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Meeting Program for Tuesday, November 12th

Three Willows United Church, 577 Willow Rd., Guelph



6:45 Doors and Library Open
7:00 Opening Remarks
7:15 Speaker – April Maxwell
8:45 Show and Share*

Checklist:

- Name Tag
- Library Card
- Return Library Books (overdue \$1/mo)
- Show and Share Items
- Zehrs Tapes (ends December)
- Food Bank (always welcome)

Guests are welcome for a fee of \$5.

* *Show and Share form is on page 8 of this newsletter for your convenience.*

November Speaker:

April Maxwell – Accomplished Quilter, Art Teacher and Professional Potter

We are happy to announce that April Maxwell is going to be presenting her trunk show for our November meeting. April is an accomplished quilter who has a background as an art teacher and professional potter. She has an amazing eye for colour and design. April uses a variety of quilting styles and techniques including traditional and contemporary styles in her work that she will be bringing to show our guild.

Barbara Jordan, Stephanie Moddison & Nancy McNab, Program Committee

President's Message

During the week of Sept. 23- 27, my husband and I travelled north to Sault Saint Marie, ON to ride on the Algoma Central Line up to the Agawa Canyon. The trip was absolutely outstanding due to the magnificent reds, oranges, yellows and rusts of the deciduous trees, the deep greens of the various evergreens, the beautiful blues of the serene lakes and, of course, the grays, browns and beiges of the rock formations. As we rolled by all this spectacular scenery, I was thinking about how dynamic the tree colours were in contrast to the dark and light greens, the blues and, of course, the browns and greys.

As a quilter, contrast of colour is of the utmost importance. Without it patterns, motifs and design elements fade into the background and appear much less significant than they were meant to appear. Colour contrast has a huge role to play in the creation of our quilts.

While planning your next quilt, whether it is a baby quilt, a quilt for our Outreach program, a quilt for Christmas or any special event, keep in mind the importance of contrast. You will likely be much more satisfied with your end result. Happy quilting!

Nancy Wells, President

Upcoming Workshops at our Guild

If you are interested in any of these workshops, please take the time to sign up at the table in the back of the meeting room either before or after the guild meetings. One of the Workshop Committee Members will be there to answer questions or take suggestions for future workshops.

❖ ***Saturday, Nov 16, 2013 - Open Thread Bar Workshop - \$40 + Kit Fee \$5***

Anita Zobens, Superior Threads, will be the instructor for this day and will be bringing all kinds of different threads to try on your machine. Come and learn how to choose the correct needle and set tensions as well as discussions on the properties of the different threads to help you make informed decisions for the best quilting results.

❖ ***Saturday, Jan 25, 2014 - Machine Appliqué Workshop - \$40 + Kit Fee TBD***

Susan Harrington will teach you the fun techniques of machine appliqué and the sky's the limit after that. There were so many comments on Susan's appliqué short demo last January that we thought you would enjoy a fun-filled workshop covering this topic.

❖ ***Saturday, March 29, 2014 - Free-Motion Quilting Level 1 - \$95 incl Kit Fee***

Helen Fujiki's 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 how to set up the best tension for future quilt projects. www.fujiwaquilting.com

❖ ***Wednesday, June 11, 2014 - Mock Mola Reverse Appliqué - \$60 (no kit fee)***

Cathy Miller, The Singing Quilter, will be showing us a fast and easy technique for reverse appliqué. Please note this is a mid-week workshop so mark your calendar or book the day off from work so there won't be any disappointment if you miss it. www.singingquilter.com (and on YouTube)

See you at the November guild meeting.

Helen Donaldson, Barbara Kuczynski, Nancy McNab, Cindy Kinnon, Jackie James

Past President's Mystery - February 1, 2014

Jackie James, Barb Jordan, Nancy McNab and I will be hosting a Past President's Mystery workshop on Saturday, February 1, 2014 in the Willow Grove room at Three Willows Church from 9:30 to 4:00. You can choose to sign up for the mystery quilt or just work away on something of your own.

