

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

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The Fabulous Five: January Meeting

With the riches of talent among our Guild members, selecting only five to share some of their work in January was certainly not an easy task. Let us celebrate some of the work within our Guild by welcoming five fabulous quilt makers

on Wednesday, January 21 - our first meeting in the new year. Members of the 2015 Fabulous Five are Jean Carberry, Marsha Clarke, Emily Hunsberger, Judy Pearce and Megan Stauch. We have seen occasional quilts from each of

these members but to have them share a case of quilts, a carton of quilts, a quiver? of quilts will be superb! Not to put any pressure on The Five, but this will be a program filled with colour, style, and plenty of the "wow" factor!



Emily Hunsberger



Jean Carberry



Judy Pearce



Marsha Clarke



Megan Stauch

President's Message

Happy New Year! I hope your holiday with family and friends were enjoyable. I wish you and those you hold dear all the best in 2015! If you're travelling to warmer climates may you have a safe journey (and perhaps you could bring back a bit of sunshine and warmth).

After the busyness of December I always look forward to January. It's nice to go back to normal. I usually organize

my sewing area at this time of year. I take stock of my UFOs (I'm NOT telling how many I've got :)), do some cleaning up and often end up with a pile of things for the upcoming chair/table sale.

I don't really make definite New Year's resolutions but I think about what I want to accomplish this year (often relates to finishing the UFOs I've just found). I also keep an eye out for classes being of-

fered by quilt shops and try to sign up for something that will teach me a new technique or provide a new-to-me experience. I hope each of you will try something different this winter also, something that will expand your creative world. Here's to a year of new possibilities!

Trudy Dey, President



Scrappy Happy President's Challenge

At the November meeting 21 ladies signed up to participate. Wonderful! You can still register this month if you'd like to participate. Here are the details: In honour of our guild's 30th anniversary this year, make a little quilt (maximum pe-

rimeter of 60") and bring it to the June meeting for all to admire.

- use at least 30 different fabrics on the front of your quilt
- any fabrics can be used (e.g. leftovers from previous projects or new ones

- use any technique you want
- must have be 3 layers (top, batting, backing)
- sign up for this challenge at the Jan meeting where the sign-up sheet will be on a table near the lectern.

Trudy Dey



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Quilt Help Desk



NEW! Help Desk for Beginning Quilters! Starting in January, Elizabeth King and Elizabeth McDowell Heagy will be available for 30 mins after the afternoon meeting, and 15 minutes after the evening meeting to discuss any problems you have with a project, or to help with other quilting questions. One of us will be available over at the program table immediately after the meetings. Bring your project along if you wish.

Quilters Tip

When my husband and daughter dripped wax on our quilted table runner, I remembered this tip. To lift wax from fabric, first put an ice cube on the wax drips to harden them. You might then be able to lift off the hardened wax with your fingers, or very gently remove the bulk of it with the edge of a knife. For remaining wax, particularly wax that has dissolved into the fabric, it remove with a clean piece of paper (or papertowel, or clean rag) and an iron. Place the paper over the wax spot, and with the iron on low, move the iron over the paper until a "wet" spot appears -- this is the melted wax being absorbed by the paper. Shift the paper until a clean area covers the wax spot, and repeat. Continue until no new wet areas appear on the paper. Wax is gone! It worked on my husband's new sweater, too.

2015 Waterloo County Quilters Exhibit

Ten Months and Counting!

What is ten months away? Our bi-annual quilt show, called **Waterloo County Quilters' Exhibit**, which will take place Friday and Saturday, **October 16th and 17th, 2015** at RIM park – formally known as the Forbes Family Hall at the Manulife Sports Complex at 2001 University Ave East in Waterloo.

There is a lot to do in the next 10 months and each member will be asked by me, "What quilt have you started or earmarked to enter into our show/exhibit?" You could actually enter six but I just expect one from everyone And I am very serious about this.

These people in the picture have started on the very important aspect of advertising. These are small magnets that have a 6 inch square, folded and our exhibit's information is written on it. They will be given to stores in Ontario to get the word out. You can help by making these. Elaine LaRonde is the person in charge of this part of the advertising. We

ask our guild members to tell their neighbours, family and friends. There is a small group of members who are also working in other fields of advertising and if anyone else wishes to join them or has some ideas about advertising, speak to me, Bonnie Murdoch or Shari Turner who is the person in charge of advertising our very excellent show.

