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Guild Meeting

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

Three Willows United Church, 577 Willow Rd., Guelph

<p>6:30 Doors open Membership Table open for renewals Library Open, Quilt Raffle Tickets Guests are welcome for a fee of \$5.</p> <p>7:00 Opening Remarks Annual General Meeting (2nd half) Program – Noshi Gulati Show & Share</p>	<p><i>Checklist</i></p>	<p>Name Tag and Library Card \$40 for Membership Renewal Return Library Books (overdue \$1/month) Show & Share Form (on last page) Canadian Tire money (always welcome) Food Bank (always welcome) Donations of Fabric, Books, Notions Return your registration block or kit</p>
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This Month's Program



As we kick off the start to another fantastic guild year, we're proud to host Noshi Gulati. Her quilting adventure began in 1997 when she set her eyes on a lone star quilt and remembers being amazed by the manipulation of fabric. Originally from India, she now resides in Binbrook, Ontario and has gathered the majority of her quilting knowledge from guild programs and books. As a self-taught quilter, Noshi also admits to leveraging her previous experience of sewing her own clothing. Her favourite part of quilt-making is the challenge of new design but also finds hand-quilting relaxing and meditative.

During the course of Noshi's presentation, viewers will be taken on a journey of her design process over the years. We'll follow her quilt projects in chronological order, focusing on the development of her achievements and skill set. We eagerly await her trunk show titled "Airport Security Stole my Scissors."



Cyndy Malby

Our President's Message



Welcome back to our guild members, especially our new members who have decided to join this wonderful group of quilters.

For me, summer is the best time of the year. I love the warm sunshine, blue skies and the long days. I hope everyone has enjoyed some holidays with some travelling perhaps and, of course, visits along the way to local and far away quilt shops.

This year, our guild, celebrates its 25th anniversary! What an exciting year it promises to be. Your Special Projects committee, chaired by Susan Harrington and Barbara Jordan, has planned an exciting yearlong celebration. I wish I could share with you all the surprises they have in store for us but they have kept all their plans under wraps. Even I don't know the details. I do know, however, that this 25th Anniversary year will be a very special one for all of our members.

I'm looking forward to catching up with everyone at September's meeting. Please feel free to approach me or any of the members of the executive. If you are a new member, please introduce yourself, ask questions, make suggestions, and most of all, sit back and enjoy our meetings. They are colourful, informative and lots of fun.

Joanne Ariss

Membership

Membership Renewal

Welcome back for another fun and inspirational year at our Guild. Congratulations to Jane Schleihauf who won a \$40 coupon towards a workshop and to Susan Birkholz who won a free RCQG membership at our June membership draw.

Reminder: Our membership is \$40 per year and the membership table will be open at 6:30 at all meetings. Guests are welcome for a small fee of \$5, which will be applied to their membership if they join at a later date.

Everyone who registers by the October meeting will be included in the Membership Directory for this year.

Monica Bell



Your 2015-2016 Executive
Front row: Alyson Anker, Scott Schau, Monica Bell, Marjorie Mansell, Joanne Ariss, Jane Londerville, MaryAnne Girouard
Back Row :Nancy Wells, Susan Harrington, Barbara Jordan, Wendy Oksam, Cyndy Maltby, Donna Reimer, Mary Lawrence

Show and Share

Mary Hopkins



Jean Hilborn



Diane Black



Dayna Passmore





Community Outreach

More amazing charity quilts were donated and here are pictures of some of them. Thank you to everyone that participated and continues to participate in this worthy effort. The first picture shows Betty Slack, RN, from the Guelph General Hospital Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Unit.



September 2015 – Community Outreach (COT)

It was June only a moment ago, or so it seems. While I'm not yet prepared to say goodbye to summer, the leaves on the trees are turning and the U of G's Football team has been energetically running around the stadium – both signs that a moment from now, it'll be fall!

Your Community Outreach Team has also been energetically preparing for a brand new season and it's going to be action-packed. Before I go any further, let's backup and do a bit of celebrating:

As of the end of the Guild year, June 30th:

- **The Sexual Abuse and Domestic Violence Unit had received 56 quilts!**
- **Michael House had received - 32 crib quilts, 15 receiving blankets, 12 burp pads and 6 sets of crocheted booties!**
- **The Birthing Unit at Guelph General Hospital had received 24 quilts!**

This is amazing – despite a busy quilt show year – the members of our Guild still managed to pull off a heroic effort and the recipients at each of our community partners are ever so grateful! Several of you were kind enough to let me know that you found Betty Slack's remarks at June's meeting (regarding the SAVD unit and the way that they use our quilts) to be 'truly inspiring'. We hope to have Julia Pollock, Residential Manager of Michael House present at the November or December Guild meeting to share some stories.

