



Scraps of Wisdom

May, 2009

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President's Message

They say April showers bring May flowers. I am constantly torn between my garden and my sewing room. It is a difficult choice, so I usually end up spending a little time in each location, usually feeling guilty that I'm not in the other one. Gardening does serious damage to hands. This week, after cutting down roses, my hands look like a war zone, feel as dry as a desert and are becoming rough. No amount of cream will soften them, and thread and fabric catches on the scrapes and cuts. When I finally get back to my sewing room, touching fabric is not the same somehow. Then there is the third dilemma: the spring-cleaning bug. Life is really hard for a quilter. And of course, it is the season of shows. We need more hours in a day, and more days in a week. How are we ever going to have time to do all those projects? Especially ones that have a June deadline, to enable entry in our own quilt show. Now that the entry forms are available, I feel a little panic-stricken. Deadlines can be good things, since they force activity. Hopefully all of you have already done all the spring-cleaning, and have the garden under control, so you can just get on with your projects. Now you know some of the things I like to do besides quilting.

Another of our members has an award-winning hobby. If you haven't thrown out your newspaper for Saturday, April 18, check out the front section. Helene Stevens, was a 1st place winner in the KPL 2009 Amateur Photography Contest. Congratulations Helene, and what a lovely photograph. Maybe she'll turn it into a quilt!

Spring is here. Enjoy!

Carol

Condolences go to Anni Hirsimäki, Nita Timm, and Lotte Mackinnon on the passing of their father recently. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

PROGRAM NOTES

May

Our final speaker for the year will be Sherry Hisey from Border Creek Station Pattern Company, (www.bordercreekstation.com) Her lecture is titled "The Thread That Binds". Sherry will bring lots of quilts to show us and will also be our vendor this month. She will bring all her own patterns and these will be available for members to purchase; check out her website so you know which ones you will want to buy.

June

This will be our final meeting for the year. It is a Guild Social and our Annual General Meeting. It is a "members only" meeting and will be held in the evening at 7:30 P.M. Watch for next month's newsletter for a "need to bring" list.

MANNHEIM QUILTING CIRCLE

Meets 2nd Wednesday of the Month
From 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Last meeting: Wednesday May 13

As May is our last meeting until the fall we are having a special celebration. Throw away the brown bags - we will be ordering-in lunch: Pizza, Swiss Chalet, subs, whatever the group decides. If you wish to participate bring some cash. If you can't make it for lunch drop in anytime. Have you finished your project for our upcoming show? This is the perfect opportunity.

Bernice Gammy and Fabia Joyce



MEMBERS' CORNER

This is your space. Let us know what you are doing, quilts in shows, classes, workshops you've attended - anything which you would like to share with the other members. We look forward to hearing from you.

Fabia Joyce - Making the world greener-one bottle at a time!

I am making items for the boutique from recycled jeans (thread catchers from the pockets, and my newest creation, wine carriers from the legs).

This was inspired by my husband who came home from the liquor store and said, "Did you know they are going to charge us for these paper bags?" What I need are jeans or heavy pants - lots of them. Before you throw them out please give them to me. You can give them to me at the Guild meetings in May and June. Feel free to drop them off at my door: 459 Northlake Drive, Waterloo.

Any fabric I don't use I will cut into squares for the MCC, or if large enough, for Alzheimer Touch Quilts.

Thanks, Fabia

THANK YOU ALL FOR THE ZEHRS TAPES

It is wonderful that so many of you bring in the grocery tapes from the Zehrs Stores and I thought that you might like to know just how the process works.

1. Each month I pick up the tapes and go through them all and FLATTEN them out so that they are readable. Anything that is below the TOTAL line that starts with "Transaction Record" is not necessary and is removed, so if you could take this off, it would be great. When tapes are rolled up, or folded up into a tiny size, it takes a very long time to unroll them and then try to keep them laying flat. Sometimes they go under the sofa cushion for a few days to help. I also check to make sure that they are Zehrs tapes only. We cannot use the SuperStore one, or any others.

