



# Royal City Quilters' Guild

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President: Nancy McNab  
Vice-President: Susan Harrington



Secretary: Ann Jeffrey  
Treasurer: Jan Wilson

## Meeting

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

Three Willows Church  
577 Willow Road, Guelph, ON

6:45 Doors Open

7:00 Welcome

Announcements

Program

Break

Show and Share



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am so **excited!** I have tried in the past at least once. Don't ask me how many times really, or I might have to hurt you. This time I was successful. My little "Shoe Tree" quilt, you know the one I made with our challenge fabric, was accepted into Threadworks. When I took my little piece in, I couldn't believe how different it was from all the wonderful, talented pieces already there. It looked like a joke (well, in a way it was a joke, a play on words). I learned a big lesson from this. The first one is to be true to yourself and what you like to do. The second is to try to do something others might not think of. I had an "aha" moment, as Oprah likes to say. So that's what they mean about "thinking outside the box". Do something others might not think of, or do it in a way others might not think of. I hope all of you will plan to attend the show. You'll see pieces from other members of our guild also. Well done, ladies! There is one other reason I like to enter these types of shows and that's for the comments the judges make. Sometimes their comments are strictly personal, in that the figure should have been smiling, but other

times they are very constructive and helpful, in that there should have been more quilting in the background. Entering contests is not about getting in or not (though it is nice); it's about growing as an artist, as a quilter, as a person. So I invite you to enter a contest or two, step out of the box, push yourself a little further and see what you can learn. Isn't that what life is all about ---learning and growing? Some say that's what keeps us young.

See you Tuesday, if not before.  
Cheers  
Nancy



## PROGRAM

Guest Speaker: Michelle Dunn  
owner of Kallisti Quilts

Michelle Dunn has been quilting over 20 years and will be presenting her trunk show for members. Michelle is also a fabric merchant, specializing in exotic Japanese and West African fabrics. Make sure you bring your wallet as there will be time to shop.

For more information and a preview of her fabrics, check out her website:

[www.kallistiquilts.com](http://www.kallistiquilts.com)

## Meeting Checklist



- Name Tag
- Zehrs Tapes
- Show and Share
- Library Books
- Money for shopping

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

April was the last month we gave out monthly kits. Thanks to all those who took one or more. If possible, please return the completed blocks by the June meeting. They will then be ready to be put together for next year's quilts.

There is an immediate need for more **Memory Quilts** at the Guelph General Hospital.

- These quilts go to the birthing unit and given to parents who experience a stillborn death or their infant dies shortly after birth.
- These quilts provide comfort to the grieving parents.
- The quilts need to be smaller than regular baby quilts - the suggested size is 24" X 24" with the smallest size no less than 20" X 20" and the largest no bigger than 28" X 28".
- The quilts can be pink or blue but they also want a variety of colours that are appropriate.
- The quilts should be quilted and not tied.

Please drop off quilts to our table which will again be at the back of the Willow Grove Room (the meeting room). Your contributions are greatly appreciated.

Having some quilts by the June meeting will tide them over for the summer. We will welcome more memory quilts next September if you have time over the hot summer to make any.

Donna Reimer  
Community Outreach

## SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

### May Bus Trip (Reprint)

You don't want to miss our May 8, 2010 bus trip to the "Goose on the Loose Shop Hop". There are only 4 seats left on our small private coach. We start with a leisurely drive north to Country Concessions in Cookstown, from there we travel to Lilac Lane Quilts in Alliston. From Alliston we head to Cobwebs and Caviar in Shelburne and finish up our day in Markdale at Quilter's Lane. All these shops will be offering many surprises and specials, along with demonstrations and prizes. A passport will be given to all participants and as we visit these shops we have our passports stamped, which makes us eligible to win several great prizes. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Goose on the Loose Shop Hop and it promises to be bigger and better than ever before. The four shops have all been carefully stocked with tons of new beautiful fabrics and kits, that you won't be able to resist.

We will all pack our own lunches and snacks to eat along the way, as we enjoy our ride and watch for the beautiful signs and colours of spring along the way.

The cost for all of this fun and games is \$30.00 per person, non-refundable. Payment is to be made at the time of signing up to secure your place. This day promises to be a great day with fellow quilters and friends, a day everyone will certainly enjoy.

