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Guild Meetings

Tuesday, December 8, 2015 and

Tuesday, January 12, 2016

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.

7:00 Opening Remarks
 Program – Interest Groups
 Show & Share
 Money for 50/50 draw

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 C.O.T. block of the month

This Month's Program

Have you ever wondered what happens in the Interest (also known as Small) groups of the Guild? Who is Dear Jane? What do those artsy types get up to in their meetings? What's that Modern Group all about? Well Come to the December meeting and your questions will be answered. The Small/Interest groups of the guild will be making short presentations to explain what they are all about. Some of the groups are full but some of the groups might have room for more members. Perhaps you will find a group to fit your interests or perhaps you will be inspired to start a new group.

The January meeting will also feature guild members. It promises to be very interesting and informative. Our January meeting is our very popular demo night. In this meeting, members will move around the sanctuary in small groups learning first hand skills from talented guild members. Prepare to be entertained and learn something new.

Lisa Jones

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.

Monica Bell

Our President's Message



The last couple of months have flown by quickly. Here we are, looking towards celebrating the Christmas holiday and the New Year. By now, all those quilted items will surely be ready to gift. Well, almost ready. Hopefully, you just have a little binding left to stitch on perhaps, or a bit of wrapping and you are all set!

Since September we have had 14 brand new members join our guild. That being said, I would like to encourage and challenge each one of our members to reach out and engage with these new members, show them the ropes, so to speak. Our new members are just like the rest of us; interested in that new bolt of fabric or pattern. Some of them may even have cupboards full of scraps,

orphan blocks, and UFO's. They can be new or experienced quilters, but either way, would love to hear all about the different aspects of our guild, attend some of the classes, quilting bees, Past President's Days. Guild membership gives us the opportunity to share our passion of the art of quilting so make sure to reach out and meet someone new during our meetings.

Once again I would kindly ask for all of us to consider the less fortunate. Without our community support, they would endure a very difficult holiday season. Consider donating to the Community Food/Clothing Bank that is offered at Three Willows Church. There is a bin just outside the church office. All donations are truly appreciated.

May you all enjoy a happy and healthy holiday and Christmas season, and very best wishes to everyone in the New Year.

Joanne Ariss

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:

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

Special Projects

PPM (Past Presidents Mystery)

Saturday, February 27, 2016 – 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Willow Grove Room, Three Willows Church

PPM is hosted by 4 past presidents (Barb Jordan, Nancy McNab, Jackie James, & Susan Harrington) It is a Mystery. However, if you do not want to participate in the mystery, that's OK. You can work on a project of your own. Here is how it works:

SIGN UP - A sign up sheet will be available at the December meeting.

Space is limited to 25

Fabric requirements will be available for the mystery in December as well

Your hosts will be available all day to un-sew, press, and give encouragement.

Laughter and good times will ensue.

Lunch will be provided, along with tea, coffee and treats.

Prizes will be awarded throughout the day

Sign up, join in on the fun. Make new friends. Win a prize, and have a good time.

50/50 Draw

There will be another draw in December. \$2 for 1 ticket, \$5 for 3 tickets.

Christmas Treat Table

Calling all bakers. We know you are out there.

While you do your holiday baking, please put aside some for the Christmas treat table (**no more than ½ doz.**) cookies, or squares and bring them along to our December Guild Meeting.

A table will be set up in the entrance of the sanctuary where you can deposit your treats. Guild Executive members will provide the juice, etc. to go along with your treats.

5" Square Gray Fabric Exchange (25 shades of gray challenge)

We will be having a 5 inch charm square exchange of gray fabric. There will be a container at the 25th Anniversary table where you will be able to 'take one, put one' charm square. We ask that you use 100% good quality cotton.

Looking forward to seeing the great challenge pieces that everyone will be submitting.

Fairy Dress

There is 1 fairy dress left for sale. The price is \$15. The sizing is 4-6X. This would make an excellent dress up outfit for any little girl. Grandmas take note. If you do not have someone in mind that could use this darling little outfit, consider giving it to the Christmas Tree at Stone Rd mall for a little girl in need of a Christmas present this year.

Quilt of the Month program

I still have a couple of patterns that were not picked up. Kathleen Robinson & Lorelei Stinson please see me to get your April patterns.

Susan Harrington

New books in the Library. Be sure to check them out.



