



Royal City Quilters' Guild

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Guild Meeting

Tuesday, March 8, 2016

Three Willows United Church, 577 Willow Rd., Guelph

6:30 Doors open	Check list: Name Tag and Library Card
Membership Table open for renewals	\$40 for Membership Renewal
Library Open,	Return Library Books(overdue \$1/month)
Guests are welcome for a fee of \$5.	Show & Share Form (on last page)
7:00 Opening Remarks	Canadian Tire money (always welcome)
Program – Susan Bowslaugh	Food Bank (always welcome)
Show & Share	Donations of Fabric, Books, Notions
Money for 50/50 draw	Return your registration block or kit
\$40 for 25th Anniversary banquet	Return your C.O.T. block of the month

This Month's Speaker



I'm really looking forward to having Susan Bowslaugh as our speaker for the March meeting. I met Susan at the Modern Bee during one of the summer shop hops. Susan's trunk show will appeal to traditional and modern quilters alike. She is a member and past president of the Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild and a founding member and current president of the Niagara Modern Quilt Guild. She has been quilting for almost 36 years and exploring the Modern Quilting movement for the past 6 or 7 years. In addition to visiting guilds to present her trunk show she works in a quilt shop and teaches Montessori preschool.

In her trunk show "From Traditional to Modern" Susan uses 30+ quilts to trace her journey from being a traditional quilter to one who embraces the new trend of modern quilting. During her presentation she will illustrate the different components of modern quilting to make it accessible and do-able for those quilters looking for something new.

Lisa Jones

Our President's Message



Happy 25th Anniversary! March 2016 is a very special anniversary as we celebrate 25 years as a guild! Our Anniversary Committee has helped us celebrate this milestone, throughout the whole year. We have all enjoyed some games, won prizes, and draws so far, but don't forget the dinner celebration coming up in May complete with a special speaker. This will be a celebration dinner you won't want to miss. Did you know the month of March is National Craft month and also National Women's History month? During the month of March we observe St. Patrick's Day, Daylight Saving time starts, but most notable is that the 3rd Saturday of every March is National Quilter's Day. This year, this global event falls on Saturday, March 19th and not only celebrates quilts but also those who make them. What will you do on National Quilter's Day? Will you start a new project or perhaps finish an old project? Maybe you could learn a new technique, organize your scraps or make it a day to shop for new fabrics/patterns/ideas with your quilting friends. However you choose to celebrate National Quilter's Day, make it a good day full of quilting. Until our next meeting.....happy quilting.

Joanne Ariss

25th Anniversary Committee – Special Projects

On March 12, 1991, sixteen ladies met at the home of Evelyn Lane to discuss the formation of the Quilters' Guild for Guelph. Evelyn was passionate about the Royal City Quilters' Guild and quilting. If you ever suggested she was the founder of the Guild, you would be reminded Evelyn hosted the meeting, 16 people founded the Guild. We've been celebrating the RCQG 25th Anniversary in style for 6 months! Beginning with a free commemorative pin in September, monthly prizes starting in October as well as the 25 Shades of Grey Challenge. The excitement continues to build! What is a celebration without food? In March, there will be anniversary cake and beverages to celebrate 25th Anniversary of that 1991 meeting at Evelyn Lane's home. In February we went Retro. This month we'll go Modern with Susan Bowslaugh, founder of the Modern Quilt Guild in Niagara. On May 9, we meet at the Italian Canadian Club in Guelph for a much anticipated dinner followed by a lecture with Bethany Garner. Tickets are \$40 for this dinner and guild meeting. See us at the 25th Anniversary table at the back of the church to pick up your ticket. The Italian Canadian Club has a reputation for great food. With our wonderful members, Bethany Garner and the 25th Challenge reveal, we are sure to have a fantastic time! Bethany will also be teaching workshops on May 9 & 11. Sign up at the 25th Anniversary table. Every month there are anniversary prizes for members to win with each prize being worth at least \$25 dollars. Remember to buy your ticket for the May dinner and lecture, sign up for the May workshops, finish up your Challenge piece for the April Guild meeting and enjoy our Guild's 25th year!

