

WATERLOO COUNTY
QUILTERS GUILD

SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:

The Waterloo County Quilters Guild provides an opportunity for quilters to learn skills in a supportive, sharing, social environment. We encourage you to get the most out of your membership by becoming more deeply involved with the guild.

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Scraps of Wisdom

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April Speaker: Tracey Lawko

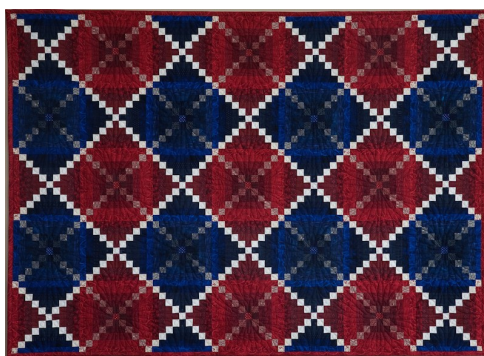
Although April is typically the month known for showers, Guild members will see no rain in Tracey Lawko's stunning landscape and nature quilts. Tracey is a Canadian multiple award-winning textile artist, quilter, longarmer and embroiderer. She combines her love of traditional needlework techniques with free-motion longarm machine stitching to create beautiful and realistic



portraits of plants and local landscape. Tracey's dimensional still life and densely stitched landscapes are sold through art galleries.

Tracey is a CQA certified quilt judge and is delighted to share her "Sources of Inspiration" with us through both a power point presentation and sharing of samples of her fine work.

See www.traceylawko.com for additional information..



President's Message

Our guild's quilt exhibit is happening this fall, Oct 16-17. Hard to think that far ahead, but time will fly by. I encourage every one of you to get involved. You can enter a quilt (or several), create a small quilt for the

daily draws, make an item for the boutique, volunteer to help in the kitchen, or be a white-glover, just to give a few examples. However, MOST IMPORTANT of all... attend with a friend or two or three!

Ask them already and write it on your calendars now. With your support we'll have a GREAT show!



The Lure of Fabric...

Would you like to earn an exciting fat quarter selected especially for you? We are looking for several people who are willing to share a quilt they have made at/ because of a memorable workshop, and tell us a bit about the teacher, techniques covered, tips learned, adventures, problems, etc. This presentation will take place at our June meeting. If (hopefully) we have too many volunteers, we will try to select a wide range of genres in order to inspire everyone. If you are willing to help us out, please send us an email telling us the name of the course, the teacher, and the genre (e.g. hand appliqué).

Elizabeth McDowell Heagy
Elizabeth King

Mannheim Circle

Wednesday April 8, 9-4

Its show time! Bring those projects to complete and be ready for picture taking in June.

In April we will play fabric bingo. Bring your completed block and some buttons. You could win a fabulous prize. We will create a charity quilt when done. See instructions to make your bingo block. Bring your lunch and projects. Directions to Mannheim are in your handbook or on web under Community Events. Join the fun

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Kitchener- Waterloo wishes to express our sincere appreciation to members of the Waterloo County Quilters' Guild for their support of our CREATING FUTURES, Threads of Hope for African Grand Mothers Textile Art Project. And, we were thrilled to receive your generous donation to our cause, the stunning 'African Mosaic' quilt co-ordinated by Renske Helmuth. It will be sold by auction at our May 1, GALA & AUCTION. For Information:

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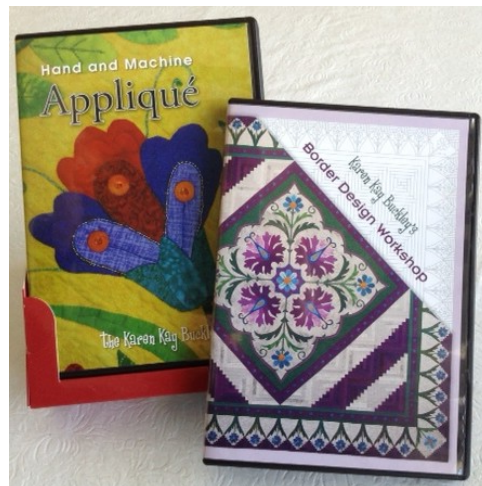
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Library News

New Books at the Library:

- Barn Quilts and the American Quilt Trail Movement by Suzi Parron
- Beyond Neutrals: Quilts Inspired by Nature's Elements by John Adams
- Denyse Schmidt: Modern Quilts, Traditional Inspiration
- Paper-Pieced Modern: 13 Stunning Quilts Step-by-Step Visual Guide by Amy Garro
- Quilting Modern: Techniques and Projects for Improvisational Quilts by Jacquie Gering
- Improvising Tradition: 18 Quilted Projects Using Strips, Slices and Strata by A. Ledgerwood
- Modern Rainbow: 14 Imaginative Quilts That Play With Color by Rebecca Bryan
- Modern Twist: Create Quilts With a Colorful Spin by Natalie Barnes

Did you miss out on the excellent workshops by Karen K. Buckley? Not to worry. We now have two of her DVD's in our collection, generously donated to our guild by Karen.



