



Scraps of Wisdom

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Program for May 16, 2012

Trash 'n' Treasures sale and Demos

It's finally here! "One person's trash is another's treasure". Known as the "chair" sale in previous years, it's your opportunity to clean out your sewing room, get some great bargains or both! Bring quilting or sewing items that you longer want to the Guild meeting, labelled with a price and a money container. Items will be set out on tables. Shopping happens before and after the meeting.

A chance to see and learn something new! Five demo stations will be set up around the room. At each one, a Guild member will demonstrate a quilting technique, idea or gadget. Learn how to make a wonky house block, a postcard quilt or stained glass applique. See a fused block made using our scrap bin as well as a binding presser and an AccuQuilt fabric cutting machine.

We will not have a vendor this month because of the trash 'n' treasures sale.

Pre-meeting Sewing time - last one

We have booked our Albert McCormick room for sewing time during the morning of the May Guild meeting. From 9:00 - 12:00 you can come with your sewing machine to work on your own projects or bring some handwork. At 12:00 we need to clear out so that the Guild committees can set up for the afternoon meeting. Please bring your own coffee/drink/snacks.



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Reminder of Meeting Times:

1:30—3:30 (doors open @ 12:45)

7:30—9:30 (doors open @ 6:45)

Meeting checklist:

- Your nametag/lanyard
- Show and Tell
- Smile/Memory/Alzheimer Quilts
- Zehrs tapes
- Library books/magazines
- Raffle Quilt Blocks/Selvage
- Strips
- Membership Forms

Last call for P.I.G.S.!

To have a chance at winning the piggy bank with money, your P.I.G.S. project must be shown at this month's show-and-tell! There will be a draw in the afternoon and one in the evening.

Trudy Dey and Vikki MacDonald

Program Co-ordinators

Bonnie Murdoch

President's Message



I like this cooler spring for a number of reasons. It is great **walking** (that is all the nudging for this letter) weather with the longer days. I like snuggling under a quilt at night. The spring flowers last so much longer. I have never seen my forsythia bush flower for so long. It has been 4 weeks that the back corner has been a yellow mass of colour!

May is a busy month for Waterloo County quilters in regards to shows. Do take in as many events as possible of the Quilt and Fibre Art Festival and all the surrounding quilt shows to support our fellow quilters.

I had a first experience as a quilter last month - my first *big, big* quilt show. I give credit to the Americans. They know how to do *big* - really *big*. But with *big* there are tricks to cope. The first is to forget fashion for the feet - go with comfort. Initiate conversations since quilters are a very friendly bunch of individuals and you get useful information. Another is to split up once in the convention centre. Judy and I did this since we had different material interests and endurance capabilities. Scout out the show on the first preview night - the buses have not arrived yet. Make notes as to which vendors interest you. Use the programme to check off what quilts you see so you can get back the next day to see the rest. Eat a good breakfast to give you the staying power. I should have bought a show bag first since it was a great size and had dividers in it to hold my purchases. I finally did in the last 10 minutes. Remember that we get almost an extra 4 inches when we buy the meter so remember that when purchasing by the yard. The organizers were smart in that they changed most of the Men's room signs to Women's. Hurrah! Staying in a hotel within walking distance away was wonderful. We were able to put up our feet for a short time to reinvigorate the body so that we could return for a few more hours. Now the next time I will take a course or two, I hope that will be at a Canadian *big* show and I'm sure there are tips for that experience. What fun trips are with a friend!

The Guild was approached by Sheila Vaughan who is a member of the Palliative Care Team at Sunnyside Home situated on Franklin Street in Kitchener. The Palliative Care team is looking to get a quilt to cover their residents when they leave their Home for the funeral home. They are currently changing their policy so that their residents leave Sunnyside the same way they arrived which is through the front doors. As the email for this request circulated among our executive, we got excited about creating this quilt for them feeling this would be another extension of our Outreach Programme. We are hoping others in the Guild will join us for one day in early July to start and complete this quilt top. A design has been worked up, with a pattern and instructions and approved by Sunnyside. We plan to use some of the scrap bin's material along with donations from our stashes and we hope to have an example for you to see at the May meeting. A church basement has been donated for a place for us to work. You will hear more of the details of the day and the logistics of that day of sewing at the next two meetings and through emails. I would like to think that if I end my days at that home, I would exit with a quilt over my body.

Have a wonderful month of quilting.

Bonnie

Mannheim Quilting Circle - Wed May 9, 9 am - 4 pm

This will be our last sewing circle for this year. Please join us for a few hours or the whole day. Bring your lunch/snacks/beverages. Fast food is a short drive away.

