

Scraps of Wisdom

Co-Presidents' Message : "Celebrating the Social Benefits of Quilting"

It is possible to create alone. Imagine what our lives would be like if our guild ceased to exist. We are all able to use our reasoning skills, apply our abstract thinking abilities, or become calm when we can "get into the zone". We can shop alone and organize our own personal retreats, but ideally we need social connections. If more is better, then a whole group of fellow quilters should increase the social benefits even more.

We receive more support and encouragement sharing our ideas, both verbal and visual, (as well as our fabric). Guilds, and especially volunteering within them, increase our social well-being as we develop old and new friendships within the social network. Our confidence grows when the affirmations of others boost our self esteem.

Our outreach programs establish connection with our broader community (most recently, Vera's Place). We participate in outreach committees, smile bee days, mini-retreats and the Mannheim sewing circle. Connecting with others often provides a much needed break from caretaking or work.

By becoming co-presidents (even though we are the dreaded last minute variety) we have had the unique opportunity to interact with the members more than ever would have been possible. We are grateful for our experience as we value and appreciate the new friendships formed by becoming more involved. We have been supported, encouraged and appreciated by the members (well, most of them) and for that we are forever grateful.

We don't want to think of life without a guild.

- Eileen Fennell & Kathy Langill



From "I Can Applique" by Nita Timm, inspired by Jane Townswick's 'Artful Appliqué'

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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FOR ALL THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO THE RESIDENTS OF FORT MCMURRAY...

NEWS UPDATE



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Fort McMurray

Our members would love to show their support for the residents of Fort McMurray by making and sending quilts, but the most helpful contribution at this time is a donation to the Red Cross at www.RedCross.ca

Thank-you

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Dorothy Fu

The varied and colourful quilts of Toronto artist, Dorothy Fu, highlight May's program. Dorothy is a self-taught artist whose art quilts express her feelings of beauty both through traditional patchwork and pictorials.



She uses varied techniques including painting and machine quilting. The subjects of Dorothy's pictorial quilts come from photographs she has captured in her neighbourhood. Her traditional quilts feature unusual surroundings with traditional blocks.



More of Dorothy's work can be viewed at www.dorothyfuquilts.com.

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MISSING SCISSORS!

A pair of scissors were left at the scrap bank for cutting fabric at the April guild meeting. Someone must have thought they were a giveaway. Please return them to Kathy Langill.

Did you know guild members may advertise for **FREE** in our classified section?

One ad per issue per guild member—the content must be quilt related.

My profound apologies to Jean Niederer for not including her ad in last month's newsletter.
- Marg Sandiford

Using Up Scraps #5 with Vikki MacDonald

Half Square Triangles in Scrap Quilts

Presented by Bonnie Murdoch

To make 8 half-square triangles at one time you need 2 large squares of the same size. The formula is two times the desired **finished size** plus $1\frac{3}{4}$ ". For a desired finished size of 3":

$$2 \times 3" = 6 \quad 6" + 1\frac{3}{4}" = 7\frac{3}{4}"$$

1) Place the two squares right sides together and press.

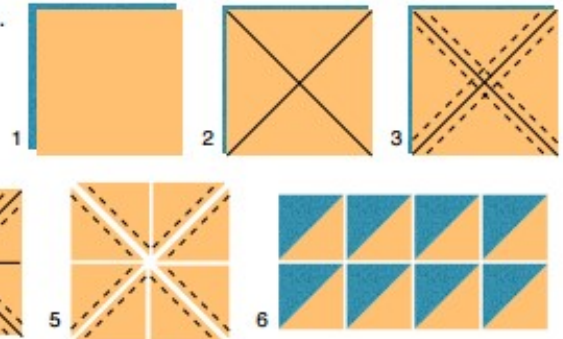
2) Draw both diagonals on the top square.

3) Sew $\frac{1}{4}$ " on both sides of both diagonals.

4) Draw horizontal and vertical lines.

5) Cut on all four lines.

6) Press the 8 right angle triangles open.



Bear's Paw Unit



Bear's Paw



Maple Leaf



Pin Wheels



Friendship Star



Lady of the Lake

Bonus Scrap Quilt!!

Roman Stripe

Another Easy Scrap Quilt



The strips for this can be cut in a variety of sizes.

