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Guild Meeting Tuesday, April 14, 2015

Three Willows United Church, 577 Willow Rd., Guelph

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| <p>6:30 Doors and Library Open
Membership Table Open
Monthly Library Book Sale (some are free)
Guests are welcome for a fee of \$5.</p> <p>7:00 Opening Remarks
Program – Jim Wilford
Show & Share</p> | <p>Checklist →</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Name Tag and Library Card <input type="checkbox"/> Return Library Books (overdue \$1/month) <input type="checkbox"/> \$\$\$ for library book sale <input type="checkbox"/> \$\$\$ for Workshops <input type="checkbox"/> Show & Share Form (on last page) <input type="checkbox"/> Canadian Tire money (always welcome) <input type="checkbox"/> Food Bank (always welcome) <input type="checkbox"/> Donations of Fabric, Books, Notions <input type="checkbox"/> Bring Quilts for Library Display in May <input type="checkbox"/> Bring Mini(s) and Items for Auction |
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This Month's Program

Spring has Sprung!

For many of us this brings a renewed sense of creativity and what better way to celebrate than with a truly inspirational speaker. This month we welcome Jim Wilford from Ingersoll, Ontario, who first tried his hand at quilting over 20 years ago and has never looked back!

Over the past two decades, Jim has created about 200 original quilts. Some were hand-stitched, others were machine-sewn, some were taken from partial patterns while others were made from completely original designs. His memorable pieces vary in size, shape, colour and subject. While Jim admits that the market for quilts is indeed changing and in higher demand, he never sells his work. His children, grandchildren and many friends are the lucky recipients of these beautiful works of art. With the influx of a younger generation, Jim hopes that even more individuals will become interested in this modern art form that stems from the roots of necessity.

We are eagerly awaiting his arrival so he can share his experiences and beautiful creations!

<http://shari-chocolatebox.blogspot.ca/2012/09/the-art-of-quilting.html>

<https://spiromandalas.wordpress.com/2013/02/07/jims-mandala>

Cyndy Maltby

Programs Planned for the remainder of our Guild Year:

- **May 12** – Jennifer Houlden, Creating with Colour www.quiltsbyjen.ca
- **June 9** – Eleanor Petite

Our President's Message



Well, it's official, spring has finally arrived and not a minute too soon. We have all endured a very cold, snowy and long winter. It's time to bring on the colour! Brightly coloured flowers, green grass and blue sky are just some of the beautiful colours to welcome our new season. This time of year brings to mind spring cleaning, spring showers and, oh did I mention, spring quilt shows. Yes, our quilt show is now only weeks away. It's time for all of our members to showcase their quilts. You have until Saturday, April 11th, to register your quilt online.

Our Quilt Show is only held every three years so this is your chance to share with everyone your love of quilting by displaying your quilts for all to enjoy and admire. At April's meeting you can buy a few extra show tickets for your friends or sign up on the volunteer sheets to help out for a few hours. Please consider contributing in one way or another, to help make this show the best ever.

Don't miss April's meeting where Jim Wilford will provide a wonderful trunk show of his beautiful quilts. See you all there.

Joanne Ariss

Website Update

Over the past number of months we have completely redesigned and updated the guild website. We have made improvements in order to make it more interactive and enjoyable for our members. At this point in time we're pleased to announce the opening of a web forum for members of the RCQG which will allow you to discuss future meetings and events, as well as keep in touch in between gatherings! In the forum, there is a place called "Show and Share", where you can post pictures and show off your latest work for everyone to see. If you have any question or tips and tricks to share there is a place for that as well.

The goal is to have an account for everyone in the guild: however, we are looking for those who are interested in participating in this "beta" stage of the roll out. If you would like to participate, please email admin@royalcityquiltersguild.com indicating that you want an account and Lindsay or I will get back to you with your account credentials.

We are always looking for feedback on the guild website or forums, so please email us at admin@royalcityquiltersguild.com.

Scott Schau

Library

April's Donation Table:

In April we will welcome your donations to the giveaway table. There are just two conditions:

- 1) **The Library gets first dibs** in case we want to add any items or offer them for sale rather than free exchange.
- 2) **At the end of the evening you retrieve any items that were not taken.** *The Library doesn't have enough space to store the excess and neither do I!*

As always, check out the library book list online (via our RCQG website) and send an email to me at lmlmarso@gmail.com if you would like anything set aside for you.

