

SCRAPS OF WISDOM

President's Message : "Every Quilt Has a Story"

Do your quilts have a story? Each month we share our quilt stories with fellow quilters, we sign the backs with the date and our names but do we share with the recipient the story of the quilt? Where we found the fabric, what inspired us to use this pattern and why we chose them to be the one to receive this special quilt. Do we tell them how important they are in our lives and why they are getting the art work that may be functional as well as beautiful? How many times have I heard the comment, "Oh my sons are not really interested in 'the blankets' I make." Or "They don't appreciate the work I put into this quilt". Or, "My daughter-in-law washes everything on the regular cycle – she doesn't know how to look after my quilts." While all this maybe true we still need to tell our story - give them a quilt anyway, let them know it is a part of who you are, tell them what was happening in your life when you were making the quilt. Maybe at some point in their life they will look back and remember you in a special way, maybe they will pass it on to a son, a daughter, or a friend who will appreciate it in a different way. We need to keep telling our story. Telling our story in our quilts; it's what we do, plant the seed, tell the story and everyone will know we are quilters. Take the time to call a friend or family member invite them to the exhibit in October and share the stories of our quilts with them.

Peace, Lilla Hall



Rainbow Unicorn - Sew Fresh Quilts
(see page 2)

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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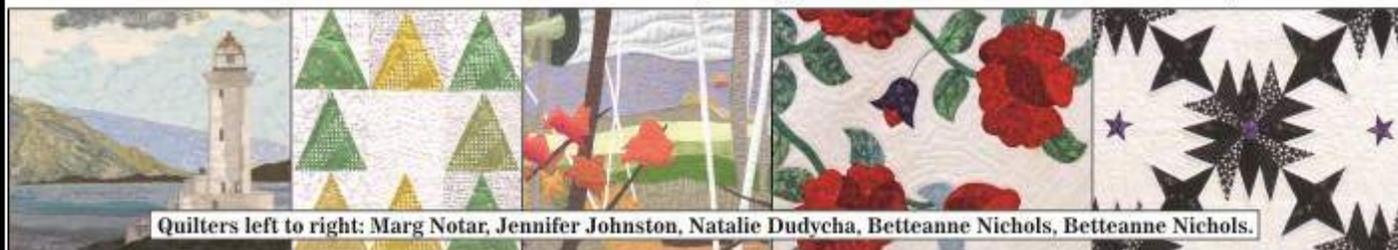
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Waterloo County Quilters' Exhibit

Forbes Family Hall at RIM Park
2001 University Avenue East
Waterloo, Ontario

Admission \$8
wcquiltersguild.on.ca

October 13 & 14, 2017
Friday & Saturday
10:00 am - 5:00 pm



Quilters left to right: Marg Notar, Jennifer Johnston, Natalie Dudycha, Betteanne Nichols, Betteanne Nichols.

September Program

Lorna McMahon Sew Fresh Quilts

Lorna McMahon is a quilt maker, passionate pattern designer, wife, and mother of two teens. She resides in the countryside of Midwestern Ontario, Canada where she tends to her family on their 50 acre farm. Her background in welding and mechanics has given her the ability to adapt to the everyday troubles of a farming life and to apply those skills to the realm of fabric and thread. Measure twice—cut once! Having designed her first quilt for her daughter in late 2012, she began to explore a variety of quilting techniques until finally finding her niche. Designing blocks and quilts that use traditional piecing methods are her passion. Join Lorna online at the popular “Sew Fresh Quilts” blog, <https://sewfreshquilts.blogspot.ca/>



From Lorna's "Have a Jolly Little Christmas" quilt along—Pattern available for sale on her website



sewfreshquilts

Quilt Exhibit/Show October 13th & 14th, 2017

We have approximately 200 exciting quilts intended for the show next month. I got a sneak preview as Fred Hicks photographed them in August. You will be proud to bring your friends to this show.

But before that happens all those of you who need some extra work on those quilts - like large and long enough sleeves, labels and those few extra quilt stitches - please have them finished for Thursday, Oct. 12 which is the intake day. Jan Hember will be telling us how this procedure will be handled at the September meeting. Jan has worked out a system that is very smooth if everyone adheres to the procedure. Nothing is worse than having a quilt go astray.

Volunteers and their muscular spouses and friends are needed for the set up on the Thursday October 12th (Marg Sandiford will fill us in on that) as well as the 2 days of the exhibit. There will be tables set up at the September guild meeting so that you can sign up for a work slot or two. There is a lot to do so we need lots of helping hands.

We will have last minute (month) advertising to complete. I have the show post cards in my purse and hand them out to people whom I meet. I am hoping you all might do that as well. The post cards will be available at our September meeting. Thank you for your help.

We are confident that this will be another successful show since you all are a part of it.

