



Scraps of Wisdom

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Newsletter of the Waterloo County Quilters Guild

Program for September 18, 2013

Welcome to the new Guild year!!! The program committee has been busy arranging interesting speakers and activities for your education and enjoyment.

The theme for September is: Back to School. Think in terms of architecture and schoolhouses for our special Show and Tell.

This month we are honoured to welcome Helen Martin, from Cambridge, as our guest speaker. Her talk is entitled "Quilts and Their Stories". Helen has been a quilt collector for close to 40 years. I know you will enjoy her presentation of antique and treasured quilts. I am sure she will also share some new creations. So, do come out, relax and enjoy!

We are looking forward to seeing you there.

Judy Siegner and Olga Mondoux

Presidents' Message

Hello Quilting Friends:

As summer draws to a close, we have an exciting new Guild year ahead. After attending a couple of American quilt shows this summer, I am looking forward to our own Guild show which promises to be an awesome display of the talent of our members. One of the things I appreciated most about the shows I attended recently was that they included the works of quilters of all ages and skill levels. It is so enjoyable to see the work of new quilters and look back on a time when I thought "stash" referred to the fuzz on my upper lip; when "butt the seams" meant get them somewhere close to each other and when all my triangles magically morphed into rectangles when sewn together. Although I am not rushing to the time when failing eyesight or trembling hands return me to those days, I find inspiration and hope in the work of long time quilters who love our craft enough to stay with it, even as perfection eludes us.

So, I know we will see the work of our Master members at our wonderful show and I can only hope that members of all skill levels are showing their quilts for all of us to enjoy their unique beauty. Aside from the opportunity our Quilt Show provides for members to work together, meet new friends and find new inspiration, it is also a time to show the wider community all that we have to offer. From providing comfort to children living with illness to supporting grieving parents to contributing to local charities, your Guild is an organization of compassion and warmth, as well as a place where the art of quilt making is nurtured. I hope that each of you will find a place to become involved.

The new year promises some exciting programs, events and workshops, too. Judy Siegner has worked hard to put some fun programs together for us. Meanwhile, Marsha Clarke and Marilyn Farquhar are arranging a special spring event that is sure to delight and inspire. You'll hear more about that in the months ahead. Judy and I are looking forward to our Presidents' Day and Presidents' Challenge, both of which you'll learn more about next month. So, please join us! Find something new to you that you'll enjoy and get involved with your Guild. That's sure to make it a wonderful year!

Until we meet again-

Audrey and Judy

Our Quilt Show

When: Friday Sept 27 & Saturday Sept 28, 2013

Where: 10am-6pm, both days

Forbes Family Hall, in the Manulife Sports Complex, at RIM Park
2001 University Ave E, Waterloo

The Quilt Show is almost upon us. It will be held on Friday September 27 & Saturday September 28, with setup on Thursday September 26.

We need lots of volunteers, so at the September guild meeting, be sure to sign up for a few hours. Jean Carberry will have the lists. Volunteering gives you free entry to the Show.

The Intake Instructions are in a separate article (see below - Submitting Quilts), so be sure to read it. At the September guild meeting, the Intake committee will be handing out your quilt numbers for identification, especially for Take Down, so if you won't be able to bring your quilts on the Thursday morning, or pick them up on Saturday evening, make sure a "buddy" is available to do that for you. They will need your numbers to get the quilts.

Be sure to have the 4" sleeve on the back of the quilts you know will be hung.

There will be a few quilts that will need to be draped for a number of reasons, so please understand that they are being displayed this way with thoughtfulness and care.

The Tea Room committee will need card tables so if you have agreed to provide any, please have them prepared. They also would like strawberry jam. Tea cups are not being collected, since we now have lots.

Kathy Bissett and her committee have been busy co-ordinating the quilts so we will again have a fantastic presentation. She always works diligently to provide a phenomenal presentation. The quilt entries look spectacular.

We want to acknowledge and thank Fred Hicks for his time and efforts in taking the photographs, and compiling the CD again this year. Thank you also to Creative Sisters for providing the space for us to photograph so easily.