Country Concessions is currently accepting children's pillowcases to donate to Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto. We will be delivering some pillowcases to Country Concessions when we stop there on our bus trip.

For anyone on the bus who would like to contribute to this worthy cause, the instructions for sewing the pillowcases are below.

If anyone can't participate in the bus trip, but would like to make and send a pillowcase with us, you can drop them off to us at our sign-up table and we will make sure they are delivered to the Country Concessions store.

### PILLOWCASE CONSTRUCTION

#### SUPPLIES:

- 3/4 yard of pre-washed fabric for pillowcase (use bright cheery fabrics for kids)
- 1/3 yard of pre-washed fabric for border of pillowcase

#### SEWING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Cut the body of the case 26 1/2" x 40 1/2" and the border 10 1/2" x 40 1/2".
2. Fold the border in half lengthwise, with the wrong sides together and press.
3. Place the right side of the border on the right side of the body of the case. Stitch together.
4. Place the right sides of the pillowcase together. Stitch down the side and across the bottom. Turn to the right side and press.

For a different sewing method, you can also google 'Lazy Girl Pillowcases' for an easy-to-follow tutorial on making these pillowcases.

Joanne Ariss  
Shelly Palframan  
Co-chairs



## NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Hurry, hurry, hurry, the Committee Chairs are filling up; it's time to decide which one of the few remaining positions is calling your name! VP, Publicity, Newsletter or Website....it's a one year commitment to our wonderful organization. Next year we'll be celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, come and be part of the fun!

### Proposed Slate of Officers and Executive Chairs for 2010-2011

- President**-----Susan Harrington  
**Vice-President**-----*volunteer needed*
- Duties include assisting and/or replacing the President when necessary, may look after duties not covered by another officer or as designated by the executive.
- Secretary**----- Donna Reimer  
**Treasurer**----- Jan Wilson  
**Past President**-----Nancy McNab  
**Program**-----Joanne Ariss  
 Shelly Palframan
- Membership**----- Lisa Jones  
**Workshop**-----Andrea Curtis  
**Publicity**-----*volunteer needed*
- Promotes Guild meetings, workshops and other activities in area print and electronic media
- Newsletter**----- *volunteer needed*
- Prepares and distributes newsletters to all Guild members. The Guild owns 2 publishing programs to assist you.
- Special Projects**-----Barbara Jordan  
**Librarian**-----Laurel Marsolais  
**Historian**-----Maria Goldsack  
**Community Outreach**-----Nellie Hanuta, Kathy Wagner  
**Website**-----volunteer needed
- Directs our web host on updates to Guild website and/or as

directed by Guild executive

### Non Executive Position

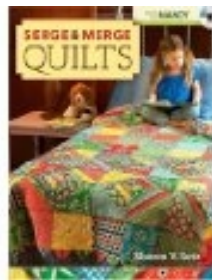
**Block of the Month**--Kathy Wagner

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.

Can we talk? Contact:

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 Isobel King 519-822-4792 or  
[isobel.king@rogers.com](mailto:isobel.king@rogers.com).

## LIBRARY



If you were one of those sewers who had to have a serger and now find that it is buried somewhere in your sewing room, this book could provide the impetus to dust it off. The author is one of those people, but she challenged herself to think of her serger as a quilting tool, and this book is the result. She uses her serger to sew and overcast her seams and trim her threads when she pieces her quilts, and it does all this with a 1/4 inch seam. She uses the other stitches to add variety and decorative detail to her quilts. The serger can also use all of the speciality threads that can be difficult to handle on conventional sewing machines.

The author provides patterns for five quilts that use the overlock stitch, three quilts that use the flatlock stitch, two rolled edge quilts and four additional patterns that use a combination of these stitches.

The book also includes a DVD featuring Nancy Zieman that demonstrates all the techniques.

Laurel Marsolais  
Chair

## MEMBERSHIP

At the March meeting we welcomed new member, Christine Rickards. In April, we had 6 guests! Helen McKinnon's sister, Jean Morrison, was visiting from Southampton. Other visitors were: Sharon Britten, Darlene Richtar, Ashley McIntosh, Nancy Waters and Bonnie Neil.

Looking ahead, we will be selling guild memberships for the 2010/2011 year at the June meeting. As in past years those who register in June will be entered in a draw for a free membership or a free workshop!