2. The tapes are then added up into \$1000 bundles, and stapled together with the calculator tape.

3. A running total is kept and then, usually once a year in July, full bags are taken to a Zehrs store, with a form they provide and, within a month, we receive a cheque that is used by the Library only, for the purchase of books. Last July, the Guild received a cheque from Zehrs in the amount of \$679.00. This is just wonderful and that is why we have such a great Library, all through everyone's help.

If you could take a few minutes to keep the tapes flat and remove the "transaction record" part, this would be a breeze of a job. Thanks to everyone,

Joan Doke

Boutique Update

We thank all the Guild members who have been donating hand-made merchandise for our biennial show boutique. Seeing the new items at each meeting is a pleasure and fun for all of us. The variety is amazing. Also, it is great to have a range of price levels. We truly thank all members who have made donations to date and encourage others to look at our display table or talk to us about ideas. We can assist if you have an idea and need some help. Happy sewing,

Judy, Marilyn, Elizabeth and Elizabeth

Mystery Quilt

It was such a pleasure to see the blocks for the Mystery Quilt in March. Those who brought in a block will receive an extra ballot for the draws in June. Remember Ladies, you only have to have the quilt top finished. It doesn't have to be quilted. We will have a "Big" show and tell in June. There will be lots of prizes so get your quilt top finished.

Doreen Bone



KW Quilt Show 2009 - September 25 & 26, 2009 - Setup day Thursday, September 24

Quilt Show Entries are NOT being JUDGED

Just a reminder that we present a biennial Quilt Show to display quilts made by members to encourage an appreciation of quilt making in our community. At no time are these entries judged by anyone in a formal capacity. What we do provide though is an opportunity for visitors to choose by ballot their "Viewer's Favourite". The Award Categories that we have established are outlined on page 4 of our February Newsletter.

Quilt Show Entry Forms - due at the June 17th, 2009 Annual Meeting

The Quilt Entry Forms are now available, either for pickup at a guild meeting or for printing a copy from the guild website (www.wcquiltersguild.on.ca under Quilt Show). The website also has a version that you can download and complete on your computer and then email back to us as an attachment. Please read the instructions on the Entry Form. Challenge quilt entries may also be completed on this Entry Form. Please make sure you mark on the form that it is a Challenge quilt, OR follow the instructions below for Challenge Quilt Entries. All members who submit an entry for display will be admitted free to the show.

Quilt Show Entry Photos

If you would like help with the photo required to accompany your Quilt Show Entry there will be 2 members with digital cameras at both the May and June guild meetings to help you out. The full quilt/item does not need to be completed for these photos. What is required is a photo that shows the pattern/design of the quilt/item along with an accurate colouration of the quilt. Therefore please bring your show entry to the May or June meetings if you need this assistance.

Quilt Show Entry Credits

It is important that all credits to patterns and designers be stated on your Quilt Show Entry Forms. If you adapted your project from a specific pattern or designer then you would acknowledge who you were inspired by. Also, if your project is a direct copy from someone else's photograph or someone else's piece of art, that person must be credited, and permission from the photographer or artist must be stated. The name of the quilter must also be stated; it may be your name or the name of the person who quilted your project for you.

Quilt Rack Sizes & Hanging Sleeves

The information on the size of the Quilt Racks we use for displaying the quilts and the size required for the Hanging Sleeves can be found in the guild's March 2009 Newsletter.

Show Advertising Magnets - Jan Hember

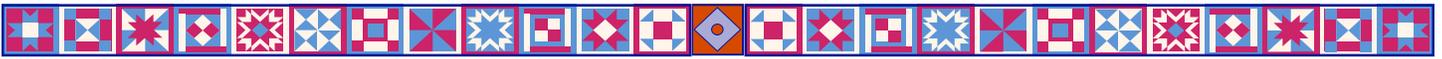
We will continue to take donations at the guild meetings of already completed magnets, cut 6-inch squares or yardage - thanks again for your continuing help.

