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Guild Meeting

Tuesday, January 10, 2017

Three Willows United Church, 577 Willow Rd., Guelph

6:30 Doors open	Check list: Name Tag
Membership Table open for renewals	Money for 50/50 draw
Library Open	Return Library Books (overdue \$1/month)
Guests are welcome for a fee of \$5.	Show & Share Form
7:00 Opening Remarks	Return your C.O.T. block of the month
Program - Demo Night	Food Bank (always welcome)
Show & Share	Donations of Fabric, Books, Notions

This Month's Program

Our January meeting is our very popular demo night. At 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.

Monica Bell



President's Message

It's strange to be writing this before Christmas, but I hope everyone enjoyed their time with friends and family. I've finished two quilts for my niece and nephew. They're getting queen sized quilts before I get too old to do them! A couple of small projects to finish and I'm ready to relax.

Our December meeting was wonderful. I want to learn to do more landscape quilts as Mary's talk was so inspiring! The singing was fabulous. I almost lost it when they sang Hallelujah and O Holy Night (two of my favourite songs). Thanks to the choir and Mary for ending our year with inspiration. Thanks to our guild members who brought cookies. I took the leftovers to the drop in centre and the people there really enjoyed them with their coffee.

Now that January is here and the hectic holiday season is over, we can all just settle in our sewing rooms and do what we want. I've just heard that an article about our guild and our comfort quilts will be in the spring issue of the Canadian Quilter Magazine. Thanks to Cheryl and Lisa as well as their committee. Happy New Year to you all.

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

We welcomed two more new members at our December meeting. We now have 131 members. The membership directories for 2016-2017 will be available again to pick up at our January meeting starting at 6:30 p.m. 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. Happy new year and wishes for many creative ideas in 2017.

Jean Hilborn

Quilt Challenge

Your President and Past President issued a challenge to all members at the beginning of 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.

We are pleased to announce the current tally of challenge quilts received is 22! These colourful and beautiful quilts have been passed to our Community Outreach team for delivery to the Guelph General Hospital. Our first participation draw took place and we had three lucky winners; Carol Cousins, Mary Lawrence and Donna Reimer. Congratulations and thank you for participating in our

challenge. But wait.... our challenge is not over yet. It will continue through out the year. We will have more lucky draws of three great prizes, at each of the March and May meetings. When you bring your challenge quilt to the meeting, be sure to fill out a draw ticket to enter these draws. So, 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.

Marjorie Mansell, President
Joanne Ariss, Past President

Library News

The Library will be open for loans and returns at the January meeting. Browse through all of our books and magazines. We want our members to take advantage of the many inspirational books we have, so please borrow some for the month. If you are looking for a specific book, you can see a listing of all our books on our Library website at <http://www.librarything.com/catalog/rcqg> or via the link on the Guild's main webpage. You can sort the list by clicking on the header of the column (example – Title, Author). Our next book sale will be at the February meeting. Stay warm. Be happy!

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

What a beautiful sight seeing all the President's Challenge quilts hanging around the Church. It was so much fun looking at all the different fabrics and the different designs that we quilters used in the making of these quilts. I'm feeling inspired to make another one! The challenge quilts plus other community outreach quilts gave us a total of 45 quilts which we brought to the Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence

Unit in late December. The staff were overwhelmed and excited to receive such a large volume of beautiful quilts. They truly appreciate our efforts.

At the December meeting we drew the winners for the block lotto. We received over 50 fun and funky bird blocks. Lorelei Stinson and Jacoba Near each won 20 blocks and we set aside the leftovers for our committee to make a comfort quilt. Wendy was really hoping to win the bird blocks so she has her eye on completing this project. Thanks to everyone who participated and keep your eyes peeled for our next block lotto project coming in February. It should be just as much fun!

We are holding a second Bee Day this year on **Saturday April 22nd**. We are hoping to see the new members of the guild come out to help us sew, but everyone is welcome. As usual, we will have lots of interesting projects for you to work on. The sign-up sheet can be found at the Community Outreach table at the back of the Church.



