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# Scraps of Wisdom

Waterloo County Quilters Guild Newsletter



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(all quilts including fall theme ones, smile and  
memory quilts and your latest finished  
pieces) measured before you put them up on the railing. Put the  
perimeter's measurement in inches with your name on a the  
paper.

Olga Mondoux and Glenda Dippel won the most last month.  
Kathy Bissett will be taking the measurements and sending  
them in to CQA.

*Bonnie Murdoch*

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## October 17th Meeting

Beth Cameron - "The Domestic Goddess"

Beth's trunk show is on its Ontario tour and we have been fortunate enough to talk her into presenting it to our guild! Beth is an award-winning quilter and has had her quilts published in several quilting magazines.

Come prepared for more than a visual feast as many of Beth's quilts are more than just pleasing to the eye - some are downright entertaining and guaranteed colourful.

Beth has a great sense of humour and who would have guessed that it comes through in her quilts?

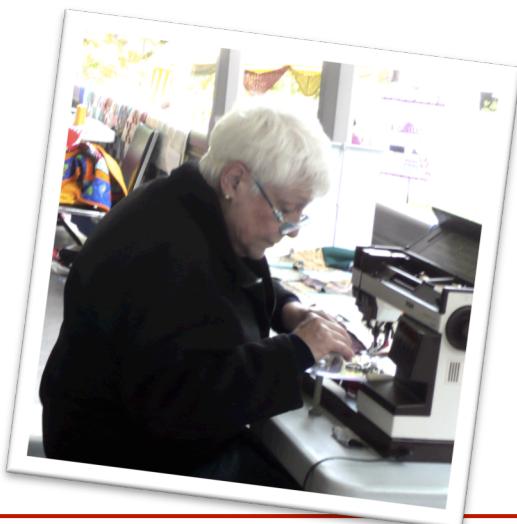
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## F. R. O. G. S.

Many guild members have asked for another incentive to finish their unfinished projects. Last year we called it a "P.I.G.S. Challenge", which stood for "Project In Grocery Sack". This year it's named after a green amphibian. Can you guess?

Yes, you're right! We have a F.R.O.G.S. challenge! It stands for "Finish Recent or Old Good Stuff". How many unfinished projects do you have that you really would like to get done? We'd like to encourage you to complete them during this guild year. At the September and October meetings you can register your unfinished project(s) by depositing a \$1.00 per project into a Froggy bank.

Your goal is to complete the project and show it during show-and-tell on or before the May guild meeting. When you do, you will receive a ballot to deposit into a second Froggy bank. During the May meeting we'll draw from all the ballots and you could win the first frog full of money! BUT, best of all, you'll have completed a project!



## Co-Presidents Message

Sally here this month (Judy and I are alternating the writing duties). What a start to our new quilting year. Those of you who weren't able to attend, I encourage you to look at Kathie Whylie's quilts at <http://www.kathykwylie.com/> or in person (if you can make it to Paducah). The dedication to detail and the precision of her work was just stunning.

I had a fantastic summer. Two trips to China, one for work and one for pleasure, gave me a glimpse of a completely different world. The large cities are huge, busy, congested, and you never see the sky for the pollution. But the scenery in the countryside was absolutely stunning. I went to Gansu province in the northwest, which is populated by Tibetan people. They love bright colours, and anything they could paint was heavily decorated. Doors, window frames, ceilings, prayer wheels... The other area I loved was Yangshuo, in the south. Beautiful karst hills (see <http://www.sharewonders.com/the-lost-world-of-yangshuo/> for an example), rivers, bamboo rafts, and so much greenery. One of the best things, though, is that anywhere there were mountains, there were eagles. And they are definitely "things with wings". Hmm.

Unfortunately, my pleasure trip didn't take me past any fabric stores. But when I was in Chongqing for work, I found a small store selling indigo-dyed clothing. Handkerchiefs were about the size of a fat quarter, so I decided to pick some up for the Presidents' give-away at the guild meetings. She only had a few, which was very disappointing. Then she asked, through my interpreter, why I didn't just buy it by the yard? My ears perked up, and next thing I knew, I had bought 8 yards, 2 each of 4 coordinating fabric. Enough to give away and still keep some for myself. Watch for it to start appearing in Judy's magic basket.