Sign Up for St. Jacobs Farmers' Market Days - Jan Hember & Elizabeth King

In an effort to promote our Quilt Show and provide an opportunity to promote our Raffle Quilt Charity (Hospice of Waterloo Region) we will be selling Raffle Quilt tickets and displaying the Raffle Quilts at the St. Jacobs Farmers' Market on several Saturdays. Please bring your calendars to the May & June guild meetings and sign up to help out on the following Market Saturdays: June 13, June 27, July 11, July 25, August 15, August 29 and September 5. Or give Jan or Elizabeth a call to sign up early for your choice of time.

Raffle Quilt Tickets - Judy Cumming

Thanks to the members who have picked up their Raffle Tickets and returned their money already. We have extra tickets to sell so encourage all our members to sell lots of tickets to help out the Hospice of Waterloo Region. Do you know where your raffle tickets are??? This is just a reminder that we need to account for all tickets sold and all tickets not sold. Also, please remember that all stubs must be turned in along with the money for the tickets that are sold.



Quilt Show cont.

Small Quilt Draw - Paula McDermott

Please consider making a quilt for the "Small Quilt Draw" at the September Quilt Show.

Any theme for the quilt would be great. Some suggestions could be: Seasonal or Holidays, such as Christmas, Halloween, Autumn, Spring; teddy bears or bunny rabbits would be fun, especially for grandmas looking for gifts for their new grandchildren. Sizes and shapes can vary: maximum size would be 60 inches around but anything smaller would be great.

Thank you to those who have already donated a quilt.

IDIOM Challenge Quilts - due at the June 17th, 2009 Annual Meeting - Pat Lockyer

The members in attendance at the June Annual meeting will be voting for their favourite Challenge entry. Remember June is an evening meeting ONLY. With the help of the members in attendance at the April Evening meeting the following two items were established for the Voting process. We are asking that for the display and voting at the June Meeting the Challenge entries DO NOT identify the maker on the front. We DO want to know what the IDIOM is though, on the front. Therefore we are asking that you attach a small paper label on the front that states your Idiom and is easy for the viewers to see.

The Challenge Quilts will be kept and will be displayed at the September Quilt Show. If you wish to take your entry home for the summer that is fine, just leave your quilt information with Pat for inclusion in the Show Program Book and for the Story Cards to be prepared. Your Challenge Quilt would then be delivered with all the rest of the show items on September 24th (or given to Pat at the September 16th guild meeting). It is important that the Challenge Quilts do have a permanent label/ marking on the back stating the maker and the title of the entry.

Challenge Entry Form - due at the June 17th, 2009 Annual Meeting - Pat Lockyer

A formal Entry Form for the Challenge quilts was not prepared but you may use the regular Show Entry Form if you wish. Just indicate somewhere on the form that it is a Challenge Entry. What we are asking is that you attach a paper to the back of your quilt stating the following: your name, title of your quilt (or idiom) and your statement. In your statement you may wish to outline some of the techniques you used and list any credits if needed, along with the story about your quilt and your chosen Idiom. Your entry of a Challenge Quilt constitutes your consent for photographs to be taken (any exceptions must be given to the Show Chair in writing).

KW Quilt Show 2009 Flyers and Posters - Laura Bristol

Please pick up flyers & posters so you have them ready for advertising our Quilt Show at your workplace, your church, your apartment/condo building or your community centre (we only have 2 more guild meetings left before summer). Our Quilt Show advertising is very dependent on the members getting the word out via, flyers, posters, charm magnets and the selling of raffle tickets. If you are travelling out of town to Quilt Shows, Quilt Guilds or Quilt Stores and could deliver some flyers please give Laura a call. It will help her out in her effort to disburse the show information.

Show Volunteer Sign Up

The Show Volunteer sign up sheets will be at the May, June and September meetings, so please come prepared to sign up for your show jobs. There are lots of opportunities to help out and we do need your help. All members who sign up to volunteer at the show will be admitted free to the show.



THE COMFORT OF A MEMORY QUILT

“Memory quilts, memory quilts, would someone like to make a memory quilt?”

