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## Meeting Program - Tuesday March 11<sup>th</sup>

**Meeting Place:** Three Willows United Church, 577 Willow Rd., Guelph, ON N1H 7H3

**6:30** Doors and Library Open

**7:00** Opening Remarks

**7:15** **23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Celebration!**

**8:45** Show and Share

Monthly Library Book Sale

Ticket Purchase for Raffle

**Guests** are welcome for a fee of \$5.

### Checklist ↓

Name Tag

Library Card and \$\$\$ for monthly book sale

Return Library Books (overdue \$1/month)

Show & Share item. *Please complete form (p.10)*

Food Bank (always welcome)

## Program - Our 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Celebration

It's March and time for the Royal City Quilters' Guild to celebrate its anniversary! It seems like only yesterday when we were enjoying 10 *pieciful* years and here we are marking 23 years as a guild! Our program will celebrate our fellow members in our 'Spotlight on Members'. Three of our members will share their quilts and stories. Who will it be? Come out to the March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting to find out!

What would an anniversary be without door prizes? Everyone will have a chance to win one of the 23 door prizes that Monica Bell of Special Projects will procure for this special night. We started the tradition a number of years ago to match the number of door prizes to the number of our anniversary. Naturally, every year brings more prizes and more winners. You will not want to miss your chance to win.

Monica will be a busy girl, selling raffle tickets for the design wall that was donated by one of our members. Tickets were sold in February and will be available at the March meeting. The draw is being held at our March meeting, so don't forget to get your tickets. Someone gets to go home with a new design wall this month! It could be YOU!

We hope you enjoyed seeing Marilyn Clarke at the February meeting. As Marilyn showed her works which grace her walls, as well as those given to family, we heard the story behind the art. It was interesting to see the photos that inspired a series of her pieces. Looking ahead to April, we will have *another* former member, Maggie Vanderweit, on the stage. Both Marilyn and Maggie open their homes each year during studio tours, Marilyn in Guelph and Maggie in Fergus.

Come celebrate our members and our guild in March!

*Barbara Jordan, Stephanie Moddison & Nancy McNab*

## Our President's Message



While watching the Olympics and admiring the determination and stamina of the athletes, I began to make a few comparisons between their efforts and the pride and determination of quilters when they complete a quilt.

There are a great number of steps required in the making of a quilt from choosing the pattern, colours, materials and thread to cutting the pieces, sewing and pressing the blocks, laying out the blocks in their correct orientation, sewing the rows together, pressing, measuring, layering the quilt with batting and backing, tacking and quilting the layers together, trimming the batting, preparing and sewing on the binding and adding a label. What a daunting process!

Becoming an Olympic athlete is a much lengthier process, a great deal more physically demanding and, in many cases, life-threatening, but we can all understand the determination and grit it takes. Similar to the training of many athletes, it often takes years for a quilter to develop the skills needed to complete certain types of quilts but, with lots of practice and numerous projects under his/her belt, the confidence and expertise to take on more difficult projects develops. And, just like the athletes who have made it to the bottom of the run, soared down and over huge ramps of snow or landed amazing jumps, we can experience some of the same highs making a quilt.

So here's to all quilters! When you finish your next quilt, give yourself a big round of applause.

Hope you had a Happy Valentine's Day and a great month. I look forward to seeing you all at our Anniversary celebration.

*Nancy Wells, President*

## Community Outreach

Can you spare a bit of time to help our community quilt donation be even better than last year? We bring community quilts in various stages of completion to every meeting. We have a quantity of fabric suitable for quilts or backing as well as batting cut and ready to go with the quilts. Some just need binding, some need piecing and others need quilting. Please consider taking one home to work on over the rest of the winter. Thank you!

The quilt tops should be around 55" x 75" to accommodate the batting and backing.

Please contact Linda ([lindalongarming@gmail.com](mailto:lindalongarming@gmail.com)) if you need something for a community quilt.

*Linda deVries and Susan Birkholz*

## Membership

Membership costs are \$20 for the remaining guild year, so encourage your quilting friends to join for the last half of the year and save the \$5 guest fee each time.

Guests are always welcome at any guild meeting for \$5 per guest. Guests can join our Guild at any meeting and apply their guest fees towards the annual membership fee for that year!

Please let us know if any of your information changes (name, phone, email, address).

*Ruth Jennison and Noelle Green-Willms*

## “Sit and Sew” every Tuesday Morning



As I mentioned at the February guild meeting, I have arranged to have a large room at Parkview Church on every Tuesday from 9:30-12:00 for “Sit and Sew”. There is great lighting and lots of tables for us to work on. Please bring your current project (incl. sewing machine and tools) and have a fun time sewing with us. This room is free to us. Please join the group.