Thank you in advance,

Bonnie Murdoch and Ruthanne Snider

Boutique items and small quilts still needed!

**Please give your contributions
to Aline Chan and Pat Lockyer**

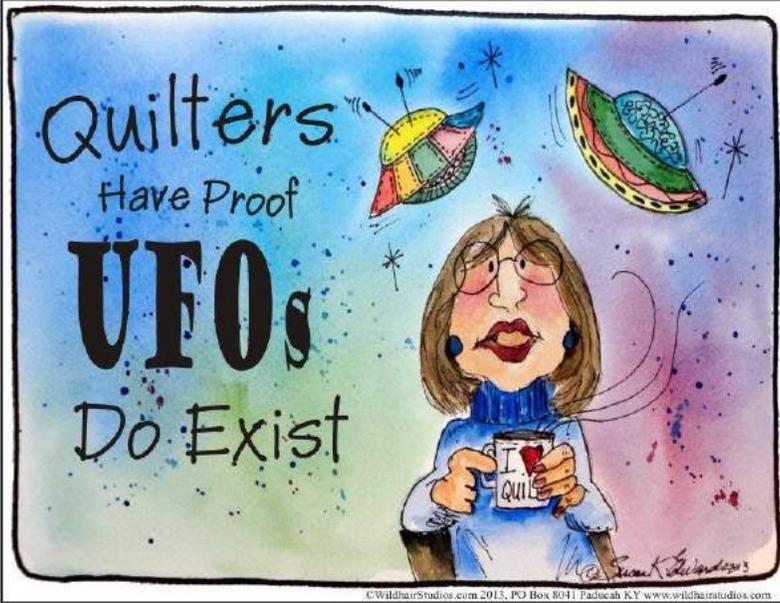


Mystery Bus Tour

Monday October 2, 2017

\$60.00 with lunch included

Departing at 9:30am from the St Jacobs Mennonite Church parking lot, returning at 5pm-ish....



I hope everyone's ready to register their UFO's in September. The cost will be \$2.00 per project. If you register your UFO in September and show the completed project by the January meeting, your name will be put in a draw for a semi-fabulous prize. The draw will take place at the January meeting. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the UFO table.

- Doreen Bone

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Mini Round Robin Group

Hi Ladies, At the June meeting, I showed you my **Mini Round Robin Quilt** that I participated in. I only made the centre block. The finished quilt is a 33 1/2" square, that will finish at 33 inches. It can be used as a small child's quilt, table topper or wall hanging.

Here's how a **Round Robin** works: Each participant makes a 12 1/2" block. It will finish as 12 inches. You make any pattern and colour you like. When your block is handed in to me, please add a fat quarter so those who work on your block can use it in the borders or at least get colour ideas from it. I'll assign 4 members to work on the borders. The first person will add a 2 1/2" border, the second will add a 1 1/2" border, the third will add a 4 1/2" border and the final border will be 3 1/2". Borders can be in any

technique the assigned person wishes except just strips of fabric. It can be pieced, paper-pieced or appliqued. The quilts will be mailed to the next person to work on. We'll have until the June meeting to get the 4 borders added and back into the hands of the owner. If you have any questions, please give me a call at 519-998-1033 (it's new, different from the old handbook). - Doreen Bone

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Procedure for Submitting Quilts to the Show Thursday October 12, 2017

- At the September guild meeting pick up your receipt and ID slips (one for each quilt)
- Remove the receipt section and put it in a safe place in your purse. You will need it to pick your quilt up on Saturday
- Fold your quilt **front side facing out**
- Pin one ID slip to the **outside corner of your quilt so that when folded it is visible**
- Pin the other ID slip to the **top outside of your pillowcase or other special holder**
- Put your quilt into the pillowcase (no plastic bags please) or other special holder
- If your quilt requires a special way of wrapping or transporting other than in a pillowcase please inform Jan before the show. jan@hember.name
- Bring your quilt to **Forbes Hall at RIM Park on Thursday October 12 between 7:45 and 9:30 am. Use the FRONT entrance. There is an elevator for your use. Please do not enter Forbes Hall from the back entrance.**



Quilt Buddies

If you are unable to deliver your quilts Thursday, October 12 between 7:45 and 9:30am -

- Arrange with a friend to be your Quilt Buddy and let Jan know who it is. **There will be a signup sheet for Quilt Buddies at the September guild meetings or email jan@hember.name or call 519-745-1375**
- Pick up your receipts and ID slips at the guild meeting
- Prepare your own quilts, deliver them to your Quilt Buddy who will take them to RIM Park for you
- Keep your receipt in a safe place for picking up your quilts on **Saturday, October 14 at 5:45pm**

If you are unable to pick up your quilts Saturday, October 14 between 5:45 and 6:30pm