We often hear about these memory quilts but do we know to whom they go , or even if they are appreciated? This was our discussion at Mannheim as about seven women worked around the tables cutting squares for Alzheimer quilts.

These memory quilts are given to Grand River Hospital’s Marjorie Carroll Birthing Centre for parents who have had a baby die. The baby may have died in the uterus, during birth or may have been born with a syndrome (or syndromes) that soon take his or her young life.

When a baby is born in crisis, perhaps with congenital defects, the nurses quickly wrap the baby in one of these memory quilts before handing the baby to the parents. The parents cuddle the baby, dead or alive, and the smell of the baby is transferred to the memory quilt. These are precious minutes and hours as the parents hold their baby... maybe for the last time. The nurses take pictures of the baby and the family. Sometimes, it is barely possible to see the baby. The baby may be tiny or otherwise altered in appearance, but the nurses do their best as they put on a hat and wrap the baby in this beautiful memory quilt. The parents are given this memory quilt as a lasting memory!

It is important for the parents to hold their baby and look at the pictures. This is reality for the parents as they hold their dead baby.

As you can imagine, this is a traumatic time in the life of young parents. They had dreams about coming home with a newborn and offering this precious bundle their love forever. But that is not the case. Instead the broken-hearted parents return home with empty arms and see the empty crib and newborn clothes that won’t be used and need to be packed away. They have had a baby die: lost their dream, a part of themselves and a part of their future.

As the reality of the baby’s death registers, shock and numbness subside. That is the point where I am called in. I often counsel young parents after their baby has died. “How could this happen?” “What did I do wrong?” “Is it my fault?” “I carried this baby for nine months: what do I tell my friends?” “Why didn’t my baby just wake up and cry? Then we’d be all right and I’d take him/her home?” “I didn’t expect my baby to die!”

Whether it is individual counselling for the parents or a bereavement group for young parents, I ask them to bring something that either belongs to the baby or reminds them of their baby. Frequently, the parents bring the memory quilt because that is the only thing that has the “smell” of their baby. As they tell their story they emphasize that this is the most important possession that they have. They want to share the memory of this quilt that held THEIR precious baby.

Now you know where the memory quilts go. Your time, energy and patience in sewing and quilting this blanket will always be treasured. After many months, these quilts are put in the hope chest as a memory of holding their baby.

Marilyn Hollinger M.T.S., D.S.W

Memory Quilts

We would like to thank everyone who came to the Memory Quilt Bee Day. Your help made short work of the job. We put together 97 kits. Wow!

Memory Quilt Kits will be available at both the afternoon and evening meetings in May. Pick up a few. There is no deadline to complete them.

Paula and Jean



On the Calendar 2009

- ⇒ **March 7-June 7, Quilt Treasures from the WCMA Collection.** See April newsletter for details
- ⇒ **May 1-3, Windsor Quilters' Guild Show & Sale.** Novelletto Rosati Sports & Recreation Complex, Windsor. Admission \$5. for more information call Vivian LaCroix 519-733-2886
- ⇒ **May 1 to 2, "Hats off to Quilting"** Five Star Quilt Guild, Lucknow Community Centre, 649 Campbell Street, Lucknow. For more information: Sharon Courtney (519) 395-3360
- ⇒ **May 8-10, "Feelings in Fabric",** Kawartha Quiltmakers' Guild, 2009 Quilt Show and Sale. Evinrude Centre, 911 Monaghan Road, Peterborough. Admission \$6.00. For more information see www.KawarthaQuiltmakersGuild.ca or email: KQGquiltshow2009@live.ca
- ⇒ **May 23, Zurich Quilters' Guild,** Zurich Complex on East St. Zurich. Draws every hour, Silent Auction, Lunch available. Admission \$2.00
- ⇒ **May 26-30, St. Jacobs Fibre Arts Festival.** Various locations in St. Jacobs. For more information see the Festival web site.
- ⇒ **May 29-30, New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale.** New Hamburg. Food booths etc. opening Friday. Main event Saturday.
- ⇒ **May 29-30, Thames Valley Quilters' Guild,** Quilt Show, Wesley-Knox United Church, 91 Askin St. London. Friday 2:00-7:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m. Admission \$5.00
- ⇒ **CQA/ACC National Juried Show 2009, May 26-30,** Saskatoon, SK
- ⇒ **Oct 19-24 Quilts from Ireland.** Ailsa Craig. More information to follow.

