



Royal City Quilters' Guild

May 2008



May Meeting Tues. May 13, 2008

Three Willows United Church,
577 Willow Road, Guelph

- 6:45 Doors Open
- 7:00 Welcome and Annual General Meeting
- 7:20 Speaker
- 8:15ish Break
- 8:30 Announcements & Show and Share



Meeting Checklist

- ✓ Name Tag
- ✓ Comfort Quilts
- ✓ Comfort Quilt Block Kits
- ✓ Raffle Money
- ✓ Zehrs/Ultra Tapes
- ✓ Canadian Tire Money
- ✓ Library Books
- ✓ Show & Share Items
- ✓ Newsletter Submissions



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

How wonderful to see Reta Budd and her creations at our Guild meeting once again. Reta was a delight, sharing her stories and love of outdoors, trees, barns and horses with an appreciative audience. Thank you to Maureen Kay for stepping in to introduce Reta and to Cindy Schwan, Bev Matson, Sharon Huska, Dorothy Price and Audrey Vrooman for assisting with white glove duties. One of our visitors, Laura, bravely put on gloves and pitched in too. Reta was most appreciative of so much help and those who carried the pieces can attest they were as beautiful up close as they were from afar.

May brings our Annual General Meeting which we've streamlined to keep the business portion from running into the program. See the executive reports later in the newsletter as a prelude to the AGM. We will also introduce our next executive at the May 13 meeting. Past President, Sue Keuhl held a job fair at the April meeting and there are still openings on the Executive. Please contact Sue if you have any questions about a position. We are looking for a "few good women" to paraphrase a popular slogan. No experience necessary! Fun, laughter and friendship guaranteed.

Our speaker for May will be our own Norah McGuire McLeod. Norah has been active in our Guild and the Waterloo County Quilters' Guild for a number of years. As announced on April 8, Norah will be the Chair of our upcoming quilt show—dates to be finalized. With Norah's perspective as a quilter, guild member, committee member and vendor, we know the next show is in good hands.

Seventy-three pinwheel blocks were turned in at the April meeting! That has to be a Block-of-the-Month record! Thank you all for your generosity. We also received blocks from earlier months, these will be added to a quilt top I'm calling the "Extras". Please bring in any other blocks you've completed to round out this top.

Enjoy the wonderful spring weather,

Barbara Jordan



PROGRAM

CHERYL COWAN
RUTHANNE FINNIGAN

Meet the Quilter

As has been the tradition of our Annual Meetings, we've looked inside our Guild membership for a willing participant to share her personal quilting story history. For most of you, she is a familiar face, whose membership in the Guild extends back some 14 years! For our committee, she was a valuable mentor in our early programming days: Norah McGuire-MacLeod.



Norah's first introduction to quilting came from her maternal grandmother, who taught her how to appliqué a pansy quilt with the button hole stitch! Later it was her twin sister that encouraged her to take a sampler quilting class with her in Whitby, thus launching the still-active quilt fever that is present today. Since 2003 Norah has been running her own home-based business in Cambridge – Sew Little Time (an appropriate name for one balancing the demands of family, an employer and her own quilt business!).

Norah is also an active member of a quilting group that get together weekly at the Popcorn House in Cambridge to create a raffle quilt to support the home's programs for women and children. This year's quilt will feature lots of stars and Norah hopes to bring it along to show us.

As part of her trunk show, Norah will be showing us a 'progression' from the early days up to the present. She'll also be bringing along some fabrics and patterns, which will be available for sale at the break.

Come and "Meet the Quilter".



LIBRARY

DIANE BLACK & JACOBA NEAR

There is going to be another raffle at the May meeting. We are not quite sure at the time of this mailing what it is going to be but be prepared with your loonies or toonies. You won't be disappointed!

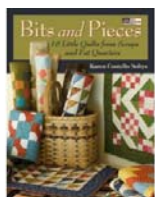
Two new books have been purchased for the Library – Blendable Curves and Bits and Pieces – 18 small quilts (reviewed below).

See you in May.



