

December Newsletter RCQG

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Royal City Quilters' Guild December 2019

NEXT MEETING:
Tuesday, December 10, 2019
Three Willows Church
577 Willow Road, Guelph

Reminder to bring:

Cash for garage sale, 50/50 and quilt raffle
Comfort quilts and BOMs



December Program

Our December 10, 2019 meeting will be a potluck dinner and garage sale.

Note that the start time is 6:00pm.

Garage Sale - 6:00pm and again after the meal

The garage sale will open at 6:00 for browsing, shopping, and socializing. It will be open again after we finish eating at 7:30'ish. There will be Guild vendors with booths set up as well as donated items from Guild members for sale. The raffle table will be set up, as will the Community Outreach table for you to drop off and pick up BOMs and quilts. Garage sale set up will begin at 5:00 for any vendors or volunteers.

Potluck Dinner - 6:30pm

Dinner will begin at 6:30pm in the Community Room. Contributions may be dropped off at 6:00pm. Your dish should serve 6-8 people. Please provide serving utensils for your dish. Coffee, tea, and tap water will be provided. We ask that you clearly label any dishes that contain nuts, seafood, or that are gluten free to help people with food allergies identify the dishes they can enjoy. Please bring your own plate, cup, cutlery, and napkin.

We ask members whose last name begins with:

A-G to bring a main dish (drop off in kitchen)

H-O to bring a dessert (drop off in community room)

P-Z to bring an appetizer or salad (drop off in community room)

Placemat Exchange

Members who wish to participate in a placemat exchange are encouraged to bring one placemat. The choice is yours: any pattern, any colour, any technique. Placemats are to be wrapped and will be anonymously exchanged before we begin our meal.

Show and Share

Show and share will take place in the Community Room following the meal. Please bring any items you wish to share.

Food Bank Donations

Please bring a non-perishable donation for the Three Willows United Church Food Bank. These can be deposited in the shopping cart in front of the church office.

Help Needed

Volunteers are needed to help set up and to clean up this event, if you can help that would be appreciated. Set up volunteers should arrive at 5:00pm.



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January Program



In January we will welcome Celeste Champion and her presentation "The Bolt and the Beautiful" about her passion for shweshwe cloth of South Africa. Through her projects and travel tales, Celeste will give us a history of this wonderful fabric and how it defined a people and how it is used in their culture. Celeste's love for this fabric and history is quite evident in how passionately she talks about this fabric and wants to bring it to the rest of the world.

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RCQG'S
QUILT RAFFLE

DRAW AT DECEMBER MEETING

Makes a Great Gift



"ANY WHICH WAY"

54" X 66"

PIECED BY WENDY OSKAM
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'FIFTH GRADE QUILT' BY
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Member Spotlight

Guild Member: Pat Gage

Quilt Title: Beth's Quilt

Pattern: Designed by Pat Gage, Paula Frappier, and Becky Fiedler based on templates by Marti Mitchell and a Jinny Beyer medallion

At November's meeting, Pat spoke about *Beth's Quilt*. She shared with the Guild that this quilt is one that she truly loves and is proudest of creating. Her description of this quilt sparked my curiosity and I had to know more about its origins.

Pat started quilting 15 years ago. She was a knitter, but had wanted to learn to quilt for a long time. That fall she saw that a quilting course was being offered through the Continuing Education program, so she decided to join the class. Her very first quilt was a lap quilt with a Christmas theme. It still hangs on her quilt rack all these years later.

Pat has made quilts in all different styles and techniques in the years since she made that first quilt. She loves the challenge and excitement of trying new methods. Some favourites include a quilt made with photos of her granddaughter horseback riding as a gift before she started university, also a quilt called "Library Stack" for a friend's cottage, and rag quilts for babies. Pat is drawn to any project that seems like it will be fun to create.

Beth's Quilt was made for Pat's daughter. It started when Pat realized that she needed a real challenge. This quilt began as a block-of-the-month with her friend Paula Frappier of the Fergus Guild, and Becky Fiedler from the RCQG. This quilt was a challenge because of its size, because of the method, and because they designed it themselves based on some other patterns. Although Pat is learning to use EQ8 design software, she turned to Becky for help turning the blocks into foundation patterns.

