



Royal City Quilters' Guild

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Monthly Newsletter

February 2007

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February Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 2007

Three Willows 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

- ✓ Zehrs/Ultra Tapes
- ✓ Canadian Tire Money
- ✓ Comfort Quilt Kit Blocks
- ✓ Block of the Month Bocks



- ✓ Library Books
- ✓ Show and Share Items
- ✓ Food Bank Donation
- ✓ Quilt Raffle Money



- ✓ Newsletter Submission
- ✓ Workshop Fees
- ✓ Name Tag, Cup or Mug
- ✓ Kathy Tidswell Ticket Money



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

Theresa Bryant, Michelle Edwards, Remy Heard, Liz Honegger, Jean Julian,
Maria Kee, Sue Keuhl, Isobel King, Mary Lyall, Lana Phillips



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Greeters this month are

Catharine Johnston
Niki Zmija



Message from the President

Barbara Jordan (519-837-0818)

As wonderful as the Christmas holiday season is, it's a relief when your time is your own again. The family, friends and work get-togethers are no longer every weekend, the decorations are returned to their boxes, the days are crisp and cold and you find yourself returning to those projects abandoned in order to complete Christmas gifts. If those projects don't hold your interest, listening to our January speaker, Sybil Rampen share her 30+ year journey from that first needlework class in the early 70's to present surely would inspire you to pickup duct tape, plastic bags, yarn, felt or any medium and start creating. It was a wonderful treat to see so many items which were meant to be touched and enjoyed by everyone. Her granddaughter Melanie confessed she played with the "Square Crows" but the embellished duct tape art came along later to amuse her brother.

You may recall Sybil encouraged you to join the executive or a committee once Sue Keuhl announced the nominations were open. Sybil speaks from experience, she helped start two guilds in the Oakville area and continues to belong to and be enriched by other artist groups. Helen Hughes assured me Sybil was most sincere in inviting everyone to drop by her home and studio. Take the opportunity if you find yourself in the Oakville area to visit this grand lady. Start or continue on your own creative journey by taking a workshop or three, join a Special Interest group and enjoy the comradery of others while finding your artist within.

For those who would like to purchase Sybil's "Milkweed Angel" how-to book (\$40) or "Grannies" (\$20), contact me by phone or email. We've got 14 names for one or both titles at the moment, but certainly can add more to the list if you would like to support this Canadian talent.

Barbara Jordan



Program

Norah McGuire-McLeod (519-220-1248)



Was that not an amazing amount of information Sybil was willing to share with us at the January meeting? I just knew we had to have her come and talk to us. Think of all the workshops she could do and what we could learn from her. I can't imagine at 76 years old to be going as strong as she is. She certainly is an inspiration to all of us who want to continue doing what we love to do even in our golden years.

I must have a thing for S names, and truth be told, I have named many of the animals I have owned with names that start with S. I will name a few. There were the dogs Scooter, C.C. (sounded like S), Sticker and Starlit. Then there were the cats Shari-Lee, Sebeana, Simon, Sally-Ann, Sam, and oh yes my daughter's guinea pig, Stripe, because she has a brown stripe on her back. Which brings me to the February's speaker, who's name also starts with S, Sandy Simmelink. Sandy is a Quiltmaker and Teacher of the Art of Fine Quilting. She has won numerous awards and has participated in many shows. Her trunk show features a wide variety of quilts and quilting styles--pieced, appliqued, crazy quilting, quilt embellishment, 3D flowers and beading. All her designs are original and a feast for the eyes. Find out how Sandy started quilting and how her quilting directions have evolved over the years. You won't want to miss this meeting.

Membership

Carol Cousins (519-824-1995)



Additions/Corrections for the directory:

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From the Library

by Audrey Vrooman (519-653-6562)



THANK YOU!

December's Annual Bake and Deli Sale was a tremendous success. Not only did everyone seem to have a lot of fun, but we raised \$460. for library purchases. 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 Barb Jordan and Jackie James who organized the donation of specialty fabrics, Joan Hett who passed along meters of Christmas themed fabrics that were donated to the Guild through the Community Outreach Committee and Kathy Wagner who brought along a generous donation of magazines and fabric from her friend, Shelley Belot.