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Waterloo County Quilters Guild now has a facebook page. Take a few moment to visit, like and share the postings. That will help increase our followers. Often, you will see photos of quilts from our Show and Tell or from a speaker. Our goal is to attract more interest in our guild. Enjoy!

Early Birds Scrappers OWLS Two

There is a great opportunity for those of you who are well on your way to completion of the Presidents Scrappy Challenge quilts. The quilt is due at the June meeting, but if you are already done or close to done, you might want to participate in this great opportunity.

We have been invited to display our Scrappy 30th Anniversary challenge quilts at the Waterloo Quilt Festival, May 26-30 at the School house in St Jacobs. These President's challenge 30th anniversary quilts criteria are: a 60 inch perimeter, 30 fabrics, your favorite quilting method.

If your quilt is finished early, bring it to the May meeting and hand it in at the membership desk. The quilts will be back for display at the June meeting. This is a great chance to publicize our guild and our October quilt show. For questions, please contact Pat Lockyer 519-884-4241. Don't forget name and label!

The clock is ticking ! Time is running short ! Just TWO meetings left to show your completed project. Congratulations to those who have already completed their OWLS.

Please remember to visit the program desk to be checked off and have your name entered into the draw. The Bonus draw continues to be available. Just include an owl in your project to be entered and you will be automatically entered.

~ Judy Siegner

Smile Quilt Bee Day

At the March meeting, we had a signup sheet for our Bee Day at Mannheim on April 25, from 9:30-3:30 and there will be another chance to sign up at the Guild meeting

Bring your sewing machine etc. and your lunch, and join us for a fun day sewing and making new friends. Backing, batting, coffee and tea will be supplied! New members welcomed. Mark your calendar for **April 25, 2015**. Please remember to sign up in April as we need the numbers to keep going. The map to Mannheim is at the back of the member's handbook.

The Quilting Month ahead..

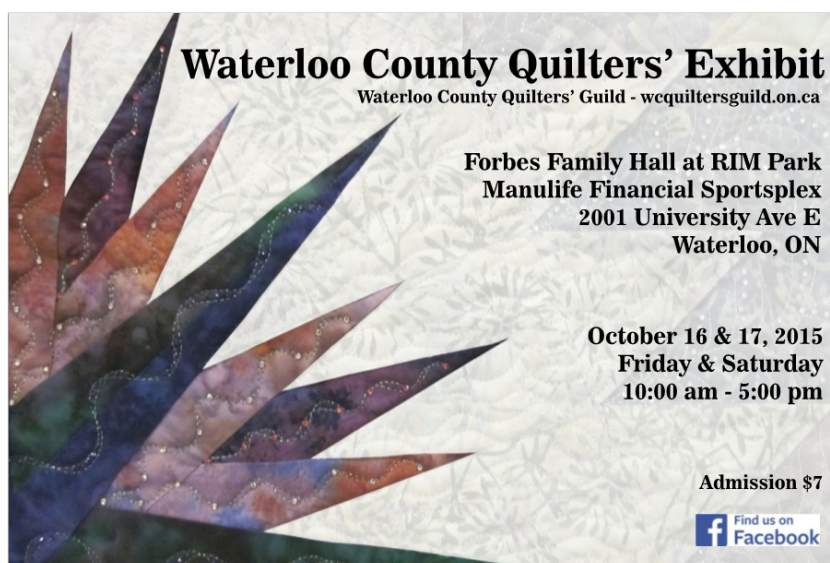
| Month | Day | Detail |
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| Apr | 8 | Manheim Sewing Circle |
| | 15 | Tracey Lawko "Sources of Inspiration" |
| | 18 | Spring Mini-Retreat |
| | 25 | Smile Quilt Bee Day |
| May | 6 | Manheim Sewing Circle |
| | 20 | Regular Guild Meeting |
| May | 21 | Laura Wasilowski workshop |
| May | 22 | Laura Wasilowski workshop |
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Quilt Exhibit Update

POSTCARDS & RAFFLE TICKETS

If you attended the March guild meeting, you now know that raffle tickets and postcards are now available for pick up. Postcards will continue to be available at each meeting.

Going to an upcoming quilt show, workshop or fabric shop? Please help yourself to a *generous* supply of postcards at the next guild meeting and leave them wherever you go!



