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Guild Meeting

Tuesday, December 13, 2016

Three Willows United Church, 577 Willow Rd., Guelph

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| <p>6:30 Doors open
 Membership Table open for renewals
 Library Open
 Guests are welcome for a fee of \$5.</p> <p>7:00 Opening Remarks
 Program - Mary Hopkins
 Overtones
 Show & Share
 A cup and 6 cookies for the break (leftovers to be donated to the drop in centre)</p> | <p>Check list: Name Tag
 Money for 50/50 draw
 Return Library Books (overdue \$1/month)
 Show & Share Form
 Return your C.O.T. block of the month
 Food Bank (always welcome)
 Donations of Fabric, Books, Notions</p> |
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This Month's Program

Our December meeting presenter is one our very own Guild Members - Mary Hopkins. Mary will be speaking on Reproducing Nature. It was a long road from learning to sew on a hand crank to owning a long arm machine. She used to sew for a reason; clothes, furnishing etc., but now she sews for the joy it brings and the art it allows her to share with others. True and natural colour has become very important to Mary. If not able to find the right piece of material, she paints it. Though she uses dye-stuff occasionally, her go-to medium is translucent paint and inks. As a visual learner, every piece of art or potential art she sees, she de-constructs into its layers and try to imagine a method to reproduce the effect with cloth. Cotton is her preferred medium but she uses a lot of organza, tulle, yarn, thread, cheesecloth and upholstery materials. Mary photographs and documents the progression of her work in her blog, both as an analytical tool for and as a resource for others. marykayhopkins123.blogspot.ca Over the years, her techniques have changed and grown and she has happily passed this knowledge on to those interested in workshops she's hosted.

Monica Bell



President's Message

I love this time of year for the following reason. It's cold out so I can stitch bindings on quilts that keep me warm and I can watch the Voice at the same time! (One of my guilty pleasures) Our guild has been given a copy of Maggie Vanderweit's book "Stone Threads" which I have been reading. It's a story about

her journey in life and in her evolution as a fibre artist. I connected with many of her thoughts, especially "Use your fabric favourites first so that they have the magic of your passion built in. Use them before you wonder what you were thinking. Use them because your kids definitely won't know what to do with them when the time comes." She also gives us permission to procrastinate, dream, and realize nothing in life is perfect so we should have fun creating our fabric masterpieces. This book will be in our library and I encourage you all to read it.

The program for our December meeting will be wonderful. Mary Hopkins will be our speaker. Then we have the Overtones to entertain us with song. After that, it's social time, show and share, prize draws and a 50/50 draw winner! Don't forget your mug and cookies and come prepared to be entertained. To all of you....Enjoy the Christmas season with family and friends and do a random act of kindness for someone!!

There will be a vote on the following change to the bylaw;

The existing wording is "The signing officers of the Guild shall be the Treasurer and either President or Vice President." The suggested change is "The signing officers of the Guild shall be two of the following: Treasurer, Past President, President or Vice President."

Marjorie Mansell

Workshops

Intuitive Beading on Quilts with Kathy Wagner

Friday, January 27th

9-4 p.m. \$40 per person

The word 'intuition' comes from the Latin word "intueri", which is roughly translated as meaning 'to look inside 'or 'to contemplate'. This class will teach you how to select beads for a project, how to decide where to bead on your quilt, and how to follow your own natural creative intuition when you bead. Many quilters are attracted to collecting beads, but then hesitate to use them on quilts. Bring some (or all!) of your bead collection, a small quilt or two. Leave the class with knowledge of some beading techniques and improved confidence to incorporate more beading into your quilting.

Scrap Magic with Deb Beirnes

Saturday, March 25th

9:30 – 4 p.m. \$40 per person

Scrap quilts can be colourful, creative and very addictive. Believe it or not, your stash is a treasure trove of future unique quilts. You may be storing a collection of fat quarters, charm squares, uglies and leftover strata not to mention bins and boxes of fabrics that are waiting to be rediscovered. Now is the time to create something wonderful with them.

Come prepared to design stars, spools, strippies, Dresden plates, fans and many other quilt blocks too numerous to mention. A handout will include quick and easy methods for both traditional and contemporary quilts. You will learn simple colour theory and easy math formulas to guide you in designing future quilts. This is a fun filled day of experimentation where you will have samples of many blocks.

Andrea Curtis

Membership

Welcome to our 16 new members and thanks to the 113 members who joined again. The membership directories for 2016-2017 will be available again to pick up at our December meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. New and renewing members are welcome any time. Any updates to your

information can be dropped off at the membership table at any meeting. We shall aim to issue a sheet of updates/changes to the directory by the February meeting. If you are unable to pick up your directory I would be glad to mail it to you. Please call me at 519-823-9390 or send me an email at hilborn2013@gmail.com. Wishing a happy holiday season to all.