BOOK REVIEW

LAUREL MARSOLAIS



Bits and Pieces : 18 Small Quilts from Fat Quarter and Scraps

by Karen Costello Soltys

ISBN: 1564777383

Small quilts (under 22 inches) give us the inspiration to create something beautiful from the scraps and fat quarters in our collections. The designs are lovely and could be doubled in size to make a crib quilt for someone special, or expanded to full size.

The small size gives the quilter the opportunity to experiment with a new technique or pattern and create something beautiful. Most of the projects could be completed in a weekend – or two weekends if you decide to hand quilt.

The designs are divided into patterns based on squares and rectangles, triangles, diamonds and curves and circles (using appliqué). The finishing instructions include quilting patterns for most of the designs.

If you want to hone your piecing techniques or practice your machine or hand quilting, these delightful small treasures will give you plenty of opportunities. When you're finished, you'll end up with a small quilt to treasure.



DOWN QUILTERS' LANE

EVELYN LANE

Touch therapy? I have always envied those people who can work their way through great traumas or grief by making a quilt. It doesn't work for me since getting through all that requires every ounce of energy I can muster, creative or otherwise. So I was surprised when going through a rough patch health wise this past winter. I went into my sewing room to sort some fabrics. Just BEING in the room was so comforting and sorting through the fabrics was downright therapeutic. If you have had similar experiences which you would like to share with us please email me; should we print it in the column you can remain anonymous if you wish.

Today's tips:

1. SIGN EVERYTHING you make; include the date and place as well.
2. Keep an album of snapshots of every quilted item you make (not just the quilts). Include information about when, where, and why you made it, who currently owns it, etc. Years from now you'll be glad to have a record of the quilt you sold at the local shop or sent off to college with your son. The information may prove meaningful to family members and future historians too.
3. Take snapshots of every quilt you OWN to keep in your own personal quilt registry. I will provide a useful form to use for this at a later date.
4. Make a video tape of all your quilts—both the ones you have made as well as those you may have collected or purchased. Describe them in your own voice and inform all relevant details such as in #1 above. The kids may not pay attention now but will wish they had when you're no longer around. I would like to claim this as my idea, but it was my daughter's.





NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

SUE KEUHL



If you look to the right, you will see that our 2008-2009 line-up for our Executive is extremely scarce! Without a full roster of people on our Executive, we do not have a functioning Guild. As you will see from the list, some key positions are not filled. Membership, Newsletter and especially Program are the heart of our Guild. Without these roles filled, we can not function as the wonderful organization we have been for 17 wonderful years.

We need you! We have done many things to attract new members to our Executive—from notices to asking people directly. Oddly enough, we have not been able to successfully fill all the roles at the time of writing. A lot can happen between now and our May 13th meeting, but we need people to come forward!



This is the time!

I know there are many of you out there who could make a great contribution to our Executive team. Previous volunteer experience with the Guild is not a requirement. We are seeking people with a few extra hours to spare and have a willingness to serve our members. Training and support are provided.

Executive perks:

- ♥ *opportunity to work with a wonderful group of creative women*
- ♥ *chance to network with fellow quilters outside of Guild meetings*
- ♥ *advance knowledge of what is ahead*
- ♥ *opportunity to put creative ideas into motion! Some previous initiatives birthed at Exec meetings have been the Guild quilt, Bee Days, Special Interest Groups, Special Guest Speakers, Artist Trading Cards, Block of the Month and so many more!*
- ♥ *sign out Library books for the entire summer!*
- ♥ *VIP invitation to the Volunteer Appreciation Tea including a private audience with an exclusive speaker*

There is so much more we could tell you about the benefits of being on Exec. You would be part of a tradition of women who have built up our Guild to be as welcoming and wonderful as it is every month. Consider how you can make a contribution by signing up for a committee or taking on a Chair role. If you are not sure what is involved, please call or e-mail. This is the time! We really need to fill these spots before our next meeting!

