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Guild Meeting

Tuesday, October 13, 2015

Three Willows United Church, 577 Willow Rd., Guelph

6:30	Doors open Membership Table open for renewals Library Open, Quilt Raffle Tickets Guests are welcome for a fee of \$5.	Check list:	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 Return your COT block of the month
7:00	Opening Remarks Program – Tracey Lawko Show & Share		

This Month's Program

We are excited to have Tracey Lawko join us as our guest speaker in October. Tracey is a versatile fibre artist who works in textile art, quilting, long arm quilting and embroidery. She combines her love of traditional needle work techniques with free motion long arm machine stitching to create densely stitched landscapes and richly textured still life art. A visit to her website will give you a tour of these intricate works which include textured birch trees and flowers.

Tracey's work has been selected for inclusion in multiple national and international juried shows. She has won several awards and one of her landscapes has been selected for the permanent collection of the U.S. National Quilt Museum in Paducah, Kentucky. We are lucky to have Tracey share her beautiful works with us.



Cyndy Maltby

Our President's Message



Last month, I had mentioned that Summer is my favourite season. Next on my list is Autumn. We can still enjoy warm days, changing colours on the trees, and who doesn't love a big Thanksgiving dinner complete with all the trimmings. It's time to display your orange, brown and gold table runners and all your fall wall hangings.

Our September meeting was a great kick-off to our guild's special 25th anniversary year for our guild. Noshi Gulati, presented a fabulous trunk show of her beautiful quilts, along with an interesting and humorous lecture.

Is everyone planning on taking part in the guild challenge that was outlined by Jackie James and Andrea Curtis at September's meeting? What about the Block of the Month which has been re-introduced this year by Cheryl Cowan and her Community Outreach team? Then there will be the bee day,, those are always fun and a great way to meet new friends. Your executive have a full year planned for everyone. Check with Jane Londerville, at the back of the room for our next workshop by Judy Niemeyer. Workshops are always inspiring, and a way to learn new techniques, tips, and ideas. Everyone is welcome to join in, on any or all of our workshops, bee days, Past President's special days, or check out library books, make a few blocks for the block of the month program, and the list goes on. There is so much our guild has to offer. I hope everyone received their new guild anniversary pin, when they renewed their memberships.

See you at October's meeting.

Joanne Ariss

Membership

Membership Renewal

Reminder: Our membership is \$40 per year and the membership table will be open at 6:30 p.m. 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.

Just a friendly reminder that if you wish to be in the Royal City Quilters' Guild Directory, you need to renew your membership no later than the October 13th meeting. If you do not wish to renew your membership, please let me know so that I can update our records. Thank you and I hope to see you at the next meeting.

Monica Bell

Royal City Quilters Guild 25th Anniversary Challenge

Theme: 25 shades of Gray

The Theme "25 shades of Gray" can be interpreted in any manner you choose, title of the piece, quilt design, quilt pattern and fabric choice.

Each submission must contain 25 shades of grays and may include as many additional fabrics in any colour you desire.

Each Submission must be accompanied by the Challenge entry form.

Challenge pieces can be hand or machine quilted and can be embellished.

All submissions must have a label sewn on the back clearly showing your name title of the piece and 2015/2016 Anniversary Challenge

Maximum size 54" X 66"

DEADLINE: Tuesday, April 12th, 2016 Guild meeting

Name:

Phone #:

Email:

Title of Piece:

Size of piece:

Questions? Please contact:

Jackie James 519-824-1342 jquilterjames@sympatico.ca

Andrea Curtis 519-821-3576 acblamor@gmail.com

Quilt Raffle at this Meeting



Members of the Canadian Federation of University Women will be back again at the October meeting holding their quilt raffle. If you haven't had a chance to do so yet, we have another opportunity for you to purchase tickets. The quilts, one a lap and the other a queen size, are hand painted and machine quilted. Tickets will be for sale at \$10.00 each or 3 for \$20.00 with the draw being held at our meeting on November 24. The Textile Arts group which made the quilts is one of many interest groups in CFUW Guelph. All the money raised from the raffle will go towards CFUW women's scholarships in our community.

