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Guild Meeting

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

Three Willows United Church, 577 Willow Rd., Guelph

6:30 Doors and Library Open

7:00 Opening Remarks

7:15 Program – The Frayed Knots
 Show & Share

Monthly Library Book Sale

Guests are welcome for a fee of \$5.

Checklist →

- Name Tag
- Library Card, \$ for library book sale
- Return Library Books (overdue \$1/mo)
- Show and Share Form (on p.7)
- Food Bank (always welcome)
- "Bright Strips" Contribution (see p.2)

This Month's Program

Wasn't April's meeting inspiring? What a great number of items Maggie Vanderweit brought to show and talk about. It all started with quilting and the Royal City Quilters' Guild around 1994. Amazing!

So, how do we follow one amazing, inspiring quilter, with a group of amazing quilters of course. The six members of the Frayed Knots will entertain us in May. These talented quilters are Audrey Vrooman, Judy Pearce, Marg Notar, Nancy Winn, Marsha Clarke and Marilyn Farquhar. You may recognize the names of former RCQG members and may have visited their group show at the Silos in St. Jacobs last year. There will be lots of laughter and lovely quilts as we get to know this group.

See you in May.

Happy quilting.

Barbara Jordan, Stephanie Moddison & Nancy McNab

RCQG Quilts in Libraries in May

We are going to celebrate "May is Quilting Month" by displaying RCQG members' quilts in the libraries around town. If you are visiting your local library in May look for the Guild's quilt display. We received over a hundred quilts and they will be hanging in the Scottsdale, Bullfrog, East Side and West End libraries for the month of May, and in the Main branch from May 15th on. Thanks to all who lent their quilts and to those who helped to hang them.

Lisa Jones, Publicity

Our President's Message



I recently learned that Elly Sienkiewicz has decided to terminate the existence of her beloved Academy. For nineteen years, the Academy has served as a hub of inspiration for appliqué enthusiasts seeking to learn the many techniques required to make Album quilt blocks and quilts. Since this quilt style is near and dear to my heart, here are some of the fascinating details about this quilt genre.

Baltimore Album quilts came into being between 1846 and 1852 in the second largest city in America -- Baltimore. As residents of a busy port, the ladies of Baltimore had the newest materials from Europe at their disposal and such album quilts appealed to the young women of the day. Many of these exquisite albums were made to denote special events such as weddings and historical events and, because they were very special, they were never used and thus carefully preserved. Album quilt blocks were characterized by their use of finely detailed floral bouquets, wreaths, baskets, cornucopias and urns, inked historical buildings or poetic sayings; religious and patriotic symbols; and their use of cutwork or *scherechnitte*. The colours were predominantly red and green in both plain and printed fabrics; the backgrounds were either white or cream; and 25 blocks



was the normal compliment in these quilts. Unlike today, when album quilts are usually made by an individual, these quilts incorporated the skills of several very talented sewers. Throughout the last 25 years or more Elly Sienkiewicz has been instrumental in highlighting this style of quilt by: teaching the techniques required to make these blocks, drawing attention to the various settings and border options, and delving into the historical significance of so many of the symbols used.

I applaud her invaluable efforts to revive this style and hope that, with the many books she has written and the inspiration she has imparted at her Academy, album quilts will continue to flourish. The quilt pictured is my "Baltimore Album" from 2010.

Nancy Wells, President

Please bring Strips of Bright Fabric for our Outgoing President

At the end of each Guild President's term, it has been the custom of our Guild to present her with fabric in the size and colour of her choice. As noted in the previous newsletter, Nancy told me her preference is 2½" strips (any length, as many as you want) of tone-on-tone brights that you have in your stash. Please leave your contribution of strips at the library table during the May meeting. This bright stash will be presented to Nancy at June's Guild meeting. Let's all show Nancy how much we appreciated her hard work during her tenure as President. Thanks to everyone in advance.

