

# Scraps of Wisdom

## "Celebrating Retail Therapy"

Our recent performance at Albert McCormick was met with mostly rave reviews. Many thanks to all who made it possible. From our perspective and vantage point, we could see and feel the anticipation for the first meeting of the year. It was somewhat dreamlike observing everyone reconnecting and feeling the positive energy in the room.



As we were unable to experience our required retail fix at the guild meeting, two days later we headed off on a jaunt which included Quilt Ex in St. Marys. Judging from the hordes of people browsing and spending in those booths, we could envision the multitudes coming to our own exhibit to shop and make our show a tremendous success. This would indeed be possible if all our guild members would spread

the word, bringing their friends and family (and their cash.)

We imagined the possibilities with our silent auction, the superb vendors, and the phenomenal members' boutique all of which will present the perfect opportunity for some serious retail therapy including Christmas shopping ( by the way - we like anything quilt related.)

No doubt many of you could now be under the impression that our only spare time activity is shopping for fabric and such and having meetings at the local coffee shop. If only it were so...

Kathy Langill and Eileen Fennell



True North Raffle Quilt

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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## Waterloo County Quilters' Exhibit

**October 16 & 17, 2015  
Friday & Saturday  
10:00 am to 5:00 pm**

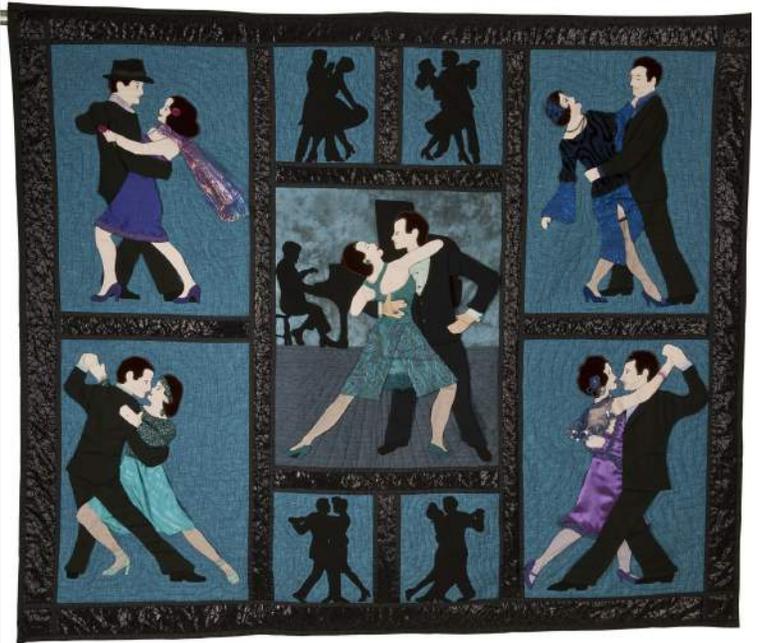
**Forbes Family Hall at RIM Park  
Manulife Financial Sportsplex  
2001 University Ave E  
Waterloo, Ontario**



Raffle tickets will still be available at the exhibit for "True North" benefitting Innisfree House

## Carol Goddu - A Fabric Portrait

Carol Goddu, a Toronto-based quilt artist, has been a prolific quilt maker since the 1970's. Her appliquéd quilts tell stories, many of which will make you want to burst into song, find a dance floor or laugh with gusto. Carol's quilts have won many awards at Paducah, Michigan and Vermont shows in the USA, and at the annual CNE in Toronto. She often produces a themed series of quilts and has focused, for example, on dancing, the life of Henry VIII and reversible log cabin designs. She indulges in the use of many different fabrics, whichever lend themselves to her type of appliqué.



*Blue Tango*

You will delight in seeing Carol's ghost silhouettes combined with appliquéd figures. Join us on October 21 as this adventuresome maker of art quilts combines her upbeat sense of humour with figures and fabric in, "A Fabric Portrait".