- Arrange with a friend to be your Quilt Buddy and let Jan know who it is. **There will be a signup sheet for Quilt Buddies at the September guild meetings or email jan@hember.name or call 519-745-1375**
- Write the name of your Quilt Buddy who is picking up your quilt on your receipt and ID slips
- Be sure to give your Quilt Buddy the receipt for each quilt

Procedure for Picking Up Quilts From the Show Saturday, October 14 between 5:45 and 6:30pm

- Please do not arrive at Forbes Hall to pick up your quilts until **5:45pm**
- Unless you have signed up as a volunteer to **Take Down** the show, please wait outside Forbes Hall until the volunteers have had a chance to take down the show
- When the volunteers are ready, proceed to the tables where the quilts will be arranged in sections alphabetically. A volunteer will give you your quilt(s)
- Go to the checkout table to have your name checked off for receiving your quilt(s)
- Leave Forbes Hall to the left of the Front Servedy, **present your receipts and quilts to the volunteers at the door**. Please do not return to Forbes Hall with your quilt. If you have large containers or bags, please be prepared to have them checked for quilts
- Proceed to the pillowcase tables where your pillow cases will be in alphabetical order. A volunteer will be there to help you.

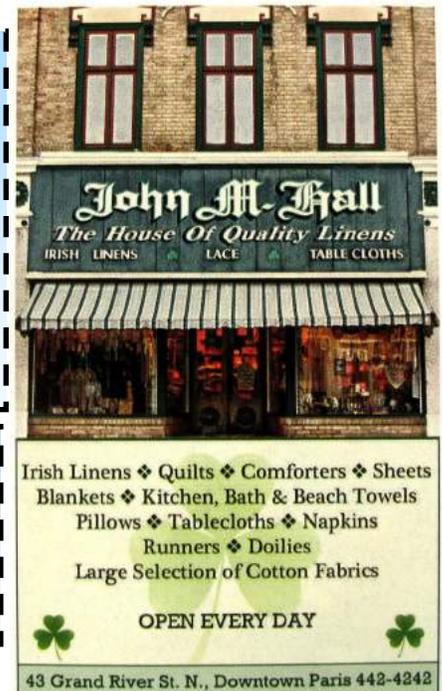
This procedure has been sent up in order to assure safe return of your quilt(s). Thank you for your co-operation



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.

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





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Reminders:

Smile Quilts Committee News

We are sorry to announce that Jean Munro has resigned from our committee. We want to thank Jean for all her hard work at the Smile Quilt table, calculating all the measurements, cutting for flannel backings and battings with Helene Doerfler. We are fortunate that Elaine LaRonde has stepped in to help us. Welcome, Elaine! Susan Hemmrick has volunteered to help with binding for the Smile Quilts when needed, thank you, Susan!

What are 'Smile Quilts'? This is part of the guild's Outreach Program. The guild membership make quilts for children who are suffering from cancer or any other illness the hospital staff feels a child is in need of comforting. The guild supplies the flannel backing and batting for those who need it. The finished quilts are taken by a member of the committee to Grand River Hospital each month. More specific information is in the Membership Handbook. Over the past 5 years, we have taken 200 plus quilts, each year, to the hospital. We are so proud of and thankful to the guild membership for donating their fabric and time to this cause.

Please note - we are changing the method of ordering the flannel and batting. If you place an order at a guild meeting, that order will be ready for the following month. Or, you can contact Helene Doefler via email or phone (her contact info. is in our handbook) during the month and it will be ready at the next guild meeting.

- Joan, Helene, Peggy, Marilyn & Elaine

POSTCARDS FOR WCQG EXHIBIT/SHOW

There are only a few short weeks left until our quilt show. Most of the advertising has already been done, thanks to many angels taking posters, postcards and magnets to various places all over the province. This really gets the word out there, and brings in a lot of people to see our fabulous quilts.

Now it is time to focus on letting your friends, family, neighbours and co-workers know about our show. You will find postcards on your chair at the September guild meeting. Please give these out freely to anyone you know. Put them up on bulletin boards at work or church. Drop them in neighbours' mailboxes. Leave them in the lobby at your apartment building. Drop them at a nearby community centre—you get the idea.

And don't forget to "Like us" on facebook.

Thank you so much, Ilene Atkins

Waterloo County Quilters' Guild 2017 Quilt Exhibit

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Quilters, clockwise from top left: Marg Notar, Natalie Dudycha, Betteanne Nichols, Betteanne Nichols, Jennifer Johnston.

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Mannheim Sewing Circle
Wednesday, September 13, 2017
9am—4pm

Welcome back to another guild year! Our first Mannheim Sewing Circle of the year will be on Wednesday, September 13, from 9 to 4. All are welcome. Bring your packed lunch and the project of your choice on which to work. We will provide tea, coffee and good company while you sew. Your \$4 donation helps pay for the cost of the room. You can find directions to the Mannheim Community Centre in your membership handbook, or on our guild's website. Hope to see you there!



