

*Presidents' Meanderings.....***WHOSE MAP ARE YOU FOLLOWING?**

Women in the quilting guild have taught me so much ... through their quests, their purposes and their focus. I'm awed by the work that others are doing in designing a quilt project, choosing the colours and having it all come together in a project that is awe-inspiring. All these amazing people are moving with determination and following the maps they have created for their quilts and their lives. I'm deeply inspired!

Sometimes I feel as though I have dropped my map and picked up someone else's and that's what I've been following. I slow down as I retrieve my map and reroute myself. And I have spent a lot of time reading other people's maps and following their journeys.

I'm aware that my enthusiasm for other people's maps keeps pulling me away from my own. Maybe when my path gets a bit rocky or monotonous or difficult I switch to someone else's. Maybe I am too easily distracted because I can so plainly see the value in what others are doing. In any event, it is clear to me that I do want to follow my own path.

As we begin another year of the Waterloo County Quilters' Guild, we each have a path to follow and it won't be the same path as that of our friend or our neighbour. Perhaps your path is being a volunteer with our outstanding KW Quilt Show at RIM Park on Friday, September 25th or Saturday, September 26th ... maybe even setting up or taking down on the appropriate days. What venue would you like to assist with? Please phone Jean Carberry or Colleen Robertson if this is a path for you!

A seed of excitement is growing within me as we get closer to the show. I'm looking forward to seeing the stunning quilts that our creative members are sharing. I will volunteer plus take time to look at the quilts several times.

Another seed is anticipating our regular quilt guild meetings on September 16th with John Willard from Burlington. As a self-taught quilter, he will share his daring combinations of varying and disparate prints.

Perhaps your path is being the vice president of the Waterloo County Quilters' Guild for 2009-2010? Tell us so we can include you in all the exciting activities that are planned.

For the next year, Sandy Bussey and I will be leading the quilt guild through many endeavours. We are amateurs in this path so we need your assistance and guidance. We are diverting our attention from the maps of our friends and colleagues to give attention to our map as we lead the quilt guild through this milestone, our 25th Anniversary year. Come with us, walk with us and share with us.

Sincerely, Sandy and Marilyn



*Waterloo County Quilters' Guild Celebrates
Members Who Make A Difference*

WCQG is celebrating its 25th year as a guild. This vibrant guild could not have become what it is today, without the volunteer commitment of members throughout the years.

Members nominated their *special volunteer* who they felt was worthy of recognition.

Our September "Shining Stars" are:

Jan Hember who will be honoured during the afternoon meeting on September 16th. Her nomination reads as follows: "Jan has served in the executive, co-chaired a quilt show and two retreats and is always willing to step in and help wherever she can. Her quiet (usually) and competent manner help her to efficiently serve our guild." Thanks, Jan, for being the organized person that you are!



Paula McDermott will be honoured during the evening meeting. Her nomination tells us a bit about Paula. She has "dedicated many years to our Memory Quilts outreach program." Thanks, Paula, for being the person who gives to others!

Facts About Our Guild

Our first quilt show was in 1989 and was held at the St. Jacobs Community Hall. The co-conveners were Kathy Langill and Joyce Newman. It took place on October 13, 14 and 15 as part of the Oktoberfest festivities, for which we paid for inclusion. Admission was \$2.50. Membership at yearend, June 1989, was 103, and a total of 117 quilts were entered. During the previous year, the first raffle quilt was made, a variation on Myrna Allen's "Zygocactus", and the proceeds went to Waterloo YMCA housing program for women and children. Perhaps that was the "when and where" of the unofficial mandate for our raffle proceeds. During that year, the membership included the following people who are still with us, although some took a leave from membership at one time or another:

Kathy Langill
Lynne Fisher
Margaret Hessell

Jan Hember
Margo Bean
Marion Marr

Evelyn Hann
Ginny Hess
Louise McCaul

Submitted by: Carol McLaren

Remembering our Quilt Guild Beginnings

Pam Sittler and her mother managed "The Sap Bucket", in Elmira, which was a consignment craft shop in 1973. Eventually, it became predominantly a quilt studio until it closed in 1985. One day in 1984, two young women came into the shop with the purpose of inquiring about the prospect of a quilt guild in the area. Uylond Lynch and Mary Lynn McMahon were new to the area and, as sewers, expressed disappointment that Waterloo County did not have a quilt guild. The two women left the store with Pam's promise to actively present the idea of a guild to women who would be interested. She received similar reactions from most women, who felt their projects were private and the idea was scary for them. However the very creative Bearer sisters, Rita Bearer, Aleda Stanbury and Mabel Martin were thrilled about the idea.