Submitted by Elizabeth King and Elizabeth McDowell Heagy

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# Quilt Exhibit 2015: It's here!

Calling all quiltaholics! If you don't know by now, where have you been???

We have all done an amazing job of stepping things up a notch for this year's exhibit, to be held **Friday and Saturday, October 16 and 17 at RIM Park**. Bonnie and I had the honour of sitting in on the photo sessions late in August. Seeing the preview of the quilts we'll have on display was just like going to the movies and seeing all the trailers. And I *love* movie trailers! What an exciting display of our talents!

Here are some fun facts that speak of your efforts:

- Ilene Atkins laid down the challenge several months ago: a guild in Guelph (which shall go unnamed) received about 200 mini quilts for their show. At our last show we had 50 mini quilts donated. The challenge was on! Could we surpass 50? The resounding answer is... YES! At last count the number was close to 70. Way to go!
- Last show we displayed 130 quilts, representing about 25% of our membership—several of the vendors commented on what a beautiful show we had and complimented the attention to detail that went into the placement of the quilts. Kudos to Kathy Bissett for her precision and the incredible thought that goes into curating our exhibit. This year we have close to 200 quilts, representing about 33% of our membership. 200 quilts! Wow! Bravo to all of you! So far Kathy has spent over 50 hours considering where and how to show off everyone's talents (and they *will* be shown off!)
- Of the 20,000 postcards we had printed to advertise this year's exhibit (yes, you read that correctly: 20,000), almost 19,000 have been distributed. Please continue to drop these off with friends, family, local businesses and any community organizations you frequent. Contact Ilene Atkins if you need more.

## And now for a few reminders:

- Please remember that **ALL** quilts must have **LABELS** on them!
- If you are volunteering during the two exhibit days, please **do not bring valuables** into the exhibit. This year our "volunteer respite room" will be located inside the front server in the exhibit hall (where the tea room has previously been located). **This room will not be locked!** We recommend keeping money or other valuables on your person and leaving other items in your vehicle or elsewhere.
- Also, if you are volunteering during the two exhibit days, be aware that **we will be taking lunch orders** each morning from a menu provided to us by the **Timeless Café** (located near the corner of Northfield and University: <http://www.timelesscafeandbakery.com/>). Lesley, the café owner, has kindly agreed to receive orders in the morning and deliver to us by 1:00pm at the latest. If you'd like to treat yourself to lunch (and not have to make your own!) Lesley's menu will offer a variety of items at a reasonable cost; **cash only**, however.
- Leave room for tea, squares and cookies from the tea room, located outside the main exhibit room, down the hall in its own quiet room. Serene!



## And finally! The 2015 Quilt Exhibit Wrap-Up Meeting

For those who have volunteered as quilt exhibit committee chairs or committee members, our **wrap-up meeting** will take place on **Wednesday, NOVEMBER 4, 2015 at 6:45pm at Bonnie Murdoch's house**. Be there and bring a square (or dessert!) And, please prepare a short (verbal) summary of the work you/your team completed along with recommendations for the next show.

Submitted by Exhibit Co-Coordinator, Marg Notar

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## Domestic Machine Quilting Workshops with Diane Loomis

<http://www.dianeloomisquilts.com/index.htm>

### General information:

1. Courses will be held at Mannheim Community Centre, 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
2. Sign-up will begin at the September meetings. There are only 15 spots available in each course so make your way over to the program table as soon as you arrive.
3. Each course is \$85. The courses are arranged in order of difficulty, and you may wish to take more than one.
4. Each course has a required kit containing items Diane prefers to use. These kits will cost approximately \$35, and payment will be made directly to Diane at the workshops.

