

Royal City Quilters' Guild

June 2008



June Meeting Tues. June 10, 2008



Three Willows United Church,
577 Willow Road, Guelph

- 6:45** Doors Open—**REGISTER** FOR NEXT YEAR and drop off all outstanding library books, block-of-the-month, comfort quilts, Food Bank donation, heart fabric.
- 7:00** Welcome and Presentation of Community Outreach Quilts to the Paediatric Sexual Assault Centre.
- 7:20 DRAW for Free Workshop and Membership from those paid up for next year. Announcements and BOM draw.
- 7:30** **Shop Hop**
- 9:00** Show and Share

Meeting Checklist

- ♥ **Membership Money \$34**
- ♥ **Block-of-the-Month**
- ♥ **Comfort Quilt Block Kits**
- ♥ **** Library Books**
- ♥ Money or Credit Card for Shop Hop
- ♥ Heart Fabric
- ♥ Food Bank Donation
- ♥ Zehrs/Ultra Tapes
- ♥ Canadian Tire Money
- ♥ Show & Share Items



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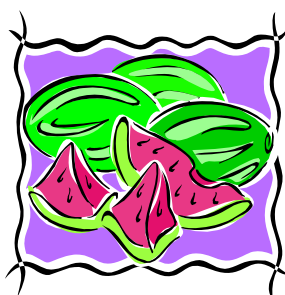
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

For those in need a little "retail therapy", our June meeting is just the ticket! There are eight vendors from near and far confirmed at the moment; you won't want to miss this meeting. Bring a friend for free to the Shop Hop; visitor fees are waived tonight. If you can't carry everything home, the extra hands of a friend will be very useful.



The evening will start with everyone gathering in the sanctuary of the church at 7 pm. Joan Hett, Community Outreach Committee Chair, will present the comfort quilts to representatives of the Paediatric Sexual Assault Unit of Guelph General Hospital.

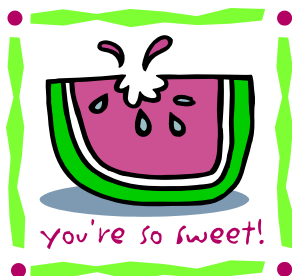
The display of these beautiful, colourful quilts is quite a sight to behold, be sure to add your quilt to the collection if you have it finished. Next the draws will be held for a free membership and free workshop for those renewing their membership at the June meeting. There will be brief announcements from the President and Vice President, followed by the Block-of-the-Month participation draws.

We expect to have the formal portion of the meeting wrapped up by 7:30 pm, then you are free to mix, mingle and shop until you drop or 9:00 pm whichever comes first.

This will be my last Guild meeting as President. Many thanks to all the members who made my term fun and enjoyable. I am very glad I answered the call to step into the role of Vice President and proud to have been the leader and voice of the Guild over the past two years. As I step away from the microphone and off the stage, I hand the reins over to Nancy McNab. I know you will all make her feel welcome.

Ta ta for now,

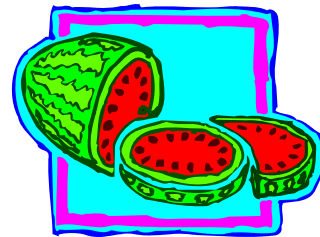
Barbara




PROGRAM

CHERYL COWAN
RUTHANNE FINNIGAN

Ching! Ching! Ching! Come one!!! Come all...to the great June Shop Hop where eight shops will showcase their fabrics, kits, specialty threads, embellishments, books, quilting accessories, gadgets and some other surprises that make their shops unique and so much fun to shop in!!!



You will experience the charm of **The Marsh Store** from Ilderton which carries fabrics to suit all styles of Quilters: from country to ethnic (Australian and African influence) to contemporary to nature-based to fun. **RUTI'S Needlebed** has been a part of the historic town of Streetsville for ten years, specializing in Japanese, modern, batiks, Laurel Burch and Loralie fabrics.

Nancy Caravaggio from **Triangle Sewing** will have a variety of notions, batiks, storage units and gadgets for sale. Carla Cowtan and Holly White will bring a sampling of the products which they carry in their newly opened **The Olde Crow** in Elora.

Leslie Irvine, representing **Reichard's** in Elmira, will have great colour choices, patterns, books and kits available for our members to browse through while **The Creative Sisters**, Linda Weinstein and Brenda Wiles, from Kitchener will highlight their specialty fabrics and products.