Marg Cassel & Colleen Robertson

Procedure for Submitting Quilts to the Show 2013

- At the September Guild meeting pick up your receipt and ID slips (one for each quilt) at the show table
- 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 right 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 Hember before the show. Bring your quilt to Forbes Hall at RIM Park on Thursday September 26 between 8:00am and 9:00 am

Quilt Buddies

If you are unable to deliver your quilts to RIM Park on the morning of Thursday September 26 between 8:00am and 9:00 am:

- Arrange with a friend to be your Quilt Buddy and let Jan Hember know who it is. There will be a sign up sheet for Quilt Buddies at the September Guild meeting or contact Jan Hember by email or phone
- Pick up your receipts and ID slips at the Guild Meeting
- Prepare your own quilts at home and deliver them to your Quilt Buddy who will take them to RIM Park for you.
- Be sure to keep your receipt in a safe place for picking your quilts up on Saturday

If you are unable to pick your quilts up at RIM Park on the evening of Saturday, September 28 between 6:45 pm and 7:00 pm:

- Arrange with a friend to be your Quilt Buddy and let Jan know who it is. There will be a sign up sheet for Quilt Buddies at the September Guild meeting or contact Jan Hember
- 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 your receipt for each quilt

Procedure for Picking Up Quilts from the Show Saturday September 28 between 6:45 and 7:00pm

- Please do not arrive at Forbes Hall to pick up your quilts until 6:45 pm.
- The volunteer committee responsible for the returning of quilts to the owners requests that, unless you have signed up as a volunteer to Take Down the show, you wait outside Forbes Hall until the volunteers have had a chance to take down the quilts in the show.
- When the volunteers are ready you will pick up your pillowcases (in alphabetical order) outside the tea room and proceed to the tables where the quilts will be arranged in sections alphabetically. There will be volunteers to help you find your quilts.
- Go to the checkout table to have your name checked off for receiving your quilt(s). (Pat Janowsky and Thelma Ignor)
- When you leave Forbes Hall present your receipts to the volunteers at the door. If you have a Quilt Buddy be sure that Buddy has your receipts. This procedure was new last year and has been set up in order to assure safe return of your quilt(s).

VOLUNTEER SIGN UP SHEETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING

Jan Hember

Small Quilt Draw at the Guild Show

Wow- ladies! you have finished all your quilt show quilts and have had them photographed and....been very productive and generous with making small quilts for the small quilt draw. I have been given 28 small quilts(no larger than 60 inches total for all sides-approximately) and all we need is 12 more and we will be ready for a great display for both days of the quilt show. Thank you so much for all the early "gifts" as this has reduced the anxiety of whether they will be quilts for this guild money maker to be successful.

See you in September at the guild meeting.

Bonnie Murdoch



Mannheim Quilting Circle

Wednesday September 11 and October 9

Time: 9am to 4pm

The lazy days of summer are coming to an end. It's time to get back to our Mannheim days of fun and friendship. Bring a project to work on, your lunch, snacks etc. We provide coffee and tea.

October will be our official "new member meeting". New members may win a fabulous prize.

Directions to Mannheim are in your handbook or on the guild website under Community Outreach.

Fabia Joyce and Bernice Gammy

Guild Secures Meeting Space for Future

Over the past year, your Executive has been working hard to come to an agreement with the City of Waterloo about the use of the Albert McCormick Community Room for our Guild meetings. The issue of cost and availability of space arose because of new policies at the City which resulted from increased demand for City resources (subsidized room rentals). After several worthwhile meetings with City staff and thorough discussions amongst Guild Executive members, we are pleased to advise you that a 3 - year Affiliation Agreement was signed in June of this year. It provides for the following:

Benefits

- subsidized room rental for 3 years until Dec. 2015
- storage facilities for Guild library and equipment
- free advertising in City's Leisure Guide
- link on City's website to WCQG website
- access to Arts and Culture Department's periodic email blast for event publicity

Guild Responsibilities

- periodic email reporting of Guild activities
- changes to Guild's purpose is not permitted without discussion
- must remain a not-for-profit group
- option to participate in the development of the City's "Senior's Strategy"

By developing a closer relationship with the City's Arts and Culture Department, the Guild will have a better understanding of what is required if our future needs change. This is a happy conclusion to a challenging negotiation. Many thanks to all the members of last year's Executive who worked so diligently for this successful outcome.

If you have any questions about the Affiliation Agreement or would like a copy for review, please contact Audrey Vrooman.

