

SCRAPS OF WISDOM

President's Message:

What Makes Your Soul Sing?

Have fun. Play. That was the message from Tania Denyer as she shared her journey from traditional to modern quilting and then tweaking the traditional pattern and adding a modern flair. She also admitted that sometimes as we cut, sew, and play with different combinations, sometimes it just doesn't turn out as we hoped it would. Most of us don't have the guts to bring in that sample to show at the "Show and Tell" portion of our guild meetings. Not all quilts have the "Wow" factor. Our inspiration can come from so many places. Whether we have been on a trip or we can finally get outside for a walk in the spring air. Take the time to go on an artist's date and look around for your inspiration. Find whatever it is that makes your soul sing.

- Lilla Hall, President

Are you looking to become more involved with the guild? Come June there will be some opportunities as we will need a new **Vice President**; Deby Wettges moves into the role of President, a new **Historian**; Ruth Hicks steps down after many years of serving our guild in this roll, a **Librarian to assist Kathy Janzen** and a **Secretary**. Please speak to Lilla Hall or Eileen Fennell before the June AGM if any of these offices are of interest to you.



From Emily Hunsberger's quilt, 'Flutterbies' shown at our 2017 Exhibit last fall.

The Waterloo County Quilters' Guild provides an opportunity for quilters to learn in a supportive, sharing, social environment. We encourage you to get the most out of your membership by becoming more deeply involved in the guild.

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Don't forget your entry for our President's Challenge:

A New Logo!

due at the May guild meetings

Meeting Cancellations due to severe weather—listen to KOOLFM 105.3—if the universities are closed, our meetings will be cancelled. We will also post on our facebook page.





May Program - Susan Clark

Our guest speaker on May 16th is Susan Clark of London, Ontario. Her show is entitled, "Creativity". Susan enjoys trying different ways of creating quilts, changing things here and there, to make original quilts with flair. Modern and traditional blend for interesting works of art. Come and enjoy our last speaker of the season.



May will also be the last month of the season to find treasures in the scrap bins. We will be having our social and annual meeting in June, so the bins won't be available then. Members whose last names begin with the letters A to M can bring savoury treats to the June meeting and those with names from N to Z can bring sweets. There will be no afternoon meeting in June, we will only be meeting in the evening.

- Carol Ross Williamson, Programme Committee

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Using Up Scraps #17 with Vikki MacDonald

Inspiration Kitty!



Looking at the photo of Kitty Michell's scrap quilt we can see POSSIBILITIES!

- 1) Strip columns (Chinese Coins) can be changed into strip rows.
- 2) The final quilt size can be anything you wish.
- 3) The short strips can be varied or uniform width.
- 4) The length of the short strips can be size you wish, but must be consistent.
- 5) The sashing between the rows (or columns) can be uniform in width and colour or varied in one or the other.

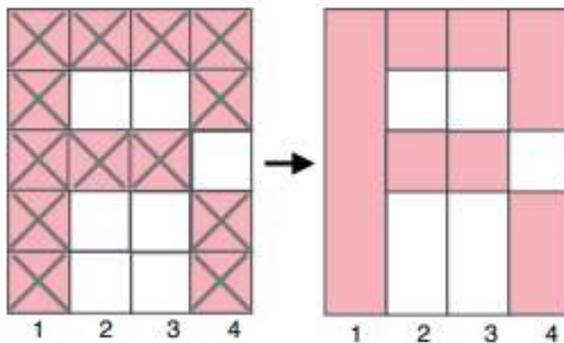


One good site for Chinese Coin Instructions:
<http://www.quilterscache.com/C/ChineseCoinsBlock.html>

Changing Counted Cross Stitch Patterns to Quilt Patterns

Changing a counted cross stitch pattern to a quilt pattern can be done entirely with $1\frac{1}{2}$ " squares or in $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wide runs. For alphabet letter construction, the latter is recommended.

We'll use the letter **R** as our example. First cut $1\frac{1}{2}$ " wide strips in the letter colour and the background colour.

