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Guild Meeting

Tuesday, June 10, 2014

Three Willows United Church, 577 Willow Rd., Guelph

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| <p>6:30 Doors and Library Open Membership Table Open for Renewals</p> <p>7:00 Opening Remarks Annual General Meeting Program – Cathy Miller, The Singing Quilter Show & Share</p> <p>Monthly Library Book Sale</p> | <p>Checklist →</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Name Tag <input type="checkbox"/> "Bright Strips" Contribution (see p.1) <input type="checkbox"/> Library Card <input type="checkbox"/> \$ for library book sale <input type="checkbox"/> Return Library Books (overdue \$1/mo) <input type="checkbox"/> Show and Share Form (on p.7) <input type="checkbox"/> \$40 for Membership Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Food Bank (always welcome) |
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Guests are welcome for a fee of \$5.

This Month's Program

It's almost here! It's the night we will be hosting "The Singing Quilter", Cathy Miller, and her husband, John Bungel. We booked this duo from Victoria BC two years ago to come to our meeting. That goes to show you how much in demand this duo is! We will be entertained with songs, stories and, of course, quilts! Cathy and John have travelled the world, performed at 700+ quilting events and appeared in magazines. Check out www.singingquilter.com for news on CDs, videos and much more.

We had a lovely night with the Frayed Knots in May. They were a lively and entertaining group, with many quilts, items, techniques and stories to share. If you saw their show at the Silos last year, it was just the tip of the creative iceberg of talent the group was so generous to share with us.

This June meeting marks the end of the 2-year term of your current Program Committee. We thank our volunteers, Hazel Switzer, Judy Eckhardt and Monica Bell for setting up, taking down and performing white-gloving duties. Thank you also to those who stepped in when we occasionally needed more hands. It makes the meeting go smoothly when you answer yes to the call for help. We've enjoyed our term on the Program Committee and look forward to helping the incoming Chairs.

Barbara Jordan, Stephanie Moddison & Nancy McNab

Please bring Strips of Bright Fabric for our Outgoing President

As you know, we are accepting contributions to the Bright Fabric Stash for Nancy Wells as she ends her term as our President. If you haven't brought in your strips for Nancy, there is still time.

We will accept contributions at the library table before the June meeting starts.

This bright stash will be presented to Nancy at this month'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

Our President's Message



The winter of 2014 was so cold and long that it really has taken some time for the grass to green up and the trees to bud. Even the bright, spring flowers have been slow to make their appearance. It was, however, a wonderful winter for reading quilt-related books and magazines, creating quilts, working on and finishing quilts and cuddling under any quilt. I hope all of you had a productive winter whereby your quilting projects progressed or were completed.

Now that spring has finally arrived and the temperatures have gradually begun to warm, a myriad of quilt events abound for you to attend. Each will offer inspiration for the coming months. There are Shop Hops near and far; quilt displays throughout Waterloo County and in our own Guelph public libraries; quilt shows in Aisle Craig, Cambridge, St. Jacobs, Markdale, and St. Catharine's (Quilt Canada) - to name just a few; and, of course, there is the annual Mennonite Relief Quilt Auction. How fortunate are we to have so many quilt-related opportunities to enrich our artistic endeavours and prepare us for our own RCQG show in 2015! While spring transforms the outside world and summer advances, I hope you will all be able to take in some of these wonderful quilt events.

Now, as my term as President comes to a close and the RCQG takes its summer break, I would like to wish all of you a safe, happy and fun-filled summer.

Nancy Wells, President

Library will be open at the June meeting!

Breaking with tradition, the library will be open at the June meeting. We want to put these books where they belong – in your hands! You can enjoy a summer of inspiration by borrowing books for the summer, and you don't have to return them till the September meeting. We'll be setting up early and emptying our overflowing cabinets and putting out all the books, videos, magazines and rulers, so come early, browse and take home some eye candy to help motivate your summer of creativity.