Barb Kucynski

Announcement About our Historian

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our current Historian, **Bridgitte Dimock**, is unable to continue as our RCQG Historian due to time constraints. I have good news though and that is that **Cathy Buchanan** has stepped forward to take over for Bridgitte and become our new Historian. We are grateful to Bridgitte for considering the task and to Cathy for coming forward to fulfil a real need. A special thank-you to both ladies.

Nancy Wells

Notable Quilt Sizes for our Community Partners

Charity	Quilt Type	Front Dimensions (width x length)	Backing & Batting Dimensions (width x length)	Binding Requirements (2-1/2" wide x WOF)	Requirement (Number/year)	Preferred Materials*
Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Treatment Centre **	COMFORT	54" x 66"	60" x 72"	264" (or ~ 7 strips)	50+	Cotton and/or flannel
Birthing Unit – Guelph General Hospital ***	MEMORY	24" x 24" (minimum) up to 30" x 30" (maximum)	26 x 26"	105" (or ~ 3 strips)	24+	Cotton and/or flannel
Michael House (Infant) ****	CRIB	32" x 48"	36" x 54"	108" (or ~ 4 strips)	12+	Cotton and/or flannel
Michael House (Infant) - optional	Receiving Blanket	36" x 36"	n/a	n/a	n/a	Flannel
Michael House (Mother) **** - optional	TWIN or DOUBLE	60" x 84" or 75" x 84"	64" x 90" or 80" x 90"	308" (~ 8 strips) or 340" (~ 9 strips)	8 - 12	Cotton and/or flannel

* **Please note:** We respectfully request that you refrain from the use of 'religious' themed fabrics or seasonal fabrics depicting a religious event (e.g. Christmas). Novelty fabrics and all colour options are considered acceptable

** **Guelph General Hospital's Sexual Assault & Domestic Violence Assessment and Treatment Centre:**

- 1) No 'infant'/baby themed fabrics please (babies under the age of 2) are not treated at this centre
- 2) Child requirements: require only 10 – 12 quilts annually for children under the age of 12 each year (appropriately themed fabrics are permitted)
- 3) Teen/Youth requirements: need keeps growing (40+ quilts/year) for young people aged 12 – 19 years. Gender bias exists with 80 – 85% female and 15 – 20% male, but latter is on increase. Clientele favour a wide range of colours, but have a preference for quilts with strong design elements (e.g. graphic patterns).

*** **Guelph General Hospital's Birthing Unit:**

- 1) Memory quilts are provided to parents grieving the loss of an infant. Needs are variable, but based on past years, we are looking for approximately 2/month.

**** **Michael House**

- 1) Current residence has accommodations for 12 heads (7 mothers OR expectant mothers and 5 babies) and the new residence will accommodate up to 8 mothers with young babies/children (note: these may be 'graduates' of the original residence requiring additional time and support).
 - a. Infant quilts are presented to new infants and stay with the infant (need ~ 12 quilts/year);
 - b. Mothers may receive new quilt donations as possible birthday or 'graduation from program' presents (optional ~ 8 - 12 quilts/year)
- 2) Bibs, infant apparel etc. and toiletry items (for mom's) are also welcomed donations.

NOTE: Our quilts are loved by everyone who receives one. They embody a **POSITIVE MEMORY**, a sense that someone really cares, which recipients carry with them long after they have received their 'GIFT OF A HUG'!!

THANK-YOU for your PARTICIPATION – The donation of your time, materials and talents are essential to the success of our program each year.

YOU ARE MAKING AN INCREDIBLE DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE!