Sew a Modern Home by Melissa Lunden

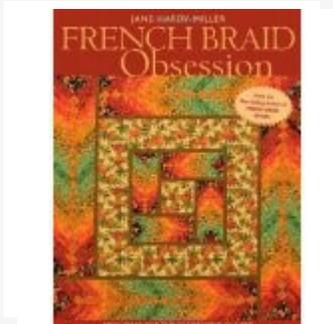
Melissa's book is arranged room by room; living room, dining room, bedroom, girl's room, boy's room, nursery and even the backyard. No matter what area you want to decorate, the projects are suitable for all level of quilters.



Graphic Quilts from Everyday Images by Heather Scrimsher

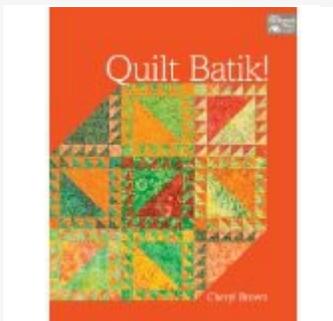
15 Patterns Inspired by Urban Life, Architecture, and Beyond

Quilts can start with a visual inspiration of some sort, such as a photo, the sunset, landscape, cobblestones or church architecture. The book is divided into sections: Enlarged Detail, Blocks and Repeats, Lines and Strips. Get inspired by Heather's examples and try to find inspiration in everyday images.



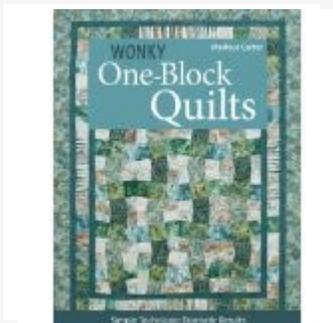
French Braid Obsession by Jane Hardy Miller

There's quite a bit of design flexibility with the braids and their various permutations, and the construction is deceptively simple. The only challenging part of the process is fabric selection. Jane uses braids brilliantly in borders and even shows you how to make what looks like a star/diamond quilt. Unique and impressive.



Quilt Batik! By Cheryl Brown

Cheryl shares her love of batiks and sheds some light on how to use them effectively. Her designs would be fabulous in many different batik colour ways or even made with traditional quilting cotton. Cheryl passes along some new ideas about how to put batiks together in a contemporary and fun way.



WONKY One-Block Quilts by Marlous Carter

This wonky technique adds a layer in interest to any quilt block. Movement, visual interest and unique block settings catch your attention. Old favourites get a face-lift. No matter what traditional block you begin with, as soon as you wonky cut the blocks and put them together, something new and wonderful emerges. Give traditional quilts a *WONKY* twist! It is fun and easy!

Show and Share

JoAnne Oldridge



Joan Hett



Denise Couroux



Denise Couroux



Marjorie Mansell



Diane Black



Charlene Speers



Sharon Janosik



Edna Keown



Edna Keown



Cyndy Maltby



Wendy Oksam



Community Outreach

At our November meeting, it was impossible not to be totally overwhelmed by the generosity and productivity of our Guild membership.

We showcased a record number of Memory Quilts on stage – all beautiful, all different expressions of creativity and all destined to lend a small touch of comfort at a moment of extreme loss. In total, 41 quilts are now in the hands of Joan Hett and soon to be delivered to the Birthing Unit of the Guelph General Hospital. This will help carry the Unit's requirements for at least the next year and a half. We are now able to focus on our other program components. Thank-you!

From our Guild volunteers, we've now received 14 Comfort Quilts which have been quilted and bound, ready for delivery. Our next planned visit to the Sexual Abuse and Domestic Violence unit will occur after our December Guild meeting. If you're able to finish up another offering before the hectic holiday season, please bring it along!

Blocks from our Registration Drive and September's Block of the Month were crafted into 4 beautiful quilt tops at Bee Day. However, our Bee participants went well beyond that to deliver an extra 9 quilt tops! We will be 'kitting' these units up and they will be ready for volunteers to take home for quilting and binding in the New Year.

Michael House's Julia Pollock, Residential Manager, will be attending our December meeting. She'll be explaining how the mothers and babies benefit from the programs offered by Michael House. In turn, we have some lovely gifts of crib quilts, receiving blankets and bibs to send her back to the House with!

Reminder ... we're still owed a few blocks from various fabric kits and, without these, we cannot complete the original quilt patterns. Please look in your sewing spaces and bring these kits back (sewn or not) to December's meeting. Thanks!

Our Community Outreach Team appreciates your continued support. Our very best wishes to you and your families for a happy holiday season. We wish you a safe, healthy journey into the New Year!

