



Royal City Quilters' Guild



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September Meeting

Tuesday, September 14, 2010

Three Willows United Church,
577 Willow Rd., Guelph

6:45 Doors Open
7:00 Opening Remarks
7:15 Program

Meeting Checklist

- ✓ Membership Fees (\$37)
- ✓ Nametag
- ✓ Show and Share
- ✓ Newsletter Submissions
- ✓ Zehrs Tapes
- ✓ Comfort Quilt Block

Program

As you all remember, the past Program Chairs, Andrea and Jackie, did a great job of entertaining our guild last year with a wonderful selection of interesting, educational and sometimes hilarious speakers. We have "big shoes" to fill this season, and hopefully we can provide everyone with another year of diversified, interesting speakers. Our "happy committee helpers", Barb, Jackie and Mary, will assist us this year with set up, white gloves, and clean up after the meeting.

We are pleased to have Garnet Smalley, from Cotton-by-Post at our first meeting of the year. He will be back to introduce us to his new trunk show of "Quilts from Hawaii". Garnet will also be bringing some of his merchandise to sell at our meeting, so don't forget your wallets. Our summer will be stretched just a little longer as we enjoy viewing these wonderful quilts from this warm, sunny, tropical island.

Joanne Criss and Shelly Palframan
Cochairs, Program Committee



President's Message

Hello, and welcome back to another exciting year. I truly hope you all had a fun, relaxing, and enjoyable summer and perhaps got a bit of quilting done along the way.

Over the summer months your executive have been planning all sorts of goodies, fun events and speakers for the upcoming year. I met with the new executive just a couple of weeks ago and I must say that I am very excited. They have some wonderful speakers, workshops and even special events planned (Psst – this is our 20th anniversary year you know). Make sure you mark the meeting dates in your calendar, you won't want to miss a single meeting this year.

I also wanted to put a bug in your ear regarding our Quilt Show which will be happening in 2012. It really isn't that far off so if you are planning on showing some quilts, it might be a good time to get started or finish off those larger items that you have been meaning to get done. Also, think about becoming a show committee member. Lots of volunteers are needed to put on the spectacular show that we are famous for. Your help, input and ideas are just what we need!

I would like to take this opportunity once again to welcome you back and on behalf of your new executive, we hope you enjoy the upcoming year with us.

Susan Harrington, President

Community Outreach

The goals of this committee are:

- ❁ to make 40 comfort quilts (58" x 70" are the preferred sizes) for the Pediatric Sexual Assault Unit at the Guelph General Hospital; and
- ❁ to donate memory quilts (24" x 24") to the Guelph General hospital which are given to women who deliver a stillborn baby.

We try to be financially self-sustaining through fundraising efforts and donations so that funding does not come from Guild money. We will try to entice you to participate in this project in many different ways to help us reach our goal. Here are some ideas for you to consider:

- ★ Pick up a pre-cut block kit from the committee at each meeting, follow the instructions and sew a block or two for one of these quilts...bring the block back to the next guild meeting and get a new kit with a different block pattern.
- ★ Volunteer to quilt or tie one of our quilt tops...we provide you with the quilt top, the batting and the backing. We also have volunteers who will bind the quilt if you don't like to do the binding.
- ★ Sign up for Quilt Bee days to help put the blocks together and get the quilts finished.
- ★ Donate... we are happy to receive any donations of scraps or yardage to use in our quilts

NEW! this year...we encourage you to participate in the **mystery block of the month** and donate some of your blocks and/or your completed mystery quilt top to the community outreach efforts. Here's how it works...

Each newsletter will contain two 12" block patterns for you to try. If you follow along with the mystery, you will end up making 12 different star blocks for the centre of your quilt, plus sashing and an optional border of forty 6" blocks, which gives you a finished quilt top measuring 60" x 72".

To help some of our newer quilters, the committee will hold short demos during guild meeting breaks to give some tips on sewing these mystery blocks. There will be random prizes for participating and prizes for finished quilt tops at the end of the guild year (June).

Thank you for all your efforts in offering quilted comfort to some of the most vulnerable little people in our community.

