



# Royal City Quilters' Guild

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## Meeting

Tuesday, March 10, 2009


Three Willows Church  
577 Willow Road, Guelph, ON

- 6:45 Doors Open 
- 7:00 Welcome 
- Announcements
- Program
- Break
- Show and Tell



## Meeting Checklist



- Name Tag
- Block of the Month
- \$5 for Garage Chair
- Newsletter Submissions
- Zehrs Tapes 
- Canadian Tire Money
- Show and Tell Items

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Anniversary Time again! Funny how it's a lot more fun when it's an anniversary rather than a birthday these days. Hard to believe it's 18 years now. I've been a member for the last five and have thoroughly enjoyed the friendships I've made and the good times I've had.

It was sad to have lost our founding member Evelyn Lane last year, but I'm sure she's stitching and watching over us. We hope to carry on her name with an annual award at our Quilt Show every three years. The award will be an RCQG Members' choice for "Best of Show". As this will be the first year for the award, I'm sure it'll be an honor for the lucky recipient. Just one more reason to finish that quilt and put it in the show, no pressure though.

And speaking of the show wasn't it great to see all those minis last meeting. The ladies are doing a fine job, but we still need a few more to fill that clothes line. So if you haven't done one yet there is still time.

For your information, if you are new to the guild, this is the one main area where we raise money at the show for our guild so we can continue to bring in good speakers and have interesting

workshops.

See you all at the meeting and DON'T forget - skip dessert at home and save room; there are treats tonight!

Cheers!  
Nancy



## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

We currently have 151 members in good standing. At the February meeting, six new members joined RCQG and we were happy to welcome 11 guests.

Special thanks go to Joyce Pflug, who has joined the Membership Committee, and will be assisting at the membership table at upcoming meetings.

*Kathy Wilson*

## NOTE FROM NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Thank you for your submissions.

**Reminder:** Bring April's articles, notices, photos, etc. to the Guild/Executive meeting or email them to:

[rcqgnews@gmail.com](mailto:rcqgnews@gmail.com).



## LIBRARY

Well, we did indeed go shopping and have purchased four new books, as well as the latest edition of Quilting Arts magazine.

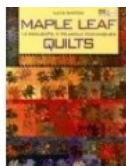
The books are:

- Black & White Quilts,
- Loose Change,
- Sew & Go Totes, and
- Twin Peaks.



Thanks to those who brought in overdue books in February - \$43 was collected.

*Diane Black and Jacoba Near*



### BOOK REVIEW

#### Maple Leaf Quilts by Ilene Bartos

As the author points out – Maple Leaf blocks have triangles – and lots of them! If you've ever had a problem constructing a perfect triangle square, then this is the book for you. The author illustrates nine different techniques for constructing triangle squares. After trying them out, you can be sure you'll find the method that works for you. She also includes three different methods for making the stem units as well. You can use the samples you've created to make a beautiful table runner.

After you've practiced the different piecing methods, you can use your favourite to create one of the twelve different projects. In addition to the table runner, there are a variety of quilts to choose from. You won't be limited by colour choices. The author has made the quilts in bold batiks, and bright primary colours, as well as the expected autumnal shades and a lovely red and white quilt she calls "Canadian Winter".

Add to your repertoire of techniques and show your Canadian pride – make a version of a maple leaf quilt.

*Laurel Marsolais*

## SPECIAL PROJECTS

### BLOCK OF THE MONTH

For our March anniversary meeting, we will be having a Block of the Month.

This block is called "**Remembering**". It is in memory of our founder Evelyn Lane who loved participating in every Block of the Month Challenge. Evelyn loved batik fabrics and enjoyed any and all challenges.

Last month you received a 5½" square of fabric that was donated to the guild by Evelyn's family, that you will use in constructing the "Remembering" Block of the Month.

Any blocks submitted at the March anniversary will be entered for lucky draws held during the meeting. The more blocks you enter, the more prizes you could win.

These blocks will be put together. Watch for the finished quilt at our next anniversary.

In keeping with our theme, we are encouraging everyone to use batiks only for the pieces below.

Please follow instructions that follow.

Cut:

- 2 – 3" x 5 ½" pieces of batiks;
- 2 – 3" x 10 ½" pieces of batiks

- Sew:  
1 – 3" x 5 ½" piece to the top of the square and 1 - 3" x 5 ½" to the bottom of the square.

- Sew:  
1 – 3" x 10 ½" piece to the right side of the square and 1 – 3" x 10 ½" to the left side of the square.



- Your finished block should measure 10 ½".

