

Waterloo County Quilters' Guild

SCRAPS OF WISDOM



Happy St. Patrick's Day!
Susan Forbes' Shamrock Delight

President's Message: Welcome March!

March is finally here. Thank goodness. Perhaps we can say goodbye to snow squalls and whiteouts for another year. Lots going on this month: Mannheim on the 13th and the Mini Retreat on the 30th.

Let's not forget our meetings on the 20th. Our guest speaker is our own Aline Chan. Aline is featured in the spring issue (page 40) of the CQA's *Canadian Quilter* magazine. Her story details her "Teen Quilt Academy", which she has conducted for over 21 years. Aline is certainly bringing the next generation of quilters into the spotlight. Great job, Aline!

Also, at our meeting will be the conclusion of our "President's Challenge" (also known as the CQA Member Guild Challenge). All entries MUST be handed in at the afternoon meeting as that is when the voting will start. If you only attend the evening meeting, please make sure you give your entry to someone who will drop it off for the afternoon meeting. The winner will be announced at the April meeting. Best of luck to all who enter.

Last, but not least, our March meetings will feature Caroline Birch of Caroline Quilts as our vendor. A great opportunity for one stop shopping. Hope this preview of spring enables you to get out and attend some of the early craft shows that are popping up in our area.

Sew long for now, Deby

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 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.

Cancellations due to Weather - Members should consider a guild meeting to be cancelled if the universities are closed. KOOL FM will post such closures on their website.



Save the date for QUILT CANADA 2019!
June 12-15, 2019
EY Centre, Ottawa, ON

March Program - Aline Chan



We are delighted to have our own guild member, Aline Chan, give her talk on “My Quilting Journey” and look forward to seeing her beautiful quilts. Aline is a professional quilter, certified Zentangles teacher and machine quilter.

Aline started quilting when she was a child in the Caribbean. Growing up in a convent, there were no other activities during spare time except reading history books, sewing, calligraphy and art.

When Aline came to Canada for university, she was determined not to sew anymore, but after a few months, she purchased fabric to make a Cathedral Windows quilt that eventually became queen sized and was completely hand sewn.

In her second year, she went to a store and bought the cheapest sewing machine there - a Brother machine that lasted her until she got her first teaching job and then she purchased, what the ladies in her first guild said was a proper sewing machine, a Pfaff. She is still a “Pfaff baby” with six of them.

Aline’s website is www.alininspirations.com

Our vendor at the March guild meetings will be Caroline Birch of Caroline Quilts. Her website is: www.carolinequilts.blogspot.com



Placemats for Meals On Wheels

Judy Pearce has offered to collect these placemats at the March and April meetings. The minimum size is 12” x 18” to the maximum size is 14” x 20”. We had some lovely ones handed in at the February meetings.



Curved Piecing Workshop - February 23, 2019

Everyone had a fun and productive day learning to cut and sew curved pieces with the specialty ruler. Susan Forbes was a wonderful teacher and the ladies really enjoyed the workshop. It was wonderful to see all the different colours and fabrics used. I am looking forward to seeing some finished quilts at our show and tell.

Barbara Pye, for the Programme Committee



Susan Forbes & Elizabeth King

CLASSIFIEDS

FREE - I have just inherited some sewing items and a number of old wooden spools of thread. I remember someone saying she saved these. I will have them with me at the Smile Quilt table. - Helene Doerfler

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PAL Quilts

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Please note, the backing in these two kits is cut 56" x 80".

There is also batting available for other sized PAL quilts. Please let Judy Siegner know what size you require.

Table runners, table toppers and wall hangings could also be donated for use in the hospices and Vera's Place.

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.



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Internet Resources for Quilters

Prepared by Inge Ford

This month I'm sharing two of my very favourite internet resources for quilters. I have learned so much from these programs and find them quite entertaining as well. The only difference is that there is a subscription cost involved with each of these programs. I consider it my Netflix for quilters.

