

# March Newsletter RCQG

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## Royal City Quilters' Guild

NEXT MEETING:  
Tuesday, March 10, 2020  
Three Willows Church  
577 Willow Road, Guelph

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**Reminder to bring:**  
Name tag  
Cash for 50/50, workshops  
Comfort quilts and BOMs

## **March Program - Sherri Hisey**

We are welcoming Sherri Hisey of Border Creek Station as our guest speaker this month. Sherri comes to us from Cottage Country, so we hope the trails are clear for her journey.

Sherri will discuss settings and borders:

- Are you ready to set those blocks into a design of your own? Sherri will touch on the importance of balance in a quilt's visual space, how to keep it simple when decoding the math, and some basic rules of quilt designing.
- Getting it altogether in a unique and personal way is key to Sherri's distinctive teaching style. There is always a way to process your creative thoughts and ideas into a finished project, so let your imagination soar!

In addition to our regular Show and Share, if any members have done a quilt from one of Sherri's patterns, please bring them along! I know Sherri would love to see them.

NOTE: Sherri's workshop on March 11 is cancelled.

In April, Sarah Yetman of Spooled Rotten Quilts, Brantford will be our guest speaker.

## **Member Spotlight**

**Guild Member: Fern DeAngelis**

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Fern joined the RCQG two years ago. Quilting runs in Fern's family. She cherishes some quilts that her grandmother made that are now over 100 years old. Her sister Brenda is a quilter, and Fern was certain that she wouldn't become a quilter herself. However, she began quilting a few years ago, and now she loves it. She thinks it's the perfect hobby.

Fern's first quilt was a wool applique quilt. She finds quilting very relaxing. She especially loves to give her quilts away. She says that there is nothing better than seeing the reaction when someone she cares about receives a quilt. Fern says she gets a real sense of joy when seeing people's reactions to her work.

Fern's most recent quilt was for her pets Buddy and Bobo. The quilt covers Buddy's dog crate so that he feels safe and secure under the quilt, while Bobo the cat enjoys sitting on top. Fern loves to do machine embroidery because of all the colours and intricate designs, and she also enjoys paper-piecing for the perfect, sharp points.



## In Memorium - Isobel King



Long-time Guild member and vibrant member of the community, Isobel King passed away on February 27. The visitation will be on Friday, March 6 from 2-4pm and 7-9pm at Wall-Custance Funeral Home. The service will be on Saturday, March 7 at 1:30pm at Dublin Street United Church. Please check the obituary for more details: [Isobel King](#)

## Community Outreach

In February we delivered 36 completed quilts. The following day the Community Outreach Team received an email from Betty, the Program Nurse Facilitator at the Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Care and Treatment Centre. Here is an excerpt from the email:

"Right after we had the quilts put away yesterday I received a call from emerg to see someone who needed our care. One of the new quilts was absolutely made for her. She took one look at it and her eyes sparkled and she said 'that is the one'. As I was leaving her room in emerg I saw her pull the quilt up around her and relax and the faintest smile was on her face. The quilts truly do create a kind of magic healing. We always show the patients the little message that is attached and tell them how wonderful all of you are for making these quilts for us. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts as always."

As you can see our quilts are put to incredibly good use and are so well received.

Sometimes we are given baby items such as baby quilts, bibs or receiving blankets. Previously these have been donated to Michael House. Over the past few years we've found the need for these items has been less and we've been forwarding them instead to Beginnings in Guelph. Last month we received a lovely thank you note from the Director at Beginnings. She used the imagery of the scraps in a quilt representing the scraps in someone's life and that something beautiful can be made from them. We'll post the complete thank you note on the website but I wanted to share this lovely imagery with you. We found it very touching.

Our program is continuing with Block of the Month. Please stop by the Community Outreach table to pick up a kit and to see the completed quilts we have on display. I think they get more beautiful!

We currently also have a pile of quilts ready to be quilted. If you have time to quilt one for us please stop by and pick one up. We'd love the help.

Thank you to everyone who contributes to our program.

You're the best!

The Community Outreach Team

Visit the website for quilt sizes and important information about fabric choices.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH WEBSITE



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Completed BOM quilts for Community Outreach.

## Block of the Month - Friendship Star

March will be bright and starry.

There will be kits available at the March Guild meeting or use your own fabric. This is a great scrap buster block!

