



Royal City Quilters' Guild



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March Meeting Tuesday, March 12, 2013

**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
- ✓ Canadian Tire Money

Program

February's speaker Renske Helmuth certainly was entertaining. It was amazing to see the body of work she has in one evening. When we hear the stories behind the quilts, we remember not every quilt goes along as planned and those unexpected hiccups can really make the quilt outstanding.

Renske had a great comment on her award from Houston "I started at the top and am working my way down!".

Our March meeting will be the 22nd Anniversary for the RCQG. The first meeting was held in the home of our founding member, Evelyn Lane in March 1991.

How time flies when you are having fun!

We are calling the night "Member Spotlight" where a few of our members will have a trunk show of their work. It is always fun to see what our very own members have been up to. If you want to know who the members are, you just have to come out on March 12 to find out.

Monica Bell of Special Projects will be giving out 22 door prizes in honour of our 22nd Anniversary.

You don't want to miss the opportunity to win!

Barbara Jordan, Stephanie Moddison

President's Message

Although I was unable to attend Renske's impressive presentation at last night's Guild meeting, I am certain all the appliqué enthusiasts were in awe and all others were totally inspired. She is a very talented lady and her quilts are marvellous.

At this point I was going to launch into my exciting experiences at Elly Sienkiewicz's Appliqué Conference in Williamsburg, Virginia but fate prevented my trip south. On February 4th, when I was out with my husband walking our dogs, a young Labrador retriever ran into the side of my left leg and fractured my tibia thus making our jaunt to Williamsburg impossible. With my leg in a splint, I am slowly recovering and will be for several weeks. I am enormously disappointed, but perhaps I'll get there another year.

So to all of you walkers and dog-lovers, be careful out there! Hopefully I'll see you in March.

Nancy Wells
President



Happy Anniversary

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.

Program Committee

Special Projects

Reminder to everyone who signed up for our first free mystery workshop:

PPM

Past President's Mystery

Hosted by: Susan Harrington, Nancy McNabb, Barbara Jordan, Jackie James. We will be available to help with pressing ; any un-sewing that should occur even though we know that doesn't happen; moral support; and anything else you might need regarding the mystery quilt you will be making.

March 16th

9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Willow Grove Room at Three Willows Church

Bring your sewing machine, sewing supplies and the pre cut fabrics listed on the supply list handed out at the guild meeting. It is going to be a great day of sewing fun. You will probably get the quilt top finished that day.



Note: Coffee, Tea, Lunch , treats and prizes will be provided.

Blogging International

Quilting block swaps Australia—<http://quiltingblockswapsaustralia.blogspot.ca>

The purpose of this blog is to chat and showcase blocks and quilts made by members, kind of like a show and tell .

Cat Approved Quilting— <http://catapprovedquilting.blogspot.ca>

A blog from Ireland for the cat lovers in the group.

Confessions of a Serial Quilter—Tortola BVI — <http://serial-quilter.blogspot.ca/>

A quilters blog from the island of Tortola in the British Virgin Islands....(and this really is a lovely island...Mary Ellen)

Nan's Quilts—South Africa— <http://www.nansquilts.blogspot.ca/>

It's for Charity and Fund Raising so Join Me on this Adventure. Contact me if you want to know about my love for Quilting.



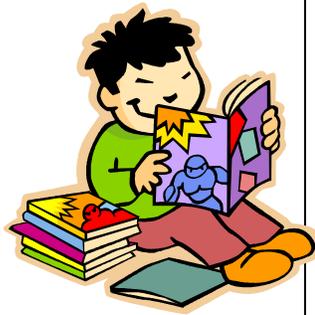
Library

Carol has been very busy purchasing and entering new books and they should all be ready and waiting for you in the library. Please **DO** come and check them out.

Carol and I would like to take a moment to thank our committee for their continual hard work and support. You gals are awesome.

By the way our library has more than just books. There is a collection of DVDs and magazines. We also have some patterns for sale for a very small price.

Just a reminder that you need a library card to borrow books and if for some reason it has gone missing just visit the membership table where they can sort things out. There is one dollar fine per book / per month and we will gladly take any suggestions you have to improve our collection of titles.