Laurel Marsolais

RCQG Member News



Joan Hug-Valeriote

Joan has had two of her quilts, *Motherboard* and *White Log Cabin Study in Texture*, accepted into the Grand National Quilt Show this year from May 10th (opening reception at 1 pm) until September 27th, located at the Joseph Schneider Haus Museum, 466 Queen St. South in Kitchener. Later in the newsletter, Joan is pictured with her quilt *Motherboard*. Also, Joan's piece "Pink Lady II" has been juried into the Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA) Show at the International Quilt Festival in Houston this fall. The Show will travel for three years. Congratulations Joan!

Mary Hopkins

As published in the Spring 2015 issue of Canadian Quilter magazine by the Canadian Quilters' Association, Mary won third prize in the "Best Friends" category. Her quilt, pictured here, was designed from a photo and featured a Labrador "Amos". Canadian Quilter wrote that Mary "*captured in thread and fabric the strength and steadfastness of the Lab with both design and overall colour simplicity. Your focus will remain on the dog with the fine thread work and integration of thread colours. The muted blues in the pieced sky contrast well with the Lab and greenery.*" Congratulations Mary!



May is Quilt Month

I would like to remind everyone that May is Quilt Month and our guild members will have their quilts displayed in various Guelph libraries. I know that you are all busy working on projects for our upcoming show, "*Gathering of Quilts 2015*", but if you have any small quilts, such as wall hangings or table runners, that you will not be putting into the show and are willing to have displayed for the month, please bring them to me at the April Guild Meeting.

Mary Lawrence, Publicity

Workshops at our Guild

Saturday, June 6, 2015

Our final workshop day of this guild year will take place on Saturday, June 6th. As you know, we are offering 2 half-day workshops by two of our very own, very talented members.

Instructor: Steph Moddison

In the morning you can learn about a range of methods for finishing quilts: squaring off, borders (widths, how many, when not to have a border), binding, facing, hanging etc.

Instructor: Scott Schau

In the afternoon you will learn about photographing your finished quilting projects. No fancy cameras are required for this workshop. You will learn about lighting and displaying your work to its best advantage as well as how to position lights and the camera to highlight details on your work.

Members can sign up for either one or both of these workshops for \$20 each.

Jane Londerville

Community Outreach



In this picture you see Wendy Oskam and Lisa Burkhardt-Jones wading through the Guild Stash, quilt tops, backings and new donations!

The Community Outreach Team has accepted 16 quilts for the Sexual Abuse & Domestic Violence Centre and another 4 quilts for Michael House, as of the end of March.

We are reminding those of you with projects for Community Outreach to try and have these ready for submission by May's Guild meeting. Representatives from the Guelph General Hospital will attend our June meeting to receive our next installment of quilts.

If you would like to lend your hands and ideas to the Team for the upcoming year you are very welcome to attend one of our 'work' sessions! Please see Cheryl for details. Thanks!

Cheryl Cowan

Hints and Tips

KEEPING TRACK OF FABRIC PIECES

Before starting a new quilt, transfer the cutting instructions to a dry erase board. As you cut, erase that size and move on. It's easier than looking at the instructions in the magazine or on the pattern instruction sheet and definitely better than marking up your pattern.

BINDINGS

Sometimes you need to change the width of your binding depending on the thickness of the batting and fabric in a quilt. Make sample bindings so you can audition them to find which size you need before cutting the whole binding for the quilt. Make sure you mark the widths on your samples.

Mary Lawrence

May 2015 Quilt Show

All registration is being done on-line at www.royalcityquiltersguild.ca.

For detailed information please read the March Show News which has been sent to you by email and is also on-line at the Guild website. If you do not have access to a computer (or a friend who does) please contact Joan Hett at 519-763-1395.