Fabric Requirements:

Two white  $4\frac{7}{8}$ " x  $4\frac{7}{8}$ " squares

Two bright  $4\frac{7}{8}$ " x  $4\frac{7}{8}$ " squares

Four white  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " squares

One bright  $\frac{1}{2}$ " x  $4\frac{1}{2}$ " square

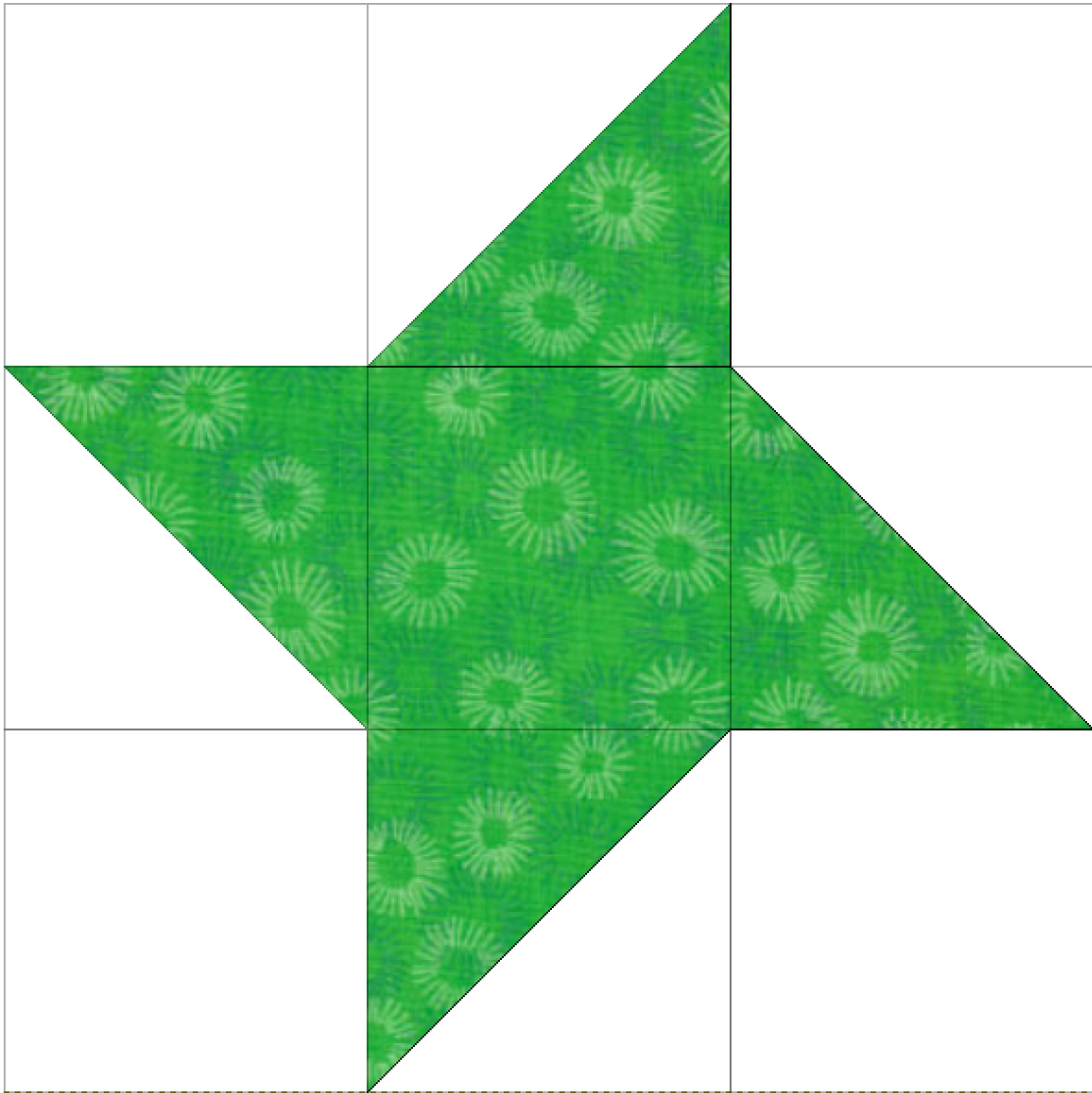
Sewing instructions:

Use scant  $\frac{1}{4}$ " seams

1. Make four half-square triangles with the white and bright  $4\frac{7}{8}$ " x  $4\frac{7}{8}$ " squares.
2. To make a half-square triangle: Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the white square. Place the white square and the bright fabric square right sides together. Sew a scant  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch seam on either side of the diagonal line then cut on the diagonal line. Press to the dark side. Trim to  $4\frac{1}{2}$ "-inch blocks.
3. Arrange as in the diagram below and sew the rows to make the Friendship Star.

