



Royal City Quilters' Guild

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September Meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 2011

Three Willows United Church,
577 Willow Rd., Guelph

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

Meeting Checklist

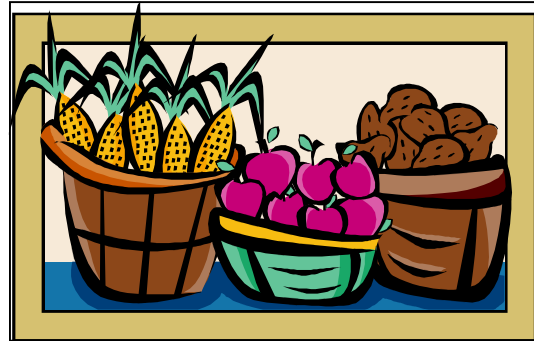
- ✓ Membership Fees (\$37)
- ✓ Nametag
- ✓ Show and Share
- ✓ Newsletter Submissions
- ✓ Zehrs Tapes
- ✓ Comfort Quilt Block

Program

We are very pleased to have Sandy Small Proudfoot as our guest speaker this month. Sandy has been teaching quilting for many years. In 1975 she formed the Etobicoke Quilter's Guild. She has studied at the Ontario College of Arts and has a degree in design. Sandy has won several awards at juried exhibits in Canada, U.S. and the U.K. for her quilts and quilted clothing. Many of Sandy's original-designed patterns are still in demand by quilters. Sandy will show us many of the quilts and clothing that she has designed and quilted and talk about colour and design with us. Join us in September for Sandy's presentation, it promises to be very colourful and interesting.

Also, there will be two members of the Halton Hills Quilters Guild at our September meeting to sell raffle tickets as a fund raiser for their Guild. Don't forget to bring your wallets to the meeting, purchase a ticket or two and show our support for another guild.

Joanne Ariss, Program Chair



President's Message

Welcome back! I hope you all enjoyed your summer; I know I did. First it was off on a road trip to New Hampshire (Keepsake Quilting) and then to Vermont (Vermont Quilt Festival) for a week in June with six other quilting friends. We had a wonderful time; we laughed lots, ate lots, drank a bit, and spent a ton of money. Then in July another road trip, this time with just my husband to Sherwood Park, Edmonton to visit my son, his wife and my three youngest grandchildren. What a glorious time we had. As we only get to see these grandchildren once a year, we try to make the most of it. But now back to reality.

We are about to get "back into the swing of it" so to speak and starting in September, the Guild will be "off and running" getting ready for our Quilt show in the spring. Speaking of the Quilt Show, have you purchased and started your Challenge yet? If not, there are still challenge kits available for sale starting at the September meeting. Don't forget to pick one up. Also the "mini" committee is looking for some little gems and you will have a chance to win a prize each time you donate one. The Program Committee has some wonderful programs lined up for the year; our Workshop Committee has workshop space available as well. So many things to do, so little time. It's best to get started. For those of you who really like the horoscopes, I have asked our newsletter guru to publish the July and August ones for your reading pleasure. Check them out on page 3.

Susan Harrington, President

Mystery Block of the Month

What a great reveal we were privileged to at the June meeting. We thank **Sindy Rodenmayer** of **Fat Cat Patterns** for the use of her pattern. The goal of this project was to provide an interesting quilt pattern for our members—something with a range of blocks that might be easy enough for beginners and challenging enough for experienced quilters. Pictured are the viewer's choice winners. They are **Louise Marshall**, **Joanne Ariss** and **Greta Atkinson**. Congratulations!



Thanks to everyone who finished their mystery quilt and brought it in to share with us. Also thanks to those who played along monthly and made a few blocks and donated them to the **Comfort Quilt** project. We have enough for a few

quilts. Here are pictures of some of the other entrants.

