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## **Guild Meeting**

### **April 11, 2017**

**Three Willows United Church, 577 Willow Rd., Guelph**

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|-------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| <b>6:30</b> | Doors open                           | <b>Check list:</b> 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                        |
| <b>7:00</b> | Opening Remarks                      | Return your C.O.T. block of the month    |
|             | Program - Long Arm Forum             | Food Bank (always welcome)               |
|             | Show & Share                         | Donations of Fabric, Books, Notions      |
|             |                                      | President's challenge quilt donations    |

### **This Month's Program**

Join us in April for the Long arm Panel by 3 of our own Guild members. Come prepared to learn what long armers expect from their potential customers. You will also have an opportunity to ask questions.

*Monica Bell*

### **Program for the 2016-2017 Year**

- April 11** - Long Arm Quilters Panel
- May 9** - Patty Whan - Care of Textiles
- June 13** - Joni Newman - Quilted Stained Glass

*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. A one-page document with additions and corrections will again be available at the April meeting. A copy our updated membership form is on the web site. New members are welcome to print it off and mail it to us or bring it along to a guild meeting. Please remember to wear your name tag at each meeting. It helps everyone. I enjoy seeing how some members have decorated theirs.

*Jean Hilborn*



### **President's Message**

Thanks to everyone for their enthusiasm and participation in our guild activities. Our guild is entering its 27th year because we all work together and enjoy the

process. Your executive has heard your concerns about not being able to hear the program. We are talking with the church about a solution which might involve getting a compatible hand or lapel microphone. Until this is done, we will leave the front row of the middle section free for use by those who have hearing issues. I have also been told the church has "hearing assists" in a box at the back of the church. I'm not sure yet how they work but I assume it amplifies the sound from the present microphone. We will check these out before guild.

The workshop on Saturday was fun as usual, with lots of new projects started. Sign up for Bee Day, the PPM or other guild sponsored activities if you can. You're sure to have a good time meeting new and old friends. The robins are out, daffodil shoots are coming up, quilt shows are starting. It's a great time of year for quilters and gardeners.

*Marjorie Mansell*

## **ACTIVELY SEEKING NEW EXECUTIVE MEMBERS**

When you think about volunteering, do you think about how many positive benefits there are to be gained from this simple gesture. Volunteering is good for you, both mentally and physically. You meet new, like-minded people, learn new skills, make a difference and give Back, get inspired and, besides all that, you have fun!

Your executive is currently looking for three positions to be filled for the next year, 2017-2018. Our executive meets the Monday after our Tuesday meeting (except on holidays or in the summer) at Three Willows Church at 7:00 p.m. We have three positions to fill this year, listed below.

**Librarian:** With an ambitious library committee already in place, the Librarian would be responsible for directing and helping the committee, purchasing new books, purging and selling outdated books and attending executive meetings once a month.

**Historian:** Our Historian has worked on her own during the past year. The Historian always has a front row, center seat reserved at the meetings. Pictures will be taken with our guild camera and saved to a disk. Photos of our meetings will be forwarded to our Newsletter and/or our Website Chairpersons for their use.

**Newsletter Chair:** The Newsletter Chair receives submissions from all of our other executive members and compiles the monthly newsletter from these submissions. This position is for someone with some computer experience. A program of your liking can be used to produce the newsletter.

These three positions can also have a co-chair, a friend or someone who could fill in for you when you are not able to attend meetings. I look forward to hearing from anyone who would be interested in filling any one of these positions and I can be reached by email listed in our directory. Please feel free to contact any of these current executive chairpersons for more information or questions, by email to their addresses, also listed in our directory.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER! YOUR GUILD NEEDS YOU!

*Joanne Ariss*

## Quilt Challenge

When we issued our President's and Past President's challenge in September, we were not too sure just how many of our members would participate. With so many kind and generous members in our guild, it comes as no surprise to announce we have received almost 40 challenge quilts to date. At our March meeting we had three lucky winners, Diane Black, Andrea Curtis and Ann Jeffrey. There are still three more meetings left for you to bring your challenge quilts in, and there will be three more lucky draw prizes awarded at May's meeting. We will have one final "grand prize" participant winner announced at our June meeting. Lisa and Cheryl, along with the Outreach committee members, have been busy sewing labels on these challenge quilts and will add them to their team's contribution to the SADV Unit at the Guelph General Hospital.

*Marjorie Mansell, President*

*Joanne Ariss, Past President*

## Library News

Please take some time to look over the books in the library and feel free to borrow as many as you want. I'm sorry but there won't be a book sale this month as I won't be at the meeting. My wonderful committee will be there to assist in book loans and returns. I am offering to pull books for you to borrow at the June meeting and you get to keep them all summer. Therefore, if you wish to think ahead, go to the online library via the link on the RCQG main web page. You can sort by author or title to choose your books. Then send me an email requesting the books you would like. First come, first served.

*MaryAnne Girouard*

## Community Outreach

Our second **Bee Day** for this year is coming up at the end of this month. There is still room if you would like to join us for this fun social day of sewing for Charity. Bee day is on April 29<sup>th</sup> and runs from 9:30 am till 4:00 pm. We have a variety of quilt kits to be sewn together. You only need to bring your sewing machine, sewing supplies and lunch. You can sign up at the Community Outreach Table. We'll also be handing out our April Block of the Month kits and a few more quilts which are ready for quilting. If you were at last month's meeting you will know that Marjorie loves making the improv house blocks for our current block lotto. We've been collecting quite a few. Check out these flashy blocks. If you'd like to try your hand at making some the instructions are in the February newsletter. Each four blocks you make gets you one ticket and a chance to win some of the blocks. In March we brought 22 completed quilts to the Sexual Assault/ Domestic Violence unit at the hospital. We kept a few back to show at a meeting at the Rotary Club. This brings the number of quilts we have donated to the program so far this year to 86, so thanks to the President's Challenge our numbers are on the rise. Thanks to all of you for participating in our program.

