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Guild Meeting

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

Three Willows United Church, 577 Willow Rd., Guelph

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| 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 - Deborah Beirnes | Food Bank (always welcome) |
| Show & Share | Donations of Fabric, Books, Notions |
| Library Sale - Bring \$\$\$\$ | President's challenge quilt donations |

This Month's Program



It is always wonderful to have returning presenters to share with us what they have learned and created since the last time we saw them.

In February, we have Deborah Beirnes from Elmira presenting "Carpenter of Cloth" where she will speak about a variety of techniques, books, and patterns. Deborah will be returning March 25 to conduct the Scrap Magic Workshop for our guild.

Deborah worked at Reichards Quilt shop for 30 years until the shop retired. She was also a founding member of Elmira Needle Sisters Quilt Guild in 1999. Deborah plans 6 quilt retreats per year at Brentwood on the Beach in St. Joseph, Ontario and teaches classes.

Monica Bell

Membership

We now have 131 members. New members are still welcome. Starting in February, the membership fee is only \$25.00 for the remainder of the year. Some membership directories for 2016-2017 are still waiting to be picked up. If you would like to have yours mailed to your home, please call me at 519-823-9390 or send me an email at hilborn2013@gmail.com. Please remember to wear your name tag at each meeting. It's helpful for our guests and for those of us who may be good at remembering faces, but not so good at names. Happy quilting!

Jean Hilborn



President's Message

January came in with lots of snow which caused us to cancel the January meeting. I hope you all enjoyed an evening safe at home. I'm aware that some members of the guild had family members pass away over the holiday and I and the guild extend our sincere condolences.

Lots of things have been happening over the past month. The Rotary Club of South Guelph has given us a donation, which was amazing. You'll read more about it in this newsletter.

We have also started planning for our next Quilt Show! The venue has been booked. Barb Jordan, Jackie James and I will be Co-chairs. The dates are Sat. Sept 29 and Sun Sept 30, 2018. The show will be held at the Puslinch Community Centre in Aberfoyle. We feel this will be an excellent venue....great lighting, lots of parking, easy accessibility and space to display our quilts. More details to come.

Marjorie Mansell

Workshops

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

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 throughout 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

Big Book Sale

There will be a Big Book Sale at the February meeting. The library will be open at 6:30 and during the break. Choose your books and please leave a generous donation that will go towards our Guild costs. We accept quarters, loonies, toonies, bills and even cheques. Also, please bring your own bags to carry all your treasured books home. Have fun searching for quilt books for your home library or for gifts for others. See you at the SALE!

MaryAnne Girouard

2017 Ontario Quilt Shows & Exhibits

April 8 - May 30 [Celebration of Colour – Newmarket](http://www.regionofyorkquiltersguild.ca/quilt-show/)

<http://www.regionofyorkquiltersguild.ca/quilt-show/>

April 8 - April 9 Reflections of Georgian Bay www.gbqg.ca

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/>

May 7 - The Grand National Biannual Quilt Show - Oh! Canada – Kitchener

May 23 - May 27 *St. Jacobs Quilt Show – St Jacobs (no web info available yet)*

Websites for Events:

<https://quiltersresources.com/ontario-canada>

<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

Greetings everyone. In the last newsletter, I reported that we brought 45 quilts to the SADV unit at the hospital. We actually brought 48! Of those 48, 27 were quilts made for the Presidents Challenge. The other 21 were quilts we put together as part of the community outreach activities. So far this guild year, we have brought 64 quilts to the SADV unit and we've given Joan Hett 2 memory quilts. That's pretty awesome! Moving forward, members of the Community Outreach Team have been busily working to put together quilt kits for our next bee which is to be held on April 29th. The sign up for the bee is at the community outreach table. We hope you will join us. In other news, we are having another block lotto as the last one was so much fun. This time, we are making improv house blocks. Please use bright, happy fabrics and make sure there is a lot of contrast between them. If you have any questions, please ask me. This time you will get one draw ticket for every four blocks you bring in. I hope you have fun with it and good luck.

Lisa Jones

BLOCK LOTTO #2: IMPROVISATIONAL HOUSE BLOCK

This is a very fun block, created by Martina Croom Schoefberger, that appeared on the StashBee Blog ([Hive 9 June Tutorial - Improv Houses](http://stashbee.blogspot.ca/search/label/Hive9?updated-max=2016-07-01T00:00:00-04:00&max-results=20&start=5)) – check out the website for more detailed instructions: <http://stashbee.blogspot.ca/search/label/Hive9?updated-max=2016-07-01T00:00:00-04:00&max-results=20&start=5>).