~Bonnie Murdoch



L to R: Ruthann Snider, Bettie Schuurman, Elaine LaRonde, Peggy Herlick, Bonnie Murdoch

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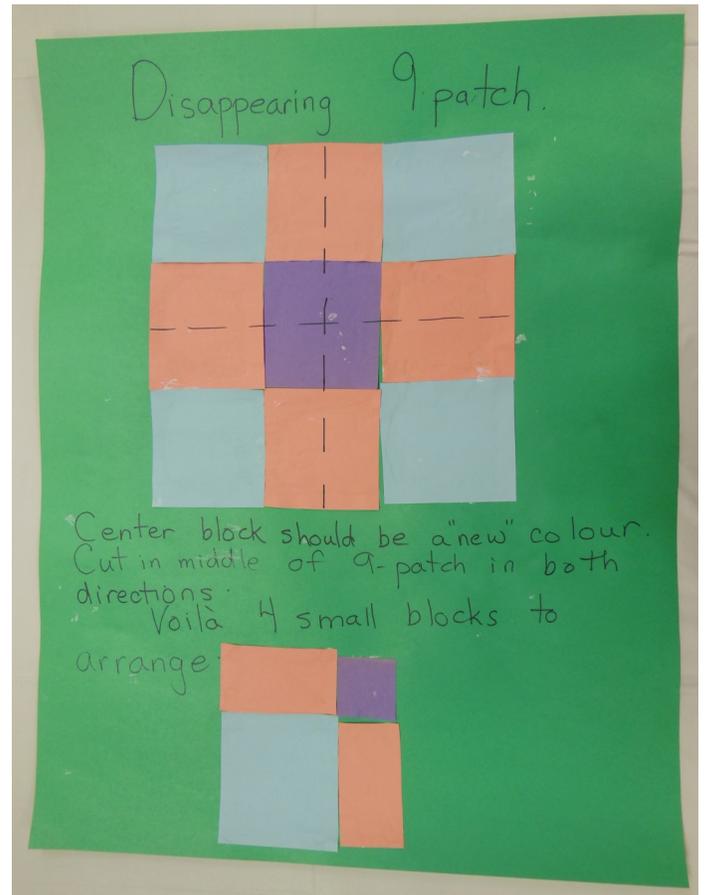
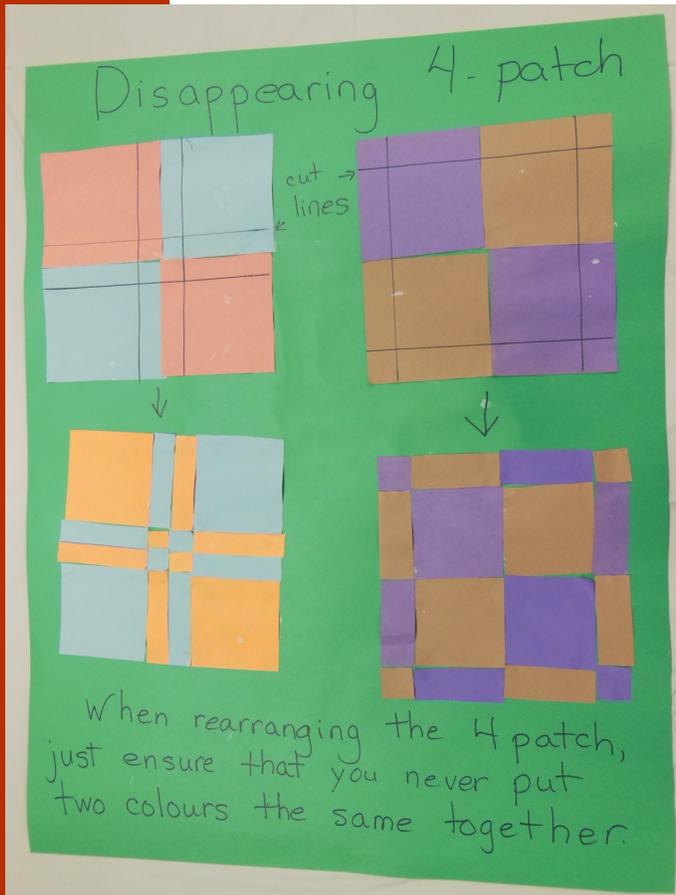
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Vikki's Taking the Mystery Out



OWLS TWO



Welcome to a new year of opportunities for completing projects as well as starting new ones. My personal resolution is to complete at least one OWL before starting something new !!! With deadlines ahead for at least two new quilts, I had better get started before the new year ! What about you? Are you working on those OWLS? The clock is ticking Please make sure to let Judy or Olga know that your project is completed so your name can be entered in the draw. Don't forget there are bonus prizes too for anything that includes an owl. Judy Siegner and Olga Mondoux

Quilt Raffle Charity

Our membership voted to select Innisfree House as the charity to receive the proceeds of the 2015 raffle quilt.