Lisa Jones

Community Outreach
Presidents challenge
quilts



Community Outreach JANUARY 2017: BLOCK OF THE MONTH - “Slumber Party”

For this month, we zeroed in on the 'plus' symbol (very popular in magazines and websites of late). But, it needed an update or 'twist' from the way that we've used it in the past. Low and behold, the solution popped into my inbox with the arrival of WEEK 47's Slumber Party pattern from Connecting Threads. Sure, in twisting the 'Plus' it becomes an 'X' – but, see for yourself just how the addition of a sashing border on the block helps boost the overall effectiveness in the finished quilt! The website is connectingthreads.com (Free Quilt Patterns).

Kit Contents (will be available at January's Guild meeting):

Note: Please read the instructions, sew with a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam and trim your units to meet the overall sizes as indicated!

Coloured Fabric - 1 strip @ $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ "

3 strips @ 7" x $2\frac{1}{2}$ "

2 strips @ 11" x $2\frac{1}{2}$ "

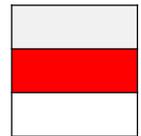
White Fabric – 2 strips @ $5\frac{1}{2}$ " x $2\frac{1}{2}$ "

If you're making this block from your stash – it's okay to be 'scrappy'. Just keep the 'family' of colours (e.g. reds, purples, yellows etc.) harmonized in a single block.

Construction of the Block:

1. Orient the $5\frac{1}{2}$ " strips with white strips on the outside and the coloured strip in the center.

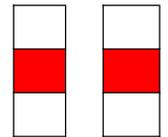
Starting strip set



2. Sew with a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam and press all seams to dark fabric.

3. Cut this unit into two (2) pieces ... $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide by $6\frac{1}{2}$ " tall (these are "A" units).

Unit "A" (2)

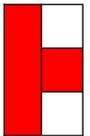


Note: center block should be 2" high, if seams accurate

4. Sew a 7" strip to one side of each of the "A" units. Press seams to darker fabric.

5. Trim excess to create a unit with dimensions: $4\frac{1}{2}$ " wide by $6\frac{1}{2}$ " tall (these are "B" units)

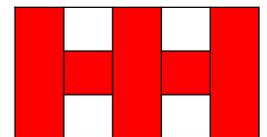
Unit "B" (2)



6. Sew these strips together (matching horizontal seams) and sew the remaining 7" strip on the far right (see diagram). Press seams to darker fabric side.

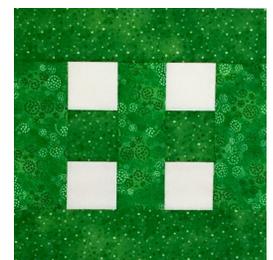
7. This forms the "C" block and it should be trimmed to an overall dimension of $10\frac{1}{2}$ " wide by $6\frac{1}{2}$ " tall.

Unit "C"



8. The final step is to add the top and bottom sashing borders, using the 11" strips. Press seams toward the outer edge.

9. Trim this unit to the final dimension: $10\frac{1}{2}$ " x $10\frac{1}{2}$ " square.



On Behalf of Your Community Outreach Team --

Our very best wishes for a HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Cheryl Cowan (Co-Chair)

Show and Share

Beautiful quilts created by our members

Ann Jeffrey



Dayna Passmore



Colleen Hunter



Cheryl Cowan



Kathy MacKinnon

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Pat Donovan



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To arrange advertising, please send your request to: janelonderville@gmail.com

Jane Londerville

Program for the 2016-2017 Year

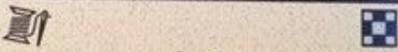
January 10	- Demo Night
February 14	- Deborah Beirnes -Scrap quilts/ Carpenter of Cloth
March 14	- Nancy McNab - Member Presentation
April 11	- Long Arm Quilters Panel
May 9	- Patty Whan - Care of Textiles
June 13	- Joni Newman - Quilted Stain Glass

Monica Bell

Your Executive

Marjorie Mansell	President	Jean Hilborn	Membership
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Monica Bell	Program	Andrea Curtis	Workshops

 <h2>Executive Meeting</h2> <p>Monday, January 16, 2017</p>	<h2>Guild Meeting</h2> <p>Three Willows Church</p> <p>Tuesday, January 10th, 2017</p> <p>Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month from September to June, 7-9 pm.</p>
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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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