Quilter's Horoscope

Pisces - February 19 and March 20

Pisces are dreamers. When they quilt they usually are creating poetry. Although they are kind and make projects to bestow on friends and family they are most likely envisioning themselves snuggled beneath the very quilt they are working on. Although they can lack self-confidence their imagination and intuition makes them artistic quilters. Their sensitivity can lead them to shy away from displaying their creations. Generally you will find that a Pisces has more than one project on the go and can easily manage both. Whatever they choose to work on they need a project that requires plenty of variety. Patchwork that includes embroidery or other needlework is well liked by them.

Aries- March 21 to April 20

Aries are adventurous and energetic quilters. They are forever looking for new ideas. The whole world to them is a palette of endless possibilities. Always confident, they use colour schemes that others wouldn't dare consider. Their enthusiasm can cause them to lose track of time when working on a project and they have been known to go days without sleep. Being impulsive by nature, they generally don't bother reading the instructions for designs. Of course, as far as they are concerned the patterns are just to give them more ideas. Aries have a talent for the arts and make excellent designers. They don't follow techniques; they invent them. Their quilt designs are the envy of many.

Courtesy of <http://www.astrostar.com/QuiltersHoroscope.htm>

Membership Business Directory

Linda deVries at your service

I offer professional quilting at reasonable rates and quick efficient time lines. I have many patterns to coordinate with your projects and have a wide variety of types and colours of thread. Initial consultation is complimentary. Please call at 519-836-2718.



Mary Hopkins

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Machine quilting service. Prices starting a 01cent per inch. I am happy to do stitch in the ditch as well as custom design. No quilt is too small. Custom embroidered labels.

Contact Mary Hopkins at maryhopkins@rogers.com or through my web page www.marysquitting.com



Joan Hug-Valeriotte: I am a long-arm quilter, teacher and Visiting Artist in Education (Ontario Arts Council). I offer classes and workshops, lectures and trunk shows

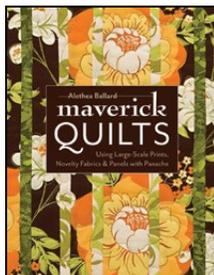
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"Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repurpose" Solo Exhibition in the Quilt Gallery in St. Jacobs, May-Oct 2013

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 your 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 on basic quilting and the projects that follow are actually doable.

Best of all I like her sense of humour. The way she writes makes you smile and squelches any misgivings you might have about tackling large print fabrics. Very enjoyable!



NEXT EXECUTIVE MEETING—The next meeting of the RCQG Executive will be held Monday, March 19, 2012, at the Co-operators Building on Macdonell Street. We start promptly at 7:00 pm and are normally over by 9:00 pm.

Workshop



Hello guild members,

Here are the fun workshops for the next few months that you may want to sign up for:

Landscape workshop with Dianne Bergmann on April 20/13. At this workshop participants will learn several techniques for piecing/appliquing of fabric for landscape background, free motion sewing, thread painting and sketching as well as a variety of embellishment techniques to add detail and depth to landscape. A completed project will be an appliquéd miniature landscape.

3-D appliqué with Nancy Wells on June 8/13
Filling a basket with more realistic flowers is always a delight and in this course you will learn how to make several three-dimensional flowers to start you on this journey. We will be making yoyos, rose buds, bluebells, asters, bellflowers, five-petaled flowers, centre tufts, folded leaves, ruffled flowers and any others that we can fit into the time allotment. Discussion will include the embellishment of the flowers using embroidery floss or beads and the making of tiny stems.

Open Thread Bar Workshop with Anita Zobens on November 16/13. Have you ever wanted to experiment with different threads before buying them? Well, now you can! Anita will bring the threads and you bring your machine. Enjoy a full day of using all the Superior Threads and see how they perform in your machine. No UFO, no project, no stress. Learn how to choose the correct needles, and how to overcome your fear of the tension dial. We'll discuss the properties of the different threads available so that you can make an informed (and inspired) decision when choosing thread. At the end of the day you will have a new perspective on threads and your own samplers for future reference.

Any suggestions for future workshops are always welcome. Please come see us at the back of the sanctuary to sign up for the workshop(s) that interest you.

Helen Donaldson
on behalf of the workshop committee