A few examples:

$2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $3\frac{1}{2}$ " (3-inch finished block)

2" x $4\frac{1}{2}$ " (4-inch finished block)

$2\frac{1}{2}$ " x $6\frac{1}{2}$ " (6-inch finished block)

You can have a totally scrappy quilt as shown in the detail to the left or you can play with the colour giving different effects. For example the centre strip can always be light or always dark as shown in the details to the right.



Strategies

A collection of all the “Taking the Mystery Out Of...” block strategies presented at guild since 2011 by Vikki MacDonald have been kindly compiled for us by Kathy Bissett. They look fantastic now that they are all computerized and put into colour. There are still copies available for \$10. Please see Madeline Hughes to purchase one.

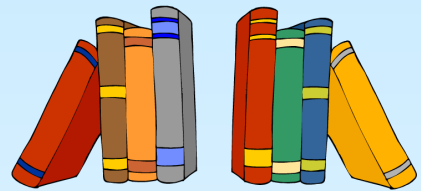


A Reminder from the Library:

Please return all borrowed materials at the May 18th guild meeting. Our annual library inventory will take place on Wednesday, May 25 from 1 to 4pm. If you are able to help, please sign up. The library will be open on June 15 (our last meeting of the year) so you can borrow books, kits and magazines to use over the summer months. Thank you for your co-operation, Ruthanne, Tamara and Margaret

Book Review

Title: Smash Your Precut Stash
 Authors: Kate Carlson Colleran and Elizabeth Veit Balderrama
 Publisher: C&T Publishing
 Reviewer: Jane Sanders



I love this book, I mean I really LOVE this book. If you have scraps or precuts lying around, this book will give you so many ideas your head will spin. The photos are clear and crisp. You get a great sense of the colour choices and the designs used in the quilting. There are photos of the fabrics used in each quilt. Each pattern has a discussion about the fabric selection which will help you build your colour confidence with scraps.

Quilts are presented with different options for borders. Several quilts are made in two colourways and there are great tips and hints.

I have started to pull out some fat quarters from my batik drawers but can't decide if I am going to go rainbow or stick to pink and brown. Kate has a really great blog, check out Seams like a Dream. I'm looking forward to her next book—another stash buster!

The **Grand National Committee** is seeking a volunteer to help with the data entry for the 2017 show, **Oh! Canada**. The deadline for entries is February 21, 2017. We would expect entries to start coming in toward the end of this year. If anyone is interested in working with us, please call or email Kathy Bissett.

A Special Opportunity at our May AFTERNOON meeting!

We have arranged for Sharp-End Professional Sharpening to bring their reputable scissor sharpening service right to our door. While you enjoy Dorothy Fu's presentation, your scissors will be re-born, as sharp as new or better. The cost is a very reasonable \$12/pair, incl. tax. Yes, he does pinking shears (thanks for that question, Betty).

Please put all of your needy scissors into one ziplock bag, along with the correct amount of cash for the number of scissors included, and zip shut. On the outside, place your name (perhaps a mailing label or tape), the number of pairs, and the money you have included, exact change, no cheques please. Bring this to us at our usual table and we will record your information before passing your package along. At the end of the meeting, come to us again and we will have your completed scissors. If you are only able to attend the evening meeting, give your package to a friend or member of the executive. If you are interested in purchasing some quality scissors, there will be some available for sale (no, not the ones other people have handed in for sharpening ☺).

Please see the ad below for any additional information. Stefan Deskur, owner of Sharp-End, is also the Sewing Machine Doctor, and our local dealer for Juki sewing machines. - Elizabeth McDowell Heagy and Elizabeth King

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Nesty Owls

MAY is your final opportunity to show your completed project in order to be eligible for the prize draw. Two names will be chosen, at the June annual meeting, for a prize of \$60 each. Remember there is also a bonus draw to anyone including an OWL on any project!!!

Presently, the completion rate is nearly 50%. Much better than in previous years. Way to go, ladies! Good luck on the June draw!

PS: Extinction Announcement All good things must come to an end. After 3 years, the OWLS will become extinct. Now it is YOUR turn to invent an incentive program for the upcoming year. Please let your presidents know your ideas.

