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Guild Meeting

Tuesday, March 14, 2017

Three Willows United Church, 577 Willow Rd., Guelph

6:30 Doors open

Membership Table open for renewals

Library Open

Guests are welcome for a fee of \$5.

7:00 Opening Remarks

Program - Nancy McNab

Show & Share

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

President's challenge quilt donations

This Month's Program

Nancy McNab has been a member of our quilt guild for over 13 years. She's sewn since the sewing machine was invented. Who knew you could get a B.A.Sc. in sewing from right here in Guelph? She did, when she was merely a youngster. That lead to working in theatre costume workshops, making wedding dresses, working with interior designers on drapes, roman blinds, pillows, etc. If you can make it with a sewing machine, Nancy seemed to be able to figure out how. It's rare that you can find her without a needle in hand. For, you see, sewing is a passion and she is passionate about it.

Monica Bell

Membership

We now have 132 members. 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. A one-page document with additions and corrections to our membership directory is attached to the email that announced the publication of the March newsletter. Please print off your own copy. Extra copies will be available at the March meeting, which may be picked up.

Jean Hilborn



President's Message

I hope you've all enjoyed our unusual warm weather in the past few weeks. We stayed home and sewed while friends spent a fortune on trips to the sunny south. Mind you, while we stayed home, we had lots of time to buy fabric so there goes the money savings. I just returned from my annual quilt retreat and it was great fun

as usual. If you haven't gone to a retreat, you should consider trying one out. They are relaxing and rejuvenating. You get to try new projects, eat too much and laugh a lot. Many of us were working on comfort quilts to donate to our guild. It's amazing what you can do with 2 1/2" strips, besides making quilts. They work really well playing strip poker...only quilters will understand the joke. See you at Guild.

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

Thanks to all of our members who have participated in our our quilt challenge to date. We know many others are working their quilts to add to the challenge. We have received almost 30 quilts so far, and our Community Outreach team is so pleased to accept these and pass them on to the Guelph General Hospital, SADV Unit. At our March meeting we will hold another lucky participant draw for three winners, of three fabulous prizes. To enter the draw, bring your challenge quilt in and fill out a ballot. We will be set up beside the Community Outreach table at the back of our meeting room. If you just can't get your quilt finished before our meeting, we will have more draws at our May meeting.

Marjorie Mansell, President

Joanne Ariss, Past President

Library News

A few books have been added to your library. Some are listed below. Please take the time to visit your library and borrow some books or DVDs to enjoy for the next month.

- Judy Gauthier – Quilts for Scrap Lovers: 16 Projects – Start with Simple Squares (special request by RCQG member)
- Ann Johnston – The Quilter's Book of Design, 2nd Edition (special request by RCQG member)
- Linda Johansen – Fast, Fun & Easy Fabric Bowls
- Bethany Reynolds – Stars a la Carte
- Laurel Burch – Christmas – Color the Season Beautiful with 25 Quilts & Crafts
- Diana McClun – Quilts, Quilts and More Quilts
- Suzanne McNeill – Garden Beauty – Quilt of the Month

- Mary Sue Suit – A New Twist on Triangles
- Jean Ann Wright- Jelly Roll Jazz
- Pam Lintott – Jelly Roll Inspirations
- Annie's – More Jelly Roll Quilts
- Theresa Ward – Sew, Slice, Spin & Sash: Quick and Easy Strip-Pieced Quilts
- Penny McMorris – The Art Quilt

Thank you so much to all the generous members who have donated books and magazines. There will be books out for sale at the March meeting. If you purchase anything - please remember to take the card out of the inside envelope and place it into the container on the sale table along with your generous donation. We accept small bills, change and even cheques payable to Royal City Quilters' Guild. Please bring your own bag if you plan to buy books (and even if you don't plan to...you never know what you'll find). I will be putting more books and magazines out for sale every meeting so please have a look!

MaryAnne Girouard

2017 Ontario Quilt Shows & Exhibits

April 1 – April 2 *Celebration of Colour – Newmarket* <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

April 21 -April 22 **Stitches in our Time – Halton Quilters Guild** <http://www.haltonquiltersguild.ca/>

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

May 6 - May 7 *RVQG Quilt Show - Pickering* <http://rvqqquiltshow.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)*

June 14 – June 17 *Quilt Canada - Toronto* <http://www.canadianquilter.com/>

Please note that Ailsa Craig has cancelled their show for 2017

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

I was pleasantly surprised by all of the house blocks we received last meeting! You are a creative and productive bunch. If you haven't made your house blocks yet and you would like to, you can find the directions in the February newsletter. Remember, for every four blocks you make, you receive one

chance to win some of the house blocks for yourself. We will hold the draw in May and one or two lucky winners will get to take home some colourful house blocks to have fun with over the summer.