Watch for all the new items in your library! They are marked with a yellow sticker.



New Items in the Library

A Thimbleberries Housewarming, L. Jensen
 Dazzling Quilts, P. Mostek
 Dreaming in Color, S. Brown
 Super Simple Triangles, Smith and Milligan
 Twosey-Foursey Quilts, C. Wierzbicki
 Make Your Own Quilt Labels, K. Churbuck
 Fun Time Blankies, B. Clayton
 Finish It, A. Anderson
 Clever Quarters, Too, S. Teegarden Dissmore
 Baltimore Elegance, E. Sienkiewicz



If there is a book you would 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 box at the Check-Out desk. We like to hear from you!

A final thanks to members Sharon Beach, Cynthia Webb and Marion Usborne for their generous donations of nearly new books and magazines for use in the Library and in our fundraising activities. The Library is open from 6:45 p.m. to 7:10 p.m. and for 10 minutes at the break. **We'll see you then!**

A Book Review

By Norah McGuire-McLeod (519-220-1248)

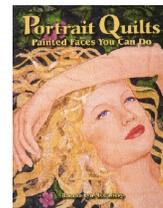


Portrait Quilts

Painted Faces You Can Do

by Bonnie Lyn McCaffery

ISBN: 0-9766934-3-7



I first became intrigued with this book and author after seeing a portrait at the Quilt Show in Grand Bend last June. I happened to be talking to someone else who was interested in the quilt and she said the owner was bringing her the book to see, and she also had her drawings of the quilt.

I have been contemplating a project which involves people and this may very well be the answer; though I am still in the initial stages of the project. Research can be the most time consuming part of such a project, so this book was exciting to find. The quilter indicated to us she followed the method used in Portrait Quilts by Bonnie McCaffery and found it easy to do and it showed in the finished project.

Here's what Bonnie has to say about putting faces in our quilts: "Yes, you can paint faces even if you don't think you're an artist! The trick is a guideline drawing placed under the fabric so you know exactly where to paint the features." Bonnie's book offers, fully illustrated step-by-step directions for painting each of the facial features. There are complete instructions for finishing your portrait with hair, clothing, and borders. Also, there are numerous quilts as examples of how to finish and embellish your quilt. Follow Bonnie Lyn McCaffery's step-by-step directions, and you'll soon be doing a fabric portrait of a special loved one. I still may have to go out and buy this book, since I have not yet started my project. For all the quilters who would like to put people in your quilts, this is a book you won't want to miss reading.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Susan Knabenschuh and Cheryl Wallace

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





Block of the Month

Cheryl Cowan cowanche@hotmail.com or (519-763-1268)

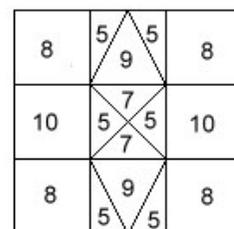


FEBRUARY = SNOW CONES

Block of the Month Participants: February is the month of LOVE ... often expressed in terms of flowers, hearts and chocolates. So our colour palette this month will utilize some of this influence with florals, pinks, yellows and, of course, pure white!

Mystery Quilt Participants: Reference the numbered diagram for your colours and square arrangement. You'll need to make a **whopping 14 blocks** for your quilt!! (Yes, I did say **14!!**)

Block Description	Block of the Month Fabric	Mystery Quilt Fabric
Top & Bottom Rows - Corner Squares	Floral Fabric (Cut 4—4.5" squares)	Fabric Colour #8
Middle Row - Outer Squares	Yellow (Cut 2—4.5" squares)	Fabric Colour #10
Middle Row -Center Square Hourglass Unit	Light Pink Fabric (Cut 1—5.75" square) and White Fabric (Cut 1-5.75" square)	Fabric Colour #7 and Fabric Colour #5
Top & Bottom Rows - Center Square Star Points and Background	Dk. Rose/Red Fabric (Cut 2—5" squares) and White (Cut 4—3" x 6" pieces)	Fabric Colour #9 and Fabric Colour #5



Construction Instructions: Each block is made up of 9—4.5" x 4.5" squares.

