

Scraps of Wisdom

Co-Presidents' Message: "Celebrating Quilting"

We hope everyone had a great summer and that you are looking forward to an exciting year with the guild. We had a sneak peek at some exhibit entries and we know that you'll want to invite all of your friends, neighbours, and relatives. You could also be involved by volunteering some of your time to help make it a great success.

After the June meeting had concluded and without a new President, we decided as best friends that together we could contribute as co-presidents. We also needed a better reason for our frequent meetings at the local coffee shop.

Belonging to such a diverse guild as ours allows us to appreciate each others' talents, learn and grow together, and celebrate the wonderful joy of quilting.

This year we're looking forward to meeting and working with new friends, while we reconnect with old ones.

Kathy Langill and Eileen Fennell



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True North Raffle Quilt

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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Important Dates

October 16 & 17 Quilt Exhibit

New This Fall in the Library

Be sure to check out the latest additions to our library:

- ✂ Tula Pink's City Sampler: 100 Modern Quilt Blocks
- ✂ Every Last Piece: 12 Beautiful Design Inspirations Using Scraps, Strings and Applique by Lynn Harris
- ✂ 1000 Quilt Inspirations: Colorful and Creative Designs for Traditional, Modern and Art Quilts by Sandra Sider
- ✂ Animal Parade: Adorable Applique Quilt Patterns for Babies by Cheri Leffler
- ✂ Seems Like Scrappy: The Look You Love With Fat Quarters and Precuts by Rebecca Silbaugh
- ✂ All Things Quilting with Alex Anderson: From First Step to Last Stitch by Alex Anderson
- ✂ Smash your Precut Stash! 13 Quilts Using Your Jelly Rolls, Charm Squares & Fat Quarters with Yardage by Kate Carlson Colleran
- ✂ Free-Motion Quilting Idea Book: 155 Mix & Match Designs by Amanda Murphy
- ✂ Pillow Pop: 25 Quick-Sew Projects to Brighten Your Space compiled by Heather Bostic

- Submitted by Ruthanne Snider and Tamara Gilhuly

Waterloo County Quilters' Exhibit

**October 16 & 17, 2015
Friday & Saturday
10:00 am to 5:00 pm**

**Forbes Family Hall at RIM Park
Manulife Financial Sportsplex
2001 University Ave E
Waterloo, Ontario**

Let the Fabric Speak - Patti Carey

All fabric fans will recognize this name immediately. Patti, vice-president of Public Relations for Northcott, will be our program presenter to commence the 2015-16 guild year on September 16. She is a prolific quilt designer, quilt maker, lecturer, teacher and author who makes her home just outside of Newmarket, ON.

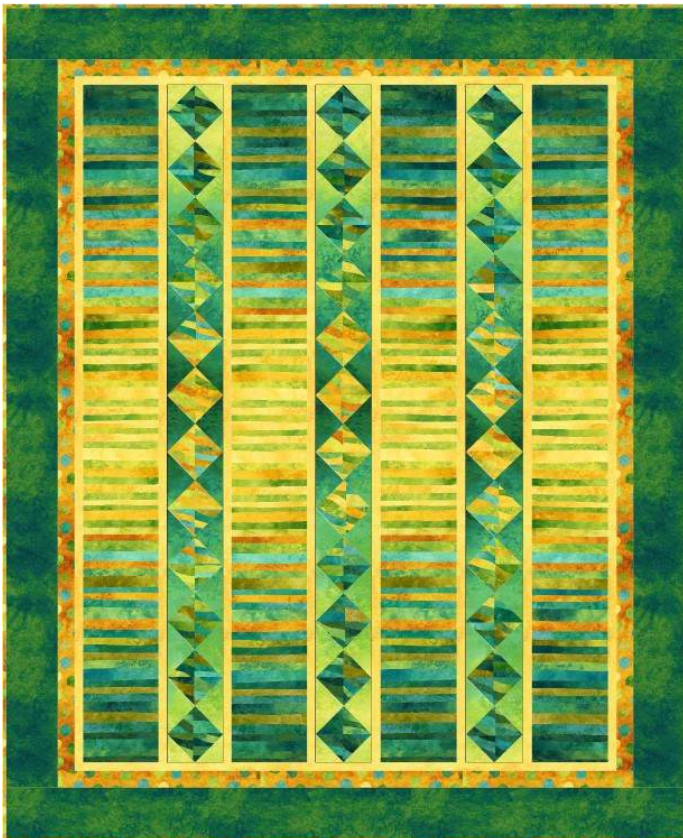
Patti has led Northcott's marketing/sample department since 1986. In this role, she is the liaison with quilting magazines, book publishers and quilt designers to provide current collections of fabric for editorial projects, in addition to coordinating Northcott's pattern program to support new fabric collections. Patti is a regular contributor to *The Quilter* magazine and the Fons and Porter group of publications. Author Patti has recently published a quilting book, *A Taste of Napa Valley*.

