



Royal City Quilters' Guild

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May Meeting Tuesday, May 10, 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)

Program

Thinking... and Quilting... Outside the Box

Ellen Collington has been an enthusiastic needleworker all her life and a quilter for fifteen years. She has taken many workshops locally, and also with professional quilters such as Paula Nadelstern, Jane Sassaman, and Caryl Bryer Fallert, just to name a few. Ellen's program will attempt to combine what she has learned about quilting from these experts with what she teaches about creative thinking and problem solving. This will be an excellent trunk show for the quilter who is not "an artist" but wants to challenge herself to move beyond the class or pattern books. Ellen will bring about 40 pieces to demonstrate how to combine advanced creative thinking skills with the quilting methods you already know.

Joanne Ariss and Shelly Palframan
Co-chairs, Program Committee

President's Message

The April Becky Goldsmith lecture/trunk show and workshop was a huge success! Everyone truly enjoyed themselves and we all learned something new. There is even talk of forming small groups to continue making the blocks for the entire quilt. I myself may be one of the new converts to hand appliqué and am interested in joining one of these groups. I'm sure they will keep me motivated and will help to hone my appliqué skills.

Finally spring is here! I never thought it would arrive what with the snow and cold temps in mid April, but finally it has arrived. The birds are singing and the flowers are starting to sprout. The trees are bringing in their summer foliage and a new season has started. A new season... Hmm, does that mean new quilt projects? Maybe.

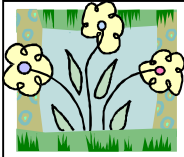
The Quilt Show committee is well on its way in the planning aspects, and it's up to you, our guild members, to get those quilts started and/or completed for the May 2012 show. I know you have been thinking about the show and what you will be making, so let's get started. Even if you don't want to tackle a large project, those mini quilts are calling your name. If you get your projects started now, you can relax over the summer and continue on in the fall and before you know it, you will have completed your masterpieces just in time for the show.

So until next time, happy quilting.

Susan Harrington, President



Show and Share



A big thank you to all of our April Show and Share participants. What a great display of patterns and colours; everything from stars, appliqué, disappearing 9 patch and log cabin. We saw baby quilts, wall hangings and large quilts. We even had a UFO that, after some motivation from one of our fellow quilters, is now complete!

We love to see what everyone in the Guild is working on, so don't be shy, show us what you are working on or have completed. We love to see them along with their stories.

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Membership

Dana and I were kept busy at the April meeting signing in seven guests and four new members! Welcome to new members Pat Gage, June Gionet, Millie Cumming and Debbie O'Driscoll.

Don't forget if you haven't picked up your 20th Anniversary nametag, you can pick it up at the membership table at the next meeting.

Lisa Jones, Membership



Community Outreach



THANK YOU for your continued support of our Community Outreach initiatives. The fabric sale was a tremendous success and ticket sales for our Community Outreach Quilt Draw were fast and furious. If you didn't have the opportunity to buy your tickets in April, remember to stop by to see us in May or June. The draw will be made at our June meeting. We appreciate the efforts of Joan Hett and Joan Hug-Valeriotte in the design and quilting of the draw prize.

We have finished our block kits for this quilting season but would like to remind all who have signed out kits to return them at the May meeting. We would like to complete as many quilts as possible by June.

To those members who have donated quilts, a special thanks for your generosity and support.

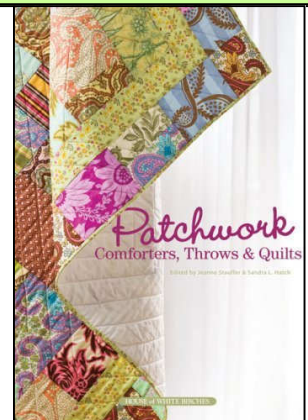
A huge thank you to all who have pieced our block kits, assembled quilt tops, machine quilted and bound our quilts. Your time and dedication means so much. Words somehow fall short of expressing how much your support has meant to Community Outreach.