Innisfree House, the new hospice being build in conjunction with Lisaard House., will provide palliative care to terminally ill patients and their families. It will operate solely on donations.

We hope to have a representative at the January meeting to provide more details.

The Quilting Month ahead..

Month	Day	Detail
Jan	14	Manheim Quilting Circle
	21	Fabulous Five Presentations
	21	Sign Up for Karen Kay Buckley Workshop
	21	Sign Up for Hilary Rice Workshop

Threads of Africa

Typically, when I start thinking about a group quilt for the Relief Sale, I don't have a firm idea of the finished quilt. Many variables affect the final look, including how many guild members participate, the subject and colors of the blocks. This year's project was even more complex with 4 different sizes of blocks, making it important for the design and assembly process to have as many blocks as possible to create a balanced and attractive quilt. With this project it all worked out again!

The first quilt, Threads of Africa, will be sold at the 2015 Mennonite Relief Sale in New Hamburg. Right now it is hanging at the MCC office at 50 Kent Avenue in Kitchener.

The 14 extra blocks, which because of their sizes, were not used for the first quilt have now been put together into a second quilt.

It took a long time to find a way to incorporate them all, but I managed. Judy Pearce and Emily Hunsburger worked on the assembly of the top and The Audrey Vrooman will do the machine quilting.

I would like to donate this quilt to the Omas-Siskonakw organization. You can find information at www.omas.siskonakw.org Last year this organization had a quilt show in town and there will be an auction of these quilts later this year. Some guild members who have worked on our quilts are also members of this organization.

I hope this will meet with the approval of the guild members who have worked on this project. If you have some concerns or want to know more, please get in contact with me.

By the way.....in February my husband and I will join a small group. We will visit small agricultural projects in Nepal. And I have heard that there are some really interesting fabrics!



Renske Helmuth

Raffle Quilt Update



The Raffle quilt is well underway. We had a good return on the blocks and they look fabulous when laid out next to each other. As you read this, the setting triangles and borders are being created and the quilt top is being assembled. We hope the top is complete by the January 21st guild meeting.

Left: Jacqueline Tate and Audrey Vrooman discuss the design points of the setting triangle construction.

Next, the quilt exhibit committee will arrange for a photo of the quilt top so that it can be featured on posters and bookmarks to market the show. Then the quilt top returns to Peggy Nagle who will custom quilt the top. Jean Carberry is lined up to do the binding and labeling of the quilt.

The top looks very attractive, even though it has not yet been assembled. We can hardly wait to see the finished quilt!

The folded freezer paper foundation technique was new to most of us and a bit tricky to get on to, but once mastered, it makes a wonderfully accurate block. I'm already planning to make a fan quilt using this technique. It will be fun and accurate!



Above: The quilt begins to take shape. Its cheerful colours will attract ticket purchasers!

Right: Cecilia Smith make a few extra blocks to balance the colour plan.



November Mini Retreat

WCQG members enjoyed a quilt retreat at Waterloo North Mennonite Church . Despite a bitter north wind outside that day, inside 26 members enjoyed 12 hours of fellowship, laughter and much sewing all the while being fed like queens by Judy Pierce & Cindy MacKay -Musso.

Clockwise from the right: 1. Laura Huras with some neat turtles. 2. Margaret Gilhuly is an 11 year old Junior quilter who has joined the guild with Mom, Tamara. 3. Deb Martin with one of her retreat projects. 4. Linda Meyette in her second year in the guild. 5. Carol Williams is making up quilt blocks that her mother created when she was 13 years old . She had to stay home from school to recuperate from scarlet fever and made enough for a quilt. The lady is aged 89 now and anxiously waiting for the finished quilt.



ROOF Donations

I would like to thank the WCQG for their generous support for the items / cash donated to R.O.O.F. At our November meeting, 4 big boxes of toiletries, clothing, a comforter, etc, were handed in with an awesome sum of \$453.35 ! The R.O.O.F. staff & kids were so grateful to see us arrive at the door.

Ruth Hicks.