Have you ever wondered what to do with those panels, patches, stripes and scenics that you see in quilt shops? Using a trunk show Patti will spark your creativity and fill your head with ideas on how to use those unusual fabrics. Please join us at Albert McCormick Arena's Community Room in welcoming Patti Carey on September 16 at 1:30 or 7:00 as she presents **"Interesting Quilts from Unusual Fabrics"**.

Site source: patti.carey@northcott.net



Shimmering Strata - Patti Carey



Falling Leaves - Patti Carey

Scraps of Wisdom - September 2015

Misty Pines - Patti Carey

Featured in McCall's Quilting January/February 2013



Waterloo County Quilters' Guild

WCQG 2015 Quilt Raffle - True North

Tickets are available from WCQG members at the Waterloo County Quilt Exhibit on October 16 and 17 at RIM Park, Forbes Hall.

The draw will take place at the Mill, 3rd floor in St. Jacobs, at 2pm Sunday, October 18, 2015.

Proceeds from the sale of tickets will go to support Innisfree House, a new residential hospice facility in Kitchener.

Designed by Jacqueline Tate, *True North* is based on the block, "Canada Star" by Carol Doak in her book, *Mariner's Compass Stars*, published by C & T Publishing, and was used with permission.

Peggy Nagle did the magnificent machine quilting. Cecilia Smith and Audrey Vrooman were significant contributors to this effort, along with other guild members who made blocks.

Pictured here are Elizabeth King, Joan Webber and Susan Caskey selling tickets at the St Jacobs Farmers' Market.



Introduction to Paper Piecing and Basic Patchwork Course

Registration for this course is full but a wait list is being maintained in the event that an opening occurs. Contact Elizabeth McDowell Heagy or Elizabeth King if interested in placing your name on the list.

See the June newsletter for details at www.wcquiltersguild.on.ca/newsletters.

Workshops by Carol Seeley - April 2016

In June, we announced that a September advance sign-up would be available for Carol's workshops. This one-time early sign-up will be postponed until October because September's desk is full with the first Diane Loomis course sign-up opportunity and the Introductory Paper Piecing and Basic Patchwork course details.

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Two years ago Kitchener Public Library asked the guild to donate some finished quilt blocks to display in their brand new library when it officially reopened. What you see on the left was located on the left side of the main entrance hallway, opposite the central stairway. Sorry, no credit for the squares but we know it's our work!

- submitted by Ruth Hicks

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Mannheim Quilting/Sewing Circle

Wednesday September 9, 2015 - 9am to 4pm

Join us for our first fun day of the year. Bring your projects, sewing machine, hand work etc. Also your lunch - coffee and tea will be provided. If you are new to the guild, you can find directions to the Mannheim Community Centre on the website under Community Outreach.

Submitted by Bernice Gammy and Fabia Joyce

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This year we have 4 fabulous lines of holiday fabric!



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 Brilliant Christmas*



Thank you, Fred Hicks, Creative Sisters Quilt Studio, Pamela Clarkson, Ingrid Carter, Kathy Langill, Eileen Fennell, Marg Notar and Bonnie Murdock for making our Quilt Exhibit Photo Shoot a reality!

Membership Renewal

September is the time to renew your guild membership for 2015-2016. If you have renewed, good for you! (about 170 members have already done so). If not, then remember to renew at the September meeting. I will still be taking pictures at the September meeting. The new membership book will be out for the October meeting. If you do not renew at the Sept. meeting you can still be in the book if you get your renewal to Madeline by Oct 1. You can go to our website, print off the form and mail it to the guild address. You can still renew later but your information and picture will not be in the Orange Book.