***Enrolment is now invited from non-members of the WCOG at \$110 per course. Please register through the guild website.***

### **Thursday, November 19: Fabulous Free Motion Fills (for beginners)**

Here is your opportunity to try out machine quilting in a stress-free and friendly environment. Whether you are a "newbie", or have some experience but still aren't happy with the results, this class is perfect for you - Diane has all the tips and techniques to give you success. Learn to create free motion background fills that you can sew without pre-marking your quilt. Diane also demonstrates how to mark your quilt and create beautiful (and complex-looking) quilting designs that are easy to quilt.

Yes, you can do this!

### **Friday, November 20: Heirloom Machine Quilting (for confident beginner and intermediate levels)**

Take your machine quilting to a higher level using free motion quilting techniques - backgrounds and motifs - to create an heirloom-quality wholecloth wall hanging.

### **Saturday, November 21: Classic Feather Plume (Intermediate/Advanced levels)**

In this class you will embrace the feather motif, using stencils or designs of your own, to add elegance to all of your quilts. Diane will cover various techniques to enhance your feathers, showing them off to their best advantage.



Examples of the content of Diane Loomis' first workshop



Feather plume from Diane's "Reflections of Tao" illustrating the techniques you'll learn in Saturday's workshop

Don't forget about the

## Library Challenge

Details in the September newsletter



A few WCOG members clutching sewing machines, ironing boards, irons and bolts of black material met in a Kitchener church basement on September 23 to have a sewing bee. Our 2015 quilt exhibit is fast approaching on October 16 & 17 and we urgently needed more black backdrops on which to display our quilting talents. In a flurry of measuring, cutting, marking, pinning, sewing and ironing we accomplished our mission. Pictured here is Judy Pierce. Submitted by Ruth Hicks



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## Hand Quilting – Our Second “Focus on Quilting”

Yes, hand quilting is alive and well in Waterloo County! Step out of the fast lane and discover for yourself the relaxing and healing properties of this wonderful pastime. Some of the steps leading up to the actual quilting will sound familiar, such as choosing and preparing fabrics for tops and backing, your batting, needles, and thread. And what about basting the three layers? What kind of frame? How do you decide what quilting designs to use?

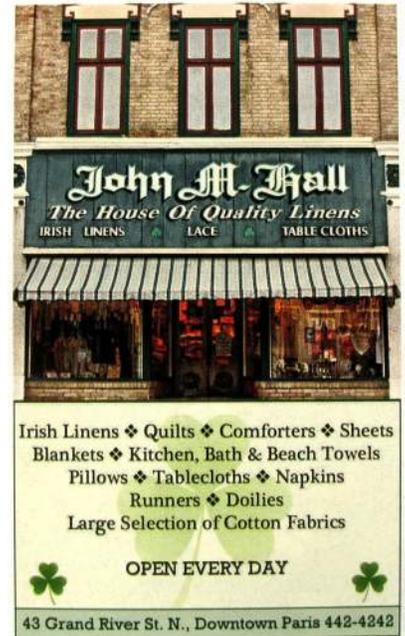
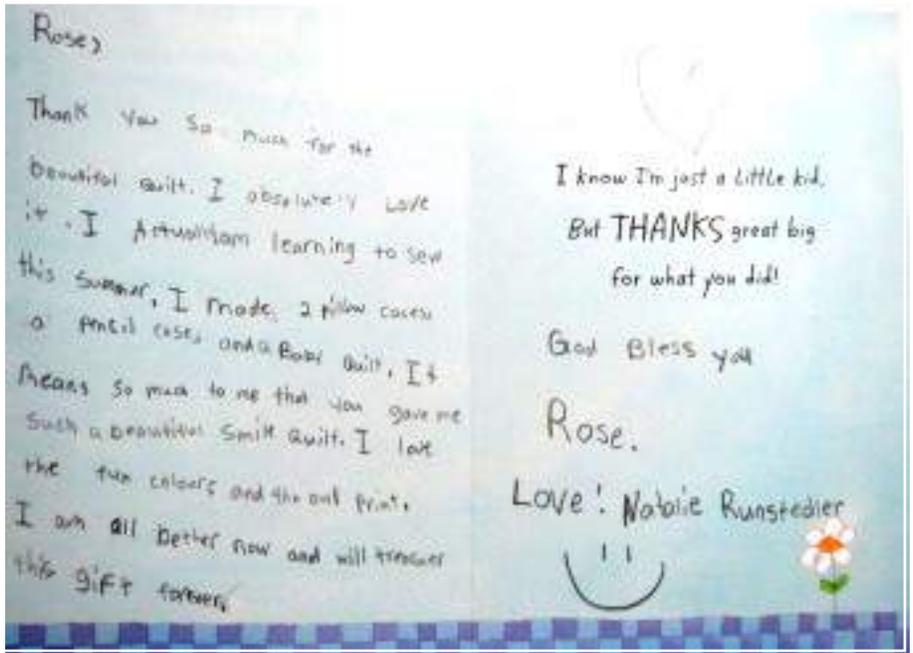
In the half-day session, participants will hit the highlights and squeeze in as much information as possible, plus have a chance to quilt. In the full day session, I will be able to talk more slowly.

