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# SCRAPS OF WISDOM

# Waterloo County Quilters' Guild



## **President's Message: Welcome Spring!**

For me, March is the month when it finally seems that winter might be loosening its grip.

While there are still possibilities of harsh winter weather—and as I write this, our street and driveway are piled high with tall snowbanks—spring is, hopefully, just around the corner. In March we can begin to anticipate the longer days with more light—we turn our clocks back on Sunday March 8th. As a former educator, March Break was always a turning point for me—winter was over, and spring was on our doorstep! Though I'm not a coffee drinker, even "roll up the rim" became an annual sign of spring!

As quilters, we can celebrate March as *National Quilting Month*. The U.S. National Quilting Association passed a resolution in 1991 in Lincoln, Nebraska, and the U.S. now celebrates this month for quilters—and March 21, 2020 is considered *National Quilting Day*. This is the day (traditionally the third Saturday in March) to celebrate quilts and those who make them. Many quilting websites will highlight and promote quilting during March. Perhaps each of us can find a way to celebrate March 21st—perhaps a day at home in your sewing room, visiting a local quilt shop, lunch with a quilting friend, spending time browsing the internet for inspiration, reading a favorite quilting magazine, etc.

As we recognize and celebrate the world of quilting, CBS, on March 1st, published a video featuring the story of Jenny Doan and her family and how they went from bankruptcy to creating what is today considered "Disneyland for Quilters". I invite you to watch this video of their story. It's an inspiring story of a family's quilting journey, and very appropriate as we welcome March as the National Quilting Month. To view the video, click on this link <a href="https://www.cbsnews.com/news/missouri-star-quilt-company-how-jenny-doan-created-the-disneyland-of-quilting/?ftag=CNM-oo-1oaab6i&linkld=83332786">https://www.cbsnews.com/news/missouri-star-quilt-company-how-jenny-doan-created-the-disneyland-of-quilting/?ftag=CNM-oo-1oaab6i&linkld=83332786</a>

In response to the surveys completed in January, some initial quilt travel planning has begun. In the months to come we will be sharing some quilt travel opportunities arranged specifically for our guild. These will range from one day mystery quilt shop tours to a trip to Hamilton, Missouri and other opportunities. More news to be shared soon.

Happy Quilting during this National Quilting Month!

-Inge Ford, President

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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Cancellations due to Weather - Members should consider a guild meeting to be cancelled if

the universities are closed. KOOL FM will announce and post such closures on their website. It will also appear on our website and our facebook page. If weather deteriorates in the afternoon, and the executive believes it is necessary for safety reasons to cancel the evening guild meeting, an announcement will be posted on our website and facebook page.



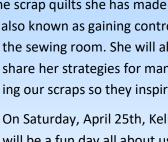
# March Program - Kelly DuMaresq

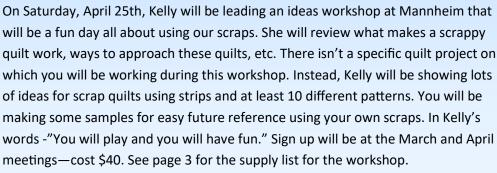
Our March speaker is Kelly DuMaresq who comes to us from Markham. Kelly has been quilting for over 20 years and has a passion for scrap quilts—making them and teaching them. Her focus is on traditional quilts and finding easy and efficient ways for making the basic units used in these quilts. Her true joy is in sharing her love of quilting and to encourage others to dig into their own scraps.

Kelly will be giving two slightly different presentations. The afternoon presentation will highlight the scrap quilts she has made and will focus on "taming your stash", also known as gaining control in

> the sewing room. She will also share her strategies for manag-

ing our scraps so they inspire us to us e them!





- Sandy Bussey, Programme Committee





March Meetings Vendor will be E & E's Cloth & Creations - Newton www.eandeclothandcreations.com



#### Scrap Workshop with Kelly DuMaresq



For the class, I will be going over many, many ideas for scrap quilts using strips. You will be making some of the samples for easy reference. This is an IDEAS class. You will play. You will have fun! I promise!

#### Fabric Requirements:

2 ½" strips

Bring at least 10 - 2 1/2" strips of dark fabrics and 10 - 2 1/2" strips of light fabrics.

They do not have to be full width of fabric. If you have some that are random lengths, they will work perfectly here. You just want to have a nice assortment of darks and lights to play with. You can bring more if you'd like.