Submitted by Madeline Hughes, Membership Chair

Riddle of the Month

Eileen's is newer but Kathy's is bluer.

What is it?

(Hint: It's not their sewing machines)

More details at the September meeting



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Smile Quilts Committee Update for 2015-16

We have lost a member of our committee - we want to thank Judy Cumming for all the hard work she has done for this committee since it was formed four years ago. We have two new members to introduce— Jean Munro and Marilyn Weckworth—WELCOME!

We will be having one Bee Day this year on Saturday November 14, 2015 from 9:30am to approx. 4:00pm at Mannheim Park (directions are at the back of the members' handbook.) We will be giving out batting, labels & backing at this time, on request. We will have sign-up sheets at the Smile Quilts desk (by the main library entrance) at the October Guild meeting.

As a result of the survey, we have lost 54% of our funding so we are continuing to budget more carefully. We have been able to source a good price on the flannel and labels and, with the wonderful generosity of Creative Sisters Quilt Studio, for the batting, we are able to run this program for the 2015-16 season. We will have to see what the future brings.

We are looking forward to a productive Guild year for this charity, where unfortunately the need to comfort these sick children does not go away. Information on the Smile Quilts program is in the members' handbook. If you have any questions, please get in touch with one of the committee—we are all in the handbook.

Joan Doke, Peggy Herlick, Helene Doerfler, Jennifer Robinson, Jean Munro and Marilyn Weckworth.

Domestic Machine Quilting Workshops with Diane Loomis

<http://www.dianeloomisquilts.com/index.htm>

General information:

1. Courses will be held at Mannheim Community Centre, 9:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
2. Sign-up will begin at the September meetings. There are only 15 spots available in each course so make your way over to the program table as soon as you arrive.
3. Each course is \$85. The courses are arranged in order of difficulty, and you may wish to take more than one.
4. Each course has a required kit containing items Diane prefers to use. These kits will cost approximately \$35, and payment will be made directly to Diane at the workshops.

In the event classes have not filled after our September meetings, enrolment to non-members will open September 17, at \$110 per course.

Thursday, November 19: Fabulous Free Motion Fills (for beginners)

Here is your opportunity to try out machine quilting in a stress-free and friendly environment. Whether you are a "newbie", or have some experience but still aren't happy with the results, this class is perfect for you - Diane has all the tips and techniques to give you success. Learn to create free motion background fills that you can sew without pre-marking your quilt. Diane also demonstrates how to mark your quilt and create beautiful (and complex-looking) quilting designs that are easy to quilt.

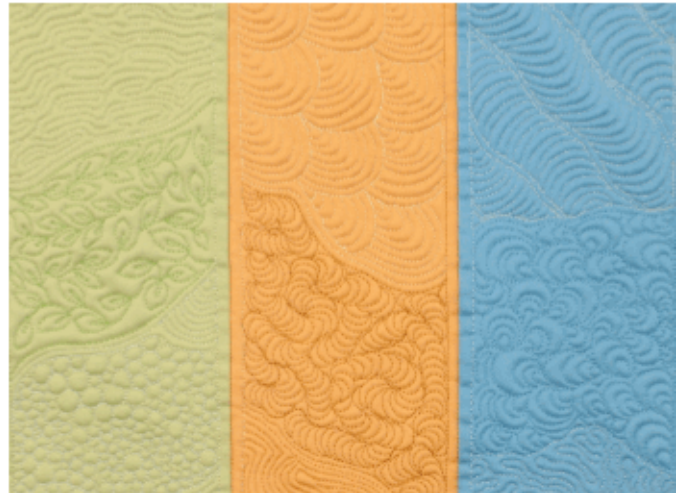
Yes, you can do this!

Friday, November 20: Heirloom Machine Quilting (for confident beginner and intermediate levels)

Take your machine quilting to a higher level using free motion quilting techniques - backgrounds and motifs - to create an heirloom-quality wholecloth wall hanging.

Saturday, November 21: Classic Feather Plume (Intermediate/Advanced levels)

In this class you will embrace the feather motif, using stencils or designs of your own, to add elegance to all of your quilts. Diane will cover various techniques to enhance your feathers, showing them off to their best advantage.