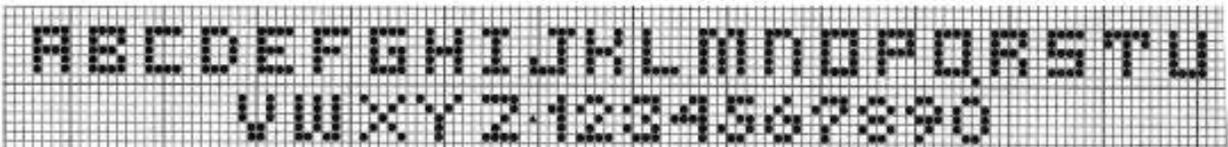


Column 1: one coloured strip $5\frac{1}{2}$ " long

Column 2: two $1\frac{1}{2}$ " coloured squares, one $1\frac{1}{2}$ " background square and one $2\frac{1}{2}$ " background strip.

Column 3: two coloured $1\frac{1}{2}$ " square, one $2\frac{1}{2}$ " background strip and one $1\frac{1}{2}$ " background square.

Column 4: two $2\frac{1}{2}$ " coloured strip and one $1\frac{1}{2}$ " background square



There are numerous books with charted alphabets and many examples can be found online by searching for "cross stitch alphabets".

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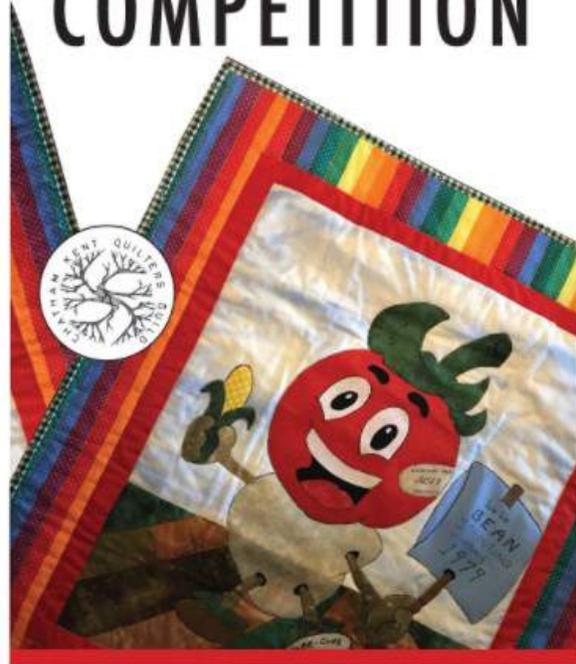
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Ricky Tims Event



Region of York Quilters Guild is hosting 3 days of workshops with Ricky Tims from May 15 to 17, 2018.

For more information, visit their website:

<http://www.regionofyorkquiltersguild.ca/ricky-tims-event/>

CALLING ALL WCQG MEMBERS

May and June are renewal months for your membership. Remember, if you renew in either May or June you are eligible for the draw for a free membership for the coming year. The renewal form is on the website under "Membership". You can fill it out online and print it, or print the form and then fill it out manually.

There will also be forms and envelopes at the May and June meetings.

Please remember to put your \$35 cash in an envelope along with the membership form. If you put in \$40, you will get the \$5 back at the next meeting. We are very lucky that our membership fees have not gone up like so many things; been to the grocery store or bought gas for your car lately?! We are a bargain. Renewals are \$35 and new members are \$40.

Pictures:

Please check your picture off at the sign in desk if it still okay for this coming year. I will be taking pictures of our members for the 2018-2019 WCQG Handbook at the May and June meetings. I have almost 170 pictures of our members. If you wish a retake or need a picture taken, please let me know at the May or June meetings. - Madeline Hughes, non-professional picture-taker



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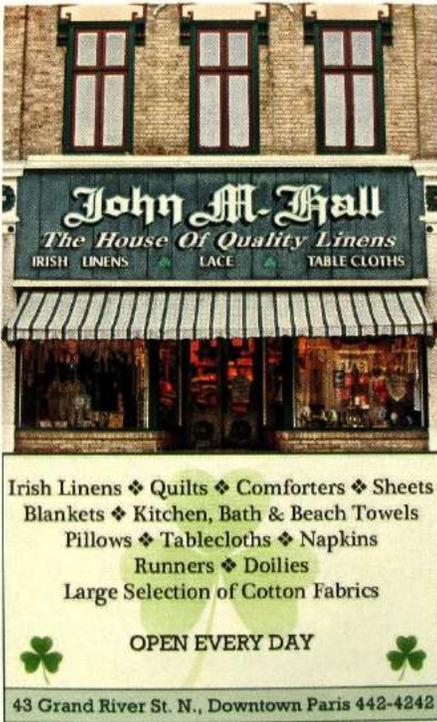
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Mannheim Sewing Circle