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Group Quilts at
AQS QuiltWeek
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Marsha Clarke Audrey Vrooman Natalie Dudycha Marilyn Farquhar Nancy McCracken Marg Notar Elizabeth Schneider

Members of our quilt guild were part of the creation of this group quilt that recently won “Honourable Mention” in the group category at Paducah last week. The interview of 3 of these quilt artists is available on youtube, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ST3Uf2NW9Gg>. Congratulations to “It’s Been A Slice”, a group of outstanding quilters!
- Peggy Nagle

If you wish to see this outstanding group quilt, it will be displayed in the CQA/ACC’s National Juried Show, June 15-19, 2016 at Quilt Canada 2016.

Mannheim Quilting and Sewing Circle

It's May! Join us in Mannheim on Wednesday May 11th for our monthly sewing circle. All guild members are welcome. Work on the project of your choice and enjoy an inspiring day of sewing the company of other quilters. Your \$4 donation helps cover the cost of the room rental. Bring your own bagged lunch; tea and coffee are provided. Find directions to the Mannheim Community Centre in your guild handbook or on the WCQG website. Any questions? Feel free to contact Megan Stauch or Tamara Gilhuly. Hope to see you there!



**DON'T FORGET TO SIGN IN AT
THE MEMBERSHIP DESK AND GET
YOUR DOOR PRIZE DRAW TICKET!**

It is important for fire regulations that we know how many people we have in the community centre especially during the afternoon meetings.



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April 27, 2016

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Dear Guild Members:

Re: Quilt Canada 2016 Sponsorship

On behalf of the CQA Board, I would like to thank you for your generous sponsorship of \$500.

The Board of Directors will be assigning your donation to the Trend Tex Challenge Award and Viewers Choice, as you requested that it go 'for a quilter'. We trust that this use will be satisfactory to your guild. It has been wonderful to receive your support for the CQA/ACC annual conference.

In recognition of your generosity, your guild will be acknowledged as a sponsor at the 2016 conference as well as in the Autumn 2016 issue of *Canadian Quilter*.

Sincerely,

Linda Schmidt
President, Canadian Quilters' Association



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- Kathy Langill



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THE TRUNK SHOW Guest Artist: Sharon Fisher of Mount Forest: traditional, primitive & whimsical themes - hand embellished	St. James Lutheran Church 1407 King St. N, St. Jacobs N0B 2N0 Tickets \$5.00 at the door or phone 519-291-4709 for advance				Shows 2:30 7:30	
CONTEMPORARY FIBRE ART Guest Artist: Kathy White of Stratford; yarn painting exhibit	Silo Weavers, The Village Silos 1441 King St. N, St. Jacobs N0B 2N0 Admission FREE 519-664-2421	10-6	10-6	10-7	10-6	10-4
EXHIBITS AT THE MILL • Canadian Embroiderers' Guild Guelph • Grand Guild Of Fibre Artists • Group of Eight	The Mill 1441 King St. N, St. Jacobs N0B 2N0 Admission by donation	10-6	10-6	10-6	10-6	10-6
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FIBRE ART CLASSES Hands-on experiences; wet felting, rug hooking, yarn painting Class descriptions posted online at www.stjacobs.com	St. Jacobs Mennonite Church 1310 King St. N. St. Jacobs N0B 2N0 Fee varies per class Contact Quilter's Nine Patch, Elmira www.quiltersninepatch.ca 519-669-9511				CLASSES TUES WED THURS 2 TIMES DAILY 9:30 1:00	
QUILTS FOR THE WORLD Display: quilts purchased over the past 50 yrs at the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale auction	St. Jacobs Mennonite Church 1310 King St. N. St. Jacobs N0B 2N0 Admission \$5.00, proceeds to MCC World Relief	10-7	10-7	10-7	10-4	
MERCHANT MARKET NEW VENUE A variety of vendors hosted by Quilt Essentials - Merchant Market located behind the store - lunch available	Quilt Essentials 1340 King St. N, St. Jacobs N0B 2N0 Parking on Princess St. Admission FREE		10-5	10 to 7:30	10-5	