The unfinished block is  $12\frac{1}{2}$ "x $12\frac{1}{2}$ " but please leave final trimming to be done when top is being assembled.

Happy Sewing!



**February Program Highlights**

Thank you to the expert members who so willingly shared their skills with the Guild in February. The 45-minute workshops flew by.



Susan Harrington teaching machine applique.



Nancy McNab teaching embroidery.



Judy Eckhardt teaching bead making.



Mary Hopkins teaching needle felted applique.



Nancy Wells teaching hand quilting.



Jackie James teaching basic beading.



## Book Spotlight

What's black and white and cozy all over? These amazing bold and colourful quilt designs make up quickly using 2 1/2" "jelly roll" strips!

[Black White & Bold](#) by Suzanne McNeill

[RCQG LIBRARY CATALOGUE](#)

## **Membership Update**

The Membership Directory was updated and sent out via email. If you receive your guild newsletter via Canada Post, you will receive page 5 and pages 8 through 15 of the membership directory with this March newsletter. No other pages had changes. If you didn't receive your Directory, please stop by the membership table and let Becky know.

As a reminder, our membership fee has dropped to \$25 for the rest of the year. If you know a quilter who would enjoy RCQG membership, please invite them to attend an upcoming meeting

If you have any membership questions - or directory updates, please send an email to Becky Fiedler at [membership@royalcityquiltersguild.ca](mailto:membership@royalcityquiltersguild.ca).

## **Calendar of Events**

There are many quilty events nearby. Here is a snapshot.

Click the buttons below for a complete list of happenings.

NOTE: March 11 Magical Pinwheels with Sherri Hissey is cancelled

OCT <b>19</b> Sat	<b>On The Button – Wellington County Museum @ Wellington County Museum and Archives, Wellington Road 18 between Fergus and Elora</b> Oct 19 2019 @ 4:18 pm – Apr 12 2020 @ 5:18 pm	+
JAN <b>18</b> Sat	<b>re:FASHION Exhibit – Bruce County Museum @ Bruce County Museum</b> Jan 18 @ 4:29 pm – Apr 30 @ 5:29 pm	+
MAR <b>2</b> Mon	<b>Genesis – Encounters Art Quilt Group from Israel, Exhibit @ London Jewish Community Centre</b> Mar 2 @ 4:21 pm – Mar 26 @ 5:21 pm	+
MAR <b>10</b> Tue	<b>March Guild Meeting @ Three Willows Church</b> Mar 10 @ 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm	+
MAR <b>11</b> Wed	<b>Magical Moments in Quilting @ Three Willows United Church</b> Mar 11 @ 9:30 am – 3:30 pm	+
MAR <b>21</b> Sat	<b>Past Presidents' Mystery</b> Mar 21 @ 9:30 am – 3:30 pm	+
MAR <b>27</b> Fri	<b>Etobicoke Quilters Guild – Quilt Fever 2020</b> Mar 27 @ 10:00 am – Mar 28 @ 5:00 pm	+
MAR <b>31</b> Tue	<b>Colour with a U – Juried Exhibit of Art Quilts @ Homer Watson House and Gallery</b> Mar 31 @ 4:25 pm – May 31 @ 5:25 pm	+

**\*cancelled\***

RCQG Calendar of Events

CQA Events List (Ontario)

## 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.

## 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:

Magical Pinwheels, Sherri Hissy - Wed, Mar 11 CANCELLED

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



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The "Pockets to Go" workshop with Jackie James was a great success. Everyone finished their projects!

## 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. Signup for this event began at the January Guild meeting. Space is full, but a waiting list has been created.

## Show and Share from January



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Carolyn Davidson (left) and Laurel Marsolais (right) with their BOM comfort quilt.



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Joan Hug-Valeriotte with her entries for the Craft Ontario show: Mass Wasting.  
More information about the show: [Craft Ontario: Mass Wasting](#)



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Kathy Wagner and her series of quilted and beaded minis as part of the February handwork theme.



Leslie Buck: "Bright Owl" original design



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Nancy Wells - examples of hand applique and hand quilting  
"Lilies with a Touch of Gold", "Spring Bouquet", "Spring is in the Air Spring is Everywhere"



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Nancy Wells - hand quilting and hand applique  
"Cottage Life Revisited", "Flight Patterns", "Dimension of Hearts"



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Pat Donovan. Double Wedding Ring by her mother Eva Loach  
In her hand is "Dutch Windmills" designed by Sherry Hisey, Border Creek Station.

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