There is still space to sign up for our next Bee Day which will be held on April 29th. We always aim to have a fun and productive day where you can get to know your fellow guild members a little better, while getting some much needed work done for the SADV unit at the hospital. Visit us at the Community Outreach table to sign up. You can also visit us to pick up this month's block of the month which was chosen by COT member Katrina Baklarz. At this month's meeting, I'll be showing you the beautiful quilt she made for the President's Challenge using this block, .

Our biggest need right now is for people to quilt for us. I have many quilts waiting for you to quilt on your domestic sewing machine or your long arm. It doesn't have to be fancy. Wavy lines with a walking foot is one easy way to quilt a top fairly easily. The width of your walking foot beside the seams is another easy method. Quilting on the donation quilts is a great way to practice your quilting, and we all know practice makes perfect. Although, in all honesty I don't think my quilting will ever be perfect. See you at Guild.

Lisa Jones

March 2017: Community Outreach's Block of the Month = "The Stars Align"

Our C.O. team member, Katrina Baklarz, has made the suggestion for this month's brightly coloured quilt block, featuring oversized stars. It's an ode to Spring with festive fabrics, as envisioned by Tula Pink's Slow and Steady line by Free Spirit. To find the original design, visit the Coats & Clark website (www.makeitcoats.com); click on the "Discover" tab and use the Search Bar to type in "The Stars Align". When the page refreshes, scroll down to click on this Free Project.

If you're making this block from your stash, this is the perfect time to utilize those 'hard-to-know-what-to-do-with' florals or other graphic fat quarters – the ones you fell in love with at the store, brought home and that now sit in your stash! You'll need a 'Star' fabric and a 'Background' fabric. Just look for complementary and contrasting pairings in any colour combination you'd like to work with!

Katrina has sewn up a couple of test blocks and has recommended the use of Half Square Triangles, instead of Flying Geese, to help you more easily achieve the specified, overall dimension of 16-1/2" square. Please follow the instructions below to make your blocks.

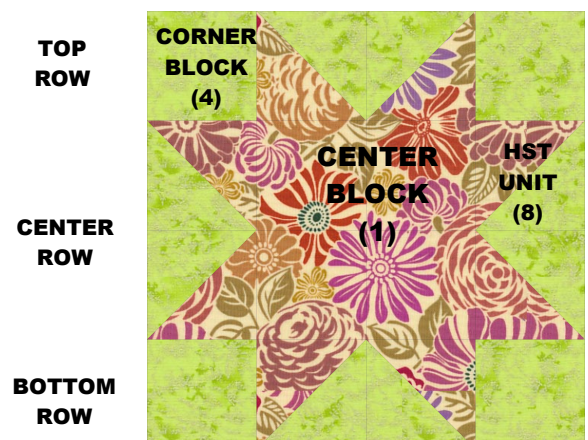
Block Kit Contents:

"Star" Fabric -- Center Block: 1 piece @ 8-1/2" x 8-1/2"
Star Points: 4 pieces @ 6" x 6"

"Background" Fabric -- Star Points: 4 pieces @ 6" x 6"
Corners: 4 pieces @ 4-1/2" x 4-1/2"

Construction:

Note: Use the diagram (at right) to help you orient your rows and columns.



A. Prepare Half-Square Triangles (HST's):

USING THE 6" SQUARES of STAR and BACKGROUND

- Draw a CENTER diagonal line on the wrong side of the lightest fabrics (corner to corner); if necessary, draw the 1/4" stitching line on each side of this line
- Pair a STAR fabric square with a BACKGROUND square (right sides facing) and stitch the 1/4" seam allowance on both sides of the center line
- Cut the units apart, using the Center line guide and press seams OPEN (Yields 2 HSTs)
- Trim these units to an overall size of 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" square

B. Prepare the Top and Bottom Rows:

- Take 2 Corner Blocks and 2 HSTs; orient them as follows: CORNER, HST (diagonal line pointing up to left), HST (diagonal line pointing up to right), CORNER.
- Sew the rows together, using a scant 1/4" seam allowance. Press seams OPEN.
- The finished units will measure: 4-1/2" x 16-1/2". If this is not the case, please adjust NOW!

C. Prepare the Center Row:

- First, sew the remaining HST pairings together, as follows: HST (diagonal line pointing up to left), HST (diagonal line pointing up to right). These units will measure 4-1/2" x 8-1/2" – adjust if needed.
- Secondly, attach one of the HST pairs to the left side of the CENTER BLOCK. Press seam OPEN. Unit will now measure 12-1/2" x 8-1/2".
- Finally, attach the remaining HST pairs to the right side of the CENTER BLOCK. Press seam OPEN. Unit will now measure 16-1/2" x 8-1/2"

D. Block Assembly:

- Sew the Top and Bottom Rows to the Center Row. Make sure Star Points face outward and that seams match up. Finished Size = 16-1/2" x 16-1/2"
Hope you'll enjoy making this block. You can pick up block fabric kits at the March Guild Meeting – just see us at the Community Outreach Table!