The Quilt Show – The Quilt Show was born January 1, 2007. Ricky Tims teamed up with Alex Anderson to create true quality TV shows bringing the viewers top quilters in the world. There are over 220 shows (each an hour long) featuring some of your favourite quilters, e.g. Bonnie Hunter, Eleanor Burns, Tula Pink, Jinny Byers, Leah Day or any of the other 300 quilters that have appeared on The Quilt Show. As a member, you have 24/7 access to their techniques, ideas and tutorials. A new show becomes available every other week. There are a few shows that are always promoted as “free” to watch. Currently you can watch four shows without becoming a member. This is a good way to determine if this is a program to which you wish to subscribe. The hosts – Ricky Tims and Alex Anderson are both professional quilters, teachers, designers and published authors. I look forward to each new show that is published and learn something new each time. The shows are for quilters of all experience levels. For more information go to <https://thequiltshow.com>. The free membership provides access to the online Quilt Magazine, quilting news, some tutorials and free patterns. The Star Membership which allows access to the tv programs is a yearly fee of \$47.00 (U.S.) Hope you enjoy it!



Blueprint – This site (formerly known as Craftsy) is home to 1,300+ in-depth classes in more than 20 categories including quilting, knitting, crocheting, cooking, dance, music, art, yoga, photography, etc. Learn from 600+ experts. Blueprint provides beginner to advanced programs and releases new series each week. There are 200 quilt classes available, ranging from piecing, free motion, applique, border designs and lots more. Blueprint memberships are \$7.99 per month or an annual fee of \$79.99 (US). Membership gives you unlimited access to the thousands of creative classes, plus access to professionally-tested patterns, recipes and project ideas. Watch for sales on the annual fee which sometimes include 12 classes that you can download and keep forever, even if you cancel your membership. Each class contains approximately six or seven different lessons on a particular topic. Each full lesson is about 25-30 minutes in length and is broken down into small segments that can easily be mastered. There are also many mini-classes that can be watched in less than an hour. Most classes have a downloadable materials list. If you have the Blueprint app, you can stream directly to your smart phone. Blueprint also sells fabrics, notions, kits and their own lines of fabric. If you are a member you will receive regular discounts. Go to <https://www.myblueprint.com> for details.



Using Up Scraps #21 with Vikki MacDonald

S Z Quilt



The blocks alternate in an A, B pattern:

A, B, A, B, A, B
B, A, B, A, B, A



To make one block for this quilt you need:

- ❖ three 10 ½" x 2 ½" strips of the "S" fabric
- ❖ two 2 ½" squares of the "S" fabric
- ❖ two 8 ½" x 2 ½" strips of the background fabric

The horizontally placed blocks are sewn as an **S**.
The vertically placed blocks are sewn as a reversed **S**.
This quilt works well as a scrap quilt using two colour families.



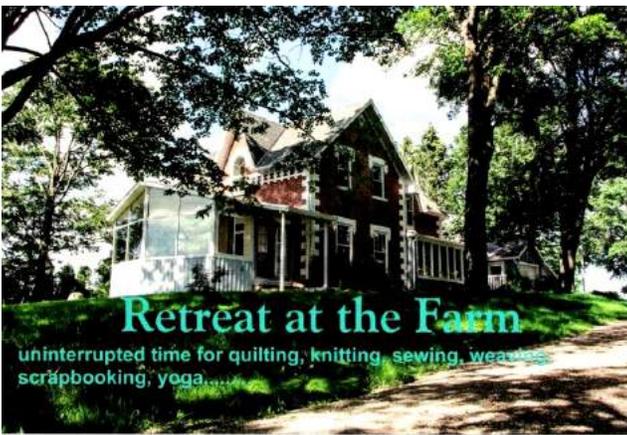
Quilts Using Multiples

The quilt shown at the guild meetings was based on a 6" sewn square and included multiples that would create squares of that same size. The three suggested blocks are the ones shown here.



Since the blocks are all the same size, they can be placed in any number of arrangements.

The same principle can be used for other sizes of blocks.