Directions to Mannheim are in your handbook and a link is on our website under Community Outreach. We will resume in **September** so mark your calendars now.

Fabia Joyce and Bernice Gammy

Congratulations

To Guild Member Judy Gascho-Jutzi who has been nominated in the Textile/Fibre and Quilting Arts Category for the Arts Awards Waterloo Region 2011.



Reaching Out to Guild Members

Do you know a Guild Member who is sick or has lost a loved one? The Guild sends out "Get Well/Sympathy" cards to members. Please send a note or call our vice-presidents Judy Pearce or Sally Gray who take care of this. Due to the Canadian Privacy Act, we cannot publish or announce names at Guild meetings. We rely on your information to reach out to our quilting friends.

Smile Quilt Update

In December 2001 I started the Guild's Smile Quilt program. Since then our members have spent many hours stitching 1450 quilts for children that have been donated to the Grand River Hospital's Pediatric outpatient unit. Our first priority has always been to provide a quilt to all long term and/or life threatening childhood medical challenges. Throughout these years the program has grown to include in-patients, special clinics such as cystic fibrosis and mothers without doctors.

I have decided that I will step down as program co-ordinator as of June 2012. I am sure some member/members will be willing to take over this program. The job includes collecting quilts at Guild meetings, labelling and recording donations, putting identifying numbers on each quilt, delivery to the hospital and recording when a child receives a quilt.



Many thanks to the many kind hearted members who have made this program so successful.

Happy Quilting

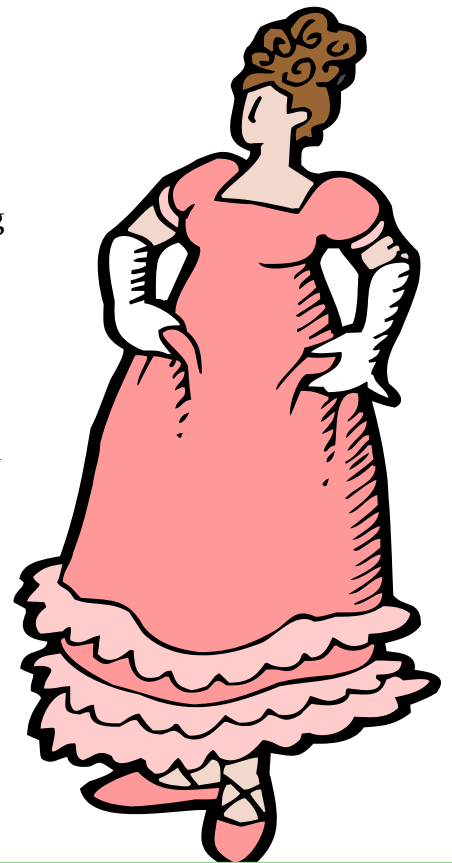
Rosemary Plummer

Sew Funny

From the 1949 Singer Sewing Machine Manual

"Prepare yourself mentally for sewing. Think about what you are going to do - never approach sewing with a sigh or lackadaisically. Good results are difficult when indifference predominates. Never try to sew with a sink full dirty dishes or beds unmade. When there are urgent household chores, do them first so that your mind is free to enjoy your sewing. When you sew, make yourself as attractive as possible. Put on a clean dress. Keep a little bag of French chalk near your sewing machine to dust your fingers at intervals. Have your hair in order, powder and lipstick put on

If you are constantly fearful that a visitor will drop in or your husband will come home and you will not look neatly put together, you will not enjoy your sewing as you should."



Executive Positions for 2012/2013

We would like to extend sincere thanks to everyone who responded to our plea for volunteers to form next year's executive. We are grateful to all those who have stepped forward.

However, we are not quite there yet!!!! We have someone willing to be a co vice president (to chair the afternoon meetings) if someone steps forward to work with her to chair the evening meetings. There is someone considering this but it is not yet confirmed so if this is a position you would consider, please call us.

A great need is for someone to take over the newsletter. If you are able to navigate your way around computer programs with relative ease and would be willing to do our newsletter, please let us know. There is someone who will continue to do the "On The Calendar" part of the newsletter and someone has just stepped forward who is willing to proof the newsletter before it goes out.

We still have need of an evening librarian. Please call Ruthanne Snider (our afternoon librarian) for more details of what is involved if this is a position you would be willing to consider.

We have apprentices in place to take over the program for the 2013 - 2014 year. The program committee could still use one more member at large to help with some of the many details that committee is responsible for.

