



Royal City Quilters' Guild



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March Meeting Tuesday, March 13, 2012

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
- ✓ Zehrs Tapes
- ✓ Comfort Quilt Blocks
- ✓ Food Bank Donations are always appreciated

Program

Wouldn't it be nice to know what quilt judges are really looking for? Well, at our meeting in March we will meet Kathy Wylie, who will be one of the judges for our quilt show in May. Kathy will share her perspective on the judging process and give us some helpful tips on entering local, national and international quilt competitions. Kathy is a Certified Quilt Judge and has won multiple international awards for her work. Following Kathy's presentation, we will have a short question and answer period. Join us in March so you can find out everything you need to know about entering your masterpiece in our upcoming show.

Joanne Ariss, Program Committee

President's Message

Well I'm back from retreat and what a treat that was. I managed to finish most of the projects I took with me and am now ready for the Quilt Show!

I hope you too have managed to get some quilting done. There is still a few weeks until the show, so please don't get discouraged; you still have plenty of time to finish up those projects!

I am really excited about the quilt show this year. We have a new venue and it promises to be spectacular! I am looking forward to seeing all the quilts and am truly confident I won't be disappointed. We have a great number of many wonderfully gifted quilters in our group and the diversity is amazing. The Royal City Quilter's "Gathering of Quilts" Quilt Show has always been one of the top shows to view and I know this year will not disappoint.

Until next time, happy quilting and Happy St. Patrick's Day to all those that celebrate.

Susan Harrington, President



RCQG Anniversary

Membership

Please join me in welcoming the newest members to the Guild. Nancy Waters, Donna Tonizzo, Jan Craig, Kathleen Robinson and Robin Young all joined us at the February meeting. Welcome!



Lisa Jones, Membership

Show and Share

Thanks to all of our members who took part in the February Show and Share. The sign-up sheet for the show and share is located at the back of our meeting room, beside the bulletin board.

Joanne Criss, Program Committee

Special Projects



Last call for Challenge submissions!!!

It seems like just yesterday I was revealing the two Challenge fabrics generously donated by Northcott. That was actually June 2011, 10 months ago if it's March when you are reading this. Where did the time go?

The deadline is the **March 13th Guild meeting**. So finish up the piecing, quilting, embellishing, binding, hanging sleeve and label. Then fill out the submission form that came with your kit, put your treasure in a bag or pillow case or box and bring it to our guild meeting. Five early birds turned in their quilts at the February meeting....NO PRESSURE.

Hope you are done by March 13 because we have ribbons and prizes waiting for 17 lucky winners. If you finish and submit your Challenge after March 13, your piece will not be eligible for judging and prizes; however, your piece can still be displayed at the Quilt Show with the other Challenge pieces.

Speaking of prizes, it's the 21st Anniversary of the Royal City Quilters' Guild in March and you know that means 21 door prizes will be handed out! All you have to do is show up and wait for your ticket to be drawn. Hope to see you on March 13.



Good luck!

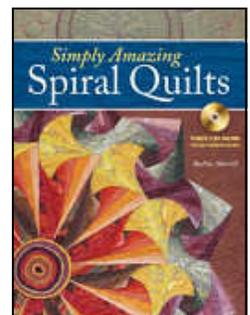
Barbara Jordan, Special Projects

Workshops

**COMING
SOON!**

RaNae Merrill Quilt Designer

RaNae Merrill is an award-winning quilter, author and teacher from New York, New York. Her unique "spiral" quilts have appeared in national shows and magazines, and her two books [Simply Amazing Spiral Quilts](#) and [Magnificent Spiral Mandala Quilts](#) have already become quilting classics. Her most recent show was with Ricky Timms and Alex Anderson on January 30, 2012.



We will be able to enjoy this great quilt designer for a lecture and a workshop. We have booked RaNae for a lecture October 12, 2012 and a workshop October 13, 2012. Please set aside these dates for a great time.

If you wish to view some of her work please go to her web site at:- www.ranaemerrillquilts.com Stay tuned for additional information.

Jackie James, Workshop

Library

Your library is packed full of books with awesome inspiration and some just plain great pictures to help you through these dull "winter" days. There is a few really busy months ahead of us here at the Guild. Our show is fast approaching and you can feel the excitement building.

We are looking into getting some books of RaNae Merrill to give you a peek into her trunk show and workshop coming up in the fall. I have to say though, as nice as it is to dabble into the new and different, please don't forget some of the tried and true patterns that you can find here in the library corner. We have some great books on log cabin blocks, stack and wack and appliqué.

A quick reminder to please bring back your monthly selections, as hard as it may be to part with a book someone else could be waiting in the wings to check it out. We do have a late charge of a dollar per month per book. Also, if there is a book you have that you really love and think others might also, send us a wee note and we will look into getting it.

