

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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February: Meet Hilary Rice and her Work

February in Ontario – this is a month that is known for ice, snow and cold! Hilary Rice, an award-winning Canadian artist known from coast to coast, will bring us warmth and cheer with her display of textile and textural arts as she takes us on a journey, “Along the Silk Road”. Hilary has long taught and worked with textiles as an art medium. She loves the feel of fibres, the shine of silks, but in her more recent work, she has explored the texture resulting from melting synthetic materials. Hilary's newest work incorporates metal, paper, foils, texture media and leather. “Along the Silk Road” in the Hilary is teaching a workshop, “Squiggles and Doodles” on Thursday, February 19 from 9:00 to 4:00 at the Mannheim Community Centre.

Hilary will have for sale her “Mother Earth” line of art quilt designs – patterns and kits, and other items such as hand-painted fabrics and cards. Visitor admission for Hilary Rice's lectures is \$15.



Visit www.mestudios.ca for info about Hilary Rice. and to see her innovative work.

President's Message

February - the month of love, chocolate, roses, and the shortest one of the year. Those all sound pretty good to me (especially the chocolate). If only we could forget that it's still the middle of winter and we're bound to have some terrible weather,

but maybe that will encourage us to stay inside and get working on a quilt. We can consider a quilt as tangible expression of our love.

It might be for a special someone, or somebody we don't know personally, in the case of a smile quilt for

example. Either way, we're putting our time and skills and thoughts into what we're creating for someone else, and that's a sign of love.

Trudy Dey, President



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Quilters Tip: 4 Way Placemats

Choose four different fabrics and cut out four placemat sized pieces approximately 13" x 18" each.

Press all four layers together and re-trim to ensure all four fabrics are exactly the same size. Mark center point of one (base).

Place two fabrics right sides together and sew from 2" from centre around and up to 2" from centre. Open up.

Repeat with third fabric sewing on the other end of the base fabric from 2" centre to 2" centre. Open up.

Then place the fourth fabric onto the 2 halves that are opened up and sew to 2" from center on both. Trim all corners. Put your hand in the 2" hole and turn it all right side out.

Press, top stitch, set table, eat, enjoy!



Small Quilt Show

The quilt show committee would like you to start thinking about making your tiny quilts for the small quilt draw. Your first priority is to complete your large quilts for the show, but you might have a few moments to get a small quilt (no larger than 40" circumference) made for the small quilt draw. We would like 50 quilts: 25 quilts for each day, Jolene Freund and Ilene Atkins will receive your quilts at the meetings and keep them safe until the show.

Bring & Buy a.k.a. Chair Sale

Bring your surplus supplies, books and fabrics to the February guild meeting for sale to another guild member. This is a favourite meeting for many of us! Bring lots of cash to supplement your own stash with new purchases too!

We have a Facebook page!

Waterloo County Quilters Guild now has a facebook page. Take a few moment to visit, like and enjoy the quilt show. Watch for regular updates!

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2015 Waterloo County Quilters Exhibit

Ten Months and Counting!

QUILT EXHIBIT UPDATE

With a mere 8 ½ months to go, behind the scenes preparation for the guild's October 16/17 quilt exhibit continues!

Considering entering your quilt(s)?

Trivia quiz of the day:

What percentage of guild members entered their quilts in the 2013 guild show?

- a) 10% (1 in 10 members) b) 25% (1 in 4 members)
 c) 50% (half the members) d) none of the above – they all came from the Guelph guild e) we had an exhibit in 2013???

HINT: it was B. J Yes, ONLY 1 in 4 members. Remember that when you're sitting next to 3 people at the next guild meeting.

As a result, we hope you're starting to consider which of YOUR quilts you plan to enter, or which one you plan to start working on to get it ready in time. (You have 8 months!) EVERYONE is welcome to enter. And remember, if you've shown a quilt at a guild Show and Tell, you can show a quilt (or more) at the October Exhibit.

Special thanks to Audrey Vrooman, whose quilt, *The Bling's My Thing!*, is featured on the postcard.

Audrey's quilt won the Viewer's Choice award at the 2013 show.

You can see the detail view of the quilt on this side of the postcard, with the whole quilt featured on the back. Come to February's meeting to pick some up!