Your Community Outreach Committee this year is:
Nellie Hanuta and Kathy Wagner (co-chairs)
Erin Fish, Elaine Gostick, Karen Heal, Joan Hett,

Mystery Block of the Month

We have received permission from a pattern designer to offer you this block of the month mystery for FREE to our guild members making comfort quilts. Please respect the generous gift of the use of this pattern by not copying it for other people and by giving the pattern designer (whose identity will be revealed at the end) credit for this quilt design.

Each newsletter for 6 months (September to February) will contain TWO 12" star block patterns. In the March newsletter will be the instructions for the sashing and the borders. The grand reveal of the mystery quilts will be at the June meeting.

The finished size of the quilt is 60" x 72".

If you plan to make this quilt, it is recommended that you chose a general colour scheme to follow by selecting a colour, for example browns or blues, or reds, and collect fabric in that same colour from dark to light. The blocks patterns will show the patches in shades of brown, rust and tan, plus a background of cream or white. You will need the following yardage (and I recommend being generous if you are purchasing new fabric for this quilt if you plan to make any cutting or sewing mistakes!):

- ❖ Dark (ie. brown or blue or red) – 1 yard
- ❖ Medium dark (ie. rust) - 1 ¼" yard (for outside border blocks and sashing)
- ❖ Medium (ie. gold) – 5/8 yard
- ❖ Light medium (tan) – 1 yard
- ❖ Background (cream/white) – 3 yards

Of course, you can make your version totally scrappy if you prefer, using random fabrics from your stash. And you can donate any of the blocks you make (in any colours) to the community outreach committee.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Wagner at kewagner@sentex.net. We hope you will play along with this fun mystery project.

Co-ordinated by: Community Outreach Committee



Block 1

12 1/2" Block

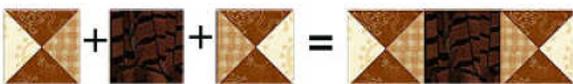
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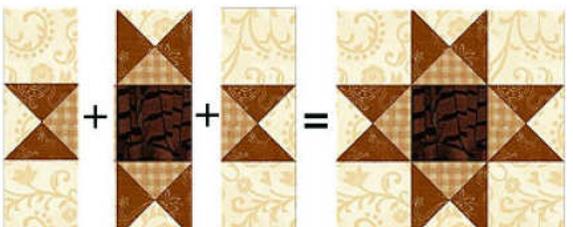


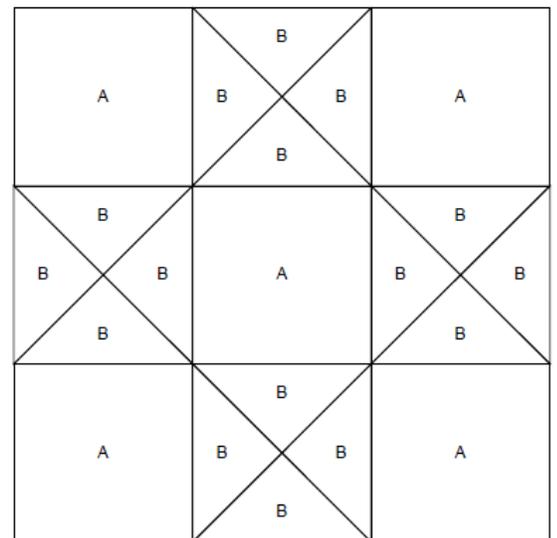
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A	 1	 4		4 1/2 square	
B	 2	 1	 1	5 3/16 square	

*  - Cut once diagonally.  - Cut twice diagonally


 Sew and press. Make two


 Sew and press. Make one


 Sew and press. Square up to 12.5 inches.



Block 2

12 1/2" Block

Sew together patches as shown using a 1/4" seam. Press to the darker fabric if possible.