Parkview Church is located at 89 Speedvale Avenue East.

*Linda deVries*

## Raffle: Quilters' Block Butler

This unique self-stick quilting, sewing & crafting design wall system measures 6' x 6' and is valued at \$77.95. It holds quilt blocks without pins, tape or tacks. It is lightweight, re-positionable, reusable, portable and hand-washable. Get your tickets at the March meeting: \$2 each or 3 for \$5. The draw will be done after the break at our Anniversary Meeting in March.

*Monica Bell, Special Projects*

## Our Quilts will be Displayed in Local Libraries

We are going to celebrate “**May is Quilting Month**” by displaying RCQG members’ quilts in the libraries around town. Please consider loaning your quilt(s) so that many people can see your wonderful work.

Please go through your quilts and choose a mini, a wall hanging or even a larger quilt. This is a great way to let our community know what we are up to, so please help out. Bring your quilt(s) to the March or April meeting or contact me at [burkhardt.jones@rogers.com](mailto:burkhardt.jones@rogers.com) for more information.

*Lisa Jones, Publicity*

## Upcoming Workshops at our Guild

Hello Guild Members:

There are only two workshops left for this year. If you are interested in either of these workshops, please sign up at the table in the back of the meeting room at the guild meeting. If you have a suggestion for a workshop please let one of the Workshop Committee Members know.

### ***Saturday, March 29, 2014 - Free-Motion Quilting Level 1 - \$95 (includes \$25 kit fee)***

Helen Fujiki's workshop is for beginners and experienced quilters alike. Learn a variety of free-motion techniques and gain confidence to use these techniques, as well as what needle to use and how to set up the best tension for future quilt projects. [www.fujiwaquilting.com](http://www.fujiwaquilting.com)

There is a short waiting list for this workshop. If you are on the list but unable to attend, please notify Helen as soon as possible. If you are interested in taking this workshop please contact Helen or put your name on the list at the guild meeting. If you are on the list and don't pay by the March 11th meeting, your spot will be given to the next person on the waiting list.

### ***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. The sign-up list is almost full. If you are at all interested please put your name on the list to hold a spot. [www.singingquilter.com](http://www.singingquilter.com) (and on YouTube)

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

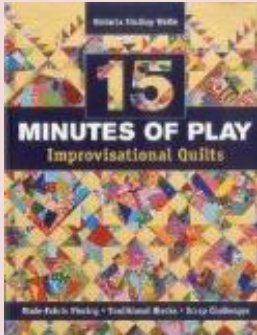
## Library

Have you checked out the online library? When was the last time you borrowed a book from our library? I can have a book ready for you if you let me know ahead of time what you would like. I am opening the library earlier (6:30) so that you can have time to browse the many items available for loan.

Also, remember that we have books for sale at every meeting. The books are just \$2.00, and the magazines and patterns are only \$1.00. We'll be there to help you find a book if you have something in mind.

*Laurel Marsclais, Library*

## Book Review



### 15 Minutes of Play: Improvisational Quilts by Victoria Findlay Wolfe

Scraps never looked so good. This is improvisational piecing reinvented—learn how to create a unique piece of “made-fabric” in just 15 minutes with Victoria’s improvisational scrap-piecing methods. Then you can incorporate your made-fabric into traditional quilt blocks. Sharpen your design skills and learn about combining colors and prints in new ways...then watch your quilt design emerge. This book includes 11 challenge exercises to strengthen your creative muscles, plus an inspirational quilt gallery.

## Guild Members Needed

### *Help Required*

Once again I am asking for volunteers to fill the different positions that will become vacant after this guild year.

Many have asked what is required of the committee chairperson. She/he will try to attend all executive meetings which are held the Monday following our regular guild meeting. These meetings take place at the church – so you won’t get lost or have trouble with parking.

The chair will have committee members to help. She/he is not expected to do it all on their own. She/he can meet with their committee whenever they feel the need and will report back to the executive on their progress.

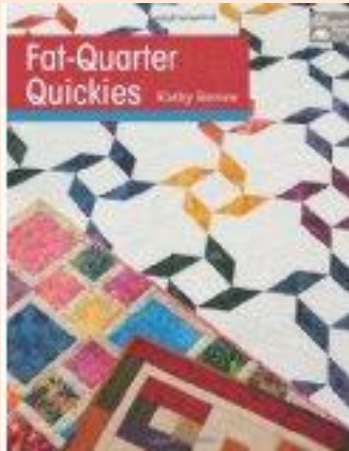
Historically these positions are for 2 years but, as everyone’s lives have become more involved and time is limited, we might consider a 1 year term.

