



Royal City Quilters' Guild



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April Meeting Tuesday, April 12, 2011

Three Willows United Church,
577 Willow Rd., Guelph

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

Meeting Checklist



- ✓ Name tag
- ✓ Show and Share
- ✓ Newsletter Submissions
- ✓ Zehrs Tapes
- ✓ Comfort Quilt Block
- ✓ Library Book(s)
- ✓ Loonies and Toonies for the Fabric Sale

Program

Wasn't it fun to visit with our Past Presidents during our anniversary meeting in March. We know everyone was very excited, and appreciated the opportunity to sit back and enjoy the colourful presentations of their current and past quilts. A big thanks once again to Isobel, Christine, Jackie, Sue, Barbara and Nancy.

For our April program we will have a trunk show by Kate Busby. Kate is the owner of Kate B Textile Design in Toronto. She is a trained textile artist and designs and sews her own textile art. Kate combines bold colours, a playful mixture of prints, and hand stitched embellishments, just to name a few of her different approaches, into her wonderful designs. Don't miss this meeting; we are looking forward to having Kate introduce us to her work.

Joanne Criss and Shelly Palframan
Co chairs, Program Committee

President's Message

Our 20th Anniversary was a blast! The program for March was totally fabulous. Not only did we celebrate 20 years as a Guild, but we had the chance to meet most of our Past Presidents. They showed us their President's Quilt along with other items they had made or were in the process of making, and they answered pointed questions from the Program Committee. It was truly comical. There was cake, treats and a huge number of prizes won, and everyone had a great time! If you were unable to attend this meeting, you missed a great night.

Finally Spring is in the air and Easter is just around the corner. Hopefully the bunny will bring lots of good things for you this year. Maybe some fabric!!!! Or chocolate!!!!

Our April meeting promises to be a hit as well. Hopefully I'll see you there. Until next time, happy quilting.

Susan Harrington, President



Show and Share

The Show and Share portion of our meeting gave us all a chance to see what other members are working on, or have completed. Thanks to last month's Show and Share participants:

Judy Eckhardt, Muriel McGibbon, Joy Lefneski, Sue Sharpe, and Kathy Wagner.

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Mystery Quilt

The instructions for the Star Block mystery quilt have appeared in our newsletter since the fall. The quilt is officially named "Chocolate Stars", and the pattern was generously approved for the use of our Guild members by Sindy Rodenmayer of Fat Cat Patterns (www.fatcatpatterns.com).

Please bring your quilt top to the June Guild meeting where you will have the opportunity to win some "viewer's choice" awards. You need to have at least 6 of the 12 star blocks from the pattern, and you can use any layout you want. You do not have to use the layout provided and you do not need to have the quilt finished. Just bring in your quilt top to show us. Sindy is anxious to see what we have made from her pattern and I will be sending her photos of the quilts that are brought to the June meeting.

If you don't finish your quilt and would like to donate blocks or unfinished components of the mystery, Nellie would be delighted to receive them at the Comfort Quilt table. Happy Quilting!

Kathy Wagner



Special Projects

Time is running out! Supplies are limited! Do not delay buying your tickets for April 15! We have a wonderful opportunity to listen to internationally-known quilter, author and designer Becky Goldsmith. It is cheaper than going to the movies. Becky will speak our language—quilts, fabrics, design, colour.... Where else would you want to be?

"A Special Night with Becky Goldsmith"

Location: Three Willows United Church

Date & time: Friday April 15 at 7 pm

Admission: \$8 for members, \$10 for non-members

There will be door prizes at the Becky Goldsmith lecture, including several of the zippered carry bags I've been using to show you the Piece O' Cake Designs work. Now that's worth the price of admission!

Our website has a link to www.pieceocake.com Don't forget to bring your money to our April Guild meeting or contact Barbara Jordan at 519-837-0818 or barbara.rcqg@gmail.com to reserve tickets.

To quote Gail Brown, "A good time was had by all" at the 20th Anniversary on March 8. There were door prizes, treats, drinks and cake for everyone. Special thanks to Jackie James and Susan Harrington for creating our new nametags showing our Guild quilt. Nothing says we are quilters like a quilt nametag. A BIG thank you to those who helped set up and serve treats and clean up. I couldn't have done it without you! It takes a Guild to have a party! Thanks to the following shops who donated door prizes for our anniversary give-aways! Let the shops know you appreciate their donation the next time you visit these stores:

Alice's Quilt Shoppe, Erin
Cobwebs & Caviar, Shelburne
Creative Sisters, Kitchener
Greenwood Quiltery, Guelph

Reichard's The Quilter's Store, St. Jacobs
Triangle Sewing Centre, Guelph
The Quilt Place, Shakespeare

Congratulations to our twenty winners! Enjoy your prizes! If you didn't win at our March meeting, remember you have the opportunity to win door prizes on April 15 at Becky Goldsmith's lecture! You can't win without a ticket!

Barbara Jordan, Special Projects

Wanted: Vice-President



Could you be the next "Donna Menyawna"? Why, yes you could!! You qualify if:

1. You're breathing
2. You're a member of our Guild
3. You'll be the next President in 2012

All other prerequisites are frivolous!!

Seriously, our Guild needs you. I know everyone would like to see our Guild continue to grow and prosper, but we need a warm body at the helm to do so. Please take a moment and consider being this person. There is no need to wait for me to ask you. You can approach me at the meeting; you could pass me a note; you could call me; or you could email me. Any of these methods would work. If you have questions, you could ask any of the past presidents (a very elite group you would be joining, LOL). I'm sure they would be willing to share their experiences with you. So, you see there really is no reason not to jump into the fun!!