2 ½" squares

If you already have 2 ½" squares cut, bring them. If you don't have a "stockpile", cut at least 25 dark squares and 25 light squares. These are just from scraps. They do not have to coordinate with each other.

 If you have a "bag of scraps" that are just random shapes and sizes, bring them along.

#### For Class:

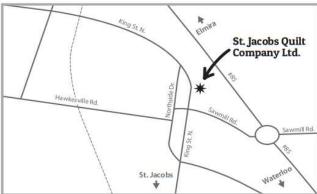
- Sewing machine in good working order
- Basic sewing supplies scissors, pins, extra sewing machine needles, spare bobbins, seam ripper, neutral thread
- Rotary cutting equipment ruler, rotary cutter, mat, 9 ½" square or 12 ½" square (if you have it)
- · Easy Angle Ruler (if you have it)
- Companion Angle Ruler (if you have it)
- Notepaper and Pen for taking notes

Please refrain from wearing perfume to guild meetings AND workshops as some members are allergic or sensitive to them.







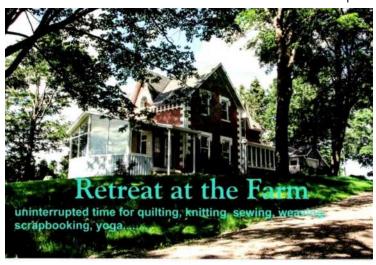


# **Mannheim Sewing Circle**

Please join us on Wednesday, March 11, 2020 from 9 to 4 at the Mannheim Community Centre for our sewing circle. Bring your sewing supplies and the project of your choice on which to work. Don't forget to bring your lunch!

Tea and coffee will be provided. Your \$4.00 contribution helps to cover the cost of the room rental. Find directions to Mannheim on our guild website or in your membership handbook.

Megan and Tamara



#### Retreat at the Farm

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# The Stripper's Club

Hello Strippers!

Remember to bring your 17 strips (2½" x WOF) in shades of greens (blue-green to yellow-green) to the March afternoon meeting. Please put them in a Ziploc bag with your name marked on it. Drop off your bag with Deby. Your new group of strips will be ready for you when you leave the meeting. Hope you enjoy this fun exchange!!

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

We are looking for 4 volunteers to join the executive.

- 1. Our Vice President, Jean McFarlane will be moving up to President in June, so we will need a new Vice President.
- 2. Jean Cloes is still working with our Treasurer, Andrea, but a replacement for our Assistant Treasurer needs to be found as soon as possible.
- 3. Both positions in the Library will be available. Kathy will be stepping down in June and Helene would like to finish in early fall.

If you have any questions regarding the details involved with these position, you can speak to the individuals mentioned above or any of our executive.









#### Yin Yang Mandala Workshop



On February 5th, 18 members joined our own Barbara Pye to learn a new technique—and it was as easy to master as she promised. A fun time was had by all and we're looking forward to the finished projects at show and tell.





## **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.



Doors open for guild meetings at 12:45 in the afternoon and 6:30 in the evening. **Unless you are in-**

I volved 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!

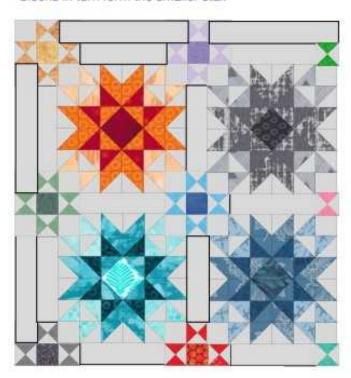
#### Using Up Scraps #26 with Vikki MacDonald

#### Scrap Stars

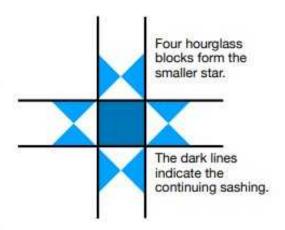
Any star quilt looks great "scrappy". In this star quilt the pieced sashing and border create a second smaller star. This can be done with the large star pattern illustrated, or one of your own choice.

The illustration below shows the top left hand corner of the quilt. You can see the upper and left-hand border as well as the sashing between the first and second large stars both horizontally and vertically.

The pieced sashing includes a small hourglass blocks. The hourglass blocks in turn form the smaller star.







#### Checkerboard Quilt

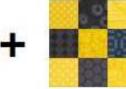


The checkerboard effect can be achieved in two ways:

- strip-piecing
- alternate nine-patches

Using this quilt as inspiration, you can do it with any two colours or values of one colour. It can be in brights or pastels, etc.