*Lisa Jones*

## April 2017: Block of the Month - Positively Plus

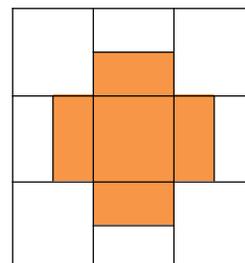
We are finishing up this year's Block of the Month program and welcoming Spring with a positively fresh-looking "Plus-sign" block. This nine-patch variation is so easy and fun to make that you may find yourself making lots of extras OR maybe making a whole top!

Lisa Jones has chosen a modern palette for this month's block kits: a scrappy combination of orange and teal-blue feature fabrics that will dance on the white background. If choosing to make this block on your own, this is a great design to try out a challenging, new-to-you colour scheme, deploy fun prints, graphic designs or a colour that you've never used before! Don't worry too much, with a white background, they will all play well together in the end quilt.

### Your Kit Contents:

**White Fabric:** 4 pieces @ 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" squares (corners)  
4 pieces @ 4-1/2" x 2-1/2" rectangles

**Feature Fabric:** 1 piece @ 4-1/2" x 4-1/2" square (center)  
4 pieces @ 4-1/2" x 2-1/2" rectangles



### Construction:

**Note:** All seam allowances are a scant 1/4". Check your unit measurements and adjust, if necessary, throughout construction to ensure the end block meets the target size @ 12-1/2" square.

1. Pair the printed rectangles with the white rectangles. With right sides of fabrics facing, stitch along the one long side of the units. Press the seams open. Yield: 4 square units @ 4-1/2" x 4-1/2".
2. Arrange the fabric units into rows according to the diagram (above).
3. Sew the components of each row together. Press seams open.  
Yield: 3 rows @ 4-1/2" x 12-1/2"

Sew the rows together, matching at seams, according to the diagram above. Press seams open. Final dimensions should be 12-1/2" x 12-1/2" square.

*Cheryl Cowan*



## 2017 Ontario Quilt Shows & Exhibits

**April 8 - April 9** Reflections of Georgian Bay [www.gbqg.ca](http://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](http://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](mailto: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)*

**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)

## PAST PRESIDENT'S MYSTERY – MAY 13, 2017

Our annual Past President's Mystery day will be held on Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at Three Willows Church, in the Willowgrove Room. The day starts at 9:30 a.m. (no early birds please, we have to set up the room) and will finish at 3:30 p.m. This year we would like to encourage ALL NEW MEMBERS to sign up and join us. What a great way to meet other members, new friends, laugh a lot, and sew to your hearts content. We will not be doing a mystery this year, instead, we ask that you bring any sewing that you would like to work on, along with your sewing machine, and all of your tools. This would be a good time to work on projects such as your President's challenge, comfort quilt or a finish up a UFO. The Past Presidents will be there to help with your pressing, unsewing when needed and to give help and encouragement where necessary. Along with having draw prizes throughout the day, the guild will be supplying lunch, (build your own sandwich, salad and sweets), tea and coffee and snacks are also included. We cannot accommodate special dietary needs and therefore ask those people to bring their own lunch. Sign up sheets will be available at April's meeting and it will be on a first come, first serve sign-up basis. There will be a wait list just in case someone is unable to make it, and you will also be first on the list for the next time, if the sign up sheet fills up for this year.

*Your Past Presidents*



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## A proposed change to the By laws

The current by law Article VII - Finance - states

2. The signing officers of the Guild shall be the Treasurer and either President or Vice President.

The proposed change is as follows;

2. The signing officers of the Guild shall be any two of the following - Treasurer, President, Vice President or Past President.

## Newsletter Advertising

Advertisements for the RCQG newsletter are accepted at the discretion of the guild executive.

Published ten times per year, our newsletter is circulated to over 130 local quilters and shared online with other quilt guilds. On the website, the newsletter is posted as a PDF, in colour, in 8.5" x 11" format. Ads are accepted for the **full year only** (you can put in your ad at any time during the year) and will be entered in each issue. **Rates per year (\$CDN)** (Guild members receive a 10% discount)

- Business card \$50.00
- Quarter Page \$75.00
- Half Page \$100.00
- Full Page \$200.00

### Payments

Payment is due with submission of the advertisement. Cheques should be made out to RCQG.

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### Submissions

We do not provide artwork or design services. Your advertisement must be one of the following:

- Camera-ready JPEG or BMP file, or
- Text file, plus logo or other graphic as a JPEG or BMP file, or
- 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](mailto:janelonderville@gmail.com) *Jane Londerville*

## Your Executive

Marjorie Mansell	President	Jean Hilborn	Membership
Cheryl Cowan	Vice President	Lisa Jones/Cheryl Cowan	Community Outreach
Joanne Ariss	Past President	MaryAnne Girouard	Library
Nellie Hanuta	Secretary	Cathy Buchanan	Photographer/Historian
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Andrea Curtis	Workshops	Monica Bell	Program

 <h3 style="text-align: center; color: #4b4b9b;">Executive Meeting</h3> <p style="text-align: center; color: #4b4b9b;">Tuesday, April 18, 2017</p>	<h3 style="color: #008000;">Guild Meeting</h3> <p style="color: #008000;"><i>Three Willows Church</i></p> <p style="color: #008000;">Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017</p> <p style="color: #008000;"><i>Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 \_\_\_