Photo: Signing the Affiliation Agreement, from left: BettyAnne Keller, Manager, Arts and Culture, City of Waterloo; Judy Pearce, Co-President, WCQG; Sylvia Cadman, Secretary, WCQG



OWLS

We've been in the barnyard with the pigs
and in the bogs with the frogs.

Now, this fall, we're soaring to the treetops with the wise owls to make use of
OUR WONDERFUL LEFTOVER STUFF
OWLS for short



This is your challenge for 2013-2014!! Let's try to complete some of those UFOs hiding in our closets and under our beds! For a TOONIE you may register your uncompleted project at the September and October meetings. Feel free to register more than one project by adding to the OWL Nestegg.

Your goal is to complete the project and show it during Show and Tell, on or before the May Meeting. At that point your name will be entered in a draw to win the nestegg!!! The winner will be announced at the May meeting.

BONUS: Show something with an OWL on it and have your name automatically entered in a separate draw. You could be using OWL fabric, or using an OWL quilting motif,
Good Luck!!

Program Committee

Fabric Strip Exchange

In October there will be a sign up for the new Fabric Strip Exchange happening in November. It will work like a block exchange. You bring to each meeting a certain number of strips (depends how many sign up). There will be a colour theme for each month. Also, there will be a gift for the first person to bring in a finished quilt from the strips at the September 2014 meeting.

I usually go to the afternoon meeting. I'm wondering if there is anyone who could look after the strips for the evening meetings. There won't be too much to do. Phone me if you are interested.

Paula McDermott

Kitchener Library Quilt Block Project

If you took a kit to make a block for the Kitchener Library quilt project, please bring your finished block to the September meeting. Judy Pearce will be collecting these blocks. It's not too late to get in on the fun. If you missed getting a kit but would still like to make a block, let Judy know. We'll figure out how to get some fabric and instructions to you so you have time to make your block before the meeting.

Joseph Schneider Haus Culture Days

We have been asked to participate once again in the Joseph Schneider Haus Culture Days. This is a great opportunity to share our love of quilting with the community. The event is on September 29th. JSH is offering a light lunch at 11:30 for anyone who will be participating. The event itself runs from 1:00 - 5:00. This is the day after our quilt show so we will have had lots of practise sharing our love of quilting with the community!!! It was a difficult decision to agree to this opportunity so soon after our show so I (Judy) am suggesting we bring handwork, samples of outreach projects and our banner. Some members brought sewing machines last year and worked on some piecing. We'll keep it simple and enjoy an afternoon of sewing together in the lovely atmosphere at JSH. Feel free to drop in for any part of the afternoon. You don't need to be there the whole time. Please let Judy Pearce know if you are able to come for any part of this event on the 29th of September.

October Workshop

Beyond Basic Fusible Applique
by Jennifer Houlden
see <http://www.quiltsbyjen.ca/>

Thursday, October 17 and Friday, October 18, 9am to 4pm both days, Mannheim Community Centre

Create a bargello dahlia or sunflower.
See photos and sample at the workshop table or checkout the website above.
A kit will be available for purchase from the instructor.

Cost \$60.00 for the 2 days.
Sign up and pay at the September meeting.

Note: Jen Houlden will be the speaker in October.

African Quilt Project

A few months ago I introduced another project. The goal is to make a quilt for the Mennonite Relief Sale in New Hamburg.

Last year my husband and I went with a small group on a learning tour to Kenya and Tanzania. I did come home with fabric and batik panels. In the back of my mind I had an idea to make another quilt. Finally I think I have come up with an idea that will work and get many people involved.

This quilt will consist of many small quilts, sewn together in the quilt as you go method. Each participant will be asked to make a small quilt. This quilt should be hand or machine quilted but not bound and with some extra seam allowance all around. Sizes would be 20 by 16 inches and 12 by 16 inches, horizontal or vertical. This will be the finish size, INCLUDING the strip at the left and bottom. On each quilt the left and the bottom would have a 2 2/3 inch to 3 inch strip plus seam allowance, which can be pieced, appliquéd or a solid piece of fabric. This should be darker than the rest, so it will give the appearance of a partial border. The rest would be your canvas. Silhouettes, appliquéd people or animals, small batik pieces etc, could be used.

I would like to start after our guild show is over. My home would be open on the following days from 9 till 4. Please phone or email me if you are interested, since I can only take up to 8 each day.

Saturday, October 19th

Wednesday, October 23rd

Saturday, October 26th

Wednesday, October 30th

Due date would be the guild meeting in January.