PROPOSED SLATE OF OFFICERS 2008-09

President: Nancy McNabb

Vice President: **Vacant**

Past President: Barbara Jordan

Secretary: Anne Smith

Treasurer: Christine Saracino

Past Treasurer: Frankie Poxon

Program Chair: **Vacant**

Committee: Dawn Labelle, **more needed on this team!**

Workshop Chairs: Kathy Wagner & Marilyn Watson
Committee: Cindy Robinson

Special Projects Chair: **Vacant**

Committee: Shelly Palframan, Liz Honnegar, **more needed on this team!**

Library Chairs: Diane Black and Jacoba Near

Committee: Theresa Bryant, Florie Lonsdale, Anne Jeffrey, Lynda Banks, Louise Marshall, and Laurel Marsolais (book reports)

Publicity Chair: **Vacant**

Membership Chair: **Vacant**

Committee: Diane Barber, Kathy Wilson

Historian Chair: Muriel McGibbon

Newsletter Chair: **Vacant**

Website Chair: Susan Knabenschuh

Community Outreach Chair: Donna Reimer

Committee: Leslie Mactaggart, Donna Reimer, Karen Heal, Judy Eckhardt, Joan Hug-Valeriotte, and Elaine Gostick

EXECUTIVE REPORTS

Summary of Executive Reports respectfully submitted for review prior to our Annual General Meeting

President – Barbara Jordan

At the September 11, 2007 Guild meeting, members voted on 10 entries for the President's Challenge. Wendy Oskam was presented with first place, Judy Taylor received second and Diane Black third. Members enjoyed speakers, hands-on instruction and shopping with vendors throughout the Guild year.

March 11 was the 17th Anniversary for the RCQG with give-aways and refreshments for everyone. Seventeen door prizes were offered to celebrate the occasion. A sneak peek of the upcoming African quilt exhibit to take place in Ailsa Craig October 2008 highlighted the March program. The President chaired all Executive meetings and opened each Guild meeting before turning the stage over to Program. With the assistance of Vice President Nancy McNab, Block-of-the-Month offered a variety of pieced and applique blocks which were donated to the Outreach Committee. Preparations have begun for the 2009 Quilt Show. Many thanks to those members and executive who lent a hand when called upon throughout the year to assist with the smooth running of the Guild and Guild meetings.

Past President and Nomination – Sue Keuhl

As Past President, Sue was a resource to the President on various issues and filled new vacancies for volunteer positions. As Chair of the Nomination Committee, new executive members were found for the 2008-09 Executive. As part of the Community Outreach Committee, Sue coordinated the Bee Day project in November with Leslie MacTaggart.

Vice President – Nancy McNab

Nancy researched Incorporation and Insurance coverage for the Guild. General Liability and Tenants Liability insurance is now in place. The application for the Agnes Boyle Bursary was submitted to CQA on behalf of the RCQG. Nancy assisted with Block of the Month each month and Program when needed while also attending all executive meetings.

Secretary – Anne Smith

Minutes of the executive meetings were taken and distributed by Anne. In Anne's absence, Shelly Palframan acted as secretary. Cards of sympathy were sent to guild members and their families as directed by the Executive. Minutes from previous years have been organized on behalf of the Guild.



Treasurer – Frankie Poxon

Forms for cheque requests and money receipts have been created for easier tracking of Guild receipts and expenditures. The 2007-2008 budget was prepared in August. The President and Vice President assisted with banking and cheque writing when required. The Executive appointed Helen Meyer, a member in good standing, to internally audit the Guild's books.

Membership – Carol Cousins Committee Members – Lana Phillips, Bernie Neville

Carol oversaw registration and renewal of memberships as well as collection of guest fees at each meeting. New members were provided with a Guild orientation package. The Guild Directory was compiled, printing arranged and distributed to members. Member information was updated as required.

Program – Ruthanne Finnigan Committee Members – Dawn Labelle, Cheryl Cowan, Marion Osborne, Lisa Jones, Nancy McNab and Christine Whitehouse (bulletin board)

"The Business of Quilting" was the theme for Program this year. Members were inspired by a variety of speakers who demonstrated their creativity and ability to earn financial compensation through quilting. Kristy Finnigan instructed members on making a beaded Christmas ornament in December as well as helping at the September Market. Thank you to all who provided support and encouragement throughout the year, a very special thank you to Nancy McNab and Maureen Kay for filling in when needed.

