



Royal City Quilters' Guild



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December Meeting

Tuesday, 11, 2012

Three Willows United Church,
577 Willow Rd., Guelph

6:45 Doors Open

7:00 Opening Remarks

7:15 Program

Meeting Checklist

- ✓ Nametag
- ✓ Show and Share
- ✓ Zehrs Tapes
- ✓ Canadian Tire Money
- ✓ Payment for the Deb Biernes Workshop



Program

We have lots going on at the December meeting. The Bake & Book Sale and Silent Auction at the Library, voting for the Christmas Challenge pieces and our speaker Alma Laidlaw of Sew Fancy. Alma will be showing us The Twelve Tools of Christmas just in time for your, I mean Santa to pickup a few things for your stocking. Alma will be selling these items at the meeting. We request a little extra time and patience as the elves get everything in place. Bring your bake, deli & books or magazines for donation. Don't forget your wallet!

The January meeting will showcase Applique, Piecing, Embroidery and Quilting. 8 members will showcase works in progress by hand and machine, answer questions and share their knowledge with you.

We'll have time to see these various techniques and spend time with each other. Just the thing to start a new year! We'll have Show and Share to finish both meetings. Have a wonderful holiday season!

Stephanie & Barb / Program

President's Message

Deb Beirnes always inspires me with her great use of scraps and wonderful colour sense. I hope you, too, are eager to put some of your scraps to work to make a piece of art. I am certain that those of you who have signed up to take Deb's workshop will be thrilled with the end result and there will be many. Whatever she has empowered you to try, have fun! As Christmas speeds towards us at an ever faster rate, I am trying to complete some Christmas projects that will be gifts for family members. You are all likely busy doing the same thing as well as decorating your homes, shopping for gift items, setting aside dates for family get-togethers, visiting with friends and the list goes on.

Although this is a hectic time of year, I hope you allow yourself a few moments to reflect on the friendships and support that the members of our Guild give not only to each other but to the community at large. Indeed, we belong to a very generous and caring group of quilters.

Now, I would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you a very Merry Christmas and a bright and happy 2013. See you in January.

Nancy Wells, President

Of note...

Just a note to let those who would like to advertise their quilt-related services that they must submit the info Friday January 18th for inclusion in the Feb. issue. If this isn't too clear, consult the November 2011 newsletter edition.

Nancy Wells, President

Workshops

The Deb Beirnes workshop in January is a waiting list only at this time. The Sashiko workshop (handwork) in Feb (Alma Laidlaw), Machine landscaping workshop in April (Dianne Bergmann) and 3-D hand applique workshop (Nancy Wells) all have space available, so book your spot early to avoid disappointment.

Feb 23/13 Sashiko Workshop reminder:

Sashiko is a form of Japanese folk embroidery using the basic running stitch to create a patterned background. The geometric patterns include straight or curved lines of stitching arranged in a repeating pattern. The Japanese word *Sashiko* means *little stabs* and refers to the small stitches used in this form of needlework.

As this is the last newsletter before the new year, the Workshop Committee would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Healthy and Safe Holiday Season, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Happy Quilting!

Jackie, Helen, Cindy, Nancy & Barbara

Membership

Our guild continues to grow with new members added each month! New members in November were Lori Allan, Donna Durnford, and Barbara Freuler. Look for these, and other new members, by their uniquely coloured name badges.

Attention Members: If you don't already have your name tag, please stop at the membership table to pick yours up. If you are a new member for 2012-2013, please stop by the membership table for your special name badge.

Ruth Jennison and Noelle Green-Williams

Library

The Book and Bake Sale is going to happen. Wow! I can't believe that December is here already. We want to send out an early thank you to all who have donated items to make this fund raiser possible. At the executive meeting it was decided that although we will be there early to set up, the upper doors will be kept closed until everything is ready. If you have baking to be included someone will be available to gladly accept your offerings.

To date there will be an area for baking and books outside the sanctuary and just inside the doors to the sanctuary will be a silent auction table. These items will have a sheet of paper with them and a recommended starting bid. Please sign up with your counter offer and remember to check back regularly. All results will be released after the break.

A reminder that you can bring back library books but there will not be any books signed out this month. Hopefully this will help with crowd control. We in the library would like to take this time to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Carol Cousins & Berni Neville



Community Outreach

We had a great turnout at the quilting bee. Twenty five members spent a fun day together working for the Outreach Committee. Some quilts were bound. Some blocks were put together and many many strips were sewn together. We should get 16 to 20 quilts out of the work that was done on bee day. The food of course was fabulous! Thanks to everyone who participated. Thanks for help setting up. Thanks for the sewing. Thanks for the food and thanks for the company. We would also like to thank everyone who has been working on blocks at home and everyone who bought Christmas fabric at the bee day and the November Guild meeting. We will have more block kits to hand out at the December meeting for anyone who thinks they can squeeze in some sewing over the busy holiday season.