Behind the scenes:

Thanks to Jean Carberry, coordinator of the vendors for this year's October exhibit, who has rounded up most of the usual suspects plus a few new ones. We can look forward to checking out:

- **Harebrained Happenings** from Scarborough (www.harebrainedhappenings.com),
- **Simcoe Sew and Quilt** from Barrie (www.simcoesewandquilt.ca) and
- last months' guild meeting vendor, **Ye Old Fabric Shoppe** from Stratford (<http://yeoldefabricshoppe.blogspot.com>)

Promotional Postcard

Guild member Ilene Atkins has completed designing the 2015 postcards being using to promote the show. Thanks, Ilene – these look beautiful! Ilene has also developed a flyer that will look close to the same and will be used as a press release. Postcards should be ready for distribution at our February meetings. Here's a glimpse of the *front* of the postcard:

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

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Flag Wavers of Waterloo Region

The Flag Wavers of Waterloo Region commissioned quilt, titled: "Let's Celebrate" - Wave Canada's Flag, depicts the Canadian flag in a range of pastel colours. These multi-



coloured panels represent Canada's diverse landscape, seasons and heritage of peoples and cultures. This quilt speaks for Canada's flag to be an enduring and unifying symbol for Canadians. Its 'Oh, Canada!' pattern designer is Cheryl Arkinson (Dining Room Empire, Alberta). Helen Weber is co-ordinating this project that includes WCQG members Lilla Hall and Karen Small and five other members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Kitchener.

The unveiling of this quilt will be at Waterloo Region Headquarters, just after Flag Day (February 15). Our quilt will be displayed each time we present our 30-minute PowerPoint production around Waterloo Region.

Library News

Check out these additions to our collection:

Big Book of Patchwork: 50 Fabulous Quilts by Judy Hopkins

Color Play by Joen Wolfrom

Country Elegance: Cotton and Wool Projects from the Quilted Crow Girls

Cut-Loose Quilts: Stack, Slice and Sew by Jan Mullen

Dual Image Appliqué by Dilys Fronks

Fabulously Fast Quilts by Amy Smart

Fat Quarter Style by It's Sew Emma Patterns

Fons and Porter: Fun Quilts for Kids

Here Comes Winter by Jeanne Large and Shelley Wicks

Modern Nature-Inspired Quilts by Bernadette Mayr

My Enchanted Garden: Appliqué Quilts in Cotton and Wool by Gretchen Gibbons

Painted Appliqué: A New Approach by Linda Poole

Perfect Quilts for Precut Fabrics by That Patch-

work Place

Quilt-As-You-Go Made Modern: Fresh Techniques for Busy Quilters by Jera Brandvig

Scrappy Fat-Quarter Quilts: Favourite Projects From Fons and Porter

Stack, Slash & Sash by Annie's Quilting

Strip Tubing by Daniela Stout (includes the tool)

And for those of you who enjoy a good quilting novel try this new series by Ann Hazelwood:

The Basement Quilt

The Potting Shed Quilt

The Funeral Parlor Quilt

The Jane Austen Quilt Club

The Ghostly Quilts on Main

See you in the library.

~**Ruthanne, Tamara and Margaret**

The Quilting Months ahead..

Month	Day	Detail
Feb	11	Manheim Sewing Circle—Stone Soup Day
	18	Hilary Rice "Along the Silk Road"
	19	Hilary Rice Workshop: Squiggles & Doodles: Work shop at Manheim Park
Mar	11	Manheim Sewing Circle
	18	Karen Kay Buckley "From the Beginning" ;
	18	Laura Wasilowski workshop registration begins
	19	A.M. Karen Kay Buckley Workshop: Borders By Design
	19	P.M. Karen Kay Buckley Workshop: Hand and Machine Appliqué
	20	Karen Kay Buckley Magic Medallions Block I (hand appliqué)
	21	Karen Kay Buckley Workshop: Kansas Rose (machine appliqué)

Mennonite Relief Sale 2016 Group Quilt

Emily Hunsburger is coordinating the design and construction of a Stashbuster group quilt for the 2016 New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale for the 50th annual sale in the spring of 2016.

Based on four traditional patterns, the quilt will be made primarily with quilts from our stashes. The central medallion will be made of half log cabin blocks, assembled in a star design. Following a plain strip, section two will showcase maple leaf blocks. The next design element will feature hexagon flowers appliquéd to the border. The outer border will be string pieced diagonal blocks. Complete instructions will be posted on the guild website.