Alma Laidlaw, from **Sew Fancy**, specializes in Sashiko, embroidery, beading and quilting stencils. Diane Barber will have a selection of her specialty products from **Raspberry Lane** in Elora.

What an awesome line-up of shops!!! **Bring your cash, cheques, MasterCard or Visa as Debit will not be available and let's Shop, Shop Shop!!!**



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

JOAN HETT

Comfort Quilts

Once again, Guild members have responded with great generosity to our Comfort Quilt project. After donating 70 quilts in June 2007, enthusiasm for this project continued through June 2008. Thank you to the many women in our Guild who have participated in this project for their willingness to help others. We are a Guild with a huge heart! We couldn't have done it without you.

We are planning a grand display of all the quilts at the June meeting. We will be looking for people to come on stage to show the quilts and be part of a group picture. We'll need lots of volunteers, so don't be shy!

There will be a separate box at the meeting to receive those quilts donated in June. We need to keep them separate until we photograph them. If you are donating a quilt in June, please contact me to pick up a label to attach to your quilt. These labels identify the Guild and also offer a message of comfort to the recipient.

On to Next Year!

Our commitment to these kids continues. We are already in the initial planning stages for next year. We will be making up kits over the summer and will be looking forward to your continuing support of this important project.

We will also be accepting Memory Quilts again next year. These should be approximately 30 inches square.

Please remember...

If you have any comfort quilt blocks or kits please bring them with you to the June meeting. We'd like all these returned so we can finish more quilts over the summer. Thanks for all your great sewing!!



Thank You

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.

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.



Special Request...



Recently Audrey Steele's granddaughter was in a horrible car accident and will take a long time to heal. Audrey would like to *"wrap her in love"* and is planning to make a quilt out of heart fabric. She needs our help. If you have scraps of heart fabric you are willing to share, please bring them to the June Guild meeting. A basket will be provided. Thanks for your help and to those who contributed in May.



QUICK QUIZ

- Do you have a computer?
- Do you know how to do basic Word Processing?
- Do the words CUT and PASTE mean something to you with regards to a computer?
- Do you like learning new things?
- Would you like to be creative in new ways?
- Would you like to make a tremendous contribution to the Guild as well as have a voice on Exec?

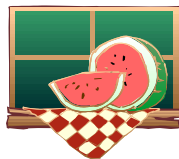
IF YOU CAN ANSWER YES to these questions you may wish to be the new Newsletter Editor!

Training will be provided. You don't have to write the articles... you get to have the fun of arranging them and adding pictures.

For more info contact Sue Keuhl at 519-826-7914 or Cheryl at RCQGnews@gmail.com

LIBRARY

DIANE BLACK & JACOBA NEAR



BOOK REVIEW

LAUREL MARSOLAIS

CONGRATULATIONS

Sue Sharpe was the lucky winner of the raffle in May. We know she will have her quilt done for the next show. Thank you to all those who bought tickets. The total raised was \$157. Also over the past couple of months \$21 was collected in fines for overdue books.

Please check your sewing rooms and cupboards for any Guild books as the library will not be lending any books in June.

Some of the new books that were available in May were Quilt Africa, Victory Quilts, Adventure & Appliqué, Blendable Curves (review on this page), Quilts from the Selvage Edge, as well as two of the newest Quilting Arts magazines.

We hope to see everyone in September and will have some new books then as well.

BLOCK-OF-THE-MONTH

JUNE - LAYERS OF PLAID

This month's block is a simple design—5 strips of 2 alternating plaid fabrics. If you've ever seen an all plaid quilt, you know all plaids work together. Sort through your stash for 2 contrasting plaids (or as the ladies from Fons and Porter show in their ads, wait until an unsuspecting plaid clad man falls asleep and cut what you need from that shirt!!)

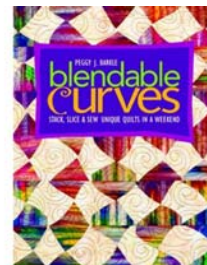
Fabric #1 3 strips of 2.5"X 10.5" plaid fabric

Fabric #2 2 strips of 2.5"X 10.5" plaid fabric in contrast to fabric #1

Sew fabric 1 to 2, alternating fabrics until you have all 5 strips sewn together. Press seams to darker fabric. Block should be 10.5" square.

Anyone donating a block will be eligible for participant prizes.

