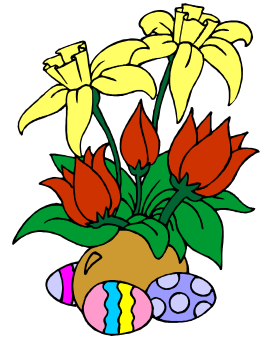




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April Meeting

Tuesday, April 10

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

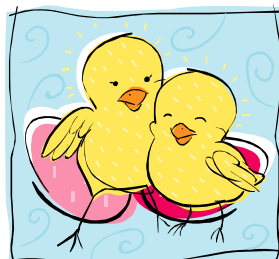
- ✓ Zehrs Tapes
- ✓ Canadian Tire Money
- ✓ Comfort Quilt Kit Blocks
- ✓ Block of the Month Bocks
- ✓ Library Books
- ✓ Show and Share Items
- ✓ Newsletter Submissions
- ✓ Name Tag
- ✓ Cup or Mug
- ✓ Kathy Tidswell Ticket \$

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

Marg Austin, Cynthia Gardiner, Shirley Green, Susan Knabenschuh, Wendy Oskam,
Sara Penny, Audrey Steele, Lorelei Stinson, Nancy Wells, Kathy Wilson

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Greeters this month are

Judy Eckhardt
Jackie James

Message from the President

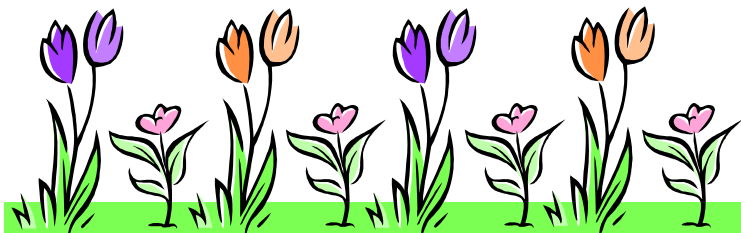
Barbara Jordan (519-837-0818)

At \$3.40 a night, you just can't get better value for your money than to join the Royal City Quilters' Guild. Take March's meeting for example, Kay Boyd had the sanctuary filled with laughter at her adventures in recycling. Second hand clothing becomes quilts, clothes, dolls, boxes and any other item that strikes her fancy. Her energy and humour kept us entertained and I for one was disappointed when the last suitcase was emptied. Kay generously left copies of her instructions for trinket boxes, dolls from silk ties and Fibonacci Series for deciding width of borders on quilts, planning strips, etc. There will be copies available at the membership desk at the April meeting for those who receive their newsletter by Canada Post and an email link will be sent to those who normally get the newsletter via email.

Congratulations to our 16 door prize winners and thanks to Nancy McNab for putting together fabric and thread for those Sweet 16th Anniversary door prizes. For those who missed the draw, Marilyn Watson won the raffle quilt. She will think of us all as she snuggles under that beautiful blue quilt. For those such as myself who did not win the raffle quilt, take pride in having assisted the Community Outreach Committee raise funds which will be used for supplies for Comfort Quilts. It's wonderful to see how everyone has taken this idea of donating quilts to heart and continue to give time and effort to completing quilts.

Remember to pick up your Kathy Tidswell tickets at the April 10 guild meeting if you have not done so. We are looking forward to a fun night of quilts and wearables with area guilds being invited to attend. Bring along a friend or relative to share a special night with this award winning quilter from New Brunswick.

Barbara



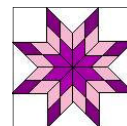
Program

Norah McGuire-McLeod (519-220-1248)

Wow, I never thought there would be so many things that could be made from recycled silk ties and silk skirts. I think Kay Boyd has such a talent for quilting and telling her story. I for one thoroughly enjoyed her frankness, and who wouldn't want to sleep under quilts made of silk in the buff. Thanks to all for your kind comments. You don't always know what gems you will find to entertain us, Kay certainly proved to be one of them. The pattern pieces that Kay offered to us at the meeting will be available for pickup at the April meeting if you do not have access to the website.