Before you start on your project, I would like you to contact me in regards to the size of your quilt. I'm looking for a certain amount in each size and need to have some control, so in the end it all will fit together.

For more information or sign-up you can contact Renske Helmuth.

Help Wanted

It is said that many hands make light work and that is certainly the case with your Guild, which relies entirely on volunteers for its success. We are still looking for a few good women to help with the following:

Vice President (1 or 2 people)

We are sure there are suitable candidates in our membership. If one of them is you, please call Audrey Vrooman or Judy Pearce. Thanks!!

Workshop sign up table (2 afternoon and 2 evening)

Speaker Unloading (1 more for the afternoon)

Speaker Loading up (2 for evening)

Strip Exchange (1 for evening)

Vendor Unloading - (1 afternoon)

Vendor Loading up (2 evening)

With most of these jobs, just a few minutes is required at the beginning of the afternoon evening or the end of the evening meeting. In the case of Workshop sign ups, the more volunteers we have, the less time each one has to spend at the workshop table which means that everyone can still enjoy a few minutes at the Library or other pre-meeting activities. Please contact Audrey Vrooman or Judy Pearce if you can help. You don't have to commit for every meeting, just to pitch in when you can! We'd love to have you join our team!

City of Waterloo Seniors Strategy Committee member

During the Affiliation Agreement negotiations with the City of Waterloo, the guild agreed to take part in the Seniors Strategy initiative. We have a guild member who has agreed to attend but would enjoy some company. If this is something that interests you, please contact Judy Pearce. We need someone who would be willing to make this contribution to our guild. It would involve attending occasional meetings and having input on how the City of Waterloo could better serve its senior citizens.

2015 Quilt Raffle Committee members

We also feel that Marg Notar and Bonnie Murdoch, our new quilt show convenors, will have lots to do in preparation for our 2015 show. We would like to relieve them of the responsibility of planning for the next raffle quilt and form a separate committee who would take this on. We also feel the best time to begin planning for this is immediately following our 2013 show. This will allow 2 years to design, create and promote our next raffle quilt. Please let either Judy or Audrey know if this is something you would like to be part of or if you have any ideas.

We (Audrey and Judy) are enjoying making plans for our 2013/2014 year. We are coming up with some new initiatives. We see the need for many members to jump in and get involved. If every member gets involved in doing a small task, it makes light work for everyone and keeps our guild exciting and vibrant. We hope our phones will be ringing with offers to help.



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Membership

Time to renew your Quilt Guild Membership for 2013-2014. If you have renewed, good for you. If not, then remember to renew at the September meeting. I am planning on getting the new membership book (this time it is Blue) out for the October meeting. If you do not renew at the Sept meeting you can still be in the book if you can get your renewal to Madeline by Oct 1. You can go to our website, print off the form and mail (or drop it off) to Madeline Hughes.

Madeline Hughes

How Do You Quilt?

Do you ever wonder how your fellow quilters organize their sewing space? We are looking for members to share with us what their quilting space is like, why they enjoy using it and any special tips they have for storing and organizing their quilting gear. If you're willing to participate, please submit a photo of your space, along with your story, 100 words or less by November 1, 2013 to either Judy Pearce or Audrey Vrooman.

If you don't use email, we'd be happy to receive your picture and story at either of the September or October meetings. If you have an awesome quilting space, of course we'd like to see it, but if you use your knee for hand quilting or quilt only with a church group, we'd like to see that, too. Oh, by the way, don't tidy your space, just for us - as is works just fine!

Vendors

In order to provide the best support possible for the vendors who will be supporting our Guild Quilt Show, we will not be inviting vendors to our September and October Guild meetings. Save your pennies, though, we'll resume inviting vendors to our meetings in January. If you have any ideas or suggestions for vendors, please speak with Lou-Ann Kenney, as she has kindly volunteered to organize this activity for us.

Volunteers Wanted for Culture Days in St. Jacobs

I'm organizing a Culture Days activity at the Quilt Gallery in St. Jacobs for the weekend of Sept. 28 and 29 and looking for volunteers to help with making Sensory quilts for Alzheimers' patients and also a mini-workshop on piecing with men's ties. I'm hoping to sign people up for 2 - 4 hours shifts on Saturday and Sunday afternoon to work with the public. The workshops will take place in the 3rd floor Quilt Gallery in the Old Mill, at 1441 King St. N. from 10-5 on Saturday and 12-4 on Sunday, Sept. 28th and 29th.

