

Royal City Quilters' Guild

February 2008



February Meeting Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2008

Three Willows United Church,
577 Willow Road, Guelph

6:45 Doors Open
7:00 Welcome
7:15 Speaker
8:15ish Break
8:30 Announcements &
Show and Share



Meeting Checklist

- ✓ Name Tag
- ✓ Zehrs/Ultra Tapes
- ✓ Canadian Tire Money
- ✓ Library Books
- ✓ Show & Share Items
- ✓ Newsletter Submissions
- ✓ Membership Fees
- ✓ Payment for CreativFestival trip
- ✓ Money to purchase patterns



Thanks to

February's Greeters:

Lana Phillips

Treat Providers:

Thank you if you signed up to bring treats. Treats will no longer be available during the break. See page 8 for the details.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE




PROGRAM

CHERYL COWAN
RUTHANNE FINNIGAN



Those who braved the rain on January 8 (that's right, rain in January) were treated to not only Helen Martin's beautiful quilts but also the stories she's gathered along the way. Can you imagine seeing quilts that were created long before any of us were born? It is amazing to have been able to view these pieces of history upclose and a treat to learn so much about fabric and quilts. Thank you for sharing Helen.

We received 40 snowball and 27 "X" blocks in December and January for Block of the Month. These blocks will be put together into two quilt tops. If you have blocks from previous months, we are happy to accept them for future tops. This month, in honour of Valentine's Day, we'll be doing a reverse appliqué Heart block.

Looking ahead to March, the Royal City Quilters' Guild will be celebrating our 17th Anniversary. **Turquoise** is the traditional and modern gift for the 17th according to Hallmark; so think **turquoise** and look for a challenge in conjunction with March Block of the Month.



We had a group photo taken at our January guild meeting, thanks to SNAP Guelph photographer, Brenda-Louise Moore of

Fergus. We should be in the February edition of this free paper which should come out by mid month. Copies will be found at our bulletin board and around Guelph at libraries and businesses.

See you soon,

Barbara Jordan

President



One of the most difficult things for me to do is decide how to quilt my finished tops ... the design, the preparation and the sewing ... what if it doesn't 'work'??

We will have the opportunity to hear the tricks of the trade from a professional finisher. Nancy Johnston, of Cuddly Cocoon (Waterloo), has a diploma in Fashion Design and Textiles. She has been a professional machine quilter for eleven years and a longarm/shortarm teacher for the past seven. In fact, Nancy's talent is elegantly demonstrated in the beautiful machine quilted stitches on our very own Royal City Quilters' Guild quilt (check it out at one of our meetings)!

Nancy is a Nolting Quilting Machine dealer, designing continuous line quilting patterns and clothing patterns for Golden Threads. To inspire the quilter to create her own surface designs, Nancy has created templates and instruction videos for Quilters Rule.

Getting ready to quilt your items? Nancy will take us through the important steps to properly prepare our quilts for longarm/shortarm machine quilting including: squaring the quilt, choosing borders and backing and selecting the quilting pattern. For those who quilt their own quilts, Nancy will also provide tips and methods for becoming more comfortable with freehand quilting.

Bring along your questions and your coin purses. During the break, members will have an opportunity to purchase continuous line quilting patterns and pantograms suitable for the longarm/shortarm quilter. As well, stencils, design templates and an instruction video for those who want to create their own quilting designs will be for sale.





LIBRARY

DIANE BLACK & JACOBA NEAR

A big thank you to everyone who participated in December's Bake and Deli Sale. Your generosity helped to contribute \$194.50 to the library fund. We'll see some more new books in the coming months. The newest issue of Quilting Arts is in now.

Advance Notice: Due to overcrowding in our book cupboards, we will be selling some of the books at the June meeting. What a great way to enjoy some summer reading.




MEMBERSHIP

CAROL COUSINS

Welcome to these new members:

Nellie Hanuta, 43 Creekside Drive, Guelph
N1E 0C2 519-265-1590 nhanuta@msn.com

Mary Halfpenny 2 Lorna Drive, Guelph
mhalfpen@uoguelph.ca

Please update the information in your directory for these members:

Chris Tuck add: 022047 Townline Rd.