Due to popular demand, the 50/50 draw will be continuing each month. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5. 50% of the money goes to the winner of the draw. In February, Catherine J won \$110! The remaining 50% raised by the draw helps support the Guild activities such as buying batting for Community Outreach Committee. You can't win without a ticket!

Barbara Jordan & Susan Harrington

Library

Important: If you purchased a book at the last meeting please ensure that the library card is left with the library staff. I need the cards for inventory purposes. Thank you!

Book Sale: Some books and possibly some patterns will be available for sale at the next meeting. Change would be appreciated.

Click <http://www.librarything.com/catalog/rcqg> to peruse our book list online.

We have DVDs and magazines for you to borrow. Magazines will be put into a clear pouch and we will note the number of magazines you borrow on the pouch card. Please remember to return all the magazines at the next meeting. DVDs and books are loaned using the card system.

A very special thank you goes to the generous Guild members who have donated quilt books, magazines and patterns to our Library. If a donated book is not part of the current collection and is in good condition, it will be added to the collection at the discretion of the librarian. Donations not added to the library may be sold periodically to raise funds for the guild. Donating specific books in memory of a friend or loved one are gladly accepted. A special book plate will be added to the book to indicate the honorarium. Please either put a separate written note inside the book with both names or handwrite the details on the inside cover and bring it to the attention of a Library staff member.

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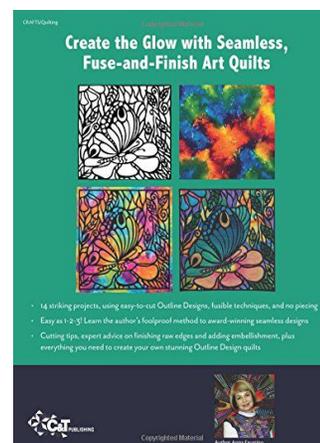
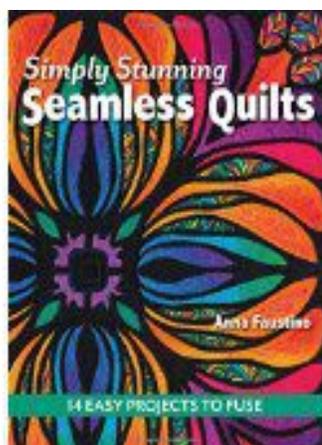
NEW BOOK

Simply Stunning Seamless Quilts: 14 Easy Projects to Fuse

By Anna Faustino

Dec 7, 2015

Best-selling author Anna Faustino invites you to sew 14 wall hanging-sized projects in her award-winning *Outline Design* style. Thanks to easy fusible appliqué, you'll gain confidence with a craft knife as you learn a variety of raw-edge finishing techniques. Surprisingly simple, Anna's technique promises stunning results! An inspirational gallery of projects accompanies the 14 projects, which include 2 full-size patterns on pull out pages, 12 full-page easily scalable patterns and tips for designing your own illuminated quilts.



Community Outreach Report.

A Big Thanks and Our Biggest Need

There are many people to thank this month. Thanks to: Jane Londerville and Lorelei Stinson for donations of backing fabrics; to Donna Reimer for bringing in a quilt she made from start to finish; to Nellie Hanuta for bringing in finished tops, two from guild stash, one from her own stash along with backings and bindings. Thanks to Wendy Oskam and Katrina Baklarz who each quilted and bound a quilt from the block of the month program. Thanks to Mary Hopkins for quilting another comfort quilt, to Denise Couroux for binding a comfort quilt and to Charlene Speers for completing a backing kit.