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- Tamara and Megan



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Good Things Continue to Happen at the Guild's Mannheim Sewing Circle



In late 2016, Tamara Gilhuly and Megan Stauch suggested that we make half square triangle quilt blocks, to be made up into quilts for charitable causes. The results were enough to produce 3 quilts! 2 quilts were displayed in our guild exhibit last fall. Trudy Dey, Megan Stauch and Tamara each did the machine quilting on them. The third quilt, seen here with Megan and Tamara was completed last month. One was donated to the PAL program and two were accepted by Marilyn Hollinger for Vera's Place. Warm thanks to the many participants who made these quilts possible. - Ruth Hicks

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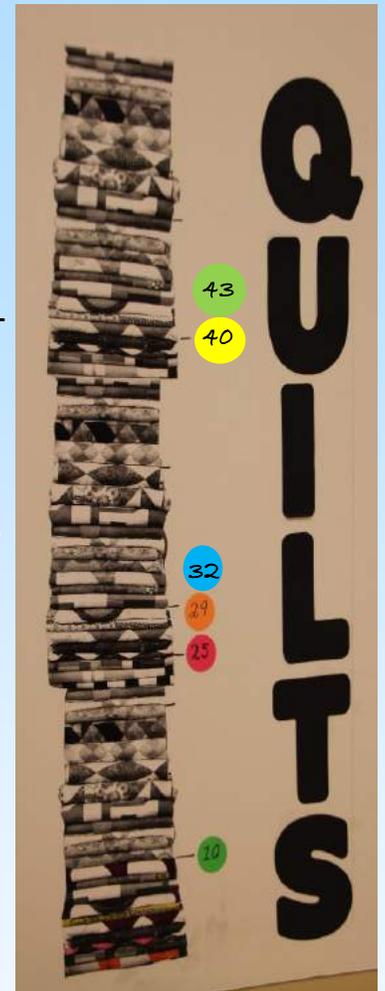
The Leaning Tower of Quilts has reached

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Just a few more and we'll reach our goal of

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QUILTS!



Some guild members are sensitive to scents.

Please refrain from wearing perfume to guild meetings.



DON'T FORGET TO SIGN IN AT THE MEMBERSHIP DESK AND GET YOUR DOOR PRIZE DRAW TICKET! It is important for fire regulations that we

know how many people we have in the community centre, especially during the afternoon meetings.

Professional Guild Members

Any guild members who provide a quilt-related service or operate a quilt-related business have an opportunity to be listed on our website under "Member Professionals".

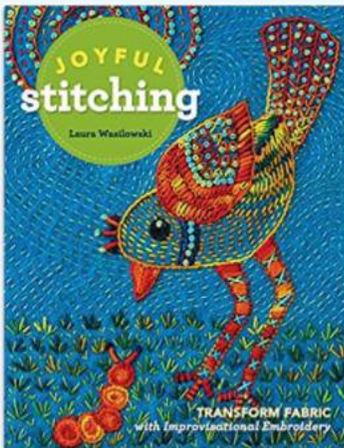
Please review existing member listings to see what to include.

Library News

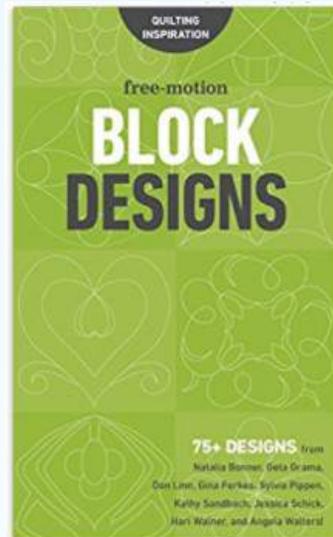
Library inventory will take place on Thursday, June 14th from 1 to 4 pm. We would be very grateful for lots of help. Here's a little bribe: if you come you will get first dibs on materials to take out for the whole summer ☺. If you are able to come that afternoon, please let Kathy Janzen or Judy Pearce know. Thanks!