Laurel Marsolais, Library

P.S. Since you can borrow books/rulers/CDs/etc. for the summer, have a look through the list online <http://www.librarything.com/catalog/rcqg> and send your request to Laurel before the meeting. Laurel and her committee will do their best to have your choices put aside for you. lmlmarso@gmail.com

New Books in Our Library



- ❖ A Garden to Dye For
- ❖ Stack, Shuffle and Slide
- ❖ Fabulously Fast Quilts
- ❖ Stitch, Fibre, Metal & Mixed Media
- ❖ Reclaimed Textiles

Workshops at our Guild

June 11th - "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)

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

Community Outreach

A great big thank you to all quilters who helped us complete an incredible number of Community Quilts for donation this year.

It has been a productive, fun and fabulous two years for us. We are pleased to present these quilts to the Guelph General Hospital representative at our June meeting. I hope you will be there to have a look at all these quilts as we send them off to their new homes.

Linda deVries and Susan Birkholz

Membership

Hey Members and Guests!

It's time to renew or join! We will be taking membership renewals and new registrations for the 2014-2015 Guild year at the June meeting.

The price for a full membership remains at \$40. If you renew or join in June, your name will be placed into a draw. Just imagine you could be the happy winner of either a free membership or a \$40 coupon towards the workshop of your choice.

Ruth Jennison and Noelle Green-Willms

Publicity

I hope everyone had a chance to check out the fabulous RCQG Quilt Displays in the Guelph libraries. It's always a fun process hanging out the quilts as we get such positive comments from many of the librarians who love how the quilts brighten their work space. We also had some interesting conversations with library patrons about the quilts and our Guild.

I will be returning the quilts to their owners at the June meeting. If you loaned a quilt for this display but will not be at the June meeting, please contact me to make alternate arrangements. My contact information is in the Membership Directory. Once again, thank you to everyone who loaned their quilts for the library displays and many thanks to the volunteers, Jackie, Wendy, Cyndy and Carol, who helped me hang all the quilts and helped take them down.

Lisa Jones, Publicity

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.

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

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, 331 Fraserburg Rd.

There will be an amazing boutique, lots of vendors, scissor sharpening, 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://cqaquiltecanada.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.

August 16 & 17 – Quilts at the Creek

<http://www.blackcreek.ca/v2/events/quilts.dot>

>150 quilts on display 11-5, trunk shows and special presentations (Sherri Hisey, Lisa Hill of Soft Impressions, Jane Sanders, Quilt Appraisals)

Quilts are on display that will be auctioned at their Annual Pioneer Festival on Sep 20th.

Quilts of Valour are on display.

Advanced Quilting Workshops \$90 – Jacquie Gering (Fri Aug 15 – 10-4 – Scrappy Improvisation Workshop; Sat Aug 16 – 10-4 – Slice and Insert Workshop)

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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>

October 24 (10-8) & 25 (10-5) – The Fabric of Our Lives Quilt Show, Brantford ON

Best Western Plus, 19 Holiday Drive

Admission \$7

<http://www.brantheritagequilters.com/Quilt%20Show.htm>

Featured Artists – Kay Boyd, Aline Chan, Patricia Ryckman-Fleming

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

Summer Assignment --- Make a Mini for Our 2015 Show

As we announced at the May meeting, Stephanie and I are challenging each other to make minis to donate to our 2015 Quilt Show for the Mini Raffle and Silent Auction.

So, we're asking all of you to pull out those half finished blocks, the orphan blocks from your last project, try a new technique, finish the mini you were going to donate to the last show, anything goes!

The Mini Raffle and Silent Auction have been big fundraisers for the RCQG at each of the last 5 shows. By donating a mini or two or more, you are contributing to the success of our 2015 Show.

Beginning in September, we will collect the minis at each guild meeting. Donate a mini and fill out a ballot for the monthly prize draw. Donate two minis, fill out two ballots, etc. Easy peasy!

Thanks in advance!

Stephanie Moddison & Barbara Jordan, Mini Raffle & Silent Auction for RCQG 2015 Show

RCQG Executive Reports for 2013-2014

PRESIDENT: **Nancy Wells** presided over all guild meetings and 6 out of 7 executive meetings; sewed gift bags, wrote welcome notes and prepared Invitational Blocks for new members, answered guild e-mails, picked up monthly mail and wrote monthly messages for inclusion in the RCQG newsletter. A special thanks to Joanne Ariss for taking my place at the October executive meeting and for her assistance with a variety of tasks throughout the year. Thanks to all the members of the Executive for their time and efforts over the past two years. They have done a wonderful job.