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Mannheim Sewing Circle

Join us on Wednesday, March 13, from 9am to 4pm for the next Mannheim Sewing Circle. Bring your sewing supplies and the project of your choice to work on, as well as a packed lunch. We will provide tea, coffee and a friendly group to sew with! Your \$4 donation helps cover the cost of the room rental. Please find directions to the Mannheim Community Centre in your guild membership book, or on our website. Let's hope the weather holds this time! But in case of inclement weather, if school buses are cancelled in the morning, then the sewing circle will also be cancelled.

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Registering Your Quilts for the 2019 Quilt Exhibit

Registration forms will be available in early **March** on the guild website or in paper form at guild meetings in March, April, May and June. Please complete **either** an online form **OR** a paper form for **EACH** quilt you wish to exhibit.

The last day to submit your registration forms is **Wednesday, June 19, 2019.**

Your quilts need to be completed by early August. All registered quilts will be photographed at the Creative Sisters Quilt Studio on either Monday, August 12 or Tuesday August 13. Specific times for photography will be set up later this spring. If you plan on being out of town on those two days, please arrange to have a friend take your quilts to the studio. The photographs are vitally important to Kathy Bissett as she colour coordinates the layout for the exhibit. The photographs are also compiled on memory sticks and sold at the exhibit.

We would encourage each and every member of the guild to exhibit a quilt this year. It does not matter if you are a Novice Quilter (a quilter with 2 years or less experience) or a Master Quilter (someone who has participated in a national or international show), whether your quilt is small or large enough to fit a king sized bed, all quilts are welcome.

Thank you, Elaine and Ruthanne, Quilt Exhibit Co-Chairs

EXHIBIT MAGNETS



Elaine LaRonde will provide kits to assemble our advertising magnets. The instructions for folding and printing the information are available on our website under "Members' Preparations". Six inch fabric squares are available or you may provide your own. Please return the finished magnets to Elaine as soon as possible and remember to take some along to leave at the quilt shops you visit.

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Sometimes I think maybe I should do something else besides sew...

then I realize how silly I'm being and go back to sewing.

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Doors open for guild meetings at 12:45 in the afternoon and 6:30 in the evening. **Unless you are involved in setting up the room, please do not arrive until after the above mentioned times so those setting up have room to work.** Thank you!

Mini Retreat

at Emmanuel United Church
22 Bridgeport Road West
Waterloo

**Saturday, March 30,
2019**

9am to 8pm

Lunch and Supper
Included

Sandra Bussey,
Organizer

Sign up at the January
Guild Meetings

\$45 per person

There are still a few spots
available. Please contact San-
dra as soon as possible to re-
serve your spot. Cash or
cheque required upon signup.



Scraps of Wisdom - March 2019

Each year the tiny village of Ailsa Craig, Ontario hosts an internationally recognized Quilt Festival. The Festival is run by local volunteers and features displays, classes, the gourmet Quilt Café, vendors and demonstrations. Past countries hosted include Russia, Ireland, Great Britain, Africa, France, Israel, Denmark, Holland, Latvia and Iceland. In 2017 the Festival hosted Canada 150 to celebrate Canada's sesquicentennial. In 2019 we welcome New Zealand! We hope you join us from May 20th-25th and don't forget to say "Kia Ora" as you join in the fun!

Victim Services Presentation & Donation January 2019

At our January meeting we were given an official presentation by Bruce Moffat, Executive Director of Victim Services for Waterloo Region. He spoke of the rising statistics of victims in our area and how much these quilts would provide welcome comfort to victims in our community. We presented Bruce with 25 quilts. Bruce was extremely thankful on behalf of his workforce who assist victims on a daily basis. The pictures here depict the many (and I know some were missing) individuals in our guild who were involved in many ways by donating fabric, making quilt blocks, putting kits together, piecing, quilting and binding the quilts, and of course, donating their time. We appreciate ALL of your efforts and thank you with very grateful hearts. We were also featured on CTV as a guild doing something wonderful for the community on January 16 on the 5pm news presentation. Special thanks also to the "I'm Possible Committee" - Marg Sandiford, Lila Hall, Darlene Ekmanis, Eileen Fennell and Robin Bogaert. This hard working committee organized the many workshops and cut many, many kits.