Cheryl Cowan



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Reminders:



Show and Share

Beautiful quilts created by our members

Jean Hilborn



Helen Martin



Cathy Kidson



Dana Scott



Lisa Jones



Bev Matson



Joan Hett



Corrine Sellars



Hamilton Quilters Guild

The Ellen Collington Memorial Lecture and Workshops

Featuring **Laurie Swim**

Lecture:

The Joy of Quilting: An Overview of Laurie's Career as a Quilt Artist

Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Church of Annunciation of Our Lord,

280 Limeridge Road W, Hamilton

Tickets \$5 members, \$10 non-members

Workshop Friday, April 28: **A Tree for All Seasons – SOLD OUT**

Workshop Saturday, April 29: **Picture It in Fabric – A few spots available**



9:00 am to 4:00 pm each day

First Unitarian Church of Hamilton,

170 Dundurn Street South, Hamilton

Workshop Registration \$30 members, \$50 non-members

Tickets and Registrations at the Hamilton Quilters' Guild meeting or contact hqlecture@gmail.com.
Further information and workshop descriptions at www.hamiltonquiltguild.ca.

The Canadian Embroiderers Guild Guelph

We would like to invite you to our annual open house, Tuesday April 18 from 1 -5 pm.

Free admission and lots of parking. We will have a display of the work completed in recent months as well as a special Canada 150 display.

Tea will be served and our special handmade cards will be for sale.

Kortright Presbyterian Church

55 Devere Drive, Guelph

Hello from the Georgian Bay Quilters Guild

Reflections of Georgian Bay, proudly presented by the Georgian Bay Quilters Guild, showcases the creative inspirations of our artisans from April 8 - 9 at the Tiny Township Community Centre. This biannual exhibition takes inspiration from the beauty of Georgian Bay to promote the arts and creativity in our community. This year, the organizing committee chose the theme "Oh Canada, Eh!" in honour of the 150th anniversary of Confederation. Our members' diverse approach to this theme will highlight what makes Canada a beautiful country of inspiration and talent.

The show runs from Saturday April 8th, 10am-5pm and Sunday April 9th, 10am-4pm. The Tiny Community Centre is located at 91 Concession Road East, in Tiny Township. Admission is \$5 per day. Top off your visit and drink in the inspiration at our tearoom featuring lunch and delicious goodies.

For more information, please visit our website www.gbqg.com and don't forget to Like us on Facebook.

Reflections of Georgian Bay

A Quilt Show

Presented by
Georgian Bay Quilters' Guild

April 8 & 9, 2017

Sat: 10:00 am—5:00 pm

Sun: 10:00 am—4:00 pm

Tiny Township
Community Centre
91 Concession Rd 8 East
Tiny, ON

Admission \$5 / Day

For more information email us at
GeorgianBayQuiltersGuild@gmail.com,
visit our website www.gbqg.ca,
or see us on Facebook



"The Beginning, The End, And Beyond"

by Anne Rutherford (2015)

Winner 20135 Challenge

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Halton Hills Quilters' Guild Presents

Canada, Strong And Quilting!

Quilt Show 2017

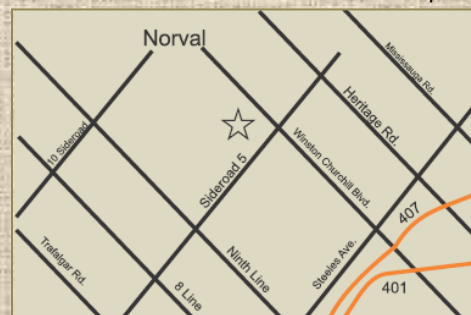
Quilts! Quilts! Quilts! Merchants' Mall • Tea Room
Members' Boutique • Toonie Draw • Challenge Quilts

Friday Oct 13, 10am – 5pm
Saturday Oct 14, 10am – 4pm

Admission: \$7.00

Location: **Croatian Franciscan Centre**
9118 Winston Churchill Blvd. (at 5 Sideroad)
Norval (in Halton Hills), Ontario
Look for the two church steeples.

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- Hard copy of your text – we can scan your logo, but quality of the image cannot be guaranteed.

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

Jane Londerville

Program for the 2016-2017 Year

March 14 - Nancy McNab - Member Presentation
April 11 - Long Arm Quilters Panel
May 9 - Patty Whan - Care of Textiles
June 13 - Joni Newman - Quilted Stained Glass

Monica Bell

Your Executive

Marjorie Mansell	President	Jean Hilborn	Membership
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 <h3 style="text-align: center; color: #4b4b9b;">Executive Meeting</h3> <p style="text-align: center; color: #4b4b9b;">Monday March 20, 2017</p>	<h3 style="color: #008000;">Guild Meeting</h3> <p style="color: #008000;">Three Willows Church</p> <p style="color: #008000;">Tuesday, March 14th, 2017</p> <p style="color: #008000;"><i>Meetings are the 2nd Tuesday of each month from September to June, 7-9 pm.</i></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 ___