Scott Schau for the Quilt Show Committee

2015 Ontario Quilt Shows

March 27-29 – Etobicoke, "Quilt Fever 2015" <http://www.etobicokequiltersguild.com/quilt-fever-2015>

March 28-29 – Newmarket, "Oh My Stars Quilt Show" <http://www.regionofyorkquiltersguild.ca>

April 16-18 – Exeter, "Heritage Quilt Exhibit" <http://www.bachfestival.ca>

April 17-18 – Cornwall, "Quilts on the Seaway" (email tomagee@aol.com)

April 18-19 – Napanee, "Quilts 2015" http://www.napaneeheritagequiltersguild.com/Quilt_Show.html

April 18-19 – Tiny, "Reflections of Georgian Bay - Roots and Wings" <http://gbqg.ca>

April 24-25 – Mississauga, "Off the Wall and Under the Covers"

<http://www.mississaugaquiltersguild.ca/quilt-show.html>

April 24-26 – Thunder Bay, "Superior Quilt Show 2015" <http://thunderbayquilters.org>

May 1-2 – Guelph, "Gathering of Quilts 2015" (March Newsletter to be posted soon)

<http://www.royalcityquiltersguild.com/ca/quilt-show/gathering-quilts-2015>

May 1-2 – London, "Quilting in the Village 2015" <http://www.thamesvalleyquiltersguild.com>

May 1-3 – Windsor, "THINK out-side the Block" <http://www.windsorquiltersguild.com>

May 2-3 – Brampton, "Quilted Odyssey 2015" <https://bqguild.wordpress.com/2015-quilt-show>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Brampton-Quilters-Guild/537701166293611>

May 1-2 – Owen Sound, "Quilts by the Bay" <http://www.bluewaterquiltersguild.ca>

May 1-3 – Peterborough, "Feelings in Fabric 2015" <http://www.kawarthaquiltmakersguild.ca/QuiltShow.html>

May 2-3 – Burlington, "Stitches in Our Time" http://www.haltonquiltersguild.com/quilt_show.html

May 7-9 – Ingersoll, "Pieces of Magic"

<http://www.oxfordquiltersguild.com/Pieces%20of%20Magic%20Quilt%20Show.htm>

May 10 to September 27 – "Connections" - The Grand National Quilt Show, Kitchener

www.grandnationalquiltshow.ca

May 12 – Kincardine, "The Gathering of the Guilds 2015, Black, White & Brights"

(email gathering2015@gmail.com)

May 15-16 – Dunnville, "Quilting on the Grand Two" http://www.dunnvillequiltguild.com/Coming_Events.html

May 18-23 – Ailsa Craig, "Quilts of France" <http://ailsacraigquiltfestival.ca>

(check out all the fibre arts workshops led by French instructors)

May 22-24 – Brockville, "Waterways" <http://thousandislandsquiltersguild.com/quiltfest-2015>

May 26-30 – "Quilt & Fibre Art Festival" (St Jacobs, Cambridge, Kitchener-Waterloo, New Hamburg)

<http://www.stjacobs.com/node/75>

May 29-30 – Sarnia, "A Feast for the Eye"

<http://www.sarniaquiltersguild.org/feast-for-the-eye---quilt-show-may-2015.html>

May 30-31 – Lindsay, "Quilted Treasures" <http://www.lindsaycqq.com/quilt-show.html>

May 30-31 – Petawawa, "Quilting in the Valley" <http://www.pembrokecabinquilters.com/Blank.html>

June 5-6 – Fergus, "Quilts on the Grand" <http://grandquiltguild.ca>

June 6-7 – Brighton, "The Fabric of Our Lives 2015" <http://www.trentvalleyquiltersguild.com>

June 6-7 – Arnprior, "Quilting in the Valley" <http://www.arnprioridistrictquiltersguild.com/index.html>

June 6-7 – Alliston, "Stitching Among Friends" <http://aqcguild.edublogs.org/files/2012/08/Poster-1piyqia.pdf>

June 12-13 – Sharon, "Evolution of Quilting: Bed Quilts to Wall Art" <http://www.gwillimburyquiltguild.com>

June 12-14 – Kingston, "Quilts Kingston" <http://quiltskingston.blogspot.ca>

July 31-Aug 2 – Richards Landing, "27th Annual Quilt Show" (email mariajsmith@hotmail.com)

Aug 7-9 – Perth, "Quilts on the Tay" <https://lanarkcountyquiltersguild.wordpress.com/shows-sales>

Aug 14-15 – Finch, "Autumn Splendor Quilt Competition" (email moniquewilson3278@live.com)