Cheryl Cowan

2015/2016 Ontario Quilt Shows & Exhibits

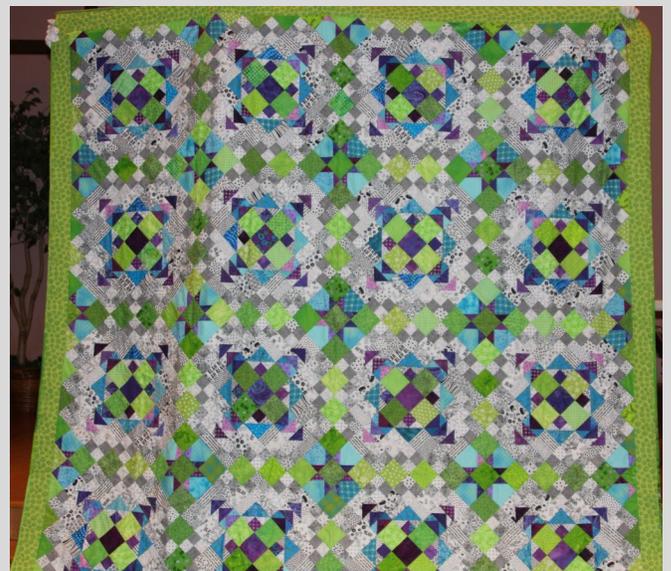
Nov 1 - Feb 16 – Brampton, "Stitched Together: The Art and Warmth of Quilts" infopama@peelregion.ca

Nov 6 - Jan 30 – Southampton, Our Cultural Fabric: The Origins of Bruce County's Quilts
<http://www.brucemuseum.ca/exhibits/upcoming-exhibit/>

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)

Guest Speaker Kathy Wagner

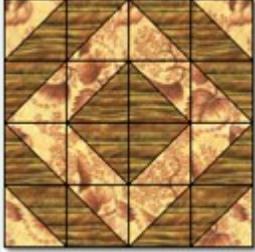
Kathy gave a very entertaining talk to the Guild members. It's wonderful to have one of our own present to us. Great job, Kathy!



JANUARY's BLOCK of the MONTH: FANCY STRIPESSource: <http://www.quilterscache.com> (Sept, 1999 Marcia Hohn)

Selected by Ann Jeffrey this block is a traditional 16-patch variation, built on Half Square Triangles (HST's), strategically placed to create a multi-dimensional series of square-in-squares.

While this is a simple block design the overall effect of many of them can be quite dramatic. The bright red and yellow colour scheme is a cheerful way to deal with dull winter weather.

What you need to make this block:

Colour 1 (Red): Cut 8 pieces @ 4" square

Colour 2 (Yellow): Cut 8 pieces @ 4" square

Assembly Instructions:

REMINDER: Check your $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam allowance to ensure an accurate end result – block as sewn will be 12-1/2" square (e.g. finishes at 12" square when sewn into the quilt)

On the squares of the lightest colour, draw a diagonal line (e.g. corner to corner) to act as a seam guide.

Place one square of each colour, right sides facing, and sew a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam on BOTH sides of the diagonal line. Repeat for the remaining square pairs. **Now check that you have the correct $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam please. Lay a clear ruler over your seam lines. They should be exactly $\frac{1}{2}$ " apart for the full distance. If not please correct. If they are, great! Proceed to step 3.**

Cut the units apart, using the drawn diagonal line. Yields: 16 Half Square Triangles (HSTs)

Press the seams toward the darker fabric.

Trim the units to an exact 3-1/2" square (lining up the 45 degree angle on your ruler with the diagonal seam on the block).

Layout your HSTs according to the picture above. Sew together in rows. **A scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam will mean that there are sharp points meeting in the corners each time. I recommend pinning to be sure they line up, especially the 2 middle pieces in each row.**

Press the seams in the same direction when sewing each row of 4 blocks together but alternate the direction on each row, to ease sewing rows together.

Press the final 3 seams open and check size.

This block should be 12.5" square. If it is, pat yourself on the back for excellent scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams. If it is smaller please correct where you have used a larger seam. If your block is larger, it means your seams are too narrow. **PLEASE DO NOT TRIM THE BLOCK BEFORE HANDING IT IN** as it may be necessary to re-do whatever seams are not the required $\frac{1}{4}$ ". Seams that are too narrow can fray and pull apart in the quilting process or when being laundered.