Newsletter – Cheryl Wallace

Cheryl prepared and distributed the newsletter to the Guild members. Each newsletter included regular monthly columns submitted by executive and guild members. Photos of interest were included as available. Members are encouraged to access the newsletter via RCQG website.. Almost two-thirds of the Guild enjoy the colour version of the newsletter on the secure website. One-third receive a black and white paper version by Canada Post. Special thanks to Barbara Jordan for all her help sending out the paper copies.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS—con't



Library –Diane Black, Jacoba Near Committee Members- Theresa Bryant, Florrie Lonsdale, Marilyn Watson, Ann Jeffery, Amanda Hett and Laurel Marsolais (book reviews)

Fifteen books were purchased for the Library, as well as numerous magazines. Raffles in November and May, Zehrs grocery tape donations and the December Bake and Deli Sale helped towards purchasing new items. Thank you to the committee members for their work each month in the library.

Workshop – Kathy Wagner, Marilyn Watson Committee Members_- Cindy Robinson, Elaine Gostick, Cynthia Gedye

Seven workshops were offered this year with a variety of projects, skill levels and locations. The cost to participants remained at \$40 per full-day class. It takes considerable time to plan topics, book instructors and secure the venue. Cost of rental and instructor fees continues to be a consideration in planning. Feedback from instructors and participants was positive. The Co-chairs thank the committee members for their enthusiasm and assistance.

Special Projects –Ivy Smailes

A bus trip to the Creativ Festival in Mississauga was investigated. There was interest, however 40 seats needed to be sold to cover the cost of the trip and that number was not met.

Publicity – Shelly Palframan

The Guild brochure was updated in August and circulated to local quilt shops and branches of the library throughout the year. A collection of member's quilts was organized and displayed at the Main library and three branches of Guelph Public Library during the month of May. Information about the Guild and our meetings was sent to local newspapers and media throughout the year. Snap Guelph featured photos from our January Guild meeting.

Historian – Muriel McGibbon

Muriel took photographs at most meetings. All photographs were printed and an extra copy was given to any Guild member who exhibited a quilt at a Guild meeting. Unclaimed photos are displayed at each Guild meeting to encourage members to look through and claim. All photos were put into an album as well as the monthly newsletter and any other quilting-related news items. A copy of all photographs taken has also been put onto computer disk.

Social – Dorothy Price Committee Members - Sharon Huska, Ivy Smailes

The committee provided beverages and arranged members' treats until the December meeting. Concerns about safety, insurance and lack of volunteers led to the decision to provide treats only at our Anniversary and special occasions as directed by the Executive.

Community Outreach – Joan Hett Committee Members – Karen Heal, Sue Keuhl, Donna Lesar, Leslie MacTaggart and Donna Reimer

The main projects this year were Bee Day in November for Michael House and the Comfort Quilt Project. Seventeen baby quilts created at the Bee Day plus donations saw over 30 quilts given to Michael House, a home for unwed mothers. The Pediatric Sexual Assault Unit of Guelph General Hospital has received 30 quilts.

As of April 2008 we are well on our way to our goal of 50 by June 2008. Members have donated completed quilts, fabric, blocks through Block of the Month and time in assembling, quilting and binding quilts. Member Audrey Vrooman designed a label to attach to each quilt. A cheque for \$500 was received from the GGH Foundation. We are grateful to all participants for their support as well the efforts of the committee members.

Website – Susan Knabenschuh

Susan continued to update the Guild Website. Newsletters were posted monthly, as well as Guild news for Workshops, Community Outreach, Calendar of Events and a scrolling information box on the homepage which indicated the date and speaker for the next scheduled meeting. Interested parties are able to contact some executive members through the "Contact" tab. Inclement weather information was also posted to the home page. Thanks to Susan, if you "Google" The Royal City Quilters' Guild you'll find our site at the top of the list.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

JOAN HETT

Comfort Quilts

WOW! We now have 30 quilts completed with several more nearing completion. We are making great progress.

This year, we have designed and printed labels to attach to the quilts. If you are bringing a quilt to the June meeting, please come to the Community Outreach table and pick up a label to attach to your quilt. If you would be willing to attach these labels to the quilts that have already been completed, please see us at the May meeting to arrange a pick up of the quilts.