*Remember, enter as often as you wish - lots of prizes to be won.*

Any questions please call *Joanne Ariss* at 519-821-4492 or *Shelly Palframan* at 519-824-0768.

## PROGRAM

## LET'S CELEBRATE!

The Royal City Quilters' Guild is turning 18 years old and we have a special evening planned. Take a walk down memory lane with a slide show of past years. We have a few of the original members to share a special memory and one of their first quilts, party games, prizes and much more.



### Challenge Block

Please don't forget to bring your blocks to the anniversary meeting. There are lots of prizes to be won for participation.

### GARAGE SALE

Sign up at the March meeting to book your spot to sell your unwanted quilting stuff to those looking for treasure!

\$5.00 per chair

Also, please bring your mug. We will be serving juice and treats at the anniversary meeting.



*Jackie James and Andrea Curtis*



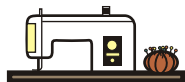
**April's Program  
SPRING CLEANING**

**Wanted! UFOs  
(Unfinished Objects)**

April is all about cleaning out your cupboards and getting those unfinished objects done. We want to see them - big, small, any size at all! Enlist your friends - have a UFO party!

Also, at the meeting, we will have some mini-demos on:

- Binding
- Sleeves
- Labels



PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES!  
FOR THOSE WHO SHOW US THEIR  
UFO'S

**Come Clean!**

(Who knew cleaning could be so much fun?)

**NOMINATION  
COMMITTEE**

Thank you to those who indicated they were interested in joining a committee or executive position. You are the reason the Royal City Quilters' Guild has continued for 18 years.

As I prepared the committee sign-up sheets for the February 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, I realized that is how I started my involvement in the RCQG. I had joined the Guild at the very first meeting I came to in December 2001, knowing that this was where the other quilters were and that I had to be a part of this group. I did not know another member. I came to the meetings alone and tried to connect with anyone I could for a few meetings. However, when the meetings are only once a month, everyone kind of looked alike and I was struggling to remember who I had introduced myself to the meeting before. Then this opportunity to join a committee came up in the form of a sign-up sheet in February or March

2002. By saying yes to help the Guild, I became part of the Library Committee. Now there was this smaller group of faces I saw at least once a month. We worked, laughed together and got to know each other. I never regretted taking that chance on getting involved. It was the building block of great times and great friendships.

We are looking specifically to fill the Historian Chair, Co-Chair for Workshop and Chair or Co-Chairs for Library.

Are you interested? Have questions? Want to learn more tips on making friends and influencing people? Contact Nominating Chair, Barbara Jordan (519-837-0818) or Nominating Committee members, Isobel King (519-822-4792) or Liz Honegger (519-821-1718).

**COMMUNITY  
OUTREACH**

Thanks to all the volunteers who took quilts for quilting. Your response was overwhelming and greatly appreciated. I will have more quilts ready for quilting at the March meeting. The quilt tops will be displayed again so you can pick the one you wish to take. We only have a few months left to finish quilts so your assistance is still needed.

We have a few volunteers who will do the binding for us so all aspects of making the quilt are shared. That makes this a great "group" project. Please try to return the quilts at the next meeting so they can be passed on to the 'binders'. I also plan on having more blocks that need to be sewn into a top. Please see me at the table at the back of the room if you wish to participate in this stage. Any help is appreciated.

*Donna Reimer*  
519-836-5613



**FILL THAT LINE!**

**COLOURFUL CLOTHESLINE!**

What a beautiful and diverse collection of mini quilts on our clothesline! Thank you to each of you who contributed quilts for the guild show's mini raffle at our February guild meeting. We really look forward to many more interesting and colourful quilts in March.

The mini quilts can be as small as you like, but should measure no bigger than 56" around the perimeter. And don't forget to sign your quilt and add a hanging sleeve.

Congratulations to Anne Peters, the winner of this month's prize!

Remember to enter your name in the draw for each mini quilt you contribute, and you, too, may be a winner.

*Lana Phillips and Karen Heal*  
Mini Raffle and Silent  
Auction Co-Chairs



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annual St. Jacob's retreat in November



## NOTICE TO MEMBERSHIP

The Fiscal (financial) year for our Guild is currently April 1 to March 31; however, our Program year runs June 1 to May 30. As discussed at the Annual General Meeting on May 13, 2008, ideally, the fiscal and guild year would be the same period to simplify budgeting, accounting and financial reporting.