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A	2	2	4	4 3/16 square	
B	2	2		3 7/8 square	
C	4			3 1/2 square	

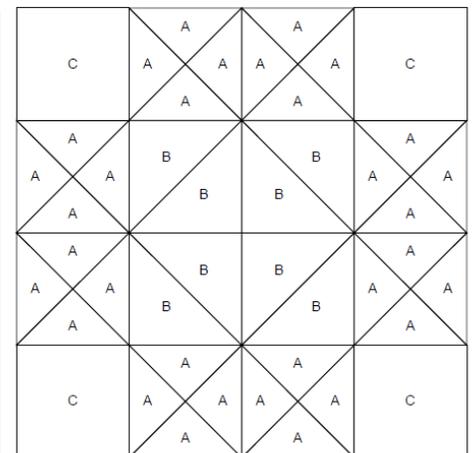
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Make 4 of these units

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Make 4 of these units. Each of these will be one 1/4 of your block.

Sew the 1/4 units together to make your block 1/2 's, then the 1/2's together to complete the block.

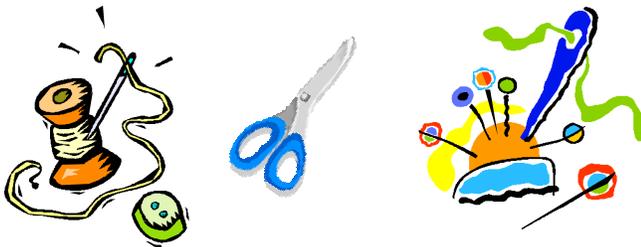


Membership

Your membership committee are the people who greet you when you come through the doors of the church. We collect the membership fees and guest fees, and provide new members with an introductory package. We also update the membership list and arrange for the printing of the member directory. We pass information to the newsletter committee to make sure you get your newsletter reminders. Dana Scott and I are the official members of the membership committee, but we get lots of help from other guild members during the busy times.

Thanks to all 66 who preregistered at the June meeting. Congratulations to Leanne Kay who won the free workshop and Louise Marshal who won the free membership. Thanks to Dana, Joyce, Lana, Carol, Barb and Nancy who helped at the June meeting. For those of you who did not register in June, remember to bring your membership fee (\$37 cheque or cash) to the September meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!

Lisa Jones, Membership



Workshops

The Workshop Committee is in the process of planning a Workshop for the month of November and two others will be planned for the new year. We hope to have workshops planned that will interest everyone from the new quilters to the most experienced quilters, from traditional quilting to contemporary quilting.

My committee members are Cindy Kinnon and Jackie James.

Andrea Curtis, Workshop Convenor



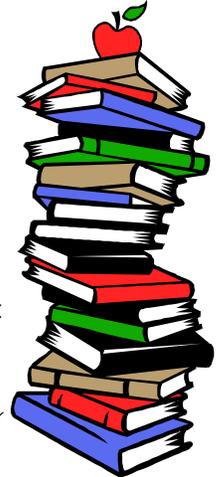
Library

Your library has more than 500 books, magazines and videos that you can borrow at each meeting. You can find a complete listing of the books we own at <http://www.librarything.com/catalog/rcgg> or you can drop by the library before the meeting or at break, and browse.

The library is funded through the collection of Zehr's tapes, two raffles held in the Fall and Spring, the December book and bake sale, and fines on overdue books.

If there is a book that you would like the library to buy, please email me at lmars@rogers.com

Laurel Marsolais, Library



Special Projects

We have an exciting year coming up. If you missed the announcement by Past President Nancy McNab at the June meeting, we have secured quilter and author, Becky Goldsmith for April 2011. We will have a special Friday night lecture and a Saturday workshop. You may recognize Becky's name as half of the Piece O' Cake Designs duo. Check out www.pieceocake.com for more information on books, patterns and fabrics by Piece O'Cake.

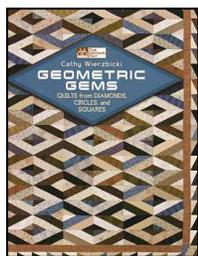
Along with Special Projects committee members, Sheila Barrington and Doeteke Hanzelka, we'll plan a celebration in March 2011 to mark the 20th Anniversary of the Royal City Quilters' Guild. Certainly a piece of a cake for everyone is in order...I'm seeing a theme developing....what is a party without cake?