Twenty women gathered at Uylond Lynch's home in June 1985, including Pam, Mary Lynn McMahon, Aleda Stanbury, Mabel Martin, Laura Anonby, Ruth Charters, Lynne Fisher, Joan Corbett, Cynthia Stapells, Donna Nowe, Judy Schieck, Sandra Black, Joyce Newman, Ida Dietrich, Diane Collins, Ruth Hodgins, Laura Colqhoun, Pearl Payne, Margaret Ehrlich. They came up with two name suggestions for our guild. "Waterloo County Quilters' Guild" was one, but the Bearer sisters, whose roots were with the early settlers from Pennsylvania, hoped "Trail of the Black Walnut Quilters" would be considered. The name as we know it today, was decided by a majority of only two. The meeting resulted in determining aims, constitution, meeting times, possible locations and leadership needs.

There was tremendous excitement in finding the facility at the Albert McCormick Community Centre with "the perfect railing to hang our quilts"! It was a new facility, and one of their rules was that no boots were allowed in winter, so members had to bring slippers or other footwear to wear in the hall.

Uylond and Mary Lynn lived here only briefly. As it turned out Pam also left the guild to move to Saudi Arabia after a year. But they had left their mark and a legacy. At the end of the first year, there were 73 members.

Submitted by: Carol McLaren and Pam Sittler

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25th Anniversary Update

As our celebratory year begins, the current Executive and the Program and Anniversary committees have collaborated to make special plans which we hope you will enjoy.

Special 25th Anniversary Dinner

The Anniversary committee is responsible for assisting in the Guild's 25th Anniversary celebrations. Your survey results indicated that the majority of members would like to have a sit-down dinner. The dinner will be held on May 19th, 2010 (evening meeting only) and will include entertainment.

This is an opportunity to celebrate our time, talents, and energy expended over the last 25 years. We've worked hard as executives, as volunteers for projects and Quilt Shows, as teachers and creators of beautiful quilt projects and techniques. Most of us can say we have very close friends among the members of this guild.

We are inviting the original organizing committee members of this guild. There were 20 original members of that committee, of which about 10 are still active and living close enough to Waterloo to join us. They chose our first meeting space, the Albert McCormick Community Centre where we still meet. They decided that the third Wednesday would be our meeting day each month, excluding the summer months and December. They initiated the bylaws and standing rules that we continue to use. We hope that most, if not all, of our guild past presidents will join us in the celebration as well.

We will begin our evening with a wonderful dinner at St. George's Hall, located on King St. in Waterloo, close to the St. Jacob's market. St. George's boasts a beautiful ambiance and plenty of parking. During the year, we will have pictures for you to peruse. Once the country style menu has been finalized it will be posted on the board as well. Their in-house catering promises to be sumptuous. We have been promised their famous dessert. A cash bar will be available.

We will have many door prizes as part of the fun. The larger ones will be displayed on our board as we approach May 19th.

Diane Shink, an accredited quilt appraiser, will be our speaker for this evening. She has a number of excellent trunk shows, one of which she will share with us with a look back at some of the quilting trends over the years.

Tickets for the celebration will be on sale starting with the January meeting. The cost is \$35 per person, well worth the price. So start saving your money. Mark May 19th, 2010 on your calendar and be ready to enjoy a wonderful celebration.

Marg Cassel, Joan Doke, Lynne Fisher, Joline Freund, Fabia Joyce, and Colleen Robertson (chair) 25th Anniversary Committee

Upcoming Guild Workshop

The Program Committee is pleased to announce that we have a workshop with local artist Kathy Wagner from Cambridge, Ontario on Saturday, November 14, 2009 at Mannheim Park. Kathy teaches at Reichard's in St. Jacobs, Triangle Sewing Centre in Guelph and the David Durward Centre in Cambridge and is a member of the Royal City Quilters' Guild in Guelph.

The workshop is "Celebrating 25 Years with 25 Mini Quilts". Spend a day with Kathy in miniature quilt heaven. You will learn how to make 25 different little quilts that you can use to decorate your home or give as gifts to friends and family.

The class starts at 9:30 a.m. and goes to 4:30 p.m. The fee is \$30.00. Don't forget to bring your lunch. We will supply tea and coffee. Samples, the sign-up sheet and supply list will be available at our September Guild meetings. What a great way to celebrate our 25th Anniversary, with 25 mini quilts.

Joline Freund

Attention All "Eye-Spyers"

If you signed up for the eye-spy block exchange in June do the following:

1. Cut your 10 fat quarters (of children's prints) into 20 (4"x4") blocks.
2. Sort your blocks into 20 piles (1 of each fabric).
3. Place all 20 piles into a large zip-lock bag and put your name on the outside.