Jean Hilborn

Quilt Challenge

Your President and Past President issued a challenge to all of our members this year. We are so pleased many of you have decided to take on this challenge. Our guild and members can be credited for being such a generous group, and our challenge to make and donate a quilt, has been met with positive results. We will add to our Community Outreach team's ambitious goals, so don't forget your continued support to this team as well. In meeting our challenge, your name will be entered into a lucky draw just as soon as we receive your quilt. Our first draw will take place at December's meeting, and there will be three great prizes for three participants. If your quilt is received at Dec.'s meeting, you will have more chances at winning because your name will be left in the draw for additional draws, of three prizes each, at the March and May meetings. Bright colours and lap size quilts would be ideal for this challenge. Let's continue with our wonderful history of being such a generous group of quilters, and meet our challenge of doubling our donation to the Sexual Abuse Unit at the Guelph General Hospital this year. Look for the display of our challenge quilts at the meeting.

Marjorie Mansell, President

Joanne Ariss, Past President

Library News

Our December meeting will be fun-filled and busy, therefore we won't have books available for loan. Please, however, do return your books as usual. The next book sale will be at February's meeting. A big thank you to those generous members who donated books and magazines. The sales to date have brought in over \$200 which will go into the general guild fund. Have a wonderful holiday season and the best for a great 2017.

MaryAnne Girouard

2017 Ontario Quilt Shows & Exhibits

April 8 - May 30 Contemporary Canadian Art Quilts - Kitchener

<http://www.horizonsquilting.ca/call-for-entries.html>

April 21 - April 22 Quilts on the Seaway 2017 - Cornwall www.facebook.com/CornwallQuiltersGuild

May 5 - May 6 Stitches in Bloom - Chatham-Kent quiltshow@chathamkentquiltersguild.com(email)

May 6 - May 7 RVQG Quilt Show - Pickering <http://rvqgquiltshow.blogspot.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)



Community Outreach

We had another wonderful Bee Day! Twenty six of us got together and worked on comfort quilts for the sexual assault and domestic violence unit at the Guelph General Hospital. Two quilts were bound, multiple blocks were made and three quilt tops were pieced by the end of the day. Several people took home quilt tops they started at Bee Day for completion. We had a lot of fun as we got to know each other a little

better. Dayna Passmore showed us the flanged binding technique and Alyson Anker demonstrated machine maintenance. There was a lot of interest in both demos. A huge thank you goes out to Ann Jeffrey and Alyson Anker for the hours of work they spent preparing projects and instructions for Bee Day. Thanks to other Community Outreach members for their behind the scenes work and to all who helped set up and take down tables, etc. A big thank you to all the Guild members who attended Bee Day. We worked hard together and got lots done. Wendy and I will be bringing the next group of quilts to the hospital shortly after the December meeting. If you have a quilt you would like to have included in that delivery, please bring it to the meeting.

In other news, we will be having the draw for the bird blocks at our December meeting so, if you've been planning to add some blocks to the flock, this is your last chance. So far, we have received 29 blocks and I know there are at least 15 more out there. You can find the tutorial for the bird blocks in the September newsletter. Looking forward to seeing you all at the December meeting.

Lisa Jones

Block of the Month – Falling Maple Leaves

Fall took a long time to show up this year (no complaints on the great weather), but it finally delivered the spectacular show of colour that I wait all year to see! So, we've decided to pay tribute to our national emblem, with this month's 'Falling Maple Leaf' block. The finished comfort quilts will pay homage to our country's upcoming 150th Birthday Celebration in 2017. Alyson Anker has designed a shapely maple leaf applique, which will have a 'pre-applied' peel and stick fusible on the back. We will be providing kits with two (2) of these leaves. We are asking you to provide the **background "GREY"**



fabric (can be plain or patterned; light, medium or dark) – you'll **need an 11" x 11" square**. Simply peel the heavier white paper away from the back of the maple leaf fabric, leaving the tacky/sticky white layer behind. Position your leaves on the background fabric and finger-press to hold in place. Note: the leaves can be easily repositioned, if you want to try a different design (that is, until they are permanently 'fused' with heat). Please try to place your leaves,

so that there is **at least 1"** of background fabric border, along each side.

Machine applique the leaves onto the background fabric, using your favourite stitch design – straight, zigzag, satin, blanket stitch or an embroidery stitch. In the sample depicted here, a zigzag stitch (W=2.5, L=0.60) was used to outline and 'vein' the leaf pattern. (Note: adding veins is optional and can be completed at the very end, to suit your own tastes/aesthetics.)



TIP: place tissue paper behind the backing fabric to help stabilize the stitching of the leaf and keep the background fabric from puckering. Once you've completed the stitching, carefully peel away the tissue from the back of the design.

Press your finished block with a hot iron to permanently 'set' your design. Step back and enjoy the show!