The guild needs you to continue to help it evolve. If you would like more details regarding a particular position please feel free to ask the member who is currently the chairperson. They will be more than happy to let you know all of the “ins and outs” of their position. Who are these people you ask? Pictures of the current executive committee are on display at every guild meeting. You will be able to see who they are and ask them for more detailed information regarding their committees.

*When the clipboard comes around again, please sign up. You will be glad you did.*

*Susan Harrington, Nominating Chair*

## Another Book Review



### Fat-Quarter Quickies - Kathy Brown

This title helps you discover the versatility of fat-quarters with these 11 quick-and-easy projects. Kathy is a popular author and presents an irresistible collection of quick and easy quilts. You can learn to cut fat quarters into smaller units efficiently - with or without Kathy's clever Fat Quarter Cutter ruler - for any quilt pattern that features precut strips and squares. Fat-Quarter Quickies features 11 new projects for fat quarters or common precuts - 2-1/2 " strips, 5" strips, 5" squares, and more - ranging from table runners to bed-sized quilts.

## Fabulous Fabric & Fibre Frenzy

### Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>



The Guelph GoGo Grandmothers (Gogo is Zulu for grandmother), known as The 4Gs, is having a sale on Saturday March 22<sup>nd</sup> (10-3) at the Dublin St. United Church, 68 Suffolk St. W., Guelph.

We are asking for donations of fabric (minimum of ½ yd), fat quarters, notions, books & unopened patterns. No UFOs please! As well, we accept yarn, knitting patterns & pattern books. These can be dropped off at my house at 35 Hales Crescent, Guelph or call me and I will pick-up.

We have proudly raised over \$188,000 since our inception in 2006. **100%** of monies raised go to the Stephen Lewis Foundation which, in turn, assists African grandmothers who have lost their own children to AIDS and now are bringing up their grandchildren. Please visit our website for more information. <http://gggg.ca> If you would like to know more about The 4Gs – please call me. We welcome new GrandMothers or GrandOthers any time!

*Isobel King 519-822-4792*

## Calendar 2014

➤ **Fri Feb 28 – Nomination Deadline for the CQA Teacher of the Year Award**

*Just a reminder that a CQA member can nominate another CQA member for this award until February 28<sup>th</sup>. It would be great to have a nomination from our guild.*

➤ **Sat Mar 22 (10-3) – 4Gs' Fabulous Fabric & Fibre Frenzy, Guelph ON**

*Dublin St. United Church, 68 Suffolk St W, Guelph ON*

<http://www.stephenlewisfoundation.org/index.cfm>

*Donations appreciated. See details on page 9 of this newsletter.*

➤ **April to Labour Day 2014 - Wee Quilt Challenge 'Bards & Ballads' (12<sup>th</sup> annual challenge)**

*Donations appreciated. Held at McDougall Cottage, 89 Grand Ave. S., Cambridge ON*

*Scottish Tea Artists' Reception - May 28 (4-6)*

*519-624-8250*

➤ **Sat Apr 5 (10-5) & Sun Apr 6 (10-4) – Rhapsody of Quilts Show 2014, Pickering ON**

*Held in the East and West Salons of the Pickering Recreation Complex, 1867 Valley Farm Road*

*Rouge Valley Quilters' Guild <http://www.rvqg.com> <http://rvqgquiltshow.blogspot.ca>*

*Admission \$6. Door prizes, Raffle Quilt, Vendors, Quilting and Product Demos, Guild Shop, Guild Café and Bake Sale.*

➤ **Sat April 12 (10-4) - Fine Art Show and Sale, Guelph ON**

*Held at the Dublin Street United Church, 68 Suffolk St. W.*

*Over thirty local artists, including Steve Lewis, Debbie Thompson-Wilson, Joan Hug-Valeriotte, Irene Kunhegyi, Jacqueline Tate and many others, will be showing works in pottery, photography, fabric art, paintings, jewelry, wood working, steel sculpture and more.*

*Admission is free. The church is at the corner of Suffolk and Dublin streets and is accessible.*

➤ **Sat Apr 12 (10-4) & Sun Apr 13 (10-4) – 2014 Sunshine Quilt Show, Orillia ON**

*Trillium Manor, 12 Grace Avenue, Orillia ON*

*\$5 Admission (men are free) Marilyn Lippert [marilyn.lippert@rogers.com](mailto:marilyn.lippert@rogers.com)*

*[www.orilliaquiltersguild.com](http://www.orilliaquiltersguild.com) or [http://www.orilliaquiltersguild.com/ai1ec\\_event/261-2/?instance\\_id](http://www.orilliaquiltersguild.com/ai1ec_event/261-2/?instance_id)*