IF YOU WANT TO SIGN UP IN SEPTEMBER:

1. Follow the above instructions and you MUST bring your blocks to the SEPTEMBER meeting and sign up on the sheet at the meeting.

EVERYONE WILL RECEIVE HER 200 BLOCKS AT THE OCTOBER MEETING

Joline Freund



Smile Quilts

As of June 2009 our Smile Quilt program reached 900 quilts completed for the Grand River Hospital's Pediatric Unit. Congratulations to everyone who has participated in this special program. Our priority continues to be children with long-term and/or life-threatening medical challenges.

On Saturday, October 31, 2009 we will be having our annual "Smile Quilt Bee Day" at the Mannheim Community Centre from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 pm. Patterns will be available when you sign up in September or October. This is a great time to meet other members and for new members to become involved in this outreach program. Hope to see you there!

Rosemary Plummer



KW Quilt Show 2009 – September 25 & 26, 2009 – 10 am to 6 pm

Setup Thursday, September 24

Your Help is Needed

Please check out the volunteer positions that still need to be filled for the Quilt Show and sign up to help out. The sign-up book will be out at both September meetings. Please remember to wear your guild lanyard when you volunteer at the Quilt Show.

Strawberry Jam, Card Tables & Cups & Saucers

Colleen and Doreen will collect your donations of homemade Strawberry Jam at the September guild meetings. This will help them to determine how much more Strawberry Jam needs to be purchased. Thanks for your donations. They also require 12 card tables for the tea room and would appreciate hearing from you if you are able to bring one to RIM for the tea room. We will be serving tea from china teacups again so would appreciate using your cups and saucers once more. Please let Colleen or Doreen know how many you can bring to RIM – thank you.

“Quilt Buddies” at the September Guild Meetings

If you are unable to drop off your show items on the morning of Thursday, September 24th, please bring your show items to the September guild meeting. We will ask members in attendance to sign up to be a “Quilt Buddy”. This volunteer will take your quilt home and deliver it to RIM on the Thursday morning along with her own items.

Raffle Quilt Tickets – DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOURS ARE?

All raffle tickets **MUST** be turned in at the September guild meeting. This will be in the form of ticket stubs and money, or unsold tickets. If your unsold tickets are lost, or you still plan to sell some before the show please let Judy Cumming know. She will be tracking down all the tickets not returned between the guild meeting and the Quilt Show so any help you can give her would be appreciated.

Quilt Show Take In and Pick Up Procedure

Take In – please drop off your show items between **7:30 & 9:30 am on Thursday, September 24**. They can be dropped off at Forbes Family Hall at RIM Park (second floor at main entrance). If you are not able to meet this timeline please bring your show items to the September guild meeting for a “Quilt Buddy” to help you out.

Pick Up – your quilt show items must be picked up from **6:30 to 7:30 pm on Saturday, September 26**. If you are not able to meet this timeline please arrange for a “Quilt Buddy” to pick up your items (it will be helpful if your “Quilt Buddy” has your paper receipt when claiming your show items).

Recommendations Re the Delivery of your Show Items

- Your Show Item should be individually placed in a pillowcase or other cloth bag. (plastic bags are not suitable for this process). We will accept those items that may come in specialized containers.
- Quilts must be folded with the right side out.
- A permanent inked, sewn or fused label is highly recommended on your show items.
- All bed/lap quilts and wall hangings must have a hanging sleeve (a 4” hanging sleeve is recommended for larger items that may be hung on the white PVC hanging rods – your smaller wall hangings may be threaded on a smaller wooden dowel but they will still need a hanging sleeve).

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Volunteers have Free Admission to the Show

If you have volunteered in any capacity for the Quilt Show, this includes donations to the Guild Boutique or you have placed an entry in the Show, you will receive free admission to the show. There will be a book at the Admission desk for you to sign in – please make sure you do sign in as this will help us with our tally of visitors to the show.

Children's Admission Fee

11 and under will be admitted FREE

12 to 18 year olds will be charged \$3

Small Quilt Fundraiser & Boutique Items

Paula McDermott will accept small quilts at the September guild meetings (if you plan to have one ready for the Show just let her know when it will be delivered). The Boutique Committee members will also accept items at the September guild meetings (and if you have items to arrive at the show just let them know). Thanks for your support of both these projects.