Marjorie Hamilton, 28 Tovell Drive, Guelph N1K 1Z6



BOOK REVIEW

LAUREL MARSOLAIS

Dear Pam: Teach Me Your Quick Quilting Techniques

by Pam Bono

ISBN: 157-4863487



You can learn to achieve an appliqué look with piecing techniques. These elaborate blocks often have 60 or more pieces, but the author teaches her "quick piecing" techniques to speed the process and obtain accurate results. These techniques include strip piecing, and turning squares into sewn triangles (be warned, while accurate and fast, this method does waste fabric). She includes instructions for using the "Angler 2", a tool invented by her husband to eliminate the need to draw diagonal lines on squares. She also promotes a line of rulers with 1/8 inch measurements.

The quilts are exquisite; ten elaborately pieced heirlooms, including stars, chains, floral and children's quilts. If you want to experiment with these techniques there are smaller projects, including tablecloths, table runners, placemats and wall hangings.

The patterns look complicated, but the results will encourage you to try these innovative methods. Check out her web site at www.pambonodesigns.com for more ideas as well as free downloads and instructional videos.





DOWN QUILTERS' LANE

EVELYN LANE

A rose by any other name...."

Back in the day (again!) when we started a sewing project we went to the store and bought "material". We don't do that anymore; we buy "fabric". I don't know when the first word morphed into the second but I suspect it was in the late 70's with the resurgence of quilting.

"To stash or not to stash...."

Any quilter worth her salt has a few extra pieces of fabric around in case she should need them. Some of us have considerably more than a few. Since these fabrics are often stored (or hidden) in various places around the house the word "stash" has become the term most often used to describe them. Every now and then someone tries to use a more elegant term; one author of a watercolour book referred to her "library" of fabric colours. I found that awkward to use but since I "collect" several different things I have started to refer to my stash as a "fabric collection". I know that there are fabrics that I will NEVER cut into - I only stroke them occasionally and enjoy owning them. But I think the best (and funniest) and probably the most accurate is the term I heard this past year - STABLE- which means STASh Beyond Life Expectancy. Don't you love it?

Some fabric tips:

- when choosing fabrics remember that variety in scale, value, colour, and pattern add interest to the appearance of a quilt.

-when choosing fabrics arrange them together and squint (or take off your glasses) to see if your choices have the desired variety.

-the same trick can be used when choosing a desired gradation of values or colour. Any fabric which stands out too much or looks out of place needs to be moved or eliminated.

The first step is to find out what you love-- and don't be practical about it.

The second step is to start doing what you love immediately, in any small way possible. I've seen what happens to people when they get to do what they love. They light up. They glow. They have a kind of energy that's wonderful.

~Barbara Sher




COMMUNITY OUTREACH

JOAN HETT

Thanks to all those who continue to make blocks to donate and to those who are completing the kit blocks. Please remember to return the blocks at the next meeting. We are making progress. We now have several tops completed. I've made the backings and cut the batting and these tops will be available for distribution at the February meeting. We are in need of volunteers to complete the quilting. Please consider donating your time and skills to this effort. If you're new to machine quilting, this is a great opportunity to practice. If you can help, please see us at the Community Outreach table.



WORKSHOPS 2007-2008
KATHY WAGNER & MARILYN WATSON



March 29/08 Still Life Composition

Teacher: Marilyn Clarke

Location: Turfgrass Institute

Time: 9:30 - 3:30

Cost: \$40

FULL

Explore free motion stitching as a method of drawing and developing a painterly approach to your still life composition. Instruction will focus on surface manipulation, principles of design and individual expression. Marilyn aspires to challenge her student's creativity and concept development in designing art pieces using textiles.

If you haven't received your list of supplies stop by the workshop table at the back of the meeting hall.

April 26/08

Open A Door To Stitch Witchery

FULL

Teacher: Sybil Rampen

Location: Joshua Creek Studio, 1086 Burnhamthorpe Rd. E., Oakville **Try and Carpool.**

Time: 9:30 - 3:30

Cost \$40 PLUS \$10 kit fee payable at the workshop

This is an experimental workshop to learn what you can do with sheets of transparent glue: gilding, painting, ripping, trapping, layering, melting, wrapping and inventing. It is an amazing tool.

All supplies will be in the \$10 kit. Sybil suggests bringing along a sketchbook and camera to record ideas and inspiration.



Nothing but smiles from the participants of the December Paper Piecing Workshop with Denise McKenna. Your projects look wonderful!!



Thank You to everyone for a terrific year of learning and creating.






NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE
 SUE KEUHL



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 Sue Keuhl (519-826-7914 or koolhouse1@rogers.com).