Coffee, tea and treats will start off the morning and a hot lunch will stay the course at noon. Lots of fun will be had by all with door prizes and give-aways throughout the day. Pressing of quilt blocks and un-sewing will be done by your hosts.

Sign-up sheets will be available at the December guild meeting. If you choose to participate in the mystery, you will be given fabric requirements and cutting instructions when you sign up.

Mark your calendars now. You won't want to miss out. We can accommodate only 25 quilters!!!

Susan Harrington

Annual Bee Day - Nov. 2, 2013



What a great day!!!

Over twenty ladies joined together to work on quilts for donation to our local hospital for this guild year. Everyone was *sew* amazed at how half-square triangles can be put together in *sew* many ways and look *sew* fantastic! The potluck lunch, delicious main courses *and* desserts, was awesome. We had a great visit as we got to know each other a bit better. We truly tried to eat everything ☺ but our quilts were calling! We were anxious to get back to sewing. Some projects came to completion, while others received a great start. Weather was dull outside but there was a lot of sunshine, smiles and laughter inside. Thank you to **all** who put their talents to work, either by cutting and/or sewing blocks at home and/or at Bee Day. We are sharing these pictures with you but, if truth be known, what happens at Bee Day stays at Bee Day. So, my quilting friends, if you want more information, join us for Bee Day next November! It was *sew* much fun!!!

Linda deVries and Susan Birkholz, Community Outreach

Community Outreach

At each meeting, we will bring quilts in various stages of completion. Some just need binding, some need piecing and others need quilting. Please consider giving your time and talent to help our community quilt donation be even better than last year! Please stop by our table to see all the projects ready for you to take home to work on over the winter. These quilt tops should be around 55" x 75", which will accommodate the batting and backing. Thank you!

Linda deVries and Susan Birkholz, Community Outreach

Memory Quilts



Dear Joan,
Thank you for the generosity of
your time and creativity.
Your gift to our little blessings
is very much appreciated!
-Anita Leah Desembrana
and the Staff of the
Family Birthing Unit

Last May we donated about 30 Memory Quilts to the Family Birthing Unit at our hospital. Above is a copy of the lovely thank you card we received from the staff at that unit. The Memory Quilts are approximately 24"-30" (rectangle or square). We are not in need of donations at this time. I will definitely let you know when more Memory Quilts are needed. Thank you to all who graciously supported our mission.

Joan Hett

Membership

Our membership numbers are growing but there is always room for more! Guests are always welcome, at \$5 per guest. Guests can join our Guild at any meeting and apply their guest fees towards the annual membership fee for that year! Let's get quilting!

Noelle Green-Willms and Ruth Jennison

December = last time for Zehrs' Save-A-Tape

The Zehrs tape reimbursement program will close at the end of this year and will not be renewed.

Please note that the last day to hand in Zehrs tapes to the RCQG will be at the December guild meeting. This will give me time to complete the paperwork for the final submission to Zehrs by the end of December.

Thank you for all the tapes that you have been saving for this program. It is sad to see the program terminated.

Helen Donaldson

Quilt Raffle - Draw at our Dec 10th Meeting



If you were at the October meeting, you saw this beautiful quilt that is being raffled just in time for Christmas. This is a scrappy 36-patch that is 78"x78". Sandy Campbell pieced, machine-quilted and donated this lovely quilt.

Thank you Sandy!

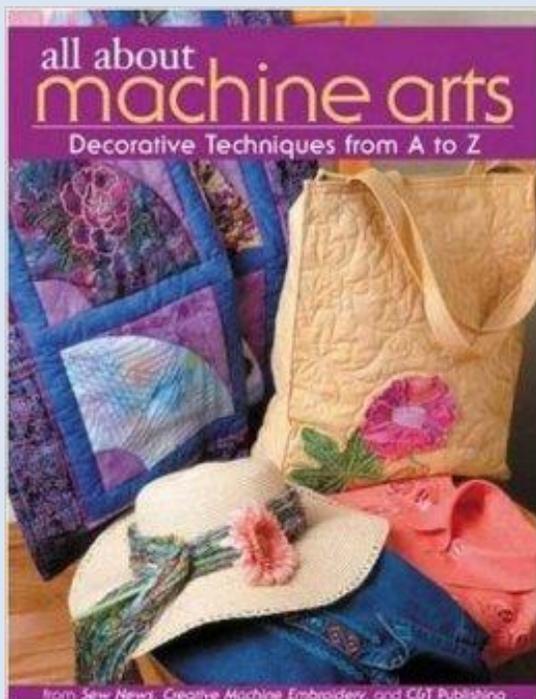
This quilt will be on display at the November and December meetings.