PAST PRESIDENT: **Susan Harrington** attended monthly executive meetings, booked meeting spaces for both guild and executive meetings, renewed the guild insurance, procured nominations for the upcoming guild year and revised the guild standing rules and timeline sheets.

VICE PRESIDENT: **Joanne Ariss** attended all executive meetings but one, assisted the President whenever required, assured that the guild quilt was cared for, stored and displayed at several guild meetings, greeted new members at the membership table, introduced them to other members, reserved them a seat near the front for their first meeting and showed them around the meeting room pointing out our bulletin board, workshop sign up table, etc. Attended the Interguild meeting in April with two other RCQG members and brought back valuable information and ideas for the guild.

SECRETARY: **Anna Dawczyk** enjoyed her second year as secretary. She attended monthly executive meetings, recorded the minutes for the meetings and then distributed them to the executive members prior to the next meeting. She also attended and wrote minutes for the June and September AGM meetings.

PROGRAM: **Chair Barbara Jordan with Committee Members Stephanie Moddison, Nancy McNab, Judy Eckhardt, Hazel Switzer and Monica Bell** secured speakers for the 2013/14 Guild season as they did in the previous one. January's Demo Night and March's Spotlight on Members were as popular this year as ever. Backup programs were in place in case of cancellations and were called upon this year. Ending this committee's second year will be a program in June by the Singing Quilter, Cathy Miller, and her husband. The September, October and May programs are in place for the 2014/15 Program Chairs and contacts have been made for additional programs. All executive meetings were attended.

WORKSHOP: **Chair Helen Donaldson with Committee Members Jackie James, Nancy McNab, Barb Kuczynski and Cindy Kinnon.** Throughout the 2013/14 year workshops were given by Anita Zobens on the workings of various threads in our sewing machines and the thread challenges that occur, by Susan Harrington on her methods for successful machine appliqué, by Helen Fujiki on free motion machine quilting tips and techniques and by Cathy Miller on the Mock Mola Reverse Appliqué technique. Helen also attended the Interguild Meeting in April of this year in order to obtain ideas and information for the guild.

MEMBERSHIP: **Co-chairs Ruth Jennison and Noelle Green-Willms with Committee Members Wendy Oskam, Anne Peters and Linda and Keith Baldrey.** There are 121 members registered at present, one of these being a newsletter only membership. Fifty-four guests attended our meetings from September to April. Early registration in June brought in 79 return memberships. From those 79 members one free membership and one free workshop were awarded in a draw. 125 directories were printed and distributed. Any remaining ones will be distributed to new members in the fall.

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SPECIAL PROJECTS: **Monica Bell** oversaw the raffle of a Scrappy 36 Patch quilt donated by Sandy Campbell that raised \$330 for the guild and was won by Laura Murr, procured door prizes for the 23rd Guild Anniversary meeting in March, oversaw the raffle of a design wall donated by Susan Harrington that raised \$183 for the guild and was won by Remy Heard and attended the Interguild meeting in April of this year in order to obtain ideas and information for the guild.

LIBRARIAN: **Laurel Marsolais with Committee Members Louise Marshall, Ann Jeffrey and Colleen Hunter.** Laurel added more than 20 books to the library in addition to a variety of new magazines, wrote book reports on new book purchases for the newsletter, instituted a monthly book sale of donated magazines and books that proved to be quite successful, started a ruler library with generous donations from members and attempted to increase library usage by opening the library earlier with great results.

NEWSLETTER: **Mary Anne Girouard** attended monthly executive meetings and prepared the Guild Newsletter throughout the Guild year except for October and April when Susan Knabenschuh prepared them in her absence, notified members by e-mail that the newsletters had been posted on the website, mailed copies of the newsletter to several members who do not have email and provided a colour copy of the newsletter to the guild Historian.