CAMBRIDGE

		Tues	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Sat.
MCDUGALL COTTAGE The Myth and Majesty of Scotland 14th Annual Wee Quilt Challenge www.mcdougallcottage.com	McDougall Cottage 89 Grand Ave. S, Cambridge N1S 2L7 Admission by donation McDougall@regionofwaterloo.ca 519-624-8250		12-5	12-5	12-5	12-5
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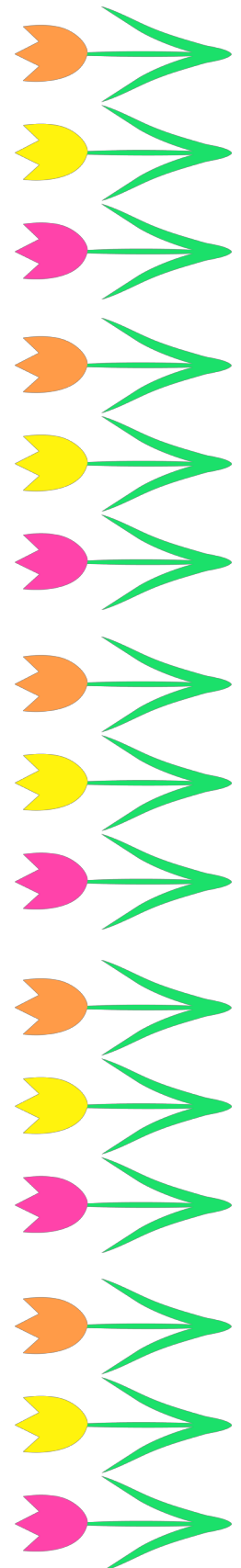
WELLINGTON COUNTY MUSEUM Threadworks: Flashback is the theme for the 2016 juried show www.wellington.ca/museum	Wellington County Museum & Archives 0536 Wellington Rd. 18, Fergus N1M 2W3 519-846-0916 Admission by donation	9:30- 4:30	9:30- 4:30	9:30- 4:30	9:30- 4:30	1-5
		APRIL 16 TO MAY 29				

KITCHENER WATERLOO

JOSEPH SCHNEIDER HAUS MUSEUM Clearly Canadian: Quilt Block Challenge theme - Submissions due April 8, Preview of quilts for New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale until May 26. Quilting activities & quilting bee www.josephschneiderhaus.com	Joseph Schneider Haus Museum 466 Queen St. S, Kitchener N2G 1W7 General Admission jsh@regionofwaterloo.ca 519-742-7752		10-5	10-5	10-5	10-5
		MAY 4 TO MAY 29				

NEW HAMBURG & STRATFORD

NEW HAMBURG MENNONITE RELIEF SALE CELEBRATES 50 YEARS One of Canada's largest quilt auctions Quilt Preview Friday, Quilt Sale Saturday www.nhmrs.com	Fairgrounds 251 Jacob St. S, New Hamburg N3A 1C6 519-745-8458 or 1-800-313-6226				5:30- 9:30 pm	7-4
STRATFORD PERTH MUSEUM "My Corner of the World" 80 piece show from Studio Art Quilts Associates (SAQA). Canadian & International artists interpret their "corner of the world" www.stratfordperthmuseum.ca	Stratford Perth Museum 4275 Huron Rd., Stratford N5A 6S6 (Just west of Stratford on Hwy #8) General Admission Micaela@stratfordperthmuseum.ca 519-393-5311	9-5	9-5	9-5	9-5	9-5
		MAY 21 TO AUGUST 14				





Monday 18 April 2016

Counting Inches #5

What an amazing response this month!

We've made it just past Sault Ste. Marie, ON and are on the last leg of the trip! Should arrive in good time for [Quilt Canada 2016](#) at the International Centre for June 15-18th, 2016.

Maybe we can take a look around at all the places to see and things to do that Toronto has to offer. Or maybe visit a quilt shop or two - just to get in the spirit of fabric and quilting.

[Quilt Canada 2016](#) is going to be the place where the quilt action is! Vendors in the biggest Merchant Mall we have ever had! Lectures and workshops galore! The National Juried Show will have over 100 quilts of Canada's finest works of art, and there are other superb quilt shows as well!

Please continue to measure the perimeter of your 'show & tell' quilts and email your "inches" to Kathy Bissett at wccqg@wccquiltersguild.on.ca

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Volunteers are needed for a wide variety of roles over the four days of the conference (June 15-18) and set up on June 14. You choose the volunteer role, date and shift(s) that works for you and submit the on-line volunteer registration form. Volunteers are needed for white gloves/hosts, front desk/admission, registration and set-up/take-down. If you volunteer for 4 hours in a single day, you get free admission to visit the quilt shows and vendors that day. You do not have to be a member of CQA/ACC or a quilter to volunteer. If you have questions about volunteering please email quiltcanadavolunteer@gmail.com

For information on

Quilt Canada: <http://canadianquilter.com/events/quilt-canada-2016.php>

Workshops and lectures: <http://canadianquilter.com/events/quilt-canada-2016.php>

Volunteering: <http://canadianquilter.com/events/quilt-canada-2016-jobs.php>

Quilt Canada 2016 is at the International Centre on Airport Road in Mississauga (near Pearson Airport) June 15 – 18. Parking is free!