That's all for now, as I've been so busy I'm actually late with this article (sorry about that, Karen). My friend is here from Vancouver, and is thrilled with the quilt I just gave her. It's a crazy quilt, made using the "mile a minute" technique I learned at guild, and I gave her a bag of ribbons, lace, beads and buttons so she could embellish it herself.

See you in October,

*Sally and Judy*

## 2013 Quilt Show

Sept 27 – 28, 2013



The next Quilt Show will be held at RIM Park on **Sept 27 and 28, 2013 with setup on Sept 26**. Please mark this time in your calendars as we will be looking for completed entries and lots of volunteers when the time comes. June AGM is the deadline for entry forms to be completed. We'll let you know when they will be available on the website and in print form, later in the spring.

Keep working on your entries which can include up to 3 entries in each of the categories of small quilts (approx 60" diameter), lap, bed (crib, twin, double, queen or king size) quilts, wall hangings, garments, purses and tote bags, bowls, table runners etc. As you are working on your projects, remember to document the copyright – it will be required on your entry. We are hoping for an entry from every member this time. We will be handing out the sleeve instructions closer to the time, necessary for hanging the entry if required.

The Raffle Quilt is at the quilter's so it will probably be ready for display by the January meeting. Tickets will be ready for the March meeting, so please think of any business that might be interested in help selling them.

We need a charity for the Raffle Quilt proceeds. Please bring your ideas to the October meeting so we can let Thelma Ignor begin her research. The recipient charity must be a resident of Waterloo Region. Our parameters have expanded to include men as well as women and children. We usually consider those which are not typically high profile and therefore well funded. If your idea has been used recently Thelma will sort that out, so please include any charity you think might benefit from some financial help.

Magnets will be shortly on the go. Take a bunch each meeting and make them up. We will have labels and magnets. Please consider donating lots of 6" fabric pieces so we can get them out for advertising.

We still need volunteers for the libraries, raffle ticket sales, as well as co-chairs. This will be our last show if there are no volunteers now. Let Marg Cassel or Colleen Robertson know.

Happy quilting. *Colleen Robertson*



O-snap quilting frame 48" square.  
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## Events

### Mannheim Quilting Circle

Second Wednesday of the Month

Its "Back to School" at Mannheim. Bring one of your old school pictures. We have an exciting game planned. We are going to try to identify you in your school days. Make sure your picture does not have your name on it. There will be prizes for this fun activity.

If you are new to the Mannheim Quilting Circle, we meet the second Wednesday of the Month at the Mannheim Community Centre. The group is informal. Bring your own project, sewing machine and supplies. We have lots of irons and ironing pads. Feel free to just drop in for awhile or stay for the whole day.

Bring your lunch, snacks and beverages. Fast food is just a short drive away. Its all about the fun and making new friends.

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

*Bernice Gammy & Fabia Joyce*



I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who bring in your Zehrs Tapes each month. This is a reminder that the Zehrs Save-A-Tape program continues to contribute to our Community Outreach Programs. For every \$450 worth of tapes, Zehrs gives us \$1.

There is a pretty gift bag at the Membership table for you to put your tapes in. So keep your tapes coming as this money goes for the batting and backing that the Guild buys.

I also want to thank everyone for making it much easier for me, by handing in their tapes nice and smooth and not crumbled or rolled up. This is a big help, when they have to be added up. *Joan Doke*

### Unravelled – Quilting Arts

October 5<sup>th</sup> – December 31, 2012

"Unravelled: An eclectic exhibit of the quilting arts of Frayed Knots"

The exhibit, by group members Marsha Clarke, Marilyn Farquhar, Marg Notar, Judy Pearce, Audrey Vrooman and Nancy Winn, will be on display at the St Jacobs Quilt Gallery (third floor of the Mill) 1441 King St N. St Jacobs.