Show CD

Our Show CD will be available for sale as follows:

Our 2009 Show CD will be \$7

Our 2007 Show CD will be \$5

A Combo purchase of both CD's will be \$10

Quilt Appraisal – Judy Lyons, AQS Certified Quilt Appraiser, CPPAG

Judy Lyons will once again be at our Quilt Show on the Saturday. If you wish an item appraised please contact her at judy.lyons@sympatico.ca or 905-639-2441 to make arrangements.

Few-of-a-Kind Boutique Update

Thank you, members, for your great response to the Boutique Committee's request for saleable items for our 2009 Quilt Show. We shall certainly have wonderful items for sale – some one-of-a-kind, some few-of-a-kind and some many-of-a-kind! We shall be continuing to collect items throughout early September and at the September 16th meetings. If you require items to be collected now, or wish to drop off something now, please contact one of the committee members. This year we have a great range of prices – from \$1.00 tree ornaments to an original, signed wall hanging by a member whose work we all admire!

Please remember to bring bulging purses to the show with you, not only for shopping at the vendors, but also to shop at the Show Boutique. Think Christmas shopping! Think home decorating! Think a new bag!

Marilyn Weckworth Elizabeth McDowell Heagy Elizabeth King Judy Cumming

On the Calendar**September 8 – November 6** – Oakville **Not Your Grannies Quilts**

Free admission. Contact Janet Rhind 905-825-3265 mcatal-famo@cogeco.ca www.fibreartstudios.com

September 10 – 13 – Michigan Quilt Network: **Showcase 2009**

Lansing, MI. www.michiganquiltnetwork.org

September 11 – October 5 – Threadworks 2007 – **Passions**

A juried needle art exhibition from the Wellington County Museum, Gibson Gallery, 140 Richmond St., Amherstburg, Ontario

September 12 – 18 - **Over Here: Women, Work & WWII**

Johnnene Maddison Exhibit reception: Sunday, September 12 – 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. All are welcome www.wcm.on.ca

September 19 & 20 Sarnia Quilters' Guild. **A Feast for the Eye** St.Clair Secondary School. Admission \$5.00. Information: 519-336-9454. jsmith202@cogeco.ca
www.sarniaquiltersguild.org

September 21 – **Square in a Square Technique**

Guest Speaker Jodi Barrows from Texas will present a lecture and trunk show at the Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild Meeting at 7:30 pm at the Orangeville Agricultural Centre Community Room. Guest fee: \$5.00. For directions to the Orangeville Fairgrounds go to www.orangevillefairgrounds.ca

September 25-26-27 American Sewing Expo, Novi, MI. www.americansewingexpo.com

October 2 & 3 (10 am -6 pm) – **A Gathering of Quilts** by the Royal City Quilters Guild, Guelph, Ontario. For info contact Jackie James 519-824-1342 or [jqulter-james@sympatico.ca](mailto:jquilter-james@sympatico.ca)

Friday Oct.2 (10 am -6 pm) **and Saturday, Oct. 3** (10 am to 5 pm)

The Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild will be holding the **Autumn Splendor Quilt Show** at the Silver Spire United Church, 366 St. Paul St., St. Catharines. There will be quilts for show and sale, a Merchant Mall, a Tea Room, a Boutique, demonstrations and a raffle quilt. And of course many, many quilts of all sizes, wall hangings and wearable fabric art for your perusal. Admission will be \$6. Contact teresa@cogeco.ca for more information.

October 20 Alisa Craig, Ontario **Quilts of Ireland**,

October 26 – November 3 – AQS Quilt Exposition, Des Moines, Iowa

October 28 to 31 - American Quilter's Society Quilt Expo, Des Moines, Iowa

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November 14 to 22 – Oshawa Fibre Art Show

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Waterloo County Quilters' Guild

P.O. Box 38044, Waterloo, Ontario, N2J 4T9

- Monthly meetings take place 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 contents. Meetings are usually 1½ to 2 hours.
- Guests are welcome at all meetings (except the June business meetings): \$7.00 at the door (includes a coupon towards membership).
- New membership: \$40 (includes nametag)
- Renewal membership: \$35 per year
- Guild pins (available at the 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.

Guild Contacts

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| Co-Presidents: | Marilyn Hollinger and Sandy Bussey |
| Vice- President: | vacant |
| Secretary: | Elizabeth McDowell Heagy |
| Treasurer: | Lisa VanGalen |
| Past President: | Carol McLaren |
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| Library (Evening): | Bonnie Murdoch |
| Guild Show: | Jean Carberry |
| 25th Anniversary: | Colleen Robertson |

Members' Corner

Our sympathy is extended to Mary Karen Gosselink on the loss of her mother in August in Kansas.

October Bus Trip

It is my pleasure to offer another bus trip to the north country on Saturday, October 24th. We may miss the beautiful colours of the season, but we won't miss the fabulous fabrics and many great bargains in three wonderful shops.