April Mini Retreat



Do you need a day to do just what you want? Perhaps you need a day of sewing and quilting with women who are creative like you are, with meals provided? Come and join other Guild members for our Spring Mini Retreat at Emmanuel United Church, 22 Bridgeport Road West, Waterloo. This is an accessible facility. The retreat is Saturday, April 18 from 8:30 AM to 8 PM. Bring your own projects to stitch. We will provide a soup lunch and dinner for the cost of \$35.00. Maximum participation is 30 people, so sign up quickly to get your spot! You may sign up and pay at the February and March guild meetings. For further information, please contact Marilyn Hollinger at ross.mar@sympatico.ca or call 519-747-3439.

Santa Visits Manheim

On January 14, a number of WCQG members drove out to our monthly quilting gathering. The day was so beautiful with the sun shining on every hoar frosted branch and fence post. It was a scene right out of a Christmas card, which made the latter part of the day more plausible.

We were very good, sewing and quilting with gusto until lunchtime. After lunch was consumed we were rewarded with a visit from Santa Claus! Imagine! "He" arrived bearing several boxes and bags filled to the brim with fabric, which was to be given away to those hard working quilters. (It should be noted here that "Santa" bore a startling resemblance to Emily Hunsberger)

The fabric quickly disappeared and Emily a.k.a. Santa, departed with scarcely a scrap in her hands. We learned that our benefactor was Carolyn Sumision, one of our own, now a retired member of the guild who needed to downsize her stash.

It quickly became apparent that very little of this windfall was going to be used for anyone's personal stash, but was going to benefit many projects. The Smile Quilt program is one. Another is "Days for Girls" which produces a hygiene kit for school girls in Africa and is a program several guild members work on now. The quilt show boutique will see a number of wall hanging kits assembled for sale. More fabric will be go to Africa as children's clothing out on the mission fields. A box of hundreds of 6 " squares will go to making frig magnets for show advertising and a small portion to the costume department at our local historical museum.

It was such a warm fuzzy to belong to this wonderful group of people.

A week later it was pleasing to attend the guild "Show and Tell" and at least 2 people had already used their fabric in the making of Smile Quilts.

~ Ruth Hicks

Raffle Quilt Update

Our "Canada Compass" quilt top is very nearly ready to hand off to Peggy Nagle so she can work her magic during the shortest month of the year. The quilt's name has changed because the quilt has changed. Here's why.

We received a whole galaxy of stars made by our very adept members. Accommodating them all decreased the border to a minky dimension that wasn't very pleasing. Audrey Vrooman suggested we consider eliminating the border and letting the stars float on the sky. Et voila, Sea to Sea to Sea became Canada Compass.

The construction crew, consisting of Audrey, Cecilia Smith et moi (Jacqueline Tate) appliquéd the centre squares on each star, arranged the blocks en pointe in diagonal rows, added setting triangles and then a simple border that completes all the secondary stars. So far, so good.

Now it's up to Peggy to transform our pieced top into a quilted masterpiece. Audrey has very generously donated a wool batting, so the finished quilt will not only be a thing of beauty, but the most comfortable quilt imaginable! Jean Car-



berry will add the final finish, binding it in the same pale background blue.

The next job, starting at our March meeting.... sell lot of raffle tickets to benefit Innisfree House!!

- Jacqueline Tate



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Scrappy Challenge

Our President, Trudy Dey, threw out her challenge to use 30 different fabrics to celebrate 30 years of being a guild. I was the 23rd person to sign up for this and there were more to follow me. We will show these small quilt challenges in our exhibit Oct 16th and 17th of this year. This also means we have our first 25 quilts or more from 25 members or more! Make those plans to complete or start that quilt you all will be entering in our exhibit.

Show and Tell at the January meeting featured wonderful quilts. Some of them should be entered in our new category of Modern Quilts. You do not need to be a the skill level of our very experienced Fabulous Five presenters.

Mark the date - October 16 and 17th— Spread the word- best quilt show in Waterloo Region!

~ **Bonnie Murdoch**

Grand River Mod Squad

A modern quilt group has formed with the inaugural meeting held in Creative sisters classroom in January 2014. The next meeting will be Feb 12, 2015. If you are actively quilting in the modern genre and are willing to take on a role in the group, you might be interested in coming as a guest. For information, contact us via grandrivermodsquad@gmail.com or Facebook.