Examples of the content of Diane Loomis' first workshop



Feather plume from Diane's "Reflections of Tao" illustrating the techniques you'll learn in Saturday's workshop

New News about Mannheim

After reviewing the survey results and assessing the financial aspect, a suggested donation of \$4 per visit has been approved. This will be effective as of the September quilting circle at Mannheim.



Waterloo County Quilters' Guild



Quilt Exhibit – October 16th & 17th, 2015

The exhibit is only a month away! Thank you for all the preliminary work that you all have done so far. The quilts have been photographed thanks to Fred Hicks and there will be many ohhhhs and ahhhhs next month based on the reactions of the crew of workers during the photography sessions.

The work to be done is for the quilters to put a **label** with title (the same one you put on the entry form) name, date, place, *credit to the designer or pattern maker and quilter*, if used, and some include the size any other information such as to whom the quilt will be given. Labels are usually sewn to the back of the bottom right hand corner.

Some quilters need a better sleeve so that the quilt will hang properly. We did speak to those quilters and there is plenty of time to get that done.

Jan Hember will be giving us detailed instructions on delivering our quilts to RIM Park on Thursday the 15th. She has already thought out the pickup details at the end of the show. Please listen/read in earnest to her details. This will ensure the process of getting about 185 quilts in and out will go smoothly and that all the quilts go in the desired direction.

The raffle tickets- money and stubs and unsold tickets- **all** need to be handed in or the Lottery people will be down our necks. Nita Timm and her sister Anni Hirsimaki will be looking for you if you haven't done this already. The draw will be on the 18th of October.

The very important volunteer sheets which Marilyn Weckworth has prepared will be there at our guild meeting. Bring your calendars to record the times for which you have signed up. Your volunteering is crucial for the success of our show

Aline Chan will be gladly accepting your boutique items with her goal in mind of \$3000 profit.

Joline Freund and Ilene Atkins will be so delighted when they receive the 50th small quilt for the daily draw. I am betting that they will get more than 50!

We are needing some new back sheeting to be sewn and I have booked a room to better handle these 104 inch wide sheets. Can anybody donate a portion of Wed., Sept. 23 to help? Please e-mail or call Bonnie Murdoch if you can.

Marg and I are getting excited! I hope you are too. About 5 weeks to go!

Bonnie Murdoch, co-convener of our 2015 Quilt Exhibit



NESTY OWLS

OWLS: Our Wonderful Leftover Stuff
NESTY: Not Even Started Yet

Here you go, quilting friends, another chance to deal with those projects under your bed, in bags or boxes, or even just in your imagination !!!

Please register your projects at the meetings in September or October. The cost to participate is just a Toonie!! Feel free to sign up for more than one project. Your goal is to complete the project and show it during SHOW AND TELL before the end of May. Please make sure to notify Judy or Olga at the Program table so that your name can be entered in the draw to take place at the June meeting. There will be two lucky winners sharing in the Owl Nest Egg.

Congratulations to last year's winners: Grier Rennie and Betty Plummer!!!

BONUS: Show something quilted by you anytime during the guild year and your name will be automatically entered in the bonus prize draw.

Palliative Quilts for Lisaard and Innisfree House

This initiative is designed to provide quilts to bring comfort to individuals and their families while in residence at the hospice. The quilt may be gifts to the loved one's family or kept by the home for use with another resident. This will be at the discretion of the staff. You, the donor, may specify which residence should receive the quilt. Quilts will be gathered at Guild meetings following Show and Tell.

Guidelines: Size: Lap to Twin, ie. 40" x 54" to about 60"x 76", Fabric 100% cotton with poly or a blended cotton batting.

Label:

Palliative Quilt

Made especially for you by _____

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Date: _____



The Quilting Months Ahead...

Month	Day	Activity
September	9	Mannheim Quilting and Sewing Circle
	16	Regular Guild Meetings
	26	Introductory Paper Piecing and Basic Patchwork Workshop
October	14	Mannheim Quilting and Sewing Circle
October	16 & 17	Waterloo County Quilters' Guild Exhibit at RIM Park
October	21	Regular Guild Meetings



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“Focus on Quilting”

Program Outline 2015 -2016

September - **Patti Carey**, Town of East Gwillimbury, ON, shares “Interesting Quilts from Interesting Fabrics”.