Our April Program is Kathleen Boyle-Hatcher. She is a longtime quilter, teacher, an accomplished storyteller and a member of the Etobicoke Quilter's Guild for over 20 years. Kathleen's talk will be on her quilts and how these quilts have interwoven with her life. She is not only interested in the quilts, but the stories behind them; why they were made and who they were made for. You won't want to miss this one.

May is National Quilt Month



To raise awareness in the community the Guild puts on a display of minis and wall hangings at the various Guelph Public Library branches. This is a great opportunity to show the work the members of our guild have completed.

HOW YOU CAN HELP ...

In order for this project to be successful, we need members to allow us to display their quilts. Please let me know by April 2nd if you would like your work displayed. Let me know the size and number of quilts you will make available. Each item must have a hanging sleeve and label. Items that have been in our shows or previously displayed at the GPL can be shown again.

All quilts will need to be delivered to my house at 310 Edinburgh Road South on April 23 or 24th. Call before you come to make sure I am home. I will bring them to the June meeting for you to pick up or you can pick them up at my house after they have been taken down. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Shelly Palframan (519-824-0768)
spalframan14@hotmail.com

From the Library

by Audrey Vrooman (519-653-6562)

Spring is in the air and your Library is just the place to find lots of new inspiration! Thanks to all the members for their support for our fundraising activities which enable us to add the latest quilting books to the Library. This month, special thanks to those of you who remember to bring your Zehrs' tapes. We recently received a cheque from Zehrs for \$260 which will allow us to purchase about 8 new books. With so many new books and magazine donations from our members, storage space is at a premium. So, at the June meeting we will hold a magazine sale for members. Hopefully you'll each be able to find something fun to read over the summer months!

New Items in the Library

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

Creating Sketchbooks for Embroiderers and Textile Artists, Greenless
 Organizing Your Craft Space, Packham
 The Milkweed Angel Do Book, Rampen
 Quilt Style, Todd
 Sizzling Quilts from a Simple Block, Hallock
 Fabulous Fat Quarter Quilts, Better Homes & Gardens



Also, thanks to **Marion Osborne** (again) for her wonderful donation of nearly new items to the Library.

Finally, a gentle reminder about overdue books – there is a \$1 per item, per month fine for overdue books. If you are not able to return your books and cannot find a quilting friend to do it for you, please remember to bring the change along with you to the next meeting. And don't worry that your fines are going to waste – it's just another way we fund more books for you to enjoy!

Spring Raffle

We will be holding our final fundraising raffle of the year at the May meeting. Sandy and I have been shopping around since before Christmas to find some new and unique notions. Couple that with some fantastic spring fabrics and other quilters' goodies and we think we will be able to put together some raffles you'll really enjoy. In fact, we are so committed to making sure that we find something special, that we've planned a trip to the International Quilt Festival in Chicago in April to complete our shopping. Start saving your loonies and toonies now. Watch this space for more information next month about our new finds for the upcoming spring raffle.

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



Have you quilted something wearable? We need you to show it off at our wearable quilted fashion show on April 19 at the Kathy Tidswell show. Model your garment with your fellow guild member.

Please contact Gloria Longshow at 519-821-1844 to offer your garment(s) for the show.



Block of the Month

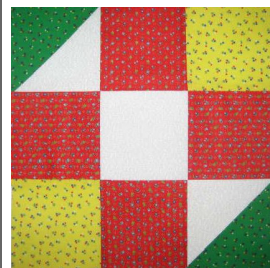
Cheryl Cowan cowanche@hotmail.com or (519-763-1268)

APRIL = HOURGLASS BLOCK

Block of the Month Participants: Spring is in the air! Can the cheery emergence of tulips, crocuses and daffodils be far behind? Inspired by this thought, April's block colour scheme is based on bright reds, yellows, greens and white. (Note: The hourglass is formed in the center of the block).

Mystery Quilt Participants: Reference the numbered diagram for your colour usages and square arrangement within the block.

