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## Guild Meeting

### Tuesday, May 12, 2015

Three Willows United Church, 577 Willow Rd., Guelph

**6:30** Doors and Library Open

Fabric Sale

Monthly Library Book Sale (some are free)

Guests are welcome for a fee of \$5.

**7:00** Opening Remarks

Program – Jennifer Houlden

Show & Share

#### Checklist →

- Name Tag and Library Card
- Return Library Books (overdue \$1/month)
- \$\$\$ for library and fabric sale
- \$\$\$ for Workshops
- Show & Share Form (on last page)
- Canadian Tire money (always welcome)
- Food Bank (always welcome)
- Donations of Fabric, Books, Notions

## This Month's Program

### "Creating with Colour – My Quilt Journey"

Jennifer Houlden



[www.quiltsbyjen.ca](http://www.quiltsbyjen.ca)

While Jennifer currently resides in Oro-Medonte, Ontario, her love of quilting began with classroom-based lessons in the Canadian Arctic and blossomed during a continental move to the Australian outback. There she was introduced to a world of traditional and artistic quilting techniques in addition to meeting some fantastic Australian quilters. Jennifer believes that the key to great art work and quilts is 'contrast'. Using contrast in the form of fabrics with different textures, patterns and value is her first step to making a quilt. Adding embellishments such as thread play, couching, beading, painting and other mixed media, creates dimensions and contrast within the piece. As we hear more about Jennifer's experience with contrast, we'll learn a few tips, tricks and techniques that can be incorporated into our own quilt-making and art. Please note that Jennifer will have some of her great patterns for sale at the meeting. Come out and explore Jen's exciting quilts during her trunk show chat!

*Cyndy Maltby*

✚ Program for June 9<sup>th</sup>: Eleanor Petite

## Our President's Message



What a great guild we have! Our 2015 Quilt Show, held May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, was just amazing! Along with a wonderful display of hanging quilts to admire and also inspire us, there was just so much to see and do. Under the careful eyes and directions of Marjorie Mansell and Jackie James, Co-Chairs for the show, many dedicated volunteers helped make this show the success it was. After viewing the colourful show, people could sit and enjoy a cup of tea, along with a sandwich or a delicious scone warm from the oven. I am the proud owner of two lovely little minis that I won in the mini draw. I'm sure the winners

of the rest of the minis are very pleased. I saw quite a few quilters gathered around the vendors with wallets in hand, happily purchasing all the latest in new fabrics, threads, patterns and sewing items.

Joan Hett was the big winner of the Show with her beautiful quilt "Neapolitan". Congratulations Joan!

Congratulations go out to all the winners at our Show and to all of the talented quilters in our guild. There was an outstanding number of quilts presented. A huge and warm thank you goes to everyone in our great guild for your contributions and hard work. You made this show a huge success! I also want to thank several partners and husbands, who cheerfully pitched in to help. Stay tuned ... our next show is *only 3 years away*.

See you at our May meeting when Jennifer Holden will join us with her wonderful trunk show.

*Joanne Ariss*

## Minis and Items Auctioned at our Quilt Show

What a great display of minis we had at the April guild meeting! Whether you made a mini, donated an item for the silent auction, volunteered at the show, bought tickets, submitted a bid or clapped in approval when the mini total grew, thank you for supporting your Guild! We started receiving mini donations last May. We put out the call for minis officially at the September meeting and so many responded! The total number of minis collected, including 2 "Minis on Steroids" was **202!** That has to be a record for the RCQG!

Thank you for your minis and silent auction donations. We were inspired by your generosity and creativity. It was an amazing experience to hear you tried your first mini or tried a new technique and we loved accepting your donations each month. By the time you read this in the newsletter, all the minis, MOS, Elsa, Anna and the silent auction items will have gone to their new homes.

Congratulations to Anne Peters, the winner of the last monthly prize for donating a mini. Congratulations as well to the 6 winners of the Second Chance draw prizes; each one has a Fiskars scissor set to add to their scissor collection.

Tremendous work everyone. We couldn't have done it without you!

*Barbara Jordan & Stephanie Moddison*

## Notice to RCQG Members:

Our guild made a donation to the Canadian Quilters' Association to support the fine work of our Canadian quilters. It will be assigned as needed at the National Juried Show Quilt Canada 2015 in Lethbridge AB next month. Acknowledgement of our guild as a sponsor will be published in the Autumn 2015 issue of *The Canadian Quilter* magazine.

## RCQG Member News

### Joan Hug-Valeriotte



As a member of Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA), Joan has a piece going into a SAQA show that will travel for three years, starting in Houston in the fall, then heading to Chicago and Portland, as well as other destinations to be announced.

The theme of the show is "Balancing Act" and Joan's small wall-hanging, Pink Lady II, is her entry. It represents a spinal column in pink on a royal blue Dupioni silk background. Joan's statement reads that *"For elderly women with osteoporosis, even standing upright is a balancing act"*.

Joan also has two pieces juried into "The Grand National", which will be on at the Joseph Schneider Haus in Kitchener from May 10th to Sept. 27th.