Berni Neville and Carol Cousins, Library

Blogging Along

Our adventure continues...

www.elefantz.com (I have started her free block-of-the-month, and loving it)

<http://quiltville.com> (Bonnie Hunter's website is a great resource for mystery quilts, free scrap quilt patterns, tips and techniques)

<http://americanquilttrail.blogspot.com/>
(Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail – Georgia USA)

Please send along any suggestions you might have and any comments about where we travel on the world wide web.



Why would I want to be on the RCQG executive?

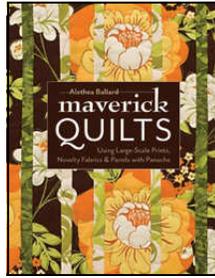
1. It's fun
2. It's a great way to meet new people
3. Make new friends
4. The executive meetings are usually short, about an hour on average
5. We go out to eat at least once a year, sometimes twice, there may be wine involved
6. Have a say in the direction the Guild is going
7. Be in the know, ahead of others, as to who is coming and what is going on
8. It instills a sense of pride in oneself, knowing your helping
9. Creates a feeling of belonging
10. Get to know a smaller group of members better
11. It's worthwhile
12. It's rewarding
13. It's gratifying
14. We have a good time; and
15. The Guild needs you!



Book Review

Maverick Quilts Using Large-Scale Prints, Novelty Fabrics & Panels with Panache

by Alethea Ballard



“A maverick is a person who doesn't do things the way everyone else does and is okay with that. I break the rules. I sew odd fabrics together, sew crookedly, buy fabric without a plan in mind, and I have even given quilts away without attaching a label! Ooo!” So says Alethea Ballard in her introduction to this book. Did I get you attention?

Her section on – Use That Fabric — is wonderful. The pictures that go along with her instructions are in colour and definitely add to the understanding of what she is trying to teach. There is a section of basic quilting and the projects that follow after are actual doable. Best of all I like her sense of humour. The way she writes gives you a smile and squelches any misgivings you might have about tackling large-print fabrics. Very enjoyable!

Calendar



March 30-April 1 Etobicoke Quilters' Guild presents Quilt Fever 2012 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Admission \$5.00. Large Merchants Mall, Tea Room, Quilt Raffle and two galleries full of wonderful quilts, wall hangings, quilted garments and other items. Located at Nielson Park Creative Centre, 56 Neilson Drive, Etobicoke. Details and map on website, www.etobicokequiltersguild.com

March 30-31 Kindred Hearts Quilting Guild presents “A March of Quilts” 2012 from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm on Friday and to 5:00 pm on Saturday. Located by the lake at Heydenshore Pavilion, 589 Water St, Whitby. Featuring many beautiful quilts, merchants' mall, lucky draws and tea room. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$6 at the door. Contact kindredhearts@gmail.com for more information and tickets.

April 20-21 Binbrook United Church presents 2012 Country Classics Quilt Show from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission: \$5.00. Over 200 quilts, merchants' mall, boutique, penny sale, tea room and light lunches, 2617 Binbrook Rd E, Binbrook.

April 21-22 Trent Valley Quilters Guild presents The Fabric of our Lives, Knights of Columbus Hall, 57 Stella Drive, Trenton from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Admission: \$6.00. Features quilt display, quilt raffle, silent auction, merchants' mall and tea room.

April 21-22 Orillia Quilters' Guild presents the Sunshine Quilt Show from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Admission: \$5.00 and men are free. Featuring exhibits and sales, quilt raffle, demonstrations, vendors' market and tea room. Location is Trillium Manor, 12 Grace Ave, Orillia.

April 26-28 Huron Perth and Stonetowne Quilters' Guilds present Piecemakers 2012 Quilt Show from 10:00 am to 5:00 (Thursday), to 7:00 (Friday) to 4:00 (Saturday). Admission \$6.00. Featuring quilts, wallhangings and quilted articles, demos, vendors' market, quilt appraisals, antique quilts on display at museum and tea room. Location is Pyramid Recreation Centre, 317 James St S, St. Marys.

At the end of each Guild President's term, it is the custom of our Guild to present her with fabric in the size and colour/colours of her choice. What else would really do! On consulting with Susan, I am asking each of you to **consider donating one 3" strip of fabric (preferably batik)** that you have in your stash. These strips can be **dropped off at the library table from March to June** and they will be given to Susan at the Guild Meeting in June. Thanking you all in advance.

Nancy Wells, Vice President

NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING—The next meeting of the RCQG Executive will be held Monday, March 12, 2012, at the Co-operators Building on Macdonell Street. We start promptly at 7:00 pm and finish by 9:30 pm.