Since our April Guild meetings, it has been brought to our attention that Rosemary Plummer, who has so graciously organised our Smile Quilt program for many, many years, has decided the time has come for her to step aside and ask someone else to take this over. The idea has been suggested to form a committee of individuals who would take over for Rosemary. Please contact us if this is something you might be interested in. Being part of a Smile Quilt committee would not involve being part of the executive.

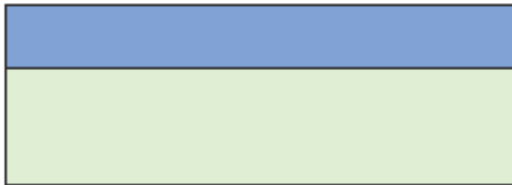
Thank you again for the positive response we have received. Please consider the positions we still have yet to fill. If you are uncertain about carrying the newsletter or the evening librarian position by yourself, grab a friend and do it together!!!! These are both important positions to fill to carry on the excellent communication our newsletter provides and the great resource our library provides for our membership.

Sally Gray & Judy Pearce
Vice Presidents

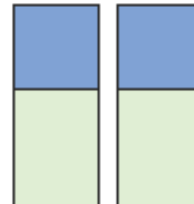


Taking the Mystery out of The Shaded 9-Patch

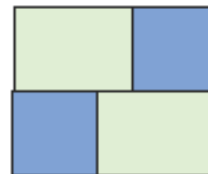
Sew a medium value colour $2\frac{1}{2}$ " wide strip to a light value colour $3\frac{1}{2}$ " wide strip.



Cut into $2\frac{1}{2}$ " segments

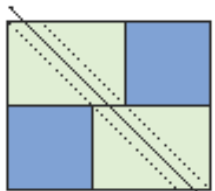
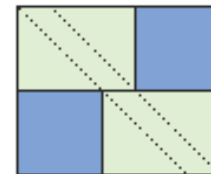


Sew two segments together to make a $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5" rectangle



Fold the rectangle from the square (medium) down to the long edge of the rectangle as if you were making a square and press the folded seam. Fold from the other square the same way and press that folded seam. The dotted lines are the fold lines.

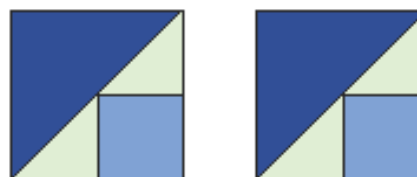
These two folds will be your sewing lines.



Place the rectangle right sides together on a dark $4\frac{1}{2}$ " x 5" rectangle and sew on the two lines created by the folds.

Cut up the center between the seams you have just sewn.

Open and press. **Voila!**



The two resulting blocks should measure $4\frac{1}{2}$ " unfinished. Each block finishes at 4 inches and...

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MEMORY QUILTS

In this merry month of May, Janet hands all Memory Quilt Co-ordinator duties over to Doreen Bone. Any queries or comments should now be addressed only to Doreen - thanks! It has been a pleasure working with Guild Members to produce the usual large number of these small, attractive quilts our Guild customarily sends to Grand River Hospital each year.

Janet Thomson Smith



From the Newsletter Desk

Do you have an item of interest for the newsletter? You can share a story, sell something, find “lost” fabric, share your stash, find a quilting buddy or carpool to a quilt show.

Contact your newsletter editor **Fabia Joyce** - email fabia_steve@rogers.com

Please note that all submissions may be subject to editing for grammar, spelling and content.

Your Membership Handbook is a valuable tool. Please spend some time reading through the information pages. You will find meeting dates, membership rates, newsletter policies, website information, community outreach programs, workshop information, Mannheim information, the fabric bank, the library, our bylaws and standing rules. Do not hesitate to contact your executive if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.



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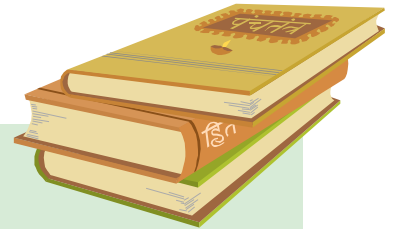
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From Your Librarians

The year end library inventory will be held on Thursday June 21, 2012 at 9:00 am in the Community Room at Albert McCormick Community Centre.

The inventory is usually completed in about 90 minutes. Tea/coffee and goodies are provided. If you are able to help out this year, please sign up at the May or June meetings. Many thanks.

Ruthanne and Louise



Membership Forms for 2012/2013

It is time to think about your membership for next year, 2012-2013.

So that we can get your membership book out as soon as possible and as complete as possible please register in May or June.

This year the membership form is on the members page of the website.

You can:

- a) print it off, hand write the information and bring it to the meeting
- b) fill in the information and then print it off and bring it to the meeting
- c) come to the meeting and fill in the registration form there.
- d) mail your form and money to the Guild address.