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.

Some guild members are sensitive to scents:

Please refrain from wearing perfume

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

To renew your membership in September please do one of the following:

- Go to our website and print off the renewal form, fill it in and put it and your \$35 cash in an envelope and hand it in when you sign in at the September meeting
- Bring your \$35 cash and fill out a renewal form at the September meeting (they will be available at the sign in desk, along with envelopes)

The bank is charging 20 cents for every cheque we deposit. That doesn't seem like much until you multiply it by our membership making it equal over \$45. Also, the bank charges \$2 for every \$100 in coin, including loonies and toonies. If you could have exact change, in paper money, it would be most helpful.

Madeline will draw for the free membership from those who paid in May or June.

Watch for the
PAL QUILT
Challenge
 Coming this fall!

Memory Quilts

Just a reminder that Pamela will not be at the September guild meeting to receive Memory Quilts. Please keep them until the October meeting.

Joni Newman Workshop

Thursday, October 19th

9am - 4pm

At Mannheim



Joni Newman will be our guest speaker at October's guild meeting and she will conduct a workshop the following day, making 'Sunflowers', utilizing fusible web and

thread work. The sunflower petals are floppy and are held together by the flower centre. The workshop will be an all-day class with the dimensional flower part in the morning and fused flowers in the afternoon. There is no prep work required. The cost will be \$40 per person with a maximum of 20 students.

There will be a sign up sheet available at the September guild meeting, when the money will also be collected.

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The 2017 IPM Quilt Raffle is Launched!



The completed blocks from the Quilt Block Challenge have been compiled into three quilts and raffle tickets will be on sale until the last day of IPM 2017. The draw date is September 23 at Closing Ceremonies at IPM 2017.

Three spectacular prizes! Each of the prize quilts has been made from challenge blocks (see below) and is a unique and stunning keepsake from the 2017 Huron County IPM.

1st Ticket Drawn: IPM Challenge Quilt (estimated value \$1,500)
 2nd Ticket Drawn: IPM Challenge Quilt (estimated value \$1,500)
 3rd Ticket Drawn: IPM Challenge Quilt (estimated value \$1,500)

10% of the raffle ticket proceeds will be going to the Huron Hospice.

The Quilt Block Challenge **Country Side Meets Coast Line** quilts will be displayed:

- in the Quilt Tent at [IPM 2017](http://plowingmatch.org/ipm-2017) - September 19 - 23, 2017

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PLOWING MATCH CONSULT THEIR WEBSITE

<http://plowingmatch.org/ipm-2017>

You will find a link there to the Huron County Barn Quilt Trail

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!

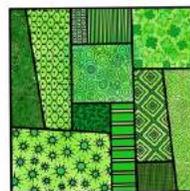
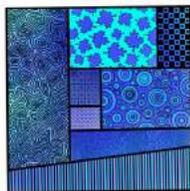


One More Bit of Slab Quilt Info...



Our slab quilts being received at Ronald McDonald House in London, Ontario. These lovely ladies, who work at Ronald McDonald House, displayed some of the quilts our guild provided for the Big Quilt Bee, co-ordinated by Quilt Canada 2017.

The red/white/black one, on the left was made by Judy Pearce, the green by Judy Siegner and quilted by Creative Sisters Quilt Studio, the centre black, white & red is Marilyn Hollinger's work, and the multi-coloured one on the right was pieced by Wendy Cressman and machine quilted by Marg Sandiford.



**Waterloo County Quilters' Guild Slab Days March 24 & 25, 2017
for Canada's Big Quilt Bee to support Ronald McDonald Houses across Canada**

Program Outline 2017-2018

So much happening this guild year!

September - Sew Fresh Quilts - Lorna McMahon

October - Joni Newman - Quirks and Quilts

November - Christmas Potluck

December - no meeting, Happy Holidays!

January - Angela Grasse, Trunk Show

February - Audrey Vrooman, Trunk Show

March - Debbie Biernes

April - Rita Ferber - Fabric Please!

May - Susan Clarke

June - Annual General Meeting, evening only



Elected Officers of the Guild 2016-2017

President: Lilla Hall
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Past President: Eileen Fennell

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 Carol Ross Williamson &
 Darlene Yanke

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 & Ruthanne Snider, Co-chair

Website: Kathy Bissett

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Quilting Months Ahead

Month	Day	Activity
September	13	Mannheim Sewing Circle
September	13	Guild Executive Meeting 7pm Albert McCormick Community Centre
September	20	Regular guild meetings
September	19-23	IPM Huron County
October	11	Mannheim Sewing Circle
October	12	Exhibit/Show set up day
October	13-14	WCQG Quilt Exhibit/Show at RIM Park
October	18	Regular guild meetings
October	19	Joni Newman workshop at Mannheim

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

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