October - **Carol Goddu**, Mississauga, ON, will present a trunk show of her humorous and unique 3-D work with “A Fabric Portrait”.

November - **Diane Loomis**, Sudbury, MA, brings us “Listening to your Quilts”, the first of our “Focus on Quilting” events. Her 3 workshops span beginner to advanced levels of quilting. Refreshments will be served at the end of this meeting.

December - No meeting this month - Happy Holidays!

January - **A Longarm Expo** is the second “Focus on Quilting” event. Marilyn Farquhar will be our organizer for this learning experience.

February - We look forward to **mini workshops**, lecture style, with some of our own members, plus a machine care talk by Vernon Knorr from Creekbank Sewing. Our third “Focus on Quilting” is hand quilting and Emily Hunsberger will organize hand-quilting workshops this month.

March - **Nancy Wells**, Guelph, ON, will share her beautiful appliquéd quilts in “My Appliqué Journey”.

April - **Carol Seeley**, Powell River, BC, is accomplished in many genres of quilting. In addition to presenting “My Quilting Journey”, Carol will conduct 3 landscape/seascape workshops.

May - The focus is again on hand quilting with “A Showcase of Local Mennonite Quilts”.

June - Annual meeting, evening meeting only

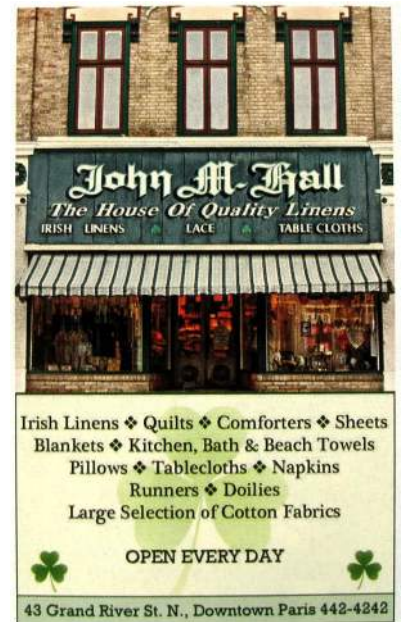
WCQG Library Challenge

Have you visited our guild library recently? We offer a diverse selection of very current quilt-related books -- and we love to see our members borrow them! This year, to help promote our book collection, we are issuing a Library Challenge! From September to May, members can sign up to participate in the challenge to create a project using a book from our library. For each project you complete (following our guidelines below) a ballot with your name will be entered into our end of year draw.

LIBRARY CHALLENGE RULES

- You must be a WCQG guild member to enter.
- You can enter at any meeting from September to May. The draw will take place at the June meeting.
- Sew a project from one of the books in our guild library. The project must be completed between September 2015 and May 2016 (current guild year).
- To receive a ballot, you must show a completed project at Show-and-Tell by May 2016, and you must name the book and author used. The book must be from our library to qualify.
- Bring your completed project to the library before the start of the meeting, and tell us the name of the author and the book you used. Your project will be photographed for our library challenge display board, to inspire others to borrow that book in future. We will then add your name to the ballot bucket.
- You can sign up for the challenge on the same day you show-and-tell your project, as long as your project meets the above requirements.
- The more projects you complete, the more chances you have to win!

Why not take this opportunity to try a new technique, make a gift for someone special, or use up some of your stash/scrap? Let our library inspire you to get quilting today!



Elected Officers of the Guild 2015-2016

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Professional Member Listing

Members who provide a quilt-related service or operate a quilt-related business have an opportunity to be listed in the WCQG Professional Page(s). The listing includes the member's name, the name of the business and/or the type of service provided. It includes the contact information and links to their websites. If there is no website, a link to a document with information regarding the service/business can be established. The listing will not provide a full description of the business or information about specific events, specials, etc.

If you provide a quilt-related service or operate a quilt-related business and would like to be listed, please email the necessary information to the guild's email address (wcqg@wcquiltersguild.on.ca). Include the contact information you would like included and your website address or a document describing quilt-related service/business.

Submitted by Kathy Bissett