There will be a draw for a free membership at the June meeting from all those who have registered and paid in May or June.

Who cannot do with the extra \$35 if you win!!!!

Just think of the fabric, patterns, books or gadgets you can buy!!!!

Madeline Hughes and the membership committee.

Calls for Entry

- International Plowing Match - Entry deadline Jun 1, 2012. Guild members Mary Wiedner & Nita Timm have entry forms. Website: www.ipm2012.ca
- Cambridge Center for the Arts 2013 exhibitions. Open to visual artists and craftspeople in all media. Deadline May 11, 2012. Call for details 60 Dixon St. Cambridge 519-740-4681 ext 4376
- Central Manitoulin Pioneer Museum Quilt Block Contest 2012 "Pioneer Times". Entry deadline Jun 1, 2012. Contact Wilda Campbell 705-377-4632. Forms on the Guild community table
- Kitchener 100 Cityhood Centennial Celebrations. Crafters and Artisans wanted for this day long celebration on June 10, 2012. Application deadline is May 15, 2012. Contact claudia@bigevents.ca or 519-998-2389



Photo above:

3D pondflowers made in the workshop with Sandy Simmelink on Sat April 21.

A dutiful husband was helping his wife pin baste a quilt. After a half hour into the project she complained he was not “keeping up”. To which he replied that he had to straighten out the pins first.



Executive Meeting May 23, 7:30pm

The executive meets to discuss Guild business in the Optimist Room at the Albert McCormick Community Centre (right next to the large room used for Guild meetings). Members are always welcome to attend an executive meeting. Meetings are the 4th Wednesday of every month.



Mini
Retreat
March 31,
2012



New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale

Dates of Quilt Previews and the Relief Sale.

Kitchener City Hall Rotunda - Thurs, 26 Apr - Tues, 22 May

Waterloo City Hall Atrium - Thurs, 26 Apr - Tues, 22 May

Joseph Schneider Haus - Wed, 2 May - Thurs, 24 May

Comfort Inn, Cambridge - Tues, 1 May - Tues, 22 May

St. Jacobs Mennonite Church - Tues, 22 May - Fri, 25 May, as part of "Quilts for the World" quilt show

New Hamburg Arena - Final Quilt Preview - Fri, 25 May 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Quilt Auction - Sat, 26 May 8:30 a.m. - mid-afternoon

Info at www.nhmrs.com

Quilting at Joseph Schneider Haus

Quilters welcome for morning or afternoon shifts May 21 - 23, lunch provided.

Contact Emily Hunsberger



2013 Raffle Quilt

Thank you everyone for the wonderful response on providing red and black selvages. In addition, we just have 6 more pieced kits to be signed out - let us know if you are interested in collecting these prior to our May meeting. We are now able to move to the next step.

For those capable of doing reverse applique, we will be providing kits at the May meeting which will include black and/or red fabrics to be reverse appliqued over a section of stripped selvage in the shape of leaves and returned by the June meeting.

Please return all pieced blocks by the June meeting. During the summer, we'll be looking for a few volunteers to assist sewing the top together. In the fall, we will be looking for volunteers to applique leaves and vines over the pieced top - so, there's something for everyone.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Marsha Clarke at theclarkes@rogers.com or Marilyn Farquhar at marilyn@providentmanagement.ca

Thank you so much.