Improvitational quilting has a lot to do with a departure from traditional notions and expectations, but it does not mean shoddy or poor workmanship. It also means finding your 'voice', while focusing on the process (which should be fun and liberating), rather than following a pattern to the tee. You don't need to give up your rulers or rotary cutters, although if you want to cut freehand or with scissors, by all means, do so! Keep in mind that anything goes and that it should be FUN! **NOTE: To be part of the block draw your blocks must be submitted by May's Guild Meeting (May 9th, 2017)**

KEY THINGS TO KNOW:

- **Fabric:** You need **4 blocks (10" x 10")** of different pieces of fabric (solids or prints). As for colour, anything goes! Monochromatic, solids, black and white, neutrals, tonals, bright, batiks, hand-dyed, as long as they are 4 different ones.



- **Pressing:** Finger-press or iron – your choice. If you press to the outside (background, etc.) the pieces go together well
- **Piecing:** Important to use a scant 1/4" seam allowance. Check and adjust before you get too far into the process.
- **Cutting:** You can use a ruler (or not), rotary cutter or scissors, whichever you prefer! It is recommend that you move each stack after cutting so you don't end up cutting into another section by accident.

- **Trimming:** DO NOT TRIM!!!!

CONSTRUCTION STEPS:

- 1) Stack the 4 pieces of fabric on top of one another. The order does not matter.
- 2) Make your first cut for the roof. It can be slanted, straight, freehand or with a ruler - anything goes. Don't think, just cut and let go! (Figure 1)

FIGURE 1



FIGURE 2



- 3) Cut the left side of the roof - again, if you pull the background piece you just cut off a bit away you don't risk cutting into it when you cut the right side of the roof.

(Figure 2)

FIGURE 3



- 4) Now, cut the right side of the roof - angle does not matter, it can be steep or flat, etc. (Figure 3)

- 5) Now cut the two background sides, left and right of the main body of the house. Again, the cuts can be straight, straight or angled, etc. (Figure 4)

FIGURE 4



FIGURE 5



- 6) It's time to cut the door! This gets done in two parts (Figure 5):

- From the main body of the house, cut the piece above the door first.
- Next, cut the two sides.

Note: Alternatively, you can reverse this order (e.g. cut the sides of the door first and then cut the piece above the door!) Your choice, as always!

THIS IS THE END OF THE CUTTING PORTION.

NOW YOU'RE GOING TO SHUFFLE THE LAYERS. The key is to vary the component parts to create four different houses.

- Take the top piece of door fabric and move it to the bottom of the stack.
- Take the top two pieces of roof fabric, and move them to the bottom.
- Lastly, take the top three pieces of door frame fabric and move them to the bottom of the stacks. You should now have a roof, a background, a door and a door frame that are all different colors. (Figure 6)

FIGURE 6



SEWING IT ALL TOGETHER:

Move the pieces next to your sewing machine so you have them within reach. Suggestion: chain sew the same pieces (for each house) at one time, cut apart and restack in their original order, then proceed with the next sewing instruction.

- 10) To begin reconstructing the house:
 - a) First, sew the right side of the background to the roof and finger press
 - b) Then sew the left side to the roof and finger press. (Figure 7)

FIGURE 7



FIGURE 8



11) Now, tackle the door frame. Start by sewing the side pieces to the door, then add the top. Chain piecing and finger pressing make this go fast. (Figure 8)

12) You will have some overhang on one or both sides of the door/side pieces. Grab your scissors and just cut it off. No need to measure, or use a ruler. Eyeballing is fine and adds charm!

FIGURE 9



13) The main body of the house is complete and it's time to add the background. Again, start by sewing the right side first and then the left piece, or the other way around. It does not matter. (Figure 9)

FIGURE 10



14) Lastly, the roof needs to be added to the lower part. If anything juts out, like the right side background piece does, (Figure 10), just use your scissors to equalize it.

And, here you are ... four little houses, ready for someone to transform into a village! (Figure 11)

Hope you enjoyed this construction project!