Tickets are \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00.

The draw will be held at our December 10th Guild Meeting.

Book Review

All About Machine Arts: Decorative Techniques from A to Z by C&T Publishing



This book is rated at 5 stars by customers on Amazon.com, and it is no surprise. Beginners and veterans will find a wealth of information and ideas. The book begins with a gallery of inspiration, from art quilts to clothing and home décor items. If something catches your eye, just check out the pages for that creation to learn more. Each section guides you to everything you need to know. For example, if the technique uses a stabilizer, you are told which page will teach you about that, what threads to use and how to set up your machine as well as tips and tricks to ensure success.

Some of the topics covered include: appliqué, beading by machine, free-motion stitching, machine spun lace, metalwork, Sashiko by machine, trapunto by machine, and a great section on "Waste not" (how to mask the shortcomings of a fabric and find just the right use for it).

There are also sections on mastering your sewing machine, the essentials (fabric, thread and stabilizers), successful studios, and terrific tools to help you complete every project.

Laurel Marsolais, Library



Calendar 2013

Nov. 7 – 10 (10-5 daily) – The Annual Oshawa Fibre Art Show

Show will be held at the Centennial Retirement Residence, 259 Hillcroft St (corner Hillcroft and Ritson Rd), Oshawa. Over 100 original fibre art creations will be on display and most will be available for purchase. The artwork is created by several Ontario artists. Free admission.

Website: <http://www.annualoshawafibreartshow.com/index.html>.

If questions, please email Marilyn Whitbread at elegant.silks@sympatico.ca.



Calendar 2014

April 5 & 6 – Rhapsody of Quilts Show 2014, Pickering ON

<http://www.rvqg.com>

April 24 to 26 – Piecemakers Biennial Quilt Show, St. Mary's ON

<http://our2014quilts.blogspot.ca>

April 25 & 26 – CreativFestival, Mississauga ON

www.csnf.com

May 2 & 3 – "Stitches in Bloom" Quilt Show, Chatham ON

www.chathamkentquiltersguild.com

May 9 to 11 – The Common Thread Guild Biennial Quilt Show, Ottawa ON

<http://www.commonthread.on.ca/QuiltShow.htm>

May 27 to May 31 – Quilt & Fiber Art Festival, St. Jacobs ON

<http://stjacobs.com/quilt-fibre-festival>

Wed. June 11 – Sat. June 14 – Quilt Canada 2014, St. Catharines

Quilt Canada, at Brock University, St. Catharines. Registration is open now for CQA/ACC members. Day Student Registration opens Jan. 15. Full Delegate Package \$759. Cost of workshops is \$135/day for members or \$150/day for non-members (plus kit fees). Please see website for the many workshops (20/day). Website: <http://www.canadianquilter.com/events/quilt-canada-2014.php>

Blogspot: <http://cqaquiltcanada.blogspot.ca>

2014 National Juried Show - call for entries by Feb. 1, 2014. Website: <http://njs.canadianquilter.com>



Calendar 2015

May 10 – September – The Grand National Quilt Show, Kitchener

Quilt artists from across Canada are challenged to capture in their quilt art some design that suggests the theme of "Connections".

Entries by Feb. 27, 2015. www.grandnationalquiltshow.ca

Quilting News:



Laurie Swim - Nova Scotia's Laurie Swim was awarded the Dorothy McMurdie Award which is Canada's most prestigious quilting award presented annually by the Canadian Quilters' Association. This high honour recognizes Laurie's significant contribution to Canadian quilting.

http://www.canadianquilter.com/pdf/mcmurdie-award/Laurie_Swim.pdf

<http://www.artquiltpublishing.com>



A comprehensive list of our library books is available online at

<http://www.librarything.com/catalog/rcqg>.