Community Outreach Team

25TH Anniversary

Special Projects has an exciting year planned for you. As March 2016 is the official 25th Anniversary since the inception of our guild, we have put together a special committee. These ladies have worked hard over the last 2 years to develop celebrations for this big event. I would like to introduce them to you:

Nancy McNab

Marjorie Mansell

Andrea Curtis

Jackie James

Cyndy Maltby

Monica Bell

Together we have planned an exciting year long celebration for you our members starting at the September meeting and ending in June 2016. There will prizes draws, games, a banquet, and a challenge.

- 1. Once you register as a paid up member of the guild you will received a 25 year pin. If you did not get one, please see Monica during break.**
- 2. There will be prizes each valued a \$25 or more to be awarded throughout the coming months and we hope you will join Nancy in a game as well.**
- 3. In March we will be celebrating our anniversary with cake and refreshments; in May, however, the real celebration will take place. March can be an iffy month with regards to weather, so we are planning a big celebration with a banquet in May. This will take place on our regular meeting night - Tuesday May 10, 2016 and it will be held at the Italian Canadian Club. Our guest speaker that evening will be Pat Yamin from Brooklyn, N.Y. Pat has written several books - some of which the Guild has purchased and are presently in our Library collection. More details regarding this celebration will be available at a later date. In the meantime, you can look her up on the web at comequiltwithme.com. Pat will also be conducting a workshop on Wednesday, May 11th. Once all the particulars have been ironed out there will be a sign up sheet available.**
- 4. Special projects also has plans for our December meeting at which we will be having goodies and refreshments.**
- 5. We will also host another PPM (Past Presidents Day) . This day offers new members the opportunity to get to know some of the other guild members, the chance to sew all day, and be fed a wonderful lunch. Prizes of course are a usual at this event. More on this will come at a later date.**
- 6. I mentioned a challenge. Jackie James and Andrea Curtis have brainstormed extensively to come up with an amazing challenge for you. They will be available next month with the details of the challenge**
- 7. We hope you will enjoy this year as we celebrate 25 wonderful years as a Guild. If you have any questions any one of us on the committee will be happy to help.**

*Susan Harrington & Barbara Jordan
Co-Chair, Special Projects.*

Show and Share

Anne Jeffrey



Jean Hillborn



Tinners Group



Dana Scott



Nellie Hanuta



Judy Eckhardt



Guest Speaker Noshi Gulati

Some pictures from our speaker. Most of her quilts are hand sewn and hand quilted. She is incredibly prolific and talented.



Community Outreach Team (COT) – October 2015

Hey folks – it's FALL! With the onset of what I like to refer to as "Quilting Season", I'm putting away my summertime activities and 'hunting' out all of the projects that I hope to 'bag' over the next few months. I always have a 'quota' of at least a baker's dozen (for each of my hobby areas) because it's nice to have options, especially when inspiration wanes on the current activities.

That's the theme for this month's BEE Day(s) as well. We have projects galore – (just bring along a lunch and your sewing machines/kits) -- blocks to sew, tops to create, machine and hand-quilting stations, bindings to attach. Completing some Comfort quilts and Memory quilts is our goal. Devote an hour or two to different activities, master some new techniques or brush up on old skills. Circulate and make some new acquaintances! Based on sign up sheet interest, Friday October 30th (9:30am to 9:00pm) is leading as the most preferred date/times. However, for those of you hoping for the

Saturday, October 31st (9:00am to 4:00pm) session, please stop procrastinating - get your pens out and SIGN UP! Nudge your friends too. We will have the sign up sheets out again at the next Guild meeting and will announce at the end of the meeting if we will be hosting a one or two-day BEE.

We handed out over 200 block kits as part of this year's registration and some of you did take more than one home. This is a fantastic show of engagement by our members! We hope that you've had some fun with the creation of our blocks. **PLEASE bring back your completed block(s) for the OCTOBER Guild meeting.** If you just couldn't get around to sewing the block, please return the kit. We are counting on you!!! Each of these blocks is designated for a specifically designed Comfort Quilt top and, with our stash limitations, we just don't have the fabrics to 'make-up' missing blocks. If you won't be at the October meeting, please let Cheryl know (cowanlabs@gmail.com) when it will make an appearance!