Pat said that this quilt was so much fun to think about, and to make. Her daughter Beth loves it too. Now Pat is looking for a new project to challenge her.

Community Outreach

A great day of quilting and camaraderie was held by all at the November 9 Bee Day. Over 20 quilt tops were created that day for Community Outreach. Thank you to everyone who came out or who took kits to make at home. It was a fun and productive day. We're looking forward to seeing all the tops when they're quilted.

We delivered 56 quilts to the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Care and Treatment Centre in November. They were gratefully received and we were thanked for being their 'guardian angels'. Seeing how much our quilts are appreciated and hearing how important they are to their recipients warms our hearts. Thank you to everyone who contributes to our program. Your efforts are truly appreciated.





COMFORT QUILT SIZE

Front Dimensions: 50" to 54" width by 60" to 66" length

Backing & Batting Dimensions: 60" width x 72" length

Binding Requirements: 2.5" wide x 264" length (or 7 strips 2.5" wide by WOF)

Preferred Material: Cotton or flannel

[Click here to visit the website for more details.](#)

Block of the Month - Funky Doors

Fabric:

There will be kits available at the Community Outreach table this month.

If you are planning to use your own stash we suggest using one fabric for all background pieces, and lighter contrasting fabric for the three coloured squares.

Finished block is 6 ½" X 10 ½". **Please do not trim blocks.**

A scant ¼" seam is used.

Cutting:

Three 2 ½" X 2 ½" coloured fabric

Two 2 ½" X 2 ½" background fabric

Two 2 ½" X 10 ½" background fabric

Piecing Instructions:

1. A scant ¼" seam is used.
2. Lay out your three 2 ½" squares (coloured contrasting fabric). Sew the squares together. This is the centre unit of your block. The remainder of the block is built around this centre unit. See Diagram 1.
3. Add the two 2 ½" square background pieces to either end of the centre unit. See Diagram 1. Press all seams in one direction.
4. Sew the two 2 ½" X 10 ½" background strips to either side of the centre unit. See Diagram 2. Press seams towards background fabric. Some kits require you to cut the supplied background fabric to the required length. Return all extra material with finished block.





November Program Highlights

A huge thank you goes to Scott Schau for our program last month.

The scheduled speaker couldn't make it because of the bad weather. Luckily, Scott has been working on a new presentation about his hand dyed fabric and the process he uses. Even though the presentation is still in development he graciously stepped in as our guest speaker and gave us a sneak peek.

He shared his love of colour and the fun of getting to create the specific colour he needs rather than to be at the mercy of others' fabric lines. Take a closer look at his fabric at the garage sale in December.



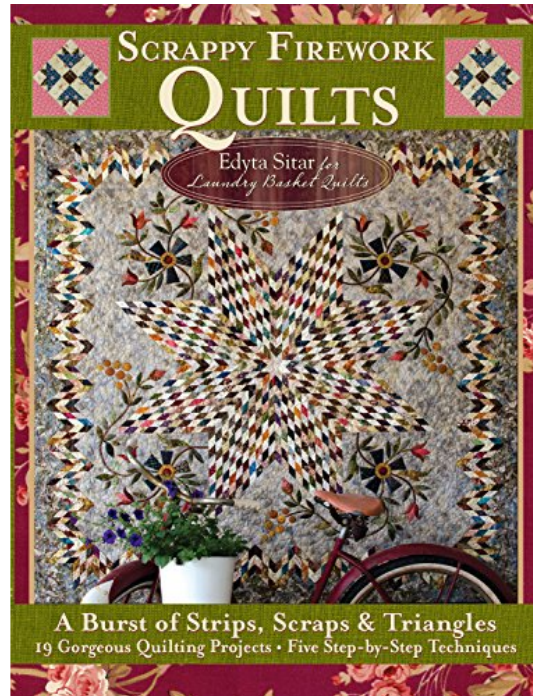
Membership Directory

The 2019-2020 Directory was emailed to all members during the November meeting. Paper copies were available for any members who receive their newsletter in the post. If you didn't receive it, please let Becky know at membership@royalcityquiltersguild.ca

Membership Updates

Please welcome our newest member, Mary McFarlane from Bracebridge, ON. She is our 12th new member this year and brings our Guild membership to 119. Please continue to look for yellow new member pins and make a point of welcoming those people to our Guild.