Congratulations Joan!

<http://www.horizonsquilting.ca>



### Mary Katherine Hopkins



The theme for the Trend-Tex Challenge for Quilt Canada 2015 in Lethbridge, AB is "**Blowing in the Wind**".

Mary had her quilt *"Blowing in the Wind with Old Man Winter"* accepted for the Trend-Tex Challenge. Her quilt, pictured here, is a fun and amazing interpretation of this theme. Don't you just love it!

Great quilt, Mary! We hope to see your name as winner of the Challenge when announced at Quilt Canada in June. This quilt will be placed into a Silent Auction once the winners are chosen.

See all 81 entries at the CQA website:

<http://www.canadianquilter.com/photo-gallery/trend-tex-quilters-challenge.php>

Check out Mary's blog at: <http://marykayhopkins123.blogspot.ca>

## May is Quilt Month

Don't forget to visit all the local libraries this month to see the display of wonderful quilts by our members.

*Mary Lawrence, Publicity*

## Workshops at our Guild

If you are interested in our last two remaining workshops (see description below), please take the time to sign up at the table in the back of the meeting room either before the meeting or during the break at the May meeting. **You must pay for the workshop when you register.** One of the Workshop Committee Members will be there to answer questions and take payment. We are also starting to plan for **next year's workshops**, so if you have suggestions please speak to us at a meeting or email me at the address below.

On **Saturday, June 6th, 2015**, we are very pleased to offer 2 half-day workshops by two of our own talented members. 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. The instructor is Steph Moddison.

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. The instructor is Scott Schau.

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

*Jane Londerwille* [jlonderv@uoguelph.ca](mailto:jlonderv@uoguelph.ca)

## Special Projects

### Quilt of the Month

The Quilt of the Month program has come to a close. Have you completed any of the quilt tops? If so, don't forget to put your name in the draw. You are eligible for one draw ticket for each of the eight quilt tops that you may have completed. There will also be a draw for those "keeners" who have completed all 8 quilts (quilted and bound). These draws will take place at the June guild meeting.

*There is still time to complete those tops.* Good luck to everyone who participated.

### PPD (Past President's Day)

Due to the time constraints and getting ready for the quilt show we have decided to forgo our spring Past President's Day. We will, however, start again in the early fall as everyone seems to really enjoy a day of sewing and the company of other guild members.

*Susan Harrington*

## Library

The Library had another generous donation of magazines at the last meeting. We will be redistributing these on the "Free to All / Free for All" table at the May meeting! At this time, if you have any books, magazines or quilting tools that you would like to clear out of your sewing room, you can bring them to the Guild meeting. They are sure to find a good home! We reserve the right to look them over first as there may be some gems we'd like to add to the Library.

At the June meeting we will be putting out all the books and you will be able to borrow any you would like for the summer! You will have to renew your membership in order to borrow any materials. They will be due at the September meeting.

*Laurel Marsolais*

## Community Outreach

This past week, while flipping around internet sites, I happened on a YouTube presentation by Angela Walters talking about the three things machine quilters should stop doing. I thought it was appropriate for the quilting community at large and have summarized her key points for you:

- 1. Don't compare your 'worst' to everyone else's best.** Learning is a process of mini-victories as you conquer new techniques and you should celebrate these achievements, rather than be discouraged that it may not be as 'perfect' as someone else's work.
- 2. Don't point out your mistakes!!!!** You are programmed to be critical of your own work, while seeing 'perfection' in another's efforts. Be proud, accept compliments and continue to have 'fun' with the process of learning.
- 3. Don't forget the purpose of your quilt.** Most recipients are not mindful of wonky squares or blunted points, but are grateful for the gift of a tangible reminder of your love.

Angela ended the segment with a 'learning' from her husband's grandfather: ***A finished quilt is always better than a perfect quilt top.***

For the Community Outreach team, the last two statements are particularly meaningful ... we are providing '**COMFORT**' quilts to people who are experiencing a time of crisis in their personal lives. The quilts provide warmth and a feeling of security – literally blanketing the individual from the swirling chaos that they find themselves in. Do they care about the 'perfection' of our stitches or that some of the blocks aren't the same size? NO! They are always extremely surprised that these quilts are being offered to them for their personal use. They can't believe that someone cared enough to make such an effort on their behalf. It's true ... a finished quilt is always better than a perfect quilt top!

During the May meeting, we will be having a sale of some 'excess' cotton fabric that has been donated over the past several months. There is a large quantity of seasonal fabrics, baby, panels and some flannels. We've set pricing to be a maximum of \$4/metre ... so please bring your loonies, toonies and bills along with a bag to carry home some great deals! Monies raised help us purchase more batting and to keep those quilts coming!



### Another Community Quilt Donation

Betty Slack of the Guelph General Hospital is pictured here as she gratefully receives our latest batch of quilts. Thank you to everyone who generously donated their time and talent to make this donation happen!