- Top and Bottom Rows—Corner Squares:** Cut 4—4.5" squares of floral fabric (Colour #8). Set aside.
- Middle Row—Outer Squares:** Cut 2—4.5" squares of yellow fabric (Colour #10). Set aside.
- Top and Bottom Rows—Center Squares: Need 2 (Note: these will be paper pieced).**
 - To Cut Star Points:** Cut 2—5" squares of dark rose/red fabric (Colour #9). Fold in half and cut from the top of the fold to the opposite corner (on the diagonal) to form a isosceles triangle when unfolded. Set aside.
 - To Cut Background Pieces:** Cut 4—3" x 6" pieces of white fabric (Colour #5). Set aside.
 - To Create Final Square:** On a piece of freezer paper, draw a 4" square. Add a second border, 1/4" outside the square (e.g. create a 4.5" square). Mark the center of the 4" square and draw diagonal lines from the center to each corner of the 4" square. Make another copy of this drawing (total of 2). The recommended sewing sequence is to start with the placement of the Star Point triangles, then add a background piece to each side. (Note: Reduce length of stitches to help pierce the paper and make it easier to remove later). Trim fabric to match the outer 4.5" block border (note: point of star should be 1/4" below the top of the square). Leave paper in place until sewing is completed and then remove.
- Middle Row—Hourglass Unit: Need 1** (Note: this direction creates two hourglass units ... use one for donation!)
 - Cut 1 each** — 5.75" square of fabric from **both colours** (e.g. pink and white OR colours #7 and #5)
 - On the wrong side of the lightest coloured fabric, draw a diagonal line from one corner to the other. Then draw 1/4" stitching guides on either side of this center line.
 - Pair the two fabrics, with right sides facing. Stitch along the marked lines. Cut down center line to form **two** triangle squares. Press seam allowances toward darker fabric.
 - On wrong side of one of these triangle squares, draw a diagonal line, perpendicular to (and across) the seamline. Mark 1/4" stitching guides on either side of this center line.
 - Pair the two triangle squares with right sides facing and opposite fabrics facing one another. Stitch along the marked lines. Cut down center line to form **two** hourglass units. Press seams to one side.
- Assemble Block:** Sew squares together in rows of 3 units, then sew the 3 rows together. Trim block to an overall dimension of 12.5" x 12.5" square.

Community Outreach

Joan Hett (519-763-1395)

Comfort Quilts

Well, we're making progress on our goal to provide 50 quilts for Pediatric Sexual Assault Program at the GGH. We have 18 completed quilts and approximately 10 others at the quilting and binding stage. We are also assembling the blocks of the month into quilt tops as soon as we receive a complete set.



We've decided to change things up a bit this month for the block-of-the-month kits. We have gone through our stash of donated fabrics and picked some wonderful combinations. The block we've chosen is a simple one with only squares and rectangles (and only 5 pieces) that go together really quickly. Each block should measure 9 1/2" square when you get them put together. Please be accurate. This makes the quilt top assembly so much more pleasant! Each kit will contain two of these blocks. In order for us to convert these blocks into a finished quilt by June please ensure that you return any kit by the next month.

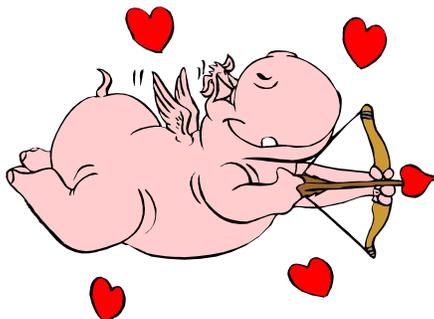
In addition to the block kits, we have cut several kits for complete tops. It is the same block pattern discussed above. The kit contains fabric for all the blocks. The pattern is simple and fun. We've had a member take one, and have so much fun putting it together that she asked for another kit! It's reasonable to finish the top in a day or two as all the cutting has already been done.

We'll also be looking for volunteers to quilt the tops. Backing and batting are provided. Don't worry if you're not an expert machine quilter. It's a great opportunity to practice and there are guild members willing to offer advice and assistance. Thanks for your participation in this very worthwhile project.

Quilt Raffle!