The following is a brief description of the positions of the Executive, Conveners, and their committees.

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 arranging for snacks at guild meetings.

Special Projects: Is responsible for organizing special events/activities as requested by the executive.

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.

Website: Is responsible for overseeing and updating the website.





BLOCK OF THE MONTH



Reverse Appliqué Heart

What else could we do for February but hearts? Pick your favourite colours, anything goes as long as there is good contrast between #1 and #2 fabrics. The sample shown at the January meeting looked like a red heart from the stage but close up, it was a mixture of red, black, pink, blue, yellow and turquoise flecks. It will go with any colour you choose.

#1 fabric - 9" square of dark fabric

#2 fabric - 9" square of medium or light

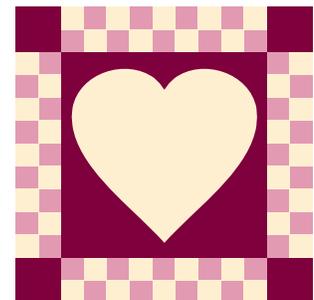
-Cut a paper version of the heart shape provided as your template (photocopy or trace onto paper if you don't want to cut up your newsletter).

-Stack #1 fabric on top of #2 fabric, both are right side up (not right side together).

-Pin the paper heart shape to the centre of the fabric stack.

-Straight stitch all around the outside of paper heart shape, thru both layers of fabric.

-Using scissors with a sharp point, cut the #1 fabric (top layer) only, up to $\frac{1}{4}$ " inside the straight stitch line. This will reveal the #2 fabric below and yield another smaller heart you can fuse or machine appliqué to another 9" block if you desire.



Any questions? Need help?

Call Nancy McNab 519-856-1084 or Barbara Jordan 519-837-0818.



A QUILTER'S CALENDAR

To February 29, 2008 "A Painter's Palette" by Koigu. A selection of articles from the Koigu collection. Greenwood Quiltery, 275 Woolwich St., Guelph. Hours of operation are Monday to Wednesday and Saturday 10:00 - 5:00. Thursday and Friday 10:00 - 6:00. Closed Sundays.

March 4 to April 11 "Fusion" Greenwood Group Show. Also at Greenwood Quiltery.

March 28-30, "Quilt Fever 2008" Neilson Park Creative Centre, 56 Neilson Drive, Toronto (Etobicoke), Ontario. Fri 10-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4. Quilts, vendors, boutique, tearoom, raffle quilt, and challenge blocks. Ample free parking. Etobicoke Quilters' Guild. Contact Virginia Rothwell vrothwell@beardwinter.com

CELEBRATE



Do You Love Anne?

Kindred Spaces 2008 Textiles Showcase presented by Tourism PEI is inviting quilts & other two dimensional textiles works to participate in their Fall 2008 show.

Accepting work in the theme of:

Kindred Spaces- Maximum perimeter 120 inches. Work must be an interpretation based on a line, chapter, or paragraph of a Lucy Maud Montgomery writing

100 years of Anne- Maximum perimeter 120 inches. Work must be a reflection of Anne of Green Gables. (Quilts only category)

Prize awarded for top 3 in each theme. Contact Mary Gaudet at Tourism PEI for entry information (902) 368-4056 or megaudet@gov.pe.ca, www.anne2008.com



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RCQG Coach Trip Sat. April 26th

\$40 includes Transportation and Admission to this amazing festival. Bring a Friend!

- ♥ Shopping * Seminars, demos and workshops
- ♥ Make 'n Take opportunities * Shopping
- ♥ Trunk shows * Shopping * Latest Trends

Sign up by calling Ivy Smailes 519 767 9937 or Shelly Palframan 519 824 0768 today. Deadline is Feb. 12th. You may pay at the Feb. Meeting. www.csnf.com for more information.

Treats or No Treats?

After many discussions and careful consideration, the Executive has decided that we will no longer have treats and drinks available at our regular monthly Guild meetings. Several of the reasons for this change include:

- request from the church to keep all food and drink out of the main meeting hall
- congestion around the table/doorway
- liability/health and safety concerns - especially around boiling water and the inaccessibility of power



A BIG thank you to everyone who has helped out throughout this year! ☺

From the Editor—Cheryl Wallace

Thank you for your submissions.

Reminder - Bring next month's articles to the Guild meeting or e-mail them to RCQGnews@gmail.com

Executive Meeting

February 19, 2008

7-9:30 pm

Co-operators Building