For more information, please call or email Joan Hug-Valeriotte at 519-836-9388 or jhugval@horizonsquilting.ca

Thanks,

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Quilts for Calgary/High River

We all remember the awful pictures we saw when Calgary and High River were flooded in June. We are collecting quilts to be sent to Alberta. I know many of you still have some quilt gifts so we ask you to either bring them to the Sept meeting or take them to the quilt show (make sure they are noted to go to Calgary/flood victims). They will then be given to Cynthia of "Cherished Pieces" at the Quilt Show and she will then have them shipped to Calgary where they will be distributed. Thank you so very much for the ones that we have received so far.

Madeline Hughes

Pamela Allen receives Curator's Prize at the Grand National Quilt Show

The Grand National is an Canada-wide juried and judged quilt show that occurs every other year. It was held April 21 - June 23, 2013 at the Homer Watson House & Gallery in Kitchener with the theme "Local Colour". Our guild sponsored the Curator's Prize this year.

Pamela Allen of Kingston, Ontario won that prize with her two pieces "A Rather Attractive Prison" and "Nocturne, Brewers Mills Locks". She recently sent an email to our guild acknowledging and thanking us. "It got put to good use as I decided to attend the opening of Quilt National, with your help, as I was actually accepted into that prestigious show this year after many tries. Your prize money made that adventure possible."

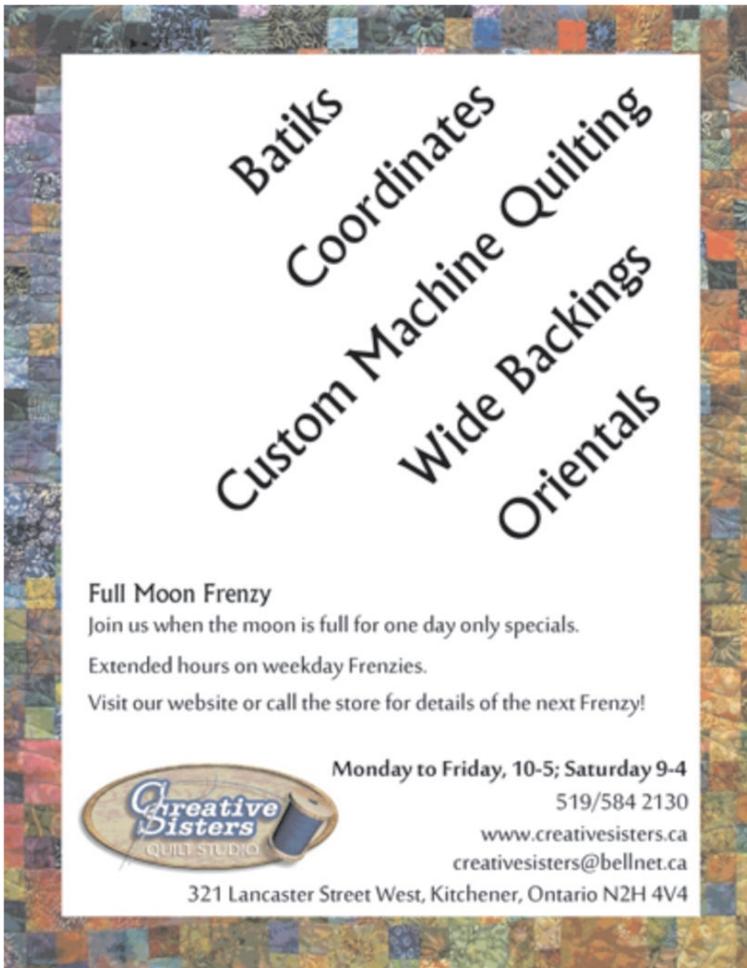
From the editor

I'm the new editor. This is YOUR newsletter so all members are welcome to submit articles for publication. I'm still learning the software so thank you for your patience. The deadline for the next newsletter is Sept 19.

Trudy Dey

Found on the internet: Design and Create Your Own Fabric

This company gives you the opportunity to upload images and design your own fabric, wallpaper, decals and gift wrap. Digital textile printers create your custom fabric which is then sent to you. You can also see what others have created and buy from them. Check out: www.spoonflower.com



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