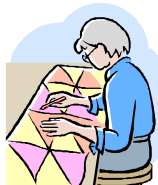


Kathy Wagner, BOM Co-ordinator



Community Outreach

Another Quilting Season begins and we're ready to go. There were so many quilts that were finished up at the end of June that we are in need of your participation in so many areas. There are quilt tops ready for quilting, others ready for binding and our usual block of the month kits to be signed out on a monthly basis. If you are able to help with these, remember to stop by the **Community Outreach** table and pick up a project.



Date Change

In June, I announced that **Bee Day** would be held **October 1** but this date conflicts with the **Kitchener Waterloo Quilt Show**. **Our Bee Day will, therefore, be held on November 5, 2011.** Hopefully this date change will allow everyone to participate in both events.

Nellie Hanuta, Community Outreach

Membership

We had a very busy time at June's meeting. There were 74 members that renewed their membership and 3 new members. We were also joined by four guests. Congratulations to Nancy McNab who won the free workshop and the free membership was won by Cyndy Maltby. Thanks to Dana, Lana, Cyndy, Carol, Ruth and Liz for helping with the registration.



If you didn't register in June, we look forward to registering you in September. The fee remains at \$37.00 for the coming year. See you at the September meeting.

Lisa Jones, Membership

Horoscopes

Cancer – June 22 to July 22



Cancer makes quilts to please themselves not to showcase. They do appreciate compliments on their work but being timid they aren't likely to enter a quilt in a competition. They want their quilts to be practical and comfortable and aren't likely to hang one on the wall, but actually use them on beds. Being cautious they are most likely to stick to the traditional designs. They are not likely to add decorative touches, such as trims or whatnots. They believe that quilts are naturally beautiful and do not need embellishments. They love to use dark rich colors in their quilts considering these are more practical. When they discover a quilt shop they like, they become lifetime, loyal customers.

Leo – July 23 to August 23

Being one of the most creative signs Leo quilters make wonderful masterpieces. As they are generous and warm-hearted their friends and family are usually lucky recipients of their beautiful creations. They love to read all the patchwork and quilting magazines looking for ideas that they can use. They are always up-to-date on the latest crazes. Although they know quite a bit about their chosen craft and can usually discover straight away where a quilter has run into problems in their projects, they tend to be too bossy when attempting to help fellow quilters. They are great as companions to go fabric shopping with, as they know where the best deals are to be found. They are also great help in selecting coordinating material but be prepared to go along with their decisions or suffer the wrath. They don't like to waste their precious time providing opinions that get ignored.



Library

Your library has many books, magazines and videos that you can borrow at each Guild meeting. An up-to-date list can be found at <http://www.librarything.com/catalog/rcgg> or just drop by the library corner before the meeting or during break to browse.

The library is funded through fines on overdue books, two raffles held in the Fall and the Spring and the December Book and Bake Sale.

This summer our book numbers increased by a donation from Ruth Freeman. A tip of the hat and a huge thank you to Ruth, your generosity is greatly appreciated!



If there is a book that you think we should add to our collection, please feel free to contact Carol at carol_cousins_50@hotmail.com or Berni at cyberquilt@gmail.com We would love to hear from you. Just a reminder that books are signed out for a one-month period, and any overdue books will have a late charge of \$1.00 per book/per month.

Carol Cousins and Berni Neville, Library Co-chairs

Special Projects

Have you been regretting not picking up a Challenge kit at the June meeting? Don't fret, we did sell fifty kits in June, but there are approximately thirty left. Bring your \$15 to the September Guild meeting and you can join fifty of your closest friends in participating in the 2012 Guild Challenge. Yes, they have a three month head start on you, but you still have lots of time to work on your quilt! The fabrics we've chosen are:

Stonehenge—Marble 3939-24
Elements by Mark Lipinski—Salmon 3017-33

You will receive two fat quarters and instruction sheets with the rules for the Challenge; and of course, you'll need to know the theme is "Spring". What springs to mind? Spring time, spring showers, spring training, springs in a toy, springs in a couch or bed, a spring in your step, spring sprang, sprung! All sorts of spring-y things will come to mind once you get started!

