

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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Scraps of Wisdom

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March Speaker: Karen Kay Buckley

Save up your ooh's and aaah's in March because you will need every last one when you see what Karen Kay Buckley has to share.

Where does one begin when writing an introduction to Karen, when her talent is so extensive and her accomplishments so impressive? She even has her own product line. I have her Perfect scissors, Perfect Circles, pins, etc. and none have disappointed. I have also enrolled in 3 of her classes and they were all amongst the best I have taken.

Karen has completed over 300 quilts, and has earned 9 Best of Show awards, including one in Paducah in 2013. To see some of her glorious quilts, including *Majestic Mosaic*, which won first for Traditional Appliqué in Houston 2014, please visit her gallery: <http://www.karenkaybuckley.com/gallery.php?cat=0>



I know you will be inspired by what you see. Be sure to check out the workshops being offered in the days following her visit to the guild. Visitor admission is \$15 for Karen Kay Buckley's lectures.

~Elizabeth McDowell Heagy
Program Committee

President's Message

Our guild's quilt exhibit is happening this fall, Oct 16-17. Hard to think that far ahead, but time will fly by. I encourage every one of you to get involved. You can enter a quilt (or several), create a small quilt for the

daily draws, make an item for the boutique, volunteer to help in the kitchen, or be a white-glover, just to give a few examples. However, MOST IMPORTANT of all... attend with a friend or two or three!

Ask them already and write it on your calendars now. With your support we'll have a GREAT show!

Trudy Dey, President



Joseph Schneider Haus

Each year members of our guild enjoy hand quilting at the



Joseph Schneider Haus museum during the week of Quilt-fest (last week of May). For the last couple years I have organized this activity but, due to many other commitments that week, I am unable to plan it this year. It involves finding a quilt suitable for quilting at JSH, communicating with staff to set up the quilt and informing them of daily quilter numbers (for lunch) and preparing a sign up sheet for guild quilters. Please contact me if you are interested in taking on this pleasant task.

~Judy Pearce

Mannheim Circle

Wednesday March 11, 9-4

It will be warm and sunny at Mannheim this month. This would be a good day to start or finish your show projects-quilts, boutique items, small quilts for the raffle etc. Bring your lunch. Coffee and tea provided. Fast food is just a short drive away. Directions to Mannheim are in your handbook or on the web under community events. Come and join the fun.

In April we will be playing our famous Fabric Bingo. Make a bingo card following the attached directions -you could win a fabulous prize. After the game we will collect the blocks and turn them into a charity quilt..

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The Smile Quilt Committee would like to send out a big thank you to Creative Sisters for their help in supply us with batting for our Smile Quilts. Thank you, Linda and Brenda!

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2015 Waterloo County Quilters Exhibit - Oct 16 & 17

Four months to your quilt paper entry for our exhibit - June

Six months to the picture taking for our CD/DVD of your finished quilts in August

Eight months until the Exhibit- October 16/17

Hopefully, you can also fit in some items for the members boutique and/or for the small quilt draw. The perimeter can be up to 60 inches around. In the past these small quilts have been at the back of the hall. Visitors buy a number of tickets and hoping as they dropped their ticket in the corresponding numbered bag that their ticket would be drawn as winner of that small quilt. The committee would like 25 small quilts for each day. Jolene Freund and Ilene Atkins are overseeing this event for the show/exhibit.

Thanks to Marg Notar's work, our contract price has been brought down to a reasonable increase over the amount paid in 2013. So we will proceed with RIM park location keeping in mind we need to invite all we know to come. (I plan to buy a raffle ticket (only a dollar) and give them to all my book club friends, neighbours, church friends, work friends, curling friends and then tell them about our wonderful display of our talented guild.)

Bonnie Murdoch,
Co-convener, Quilt Exhibit 2015



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It's nice to share!

Waterloo County Quilters Guild now has a facebook page. Take a few moment to visit, like and share the postings. That will help increase our followers. Often, you will see photos of quilts from our Show and Tell or from a speaker. Our goal is to attract more interest in our guild. Enjoy!

April Mini Retreat



Do you need a day to do just what you want? Perhaps you need a day of sewing and quilting with women who are creative like you are, with meals provided? Come and join other Guild members for our Spring

Mini Retreat at Emmanuel United Church, 22 Bridgeport Road West, Waterloo. This is an accessible facility. The retreat is Saturday, April 18 from 8:30 AM to 8 PM. Bring your own projects to stitch. We will provide a soup lunch and dinner for the cost of \$35.00.