FIGURE 11



Community Outreach February Block of the Month "Simple Hearts"



It was a shocking shooting event and, in the aftermath of the murders at the Pulse Night Club last June, the Orlando Modern Quilt Guild put out a call for help. The request: send heart blocks to be made up into comfort quilts for victims and families. Lisa Jones took on the task as our local block coordinator and, at her request, colourful rainbow blocks flowed in! Lisa, Wendy Oskam and Cyndy Maltby took all of the member contributions and fashioned three different quilt tops (see photo at left), to send down as our gesture of support!

To date, there have been over 1800 quilts received – a tremendous outpouring of support and love.

We decided that the result was so lovely that it should be repeated for our own COMFORT QUILT Program!

This was an easy block to make with an excellent tutorial created by Allison Harris of www.cluckclucksew.com. In fact, you may find yourself in the mood to create several options! Allison has graciously extended her permission to provide the following synopsis for our Guild members to follow: <http://cluckclucksew.com/2015/01/simple-heart-quilt-tutorial.html> As an addendum, under her website's "Tutorial" heading, she's also provided a link to produce different sizes of these blocks. So, if you're interested in pursuing some variations on this theme, she's made the math easy! February is the 'Month of Love' and, while we aren't going to dissuade you from choosing reds from your stash, consider some non-traditional options as well. As you can see from the photograph, the colours of the rainbow are simply stunning, but the key is **BRIGHTS!!!!**

We will be making the largest block size @ 10" (Finished) or 10-1/2" (before it is sewn into the quilt).

"Kit" Contents:

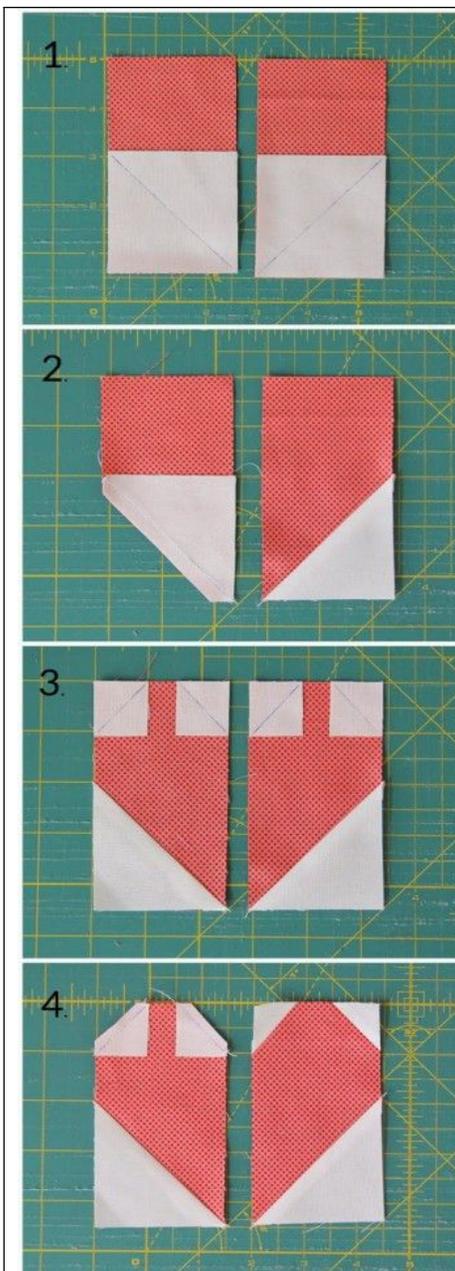
Print/Coloured Fabric – 2 rectangles @ 5-1/2" x 10-1/2"

Background Fabric (White, in photo) – 2 squares @ 5-1/2"

– 4 squares @ 2"



Construction of the 'Simple Hearts' Block:



1. Begin by drawing diagonal line markings on the back of ALL of your background fabric squares (speeds up the construction later). These are your SEWING LINES.
2. Position the two LARGE (5-1/2" squares) on the bottom of each PRINT rectangle, with diagonal lines pointing upwards in opposite directions (PHOTO 1).
3. Sew along the drawn line, corner to corner. Trim off the excess corner, leaving a 1/4" seam allowance and press seams open (PHOTO 2).
P.S. - Why waste something? If you sew these cutoffs together, with a scant 1/4" seam, you will end up with two HST's. Trim to 4-1/2" and submit, along with your heart block! We can use them to produce another BONUS quilt!!
4. Position the four SMALL (2" squares) on each TOP corner of each PRINT rectangle, with diagonal lines pointing upwards to the center and downward to the edges of each piece (PHOTO 3).
5. Sew along the drawn lines, corner to corner. Trim the excess fabric away, leaving a 1/4" seam allowance and press seams open.
6. Sew the two halves together with a scant 1/4" seam and press seams open.
7. The raw block's finished unit should measure:
10-1/2" square
Note: If your square comes out at a different dimension, please check that you've followed these instructions precisely and double check the width of your 1/4" seams or the weight of your thread. Please re-stitch, if necessary!