Barb Jordan, Special Projects

Book Review

Block Party—The Modern Quilting Bee by Alissa Haight Carlton and Kristen Lejniaks

The Journey of 12 Women, 1 Blog & 12 Improvisational Projects



This book is a fabulous view into the lives of twelve women as they work together in their virtual quilting world, the internet, to create quilts, be inspired and share their creativity. Over the years quilting has endured many changes. It started with ladies cutting shapes from thread-worn clothing and hand stitching them together and this has evolved to rotary cutting, long-arm machine quilting and designing with a computer.

The quilting bee, a long upheld tradition, has kept up with this progression because, according to the book's authors, "... many quilters continue to enjoy the community of friendship provided by quilting bees."

No longer limited by geography, the world is our community and the internet thru Blogs, Flicker groups and message boards, give quilters access to a whole new source of inspiration. Welcome to the birth of the 'virtual' quilting bee.

The twelve women connect through the internet and create quilts together in a "block-each-month" fashion. This approach focuses on free piecing (as in don't worry about precise measurements and rulers) and designing-as-you-go. The results are amazing quilts. Along the way you are introduced to Ashley, Josie and Kristen, to name a few and learn something about each regarding families, inspirations and dreams. The information is for all skill levels and includes several techniques from English paper piecing, Dresden plates, appliqué and even wonky roman stripes. There is also a section on how to go about setting up a *Block Party* involving the connections you have. I enjoyed the information and the concept.

NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING

The next meeting of the RCQG Executive will be held Monday, September 19, 2011, 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



Harvest of Quilts, Sep 10-11, Settlers' Village, 85 Dunn St., Bobcaygeon, ON—Kawartha Settlers' Village Quilters, Merchants Mall and Boutique, Quilt Raffle, Door Prizes and Demonstrations. Admission: \$5.00, husbands free.

Building Warmth: A Log Cabin Exhibit, Sep 10 - Mar 25, Wellington County Museum and Archives, 0536 Wellington Rd 18, RR1, Fergus, ON. Admission: by donation.

Hawberry Quilt Show, Sep 17-18, Manitowaning, Manitoulin Island, ON—Island Quilters' Guild featuring the "Ground Zero" quilt commemorating 9/11—first time in Canada.

Yorkshire Rose Quilt Show, Sep 17-18, Ellesmere Community Centre, 20 Canadian Rd (off Warden Ave), Toronto, ON—featuring over 100 quilts, workshops, merchants mall, tea room, Admission: \$5.00.

K-W Quilt Show 2011, Sep 30-Oct 1, RIM Park Manulife Financial Sportsplex, 2001 University Ave E, Waterloo, ON—Waterloo County Quilters' Guild presents its biennial quilt show featuring a merchant mall, guild boutique and demonstrations: Admission \$6

Twenty Pieceful Years, Oct 14-15, Croation Centre, 9188 Winston Churchill Blvd, Norval, ON. Halton Hills Quilters Guild 20th Anniversary Quilt Show and sale, door prizes, vendor mall, tea room, mini quilt draws. Admission \$6.

Rouge Valley Quilters' Guild Quilt Show, Oct 15-16, Ajax Community Centre, 75 Centennial Rd, Ajax, ON—featuring a display of members quilts, Quilts from the Heart Display and information booth, miniature quilt auction, lunchroom, vendors market. Admission \$5.

Workshops

Quilting in Sections with Martha Schellingerhoud Saturday, September 24 & Saturday, November 19 from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm at Three Willows United Church. Please note that the September date is full. To confirm your spot in the November date, please pay at the September Meeting.

Please note we do not give refunds, please ask to see if there is someone on the waiting list to take your place.

Coming in 2012...

Mini Quilting with Kathy Wagner and more!

Andrea Curtis, Jackie James, Cindy Kinnon
Workshop Committee