Any question? Need help? Call Nancy McNab 519-856-1084 or Barbara Jordan 519-837-0818.



Blendable Curves:
Stack, Slice & Sew Unique
Quilts in a Weekend

by Peggy J. Barkle

ISBN:1571204253

This book grew out of a workshop for a quilting retreat. The challenge was to create a project that was fun and easy and could be completed in a weekend, but was original and familiar at the same time. The author's solution was to create traditional blocks with free-form curves. The newly created blocks have an abstract feel to them, and each quilt created is unique. Another bonus is that the blocks need to be large so the curves are not lost, so the quilts are created quickly from a small number of blocks.

The instructions are clear (stack, slice, shuffle and sew), and templates are included if you're uncomfortable with free-form cutting. The author provides illustrated instructions for sewing curves so this is a good experiment for those of us who have experienced trepidation when we encounter a pattern with curves. The results are not going to be to everyone's taste, but the idea gives a jumping-off point for our exploration of all that quilting can be.

SIXTY Bowtie blocks were received at the May meeting, thank you for this great response. There should be three completed quilts for the Community Outreach Committee's donation to the Pediatric Sexual Assault Clinic in June. The BOM elves will work on completing tops over the next few months. If you have any blocks from previous months, turn them in at the June meeting to be eligible for participation prizes. [Thank you](#) to everyone for submitting blocks to the Block-of-the-Month over the year. Each block will help a youngster in need of comfort.



IN REMEMBRANCE

Remembering Evelyn Lane

We lost a founding member of the Royal City Quilter's Guild on May 14, 2008 with the passing of Evelyn Lane, 74 years young. Having retired from a teaching career in the Ottawa area, she moved to Guelph in 1989. Evelyn became a member the Waterloo County Quilters Guild soon after, traveling monthly to Waterloo to attend the Guild meetings. It was during one of those wintery, late night drives that the idea a Guild in Guelph was first conceived. Notices went up around the city of Guelph in February 1991, with the hope of starting a quilt Guild. On March 12, 1991, Evelyn was pleased to host 15 women at her home and a Guild was born. Evelyn served on various committees, as President and on the quilt show committee for our first show in 2000. She was involved in our Bee Days, including 2004 when we created the RCQG quilt which serves as a backdrop to our Guild meetings. This year a monthly column, "Down Quilters Lane" graced the newsletter written by Evelyn. We celebrated our 17th Anniversary on March 11 which included a special block of the month challenge which Evelyn, along with Isobel King, judged and awarded prizes for "best embellishment".



Below are Evelyn's own words received in an email after the March 2008 Guild meeting:

"This is a very special Guild we have. I know I am biased because it's my baby but I have belonged to 3 Guilds and visited a number of others and this one is different. We have had more than one guest speaker mention what a "nice " Guild we are. We built in certain parameters in the beginning which still seem to be working but otherwise I've never been able to pin down exactly what it is that's "different" until on my way home Tuesday evening and it came to me. We are RELAXED and we have FUN. We take our work seriously but we do not take ourselves too seriously. There is a wonderful atmosphere

of participation in all the things we do and we all take pride and joy in each other's accomplishments. What a wonderful support group. And what a good place to be on Guild night."

Evelyn's daughter Ruth used the line "Full steam ahead and damn the torpedoes" in her eulogy, that aptly describes the philosophy Evelyn lived by. She was a force to be reckoned with. Her son Ron said she found fabric in her travels around the world, particularly batiks. Ron wondered why Evelyn would need 25 red fabrics in her stash; quilters can appreciate you just do.

We thank her for having the vision to see Guelph needed a Quilt Guild and going full steam ahead to make the RCQG a reality. She will be missed.