There will be time to demonstrate pinning a quilt into a traditional frame and to practise the actual quilting. There will also be more time for questions. Sitting and working together around a quilt, participants will get a better idea why this is so rewarding. -  
Emily Hunsberger



Watch for details in the November newsletter. Sign up will be at our November meeting only. Workshops will be held in February, and between meetings in May.

- Elizabeth King  
& Elizabeth McDowell Heagy



## Classified Ads : Member to Member

**WANTED:** to borrow, Fons & Porter's "Love of Quilting" magazine, November/December 2014 issue. Please contact Kitty Mitchell 519-893-8132

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## Mannheim Quilting/Sewing Circle

Wednesday October 14, 2015 - 9am to 4pm

A special welcome to all our new Guild members. Make sure you plan to visit us in Mannheim. We are a friendly group—we sew, cut, baste, iron and chat. This month we are celebrating Oktoberfest. We will be cooking up sausage-on-a-bun with kraut—lunch for \$5. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Directions to Mannheim are in your member's handbook and on the website under "Community Outreach".

Submitted by Bernice Gammy and Fabia Joyce



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YOUTH SERVICES

This year we will be collecting for this organization at both the October and November meetings. They provide support for youth ages 12 - 25 who are experiencing or are at risk for homelessness. Their websites' wish list includes bus tickets, gift cards (Zehrs, Sobeys, Walmart), hygiene articles and toiletries such as lip balm and deodorant as well as monetary donations. oneROOF is a recognized charity and tax receipts are available.



**GREAT  
CANADIAN  
COOKBOOK**

Some of our members were participants of Food Network Canada's Great Canadian Cookbook. All four episodes will be aired on October 12, 2015 on Food Network Canada and again in pairs on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at 21:00 EST. Check your local listings to confirm show times so you don't miss it! They've also cut a series of webisodes for an upcoming website: [greatcanadiancookbook.ca](http://greatcanadiancookbook.ca)



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## Bee Day for Smile Quilts at Mannheim Saturday November 14, 2015

Sign up sheets will be available at the Smile Quilts table at the October guild meetings. We would appreciate having all attendees sign up so we can plan accordingly. There are flannel backings and 2 types of batting, along with labels. You can order what you need when you sign up so we can cut it and have it available for you to take home at the end of the bee day at Mannheim. Don't forget your sewing machine, equipment and project. Bring your lunch; coffee and tea will be provided. This is a good day to get together for a very worthwhile project.

Contrary to rumour, there is no surplus of Smile quilts! Quilts were not delivered over the summer, so when Peggy Herlick took some to the hospital the shelves were almost empty. Peggy puts a tag on each quilt, which the hospital completes with the age and gender of the recipient. These tags are returned to Peggy. We have been recording this information for over 14 years. There seems to be no end of need for these quilts for comforting children who are frightened, sick and hurting.