Maximum participation is 30 people, so sign up quickly to get your spot!

You may sign up and pay at the February and March guild meetings. For further information, please contact Marilyn Hollinger at ross.mar@sympatico.ca or call 519-747-3439 .

Mug Shots

Just a note to say I will be taking mug shots, or pictures of our members at the next couple of meetings. I already have over 100 pictures of our members .



I am sure everyone has talked to a member and for the life of them cannot remember their first name, or last name or maybe both. We are hoping to put together pictures in the membership book next year. This will help you put names to faces or faces to names.
 ~Madeline Hughes

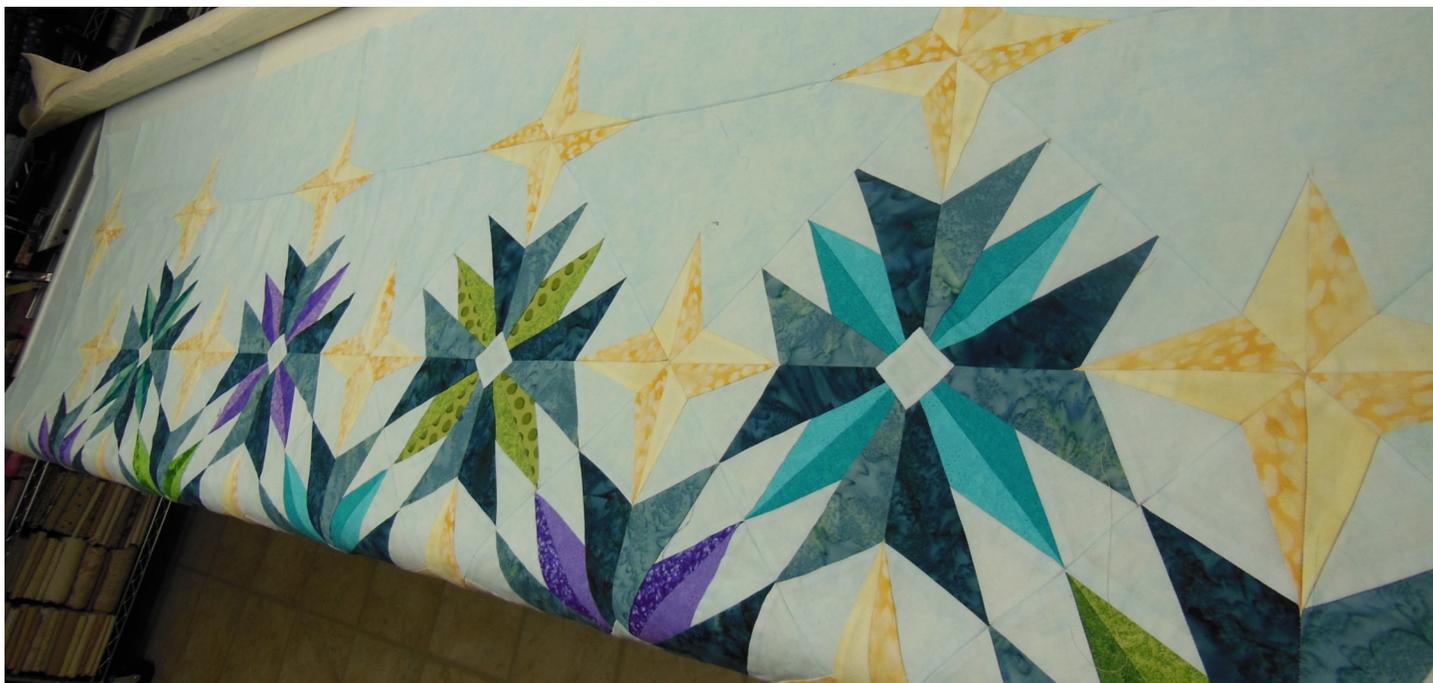
The Quilting Months ahead..

Month	Day	Detail
Mar	11	Manheim Sewing Circle
	18	Karen Kay Buckley "From the Beginning" ;
	18	Laura Wasilowski workshop registration begins
	19	A.M. Karen Kay Buckley Workshop: Borders By Design
	19	P.M. Karen Kay Buckley Workshop: Hand and Machine Appliqué
Apr	20	Karen Kay Buckley Magic Medallions Block I (hand appliqué)
	21	Karen Kay Buckley Workshop: Kansas Rose (machine appliqué)
	15	Tracey Lawko "Sources of Inspiration"
	18	Spring Mini-Retreat

Raffle Quilt Update

The top is complete, the backing is assembled, the photo has been taken and the quilt is mounted on Peggy Nagle's longarm frame. First comes stabilization and stitch in the ditch, then comes the fancy stitching. I wonder what the finished quilt design will be?