*Raffle Tickets (3 prices) supporting Trillium Manor, Tea Room, Sunshine Market (member-made items), Merchant's Mall (variety of vendors), Display of Outreach Quilts (items made by members then donated to local charities), quilting demonstrations, showcase of the work of a featured quilter, wheelchair accessible.*

➤ **Thu Apr 24 to Sat Apr 26 – Piecemakers Biennial Quilt Show, St. Mary's ON**

*<http://www.huronperthquiltersguild.com/piecemakersquiltshow.htm>*

*A joint show between the Huron-Perth Quilters Guild and the Stonetowne Quilters Guild. One of the largest shows in Southwestern Ontario. Contact: Joseph Hisey, 519-272-0934 [josephhisey@gmail.com](mailto:josephhisey@gmail.com)*

*Admission \$6, Held at the Pyramid Center, 317 James St. S., St. Mary's*

## Calendar 2014 (continued)

- **Fri Apr 25 & Sat Apr 26 – CreativFestival, Mississauga ON**  
<http://www.csnf.com/index.html>  
 International Centre, 6900 Airport Rd., Mississauga (free parking)
- **Sat Apr 26 & Sun Apr 27 – Thimble Treasures Quilt Show, Dryden ON**  
[www.sunsetcountryquilters.com](http://www.sunsetcountryquilters.com)
- **Fri May 2 at 7 pm – “Sew Many Quilts, So Little Time” – Carol Taylor, Trunk Show**  
 Admission \$15. Held at the Coldwell Banker Theatre, 508 Riverbend Dr., Kitchener  
 Presented by the Waterloo County Quilters' Guild, Carol has produced over 500 quilts (many award winning). Carol will show slides from her first traditional quilt through her gradual transition to art quilts and bring a trunk show of her newest quilts. Contact for tickets [wcqg@wcquiltersguild.on.ca](mailto:wcqg@wcquiltersguild.on.ca).  
 Poster: <http://www.wcquiltersguild.on.ca/Carol%20Taylor%20Flier.pdf>
- **Fri May 2 (9-6) & Sat May 3 (9-4) – “Stitches in Bloom” Quilt Show, Chatham ON**  
[www.chathamkentquiltersguild.com](http://www.chathamkentquiltersguild.com)  
 Admission \$6. Held at St Paul's Congregational Church, 450 Park Ave W.  
 Marianne's Market, Vendors, Tea Room, Raffle Quilt, Quilt Appraisals by appt. 519-351-5754
- **Sat May 3 & Sun May 4 – “Stitches from the Heart” Quilt Show, Sault Ste. Marie, ON**  
[www.saultquilts.com/saultquilts/Welcome.html](http://www.saultquilts.com/saultquilts/Welcome.html) Contact email: [cleo.walker@sympatico.ca](mailto:cleo.walker@sympatico.ca)  
 Admission \$5. Held at Sault College, 443 Northern Avenue
- **Wed May 7 – Fri May 30 – “Out of This World”, Preview of Quilts for Mennonite Relief Sale & Auction**  
 Admission – Adults \$2.25, Children \$1.25, Family \$5.00, Seniors/Students \$1.50  
 Held at the Joseph Schneider Haus Museum, 466 Queen St S, Kitchener. 519-742-7752
- **Fri May 9 (10-7:30), Sat May 10 (10-5) and Sun May 11 (11-3:30) – The Common Thread Guild Biennial Quilt Show, Ottawa ON**  
<http://www.commonthread.on.ca/QuiltShow.htm>  
 Admission \$10, Weekend pass \$15. Held at the R.A. Centre, Curling Rink, 2451 Riverside Drive
- **Tue May 27 to May 31 – Quilt & Fiber Art Festival, St. Jacobs ON**  
<http://stjacobs.com/quilt-fibre-festival>  
 Calendar of Events:
  - A Sampling of Quilts & More at St Jacobs Schoolhouse Theatre, Adm \$6, May 27-30
  - The Trunk Show at St James Lutheran Church, May 29, Shows 2:30 and 7:30
  - Contemporary Fibre Art at Silo Weavers, The Village Silos, May 27-30
  - Exhibits at the Mill, May 27-30
  - Quilting Classes at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church, \$25 per 1.5 hr class, Classes: Tue, Wed, Thu - 3x daily  
 Int'l Guest Teacher: Chantal Guillermet from France (continued next page)

## Calendar 2014 (continued)

- Quilts for the World at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church, Adm \$5, Guest Artists: Needle Sisters Quilt Guild of Elmira, also local quilts, hand quilting demos, boutique and Relief Sale Quilts, Quilt Appraisals.
- Merchant Mall at St James Lutheran Church, Adm Free, May 28–30. A variety of vendors (fabric, patterns, books, notions), Quilter's Café, door prizes, demos.