Marilyn and Marsha



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On the Calendar

Apr - May 26, 2012	Greenwood Quiltery in the Gallery Catharina Breedyk-Law 275 Woolwich St. Guelph, ON 1-866-364-2790 www.greenwoodquiltery.com
May 1 - 5, 2012	Quilts of Denmark Recreation Centre, Ailsa Craig, ON www.ailsacraigquiltfestival.ca 519-293-3430
May 3 - 5, 2012	Oakville Quilters Guild presents Sentimental Reasons , Operating Engineers Conference Centre, 2245 Speers Road, Oakville, ON web oakvillequiltersguild2012.blogspot.com
May 4 - 5, 2012	A Gathering of Quilts 2012 Royal City Quilters Guild, Three Willows Church, 577 Willow Road, Guelph, ON info: www.royalcityquiltersguild.ca
May 5 - 6, 2012	Stoney Creek Quilters Guild presents 20th Anniversary Quilt Show , St Gregory the Great Church, 125 Centennial Parkway N, Hamilton, ON contact Linda Arsenault 905-512-4719 or linsquilts@yahoo.ca
May 5 - 6, 2012	Quilting Beyond Borders Stitches From the Heart Quilt Guild, Sault College, 443 Northern Ave E, Sault Ste Marie, ON Contact: Clare Walker 705-949-9066
May 10 - 12, 2012	Local Area Quilt Store Shop Hop , The Quilt Place, Shakespeare, Ye Olde Fabric Shoppe, Stratford, Creative Sister, Kitchener, and Reichards, St Jacobs.
May 11 - 12, 2012	Quilting on the Grand Dunville's Own Tiny Stitchers, Dunville Memorial Arena, 275 Ramsey Drive, Dunville, ON Contact: Mindy Veldhuizen 905-899-1582
May 11 - 13, 2012	Quilts in Bloom Common Thread Quilt Guild, RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive, Ottawa, ON info: www.commonthreads.on.ca
May 15 - June 1, 2012	Shakespeare Quilt Club will be showing off their diverse talents of quilted items from workshops, club challenges and personal creations. At "The Quilt Place" Store, Shakespeare, ON. www.thequiltplace.ca
May 18 - 20, 2012	3 Workshops with Hollis Chatelain : Quilt Line as the Third Design Aspect; Painting Images with Dyes; Quilt Line as the Third Design Aspect www.hollisart.com Workshops to be held at Marilyn's Quilt Studio at 4 Venus Cres, Heidelberg, ON. Cost is \$130/workshop and includes lunch. Contact Marilyn Farquhar for more info: 519-699-0255 marilyn@providentmanagement.ca
May 22 - 26, 2012	Quilt and Fibre Art Festival Waterloo Region and Beyond includes various locations in St. Jacobs, Cambridge, Kitchener-Waterloo, Shakespeare, New Hamburg and Stratford for information www.stjacobs.com or telephone 1-800-265-3353
May 22 - 26, 2012	The Grand Guild of Fibre Artists display and sale St. Jacobs Mill, second floor. Courses offered in conjunction with the Quilt and Fibre Art Festival in St Jacobs. Info: www.stjacobs.com or contact Pix Martin at epixfashion@gmail.com 519-664-9956

May 24 - 26, 2012	Busy Hands Busy Hands Quilters Guild, 50 Dickson Street, Main Floor, Cambridge, ON Contact: Pauline Isbester 519-620-0936
May 24 - Jun 2, 2012	Quilt Canada “Seams Like Home” Halifax, Nova Scotia http://quiltcanada2012.ca
May 25 - 26, 2012	More Than Just a Yardage Sale Textile Museum, Toronto. Fine fabrics, beads, buttons, patterns and more. www.textilemuseum.ca
May 25 - 26, 2012	A Feast for the Eye Sarnia Quilters Guild Show, Redeemer Christian Reformed Church, 5834 Blackwell Side Road, Sarnia, ON info: pastpresident@sarniaquiltersguild.org or 519-542-5652
May 25 - 26, 2012	Once Upon a Quilt by Pembroke Log Cabin Quilters, Petawawa Civic Centre, 16 Civic Centre Road, Petawawa, ON info: www.pembrokecabinquilters.com
May 25 - 26, 2012	The Ragged Edge Quilters Quilt Show Dorchester Arena Auditorium 519-268-2025
May 25 - 27, 2012	Silver Stitches Celebrating 25 Years Thousand Island Quilters Guild, Brockville Memorial Civic Centre, Magedoma Drive, Brockville, ON info: www.thousandislandquiltersguild.com
Jun 1 - 2, 2012	Quilts by the Bay Harry Lumley Bayshore Community Centre, Owen Sound, ON info: SueCole711@sympatico.ca
Jun 8 - 9, 2012	Quilts in Bloom Hamilton Quilters Guild, Ancaster Fairgrounds, Marritt Hall, 630 Trinity Road, Jerseyville, ON, LOR IRO www.hamiltonquiltersguild.com
Jun 8 - 10, 2012	LimeStone and Heirloom Quilters Quilts Kingston Royal Kingston Curling Club, 120 Days Road. Featuring Kathy Wylie. Demonstrations by Pamela Allen and Tiffany Tuttle. Info: www.quiltskingston.org
Jun 15 - 16, 2012	It's The Berries Quilt Show Goderich Community Centre Arena, Goderich info: bmninhuys@tcc.on.ca
Sep 7 - 9, 2012	2 Workshops by Jane Sassaman “Abstracting from Nature” and “Pattern Play” 4 Venus Cres. Heidelberg, ON . Contact Marilyn Farquhar 519-699-0255 or marilyn@providentmanagement.ca

Websites for Events in Canada and the USA

Canadian Quilters' Association web www.canadianquilter.com

American Quilter's Society web www.americanquilter.com