



Royal City Quilters' Guild

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Meetings

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

Three Willows Church
577 Willow Road, Guelph, ON

6:45 Doors Open

7:00 Welcome

Announcements

Program

Break, Community
Outreach Fabric Sale

Show and Share

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's February! I can't believe it. What happened to January? Now, if March could just fly as fast and spring could be in the air, I'd truly be a happy camper!

So, we've changed the meeting room. What do you think of that? We moved into the smaller room to make our guild feel cozier and friendlier. Ever since I joined this guild, I've heard people say we aren't friendly. My first year I stood back and assessed the flow and how things worked, I could tell this was a friendly group by the way they laughed at themselves and with each other. But, it is a large group where new comers and people, who maybe aren't quite as loud as myself, can get lost in the mix. Sue Keuhl, the president at the time, kept saying, "Come on; get involved."

So I thought I could either sit there at the back of the room watching and waiting for someone to come and talk to me or I could **get involved!** I joined "tinnners" the next fall and met a few quilters. Then they needed help with the quilt show, so I tried that and I met **more** quilters. Then a vice-president was needed. I thought I could do that. Sue made that job look easy, so I volunteered for that and I met **more** quilters. Plus I attended the quilting

'bee' days and I joined hand-stitchers and charms and I met **more** quilters.

So the moral of my story is: life is what you make of it and so is our guild. Now, if you feel inspired by this, I would recommend that you run, don't walk, or skipping might be fun, over to Barb Jordan and sign up for a volunteer position and you too can meet **more** quilters, have **more** laughs and enjoy **more** fun times.

Cheers
Nancy



REMINDER TO MEMBERS

This is a reminder for participants from the two Hilary Rice workshops to bring their pieces for Show & Share to the February 2010 meeting. The pieces do NOT have to be completed.

NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING



The next meeting of the RCQG Executive will be Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at the Symposium Restaurant on Stone Road beginning at 6:00 p.m. Please review your January minutes prior to the meeting.

Meeting Checklist



- Name Tag
- Zehrs Tapes
- Show and Share
- Library Books
- Hilary Rice projects
- Money for Community Outreach fabric sale

PROGRAM

Nancy Yule's Web site
www.nancyyule.com

JUDY LYONS – QUILT APPRAISER

What is that heirloom quilt you have worth? What is the bed quilt you just finished last week worth? Judy's presentation will include a trunk show of quilts dating from 1880s to current day art quilts and values.

Judy Lyons is an AQS Certified Canadian Quilt Appraiser, and is accredited with the International Society of Appraisers. She is a Canadian Personal Property Appraiser and a member of the Professional Association of Appraisers of Quilted Textiles.

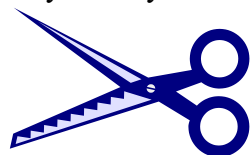
Andrea Curtis
 Jackie James
 Co-chairs

SCISSOR SHARPENING CLINIC

Bring your dull scissors to next month's meeting and leave with them sharp and able to handle your next project with ease.

Cost \$8.00 (tax included) for most scissors and knives

Place items in a Ziploc bag or small box with your name and correct payment, ready to drop off at the beginning of the meeting. Pick them up on your way out.



MEMBERSHIP

January:

Joyce and I hope that everyone has had a wonderful holiday season.

At the December meeting, we welcomed back renewing member, Susan Martin.

We also gave a big hello to new members: Lee Davis, Doeteka Hanzelka, and Jean Witmer.

The membership 2009-10 directory is expected to be ready for our January meeting. Please stop by the membership table to pick up your copy.

February:

As promised, the 2009-10 directory was available at the January meeting. We hope you have picked yours up. If not, they will be at the membership table on February 9 for you.

Welcome to two guests at the January meeting, Leslie Irvine and Diane Burkhardt.

Kathy Wilson
 Membership Chair

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

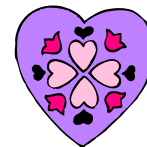
The Community Outreach table is now located across from the library. Please come visit us.

A big thank you to everyone who is taking our monthly kits and making the blocks and for your prompt return. I am getting a number of quilt tops completed with your help.