A big thank you also to everyone who brought back blocks for our block of the month program or who picked up one of February's block kits. The block of the month program is still going strong with all kits being handed out. If you didn't manage to get a block kit for February's block you can still use the directions in February's newsletter to make one out of your stash and /or you can make March's block (instructions in this newsletter).

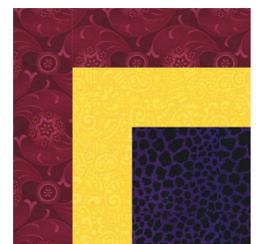
OUR BIGGEST NEED RIGHT NOW is for people to quilt completed tops. The quilting of comfort quilts can be quite simple: quilting with your walking foot beside a seam; wavy lines with a walking foot; stitch in the ditch, etc. Or, you can use the quilt to learn a new skill or try a new technique like free motion curves. I'll leave you with this quote from Cheryl Brickey of Meadow Mist Designs; "Charity Quilts are wonderful quilts to practice new quilting and binding techniques. It is a win for the quilter to practice a skill and a win for the guild to have some of the quilt tops finished into quilts." I hope this inspires you to try your hand at quilting one of our comfort quilts.

Lisa Jones

BLOCK OF THE MONTH: "STEP IT UP!"

(McCall's Quilting Magazine, July/August 2015 pg. 80 – 82)

Hi! I'm Carol Cousins, one of the long-time serving members of the Community Outreach Team. For my block of the month, I chose the "STEP IT UP" pattern. When I saw the colours of this quilt in the magazine, I was hooked. The finished quilt will have 'steps' created by three different colour ways. I purchased the fabrics while visiting a quaint shop over the summer and I think the playfulness of the children's-themed pieces will add the same feeling to our finished quilt! The finished block (prior to sewing into the quilt) will be 8-1/2" x 8-1/2" square (note: if your square is bigger or smaller than this, check your 1/4" seams and please fix!). **Please DO NOT TRIM your block, upon completion – let us worry about that!**



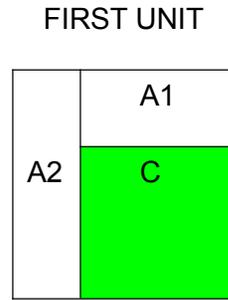
My Hint: Press seams as you sew, ideally towards the outer edge of the block!

To Make A Block:

- 1 – 2.5” x 4.5” strip (Light print A1)
- 1 – 2.5” x 6.5” strip (Light print A2)
- 1 - 4.5” x 4.5” square (Children’s fabric C)

Referencing the diagram to the right:

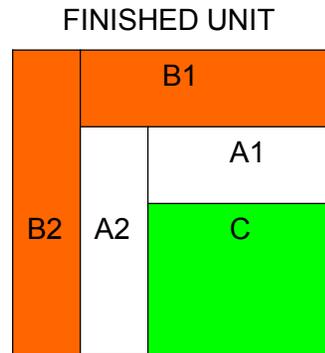
- a) Stitch the light strip 2.5” x 4.5” (A1) to the top of the 4.5” square of children’s fabric (C)
- b) Sew the matching light 6.5” strip to the left side of this combo.
- c) Press carefully. Unit should be 6.5” x 6.5”.



- 1 – 2.5” x 6.5” strip (Dark/bright print B1)
- 1 – 2.5” x 8.5” strip (Dark/bright print B2)

Referencing the diagram to the right:

- a) Sew the dark/bright 2.5” x 6.5” strip (B1) to the top of the FIRST unit made above
- b) Sew the remaining dark/bright strip 8.5” to the left side of this combo
- c) Press carefully. Finished unit should measure 8.5” x 8.5” .



Have fun! -- *Carol*

COMMUNITY OUTREACH: A WORDSEARCH PUZZLE

"It is threads, hundreds of tiny threads, which sew people together through the years" (Simone Signoret).

It's fitting, therefore, to take a moment and 'engage' our membership in a different way than normal. This year's milestone is one to reflect upon and to celebrate. Therefore, I've decided to fuse my love of puzzles into a different kind of challenge - no sewing needed!