Please call Nancy McNab at 519-856-1084. She will be happy to sign you up!

Workshops

JUNE—Block Blast with Kathy Wagner

Saturday, June 4th 9:30 am - 3:30 pm
 Three Willows United Church
 Fee \$35


Learn how to magically transform traditional quilt blocks by cutting and re-sewing them into different quilt designs. You will receive instructions on how to make complex looking quilt blocks from strips/jelly rolls and squares. During class time you can make eight different sample blocks to learn the techniques, or pick the design you like the best and work all day on one project.

FALL 2011

Quilting in Sections with Martha Schellingerhoud
 Saturday, September 24th 9:30 am - 4:00 pm

Visit the Workshop table at the next meeting to register.

Community Outreach

 **THANK YOU** to all for stepping forward to help with binding and quilting. We have a few more finished quilt tops and will be looking for a some generous people to assist with getting these quilted and bound before the end of May.

Look for our fabric sale. We will have some fat eighths, fat quarters and other bits available at our April meeting. Hopefully there will be something for everyone at very reasonable prices.



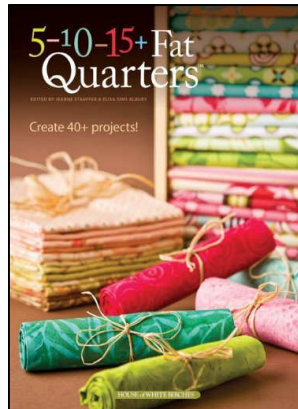
All proceeds support Community Outreach.

Don't forget to stop by to purchase a ticket for our quilt raffle.

Nellie Hanuta, Community Outreach

Book Review

5-10-15+ Fat Quarters
edited by Jeanne Stauffer
and Elisa Sims Albury



This book provides the inspiration to dip into your collection of fat quarters and make some beautiful and practical gifts for your friends or practical items for your home. So let's begin...if you have just two fat quarters (and some additional background and border fabric) you could make a tree skirt, a magnetic message board, some very clever stemware coasters, or a case for you eyeglasses. With three fat quarters, you could make a bag that attaches to a walker, a couple of table toppers, table runners or a fish purse that a child would love. With four fat quarters, you could make placemats, pillows, a child's apron, a dog coat or a quilter's accessory set. If you have five fat quarters (and I know you do) you could make bibs for babies, a floral batik wall-hanging or two different tote bags.

If you're like me, you can move on to the sections for lap and full-size quilts. I was especially taken with a batik quilt using eighteen fat quarters in lights, mediums, and darks. If you're ready for some stash-busting, this is the book that can get you started.

Membership



At our 20th Anniversary Meeting, Dana and I handed out our new Guild name tags designed by Susan Harrington. If you missed the meeting, you can pick yours up from us at the April meeting.

Three guests were with us at the meeting, and we were joined by new members Carol Morgan and Kathy McCallum. Welcome!

Lisa Jones, Membership

NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING—The next meeting of the RCQG Executive will be held Monday, April 18, 2011, at the Co-operators Building on Macdonell Street. We start promptly at 7:00 pm and finish by 9:30 pm.

Calendar



Wings, Feathers, Flowers & Bouquets

March 2-April 9, 2011 will be held at Greenwood Quiltery and Gallery, 275 Woolwich Street, Guelph, ON. Nancy Wells (Artist) will be in attendance on Saturday, March 12, 2011 from 2:00 to 4:00. Gallery hours: Monday through Wednesday and Saturday 10:00 to 5:00, Thursday and Friday 10:00 to 6:00.

Feelings in Fabrics Presents Memories in Stitches

April 15-17, Peterborough, ON. Kawartha Quiltmakers' Guild. Admission \$6. Quilts, tea room, wallhangings, merchants mall, members' boutique.

Quilts North, April 16-17, Elliot Lake, Fashion Show, Demos, Merchants Mall, Quilt Raffle to benefit charity

Rayside Balfour Stitchery Guild Quilt Show, April 16-17, Azilda, ON featuring Quilts and Stitchery Art, vendors, demos, boutique, door prizes. Admission \$5.

Quilt Show & Sale, April 29-May 1, Windsor, ON Fashion show, auction of little quilts, viewers' choice, merchants' mall, boutique.

Threads of Time, April 30-May 1, Belleville, ON Quilts (some for sale, wearables, challenges, wall hangings, raffle and vendors. Admission \$5 (husbands free).

Silver Threads Quilt Show—Celebrating 25 Years of Quilting Together, April 30-May 1, Newmarket, ON Region of York Quilters Guild featuring quality quilts of all sizes, Guild Challenge, viewers' choice, merchants' mall, tea room, door prizes and quilt appraiser on site. Admission: \$5

Pathways - Fibre Art Network Exhibition, May 2-June 25, Spencer Gallery, D.B. Weldon Library, University of Western Ontario, London - Members of the Fibre Art Network (a co-operative of professional fibre artists from Western Canada). Many of these members have shown their work nationally and internationally.

Festival of Quilts, May 6-8, Ottawa, ON, Ottawa Valley Quilters Guild Quilt show, vendors market. Admission \$8

Also starting in the middle of May:

Quilts 2011 (Napanee), Quilts in the Gardens (Burlington), Grand National (Kitchener), Quilts of Niagara (Niagara-on-the-Lake), Quilts of the Netherlands (Alisa Craig), CQA/ACC Quilt Ontario 2011 (London), St. Jacobs Quilt Shows (St. Jacobs)

For more details of these future events go to the CQA website at:
<http://www.canadianquilter.com/event-listings.php>