



Royal City Quilters' Guild



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Meeting

Tuesday, October 8, 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
- ✓ **Library Books**
- ✓ **Four 6" squares**

Program

A huge thank you goes to our September speaker, Judy Eckhardt for sharing her quilts and her stories with us. It was short notice but Judy was up to the challenge showing a wide range of items, new, older, recently completed and in progress. I hope everyone had a chance to see the quilts and other items up close; they were wonderful!

October's meeting will be about playing with fabric, lead by our own Joan Hug-Valeriotte. You are asked to bring 6" squares to the meeting, two pairs pinned together (4 squares in total) from your stash for donating to the Guild. Ideally, the printed fabrics in each pair are similar but the pairs can be different. One pair will be **fabrics you love**—one dark, one light. The other pair will be **fabrics are that are "uglies"** you are happy to donate—one dark, one light. We will be designing and creating; no sewing will be involved. The Community Outreach Committee will also have fabric available to use. This will be a fun night to help us get to know each other and get comfortable with using fabrics we would not normally put together in a quilt.

Remember to bring to the October 8 meeting:



Four 6" squares, pinned together in pairs:

- 1 pair of 6" squares of printed fabric you love (one light, one dark)
- 1 pair of 6" squares of printed "ugly" fabric (one light, one dark)

Each pair should be from the same style but both pairs do not have to be from the same style. For example, the first pair I showed at the September meeting were both printed with stars, one dark purple, one light green, yellow and white. These fabrics I love and have used often. The other pair were florals, a dark to medium blue with red flowers and a beige/dusty rose flower combination which must have been on sale or in a grab bag, not my usual style at all.

Styles you might consider bringing:

Batik, thirties, civil war, retro, modern, calico, plaid, baby, I spy, floral, trees, autumn, animals

Remember one pair you love, one you are happy to donate to a good cause!



Barbara Jordan, Stephanie Moddison & Nancy McNab, Program Committee

President's Message

What a varied presentation Judy Eckhardt gave us at our last guild meeting! She shared her passion for embroidery, beading, quilting and numerous fabric techniques. Although we often have our area of expertise, Judy is living proof that trying various mediums can lead us in new directions and help us make new and exciting discoveries.

Quilt guilds offer quilt enthusiasts the opportunity to try new techniques and learn or expand upon their skills. With this in mind, I encourage all guild members to take advantage of the opportunities that are available to them throughout our RCQG 2013/14 year. Learn a new technique or a new method of doing a quilt-related task by taking a workshop, borrowing some books from our very well-stocked library, or by joining an interest group. Perhaps you, too, will become passionate about some of the other possibilities available to you.



Have a great month and I'll see you in October.

Nancy Wells, President

Membership

A warm welcome to our six new guild members who joined/rejoined at September's meeting! Thank you to all who have helped with member registration in June and September. I think we'll all agree the process went smoothly thanks to your efforts.



A reminder to those who have yet to renew their memberships—in order to be included in the Guild directory, you need to register at the October meeting. The cost for a year's membership is \$40.

Ruth Jennison and Noelle Green-Wilms,
Membership



Workshops

Saturday, Nov 16/13 - Open Thread Bar Workshop -(\$40.00) with Anita Zobens from Superior Threads This workshop is currently full but we are accepting names for the waiting list. We frequently have a few spots open up with short notice. **Payment for those not on the waiting list is due at the October meeting.**

Saturday, Jan 25/14 - Appliqué Workshop - (\$40.00) with Susan Harrington - Still some spots available for this exciting workshop with Susan. This workshop would make a great Christmas gift as well, as it's run one month after Christmas.

Saturday, March 29/14 - Free Motion Quilting Level 1 (\$95.00 which includes \$25.00 kit fee Helen is supplying) - with Helen Fujiki - this workshop is for beginners and experienced quilters alike. Learn a variety of free motion techniques and gain confidence to work on it as well as what needle to use and setting up the best tension for the quilt.

Wednesday, June 11/14 (workshop fee still to be determined) - Singing Quilter Workshop - with Cathy Miller - Mock Mola Reverse Appliqué - Cathy will be showing us a fast and easy technique for reverse appliqué. Please note this is a Wednesday workshop so mark your calendar or book the day off from work early so there are no disappointments in missing it.

For any questions related to the workshops, please see the committee members at the workshop table at the back of the sanctuary, before the meeting or at the break.

Helen Donaldson, Workshop

Library



Our Guild Library has 475 items to borrow! Check them out at our online library!

Have you visited our online library to review the 475 books/DVDs/magazines that our guild library has for you to borrow? If not, you will be amazed. To visit our online library, first go to our guild website <http://www.royalcityquiltersguild.ca>, click "Contact Us" on the left and then click the link called LibraryThing.com.

You will be able to search through the 475 items we have for you! You can search the library by author, by book title or by keywords. For example, if you want to see what books we have for paper-piecing, enter that into the search box and you will see the 27 items we have available. There are 2 books for beginners, 8 books about borders, 63 for appliqué, landscape has 10, log cabin has 9 and embellishment has 24.

So please tell us what do you want to find there:

- ✿ Workshops on DVDs?
- ✿ Current issues of magazines?
- ✿ Books that support your special interest group?