Once again, we plan on photographing all the donated quilts to record them in the Guild archives. To save time, we would like to get most of the quilts photographed prior to the meeting in June. If you are donating a quilt and could have it ready by the May meeting, it would be helpful. If not, we will gladly accept it in June.

Reminders

Please return all block kits so we can complete assembly of the tops. Also, please remember to bring in any quilts still outstanding for Michael House.



Fabric Donations

Are you running out of storage space for your fabric? Do you feel the need to purge your stash so you can get something new? We can help! We are looking for fabric donations to allow us to put kits together for next year. We'll be starting this project over the summer. You can bring smaller amounts of fabric to the May or June meeting, or arrange to drop off larger amounts directly to my house. Thanks for your support of this project.



MEMBERSHIP

CAROL COUSINS

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 workshop (\$40.00 Value).



Your form will be at the registration table for you to approve or update as needed.

Please bring payment to the June meeting. To speed the process, please bring exact change or a cheque in the amount of \$34 payable to Royal City Quilters' Guild. Thank you.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

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BLOCK OF THE MONTH

MAY - BOWTIE

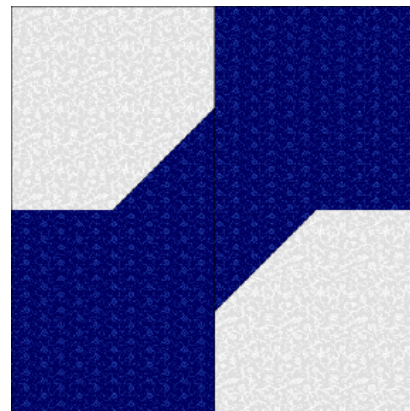
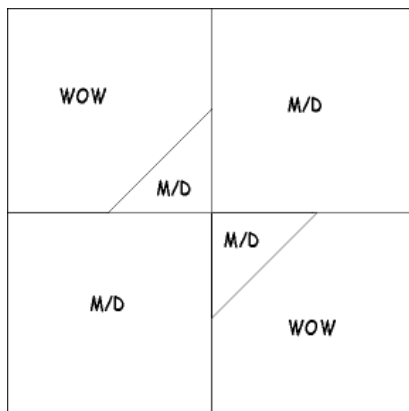
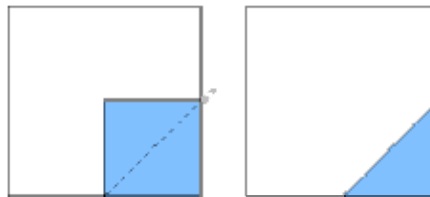
This block works really well with 2 colours and since the blocks will become a child's or young adult's quilt, the bolder and brighter, the better. Use a white fabric for the background and choose a bright colour for the bow tie ie lime green, bright orange, sunny yellow, neon blue or hot pink. This will be a scrappy quilt so really anything goes.

You will need:

Fabric #1 (background) – two 4" squares of white or mainly white with small print

Fabric #2 (bow tie) – two 4" squares and two 2.5" squares of a bright colour

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of both 2.5" squares. Place a 2.5" square into the corner of a 4" white square, right sides together. Sew on the diagonal line, trim the seam to ¼". Press seam toward the bright colour. Repeat with second 2.5" square and 4" white square. Assemble your block as per diagram. Block should measure 7.5", leave untrimmed.



WOW = Fabric #1 - White or Wow Print

M/D = Fabric # 2 - Medium/Dark or Bright

<http://www.quiltaholics.com/bom/bowtie.htm>

MARK THE DATE: REMINDER: Our June meeting is a SHOP HOP! We hope you're well on your way to cleaning out some of the old 'stash' to make way for the new! To date these shops are confirmed:



- Ruti's Needlebed - Mississauga
- The Marsh Store - Coldstream
- Reichard's - Elmira
- Triangle - Guelph
- Quilter's Dream - Waterdown
- Creative Sisters - Kitchener



Food Bank donations will be collected at our June meeting. Toiletry items (toothpaste, shampoo, soap, feminine products, etc.) would be especially appreciated. Please put your donation in the box provided.