Barb Jordan, Special Projects

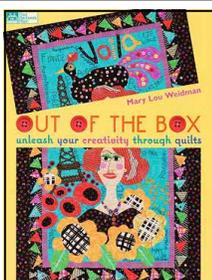
Book Review

Geometric Gems: Quilts from Diamonds, Circles, and Squares
by Cathy Wierzbicki



The author brings you seven quilt patterns based on basic geometric shapes. The patterns include a circular nine-patch, an I-spy baby block quilt from pieced triangles, a diamond quilt cut from 2 ½ inch strip sets, a pineapple nine-patch suitable for scraps. Another interesting block, pieced from a strip-set and triangles has space on the strip set to add text to your quilt. Another innovative quilt called Pajama Prayer comes with instructions on how to use your regular sewing machine and a zig-zag stitch to free-motion text onto your quilt. Your friends will think you bought an embroidery machine!

Out of the Box: unleash your creativity through quilts
by Mary Lou Weidman



Creativity is what it's all about. The author wants you to discover new things about yourself and the world around you. As quilt books go, this one is about the process rather than the product. You won't find patterns to replicate the author's very personal "story" quilts. Instead, you will find a checklist of characteristics, if you answer "yes, that sounds like me" to eight of the twenty-four statements then you are already "Out-of-the-box". If the lid is still on the box, she offers advice and encouragement to exercise your imagination, to be courageous and adventurous, to be willing to laugh and be laughed at, and to be joyful in what you do.

The quilts in the book tell wonderful personal stories, and the artist has given us a wealth of ideas, exercises, tips and techniques for unlocking our creativity and enabling us to quilt our own stories. Mary Lou Weidman believes every quilter has a story, and she can help you tell yours.

NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING

The next meeting of the RCQG Executive will be held Monday, September 20, 2010, at the Co-operators Building on Macdonnell Street. We start promptly at 7:00 pm and finish at 9:30. Please review your minutes prior to the meeting.

Calendar



Quilting by the Bay, 480 Norman Ave, North Bay, Sep 11-12. Features quilt displays, merchant mall, Judy Lyons - quilt appraiser, tea room, silent auction, demos, workshops. See www.quiltsbythebay.ca for more information.

Simcoe County Quilt, Rug and Craft Fair, Minesing (north of Barrie), Sep 17-19, Simcoe County Museum. Quilting, embroidery, spinning, handweaving and rug hooking will be on display and for sale. There will be hands-on demos, talk to the experts and shop at the corner store and merchant mall.

Pieces of Magic Quilt Show, Sep 30-Oct 2, Trinity United Church and Ingersoll Creative Arts Centre, King St and Victoria Park, Ingersoll. Oxford Quilters Guild celebrating 30 years of quilting, 100s of quilts, tea room, merchant mall, members boutique.

Area Fall Fairs generally accept and display quilt entries. Some of the local fairs include: Paris Sep 1-6, Cambridge Sep 9-12, Georgetown Sep 10-12, Fergus and Acton Sep 15-17, Milton Sep 24-26, Erin Oct 8-11. For more information see www.ontariotravel.net

Call For Entry

St. Joseph's Health Centre has announced the 2010 Quilt Competition. Purchase Awards are:

1st Prize: \$1,000
2nd Prize: \$750
3rd Prize: \$500

Submissions:

- ♦ Minimum size: 4' x 4'
- ♦ Maximum size: 6' x 6'
- ♦ Paper entries including photo and dimensions are due September 28, 2010
- ♦ Acceptance letters mailed by October 3, 2010
- ♦ Submission of accepted quilts is November 15, 2010
- ♦ Notification of winners is December 1, 2010
- ♦ Quilt Reception and Viewing is December 14

For more information contact St. Joseph's Health Foundation Quilt Competition, 100 Westmount Rd, Guelph, ON N1H 4H8, telephone: 519-767-3424 or email: fdn@sjhcg.ca

EDITOR'S NOTE

Thank you to all who submitted information for this newsletter. The deadline for the next newsletter is the September Guild meeting.

Susan Knabenschuh