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MEALS ON WHEELS PLACEMATS

Hello quilters,

Thank you to all the Guild members who donated placemats for Meals on Wheels. Seventy-eight beautiful quilted placemats were delivered in time to be included with Easter meals. The MOW staff were very excited to see such a colourful collection and assigned them to clients who had not previously received one. Already we are starting to receive "thank you" notes from the clients. Well done ladies!

Marilyn Weckworth



Dear Kind Quilters:

Thank you for your generous gift of placemats for the Meals on Wheels seniors. My father, Louis Krissak received two lovely ones. One had a card attached saying the placemat was made by Madeline Hughes. I just wanted you to know we appreciate your thoughtfulness.

God bless you,

Michele Debau (daughter of Louis Krissak, Kitchener)

On behalf of my mother and myself (daughter), we would like to let you know how much the lovely quilted placemat was appreciated. My mother was thrilled to receive it and has been using it daily. Receiving a such a pretty gift unexpectedly was a real joy. Thank you very much for your kindness.

Regards,

Betty (Brechun)

I would like to thank you for the lovely quilted place mat that my mother received with her Meals on Wheels last week.

She is 99 and her vision is failing so the brightly coloured vegetables were a very good choice.

Bev Hubbard

Quilting at Joseph Schneider Haus

This is a reminder about the JSH quilting bee May 25-27. It is not too late to sign up. Monday is **NOT** Victoria Day, as was often the case in the past for the bee. So far we have only a handful of quilters on Monday, and hardly any afternoon quilters.

If you can help, call Emily Hunsberger, (519-884-5711)



Waterloo County Quilters' Guild

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- Monthly meetings take place on the 3rd Wednesday of the month, at the Albert McCormick Community Centre, 500 Parkside Drive, Waterloo, in the Community Room (use the Library entrance).
- To accommodate our large Guild, we have an afternoon meeting and an evening meeting each Guild day, with identical content. Meetings are usually 1-1/2 - 2 hours.
- Guests are welcome at all meetings (except the June business meeting): \$7 at the door (includes a coupon towards membership).
- New membership: \$40 (includes nametag).
- Renewal membership: \$35 per year.
- Guild pins (available at membership table) \$6.
- The Guild is run entirely by volunteers and help is always appreciated. Just speak to anyone on the Executive to get started.
- Executive Committee meetings are held on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Centre.



Meeting Checklist:

- ✓ Your nametag/lanyard
- ✓ Books to return to the Library
- ✓ Smile quilt, if you have one to donate
- ✓ Memory quilt, if you have one to donate
- ✓ Show & Tell quilts
- ✓ Fabric to donate to Guild Fabric Bank
- ✓ Fabric to donate for Memory Quilts
- ✓ Books & magazines to donate to the library
- ✓ Zehrs' tapes
- ✓ Touch Quilts, if you have one to donate
- ✓ Fabric/Batting to donate for Touch Quilts".
- ✓ Raffle tickets and money

Next Guild meeting: May 20, 2009

Afternoon

- 12:45 p.m. Library opens
- 1:30 p.m. Meeting begins

Evening

- 6:45 p.m. Library opens
- 7:30 p.m. Meeting begins

The newsletter is published 9 times a year. There is no newsletter in December, July or August.

The deadline for submissions is the **4th Wednesday** of the month and can be made by email or telephone sdhitchens@golden.net.

Submissions by email will be confirmed by email. Due date for the June newsletter will be **May 27th**.

ITEMS FOR SALE

Husqvarna Designer SE, purchased in summer 2005, used very little..\$3000.00 includes machine, embroidery arm, all manuals 3 hoops, all standard feet . Donna Kroetsch

Phone (519)579-2738 e-mail: donna.lynne@sympatico.ca

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