Note: Our intent is to combine some of these blocks with November's pieced Maple Leaf Block, when designing our final quilts. If you find yourself looking for a 'little' project over the next few weeks, maybe be inspired to craft a couple extra complimentary coloured, pieced blocks to enhance the anniversary celebrations, too!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS! – Your Community Outreach Team

A message from *Canadian Quilter Magazine*

Please share the following invitation with all of your members. *Canadian Quilter* magazine is always looking for article submissions... and since guilds represent the heartbeat of Canadian quilting, articles from members come straight from the heart of Canada. Special request for the 2017 spring issue of *Canadian Quilter* magazine. The theme of the magazine is: **Do you Guild?** Deadline for submissions is **December 15, 2016**.

This is an invitation to all quilt guild members to write a 400 to 1,000 word article about a guild experience you would like to share with *Canadian Quilter* readers. The article could be about any of the following... or perhaps you have an idea of your own!

- Why do you belong to a guild?
- What kind of activities does your guild participate in?
- Has your guild reached a special milestone?
- Do you have a special story about one of your guild members? Perhaps he/she taught you something new, or contributes above and beyond and deserves to be recognized.

Photos are welcome and add visual interest to any article. Please send a photo of yourself (optional) and/or photos relevant to your article. Please send original photos from your camera or phone... no editing necessary. If you understand photo re-sizing, we need 300 dpi, at least 6" wide or 72 dpi, at least 25" wide.

Let me know if you have any questions. I look forward to hearing from members across Canada!

Marcy Horswill Editor, *Canadian Quilter Magazine* editor@canadianquilter.com Designer marcy.horswill@outlook.com

Show and Share

Beautiful quilts created by our members

Diane Black



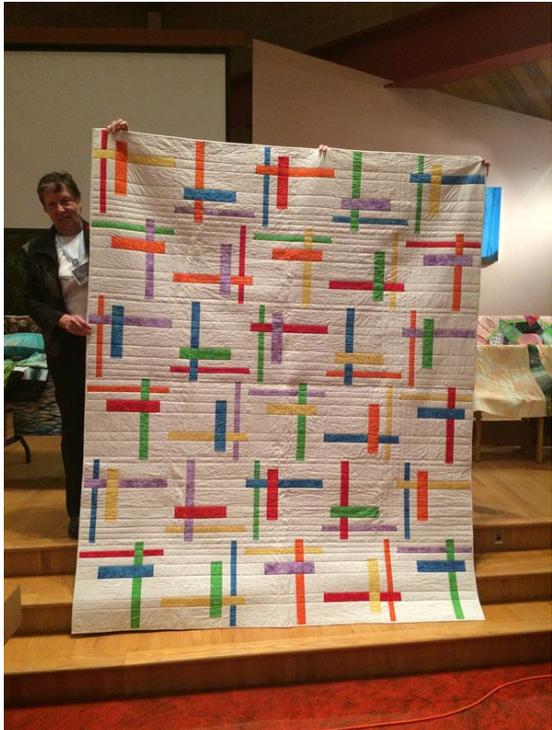
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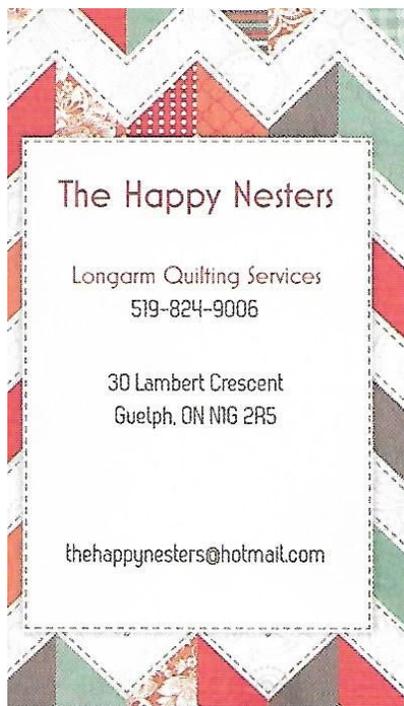
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Jane Londerville

Program for the 2016-2017 Year

- December 13** - Mary Hopkins - inspiration for her beautiful pieces
- January 10** - Demo Night
- February 14** - Deborah Beirnes -Scrap quilts/ Carpenter of Cloth
- March 14** - Nancy McNab - Member Presentation
- April 11** - LongArm Quilters Panel
- May 9** - Patty Whan - Care of Textiles
- June 13** - Joni Newman - Quilted Stain Glass

Monica Bell



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Executive Meeting

No Executive meeting in December

Guild Meeting

Three Willows Church

Tuesday, December 13th, 2016

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

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". Also, 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: _____ Name of Piece: _____

Pattern Source / Inspiration / Designer: _____

Quilt Style: (pieced, appliqué, art, etc.) _____ done by _____

Quilting Method: (hand, domestic, long arm) _____ done by _____

Type: (Wall, Baby, Twin, Double, Queen, King) _____ Size (approximate): _____

Main Colours: _____

Other: _____

Do you agree to allow a photo of you and your quilt to appear on our website?

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