Joanne Ariss, Vice-President

Workshops at our Guild



The Free Motion Quilting workshop with Helen Fujiki was full of inspiration and great practice advice to perfect our machine quilting skills. Helen demonstrated lots of techniques and provided one-on-one troubleshooting. It truly was great fun.

Pictured here is our own Scott Schau enjoying the challenges at Helen Fujiki's workshop.

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

Cathy Miller, The Singing Quilter, will be showing us a fast and easy technique for reverse appliqué. www.singingquilter.com (and on YouTube)

Reminder to those who have not paid: The \$60 (cash or cheque) for the workshop is due at the May meeting. Please make cheques payable to RCQG.

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

Community Outreach

This has been a productive year for our Community Outreach quilters. We appreciate everyone's time and talent to produce such a great group of quilts. Our May 13th meeting would be a good time to bring in any quilts. This will give Joan Hett and her hand stitchers time to put labels on the quilts. Please call Linda at 519-836-2718 if you have any questions. These quilts will be presented to the hospital at our June meeting. A big thank you to everyone for your efforts.

Please contact Linda (lindalongarming@gmail.com) if you need something to finish a community quilt or if you want to drop one off.

Linda deVries and Susan Birkholz

New Books in Our Library

- ❖ The Experts' Guide to Foundation Piecing
- ❖ Easy Weekend Quilts
- ❖ 365 Free-Motion Quilting Designs - Leah Day
- ❖ Art Quilt Maps - Valerie Goodwin
- ❖ Scrap Happy Quilting - Carolyn S. Vagts
- ❖ Knockout Neutrals - Pat Wys
- ❖ A Cut Above - Gerri Robinson
- ❖ Row Quilts - Carolyn S. Vagts



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.

Calendar 2014

April to Labour Day 2014 – Wee Quilt Challenge 'Bards & Ballads' (12th annual challenge)

McDougal Cottage, 89 Grand Ave. S., Cambridge; Admission - Donations appreciated. 519-624-8250
 Quilters were challenged to submit a wee quilted creation using the 'Bards and Ballads' theme, taking inspiration from poetry or a song and to capture the image it evokes in a unique piece of quilt art. One of the RCQG speakers this month, Waterloo Quilter, Marg Notar, used "My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose" in a previous wee quilt challenge. The artists will be honoured at a Scottish Tea on Wednesday, May 28th, when bonnie wee prizes will be awarded. Everyone is welcome to attend the Tea from 4-6 p.m. http://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/discoveringTheRegion/McDougall_Event.asp

May 1 - 3 – Spring Shop Hop - Shops involved include Creative Sisters Quilt Studio, Kitchener; Heart N Home, New Hamburg; The Quilt Place, Shakespeare and Ye Old Fabric Shoppe, Stratford.

May 2 at 7 pm – "Sew Many Quilts, So Little Time" – Carol Taylor, Trunk Show

Admission \$10 or \$15 for non-members. 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.

Poster: <http://www.wcquiltersguild.on.ca/Carol%20Taylor%20Flyer.pdf>

May 5 – Guelph Needlework Guild – Open House – Guelph ON

Kortright Presbyterian Church, 55 Devere Dr.

karenhall@hotmail.com 519-837-2946 <http://guelphneedlecraft.wordpress.com>

May 7-30 – "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

Joseph Schneider Haus Museum, 466 Queen St. S., Kitchener. 519-742-7752

May 8 - 10 – Goose on the Loose 2014 – Shop Hop

Shops involved include: Sew Jax, Orangeville; Quilters' Line, Markdale; Threads that Bind, Maxwell; Cobwebs and Caviar, Shelburne; Lilac Lane Quilts, Alliston and Country Concessions, Cookstown.

<http://www.gooseshophop.com>

May 9 - 11 – 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.