Square Description	Block of the Month Fabric	Mystery Quilt Fabric (Make 4 Blocks)
Half Square Triangle Units (Top & Bottom Row—opposite corners)	Green (Cut 1—5" square) And White (Cut 1—5" square)	Fabric Colour #10 And Colour #8
Full Square Units (All other positions)	Red (Cut 4—4.5" squares) ... center unit for top & bottom rows, first & last units in center row And Yellow (Cut 2—4.5" squares) ... opposite corners in top & bottom row And White (Cut 1—4.5" square)	Fabric Colour #11 And Fabric Colour #10 And Fabric Colour #8



10 8	11	10
11	8	11
10	11	8 10

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

- Cut full square units as indicated in the chart above:
- Prepare Half-Square Triangle Units as follows:
 - Place **1—5" square of WHITE (#8) right side facing to 1—5" square of GREEN (#10)**
 - i) 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.
 - ii) Place the two fabrics together, with right sides facing. Stitch along the marked lines. Cut down center line to form to form **two** half-triangle squares. Press seam allowances toward darker fabric. Trim to 4.5" squares.
- Assemble Block:** Sew squares together in rows of 3 units, pressing seams toward the darker fabrics. Sew the 3 rows together. Trim block to an overall dimension of 12.5" x 12.5" square.

JUST ONE MORE BLOCK TO GO FOR THIS YEAR'S NINE-PATCH THEME!!!

May's Hint—look through your stashes for shades of green.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF YOU MYSTERY QUILT PARTICIPANTS FOR HANGING IN THERE ... it's all down-hill from here!

REMINDER: We encourage you to make at least 1 block pattern for the Block of the Month draw ... but you can also choose to make more! Extras can be put to good use in a Community Comfort Quilt as well. Either way, your participation is valued. So don't forget to collect **your draw tickets for either path of participation!** It's FUN ... so get **INVOLVED** in your **GUILD!**



Community Outreach

Joan Hett (519-763-1395)

Blue Quilt Raffle

Congratulations to Marilyn Watson, the lucky winner of the "Blue" quilt. Thank you to all who purchased raffle tickets. The raffle raised \$507 which will be used to purchase batting and backings for the Comfort Quilt project.

Comfort Quilt Project

We're in the home stretch now. We are planning to present the quilts to the GGH at our meeting in June. We now have over 30 completed quilts. Our goal is to donate at least 50. If you're planning on making a quilt to donate, a guideline size is approximately 58" X 70". The feedback we're getting is that the kids are using them on their beds and that the larger size is working out better.

We will not be doing any more block kits for the balance of this year. Instead, our focus is shifting to completing the quilts that have already been started. However, if you have been doing the Block of the Month and donating it, we are happy to accept those. We need 20 blocks to make a quilt, so if you have been planning on doing one all year, now is the time!

Please return ANY completed blocks (or kits if you have not started them yet) at the April meeting. We have several sets waiting for the last one or two blocks.

We are looking for volunteers to sew the blocks together, quilt and/or bind the quilts. Please see us at the Comfort Quilt table. We will distribute what we have available and take the names of those who are willing to help out as the quilts move forward. We will contact you throughout the month as your services are required. Our goal is to have these quilts finished by June so we really need your help.

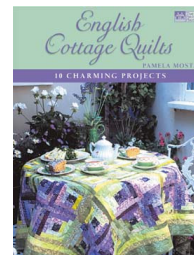
Thank you so much for your support of this project. Most of the quilts we donated last year have been distributed so we know we are making a difference in the lives of these kids and bringing a smile to their faces.

A Book Review

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

English Cottage Quilts
by Pamela Mostek

ISBN 1-56477-475-9



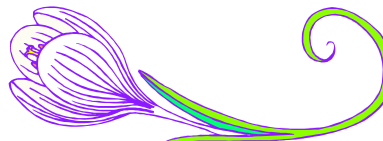
Pamela Mostek believes that beautiful places inspire beautiful quilts. She used this artist's approach to design the quilts in this her fourth book, *English Cottage Quilts*. Pamela has journeyed to the quiet cobblestone streets, lush flower-filled gardens and quaint cottages. A place visited where time slows to a leisurely pace.