# **Block of the Month**

# Log Cabin Twist Quilt Block

#### 9" block

Dive into your scrap bag !! Choose 4 colours and proceed:

From gold print, cut: • 4 of 2-1/2"×3" rectangles

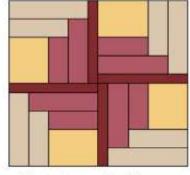
From red print, cut: • 4 of 1-1/2"×4" rectangles

4 of 1-1/2"×3" rectangles

From dark red print, cut: • 4 of 1"×5" rectangles

From beige print, cut: • 4 of 1-1/2" x4-1/2" rectangles

4 of 1-1/2"×3-1/2" rectangles



Block Assembly Diagram

#### Assemble the Block

 Sew a red print 1-1/2"×3" rectangle to a long edge of a gold print 2-1/2"×3" rectangle. Press the seam allowance toward the gold rectangle.



Diagram 1

 Sew a red print 1-1/2"×4" rectangle to the bottom edge of the pieced unit (Diagram 3). Press the seam allowance toward the gold rectangle.



Diagram 3

right edge of the pieced unit (Diagram 2). Press the seam allowance toward the gold rectangle



Diagram 2

 Sew a beige print 1-1/2" x4-1/2" rectangle to the right edge of the pieced unit (Diagram 4). Press the seam allowance toward the gold rectangle.

2. Sew a beige print 1-1/2" x3-1/2" rectangle to the



Diagram 4

 Sew a dark red print 1" x 5" rectangle to the bottom edge of the pieced unit to complete a block unit (Diagram 5). Press the seam allowance toward the gold rectangle. The pieced block unit should measure 5" square, including the seam allowances.

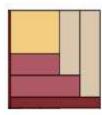


Diagram 5

- 6. Repeat steps 1 through 5 to make a total of four block units.
- 7. Sew together the block units in pairs (Block Assembly Diagram at top of page). Press the seam allowances in opposite directions. Then join the pairs to make a block. Press the seam allowance in one direction.

For more information on this or other free block patterns you may go to https://www.allpeoplequilt.com/quilt-patterns/quilt-blocks/log-cabin-twist-quilt-block



# Community Requests





Nancy Winn conveys her thanks and that of the students in Uganda who received the school bags that many of you donated.



DON'T FORGET TO SIGN IN AT THE MEMBERSHIP DESK AND GET YOUR DOOR PRIZE DRAW TICKET! It is im-

portant for fire regulations that we

know how many people we have in the community centre, especially during the afternoon meetings.





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

#### Internet Resources for Quilters

#### Prepared by Inge Ford

Do you enjoy exploring the internet to find new ideas, inspiration, or perhaps develop and enhance your quilting and sewing skills? In recent years I have come to enjoy regularly reading and following the blogs of quilters, who share patterns, tutorials, ideas, new sewing tools, etc. The bloggers listed below are some of my favourites. Hope you find them useful.

#### Amy Smart, Diary of a Quilter







Amy Smart is a quilter, pattern

designer, wife and mother of four children. She has been "blogging" since 2008. On her blog she features over 100 tutorials (clear instructions and photos), tips and strategies and her pattern designs. Amy has been featured in many books and magazines and teaches a class on "mybluprint.com" (formerly Craftsy). She shares many photos of her quilts on her blog site and has almost 100,000 followers on Pinterest. You can find her blog at www.diaryofaquilter.com.

#### Sherri McConnell, A Quilting Life









Sheri, from Southern Nevada, is a quilter, wife, mother of four, grandmother of 5 and a quilt pattern designer. She and her daughter, Chelsi, also design fabric for Moda. On Sherri's blog, you'll find fun tutorials for useful, modern quilting projects as well as great tips on how to take your quilting to the next level. She has published three books. Sherri has been involved in the Fat Quarter Shop's recent" pillow fight challenge". Check out her blog for great inspiration at <a href="https://www.aquiltinglife.com">www.aquiltinglife.com</a>. You can also check out the Fat Quarter Shop (<a href="https://www.fatquartershop.com">www.fatquartershop.com</a>) for more information on the pillow fight challenge which features Edyta Sitar's latest book on quilted pillow patterns.

#### Allison, Cluck, Cluck, Sew

The Cluck Cluck Sew blog first started in 2007 when the author, Allison, used her web space as a way to keep a record of her projects. Now, her blog has grown to develop a big following. Not only does she share her quilts and the stories behind them, but she offers detailed tutorials for making fun projects. Allison provides a fresh take on traditional quilting designs, and you're sure to get plenty of inspiration from her blog. Allison is from the Seattle area, a mother of 4 and formerly a dental hygienist. Check her out at <a href="https://www.cluckclucksew.com">www.cluckclucksew.com</a>.

