
www.americanquilter.com

Canadian Quilt Source (click on "Find a Store Near You")
www.quiltsource.ca

World Wide Quilting Source
www.quilt.com

Free Blocks and Patterns
www.quilterscache.com



Have a great summer and see you in September!

ROYAL CITY QUILTERS' GUILD ROSETTE WINNERS



Bed Quilt: Helen Martin for "Bow Ties of April"



Miniature: JoAnne Oldridge for "Tulips"



Clothing: Sandra Thomas for "Black Magic Jacket"



Large Wall Hanging: Nancy Wells for "Flight Patterns"



Small Wall Hanging: Maria Hilts for "Strip Pieced Landscape"



Jane Baldwin Award of Excellence:
Linda Rawson Stewart for "Guardians of the Sea and Sky"



A Quilter's Calendar 2006

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.

June 2 - July 15, 2006 **"Scrap Mania" by Elaine Theriault** 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.

June 30 - July 2, 2006 **Vermont Quilt Festival** Essex Junction, Vermont. Quilt Exhibits at Champlain Valley Exposition. Features include Workshops, AQS Appraisal Skills Classes, Merchants Mall (over 65 vendors) and much more. Daily Admission \$10 (Senior and multi-day passes available) For more information visit www.vqf.org.

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.

July 8 - 9, 2006 **"A Stitch in Time 2006"** quilt show and Sale presented by the Prince Edward County Quilters' Guild in the PEC Community Centre, Picton, Ontario, 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

July 14 - 18, 2006 **"Quilting at the Lakes"** Ennismore Recreation Complex, 553 Ennis Road, Ennismore, Ontario 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Vintage and International Quilts, 2005 Hoffman Challenge Collection, Childrens' and Members Quilts, Large merchants Mall, Workshops. Visit www.buckthornquilters.ca

July 19 - August 31, 2006 **"Student Works..... Design, Surface and Form" by Jenna Greenberg** 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.

July 28 - 29, 2006 **Minden, Ontario Quilt Show** with theme **"Garden Inspiration"** includes other creative crafters such as weavers & spinners, basketry, knitting, rug hooking, with a vendors market, quilting demonstrations, a quilt draw, wearable art fashion, Members' Boutique, a Bag Challenge and lots of quilts on display. Themed quilts will be juried. An appraiser will be at the show to appraise quilts. Our show is sponsored by The Quilters Workshop, Haliburton. Located in Minden Curling Club, Minden, Ontario with the Horticultural Show right next door in the Community Centre on the same days. Fri. July 28 at 4 p.m. - 9 p.m. and Sat. July 29 at 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS QUILT GUILD.

Looking For That Special Embellishment?

Check out a Rock and Mineral Show. These shows feature precious and semi-precious gemstones, fine quality jewellery, amber, stone beads, unique worldwide crystal specimens and everything to create your own works of art. (*For husbands, children and grandchildren—an educational, visual and tactile experience*) Here's a couple: (or go to www.ccfms.ca/News_Events/current_events.html to see events)

July 21-23, 2006 **"Northern Ontario's Largest Gem, Mineral, Fossil, Bead & Rock Show and Sale"**, Carmichael Arena on Bancroft Drive, across from Minnow Lake and 1km south of the Kingsway (Hwy17E).

July 28 - 30, 2006 **"Toronto Gem and Mineral Summer Show"**, Leaside Gardens, 1073 Millwood Road, East York, Toronto, ON

July 29 - 30 **"Cobalt Rocks - Rock & Mineral Show and the Great Northern Treasure Hunt"** Cobalt, ON