WHAT'S NEW?

Member Engagement: As those of you who registered in June are aware, we had **BLOCK KITS** cut for you to sew over the summer. Hopefully, you found time to do a bit of sewing and are ready to **hand in your finished blocks at September's meeting!** If life managed to get in the way, and that kit is still lounging in your bag, don't fret; just bring it back to September's meeting. If you thought that you'd missed out on this opportunity because you delayed your registration until now – there are still going to be block kits available to sew – just visit us at the Registration Desk. We are keen to have all of the finished blocks or kit packages returned by October's Guild Meeting. These are going to be assembled into quilt tops during the **BEE DAY(s)**. Please don't leave us short!

Block of the Month: We're reintroducing this popular program with each of our team members 'adopting' a month, choosing the block pattern and colour scheme (see the newsletter for September's Medallion Block). While we encourage you to raid your stash and make one or more of these fun blocks, there will be a limited number of 'fabric' kits available at intermission at September's Guild meeting. Make sure that your finished block submissions are recorded by a COT member. **Participation COUNTS** this year. More details to come!

BEE Days (FRIDAY, OCT. 30TH, 9:30am to 9:00pm and SATURDAY, OCT. 31ST, 9:00am to 4:00pm) – Three Willows Church

- 1) We've heard that many of you want more 'sewing' opportunities and that there are some of you who would prefer not to have to give up a Saturday for such an event.
- 2) These **WORK BEE** sessions are to help the **COMMUNITY OUTREACH** efforts **ONLY** – we will supply the projects and ask that you supply your sewing machines/kits and talents! There will be a wide variety of activities needing machine and/or hand sewing. Rather offer your cutting or ironing expertise? Come on out! Bring your own lunch; refreshments and treats supplied.
- 3) **PLEASE SIGN UP** to indicate your interest in attending one or both days (even if it's only for a few hours). Indicate your preferences at the COT table at Intermission – **don't wait until it's too late!** (Note: As the cost of renting rooms is not insignificant, we'll need to determine if there is sufficient interest in holding a one or two day event, by October 13th).

QUILTING NEEDED! Starting again at October's meeting, we will have quilt tops/batting/backing kits looking for someone to provide quilting services – machine, hand or tied. We simply request that you bring it back as quickly as you can! (Gentle reminder: We still have some outstanding sets from last year – if you can, please return in September. Find you can't finish them? Then, please return these, so that we may action them this Fall).

GET INVOLVED with COT! Whether you're a new or existing Guild member, Community Outreach is a great way for you to meet other Guild members! We typically meet on a monthly basis to cut block kits, kit up quilts and/or bindings. We don't ask for long-term commitments - just what your schedule may permit. This is a fun and energetic group. So, if you'd like to help out, please contact Cheryl Cowan (cowanlabs@gmail.com) for more information.

Quilt Raffle at this Meeting

Members of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) will be holding a quilt raffle at the September meeting. The quilts, one a lap sized and the other a queen sized, are hand painted and machine quilted. The Textile Arts group made the quilts and is one of many interest groups in CFUW Guelph. Along with regular monthly meetings and advocacy work, the club raises money for local scholarships. Tickets will be for sale at \$10 each or 3 for \$20 with the draw being held at our meeting on November 24.



Workshops

Our first workshop this year will take place Saturday October 17. Dorothy Fu will show us how to construct this pictorial wall hanging using the raw-edge machine applique method. The goal for this one-day workshop is to finish the top piece. Different ways for you to finish it at home will be discussed. The pattern is included in the workshop price of \$65. **Please bring a cheque or cash to the September meeting to sign up – you must pay when you register.** We are also considering a "Come and Sew" day in early February where you can bring any UFOs and sew along with guild friends for the day, getting tips if you are stuck (approximately \$15 to cover the rental of the room) – if this is of interest please stop by our table at the guild meeting and let us know. 16 X 19"

Jane Londerville

RCQG Special Interest Groups

One of the benefits of being a member of the Royal City Quilters' Guild is to be able to access the experience and expertise of the membership. We gladly share our experiences at the monthly meetings. However, it does not stop there. Many members have formed informal special interest groups that focus on a variety of quilting topics. While these groups are not organized formally by the guild, they are encouraged as a way to build community and strengthen the guild.