Here are a couple of new books that have been added recently to our excellent collection:

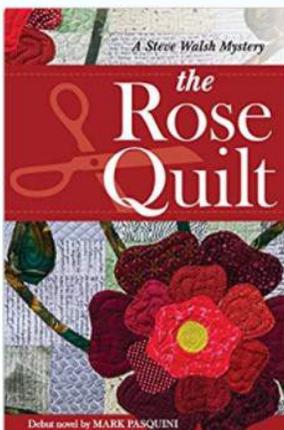
The Quilts of Iceland This is a beautiful book. Not only does it contain some nice quilt ideas, it also has beautiful photographs and some recipes too. (no picture available)



Joyful Stitching Many of you have been borrowing the hand embroidery books by Sue Spargo and Laura Wasilowski. This is a delightful addition to our collection by Laura.



Free Motion Block Designs This is a great book with entries by many different quilters.



The Rose Quilt by Mark Pasquini. Here is a new novel for those of you who enjoy a good read.



Oh Scrap! Fabulous Quilts That Make the Most of Your Stash, by Lissa Alexander - This book has just been ordered and should be available for someone to take out for the summer. It has some great ideas for those of you who need some stash busters.

I'M Possible Project for Victims Services

Revised: Large Nine Patch and Friendship Star Blocks - 12½" block

Some members found the original Stars and Chains blocks to be too small and fiddly. The Log Cabin block will remain the same. Robin Bogaert has redrafted the pattern as follows:

The Nine Patch

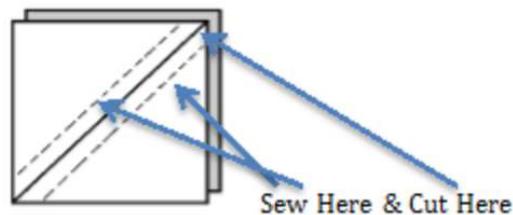
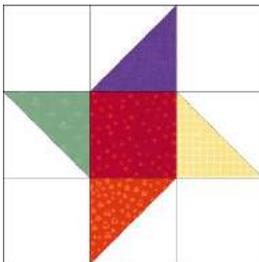


Wednesday, May 30th is the next for our **I'M Possible Work Bee** at the Waterloo Regional Police Dept., at Weber and Columbia. Parking is limited, so plan to drop off your gear and park in the Canadian Tire parking lot. Work Bees will run from 10am to 4pm, so bring your lunch. A few spots remain, please contact Robin Bogaert or Marg Sandiford.

You will need: 4 - 4½" squares of background fabric (cream, white or beige) and 5 - 4½" squares of coloured fabric (scrappy)

1. Use an accurate ¼" seam allowance throughout all sewing of this block.
2. Sew together all squares using the diagram above, sew in rows of 3 starting with row 1. Press rows opposite to each other, i.e., row 1 to the right, row 2 to the left and row 3 to the right. Sew rows together, pinning to butt seams and match corners.
3. Press the remaining 2 seams in one direction.
4. Makes 1 block, measuring 12½" square.

The Friendship Star

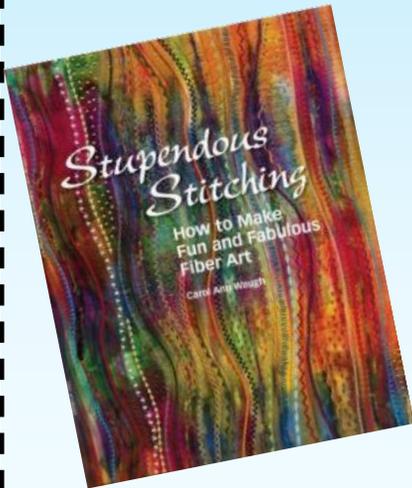


You will need: 2 - 4⁷/₈" light (cream, white or beige) background squares, 2 - 4⁷/₈" coloured squares, 4 - 4½" light (cream, white or beige) background for corners, and 1 - 4½" coloured centre square.