## **CLASSIFIEDS**

FOR SALE Accuquilt Go! Machine and eight templates (rag square 8.5", tumbler 6.5", value die, fall medley, triangles in square 3.5", feathers, rectangle—3.5" & 6.5",& round flower) Valued at \$449 for the machine and \$35 to \$60 for each of the dies. Seller is asking \$500 or best offer. If interested, please contact Emily at

ejhunsberger@sympatico.ca





The **SMILE QUILT COMMITTEE** is recruiting new members. After our announcement at the

February meeting, Anne-Marie Vander Maas joined us. Welcome aboard, Anne-Marie! We still need another volunteer. The evening meeting could also use a representative. It's a great cause in which to participate!

At this time, we would like to send out a huge thank you to Joan Doke and Elaine LaRonde. Joan has retired as leader of the committee, a position she took over when Rose Plummer stepped down and we expanded to a group of 5. Elaine joined our committee a few years ago. She has worked tirelessly as one of our cutters to help us fill your orders. Their great efforts are certainly going to be missed!

Thank you also to all of the SMILE Quilters! Even though we just introduced CAIP (Children and Adolescent In -Patient Psychiatric unit), we have already received at least 4 quilts that could go to this program. You are definitely bringing more smiles to more of our youth in need. Keep up the great quilting! (These quilts should be 48" x 72", the largest size suggested in the handbook.)

- Peggy Herlick for the Smile Quilts Committee

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We have lots of empty chairs that we would like to fill at our

evening meetings. For the January to May evening meetings, you can bring a different guest to each meeting at no charge and for every guest you bring, your name will be entered into a draw for a special prize. The draw will be held at our Annual General Meeting in June. So, call your friends, pack your car and let's fill those chairs at the evening meetings!



#### **Tree Blocks for Australia**

I want to send a huge, heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to our very time sensitive Australia tree block request—either with beautiful and creative blocks or with a financial contribution to mailing. The parcel containing 134 blocks was mailed to Australia on Friday, February 21st.

Thank you to Madeline H, Judy C, Bonnie M, Karen L, Miriam B, Ulka K, Lynne J, Mary K, Eileen Y, Barb M, Olga M, Trudy D, Carol K, Cathryn C, Marie D, Margaret K, Cathy P, Louann H, Debbie H, Becky M, Barb F, Jean C, Phyllis D, Marg S, Colleen L, Bernice B, Tiiu C, Marilyn W, Nancy W, Marg N, Karen C, Fran G, Lilla H and Jean M. We also had contributions from two non-members. A special thank you to the member who delivered her block to my house—I thought that I had written you name down, but I didn't. Sorry for the oversight. I hope I have not forgotten any contributors. Thank you again for your kindness and generosity.—Jean McFarlane







Friday: 10:00 am to 6:00 pm Saturday: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

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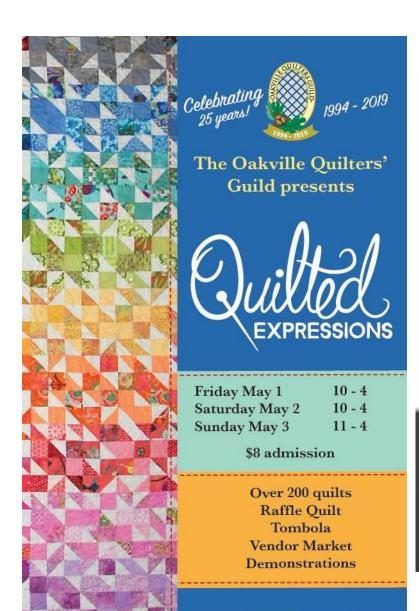




















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The Canadian Embroiderers' Guild of Guelph is holding its annual

Open House, Tuesday, April 28 from 1 to 5pm.