Something intricate, I am sure! When it is complete, it goes to Jean Carberry for binding and labelling. The batting is a beautiful Dream Wool, generously donated by Audrey Vrooman. Tickets will be available for distribution at the March meeting.



Magnetization!

Thanks to all the members who made magnets to advertise the Guild's show in the fall. Hundreds of magnets have been received and we need lots more. Please keep on making them and bringing them in to Guild meetings! With warmer weather on the way, I'm sure we are all planning excursions to our favourite quilt and fabric stores. Before you go, remember to contact me (Elaine La Ronde at 519-745-0383) or see me at the next Guild meeting for a supply of magnets to deliver to shops along your route. The Quilt Show is only 8 months away, so let everyone know about our very special exhibit!



Note from Hilary Rice

A couple of ladies requested I send along a copy of the quote I used at the close of my talk to the Waterloo County Quilters Guild. ...So, here is the quote – taken from a “Spinning Daily” email, written by Amy Clarke in January of 2014... I edited it somewhat to make it work for quilting/ stitching, rather than knitting:

“What we yearn for is creating something that goes beyond. The first step on the road to creating something that is pleasing is giving yourself permission to pursue it, to indulge in it, to enjoy the process, to delight in making things, and to allow it to happen. If you’re only focused on the end product, then the process may prove to be frustrating and unsatisfying. But what if you let yourself enjoy those moments – the fabric in your hands, the movements of the needle, how your hands, eyes, mind and heart work together in harmony. You may find that you’ve made something more... You have worked on creating yourself!”

Also, the book which I did not read from, but highly recommended for those interested in pursuing more artistic endeavours: “Art & Fear” by David Bayles & Ted Orland.

March Vendor

At our March meeting, the featured vendor will be Esther from Heart'n Home Creations in New Hamburg.

Executive Recruitment

Why Am I Doing This? Why did I join the program committee after my first year of being a guild member? Why was I program chair for 2 years? Why am I president now?

Because I really enjoy being a member of our guild and coming to inspiring guild meetings and participating in all our activities, that I wanted to give back, to do something to help the guild carry on.

I didn't do it because volunteering has been proven to have many physical and mental health benefits. I didn't do it because I like standing up in front of people and talking. Talking into a microphone is still scary for me and actually I'd rather be one of the behind-the-scenes player on a team.

Our guild is amazing because of volunteers. Feel free to ask me about how you might become more involved.

~Trudy Dey

The Guild is seeking people to fill executive positions for the next guild year. Ask Trudy how you can help.



Creative Sisters Quilt Studio

10-5 Monday - Friday/9-4 Saturday
321 Lancaster Street West
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Glacier Star Class

A Judy Niemeyer pattern

Taught by Shahena Fredricks

April 9-13 9.30am-3.30pm



Psst...Shop Hop April 23-25

Laura Wasilowski Workshops

Zen Doodle Quilts

Explore the mesmerizing world of Zen Doodling and design an original art quilt at the same time. You'll soon discover how easy it is to doodle like a Zen master and learn how to convert that drawing into a pattern for your quilt. With an easy pattern transfer process for fused fabric, your drawing quickly becomes a fused art quilt. New fusing tips and tricks are presented to enhance your Zen doodle design. Drawing paper and a kit of colorful hand-dyed fabrics and threads are provided to give you the freedom to play. (No sewing machine needed.)