May 19 - 24 – Ailsa Craig Community Quilt Festival, Ailsa Craig ON

155 Annie Ada Shipley St. (30 min NW of London)

Admission \$12 or \$25 for the week, workshops extra

<https://www.ailsacraigquiltfestival.ca/Ailsa-Craig-Quilt-Festival>

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

Please go online to Calendar of Events for information on exhibits, trunk shows, quilting classes, merchant mall, etc. <http://stjacobs.com/quilt-fibre-festival>

May 28 – Bards and Ballads Quilt Show Awards Tea, Cambridge ON

McDougal Cottage, 89 Grand Ave. S. Everyone is welcome. Time: 4 – 6 p.m. 519-624-8250

http://www.regionofwaterloo.ca/en/discoveringTheRegion/McDougall_Event.asp

May 30 (Preview) & May 31 (Sale 08:30) – 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 2014, Bracebridge ON

<http://pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com> Admission \$6 (men free) J.D. Lang Activity Park (Bracebridge Fairgrounds), 131 Fraserburg Rd.

There will be an amazing boutique, lots of vendors, a tea room with light lunch, door prizes, and 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.

Barbara Jamieson 613-432-6005

June 11 - 14 – Quilt Canada 2014, St. Catharines ON

<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.

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

Marilyn Michelin 905-937-7556 qc2014@vaxxine.com

June 20 (1-8) & 21 (10-4) – Queen's Bush Quilters Guild Show, Markdale ON

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

July Shop Hop - <http://julyshophop.com> See website or Facebook page for the 13 shops participating.

September 9 - 16 – Fibre Content 2014, Burlington ON

Burlington Art Centre, 1333 Lakeshore Road, Burlington Admission is free. Inspiration, innovation and a nod to tradition is in this exhibit of more than 100 art quilts, fibre art and mixed media work.

Call for Entry <http://www.fibrations.org> (deadline June 1st)

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Fibre-Content-Burlington-2014/458963740797784>

Calendar 2015

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 quilt you would like to showcase at this wonderful event???

Co-Chairs: *Jackie James* jquilterjames@sympatico.ca and *Marjorie Mansell* margoriemansell@rogers.com

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

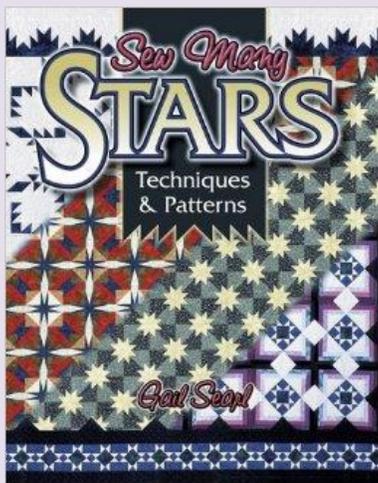
May 10 to September – The Grand National Quilt Show, Kitchener

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

Quilting Tips

- ✚ For straight line quilting – Mark your quilt with one piece of painter's tape down the middle of the area you are going to sew. Start sewing along the tape. You can use a walking foot to get perfectly-spaced close lines. You can place another piece of painter's tape for every sewn line or every 6 inches to assist in keeping lines straight as you sew new lines.
(per Jacquie Gering, Creative Quilting with Your Walking Foot, Craftsy)
- ✚ For long seams, start in the middle and sew out each way.
(per Anita Grossman Solomon, Traditional Blocks Made Simple, Craftsy)

Book Review



Sew Many Stars: Techniques & Patterns by Gail Searl

This book features a galaxy of star blocks and quilting projects. Rotary-cutting techniques and 750 step-by-step illustrations simplify the star-making process. Learn new techniques for making the popular half-square, quarter-square and eight-pointed star patterns. You will find patterns for Log Cabin stars, diamond stars and diamond sashing. Choose traditional settings, medallions and modern designs. This book is geared for intermediate to advanced quilters and anyone doing star research. Once you try the author's never-fail, hassle-free, machine-pieced eight-pointed star techniques, you'll never use anything else to make star quilts!

Laurel Marsolais, Library

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___

Do you agree to allow a photo of you and your quilt to appear in the newsletter? Yes___ No___



Executive Meetings

Three Willows Church

Tuesday May 20th
7:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Guild Meetings

Three Willows Church

Tuesday, May 13th
AGM - Tuesday, June 10th

*Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month
from September to June*