Mannheim Circle

Wednesday February 11, 9-4

Join us for Stone Soup—a day of sewing, fun and friendship. It is cold outside but it is always warm at Mannheim. Bring your projects and lunch. Fast food is a short drive away. Directions to Mannheim are in your handbook or on the web under Community Outreach.

Bad weather policy. If the weather seems bad please check your email or phone us before heading out. If the schools are closed chances are so are we.

~**Bernice Gammy and Fabia Joyce**

Quilt Show Magnets

Help promote the 2015 KW Quilt Show by making fridge magnets for friends, family and other quilters. We will distribute them to quilt stores throughout Ontario! Instructions on how to make the magnets can be found on the Guild's website along with a sheet of labels which can be downloaded and printed. If you do not have access to a computer, contact Elaine La Ronde (519-745-0383) at the afternoon guild meeting or Donna Hodgkinson (519-743-5438) at the evening meeting for sheets of instructions and labels. Magnets are also available from either Elaine or Donna. When you have finished a set of magnets, bring them along to the next Guild meeting. We'll be collecting them right up to our end of year meeting in June! We need thousands of these magnets so check your stash for scraps of fabric (6" squares) and let's get started!

Marketing Help Needed

Shari Turner is looking for a few more volunteers to help promote the quilt show. There will be a meeting Monday February 16th starting with a pot luck supper at 6, followed by the meeting at 7 at Shari Turner's house. If you are interested in helping out with this important task, please contact Shari at shariturner@rogers.com or 519-807-0115.



OWLS TWO

The countdown is on.
The halfway mark has come and gone.
Some have completion done.
The jackpot must be won!
Who will be the lucky ones?
The BONUS prize for anything that includes an OWL is open to everyone !!
Good luck. Happy Quilting!

~ **Judy Siegner and Olga Mondoux**

Karen Kay Buckley Workshops

Registration for the Karen Kay Buckley workshops begins at the Your January meeting. Your spot is reserved when payment is received.

Borders by Design

Have you ever wondered how to create the perfect border for your quilt? This class will make it easy for you to choose a border to complement any quilt. Karen has combined her lecture, "To Border or Not to Border, That is the Question" with her easy approach to hands on designing. Participants will be amazed at the ease in designing pieced and appliqué borders to fit any quilt. This is a no-sewing class.

Thursday, March 19 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. at Mannheim

Members: \$25.00, + supply fee of \$5.00

Hand and Machine Appliqué the Karen Kay Buckley Way

Come sit and relax while Karen share's her tips for both hand and machine appliqué. Karen will discuss the items she uses to make it easy to achieve good results. She will also share some of her organizational tips. Being organized allows you to finish more projects. After sharing the items she uses and her organization tips via Power Point, Karen will then demonstrate numerous appliqué tips including how to achieve smooth curves, sharp points and perfect circles. Karen will use her camera and projector when demonstrating so no mat



er where you sit in the room you'll have a great view. All you need to bring are some note-taking items...paper and pencil. This is a no-sewing class.

Thurs, March 19, 1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. at Mannheim

Members: \$25.00

Magic Medallions - Block I

I have been fascinated with medallion style quilts for a long time. I have created one large quilt using 13 different designs adapted from early European architecture. In this workshop we will hand appliqué on just one of those blocks in order to learn many of the techniques used in the "Magical Medallions" quilt. You will learn how to make smooth curves, sharp points and perfect circles. Come have a fun time while we hand appliqué the day away.

Friday, March 20, 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. at Mannheim.

Members: \$55.00, + pattern fee of \$12.00

Kansas Rose

Wow, this is a fun project. You will be amazed how easy it is to get smooth curves and sharp points as you machine appliqué using an invisible stitch. This project also includes reverse appliqué and a fabric overlay for some added excitement. Come spend a fun packed six hours and learn lots of tips and tricks.

Saturday, March 21, 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. at Mannheim.

Members: \$55.00, + pattern fee of \$15.00



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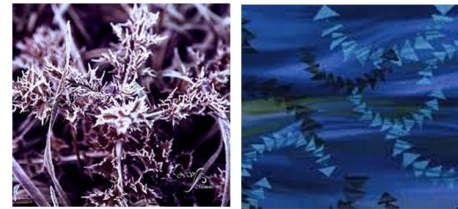
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For Sale due to downsize in preparation for a move:

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2. Memory Craft 9500 sewing machine with embroidery unit includes 3 hoops, stabilizer, embroidery patterns, extra bobbin case for machine quilting . Asking \$1200
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