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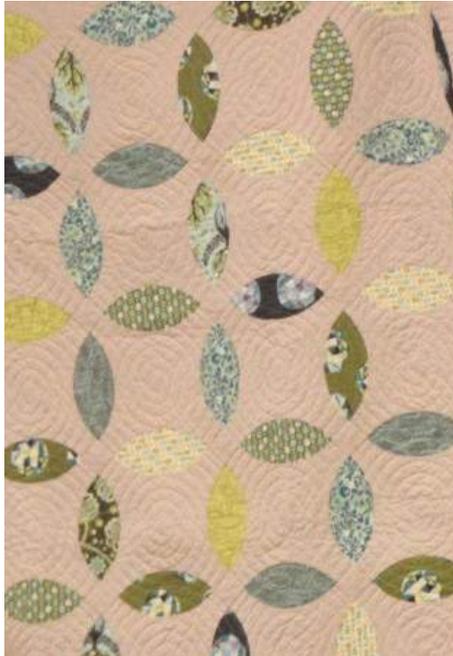




Quilt & Fibre Art Festival Waterloo Region & Beyond

Tuesday May 21 to Saturday May 25, 2019

Quilting is an integral part of this region's heritage, so it is fitting that each year in May, communities come together to host an exceptional variety of quilting and fibre arts events. Be sure to mark your calendar, gather your friends and plan to attend!



"Modern Melon" Susan's pattern, published in *Modern Patchwork*



"Stellar Medallion Tree Skirt" from *Quilts Without Corners* by Cheryl Phillips

**Thank You,
Susan Forbes for
sharing your
quilting journey
with us!**



"Mod Strawberries" using Mini Curve Ruler from Sew Kind of Wonderful



"Crazy Curves" using 7" Crazy Curve Templates - free pattern from *Elisa'a Backporch*

Upcoming Workshop with Deb Beirnes - Saturday, April 27, 2019 ¹³

at Mannheim Community Centre 9:30am - 3:30pm

Sign up at the March and April Guild meetings

FOUR RED DOORS

Designed by Deborah Beirnes, Elmira, ON 2012

This method was first introduced in Sally Schneider's "Scrap Mania" book published in 1994 in a block unit she called "Mary's Triangles". Billie Lauder revisited this technique in her 2002 "Quick Quilt Tricks" book. I am introducing you to Sally's 1994 technique using my updated technique of no templates or specialty rulers needed. For Billie's technique you may wish to refer to her book.

You may choose to work with one feature fabric only, work in one colour family like the sample or work with a large assortment of scrap prints. I have included the number of strips to cut and how to subcut the strips. Labelling the cut units helps to keep you organized.

Finished Size: 40" x 44"

Finished Block Size: 4"

Total Number of Blocks: 110

Block Setting: 10 blocks across x 11 blocks down

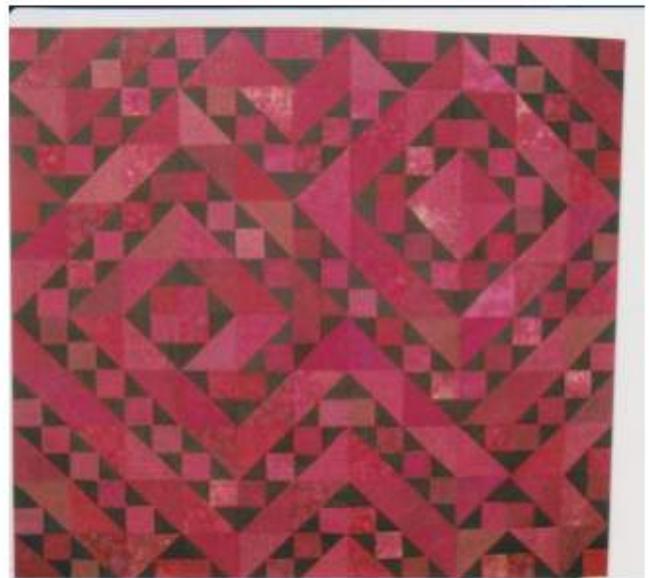
Fabric Amounts Based on 42" width of Fabric (WOF)