This past November, twenty four members of the Guild met for a Quilt Bee Day. It was a very fruitful day as we produced two quilt tops thanks in part to donations of fabric from our community. One quilt is nearly finished to be donated to the Wyndham House Auction which takes place on March 3rd. It is a timeless quilt featuring four-patch and courthouse step blocks. A classic! With the second quilt, we decided to let our members have an opportunity to win the fruits of our labour! Starting at the February Guild meeting, we will be selling tickets to all Guild members. The draw for this quilt will be made at our 16th Anniversary celebration (March Guild meeting). This quilt is a stunning monochromatic display of blue courthouse step blocks with silk centres inspired by the examples found in Kaffe Fassett's book, *Passionate Patchwork* (pages 36 - 39).

If you are not able to attend the March meeting, just fill out your name and telephone number on the back of your ticket. All proceeds will go to the Pediatric Sexual Assault Comfort Quilt project. If you haven't been able to donate your time to this project this year, buying a ticket for the quilt will be another way you can show your support. Best of luck to all; you may win this outstanding quilt! Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. Look for our display at the February and March meeting.



"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.





Nomination Committee

Sue Keuhl (519-826-7914 or koolhouse1@rogers.com) and Liz Honeggar (519-821-1718)

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 including Sue Keuhl and/or Liz Honeggar (519-821-1718).

The following is a brief description of the positions of the Executive, Conveners, and their committees. Positions that we are actively seeking for the 2007-08 year are noted with a **

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.
**Committee members needed for 2007-08.

****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 and Quilt Bee Day projects.





WORKSHOPS 2006-2007

Diana Magrath (519-836-3933) and Cynthia Gedye (519-822-2412)

Notes to Workshop Participants:

- * Cheques should be made payable to The Royal City Quilters' Guild.
- * Payment is due upon registration. There are no refunds. See "**Refund Policy**" below.
- * Workshops will be offered on Saturdays from 9:30 to 4:00 unless otherwise noted with a half hour break for lunch. Please bring a lunch. Coffee, tea and cookies will be provided.
- * Location: Turfgrass Institute on Victoria Road South, Guelph.
- * You will receive a supply list when you register (or as available from the Instructor).
- * No personal irons. Please use pins with heads—preferably yellow since it makes clean-up much easier. Turfgrass really hates to find pins on the floor.

March 10

Instructor: Alma Laidlaw



In order to fit in as much "fun stuff" as possible, you will be asked to make the same crazy patch block in pastels or brights prior to the workshop then the fun begins! You will use silk ribbon, interesting threads, embroidery stitches, sadi, beads and maybe even some

Swarovski crystals or metals to embellish your block and to experiment with a variety of techniques. Alma will provide a kit at a small cost so that you do not have to buy whole packages of items.

Kit fee: \$10 per student.

Embellishment

April 14

Instructor: Deb Beirnes

Note: The Drafting workshop is not a pre-requisite, but it may be more valuable to do both. Having learned to draft the Lone Star you are now ready to put your knowledge into action. Deb's pattern gives you the choice of a table topper with one star, a table runner with three stars or a wallhanging with one large star.

Pattern cost: \$10.

Lone Star

May 19

Time: 9:00 - 3:30

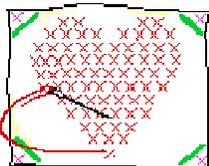
Instructor: Rosemary Makhan

Trapunto by Machine

Add an extra dimension to your quilts with Trapunto work. Expand your Machine Quilting repertoire by learning this exquisite technique. Shadow Trapunto will also be demonstrated and we will make a small sample. Several methods for doing Trapunto by hand will be discussed. Students should have some experience with free motion quilting for best results. A great technique for both traditional and modern quilts.

Refund Policy

Sorry, **no** refunds. We will keep a waiting list for the class, but **you** will be responsible for contacting someone on this list to take your place and reimburse your money.



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Susan Knabenschuh (susan@qualitycomputing.ca or 519-836-6274)



3.... 2.... 1.... HAPPY NEW YEAR!