SLATE OF OFFICERS

2008-2009

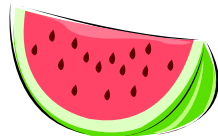


QUILT SHOW 2009

Royal City Quilters' Guild Slate of Officers 2008-09

President: Nancy McNab**Past President:** Barbara Jordan**Vice President:** Vacant**Secretary:** Anne Smith**Treasurer:** Christine Saracino**Past Treasurer:** Frankie Poxon**Program Chair:** Dawn Labelle**Committee:** Jacoba Gelderman, Nellie Hanuta,
Audrey Steele**Workshop Chairs:** Kathy Wagner, Marilyn Watson**Committee:** Cindy Robinson**Publicity:** Joan Hug-Valeriotte**Membership:** Kathy Wilson**Library:** Diane Black, Jacoba Near**Committee:** Theresa Bryant, Florie Lonsdale, Anne
Jeffrey, Lynda Banks, Louise Marshall, and Laurel
Marsolais (book reports)**Special Projects Chairs:** Shelley Palframan,
Joanne Ariss**Committee:** Liz Honeggar, Lorelei Stinson**Historian:** Muriel McGibbon**Newsletter Chair:** Vacant**Website Chair:** Susan Knabenschuh**Community Outreach Chair:** Donna Reimer**Committee:** Joan Hett, Leslie Mactaggart, Karen
Heal, Judy Eckhardt, Joan Hug-Valeriotte and
Elaine Gostick

Thank you to everyone who has come forward to be a part of the Executive this year. We appreciate your willingness to be involved and look forward to the wonderful plans you will put in place for us!



2009 Quilt Show Volunteers Needed

To run a successful Quilt show it is necessary to have many volunteers.

The 2009 show will be in late September or early October. We have 2 dates tentatively booked, one for September 17-19 or Oct 1-3. The three days, are one day for set up and two days for the show.

The great thing about volunteering is that you will help to decide on what our show will consist of.

In the 2006 show, we had Volunteers for:

Artist Trading Cards

Awards & Judges

The Challenge

Demonstrations

Door Prizes

Grab Bags

Merchants Mall

Mini Raffle and Silent Auction

Publicity

Registrar

Secretary

Show Newsletter

Tea Room - decorating & setup

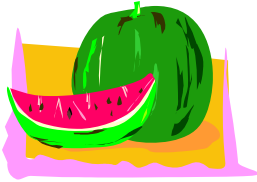
Treasurer

Volunteers and Staffing

So if you have any great ideas or would like to Volunteer, please sign the sign-up sheets located at the back of the hall at the June Guild meeting. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask. Thanks

Norah McGuire-MacLeod
2009 Quilt Show Chair
sewlittletime@sentex.net
519-220-1248





A QUILTER'S CALENDAR



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

June 20-21 Muskoka Quilt Show 2008. Fri. 10am-8pm & Sat10am -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.

July 12-13 A Stitch in Time 2008. Prince Edward Community Centre, Fairgrounds, 375 Main Street East, **Picton** Sat. Sun 10-5. More than a Quilt Show. Demonstrations, Quilt Sales, Featured Artists, Merchant Mall and much more. Adm \$5. Prince Edward County QG Connie Sirot 613 399-3629 connie.sirot@sympatico.ca www.pec.on.ca/quiltersguild

July 17-19 Fireworks Festival Quilt Show Mount Forest Curling Club, 144 Egremont St. **S. Mount Forest**. Thurs & Fri 10-8, Sat 9-5. Over 300 items, merchant mall, tea room featuring strawberry shortcake. Adm \$5. Four Corners QG. Linda Hruska 519-323-3804 phruska@wightman.ca, www.mountforest.ca

July 19 Quilts in My Garden Tour. Meaford Hall & Culture Foundation fundraiser, 12 Nelson St. **Meaford** 10-4. Tour of 7 gardens with quilts. Reserved seating lunch at Meaford Hall. Quilt and garden walk, artist gallery, raffle, trade show. Adm \$14 tour only \$20 includes lunch. Contact: Beth Evans (519) 538-6766 bevans@meafordhall.ca www.meafordhall.ca/foundation-about.cfm

July 25-26 "Heart of the Highlands" Minden Curling Club, **Minden**. Vendors, a Guild Boutique, Rosalie Tennison, Quilt appraiser and more. Unveiling of our "Highlands Heritage Dream Quilt" a signature quilt displaying names associated with Haliburton County and raising over \$13,000. for Cottage Dreams Cancer Recovery Initiative. Haliburton Highlands QG. For more information - Lynda Eaton, 705-489-2435 Email: lyndaeaton@yahoo.com

Sept 17-19 OR Oct 1-3. 2009 Royal City Quilters' Guild Quilt Show!! See page 7 of this newsletter for further information.



From the Editor—Cheryl Wallace

Thank you for your submissions.

Reminder - Bring September's articles to the August Exec. meeting or e-mail them to RCQGnews@gmail.com



Executive Meeting

MONDAY, August 18, 2008

7-9:30 pm

Co-Operators Building