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION TEA

SUNDAY June 8 1:00 - 3:00
at University of Guelph

A private showing of the quilting and needlework by Lucy Maud Montgomery



Featured Speaker: Mary Rubio
L. M. Montgomery Historian

This collection hasn't been seen in fifteen years!
It is exquisite!!

For All Executive Members and Committee
Volunteers from 2007 - 2008

Invitation to Follow

Art offers sanctuary
to everyone
willing to
open their hearts
as well as their eyes.

Nikki Giovanni



A QUILTER'S CALENDAR



April 1 - June 30 Joan Hug-Valeriotte will be the Artist-in-Residence at the Old Mill Quilt Gallery in **St. Jacobs**

May 8-10 Annual "Goose on the Loose Shop Hop" Go to <http://www.lilaclanquilts.com/shophop.html> for details

May 9 - 10 "Off the Bed Off the Wall" A quilt show presented by Port Perry Patchers. Scugog Community Centre, 1655 Reach St., **Port Perry**. Adm \$5. Fri 10-6 Sat 10-4. pppquiltshow@hotmail.com Elaine Young 905-852-4596

May 18-June 30 "Variegated" Works by Marilyn Clarke at Greenwood Quiltery, 275 Woolwich, **Guelph**. 519-822-2790

May 27-31 St.Jacobs and Region-Wide Quilt Shows 2008. Over 200 quilts for 13th anniversary. 5 great shows- a sampling, ufo's, /tea, contemporary quilts, church theatre trunk show, quilts for the world and quilt gallery. Some venues have admission. Go to www.stjacobs.com and click on the Quilt block for all the locations, artists and more. Merchant Mall also.

June 6-8 "Quilts In Bloom", 25th Anniversary Year Quilt Show. Marritt Hall, Ancaster Fairgrounds, 625 Garner Rd E, **Ancaster**, Ontario. Fri 10-8, Sat 10-5, Sun 10-3. Large collection of members quilts on display. Merchants Mall, Boutique, Tea Room, Tromboli, Demonstrations, Door Prizes, Challenge Quilts. Admission is \$6. View our last quilt show in 2005 at www.hamiltonquiltersguild.com Leigh Forrest hggquiltshow@hotmail.com

June 6-7 Oshawa Senior Citizens Centres "**Quilt Show Caper**" Celebrating OSCC's 40th Anniversary Oshawa, Ontario Northview Community Centre, 150 Beatrice St. E. **Oshawa**. Fri, 10am- 8pm and Sat, June 7th 10am- 4pm. Featuring: Quilts, Boutique, Merchants, Door Prizes, Tea Room, Scissor Sharpening, Feature Teacher lessons, admission \$2 Contact person: Kersti Pascoe (905) 576-6712 ext. 3640 or kpascoe@oshawa.ca

June 20-21 Muskoka Quilt Show 2008. Fri. 10am-8pm & Sat 10am -5pm. Canada-China Friendship Quilt; bed quilts; wall hangings; miniatures; post cards, art quilts; wearables; merchants; demonstrations, boutique; door prizes, tea room. Bracebridge Fairgrounds, 331 Fraserburg Rd. **Bracebridge**. Adm \$5. Pine Tree Quilters Guild of Muskoka. Shirley Anne Sturgess 705-766-2738; dhsturg@vianet.ca

June 20-21 "It's the Berries" Quilt Show, Community Centre Arena, 180 McDonald St, **Goderich**. Fri 10-7 & Sat 10-5. Approx. 100 Quilts, Wall Hangings, Small Quilt Silent Action, Viewer's Choice, Vendor's Market, Door Prizes, Tea Room featuring Strawberry Shortcake. Adm. \$5. Goderich QG. Clara Anne 519-524-7697 or Bev at bmnhuys@tcc.on.ca Judy Lyons, Quilt Appraiser will be on site to do appraisals.



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

All New Exec Members are invited to join the current Exec for a



May 20, 2008

5:30 -- 9:30 pm

Three Willows Church

*Bring Your Binder