\*\*\* Please go online to Calendar of Events for further information at the link below.

<http://stjacobs.com/sites/default/files/Quilt%20Festival%20Calendar%202014%20Page%202.pdf>

➤ **Fri May 30 (Preview) & Sat May 31 (Sale) – Mennonite Relief Sale, New Hamburg ON**

<http://nhmrs.com> Held at the Fairgrounds, 251 Jacob St. S.

➤ **June 6 & 7 (10-5) – Muskoka Quilt Show, Bracebridge ON**

Admission \$6 (men free), <http://pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com>

Held at J.D. Lang Activity Park (Bracebridge Fairgrounds), 131 Fraserburg Rd.

Amazing boutique, lots of vendors, tea room with light lunch, door prizes, an "antique quilt bed turning" demo. Wheelchair accessible.

➤ **June 7 (10-5) & June 8 (12-4) – Quilters Guild of Renfrew and Area Quilt Show, Renfrew ON**

Admission \$5, quilts, tea room, merchants mall, raffles, 1 Ma-te-way Park Dr, Renfrew ON

Barbara Jamieson 613-432-6005

➤ **June 11 to June 14 – Quilt Canada 2014, St. Catharines**

<http://www.canadianquilter.com/events/quilt-canada-2014.php> <http://cqaquiltcanada.blogspot.ca>

Admission \$12/day, Multi-day \$30, Quilt Canada, at Brock University, 500 Glenridge Ave., St. Catharines.

National Juried Show, Invitational Show, Merchant Mall, Trend-TEX Challenge, Concurrent Shows, 20 Workshop Teachers over 4 days = 60+ workshop choices.

Contact: Marilyn Michelin 905-937-7556 [qc2014@vaxxine.com](mailto:qc2014@vaxxine.com)

➤ **June 20 (1-8) & 21 (10-4) – Queen's Bush Quilters Guild Show**

Markdale Arena. Contact is Maria Hilts 519-986-1475. Maria is a former member of our guild so this show will be of interest. There will be vendors, members' boutique, lunch room, quilt appraiser and scissors/tool sharpening. [thequeensbushquilters@gmail.com](mailto:thequeensbushquilters@gmail.com)

➤ **June 27 (2-6) & 28 (10-5) – Haliburton Highlands Quilt Show**

Admission \$6, Door Prize is a Husqvarna Viking Sewing Machine, 12+ vendors, Quilt and Fiber sale, tea room, scissor sharpener, toonie table, trunk shows, demos, fashion quilts, quilt raffle.

<http://www.hhqshow2014.ca> Contact: Nancy Johnston 705-457-7369 [hhqshow2014@gmail.com](mailto:hhqshow2014@gmail.com)

➤ **Fri Oct 3 (10-8), Sat Oct 4 (10-5) & Sun Oct 5 (10-3) – Hamilton Quilters Guild Show**

Admission \$6, Held at Ancaster Fair Grounds, Marritt Hall, 625 Garner Rd, East Ancaster

Over 200 Quilts on display in 2 huge rooms, Demonstrations, Tromboli, Boutique, Merchants' Mall, Tea Room

(more to be added later)

# Calendar 2015

➤ **February 27, 2015** – Deadline for entries for The Grand National Quilt Show, Kitchener

**\*\*\*\*\* May 1 & 2 – RCQG 2015 Quilt Show \*\*\*\*\***


Our 2015 Quilt Show will be hosted at Three Willows United Church. Our last show was spectacular because of all the exceptional quilts and we want the 2015 show to be even better.

Have you made plans for the quilts you would like to showcase at this wonderful event?

Co-Chairs: Jackie James [jquilterjames@sympatico.ca](mailto:jquilterjames@sympatico.ca) and Marjorie Mansell [marjoriemansell@rogers.com](mailto:marjoriemansell@rogers.com)

➤ **May 10 to 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". [www.grandnationalquiltshow.ca](http://www.grandnationalquiltshow.ca)

 <p><b>Next Executive Meeting</b></p> <p>Monday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at Three Willows United Church</p>	<p><b>Next Guild Meetings</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> "Our 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary"</b>                  Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>                  Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>                  Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup></p> <p><i>Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, September to June</i></p>
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*Please complete this form and bring it to the meeting if you plan on showing a quilt for "Show and Share".*

## 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, appliqué, 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\_\_\_