Nellie Hanuta, Community Outreach

Book Review

Patchwork comforters, throws & quilts

edited by Jeanne Stauffer and Sandra L. Hatch



It's safe to say that a lot of quilt books are a lot of same-old, same-old. This book features patchwork, but the difference in this book is the projects. Think

table runners, but wider and longer and able to keep your feet extra warm during the cold winter nights, and they are the perfect size to wrap yourself in when you need some extra comfort! The editors have included seven different patterns, including a beautiful Sashiko version with circles of Asian fabrics. There are seven quilt patterns that use pre-cut rolls and squares and several innovative appliqué patterns including a beautiful quilt with irises in various colours, a scrappy hexagon quilt with stars appliquéd in the border, and a charm square quilt with a border appliquéd with rickrack, butterflies and flowers. The book finishes up with several adorable quilt patterns for babies, including quilts with kites, hearts and bears.

Special Projects



We were treated to a delightful speaker on Friday, April 15. Becky Goldsmith of Piece O' Cake Designs entertained us with her thoughts on colour through overhead projections, amusing stories and beautiful quilts. She has a wealth of knowledge and experience which she generously shared with a crowd of 110+ eager audience members. We were lucky enough to have a look at a new quilt using a new fabric line from Piece O' Cake Designs that will be released shortly along with Becky Goldsmith and Linda Jenkins' newest book. There were also door prizes won by twelve audience members that were provided by area quilt stores.

Thank you to those who volunteered their time to make sure the night went off smoothly; Joanne Ariss, Elaine Gostick, Jackie James, Susan Harrington and Nancy McNab. Even my sisters, Pam Stone and Louise Marchand, were happy to help out taking tickets and showing off quilts. You may have noticed a young fellow manning the sound system—Mr Potter is a member of the Three Willows United Church who ensured we had no issues with the equipment in place working in concert with Becky's iPad and projector.

Thank you once again to the following stores for providing door prizes for our night with Becky Goldsmith, as well as our Anniversary in March. Everyone enjoyed the chance to win a lovely gift.

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

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

If you were unable to attend our "Special Night with Becky Goldsmith", you missed a wonderful opportunity to see this world-renowned quilter. The buzz in the crowd afterward tells me you should have been there.

Barbara Jordan, Special Projects

Library

At our April meeting our speaker, Kate Busby, left a copy of *'Quilt of Possibilities'* booklet describing the blocks in the "Green Belt" quilt on the brochure table. It seems that someone picked this up for safe-keeping. If you have this booklet, please drop it off at the library and we'll catalogue it for everyone to enjoy.



The May meeting will be your last chance to borrow books before the summer! Make sure you arrive early to borrow your inspiration. The Library will be open for **returns only** at the June meeting. Over the summer we'll be doing an inventory of the library and removing any items that have not been borrowed in the last two years. These will be offered for sale at the December meeting.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Thank you to all who submitted information for this newsletter. The deadline for the next newsletter is the May Guild meeting. Go to the website, click on "Contact Us" and then on Newsletter to submit.

Susan Knabenschuh



Next Executive Meeting

The next meeting of the RCQG Executive (**including the incoming Executive**) will be held Monday, April 16, 2011, at Symposium restaurant on Stone Rd. Those wishing to have dinner, please arrive at 6:00 pm. We start promptly at 7:00 pm and finish by 9:30 pm.

Please RSVP to Nancy McNab by Friday, May 13 to enable the space to be set up. Thank you.