Lisa Jones  
Chair



## REMINDER TO MEMBERS

Nancy's term is coming to an end. As is our tradition, Sue Harrington is collecting 5" squares and 1 1/2" squares (for the funeral quilt) as a thank you for Nancy's work as President.

Please bring your contributions to the May meeting and deposit them in a bag/box which will be down by the library.



Thanks for your help with this collection.



**A QUILTER'S  
CALENDAR**

April 15-May 29/10  
Greenwood Quiltery  
Gallery - "Be Safe, My  
Love", Judy Martin



May 7-8/10 Chatham Kent Quilter's  
Guild spring quilt show "Stitches in  
Bloom" St Paul's Congregational  
Church 459 Park Ave W Fri 9-5 Sat 9-4  
adm:\$ 5, 1-519-354-8094 or  
[ChairPerson@ChathamKentQuiltersG  
uild.com](mailto:ChairPerson@ChathamKentQuiltersGuild.com)

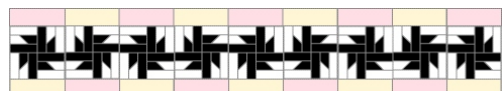
May 7-9/10 Ottawa Gifts from the  
Heart Quilt Show 2010 RA Centre  
2451 Riverside Dr. Fri 10-7 Sat 10-5  
Sun 11-4 Common Thread Quilt Guild  
[www.commonthread.on.ca/QuiltShow  
.htm](http://www.commonthread.on.ca/QuiltShow.htm).

May 8/10 RCQG Bus Trip - "Goose on  
the Loose Shop Hop"

May 8 - June 13/10 Grand National  
"Off the Wall" Homer Watson House  
and Gallery 1754 Old Mill Road  
Kitchener

June 4-5/10 The New Millennium  
Quilters Quilt Show - Flutter-By to be  
held on June 4th from 10:00 A.M. -  
8:00 P.M. and June 5th from 10:00  
A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the Mildmay  
Carrick Complex, Mildmay, Ontario.  
There will be: viewer's choice;  
vendors market; mini-quilt toonie  
table; boutique; quilt draw; butterfly  
garden tea room. Admission is \$5.00.  
Helen Gutscher 519-367-2411 or  
[hmgutsch@wightman.ca](mailto:hmgutsch@wightman.ca)

June 5-6/10 Renfrew "I Dream of  
Quilts" Ma-Te-Way Activity Centre 1  
Ma-Te-Way Park Dr Sat 10-5 Sun  
noon-4 adm: \$5 Elaine Basinet-Smith  
1-613-649-2605



**Threadworks 2010: Trees**  
*A travelling juried textile art  
exhibition*

Wellington County Museum & Archives,  
Fergus, Ontario

**Exhibition:** April 24, 2010 — June 13, 2010

**Opening Reception:** Sunday, May 2 (1-4  
pm)

Discover the art of creative needlework at one of the finest juried textile exhibitions in Ontario; *Threadworks 2010* showcases textile art from artists across Canada. Opening on April 24, Wellington County Museum & Archives is proud to host and support this special project of the Ontario Network of Needleworkers. Held every three years, the 2010 theme "Trees" will showcase a range of interpretive works of the highest technical and artistic quality. Entries are as varied and spectacular as the techniques and material used to create them; ranging from dramatic wall hangings to small three dimensional sculptures. With over 200 works submitted, only 65 pieces are chosen by the jurors, award-winning textile artists and academics Dianne Gibson, Judith Dingle and Susan Burke.

For more information please visit our website at [www.wcm.on.ca](http://www.wcm.on.ca) or phone 519-846-0916. Admission is by donation. Wellington County Museum & Archives is located on Wellington Road #18 between Fergus & Elora and it is opened weekdays - 9:30am to 4:30pm and weekends & holidays - 12:00pm to 4:00pm.

**NEXT EXECUTIVE  
MEETING**

The next meeting of the RCQG Executive will be Monday, May 17, 2010 at the Cooperator's building beginning at 7:00 p.m. Please review your April minutes prior to the meeting.



**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 (temp).....Carol Cousins
- 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

**NOTE FROM  
NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

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

Thank you to all those who have chosen to get the newsletter notice by email. It cuts down our costs and helps us go green.

In order to continue receiving that notice, **PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGES or if you do not get an email from me by the Thursday of the week before the next meeting.** In that event, you can check the website as well so you don't miss anything.

Anne Smith  
Chair