RCQG Special Interest Groups

One of the joys of being a member of an RCQG member is being able to find other members with similar interests and tastes. Many of our members have formed special interest groups that meet to discuss a variety of topics that focus on specific quilting-related topics such as. This December meeting is dedicated to showcasing these groups, and displaying the activities and work they have been doing.

There will also be sign-up sheets available for groups existing groups as well as for new groups. If you see a group that you'd like to be involved in, or perhaps have a special quilting-related interest you'd like to start a group for, please take a look at the sign-up sheets! These groups are entirely member-driven and are fueled by the dedication and hard work of our members.

Some examples of groups: Quilt to Complete, Weekly/Monthly Sewing Day to Work on Anything, Art Quilts, Modern Quilts, Landscape Quilts, Abstract Quilts, thread painting, Tinnies/Round Robin, Charm Squares, Strip exchange, Dear Jane, and Appliqué.

Please take a look for the sign-up sheets at the back of the room!

Scott Schau

Twilight Quilters' Guild of Norfolk County

Workshop

In April 2016, the Twilight Quilters' Guild of Norfolk County is hosting Jacquie Gering of Tallgrass Prairie Studio, Kansas City for workshops and a lecture. Jacquie is a terrific teacher and quilter and is well published on modern quilting.

Check out her blog at <http://tallgrassprairiestudio.blogspot.ca/p/published.html>

We have several workshop spaces available on **Saturday April 9, 2016** for her "Log Cabin – Modern

Makeover" class. Cost is \$125 for a full day class. The class description can be found at:

<http://tallgrassprairiestudio.blogspot.ca/p/teaching.html>

As well, Jacquie will be the guest lecturer at our guild meeting **Monday April 11, 2016 at 7pm**. Meetings are held at Old Windham Church at 30 Glendale Crescent, Simcoe. I heard Jacquie speak a year ago in London. She is a terrific presenter and it is sure to be a fun and enlightening evening. Guest fees will be \$15 for that evening, which includes coffee, tea and treats.

The member rate for the workshop is \$90 and a membership is \$35. If anyone was thinking of attending both, they could save the guest fee by just joining.

Diane Luke

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". Please also fill out our "sign in sheet" so that we don't miss introducing you and your work,

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 ___

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

	<p style="text-align: center;">Executive Meeting 367 Woodlawn Rd, Unit 9 Monday, January 18th</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Guild Meetings <i>Three Willows Church</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday, December 8th Tuesday, January 12th</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month from September to June, 7-9 pm.</i></p>
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Members' Business Directory

Scott Schau

Quilts by Scott

I offer long-arm quilting services, be it edge-to-edge or full custom quilting (batting can be provided) to those of you who like to piece tops but want someone else to do the quilting. Also available are custom pantographs for the long-arm quilter who wants something unique. Hand dyed fabric also for sale, and I am starting to offer custom dyed fabric to fit any project.

Contact me at - quilt@scottschau.ca My website is <http://quiltsbyscott.ca>

Mary Hopkins

Quilting and Wanted

Quilting and Basting services. Custom, freehand designs.

(Wanted: Quilting hoop with stand. I have to finish my Jane Stickle quilt somehow!!)

Contact me at maryhopkins@rogers.com or 519-822-2574

Kathy MacKinnon

Partners in Stitching

PARTNERS IN STITCHING is a home based business providing sewing lessons. All ages / All levels welcome to learn hands on sewing techniques in the areas of Fashion Sewing, Home Décor, Quilting or Machine Embroidery. A Computerized sewing machine is available if you do not have a sewing machine. Flexible lesson times available. For more information please contact:

Contact me at 519-767-1268 or partnersinstitching@bell.net

Norah McGuire-McLeod

Sew Little Time

I provide long-arm quilting services and have a great selection of quilting fabrics, wide backings, patterns and quilt kits for sale online. If you are looking for a specific fabric, book or pattern, let me know. If I don't have it in stock, I will try to get it for you. My website is <http://www.sewlittletime.info/About-Us.html>.

Contact me at sewlittletime@sentex.ca.

Joan Hug-Valeriotte

The Last Ten Years - Arts Quilts

Joan will be opening her next solo show on December 10, 2015 at the Atmosphere Café, 24 Carden St, Guelph, across from City Hall. Opening reception, 8 pm Thursday, December 10. Restaurant hours: 11 am until late evening (Fri. & Sat. until 2 am.) The show will run until January 30, 2016 except for Christmas Eve, Christmas day, Boxing day and New Year's day. Closed Mondays.

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