Thursday, May 21, 9 to 4, Manheim

Fee: \$60.00 (members) , plus a \$30.00 kit fee

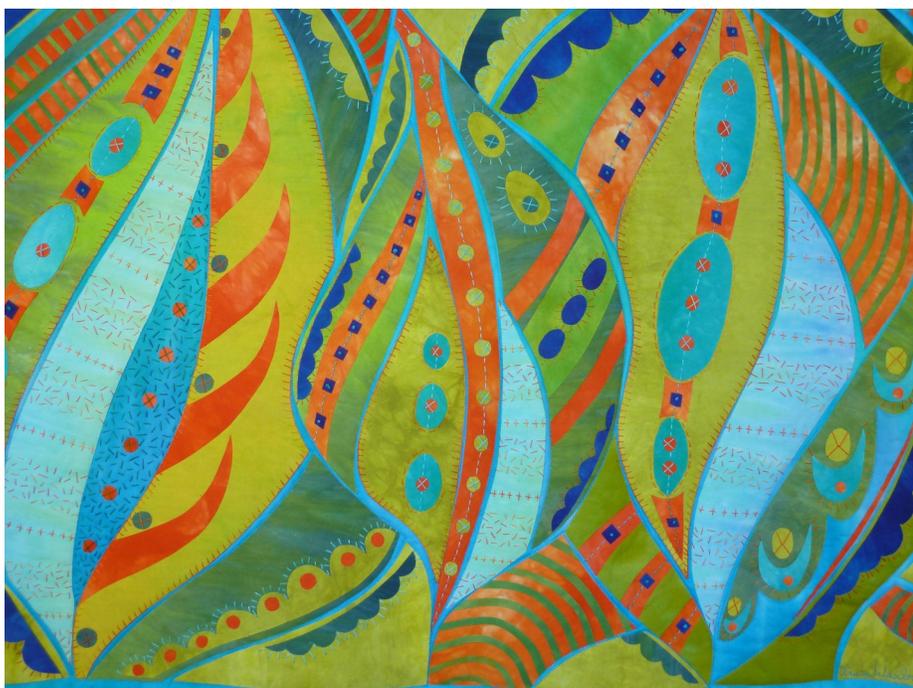
Colorful Leaves

Create your own leaf design the easy way - with colorful fused fabrics. Learn a quick pattern transfer method and the basic principles of designing artwork (like repetition, variety, and contrast). Your kit includes all the fabric colors and values needed to make 4 small leaves for this design tutorial as well as a sampler of embroidery thread for stitching detail, texture, and pattern on the surface. (No sewing machine needed.)



Friday, May 22, 9 to 4, Mannheim

Fee: \$60.00, (members) plus a \$30.00 kit fee



Workshop Registration

Your first opportunity to sign up for one of Laura's inspiring classes will be at our March meetings. Your second chance will be at the April meetings. Payment will be due on this date. Should the courses not be full, we will open registration to non-members the next day at a cost of \$75. A spot is reserved once payment has been received. For more information about Laura Wasilowski, visit

<http://artfabrik.com/workshops-lectures/workshops/>



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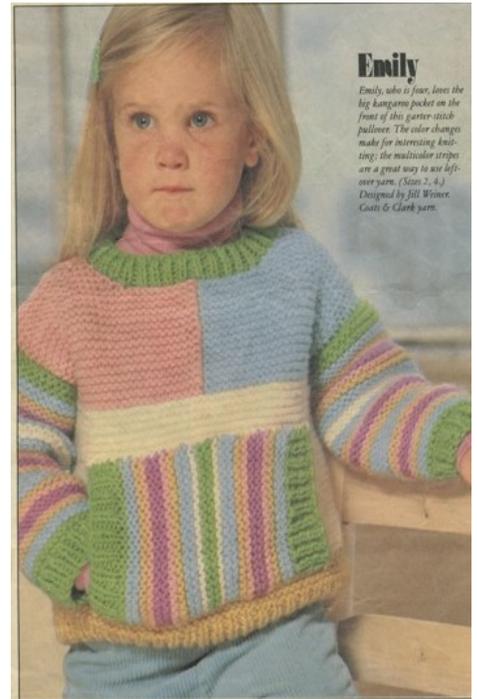
Quilter to Quilter Classifieds

The Classified section is free to guild members for quilting items.

WANTED TO BUY: A treadle sewing machine base (bottom stand). Please contact Helene Stevens at helene.sewwhat@rocketmail.com or 519.886.4899

FOR SALE: Sturdy Wooden Hand Quilting Frame. \$25 Please contact Peggy Nagle studio@bell.net or 519-846-2285.

WANTED: Knitting Instructions for child's sweater pictured. It was published in the February 1982 issue of Family Circle. Emily Hunsberger has a senior quilting/knitting friend who has lost the pertinent pages of instruction. If you have these, please contact Emily Hunsberger.



WANTED: Serger "Days for Girls" sewers are looking for a free serger. We sew re-usable feminine hygiene products for girls in countries where having a period means missing school. If you have one gathering dust please contact Fabia Joyce (number in directory). For information about this organization search the web-DaysforGirls.org

FOR SALE: Inspira quilting frame (can be set up for either 60" or 120") plus Viking Mega Quilter for sale. Includes stitch regulator/speed control, extra brand new poles and tracks, leaders \$750. Contact: Silvia Cadman 519-742-1514, to see or for more details

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