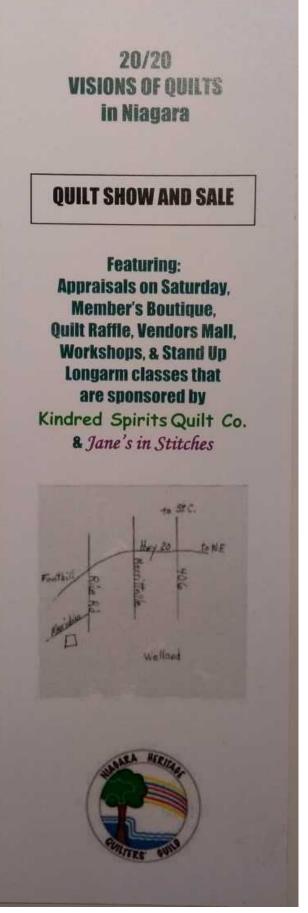
Come and see the beautiful work created this year by guild members and enjoy a cup of tea.

Kortright Presbyterian Church,

55 Devere Drive, Guelph, Ontario

Free Admission



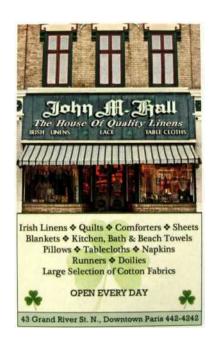


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#### PAL QUILT THANK YOU

#### Thank you, Ladies

From mid-February 2019 till the end of April 2019, I was a patient at Innisfree in Kitchener. I was to pass away from my illness and things turned for me and I am home and doing well. I received the most fantastic care along with my family and friends. Why I am saying this is during my stay I always had the most wonderful quilts on my bed that u ladies made. They were a great comfort to me. On leaving Innisfree to go to St. Joe's in Guelph for physio rehab, the staff presented me with a quilt to comfort me on my life journey. I have kept it with me and use it on my bed. I am blessed to have it.





Thank you, Brenda

## Poly-Cotton and Gingham

A large amount of fabric was donated to the guild. If anyone can use poly-cotton or gingham for charity work, please contact Judy Siegner and it is yours. Much of it is cut into six and a half inch Someone is lovingly snuggled under a quilt today because someone started a quilt for them a long time ago.

www.AnniesCraftStore.com



Premier outdoor quilt show at Black Creek Pioneer Village

# Saturday, July 25th and Sunday, July 26th Toronto, Ontario

Special Events Coordinator, Steven Kellier, is looking for volunteers to help with this event. They are looking for committee members, quilters willing to loan a quilt, and volunteers for the event days. Please check out this blog for more information:

https://quiltsinthevillage.wordpress.com/

And last, but not least, they would love everyone to come to the event in July. A day of history, mixed with creativity and inspiration!



Marney Heatley showed this fine quilt at show and tell in February. She would like to know who contributed the centre area of the quilt. A few years ago, there was an exchange of UFOs that were placed in paper bags. Each member who brought one took one home, sight unseen. Do you know who helped Marney complete this masterpiece? Please let her know!

















# The March 4 Workshop with Elizabeth DeCroos is FULL!

#### Speaker or Activity and WORKSHOP SCHEDULE for 2019-2020

March Kelly DuMaresq and March 4 Elizabeth

DeCroos-Modern Pojagi Improv Window

Hanging and CQA Member Challenge due

April Gunnel Hag and April 25 Kelly DuMaresq -

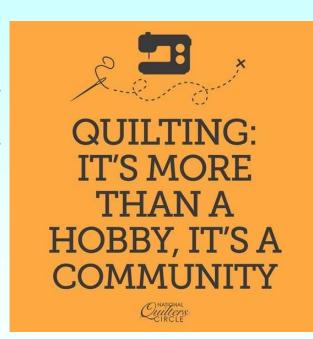
Scrap Queen Workshop

Tracey Lawko, President's Challenge table May

runners due

**Annual General Meeting and Social,** June

evening only



#### **Elected Officers of the Guild 2019-2020**

President: Inge Ford Vice President: Jean McFarlane Treasurer: Andrea Heimrich **Assistant Treasurer:** Jean Cloes Secretary: **Doris Martin** Past President: Deby Wettges **Standing Committees** 

**Historian:** Alin Chan

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Barbara Pye, Sandra Bussey &

Cathy Jurchuk

Quilt Exhibit: Ruthanne Snider, Co-chair

& Elaine LaRonde, Co-chair

Website: Kathy Bissett



## **Quilting Months Ahead**

Month	Day	Activity
March	4	Workshop with Elizabeth DeCroos
March	18	CQA/ACC Member Guild Challenge due
March	18	Regular Guild Meetings
April	25	Kelly DuMaresq
		Too many quilt shows to list - See pages 13 to 16
May	20	President's Challenge Table Runners due

Newsletter Deadline for April 2020 issue is March 26, 2020

Our website: http://www.wcguiltersguild.on.ca/