We'll start in Barrie at a small shop that shares space with a lovely knit shop, which I'm sure will be inviting for our knitters. The quilt shop here offers mailed block of the month so take a look at the three or four spectacular offerings.

We'll move on to Cookstown where we will stop again at the Princely Pear for a delightful lunch which could include a Victorian tea and great desserts. You will have a choice of meal, once the possibilities have been finalized, hopefully by the time of the September guild meeting.

We'll then spend some time at Country Concessions, just around the corner from the restaurant. It is a very large quilt shop that offers every colour under the sun, a large variety of specialty fabrics and lots of books. Our final stop will be in Newmarket at Elaine's. They have a large shop as well so make sure you save some of your money for this venue. They have many kits and patterns that will entice you, I'm sure.

There is a gourmet cookie shop a few doors down that may tickle the tasting palette.

The cost for all of this fun and games is \$30 per person, including lunch. If the bus is less than full, the price will increase a bit to cover the cost of the school bus. This cost is to be paid at the September or October meeting to secure your place on the bus.

It promises to be a great day with your friends, but we can only accommodate 36 people since that is the maximum capacity of our lunch venue. So be sure to sign up as quickly as possible.

Colleen Robertson

Workshops

September 16 and 17 - Sharon Pederson, Quilter, Teacher & Author will be in Stratford at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 93 Morgan St. She will be conducting two workshops:

Machine Applique for the Terrified on Wednesday, September 16th, 9 am to 4 pm

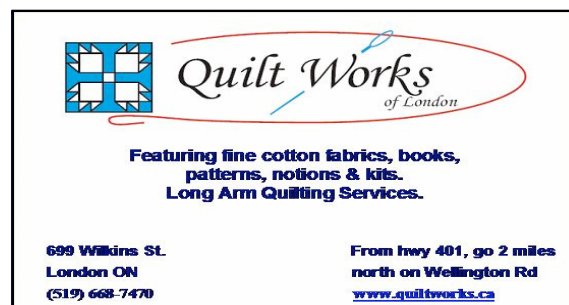
(Cost \$80.00)

and

Crop Circles on Thursday, September 17th, 9 am to 4 pm (Cost \$80.00)

Sharon will also be giving a Lecture on September 16th at 7 pm entitled **Stories from the Road: a Traveling Quilt Teacher's Odyssey** (Cost \$15.00)

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Library

It was necessary to start a new way of cataloguing our library books and so Lynn Fulton suggested that we get into the 21st century and use the internet. This we did when we went through the books in June while at the same time culling (due to over loaded cupboard) old books and duplicate copies (more on the culled books later). Our library is now accessible via the internet <http://www.librarything.com/catalog/wcqq> so now you can see what we have in our library!

But we still need the woman power to make it run! Each month we need 4 people each afternoon and evening plus the librarian to get the books displayed, returned, checked out and then packed up and returned to the cupboard. Please consider helping Audrey in the afternoon and Bonnie in the evening.

Now that you can see the newer books more easily, you can select up to 3 books and as many magazines as you wish for a month's time. The fines for overdue books will be turned back into buying books for the library. (Unfortunately, the Zehrs tapes program will longer be giving money to nonprofit organizations. They are focusing on food for kids.)

New Library Books

Fun, Fast Fusies by Frieda Anderson. This book is about art quilting using fusible web that it is fun, fast and easy because this allows you to bypass matching seams of irregular shapes. The author provides designs, 12 of them, inspired from her garden and walks in the woods and encourages you to create your own using her fusing method. The photographs are in good detail which allows you to see the free-motion quilting that she uses.

Blended Quilt Backgrounds-Create Secondary Patterns by Jean Biddick. "A tantalizing new book for traditional block patterns" is how this book is labeled. This is achieved by pattern manipulation and colour placement resulting in secondary designs which appear as blocks that float, blend, and reshape themselves to become an integral part of each quilt's design. She gives 10 quilt projects with easy to follow cutting charts.

AQS Quilt Savvy- **Fallert's Guide to Images on Fabric** by Caryl Bryer Fallart.

This book will help you to start printing your own images onto fabric from scanned or copied photographs as well as every-day objects. She gives tips and tricks for getting the best results. She starts without using a computer, just an all-in-one, printer-scanner-copier.

Dimensional Quilts by Phyllis Dobbs. Inside this book you will find a new technique that puts life into 30 quilting projects for your home. The cover boasts of "easy step-by-step directions, bright photographs, pattern section and an embroidery stitch tutorial".

...more to come in October.

Bonnie Murdoch

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