You can easily link to this collection from our guild's website via the 'Contact Us' page.

Interesting Websites

National Quilt Museum, Paducah Kentucky - <http://www.quiltmuseum.org/general-info.html>

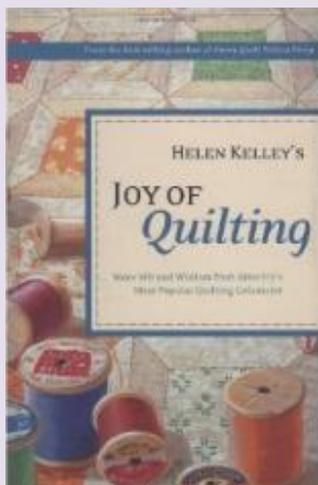
The museum, open to the public year round, is non-profit and was established to educate, promote and honour today's quilt makers.

QuiltersResources.net - <http://quiltersresources.net/index.html>

This has many resources for quilters in North America (shows, events, shops, classes, tips, poetry, terminology, retreats, appraisers, museums, fun links, quilters, quilt guilds, buy/sell quilts, fabric manufacturers, long arm quilting patterns and much more)

Another Book Review

Helen Kelley's Joy of Quilting: More wit and wisdom from America's popular quilting columnist



While making quilts is a priority for Helen Kelley, her primary passion is quilters themselves, and this love of quilters comes through in "Helen Kelley's Joy of Quilting", her contribution to the "universal quilter's support group". Through these entertaining and lighthearted yarns, you'll experience Helen's insights into the warmth and enjoyment of quilting. Join her as she delights in the support and enthusiasm of fellow quilters. Experience her pride in accepting a gift of "quilting rubble" and finding a home for it. Smile at how she can "read" fellow quilters through their pile of old quilt blocks and scraps and pieces. See a bit of yourself in the humble way she admits to improperly cutting and preparing fabrics, and chuckle as she candidly describes her messy workroom.

About the author: Helen Kelley's "Loose Threads" column has been a favorite of readers of "Quilter's Newsletter Magazine" since 1983. She is the author of Voyageur Press's "Every Quilt Tells a Story", as well as "Scarlet Ribbons: An Indian Technique for Today's Quilters", and "Dating Quilts: From 1600 to the Present". Kelley's by-line has appeared in a variety of quilting publications, and her prize-winning quilts have been the subject of numerous photo essays. Her "Renaissance Quilt" was chosen as one of the 100 Best Quilts of the Twentieth Century.

RCQG Show and Share Information and Agreement

Date: _____ Name of Piece: _____

Quilter(s): _____

Pattern Source or Inspiration: _____

Brief Description:

Size (approximate): _____

Main Colours: _____

Quilt Style: (pieced, appliqu , art, etc.) _____

Quilting Method and by whom: (hand, machine, long arm) _____

Other: _____

Would you like to receive an email photo of your quilt? Yes___ No___

Email Address: _____

Do you agree to allow a photo of you and your quilt to appear on our website? Yes___ No___

 <h3 style="color: purple;">November Executive Meeting</h3> <p>*** <i>Three Willows Church</i> ***</p> <p>Monday, November 18th 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm</p>	<h3 style="color: green;">December Guild Meeting</h3> <p>Tuesday, December 10th</p> <p><i>Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month from September to June</i></p>
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RCQG Membership Business Directory – *please send entries to me by November 24th*

Do you have a business or service you would like other members to know about? A Membership Business Directory will be published in an upcoming newsletter. Send your submission to me at the email address below by November 24th. Business cards can be sent by email or given to me for scanning. Please include a brief description of your business with contact information. Thank you!

MaryAnne Girouard, Newsletter

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Can you help? I am looking for someone to help me with the Newsletter. Each month, you will proof-read the Newsletter and help me make it the best we can! Please email or call me if you have any questions or would like to help.

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