Waterloo County Quilters' Exhibit
Waterloo County Quilters' Guild - wcquiltersguild.on.ca

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

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

Admission \$7

Find us on Facebook

PRIZES! . . . are available for the FIRST boutique item to be donated to the 2015 exhibit! Bring your item along to the guild meeting and forward it to Aline Chan or Trudy Dey. Your prize will be awarded instantly! *NB: It appears we've already had a winner at the afternoon meeting! Prize to be awarded at the next guild meeting.*

Curious yet?

PRIZES! . . . are also available for the FIRST small quilt (maximum 60 " perimeter) to be donated to the 2015 exhibit! Bring your item along to the guild meeting and forward it to Joline Freund or Ilene Atkins. Your prize will be awarded instantly!

ENTRY QUILTS

If you've displayed something for show and tell at a meeting this year, then your work is done! Be sure to submit those quilts in this year's exhibit! All quilts, all levels are welcome. Entry forms will be posted on the website shortly.

As for me? Yes, I foolishly made the announcement at the March evening meeting, in front of many witnesses (and Karen Kay Buckley, yikes!), that I would enter/make/start a modern quilt for our exhibit's modern quilt category. Here's a photo of my progress so far. Did you know that one of the typical indicators of a modern quilt is that 2/3 of the quilt is devoted to negative space? Thanks to Dorothy Holdenmeyer for the loan of Trisch Price's book, *Accentuate the Negative* (2014).

*Marg Notar, Co-convenor
Quilt Exhibit 2015*



OMAS SISKONA of Kitchener-Waterloo presents the

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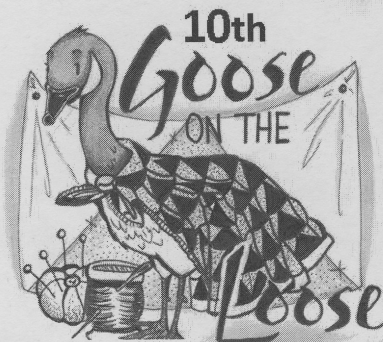
<http://textileartproject2014.brownpapertickets.com>

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Here is your chance to have some input into decisions that affect the future of your Guild. Over the next 3 months, the Guild Executive will be conducting 3 short, online surveys to solicit your opinions on the following subjects:

April - Spending Priorities: We will be asking about where you think our money is best used in a 5 question survey in preparation for next year's Budget.

May - Program Priorities: We will be asking about what kind of programs and workshops you enjoy most and what you would like to see more of in the future in a 10 question survey.

June - Raffle Quilt: Future directions for future Raffle Quilts (after the 2015 Raffle Quilt) will be considered in a short survey.

Each member's opinion is important so please take a few minutes to participate. Members who receive their newsletter by mail will find a paper copy of each survey, with completion instructions, at the Membership table the month the survey is being taken.

Survey results will be posted in the Newsletter in the month following the survey and will be used as a



Great Canadian Cook Book and WCQG Quilters

The filming of the the short segment on quilting and cooking in the Great Canadian Cook book was fun for all of the quilters who prepared food and quilted in front of the TV cameras. Doesn't this look like a happy group?

Laura Wasilowski Workshops

Zen Doodle Quilts

Explore the mesmerizing world of Zen Doodling and design an original art quilt at the same time. You'll soon discover how easy it is to doodle like a Zen master and learn how to convert that drawing into a pattern for your quilt. With an easy pattern transfer process for fused fabric, your drawing quickly becomes a fused art quilt. New fusing tips and tricks are presented to enhance your Zen doodle design. Drawing paper and a kit of colorful hand-dyed fabrics and threads are provided to give you the freedom to play. (No sewing machine needed.)

Thursday, May 21, 9 to 4, Manheim

Fee: \$60.00 (members) , plus a \$30.00 kit fee

Colorful Leaves

Create your own leaf design the easy way - with colorful fused fabrics. Learn a quick pattern transfer method and the basic principles of designing artwork (like repetition, variety, and contrast). Your kit includes all the fabric colors and values needed to make 4 small leaves for this design tutorial as well as a sampler of embroidery thread for stitching detail, texture, and pattern on the surface. (No sewing machine needed.)



Friday, May 22, 9 to 4, Mannheim

Fee: \$60.00, (members) plus a \$30.00 kit fee



Workshop Registration

Your first opportunity to sign up for one of Laura's inspiring classes will be at our March meetings. Your second chance will be at the April meetings. Payment will be due on this date. Should the courses not be full, we will open registration to non-members the next day at a cost of \$75. A spot is reserved once payment has been received. For more information about Laura Wasilowski, visit

<http://artfabrik.com/workshops-lectures/workshops/>



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