1. Make half square triangle by laying the 2 - 4⁷/₈" light (background) squares on top of the darker coloured 4⁷/₈" squares, draw a diagonal line across from corner to corner, pin and sew ¼" away from either side of the line, as shown above. Cut down the centre line to make 4 half square triangle blocks, 4 for each block, measuring 4½", trim to square as necessary. Press toward the darker coloured fabric.
2. Sew the block together, as shown above on the left, sew in rows, pinning, butting and ironing as you did with the 9 patch block. Makes 1 block, measuring 12½" square.

Don't Panic! If there are still any of the smaller version of these blocks, don't worry, we will use them!

Stupendous Stitching



Bonnie Murdoch will teach another workshop featuring techniques from Carol Ann Waugh's book, "Stupendous Stitching". There are still a few spots available for this fun and popular workshop on Friday, June 8th. Please contact Bonnie at 519-725-9455 if you are interested in participating. The fee for this workshop is \$15.00. Non-guild members are welcome too, the fee for them is \$20.

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I'M Possible Project

On April 24th, 20 members of the WCQG spent the day putting together quilts at the Waterloo Regional Police Station. Yes, indeed, the local police station! Our mission was to create quilts for the "I'M Possible" group that seeks to offer comfort to the victims of crime. Several quilt tops were assembled ready for quilting. It was great to see some new guild members taking part. A good time was had by all. We will convene again on Wednesday, May 30th for another work bee. There are still spots available.



Pictured here in front of one of the friendship star/nine patch quilt tops are Darlene Yanke, Robin Bo-gaert, and Marg Sandiford. Along with Eileen Fennell and Lilla hall, these 5 make up the "I'M Possible" committee. - Ruth Hicks



Chocolate Covered Cherries Cake

Makes one 9 x 13 pan, shared by Marg Sandiford

For the cake, mix together: one package devil's food cake mix, one 20 oz can (2.5 cups) cherry pie filling, 1 teaspoon almond extract & 2 large eggs. Coat pan with cooking spray and spread batter into pan. Bake for 30 to 35 minutes in 350°F oven. While the cake cools, make the glaze.

For the glaze: Place one cup white sugar, 1/3 cup butter and 1/3 cup milk in a medium saucepan. Bring to boil, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and add one cup semi-sweet chocolate chips. Stir until chips are melted and the glaze is smooth. Pour over warm

cake. The glaze will firm up as the cake cools. Add extra cherries on top if desired.

Cut cake into squares or rectangles and enjoy.





Thanks, Tanya

For sharing your love of quilts and quilting with us at our April guild meetings.

Some of Tanya's patterns are available online through her website www.gingerquilts.ca



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Volunteer hand quilters are being sought by Doon Heritage Village. Volunteers would be provided with a period correct (1914) costume to wear while volunteering. Quilting activities would take place in one of the historic houses located in Doon Heritage Village during July and August. If you are interested and for more details, please contact:

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Program Outline 2017-2018

May - Susan Clarke & President's Challenge Logo due

June - Annual General Meeting and Social, evening only—Those with last names starting with A - M bring savory treats, N - Z bring sweets



Elected Officers of the Guild 2016-2017

President: Lilla Hall
Vice President: Deby Wettges
Treasurer: Darlene Yanke
Secretary: Robin Bogaert
Past President: Eileen Fennell

Standing Committees

Historian: Ruth Hicks
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Newsletter: Marg Sandiford
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Program & Workshops: Bonnie Murdoch
 Carol Ross Williamson &
 Darlene Yanke

Quilt Exhibit: Bonnie Murdoch, Co-chair
 & Ruthanne Snider, Co-chair

Website: Kathy Bissett
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Quilting Months Ahead

Month	Day	Activity
May	9	Mannheim Sewing Circle
May	11, 12	Four Corners Guild 20th Anniversary Quilt Show in Mount Forest
May	16	Regular guild meetings
May	21-26	Quilts of Iceland, Ailsa Craig
May	22-26	Quilt & Fibre Art Festival, Waterloo Region and beyond
May	25,26	Making Memories Quilt Show, Mildmay-Carrick Recreation Complex
May	30	I'M Possible Work Bee
June	8	Stupendous Stitching Workshop at Mannheim
June	14	Library Inventory 1 - 4pm

Our website: <http://www.wcquiltersguild.on.ca/>