At the February meeting I will have several quilts ready for quilting. No matter what your skill is or the type of machine you have, I hope that some of you will take one to quilt. This is a great way to practice your free motion, stitch in the ditch, diagonal quilting or a combination of these. No experience is necessary. I just need them quilted! There is no rush to have them returned at the March meeting but by April, if possible.

During the break at the February meeting, there will be another fabric sale. My bins are overflowing and I will have a new selection of fabrics with which I need to part. There will be fat quarter bundles, 2½" strips, scrap bags and single pieces. Bring lots of loonies and toonies (and 5 and 10 dollar bills, too).

Donna Reimer
 Chair



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

MAY BUS TRIP

The mystery is almost solved.....

Our day-long bus trip will be on Saturday, May 8th, 2010. The destination(s) and all other particulars will be announced in the March newsletter.

Sign up sheets will be available at the March meeting. This promises to be a great day spent with fellow quilters and friends.

Shelly Palframan
 Joanne Ariss
 Co-chairs, Special Project Committee



Nominations Committee Report

The room was buzzing with excitement on January 12th as I announced that candidate nominations are now being accepted for the Executive and Committees! I know I look forward to seeing how the 2010 – 2011 executive will take shape.

All positions are open to any paid member of the Guild except for Past Treasurer and Past President. With the changes to our Guild Bylaws passed at the June 2009 Annual General Meeting, the one-year term of each position begins on July 1st, following the elections held at our June AGM. A Chair (or Co-Chairs) can hold the same position for two years.

June will mark the move of Susan Harrington to President, Nancy McNab will become Past President and I will relinquish my spot on the Executive. The position of Vice President will be ready for a new President-in-waiting. Consider a position on the Executive or as part of a committee. Lending a hand when needed has been a great experience for me since joining the Guild in December 2001. I did not know anyone in the Guild when I came to that first meeting. I am glad I took that leap to volunteer on the Library Committee and get to know this great circle of fabric-loving members.

We extend a hearty thank you to those completing their second year at the end of June: Program Co-Chairs Andrea Curtis and Jackie James, Special Projects Co-Chairs Joanne Ariss and Shelly Palframan, Community Outreach Chair Donna Reimer, Publicity Chair Joan Hug-Valeriotte, Secretary Ann Jeffrey and Newsletter Chair Anne Smith.

The Slate of Officers for 2009-2010 is shown in the first page of your 2009-2010 Members Directory (now available at the Membership desk during Guild meetings). The Bylaws governing the Guild are listed at the back of the booklet. An overview duties of the various positions are listed below; refer to Bylaws for more details.

Officers of the Guild:

President – presides over the general and executive meetings, is an ex-officio member of all committees except Nominating Committee, general supervisor of the affairs of the Guild, performs duties normally part of office of President.

Vice-President – assists and/or replaces the President when necessary, covers any areas or duties not covered by an other officer or as designated by the executive.

Secretary – takes accurate minutes of the executive meetings and AGM, responsible for general correspondence.

Treasurer – is responsible for all Guild funds, receiving of all monies, making deposits, issuing cheques as required, keeping up-to-date records and preparing financial reports.

Past President – While this position is not open for nomination, duties include chairing the Nominating Committee.

Standing Committees:

Program – plans and arranges varied programs for the Guild meetings.

Membership – keeps membership list up-to-date, collects annual dues and guest fees, arranges for printing of Membership Directory.

Workshop – plans and organizes workshops, facilities, equipment and refreshments for workshop.

Publicity – publicizes Guild meetings, workshops and other activities.

Newsletter – prepares and distributes newsletters to all Guild members.

Special Projects – arranges special events or activities as requested by the executive.

Librarian – is responsible for Guild library books and magazines, oversees loan of books to members.

Historian – keeps pictorial and written history of Guild and our newsletters.

Community Outreach – co-ordinates the Guild outreach program of providing quilts as needed in the community of Guelph and immediate surrounding area.

Website – maintains and monitors the Guild website as directed by the executive.

Each of the standing committees is headed by a Chair and may include committee members who assist in the duties of the committee under the direction of the Chair.