#### Gallery Hours

**Monday – Saturday:** 10:00am – 6:00pm

**Sunday:** Noon – 5:30pm

#### Opening Reception

Sunday, October 14 from 2:00 – 4:00pm.

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### Zehrs Save-A-Tape Program

## Events Continued

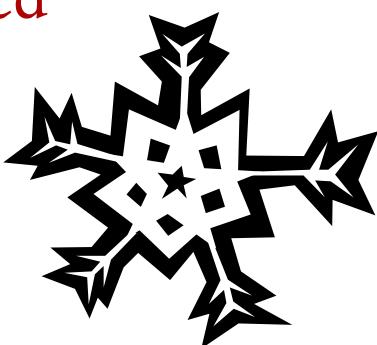
### Sewflakes: Papercut Applique

by *Kathy Wylie*

Saturday, October 20, 2012, 9:30 - 4:00pm

Mannheim Community Centre

Cost: \$ 35/pp, required when registering



Kathy will be teaching us a technique similar to making paper snowflakes, as described in her book "Sewflakes". We'll learn how to design these unique snowflakes for fabric, with an emphasis on incorporating recognizable images into the design, then look at various ways to transfer the design from paper to fabric. Some applique experience is helpful but not essential. Sewing machines are not required.

### Fibre Content Show



**Juried Exhibition of Fibre Art**  
**Burlington Performing Arts Centre (BPAC)**  
**October 27 - 28, 2012**

*a collaborative effort  
with original works by artists from*

**Studio Art Quilts Associates (SAQA) Central Canada**  
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**Grand Guild of Fibre Artists**  
**Burlington Fibre Arts**  
**Group of 8**

The show is a powerful opportunity to view and make a personal connection with the patterns and passion expressed in fibre art. You will see traditional, contemporary, representational and abstract art wall quilts, in a variety of themes and sizes, in diverse mediums including fabrics embellished with threads, beads and found objects, painted and felted fibres.

You will be dazzled by 128 works of art created by 65 artists. These extraordinary pieces will be complemented by the impressive setting of the new BPAC that is drenched with natural light and open space. Some works will be for sale.

Admission includes a detailed catalogue of all the works displayed at the show and access to a vendor marketplace of related art merchants.

Come and join us in the beautiful downtown Burlington area, situated on the shores of Lake Ontario, close to a local art gallery, restaurants and boutique shopping.

**Show hours: Saturday 9—5, Sunday 10—4**  
**Admission—\$7**  
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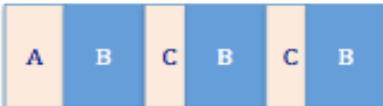
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**Taking the Mystery**  
out of  
**Vikki's Chain Link Strategy**

**Step 1:**  
For a chain that finishes 6" wide cut your fabric the following sized units:  
A - 6½" x 7½" background colour  
B - 8½" x 7½" chain (contrast) colour  
C - 4½" x 7½" background colour  
You need only one A unit per chain. Cut as many B and C units as you need to obtain the quilt chain length desired.

**Step 2:**  
Using your cut fabric units sew a 7½" wide strip-set in the sequence illustrated in the diagram below. *You must end this strip-set with a B unit!*



**Step 3:**  
Cut the initial strip-set into three 2½" strips as illustrated below and reverse the centre strip as illustrated.



**Step 4:**  
Sew the strips together forming chains as illustrated.

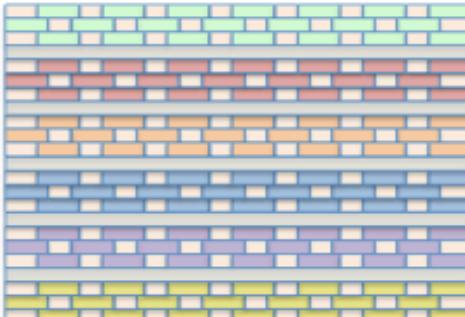


With more units the chain would look like this:



**Step 5:**  
When assembling the chains in a quilt, add 2½" (cut) sashing strips of the background fabric between chains as illustrated right.