<http://quiltskingston.org/khq/UpcomingEvents.htm>

October 16-17 – "Waterloo Quilt Exhibit" <http://www.wcquiltersguild.on.ca/february2015.pdf>

Websites for Events:

<http://www.canadianquilter.com/events-calendar.php>

<http://www.quilterstravelcompanion.com/quilt-shows/quilt-shows.html>

<http://www.festivals-and-shows.com/quilt-shows.html> (USA)

Other 2015 Events

April 21 to 25 (10-4) **Creating Futures - Threads of Hope for African Grandmothers, Guelph**

A Textile Art Exhibit, Gala and Auction celebrating the extraordinary resilience of African grandmothers who are raising their orphaned grandchildren will be held at Studio 404, 404 York Road, Guelph. Admission is free. The Exhibit is presented by the **Guelph GoGo Grandmothers (4Gs)** in support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. The exhibit is to expand community awareness, raise funds and convey Canadian solidarity for African grandmothers as they restore hope to their communities and the orphaned children in their care. A Gala reception will be held on Friday evening and will include entertainment, light refreshments and a chance to meet the artists and to purchase the exhibit's companion book and art cards. Additional hours are Thursday & Friday from 6–8 pm. Art pieces in the Exhibit collection are for auction via email with the final auction on May 1st. To book a group viewing time or, if attending the Gala reception, please register with 4ggggs@gmail.com by April 15th. For more information visit www.gggg.ca.

Minis and Items for Auction at our Quilt Show



If it's April 2015, it's time to gather all our donated minis and silent auction donations and get ourselves ready for "2015 - A Gathering of Quilts" on May 1st and 2nd.

We will collect more minis and auction items at the April 14th meeting. The total minis collected so far is 139. Wow, what a great response. The picture shows the minis donated at the March guild meeting. Thank you to everyone for your donation to your guild.

It is our intention to display all the minis collected so far in the sanctuary of the Church. It will be quite a sight! One half of the minis will be available for the raffle and silent auction on Friday May 1st and the remainder will be available on Saturday May 2nd. One 'Mini on Steroids' will be raffled on Friday and another one on Saturday. Come to the show both days as a volunteer and/or visitor and double your chances of winning. Somebody has to win these lovely little works of art and auction items and it might as well be you!

Still in need of inspiration? Check out these wonky stars tutorials from around the quilting world:

- ✚ 'Cath', an Australian quilter, at wombatquilts.com/2014/02/14/rocking-in-my-wonky-world
- ✚ Scroll through Bonnie Hunter's free scrap block patterns for the Maverick Star at quiltville.com

You'll find lots of other tutorials by searching for 'wonky star tutorials'. Pick one and get sewing!

The minis turned in at the April meeting will be entered into the final monthly prize draw. Everyone who donated a mini will be in the *Second Chance* draw. Everyone is in the draw whether or not you won a monthly prize. We will limit you to one *Second Chance* draw prize to allow as many members to win as possible. Good luck to everyone. We love to see you win!

Barbara Jordan & Stephanie Moddison

Show and Share

Nellie Hanuta



Ann Jeffrey



Joanne Oldridge



Joan Hett



Bev Matson



Joan Hug-Valeriotte



Kathy MacKinnon



Kathy Wagner



Quilt of the Month



Norah McGuire-MacLeod



Past President's Day – February 28th

Miles and Miles of Smiles





Executive Meeting

367 Woodlawn Rd, Unit 9

Monday, April 20th
7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Guild Meetings

Three Willows Church

Tuesday, April 14th
Tuesday, May 12th
Tuesday, June 9th

Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month
from September to June, 7-9 pm.

Show and Share

Show and Share is such an important, inspiring and exciting part of our Guild meetings.

If you have a UFO, a finished top or even a finished quilt, we'd love to see it. Please do not hesitate to bring your wonderful piece of love and share your story with us. Don't be shy! Whether you are a newbie or an experienced quilter, we love to be inspired by all!

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: _____

Quilter(s): _____

Name of Piece: _____

Pattern Source / Inspiration / Designer: _____

Brief Description:

Size (approximate): _____

Main Colours: _____

Quilt Style: (pieced, appliqué, art, modern, 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____