Want to volunteer? Interested but not quite sure? Contact Nominating Chair, Barbara Jordan, phone 519-837-0818 or email barbara.rcqg@gmail.com

LIBRARY

There will be new books coming to the library as a result of the generosity of our Guild members.

Our annual Book and Bake Sale raised \$286.20. Our thanks go out to all of you who cleaned out your closets and donated your books and magazines, to the great bakers who shared their delicious creations, and to all of you who bought them.

In addition, I have submitted a requisition to Zehr's for \$198.97. Our thanks to all of you who consistently save your Zehr's tapes (and collect them from others)!

This is your library, so if there are any books, magazines or DVDs you would like to see in our library, please contact me at lmarso@rogers.com.

Laurel Marsolais
Chair

BOOK REVIEW

by Laurel Marsolais

Modern Quilt Workshop: Patterns, Techniques, and Designs from the Funquilts Studio

by Weeks Ringle and Bill Kerr

Every once in a while, you find a quilting book that pushes beyond the borders of traditional quilting without going too far. This is one of those books.

Most of the quilts have no borders – the authors call it “engaging the edge”. Elements in the quilts appear to float off the edge of the quilt. Each pattern includes colour variations to help you envision the quilt in your colour choices. They also include design tips

to help you see which choices make the quilt work, and which don't.

The book includes 15 beautiful and innovative patterns, including a variation of the an “I Spy” quilt that turns it into a story quilt by creating pathways between the blocks – pick a starting square, then follow the line to a connecting square and start creating a story. There is a zipper quilt and a confetti quilt in batiks that uses templates, but could be adapted to paper piecing. Several quilts have a luminous quality because of the careful use of slightly different values of the same hue. The Gamelan pattern uses bilaterally symmetrical fabrics to create kaleidoscope circles.

The authors offer an introduction to design theory, including colour, scale, fabric selection and composition as well as all the basic instructions. This is a book for everyone from novice to expert.



2009-10 EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

President.....Nancy McNab
Vice President..... Susan Harrington
Past President.....Barbara Jordan
Secretary.....Ann Jeffrey
Treasurer..... Jan Wilson
Community Outreach.....Donna Riemer
Historian.....Nellie Hanuta
Library Chair..... Laurel Marsolais
Newsletter Chair..... Anne Smith
Membership Chair.....Kathy Wilson
Program Co-Chairs.....Andrea Curtis,
Jackie James
Publicity Chair.... Joan Hug-Valeriotte
Special Projects Co-Chairs.... Joanne
Ariss, Shelly Palframan
Website Chair.....Kathy Wagner
Workshop Chair..... **vacant**
Nominating Chair.....Barbara Jordan

A QUILTER'S CALENDAR

To Feb. 21, 2010 -Fergus Ontario - **Winter in Red and White** - Wellington County Museum & Archives RR#1, 0536



County Road 18, Township of Centre Wellington Mon.-Fri. 9:30-4:30 pm Sat. & Sun. 12-4 pm adm: Adult \$3, Senior \$2, Student \$2, Child \$1 Amy Dunlop 519-846-0916 ext. 232 www.wcm.on.ca

January 6 to February 27

Greenwood Quiltery Gallery
“In Vogue” Koigu Wool Designs

February 26-28/10 Cornwall Quilters Pleasure Weekend & Retreat Nav-Canada Conference Center 1950 Montreal Rd. Friday & Sat. 10-9 Sun 10-3 adm: \$10 weekend pass Cornwall QG & Giroux Sewing Center ;contact Karen or Brad at: 613-938-8455 or info@quilterspleasureweekend.com www.quilterspleasureweekend.com

Mar 26-28/10 Etobicoke Quilt Fever 2010 Neilson Park Creative Centre 56 Neilson Dr. Fri/Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4 Two Galleries of Quilts, Members Boutique, Merchant Mall, Tea Room, Daily Door Prizes adm: \$5 Etobicoke QG; contact Mary Salus at:416 408 1728 or www.etobicokequiltersguild.com

NOTE FROM NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Thank you for your submissions.

Reminder: Bring next month's articles, notices, photos, etc. to the Guild meeting or email them to RCQGnews@gmail.com.



Anne Smith
Chair