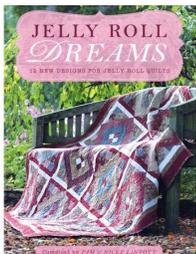


Linda Devries

Book Review

Jelly Rolls Dreams by Pam and Nicky Lintott

Well, this book has it all. Modern quilts and colours to 30's designs and shades to warm classic hues and patterns. I loved it. The book came together as a challenge to make the most of a jelly roll with no more than an additional three yards/ metres of extra fabric (if required). The authors and sponsors, Moda Fabrics and Janome have used the quilts from the entries to make this wonderful book.

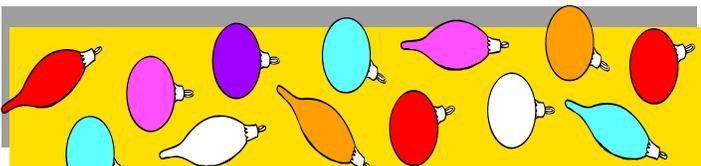


There is a section in the back of the book of general techniques and some tools that every quilter

would love to have.

My favorite quilts are Garden Walk and Penny Quilt, but all of the colour combinations are very inspiring. Most definitely a book for the new quilter who agonizes over deciding what goes with what. The experienced quilter will enjoy the variety of techniques included. Highly recommended.

Berni Neville



Horoscopes

Capricorn – December 22 and January 20 When shopping for fabric it is always wise to take a Capricorn, as they are very good at calculating the required amount needed for patterns. Being prudent and practical they will not over estimate the quantity needed and therefore are cost effective to have along, especially if you are on a budget. They are also extremely organized and disciplined. They take as much care in the storage of their stash as they do in the quality of their work. They see themselves as sensible and perform a regular clear out of supplies and materials. They are not the type to hoard anything and do not own more than one type of any tool. Of course their restraint is what causes them to take an inordinate amount of time in the planning stage of a project, which they feel is of vital importance to the outcome of the finished product. *Courtesy of The Quilter's Horoscope by Pauline Rogers*

[Rogers](#)

Calendar

Richard Boulet: *Stitched and Drawn*

DATE & TIME

Monday December 3, 2012 - Sunday March 10, 2013
Featuring the multifaceted work of Canadian artist Richard Boulet, *Stitched and Drawn* highlights the artist's use of quilting and cross-stitch techniques to address his personal history of schizophrenia and broader issues of mental health.

Location: Textile Museum of Canada,
55 Centre Ave. Toronto

Email: info@textilemuseum.ca

Website: www.textilemuseum.ca

For more events see the Canadian Quilters' Association Events:

<http://www.canadianquilter.com/events>



Show and Share

Show and Share is such an important and exciting part of our meetings. Everyone loves to see what each has been up to and gain inspiration. Don't forget to bring a

new or not so new project to share with your wonderful stories. We all want to be a part of your quilting history.

Remember to sign up on the show and share clipboard at the back of our meeting room and be sure to include a recognizable description of your quilt.



The next meeting of the RCQG Executive will be held Monday December 17, 2012 at the Co-operators Building on Macdonnell St. Meetings start promptly at 7:00 and finish by 9:30pm. Please be sure to email Anna Dawczyk prior to the meeting with a brief summary of anything you wish to discuss.

CHALLENGES ABOUND



Along with our own Guild's Christmas challenge, there are many more out there just waiting for the quilter to create something spectacular. Here are a couple, but know there are many, many more.

Wee Quilt Challenge

Wee Quilt Challenge 2013 - Greetings from the Auld Sod

McDougall Cottage will be showcasing its strong Scottish heritage by hosting its annual "Wee Quilt Challenge" in the spring. This mini-challenge invites quilters from all parts of Canada (and of course, Scotland) to submit a wee quilted creation no larger than 24" x 24". View the [Wee Quilt Call entry form](#).



This year's theme challenges quilters to capture in their textile art, memories of the homeland be they fictional or true life personal experiences. Perhaps you've travelled to the "auld sod" and sent home postcards of favourite landscapes, or you may be an armchair traveler or a family historian with a vivid imagination. So conjure up your favourite image of the "auld sod," quilt it and make it picture perfect but don't forget to include a piece of plaid.

The "Greetings from the Auld Sod" Quilt show will open in April and run through Labour Day. The artists will be honoured at a Scottish Tea Wednesday, May 22, 2013 when bonnie wee prizes will be awarded. Please join us from 4 - 6 p.m.



UPPER CANADA VILLAGE 50TH ANNIVERSARY Quilt Challenge

There are many categories and invite all ages to submit an entry. There is money to be won (which means more fabric purchasing power) and of course bragging rights.

For more information please visit:
UPPERCANADAVILLAGE.COM

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