The membership table will not be set up at the December meeting. If you have friends who would like to join us, please invite them to the January, 2020 meeting. Becky will be there to greet them!



Library Update

When thinking about your new year's resolutions, why not consider using up some of the scraps in your stash? There are 20 stash-busting books in the library to choose from. Here are two suggestions for scrappy quilts, one traditional and one modern.

[Scrappy Firework Quilts - A Blast of Strips, Scraps, and Triangles by Edyta Sitar](#)



Sunday Morning Quilts: 16 Modern Scrap Projects by Amanda Jean Nyberg and Cheryl Arkison

The Library will not be open at the December Guild meeting. Any overdue books can be dropped off at the Community Outreach table.

Program Volunteers

Many hands make light work. Volunteers are needed each month to help our guest speakers set up before Guild meetings, and to take down afterwards. If you are able to help, please contact Patricia Donovan, or just come ready to help.

Stretches for Quilters from HealthyQuilting.com
Three in One Stretch

- *Plant your feet squarely on the ground and sit up straight in your chair.*
- *If your feet don't touch, move to the edge of the chair until they do.*
- *Interlace fingers, extend arms in front, turn hands so that their backs face you.*
- *Hold for 20- 30 seconds.*
- *If possible push hands towards ceiling fully extending arms, opening rib cage.*
- *In addition to preventing tight wrists and forearms, this also releases tension in the back and torso and is a great energizer!*



Workshop Information

Come and visit the Workshop team to see samples and sign up for a workshop or two (cash or cheque accepted). If you have any suggestions for future workshops, please let us know.

UPCOMING WORKSHOPS:

Pockets to Go, Jackie James - Sat, Jan 25 / \$25

Magical Pinwheels, Sherri Hissy - Wed, Mar 11 / \$60

Hummingbird in Flight, Kerry Burke - Sat, May 30 / \$50

Past Presidents' Mystery (PPM): A Day of Quilting

This RCQG event is held each year on National Quilters Day. This year it falls on March 21, 2020.

The past RCQG Presidents will be hosting PPM at Three Willows Church in the Willow Grove Room from 9:30am to 3:30pm. Space is limited to 25 members and new Guild members are given the chance to sign up first for this event. You may either participate in the mystery quilt, or work on your own project. Signup will begin at the January Guild meeting.

Show and Share Changes

Thank you for being so willing to make changes to Show and Share in November. Any suggestions for improvement are welcome.

As a reminder, here are the new guidelines to make the process safer and more streamlined:

1. Complete a Show and Share form during the break or bring a completed form with you (available at the table beside the left wall, or via the newsletter link below).
2. When Show and Share is announced, line up along the left wall with your quilt and completed form.
3. When it's your turn, hand your quilt to the assistants who will hold it up on stage.
4. **Do not go up the stairs.** The microphone will be moved away from the stairs on the main floor of the hall.
5. Share the story of your quilt.
6. **Do not climb the stairs** for your photo. Walk towards the green X that will be marked on the floor so the historian may take your photo. The assistants will meet you with the quilt.
7. Give your Show and Share form to the Historian. This is important so that you can be included in the next newsletter.
8. The next person may begin as soon as the previous person is getting their photo taken and an assistant takes your quilt up on stage.

[Download Show and Share Form](#)

Show and Share from October



Jacoba Near: Stargello Snail's Trail, domestic quilting



Wendy Oskam: Mainly Blue



Diane Kirk-Benincasa: Cassie's Wedding Quilt



Lisa Jones: Jelly Roll Wave designed by Myra - Busy Hands Quilts.
Free motion quilted on a domestic.



**Nellie Hanuta: English Garden Needle Roll,
adapted from Sue Spargo Fresh Cut Pattern**



Ann Jeffrey and Mary Hopkins—*Diamonds In The Sky* from a kit.
Paper pieced and borders by Ann, long arm by Mary

Upcoming Events

Click on the buttons to open the event calendars.

[RCQG Calendar of Events](#)

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