If you can spare some time – **please** consider taking home one of our 'to be quilted' kits. We'd welcome your hand at finishing a quilt by tying, hand-quilting or machine-quilting. The goal is to get these tops finished up as quilts! See us at the back of the sanctuary to sign out a kit.

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 me for details. Thanks!***

*Cheryl Cowan*

## 2015 Ontario Quilt Shows

**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](http://www.grandnationalquiltshow.ca)

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

(email [gathering2015@gmail.com](mailto:gathering2015@gmail.com))

**May 15-16** – Dunnville, "Quilting on the Grand Two" [http://www.dunnvillequiltguild.com/Coming\\_Events.html](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.pembrokeklogcabinquilters.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.arnpripriordistrictquiltersguild.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, "27<sup>th</sup> Annual Quilt Show" (email [mariajsmith@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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

**June 10-12** – Shop till U Drop - <http://www.shoptilludropclub.ca/tripsspecialty.html>



### Executive Meeting

367 Woodlawn Rd, Unit 9

Tuesday, May 19th  
7-9 pm

### Guild Meetings

Three Willows Church

Tuesday, May 12th  
Tuesday, June 9th

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

# *Congratulations to Our 2015 Quilt Show Winners*

**Best in Show – CQA**

**Joan Hett**

*“Neapolitan”*



**Bed Quilts**

**1<sup>st</sup> – Anne Parsons**

*“Diamond in the Rough”*



**Bed Quilts**

**2nd - Norah McGuire-MacLeod**

*“An English Garden”*



**Large Wall Hangings**

**1st - Nancy Wells**

**"Remembering Christmas in Baltimore Style"**



**Large Wall Hangings**

**2nd - Judy Eckhardt**

**"My Vintage Valentine"**



**Small Wall Hangings**

**1st - Ann Jeffrey**

**"Split"**



**Small Wall Hangings**

**2nd - Kathy Wagner**

**"Cascadia"**



**Art Quilts**

**1st - The Jane Baldwin Award**

**Dawn Labelle**  
"Spring's Folly"



**Art Quilts**

**2nd - Anne Peters**

"Where is Hundertwasser?"



**Miniature Quilts**

**Anne Peters**

"Gaspé"



**Bags & Accessories**

**Nancy McNab**

"Muffled Windows"



**Viewers Choice Award and  
Members Choice/Evelyn Lane Award**  
**Joan Hett**  
**"Roman Holiday"**

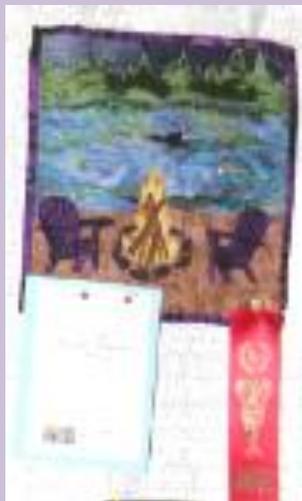


**2015 Quilt Show Co-Chairs Choice Award**  
**Helen Martin**  
**"Welsh Beauty"**



## Congratulations to our 2015 Northcott Challenge Winners

**Pieced and/or Appliquéd Miniature – 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Peaceful Muskoka Nightscape by Marilyn Watson



**Pieced and/or Appliquéd Miniature – 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
The Wisdom of Friends Helps Survive the Darkest Night by Kathy Wagner



**Pieced and/or Appliquéd Miniature – 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Bright Hope for Tomorrow by Cheryl Wallace



**Pieced Wall Hanging – 1<sup>st</sup>**

Twilight by Kathy MacKinnon



**Pieced Wall Hanging – 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Hoo's Out There by Wendy Oskam



**Pieced Wall Hanging – 3<sup>rd</sup>**

*and* **Best Interpretation of Theme**  
Birches in the Full Moon by Jane Londerville



**Appliquéd Wall Hanging – 1<sup>st</sup> and Best Use of Challenge Fabrics**

The Night All The Mice Scurried Home by Nancy Wells



**Appliquéd Wall Hanging – 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Resting Under Watchful Eyes by Monica Bell



**Appliquéd Wall Hanging – 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Lest we Forget to Remember by Isobel King



**Judge #1 Honourable Mention**

Suitor for the Primrose by Mary Hopkins

**Judge #2 Honourable Mention**

Torii at Full Moon by Scott Schau



### Check out the many pages online for CQA and Quilt Canada June 4-6, 2015:

- **Facebook:** Canadian Quilters Association  
<https://www.facebook.com/canadianquiltersassociation?fref=ts>
- **Pinterest:** <https://www.pinterest.com/cqaacc> (36 fabulous boards)
- **Blog:** <http://www.cqacanadianquilting.blogspot.ca>
- **Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/cqaquiltcanada>
- **Instagram:** <https://instagram.com/cqaquiltcanada>



While I was searching online, I found another Canadian Quilter who won a 2015 CQA award *and* a Viewer's Choice Award. Her name is Christel Frischmuth and she lives in Woodstock NB. Isn't her quilt beautiful!

## *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".*

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### **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 \_\_\_

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