The Royal City Quilters' Guild now has a presence on the world-wide web! Our website is now up and running. To check out the website, go to <http://www.royalcityquiltersguild.ca/> and let us know what you think. If you want to view past newsletters: **User id:** quilting **Password:** fun



A Quilter's Calendar 2007

February 23 - March 4 World of Threads Festival, various venues. **Old, New, Borrowed, Blue: 150 Years of Wedding Attire** - Oakville Museum at Erchless Estate, 8 Navy Street, Oakville.

Confluence: Streams & Strands (Textile Art by Jane Coryell, Ruth Linginbuehl, Lorraine Roy) Abozzo Gallery, 179 Lakeshore Rd W., Oakville
FibrElements ~ The Four Elements (Exhibition of Works: Fibre Artists Studio) Ristorante Julia, 312 Lakeshore Road East, Oakville For more info contact Dawne Rudeman at 905-844-6524



The Quilt: A Breast Cancer Support Project:

Stratford - Judy Morningstar - Dinner and Trunk Show - **March 30 @ 7:00** \$40 -Workshops are **March 30, 31 and April 1** Hours are 9:00 to 4:00 each day - \$70 per day including lunch. To register call Ye Olde Fabric Shop (Stratford) 519-273-5773 or The Quilt Shop (Shakespeare) 519-625-8435

Stratford - Tango Quilting Marathon - May 4 & 5 THE QUILT Stratford Exhibit, 55 Downie St., Downtown Stratford. Tickets are \$10 Entry Fee plus Pledges (minimum \$100). For more info see <http://www.thequilt.com> or call THE QUILT office at 519-272-2588 to book your time slot or more info.

April 21 - 22 The Region of York Quilters Guild is presenting its 8th Quilt Show "Patchwork Pizzazz" at the Newmarket Seniors' Meeting Place, 474 Davis Dr., Newmarket, ON. Hours are Saturday 10 - 5 and Sunday 10 - 4. Includes tea room, merchants Mall, Display of Antique Sewing Machines and a quilt appraiser on site.

April 27 - 28 The Chatham Kent Quilt Guild Show Admission is \$5.00 and includes lunch room, door prizes, silent auction, merchant mall and quilt auction.

May 11 - 13 The Ottawa Valley Quilters Guild presents "Quilts 2007 - Celebrate!" at the R.A.Center, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa. Admission is \$8, Seniors (65+) \$5, weekend pass \$10. For more information, contact Jacquie Lecuyer 613-234-8436 or Kris Broadhead 613-831-6167 or www.ottawavalleyquiltersguild.org

Ontario Quilting Convention - August 23 - 27 at Geneva Park Convergence Centre, Lake Couchiching, Orillia. For more information go to www.ontarioquilting.org/geneva-park.html or check our board for the flyer.



Special Projects

Gloria Longshaw (519-821-1844)

Who: Kathy Tidswell

Where: Three Willows United Church

When: Thursday, April 19 (7:00 pm-9:00 pm)

Tickets: \$5.00



Kathy Tidswell, CQA Teacher of the year in 2005, will be presenting a trunk show, along with a slide presentation highlighting her techniques. Some of her many qualities include lecturer and fibre artist, she creates thread-painted artwork and wearables, teacher of free motion embroidery and winner of two CQA national juried show awards for wearable art. There will be an intermission with refreshments.

Tickets are now on sale. There are a limited number of tickets available from now until April 1. This special evening is open to all members and non-members and is a special night **in addition** to our regularly scheduled April meeting. Stop by the Special Projects table at February's meeting to see pictures of her work and purchase your ticket.

This event will also be promoted to other guilds in our area. Don't delay purchasing your ticket.



Call for Entry

Threadworks 2007 **Passions**, a juried show of creative needlework opening

May 5 to June 10 at the Wellington County Museum & Archives and traveling to museums and galleries across Ontario to 2010. Work must be original, created with a threaded needle and based on the theme. Nine awards will be given ranging from \$350 to \$1000. Deadline for submissions is April 18th. For more information and entry forms see www.guelpharts.ca/threadworks or call Sharron Begg at 519-763-3316.

NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING

The next meeting of the RCQG Executive will be held Tuesday, February 20, 2007, at the Co-operators building on Macdonnell Street. We start promptly at 7:00 pm and finish at 9:30. Please review your minutes prior to the meeting.