Thanks for your interest in volunteering at Quilt Canada.



Scraps of Wisdom - May 2016

Judy Pearce and Marg Sandiford wish to thank Marney Heatley, Becky Klassen, Rachael Verbruggen & Merri Kramer Slagell (pictured on the right), as well as Nancy Winn, Arlene Martin and Karen Metzger who came to quilt at the Creativ Festival promoting the New Hamburg MCC Relief Sale.



Waterloo County Quilters' Guild

culturedays

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Registration is Now Open!

It's time to register your 2016 Culture Days activities!

Register and publish an activity by May 31 and you could win* a professionally edited video eVite to help promote your activity on social media and be featured in a national campaign this September.

Any arts or cultural activity – professional, community, amateur, educational – can be part of Culture Days as long as it meets four basic criteria:

- is a free event
- involves audience participation or a behind-the-scenes access
- is happening during Culture Days, September 30 - October 2, 2016
- is registered on <http://culturedays.ca/en>

Don't worry if you don't have all your details finalized - you can register now and add details later.



Guild member Brenda Morton-Butler with Carol Seeley at her April Workshop



Carol Seeley with her landscape, 'Cassel Falls'
Photo credit—Ruth Hicks



Scraps of Wisdom - May 2016

"Crayon Quilt, Colour Me" has been chosen for display at Schneider Haus to promote the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale. It was by Crazy Old Ladies Quilts, Emily Herrick and made by Caring Connections. <http://crazyoldladiesquilts.blogspot.ca/2015/09/color-me.html>

'Reflections on the Grand' – art KWilt connection Quilt Accepted into SAQA Canadian Exhibit

Of 115 entries, this quilt was one of 40 (and the only group quilt) accepted into the Studio Art Quilt Associates (SAQA) Canadian exhibit called "My Corner of the World - Canada". The opening is on Saturday, May 21st from 1—3pm at the Stratford Perth Museum where the exhibit runs until Labour Day. After that, it will travel across Canada for 3 years.

From top to bottom: Marg Notar's *Elora*, Ilene Atkins' *West Montrose*, Judy Pearce's *Cambridge Mill Race*, Dorothy Holdenmeyer's *Port Maitland Lighthouse*, and Nancy Winn's *Paris*. The map of the Grand River Watershed is stitched and hand printed behind the images.

In addition, the museum will be exhibiting the 40 non-Canadian quilts accepted into the SAQA exhibit called "My Corner of the World - International".



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REMINDER

Did you make a quilt this year using a pattern from a guild library book? Just a reminder that if you haven't already shown your quilt, May will be your last opportunity in order to be eligible for the prize.

- Ruthanne, Tamara and Margaret

Waterloo County Quilters' Guild

“Focus on Quilting”

Program Outline 2015 -2016

May - **Dorothy Fu**, from the Toronto area, will discuss her diverse quilting interests, from hand quilting to machine quilting, from traditional work to portraiture and from piecing to machine appliqué, during her informative trunk show. Also, SHARP-END scissor sharpening will be available for \$12/pair, during the afternoon meeting.

June - Annual General Meeting, evening meeting only

Elected Officers of the Guild 2015-2016

Co-Presidents: Kathy Langill & Eileen Fennell
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Quilt Exhibit: Bonnie Murdoch, Co-chair
 & Ruthanne Snider, Co-chair
Website: Kathy Bissett



Quilting Months Ahead

Month	Day	Activity
May	11	Mannheim Quilting and Sewing Circle
May	18	Regular Guild Meetings
May	24 - 28	Quilt & Fibre Art Festival
May	25	Library Inventory 1—4pm
May	27 - 28	New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale
June	8	Mannheim Quilting and Sewing Circle
June	15	Annual General Meeting EVENING ONLY
June	15-18	CQA/ACC Quilt Canada 2016 in Mississauga

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