These beautiful quilts never fail to produce a SMILE!

Joan Doke, Peggy Herlick, Helene Doerfler, Jennifer Robinson, Jean Munro and Marilyn Weckworth.

### RAFFLE QUILT CHALLENGE

## Thirty Shades of Green



In 2016 the IPM will be close by near Teviotdale in Wellington County. Guild members are invited to submit a block for the 2016 Raffle Quilt Competition. Brochures, outlining the rules and submission date, were handed out at the June and September meeting. More information is available online: [www.plowingmatch.org/home-2016](http://www.plowingmatch.org/home-2016) or you can phone Renske Helmuth at 519-343-5312.

Entries must be submitted no later than November 30th 2015.

They can be given to Renske at the October and November meetings or delivered to the home of Carol Huehn, where they will be picked up.

There will be a quilt show August 19 and 20 in Harriston. Information for entries in this show can also be found at [www.plowingmatch.org/home-2016](http://www.plowingmatch.org/home-2016). Brochures will be available soon.



**NESTY OWLS**

**OWLS: Our Wonderful Leftover Stuff**

**NESTY: Not Even Started Yet**

Ladies, there is still time to register for this year's incentive program. Participation cost is just a TOONIE for each project. Your goal is to shoe the completed project before the end of May at Show and Tell. Please be sure to notify Judy or Olga at the program table so that your name can be entered in the draw to take place at the June meeting. Two lucky quilters will share the Owl Nest Egg!!

**CORRECTION:** To be eligible for the BONUS prize, your project must have an OWL on it!! This project does not have to be preregistered.

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**PAL QUILTS:**

**Palliative Quilts for Lisaard and Innisfree House**

Our first PAL quilt has been received. Thank you, Joline Freund! Please refer to your members' handbook for the guidelines or contact Judy Siegner for further information. Your donated quilts for this project will be received at the program table following Show and Tell.



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# "Focus on Quilting"

## Program Outline 2015 -2016

**October** - Carol Goddu, Mississauga, ON, will present a trunk show of her humorous and unique 3-D work with "A Fabric Portrait".

**November** - Diane Loomis, Sudbury, MA, brings us "Listening to your Quilts", the first of our "Focus on Quilting" events. Her 3 workshops span beginner to advanced levels of quilting. Refreshments will be served at the end of this meeting.

December - No meeting this month - Happy Holidays!

**January** - A Longarm Expo is the second "Focus on Quilting" event. Marilyn Farquhar will be our organizer for this learning experience.

**February** - We look forward to **mini workshops**, lecture style, with some of our own members, plus a machine care talk by Vernon Knorr from Creekbank Sewing. Our third "Focus on Quilting" is hand quilting and Emily Hunsberger will organize hand-quilting workshops this month.

**March** - Nancy Wells, Guelph, ON, will share her beautiful appliquéd quilts in "My Appliquéd Journey".

**April** - Carol Seeley, Powell River, BC, is accomplished in many genres of quilting. In addition to presenting "My Quilting Journey", Carol will conduct 3 landscape/seascape workshops.

**May** - The focus is again on hand quilting with "A Showcase of Local Mennonite Quilts".

June - Annual meeting, evening meeting only

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### Quilting Months Ahead

Month	Day	Activity
October	14	Mannheim Quilting and Sewing Circle
October	16 & 17	Waterloo County Quilters' Guild Exhibit at RIM Park
October	21	Regular Guild Meetings
October	28	Executive meeting 7pm Albert McCormick
November	4	Exhibit Wrap-Up Meeting for Chairs and Committee members at Bonnie's
November	11	Mannheim Quilting and Sewing Circle
November	18	Regular Guild Meetings
November	19,20,21	Domestic Machine Quilting Workshops with Diane Loomis
December		No guild meetings—Merry Christmas!