Our next delivery of comfort quilts will take place the week after Thanksgiving. To date, we have 11 finished comfort quilts to take into the Sexual Abuse and Domestic Violence Unit and, as always, are hoping to add a few more. The Birthing Unit at Guelph General is also in need of a few more memory quilts (max. dimension: 24" square or less). As you're sorting through your unfinished projects, think about turning one or two UFO blocks up as "mini" memory quilts!

Block of the Month kits flew off of our table at our last meeting. Thank-you!! We will have a limited number of fabric kits for this month's design as well (see Alyson's write up). Don't delay in getting to the COT table!

We also have an assortment of **Quilt tops** looking for quilters to transform them into comfort quilts! Please see us, if you are able to assist with this task. Choose a top and we will provide the batting and backing (binding is optional). You can machine, hand-quilt or tie the quilt into submission!

Backing and binding fabrics for the comfort quilts will be our biggest challenge this year. We recently received several cartons of "FREE" cotton shirting strips that have been washed, but need some volunteers to sew into backings. These will be available as kits at the COT table. While we are trying to keep costs down, we are also trying to keep the 'creative' exercise of completing comfort quilts on the 'front' or visible side. As such, we'd like to minimize the number of seams on the backings, which may complicate the overall quilting. So, if you should come across some 'excess' yardage in your cabinets that you no longer wish to deploy into a project, please consider sewing it into a backing (~ 60" x 72") and/or binding strips (~ 265" x 2.5"). Your support is invaluable!

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.

Waterloo County Quilters' Guild

We are on the program committee for the Waterloo County Quilters' Guild and are contacting some of our nearby guilds to let your members know that we currently have a several openings in the upcoming workshops with Diane Loomis, an award-winning domestic machine quilter at many venues in the USA including Houston and Paducah. Please consult our website at <http://www.wcquiltersguild.on.ca> for an introduction to Diane, and our September newsletter article, page 6, for all pertinent information regarding her workshops and images.

Thurs. Nov. 19 – Fabulous Free Motion Fills (for beginners)

Fri. Nov. 20 – Heirloom Machine Quilting (for confident beginners and intermediate levels)

Sat. Nov. 21 – Classic Feather Plume (intermediate/advanced levels)

To enrol in one of her workshops or to make further inquiries, please email us at the address provided under Contact Us. Thank you so much for your support.

Elizabeth King

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

Welcome to month two of the Community Outreach group Block of the Month. In case you missed it, 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 to sew together into a community outreach quilt.

The block for this month is called the Disappearing Four Patch. The link to the instructions is <https://materialgirlquilts.wordpress.com/2013/05/09/disappearing-four-patch-a-tutorial>. She has given us permission to use this block for our Comfort Quilt program and was thrilled that we wanted to use it for such a great purpose. I can't link to other people's pictures without their permission but if you google disappearing four patch, you will find a lot of pictures. This quilt is easy to do and can be done in so many colours. Please bring your blocks to the September or October guild meeting.

Some notes for you. When all 4 are sewn together it should measure 9 1/2". You will make 4 cuts. Turn the 4 small centre pieces 180 degrees each. Press the centre seam in the opposite direction so it will "nest". It will be 8 1/2" when you sew it back together. Easy Peasy!!

If you would prefer to have written instructions to make a block with your own 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.

Alyson Anker

2015 Ontario Quilt Shows & Exhibits

Sept 12 - Oct 4 - Oakville, "Hanging by a Thread"

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

Oct 15-17 - Toronto, "CreativFestival" <http://csnf.com/>

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

Oct 16-18 - Mitchell, 17th Annual Quilt Show and Sale <http://www.ddcountryquilts.com/>

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)

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, appliqu , 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 ___



Executive Meeting

367 Woodlawn Rd, Unit 9

Monday, October 19th

Guild Meetings

Three Willows Church

Tuesday, October 13th

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

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