Please email any suggestions for Library purchases to Laurel at lmlmarso@gmail.com

If there is a particular book you are looking for, please email me at lmlmarso@gmail.com a day or so before the Guild meeting, and we will try to locate it for you when we are putting the books out.

If you can't find a book and feel it would be a great book for our library, please let me know. Also, if you see an item that you would like to borrow, just send an email to me at lmlmarso@gmail.com and, if it is available, I will try to have it for you at the next meeting.

We won't be having a giant book sale in December, but we will be having a sale table at each Guild meeting. If you are cleaning your sewing room, please consider donating your books, patterns and magazines to the Guild Library, if we don't add them to the collection, we'll sell them to purchase new materials.

Laurel Marsolais, Library

Community Outreach

Last month at the guild meeting I spoke about kits for the Comfort Quilt project. These quilts are donated to the Pediatric Sexual Assault program by the RCQG. The Guelph General Hospital supports and greatly appreciates this program and gives us a monetary donation to purchase the batting for these quilts.

In October we will be learning about colour value and some theory about least and favourite fabrics with Joan Hug-Valeriotte. After Joan's presentation we hope you will have the confidence to come to the back of the room and build your own kit by choosing 10 to 12 light fabrics and 10 to 12 dark fabrics. When cutting your quilt, please cut extra strips (and sew them together) for the binding.



I will have a few patterns/options of how you can produce the quilt tops. Keep in mind that the size be kept under 60" x 80" (58" x 70" or 45 x 60" are good sizes). These sizes are good as they accommodate the best use of the backing and batting. You can start your project at home and bring it to Bee Day or finish it all at home.

Also for Bee Day on November 2 - There will be a sign-up sheet at the Community Outreach table. Come out and enjoy a day of quilting for a good cause. Bring along your favourite pot-luck dish and be prepared to enjoy an incredible lunch! Keep in mind that space is limited to 30-35 attendees. This is an excellent opportunity to build our relationships while enjoying a good day of food and sewing.

Also the RCQG donates Memory Quilts to the Family Birthing Unit at the Guelph General Hospital. These little quilts provide comfort to grieving families following the loss of an infant. They are included in a memory box that includes a photograph, a lock of hair and footprint. There is a need for 10-15 quilts per year. These quilts should be a minimum of 24" square to a maximum of about 30" square. Use whatever colours and fabrics please you in the creation of these quilts.

Thanks to everyone for supporting these projects. The community is a richer place because of it!

Linda de Vries, Community Outreach Chair

Feeling Lucky???

We're having a raffle just in time for Christmas. This quilt is a scrappy 36 patch that is 78"x78". It was pieced, machine quilted and donated by Sandy Campbell. Thank you Sandy!



It will be on display at the October Meeting. Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00. The draw will be held at the December Guild Meeting.

Special Interest Groups

In June we announced that small interest group sign-up would begin for guild members. After more members signed up in September, we are happy to announce that groups will run for: Appliqué, Strip Exchange, Charm Squares, Tinnerns and Round Robin, Meet to Complete, Weekly Sewing Day (to work on anything you'd like), Art Quilting, Landscapes, and Modern Quilting.

A member of the executive council will contact group members who signed up and organize the first meeting. Thank you to everyone who signed up. We look forward to hearing about your experiences.



Blog Tour

Have you ever toured quilting blog hops? This one started in August and is progressing into October. If you have a few minutes drop by, lots to look at and even a chance to win something.

<http://alisonglass.com/blog/2013/08/amber-821/>

The next meeting of the RCQG Executive will be held on Monday, October 14, at Three Willows United Church. Meeting will begin at 7:00 pm and finish by 9:30 pm.

Calendar



Oct 4-5 - Pieceful Years Quilt Show hosted by the Halton Hills Quilters Guild

- ✿ Admission \$6, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
- ✿ 9118 Winston Churchill Blvd at 5 Sideroad, North of 401 (Georgetown)

Oct 19-20 - The Magic of Cloth Act V - Five Times a Charm hosted by the Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild

- ✿ Admission \$6, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
- ✿ The Orangeville Fairgrounds, 247090 5 Sideroad (Mono)

Oct 25-26 - A Quilter's Dream Quilt Show hosted by Five Star Quilt Guild

- ✿ Admission \$5, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
- ✿ Lucknow Community Centre, 694 Willoughby Street (Lucknow)

October 25-27 - Creativ Festival, Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Building, Toronto - a mixed media diy consumer show dedicated to quilting, knitting, beading, spinning, and many more hobbies and crafts .

Nov 1-2 - Quilt Upon a Star Quilt Show hosted by Durham Trillium Quilters' Guild

- ✿ Admission \$6 in advance, \$7 at the door, husbands and children free
- ✿ General Sikorski Polish Veterans Hall, 1551 Stevenson Rd N (Oshawa)

Shop Hops

Sept 26-28 - Down the Country Road Shops involved include Homespun Designs (Stouffville); Quilters Cupboard (Uxbridge); Farmer's Daughter Boutique (Oakwood—west of Lindsay); Applesseed Quiltworks (Lindsay)

Oct 31-Nov 1-2 - Fall Shop Hop , Shops involved include Reichards (St. Jacobs); Creative Sisters Quilt Studio (Kitchener); The Quilt Place, (Shakespeare); Ye Old Fabric Shoppe (Stratford)