You can capture the charm of a quaint English village from the 10 enchanting quilts she has presented in her book. Choose from romantic quilts in wall, lap and bed sizes. Make the quilted renditions of breathtaking roses, winding ivy vines, and flower-filled baskets. Easy-to-follow pillow projects are also included. Discover the inspiration behind each design with dozens of on-location photos.

This is one of those books that is always nice to have on a coffee table. It not only inspires the quilter in you, but lets others see a collection of pictures of beautiful England, its gardens and wonderful buildings. You won't want to miss taking this book out of the library.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND

The Executive of the Royal City Quilters' Guild is hereby giving notice of the intent to amend the Royal City Quilters' Guild Bylaws. The proposed amended bylaw affects *Article IV - Officers and Committees, Item A. Officers #2* adding a new standing committee - Website Chair. This amendment will be voted on during the May Annual General Meeting.





LAST WORKSHOP FOR THIS YEAR

Diana Magrath (519-836-3933) and
Cynthia Gedye 9-822-2412)

May 19 Trapunto by Machine

Time: 9:00 - 3:30

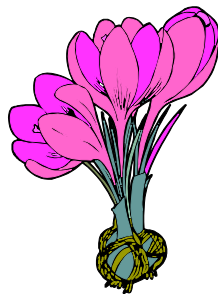
Instructor: Rosemary Makhan

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.

This workshop currently has 5 members signed up. This is a great opportunity to learn from a renowned teacher right here on our own turf. Yes, we will be at the lovely Turf Grass Centre on a Spring Day.

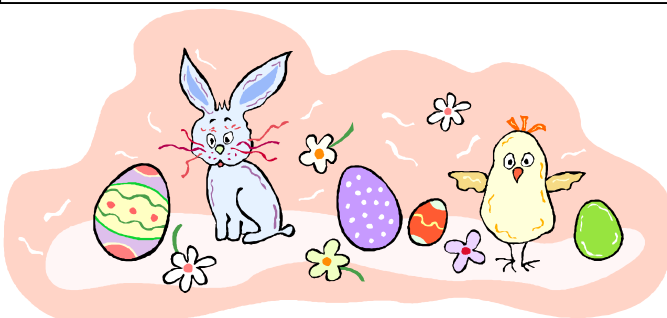
Trapunto is a great way to enhance the beauty of a quilt and draw attention in a positive way to those large empty spaces in some designs. Rosemary's choice of focussing on trapunto by machine will surely enhance your ability in free motion quilting. You will also learn the traditional ways.

We may have to cancel this workshop for lack of participation. To avoid disappointment, please register no later than the April General Meeting. Also consider inviting a friend to join you. Non-members are welcome at the same price.



To register before the April meeting, please call Cynthia Gedye at 519-822-2412 or Diana Magrath at 519-836-3933.

Thank you,
Cynthia Gedye and Diana Magrath



KATHY TIDSWELL TRUNK/SLIDE SHOW

April 19

Time is running out to purchase a ticket for the Kathy Tidswell Trunk/Slide Show. We are 75% sold out!

A few things to remember for those who have already purchased tickets:

- * special door prizes will be drawn from all advance tickets
- * carpool to avoid parking problems
- * on-street parking is allowed on Willow Road
- * enter through the main entrance
- * watch the website for ticket availability
- * wear your quilted garments and take part in the "Wearables Parade"

This event will start at 7 pm, at Three Willows Church, 577 Willow Road, our usual meeting location. The trunk and slide show by Kathy Tidswell will be followed by refreshments and a "Wearables Parade". Everyone is encouraged to buy tickets now to avoid disappointment.

Contact Gloria Longshaw at 519-821-1844



RoyalCityQuiltersGuild.ca

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

The Royal City Quilters' Guild now has a presence on the world-wide web! 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

JOB FAIR

Only a few positions left! We are in the process of putting together our Executive for the 2007-08 Quilt year. We are looking for volunteers with a keen interest and ability to commit a few hours a month to carry on the various activities in the Guild. We need a few more enthusiastic volunteers to help make our Guild run as smoothly as it does. Training and encouragement provided. Very rewarding experience that comes with a few good perks. Please read up on the positions available and see if an area interests you. Even if you are new to the Guild or new to Quilting, don't let that hold you back! We love fresh faces! We also welcome current or previous volunteers. Here is what is still available....