Like the fabric challenge, this puzzle incorporates the theme of '25' into a couple of design elements as a bit of conscious serendipity:

- *Puzzle design = 14 rows & 11 columns (sum 25);*
- *Uses just 25 letters of the alphabet (which one is missing?)*
- *The introductory 'sentiment' below is a 25 word summation*

Anniversaries mark the passage of time and give us reason to celebrate our wonderful relationships, while fuelling dreams for our journey in the years ahead.

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WORDSEARCH PUZZLE - Word list

Note #1: Words may be found vertically, horizontally, diagonally and may be read forwards or backwards

Note #2: Unused letters form the final solution (in the correct order):

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| MIX | ECHO | STASH | CRAZY |
| LAP | FUSE | MATCH | PATTERN |
| DYE | LOFT | LAYER | MEASURE |
| HEM | COTTON | GUILD | OUTREACH |
| ART | NEEDLE | CREATE | QUILTERS |
| RACK | THREAD | GRAIN | COMMUNITY |
| ROLL | COLOUR | RULER | WORKSHOPS |
| BIND | REPEAT | FIBRE | PATCHWORK |

SOLUTION: _____ ' S _____

BONUS QUESTION: What letter of the alphabet was not used in this puzzle? _____

2016 Ontario Quilt Shows & Exhibits

April 16 Orillia, "Sunshine Quilt Show" Marilyn.lippert@rogers.com

April 21—23 St. Mary's, Huron Perth Quilt Show,

<http://www.huronperthquiltersguild.com/piecemakersquiltshow.htm>

April 29– May 1 Oakville, Quilted Expressions <http://www.oakvillequiltersguild.ca/>

May 21 - Sept 5 Stratford - My Corner of the World <http://www.stratfordperthmuseum.ca/>

May 27– May 28 Dunnville, D.O.T.S. Quilt Show, <http://dunnvillequiltguild.com/>

May 27– May 28 Strathroy - Quilts for Body & Soul [tara@smghfoundation.com](mailto: tara@smghfoundation.com)

June 3 - June 4 Hamilton, Quilts in Bloom <http://www.hamiltonquiltguild.ca/>

July 9 - July 10 Prince Edward County <http://www.pec.on.ca/quiltersguild/>

Aug 19– 2 Aug 20 Harriston, "A Fresh Taste of Quilting" <http://www.plowingmatch.org/>

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)

February Retro Night

What a great night showing some "vintage quilts", some "not so vintage" quilts and some "not quite done" quilts. Here is a small sampling of the many quilts.

Thank you everyone!

Cyndy Maltby



Ann Jeffrey



Lisa Jones



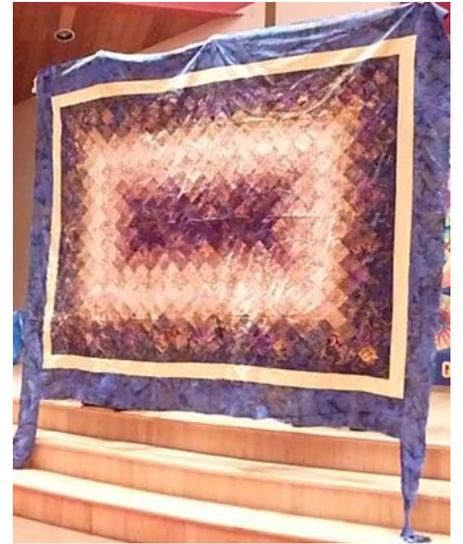
Jean Hilborn



Colleen Hunter



Jane Londerville



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___

 <p style="text-align: center;">Executive Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;">367 Woodlawn Rd, Unit 9</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">Monday, March 21st (no February Executive meeting)</p>	<p style="text-align: center; color: green;">Guild Meeting</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Three Willows Church</i></p> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">Tuesday, March 8th</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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