Calendar (May has LOTS to choose from)



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. Admission Free

Quilting in the Village, May 6-7, Thames Valley Quilters' Guild, Wesley Knox United Church, 91 Askin St, London, ON. Quilt display, vendors and tea room, Admission \$5

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

Quilts 2011, May 14-15, Heritage Quilters' Guild, 16 McPherson Dr, Napanee, ON, members' quilts, merchant mall, refreshment area, Little Quilt Auction and Boutique. Admission \$5

Quilts in the Gardens, May 14-15, Halton Quilters' Guild, Royal Botanical Gardens, 680 Plains Rd W, Burlington, ON, Quilt display, over 20 vendors with a wide variety of fabrics, machines and notions. Admission \$7

Grand National Quilt Show: Balancing Act, May 15-Sep 11, 466 Queen St S, Kitchener, ON—Quilt and Fibre Art Festival during May comprised of several quilting events in the Kitchener-Waterloo area. The Joseph Schneider Haus Museum continues the tradition of quilting by holding demonstrations, quilt exhibits and a quilting bee. Admission \$2.25 Adults, \$1.50 Seniors/Students, \$1.25 Children, \$5 Family

Quilts of Niagara... A Symphony of Talents, May 19-21, Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild, Niagara College Canada, 35 Taylor Rd, Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON, Display of 400 Quilts, Boutique, Lectures on varied topics (registration in advance \$3.00), Merchant Mall, Silent Auction, Vintage Quilts, Demos, Admission \$6.00

Quilts of the Netherlands, May 23-28, 155 Annie Ada Shipley St., Alisa Craig, ON - A week long festival that features a stunning collection of Dutch quilts, Workshops, Merchants' Mall with two Dutch vendors, Daily Showcase presentation and closing banquet. Admission \$8

CQA/ACC Quilt Ontario 2011, May 24-28, University of Western ON, 1151 Richmond St., London, ON - CAQ/ACC alternate year event featuring: National Juried Show, Invitational Show, Trend-Tex Challenge Show and Auction, CQA/ACC AGM Professional Program and Judge Certification Program Workshops: Teachers TBA Banquet: Musical guest DALA, Merchants Mall

St. Jacobs Quilt Shows, May 24-28, various venues throughout St. Jacobs, ON, shows in historic buildings, trunk show presentation on Thursday, merchant mall Thursday-Saturday, traditional quilts and contemporary fibre art. Admission: free or by donation, \$4-\$5

The Finishing Touch, May 26-28, 130 King Street at Talbot, London, ON, 30 minute parking validation in underground parking garage. Accessible by elevator from King St, Admission: Entry by donation.

Lindsay Creative Quilters' Guild Quilted Treasures - May 28-29, Lindsay Curling Club, 18 Peel St., Lindsay, ON Admission \$5

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

Shop Hops

If you are interested in area Shop Hops, here are a few that are coming up. "Passports" are available at each store.

Spring Shop Hop - May 5-7, Shops involved include Reichards, St. Jacobs; Creative Sisters Quilt Studio, Kitchener; Creative Sewing Centre, Kitchener; The Quilt Place, Shakespeare; Ye Old Fabric Shoppe, Stratford

Goose on the Loose 2011 - May 5-7, Shops involved include: Quilters' Line, Markdale; Cobwebs and Caviar, Shelburne; Lilac Lane Quilts, Alliston and Country Concessions, Cookstown.

Niagara Shop Hop - June 2-4, Shops include Kindred Spirits Quilt Shop in St. Catharines, The Quilting Bee in Fonthill and The Patchwork Porch in Niagara Falls.

And if you need a month to thoroughly analyze some quilt shops.....

Yours to Discover Shop Hop - Explore 9 exciting shops from Alliston to Sarnia during the month of July. Shops include Alice's Quilt Shoppe, Erin; Country Patchworks Fabrics and Quilts, Woodstock; Creative Sisters Quilt Studio, Kitchener; Hyggeligt Fabrics, London; Lilac Lane Quilts, Alliston; Quilt Junction, Waterford; The Quilt Shoppe Sarnia, The Quilt Place, Shakespeare; Undercover Quilts and More, Fergus. **Need a map?** Go to <http://goo.gl/b7TXS>