Program:

Chair/Co-chairs and committee members needed. Planning done early in the summer. Includes selecting the speakers, setting up the meetings, hosting the speaker and tear down. Maintaining the microphone. Techies welcome! Great opportunity to meet the speakers. A wonderful, creative experience! Three more committee members needed!

Library Chair:

Chair/Co-chairs Setting up the library, maintaining records, one yearly inventory and purchasing of new books. This position comes with a very experienced and dedicated committee!



Historian:

One person committee! Can be co-chaired.

Taking pictures with the Guild Digital Camera and maintaining a photo album and archive records for the year. No committee or extra meetings outside of Executive meetings required. Also, the best reason being that a front row seat guaranteed at each meeting!



We also need a few more committee members for the **Special Projects** and **Social Committees**.

Please consider joining our Executive for the upcoming year. All chairs are required to attend the monthly meetings held every third Tuesday evening of the month from September to May (excluding December). This is an opportunity to get together with fellow quilters and meet many new friends. You will enjoy working with a great group of creative people! All positions come with a handbook and a wealth of experience will surround you! Our annual Pot Luck dinner and upcoming Volunteer Appreciation Tea is also part of the package!



If you see a position that interests you or would like to find out where your interests/skills would be a good fit, please contact Sue Keuhl (826-7914, koolhouse1@rogers.com) or Liz Honegger (821-1718). We'll be thrilled to hear from you!





A Quilter's Calendar 2007

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 10 - 12 Mount Forest, Markdale, Shelburne, Alliston and Cookstown - **Goose on the Loose Shop Hop**. Hours are Thursday and Friday 9:30 am - 8:00 pm and Saturday 9:30 - 5:00. Demonstrations at each location. For more information go to www.lilaclanequilts.com/shophop or call 1-866-435-1041.

May 11 - 12 Burlington - The Halton Quilter's Guild Quilt Show - **A Stitch in Time Quilt Show**, Eaglesfield Campus of Compass Point Bible Church, 2501 Eaglesfield Drive Burlington, off Hwy 5 between Brandt St & Guelph Line. Fri 10-6 and Sat 10-5. Over 200 Stunning Quilts, Vendors, Tea Room, Members Boutique, Northcott Challenge, Viewers Choice Awards much more. Adm \$5. Halton Q G. Ruth Brown 905-842-1175

May 11 - 12 Oshawa - The Durham Trillium Quilters Guild presents **Tomorrow's Memories**, General Sikorski Polish Veteran's Hall, 1551 Stevenson Road North, Friday 10-8, Saturday 10-4, Admission \$5. Feature Quilter Martha Brown, merchant mall, tearoom, raffle quilt, door prizes, free parking. For more information contact Anne Murray (905)576-7833 or jim.murray@sympatico.ca

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

May 23 - 26 12th Annual Waterloo County & Area Quilt Festival For info call 888-804-7909 or go to www.waterlooquiltfestival.com

May 25 - 26 Niagara Falls - The Rainbow Country Quilters Guild present **Come to the Rainbow**, Drummond Hill Church, 6136 Lundys Lane. Friday 10 - 8, Saturday 10 - 5. Quilts for show and sale, Boutique, merchant mall, Lunch, tea room, Admission \$5. for more information contact Marie Gravelle (905)356-2486 or marie1quilts@hotmail.com

May 26 - 27 Lindsay Creative Quilters Guild presents **Quilted Treasures**, 18 Peel Street. Quilt displays, boutique, demonstrations, raffle quilt, vendors, tearoom, door prizes. For more information call (705)324-6818 or email lcqg@cogeco.ca

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

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 April Guild meeting.

NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING

The next meeting of the RCQG Executive will be held Tuesday, April 17, 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.