HISTORIAN: **Edna Keown** was present at all but one executive meeting, attended all guild meetings where photos of the Speaker's works and 'Show and Tell' participants and their works were taken, compiled these photos into an album, emailed photos to the members who requested it and produced a poster with photos of the executive to be displayed at each meeting.

PUBLICITY: **Lisa Jones** informed the local newspapers and CJOY of monthly meeting dates, put up posters in September about monthly guild meetings, had bookmarks redesigned so they were generic and useable from year to year, had bookmarks made for special guest Cathy Miller (the speaker at our June meeting), promoted the Library displays of guild quilts and worked with a team of volunteers to create displays at five Guelph libraries in May.

OUTREACH: **Chair Linda deVries with Committee Members/Helpers Susan Birkholz, Lisa Jones, Cyndy Maltby, Wendy Oskam, Carol Cousins, Dana Scott, Karen Heal, Joan Hett and Lorelei Stinson.** As a parting comment on the Outreach program at our guild, I have been pleased and proud to have been a part of this Committee. The ladies of my committee and the membership have big hearts and are so willing to help when called upon. In the last two years we have collectively donated more than 100 quilts to the Guelph General Hospital's Sexual Assault Unit. Thank you to all who played a role and made all of this happen. As we move forward, I know we will continue to be generous with our time and talents.

WEBSITE: **Susan Knabenschuh** continued to update the Guild Website. The website presented a new look this year and a "calendar" on the home page was one of the enhancements. A user manual was created for this position. Newsletters were posted monthly. Updates were added throughout the year.

Note: *These are abbreviated reports. If you wish to view a complete report please ask the Guild Secretary to see the full reports.*

Proposed Slate of Officers for 2014-2015

The following is the proposed Slate of Officers for the 2014-2015 Guild year:

President – Joanne Ariss
Vice President – Marjorie Mansell
Past President – Nancy Wells
Secretary – Donna Reimer
Treasurer – Diane Black
Website – Scott Schau
Special Projects – Susan Harrington & Barb Jordan
Publicity – Mary Lawrence
Newsletter – MaryAnne Girouard
Historian – Edna Keown
Membership – Monica Bell
Program – Cyndy Maltby & Helen Donaldson
Workshop – Jane Londerville
Community Outreach – Cheryl Cowan
Library – Laurel Marsolais

At this time, on behalf of our Guild, I would like to thank all those who have answered the call to volunteer. I know you will all have fun and enjoy the experience. Best of luck to the new executive!

Susan Harrington, Nominating Committee

Miniature Quilt Tips

We've all been asked to make a mini quilt for our Quilt Show next May. To give you some inspiration and ideas I searched out some internet sites for you. If you have other inspirational hints or tips or great websites please let me know and I'll include it in them next newsletter. **Don't forget**, there's a prize winner every month drawn from the names of quilters who brought in a mini that month.

Tips and Hints and Rules re Miniature Quilts: <http://www.squidoo.com/Miniature-Quilts>

e.g. *What are miniature quilts? Generally, they are quilts that are no longer than 24" on each side.*

Use a mini iron to press the seams.

Use a straight stitch feed plate to help prevent fabric jams and tangled stitches.

Blog re Miniature Quilts: <http://makingminiaturequilts.blogspot.ca>

<http://www.sewhappy.me/tutorials/mini-quilt-mosaic>

<http://www.pinterest.com/Carolkoch48/miniature-quilts>

Free miniature quilt patterns and hints. http://quilting.about.com/od/miniaturequilts/tp/miniature_quilts.htm

Great ideas at Etsy.com – search "miniature quilts".

Over 50 free mini quilt patterns. <http://www.allcrafts.net/quilting/mini-quilts.htm>

Search for "Doll Quilts" online and you'll get more ideas.

** Remember to document your pattern source / inspiration / designer.*

Wow, just doing the research for the newsletter has inspired me. Your turn!

MaryAnne Girouard

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 / Inspiration / Designer: _____

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___

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|  <p>Executive Meeting <i>Three Willows Church</i></p> <p>Monday, August 18th 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm</p> | <p>Guild Meetings <i>Three Willows Church</i></p> <p>AGM - Tuesday, June 10th Tuesday, September 9th</p> <p><i>Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month from September to June</i></p> |
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