80 cm background (black in sample)

1.5 m feature fabric (red in sample)

40 cm binding (black in sample)

46" x 50" backing and batting



Pre Class Cutting:

Background: cut 7 strips 3 1/2" x WOF

: cut strips into 110 > 2 1/2" x 3 1/2" rectangles

: label these units "B"

Feature Fabric: cut 7 strips 2 1/2" x WOF

: from above 7 strips cut 110 > 2 1/2" squares & label "A"

: cut 7 strips 5 1/2" x WOF

: from above 7 strips cut 55 > 4 1/2" x 5 1/2" rectangles & label "C"

Binding: cut 5 strips 2 1/2" x 45"

Additional Supplies: Sewing Machine

Rotary Cutting Equipment

Thread to Match Fabric

Flannel Back Vinyl Tablecloth to use for designing blocks

Regular Sewing Supplies



LIBRARY NEWS

Helene Stevens ordered the annual 'Block' book subscription from the Missouri Star Quilt Co and just received the first bi-monthly issue. It is the 'Early Winter 2018 Vol. 5 Issue



6' and has been added to the inventory. Helene says it was great to see the article referencing the Missouri Star Quilt Co. website in last month's newsletter. Last May, Helene and her friends went on a quilt bus trip to Missouri Star in Hamilton, Missouri—and had a blast!

BOUTIQUE ITEMS

Aline Chan will collect items for the boutique at our Quilt Exhibit at the afternoon meetings. Darlene Ekmanis will collect them at the evening meetings. Used quilting magazines and books will be accepted. Magazines should not be older than 5 years and should be quilt related. Everyone who makes a donation will have their name in a draw to win \$50.

- Aline Chan

SILENT AUCTION ITEMS FOR EXHIBIT

Darlene Ekmanis is collecting any items you want to give for the Quilt Exhibit silent auction.

Please refrain from wearing perfume to guild meetings as some members are allergic or sensitive to them.



If you know of a guild member who has become ill, please let our secretary, Doris Martin, know so she can send a get well card from all of us.



Above: Judy Siegner, Right: Karen Lichy and below, Jean Mdfarlane



Above: Mary Snyder



Right: Shanta Ragde and below: Marilyn Weckworth



A Sampling from our February Show and Tell

Program Schedule for 2018-19

- March - Aline Chan & Mini Retreat
- April - Pauline Grondin & Stash Buster Workshop with
Deb Beirnes
- May - Laura Coia of Sew Very Easy
- June - Annual General Meeting, no speaker



Elected Officers of the Guild 2018-2019

- President:** Deby Wettges
- Vice President:** Inge Ford
- Treasurer:** Jean Cloes
- Assistant Treasurer:** Andrea Heimrich
- Secretary:** Doris Martin
- Past President:** Lilla Hall

Standing Committees

- Historian:** **Vacant**
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- Program & Workshops:** Bonnie Murdoch,
Barbara Pye, Sandra Bussey &
Darlene Ekmanis
- Quilt Exhibit:** Ruthanne Snider, Co-chair
& Elaine LaRonde, Co-chair
- Website:** Kathy Bissett
- Facebook:** Marg Sandiford



Quilting Months Ahead

Month	Day	Activity
March	13	Mannheim Sewing Circle
March	20	Regular guild meetings
March	30	Mini Retreat
April	27	Workshop with Deb Beirnes
May	20-25	Ailsa Craig "Quilts of New Zealand"
May	21-25	St Jacobs Quilt and Fibre Festival
June	12-15	Quilt Canada in Ottawa
June	19	Registration deadline for our 2019 Quilt Exhibit

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