Have some fun making these blocks and don't forget to say, **"I LOVE YOU"** to all those folks that you care about the most – **HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY! -- Your Community Outreach Team**

CeleBRATE



COMMUNITY OUTREACH HAS FANTASTIC NEWS!

In recognition of the consecutive years of absolutely stellar, 'giving' results that we have been able to generate with our Comfort Quilt Program, in support of the Wellington County Sexual Abuse and Domestic Violence Care & Treatment Centre ... we have **TWO BIG** reasons to celebrate: The **Guelph General Hospital Foundation**, a long-time supporter of our Comfort Quilt Program, has reviewed our past year's performance and in response to our recent request, has generously increased their level of financial support this year by **25%!!** These monies will be directed to help us acquire the costly backings and other fabrics that help us produce block kits and quilt kits. We are simply grateful for their continued generosity, so a great big "Thank-you!" has been sent their way!

We are also absolutely thrilled to announce that the **Rotary Club of Guelph South** has recently provided us with a significant financial donation. Our support of the SADV – young people and families – connects with their own vision of Community aid and with their motto: **Service Before Self**. Under the terms of the proposal, the monies provided (and already in our accounts) will help support our batting purchases over the next 2-3 years, translating into **7 batt rolls or 200+ Quilts!!** Our quilt labels will reflect the name of the Club, along with the Rotary International logo, over this period. This is an unexpected level of support and will allow the Guild to repurpose operational budgets while granting time to consider options for making our charitable efforts more sustainable, in the future.



It needs to be said: we have a marvelous story to tell and it's all to do with **YOU!** Your tireless support of our program initiatives (Block of the Month, Bee Days, Quilt Kit Fabrications & Quilting) and your donations of materials, time and talents to help us meet our goals has been tremendous (and will still be essential to our success in the future)! **Congratulations on making it possible!**

These generous financial gifts from our Community Supporters are validation that others also respect and value the gifts that we make to pass along to those individuals in our community that need the **'Gift of a Hug'**.

So, raise those bobbins and let's CELEBRATE!

With our deepest appreciation for your ongoing help,
Cheryl Cowan & Lisa Jones, Community Outreach Co-Chairs



BEE DAY ANNOUNCEMENT!!!

The COMMUNITY OUTREACH TEAM is **INVITING ALL GUILD MEMBERS** to come out and join us for another action-packed day of Sewing for Charity!

SATURDAY, APRIL 29th, 2017

9:30am – 4:00pm

THREE WILLOWS CHURCH Upper Room

1. Meet new & old friends in a “SEW-cial” setting
2. Shop the Guild Stash – find that elusive scrap to make your projects come alive!
3. Learn or Refresh with some new ‘techniques’ (e.g. Quilt-As-You-Go, Using a Walking Foot)
4. Have FUN sewing up one of our pre-cut quilt kits

Sign-up is essential – space is limited. Please see one of the C.O. Team members at the back of the Church Hall before the Guild meeting or at intermission.

Can't make the meeting but want to come to BEE DAY? Email me for more information!!!!

cowanlabs@gmail.com

Looking forward to a FUN-TASTIC Day! ---
 Cheryl Cowan (Vice-President & C.O. Co-Chair)



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Jane Londerville

Program for the 2016-2017 Year

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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Andrea Curtis	Workshops	Monica Bell	Program

 <h3 style="text-align: center; color: purple;">Executive Meeting</h3> <p style="text-align: center; color: blue;">There is no February Executive meeting</p>	<h3 style="color: green;">Guild Meeting</h3> <p style="color: green;">Three Willows Church</p> <p style="color: blue;">Tuesday, February 14th, 2017</p> <p style="color: black;">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 in the newsletter and website?

Yes ___ No ___