In accordance with Article IX Bylaw Amendment Procedure, item 2, be advised the executive has reviewed the Bylaws of the Royal City Quilters' Guild with the intent to amend our current Bylaws to accommodate the change of the Guild Fiscal Year to July 1 to June 30. The proposed changes to the Bylaws will be made available for review prior to the May 12, 2009 Annual General Meeting.

Please refer to the current Guild Bylaws printed in the RCQG Bylaws and Membership Directory booklet.

## WORKSHOPS

We are delighted to announce the registration for the Hilary Rice classes! Hilary is an award-winning fibre artist coming to the Royal City all the way from Newfoundland! We are so pleased that she is fitting us in between other teaching commitments - after she finishes teaching us, Hilary will board a plane to Saskatchewan where she will be a juror for the National Juried Show 2009 in Saskatoon.



Have you seen Hilary's work before?? You might remember Hilary's quilt "Nine Patch for the Unknown Quilter" which was an award winner (for "Best Interpretation of the Theme") at the Grand National 2008. Or maybe you

remember her quilt called "Ethlyndryal the Protector" which was the winner of the "Award of Excellence" in the 2007 Grand National Show. Those of us who attended Quilt Canada 2008 will remember that Hilary won the first place award in the category "Excellence for Wearable Art" for her piece called "Sunset Bolero". If you haven't seen Hilary's work in person, you can look on her website: [www.mestudios.ca](http://www.mestudios.ca).

Hilary will be offering us two classes at the Turfgrass Institute on May 22nd and 23rd. The classes will be:

### 1) Top Stitch Curved Piecing

You will be amazed at how simple it is to create with curves using Hilary's technique. No more sewing only straight lines! Hilary will walk you through the process, explaining the technique approach in 3 easy steps. Soon you will be flying along wondering why you didn't learn this sooner. At the end of the day, you will have a small landscape quilt top prepared. Along the way, Hilary will offer embellishing suggestions such as use of sheer overlay, free motion stitching, beading, and watercolour accents. *Level: Confident Beginner and beyond*



### 2) Glitzy Bits

"Glitzy Bitz" will be a fun-filled exploratory experience for all who enjoy playing with exotic fabrics, beads, threads and more - we'll use everything shiny and sparkly! With a wide choice of materials based on a luscious colour scheme, the building of an original piece of contemporary fibre art and a sprinkling of new techniques combined with a carefree and playful attitude, participants will have the time of their lives! Look forward to this, 'cause you'll never look back!! The resulting piece will be your stepping-stone into a whole new way of looking at working with fibre. *Level: For all with an adventurous*

*spirit!* Finished works will reflect the individual's experience.

Class fee for guild members is \$40 and there will be kit fees charged on the day of the classes (approx. \$25 - details will be forthcoming). In addition, there will be a spectacular **Trunk Show** by Hilary at Three Willows Church on Friday May 22. Cost for the trunk show will be \$8 per ticket or \$10 at the door, if there are still seats available. This event will be open to members of the public and announced to other quilt guilds.



### Accommodation Request



We need a guild volunteer to host Hilary while she stays in Guelph from May 21st to May 24th. Accommodation should provide a private bedroom and bathroom, no pets, and be a short distance to the Turfgrass. Meals will be taken care of by the workshop committee. If you would be interested in the opportunity to have Hilary Rice stay in your home, please speak to Marilyn Watson or Kathy Wagner.

## A QUILTER'S CALENDAR



- March 28-April 6/09 *Erin Village 4th Annual Festival of Quilts* in village shops during business hours Hwy 124N east of Guelph
- April 1/09 - *Postcard Quilt Art* Arrival Deadline for the Grand National Quilt Show ([www.grandnationalquiltshow.ca](http://www.grandnationalquiltshow.ca))
- April 3-4/09 *Whitby ON Kindred Hearts 10th Anniversary Show* Whitby Baptist Church 411 Gilbert St.E. Adm \$6 Dorothy Boehm (905) 668-5380 or [boehm@rogers.com](mailto:boehm@rogers.com)
- April 17-8/09 *Off the Wall and Under the Covers Show* Burnhamthorpe Community Centre 1500 Gulleden Dr. Adm \$6 905-615-4630
- April 17-8/09 *Country Classics Quilt Show* Binbrook United Church 2617 Binbrook Road Binbrook ON Adm \$5 Sue Swayze 905-962-4283
- April 25-26/09 - *Quilts in the Garden Show* - Royal Botanical Gardens ([www.quiltsinthegardens.com](http://www.quiltsinthegardens.com))
- May 22, 23/09 - Hilary Rice trunk show and workshops