**Note:**  
For a chain that finishes 3" wide cut your fabric the following sizes:  
A - 3½" x 4½" background  
B - 4½" x 4½" chain  
C - 2½" x 4½" background



## Smile Quilt Committee

### Thank you Rosemary!

After all her hard work for the past 10 ½ years, Rosemary Plummer decided it is time for her to retire from doing the Smile Quilts. As you can see, it takes 5 people to do what Rosemary has done all by herself.

We want the Guild to know that this committee is dedicated to continue with the wonderful work that Rosemary started. With this in mind, we want you to know a couple of things.

There will be a table setup, every Guild meeting, near the Library entrance, for people to hand over their Smile Quilts and to ask any questions they may have. Peggy Herlick and Helene Doerfler will be manning the table in the afternoon and Deb Martin in the evening.

The expensive part of these quilts is the backing and batting. The Guild has been providing these at the Bee Days in Mannheim. We realize that not everyone is able to go to the Bee Days, so this year we are adding another method of giving out the backing and batting.

At the Smile Quilts table there will be order

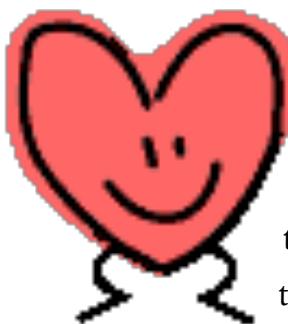
forms to fill out with your name, contact info, size of quilt, etc. Joan and Judy will fill the orders and bring the backing, batting, and form to the Smile Committee table for the next meeting. We will try this method for this guild year and see how it goes. You can, also, contact Joan or Judy during the month and they'll take care of the order.

We will continue to have the Bee Days, at Mannheim in November and April. The first Bee Day is Saturday, November 17, 2012.

We will have sign-up sheets at the September and October meetings. Judy is busy getting a pattern ready to hand out at this time. You certainly don't have to use this pattern, but it does help people to get a start.

This Committee is looking forward to a great year of Smile Quilts. If there is any question you may have, please contact any member of the committee. Our phone and email information is in the Members' Handbook.

**Committee Members:** Joan Doke, Peggy Herlick, Helene Doerfler, Judy Cumming, and Deb Martin





## Mystery Quilt

The second clue of the Mystery Quilt has been posted to our web site. I hope you enjoyed choosing your colours and putting the first clue together. I've decided to have a draw for a prize in May when we have our quilt tops done. When you show me the progress you're making I'll enter your name in the draw. All you have to do is bring what you are working on to any meeting between October and May. The more often you show me your progress the more entries you'll have. I'll see you in October. Have fun!!!

P.S.

If you don't have a computer and are on my mailing list, please let me know so I can bring you a copy of the second clue. I'm in our handbook.

*Doreen Bone*



## Quilt Show Boutique



I'm looking for at least two members who would be able to help me with the boutique. I'll be at both meetings in October or send me an email. I'm listed in our handbook. *Thanks Doreen Bone!*

## Butterfly Quilt for Sunnyside Home Palliative Unit

The quilt to Sunnyside Home was presented to Sheila Vaughan at our September Guild Meeting.



## Local Culture at Joseph Schneider House

A celebration of local culture was held on September 29 at Joseph Schneider House in Kitchener. Kathy Bissett from WCQG organized a few quilters to promote our Outreach quilts. Smile, Memory and Touch quilts were present and were being worked on throughout the day. There was a heartwarming moment for all of us when a couple with a little girl stopped by and asked about our work. The mother then realized that it was one of our Smile quilts that her little daughter had received in Grand River Hospital last year when she'd been hospitalized for 5 days! The little girl continues to cherish her gift

There were several other crafts being demonstrated on Saturday. One of the celebrations was marking the war of 1812. One aspect of this was the thunderous firing of old musket. We were out of sight of the gun and never knew when the next explosion would happen. It was rather arresting.

**Ruth Hicks**

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