Library News

Great News! Due to our greatly expanded library collection we are changing the borrowing limits. Starting in January you may borrow: Two books labelled as "New" AND up to three other books for a maximum of five books. PLUS unlimited magazines. Overdue fines will apply on all materials not returned after the one month loan period. Check it out at the library!

Tamara, Margaret and Ruthanne

Grand River Mod Squad

A modern quilt group has formed with the inaugural meeting held in Creative sisters classroom in January 2014. The next meeting will be Feb 12, 2015. If you are actively quilting in the modern genre and are willing to take on a role in the group, you might be interested in coming as a guest. For information, contact us via grandrivermodsquad@gmail.com or Facebook.

Mannheim Circle

Wednesday January 14 9-4

Join us for a day of sewing, fun and friendship. It is cold outside but it is always warm at Mannheim.

Bring your projects and lunch. Fast food is a short drive away. Directions to Mannheim are in your handbook or on the web under Community Outreach.

Coming in February-Stone Soup. Bad weather policy. If the weather seems bad please check your email or phone us before heading out. We will try to get a note out the night before or early in the morning. If the schools are closed chances are so are we.

Bernice Gammy and Fabia Joyce

Quilt Show Magnets

Help promote the 2015 KW Quilt Show by making fridge magnets for friends, family and other quilters. We will distribute them to quilt stores throughout Ontario! Instructions on how to make the magnets can be found on the Guild's website along with a sheet of labels which can be downloaded and printed. If you do not have access to a computer, contact Elaine La Ronde (519-745-0383) at the afternoon guild meeting or Donna Hodgkinson (519-743-5438) at the evening meeting for sheets of instructions and labels. Magnets are also available from either Elaine or Donna. When you have finished a set of magnets, bring them along to the next Guild meeting. We'll be collecting them right up to our end of year meeting in June! We need thousands of these magnets so check your stash for scraps of fabric (6" squares) and let's get started!

Bring and Buy Sale

Now is the time to start gathering once-loved or desired fabrics, tools, magazines, notions, etc. for the annual February chair sale. Who knows? Your cast-offs may be another's treasures.



Karen Kay Buckley Workshops

Registration for the Karen Kay Buckley workshops begins at the Your January meeting. Your spot is reserved when payment is received.

Borders by Design

Have you ever wondered how to create the perfect border for your quilt? This class will make it easy for you to choose a border to complement any quilt. Karen has combined her lecture, "To Border or Not to Border, That is the Question" with her easy approach to hands on designing. Participants will be amazed at the ease in designing pieced and appliqué borders to fit any quilt. This is a no-sewing class.

Thursday, March 19 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. at Mannheim

Members: \$25.00, + supply fee of \$5.00

Hand and Machine Appliqué the Karen Kay Buckley Way

Come sit and relax while Karen share's her tips for both hand and machine applique. Karen will discuss the items she uses to make it easy to achieve good results. She will also share some of her organizational tips. Being organized allows you to finish more projects. After sharing the items she uses and her organization tips via Power Point, Karen will then demonstrate numerous applique tips including how to achieve smooth curves, sharp points and perfect circles. Karen will use her camera and projector when demonstrating so no mat



er where you sit in the room you'll have a great view. All you need to bring are some note-taking items...paper and pencil. This is a no-sewing class.

Thurs, March 19, 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. at Mannheim

Members: \$25.00

Magic Medallions - Block I

I have been fascinated with medallion style quilts for a long time. I have created one large quilt using 13 different designs adapted from early European architecture. In this workshop we will hand applique on just one of those blocks in order to learn many of the techniques used in the "Magical Medallions" quilt. You will learn how to make smooth curves, sharp points and perfect circles. Come have a fun time while we hand applique the day away.

Friday, March 20, 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. at Mannheim.

Members: \$55.00, + pattern fee of \$12.00

Kansas Rose

Wow, this is a fun project. You will be amazed how easy it is to get smooth curves and sharp points as you machine appliqué using an invisible stitch. This project also includes reverse appliqué and a fabric overlay for some added excitement. Come spend a fun packed six hours and learn lots of tips and tricks.

Saturday, March 21, 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. at Mannheim.

Members: \$55.00, + pattern fee of \$15.00



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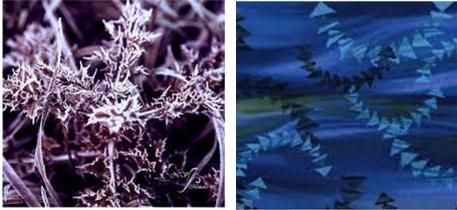
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