Because of the informal nature of these groups it is often hard to find out information on how to either join an existing group or to find others that have similar interests to start a new group. Therefore, I am taking on the role of special interest group liaison for the guild and would like to make a list of all of the existing groups. Please let me know what your group is focused on and a list of members as well as indicate if you are closed or open for new members.

Since these are small groups that usually meet in group members' home or other locations arranged by the group, they are not always open for new members. However, there are always people that would like to start a group. There will be information on these special interest groups during the break at the guild meetings with sign up sheets available.

Let me know if you would like to do a group show and share to let the rest of the guild know what your group is all about.

Some ideas for groups (some may exist already): Quilt to Complete, Weekly Sewing Day to Work on Anything, Art Quilts, Modern Quilts, Landscape Quilts, Tanners/Round Robin, Charm Squares, Strip Exchange, and Appliqué.

Scott Schau

Block of the Month

The Community Outreach group has decided to start a block of the month program again and I am starting things off. It works like this. In each newsletter one of the committee members will provide either the instructions for making a block or a link to a tutorial for making a block. You can use your scraps or your stash for making one or more blocks which you donate to the committee for us to sew together into a community outreach quilt.

The block for this month is called the medallion log cabin. This block was designed by Tanya who blogs at <http://tanyaquiltsinco.blogspot.ca/2015/01/scrappy-2015.html> You will have to scroll down a bit to get to the tutorial. She has given us permission to use this block for our comfort quilt program. Tanya would like us to send her pictures for any quilts we make using her tutorial so I am hoping that we get enough blocks to make one or two. Here is a photo of a block which I made as well as a picture done in other fabrics. Please make your block with blue fabrics for the medallion and with white fabric for the background, and please bring your blocks to the September or October guild meeting.

If you would prefer to have written instructions to make a block with your own blue fabrics, there will be a few copies available at the September meeting. There will also be block kits available if you would prefer to use guild fabrics for the block.



Happy sewing.

Lisa Jones

Library

Welcome back to what promises to be a busy and exciting anniversary year at our guild. I am sure you will find books to interest and inspire you from our inventory of almost 450 books. If you have any book suggestions please let me know.

To access our online library catalogue simply click on the 'LibraryThing.com' link which is found on the main page of our guild's website. You can do searches using authors or quilting styles such as art, modern, scrap or appliqué.

Unfortunately, there are about 70 books missing from our library. As I personally found out, it is easy to put a book into your own supply and forget to return it. You can search for "Missing" books in LibraryThing. So please check your own library at home for any missing books. We will keep a 'Missing' list at the returns desk and hope to cross off many missing books this year.

Have a great quilting year!

MaryAnne Girouard

2015 Ontario Quilt Shows & Exhibits

Sept 12-13 – Bobcaygeon, "Harvest of Quilts" info@settlersvillagequilters.ca

Sept 12 - Oct 4 – Oakville, "Hanging by a Thread" mcatalfamo@cogeco.ca

Oct 3 – Lindsay, "Everything Quilts" campaignleader@ckl.unitedway.ca

Oct 16-17 – Waterloo "Waterlo County Quilters' Exhibit" wecqg@wcquiltersguild.on.ca
<http://www.wcquiltersguild.on.ca/february2015.pdf>

Oct 17-18 – Sutton, "Georgina Pins & Needles Quilt Show" sambo_co@hotmail.com

Oct 23-24 – Teeswater "Strolling Down Quilters Lane" 5starquiltguild@gmail.com

Nov 1 - Feb 16 – Brampton, "Stitched Together: The Art and Warmth of Quilts" infopama@peelregion.ca

Websites for Events:

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

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

<https://quiltersconnection.ca/upcoming-quilt-shows/>

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



Executive Meeting

367 Woodlawn Rd, Unit 9

Monday, September 14th

Guild Meetings

Three Willows Church

Tuesday, September 8th

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

Alyson Anker, Newsletter Editor alyson.anker@gmail.com

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 ___