

SCRAPS OF WISDOM

President's Message: "Spring!"

This week I saw my first snow drop regally bobbing in the wind, its arrival heralded triumphantly the first of many signs of spring. The first glimpse of spring always creates a sense of excitement. In March we know there will be more blankets of snow but the anticipation of seeing a single snowdrop reminds me of a child's peek-a-boo game where one moment a smiling face is giggling at us and the next it is gone, both of us eagerly anticipating another glimpse, another opportunity to smile and share the joy of life. With spring it is the same, we are tired of the grey of winter and anticipate the many spring colors. For us in the quilting world, spring also means an array of quilt shows to attend, an opportunity for us to share and congratulate the hard work of fellow quilters. So check out the many upcoming quilt shows listed in our newsletter and plan your road trip.

Peace and keep on quilting.

Lilla Hall, President



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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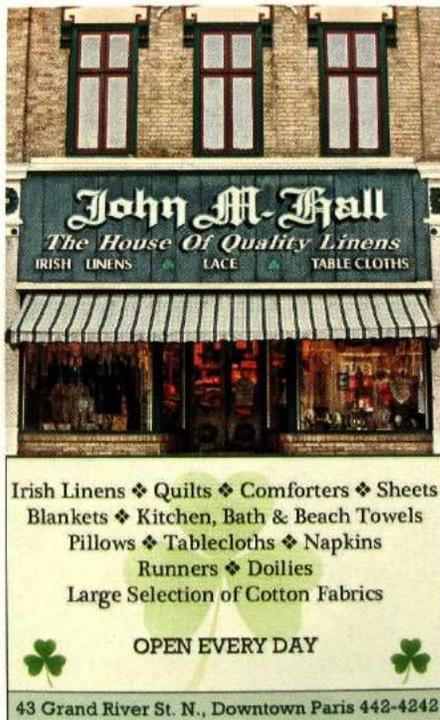
Meeting Cancellations due to severe weather—listen to KOOLFM 105.3—if the universities are closed, our meetings will be cancelled. We will also post on our facebook page.



March Program - Deborah Beirnes

Deborah Beirnes of Elmira will be our guest speaker on March 21st. This well-known quilter is also a designer and teacher. She has run many workshops and trunk shows, specializing in scrap quilts. This trunk show is called "Carpenter of Cloth" and she will share her journey through traditional quilts. She is prolific and I'm sure everyone will enjoy her adventure with fabric and design.

Pictured to the right is Robin Bogaert's quilt top of Deborah Beirnes' "Tumbling Blocks", taught in a class in the spring of 2017 at the Elmira Needle Sisters' Quilt Guild.





Date: Friday, April 6, 2018
Time: Bus leaves at 7:30 am

You will depart from Creative Sisters Quilt Studio and continue to three mystery shops. Lunch will be provided at the second stop.

Fee: \$ 65.00 + HST includes lunch and loot bag

Imagine a day spent with fellow quilters and friends.
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 Being served lunch and entertained along the way.
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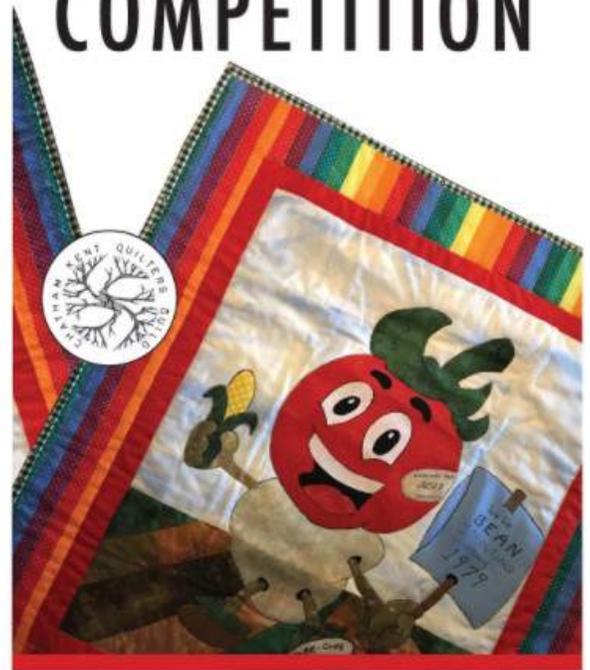
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Ricky Tims Event

Region of York Quilters Guild is hosting 3 days of workshops with Ricky Tims from May 15 to 17, 2018.

For more information, visit their website:
<http://www.regionofyorkquiltersguild.ca/ricky-tims-event/>



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What are YOU planning to make
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Mannheim Sewing Circle

Please join us on Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 9am to 4pm, for another Mannheim Sewing Circle. Bring a project of your choice on which to work.

This month we will enjoy Stone Soup. Bring your 'one cup' contribution of veggies or protein to add to our soup broth. It will simmer all morning so that we can share in a wonderful lunch. Fresh rolls will be provided. Tea and coffee will also be available throughout the day. All are welcome! Your \$4 donation helps cover the cost of the room. Directions to the Mannheim Community Centre can be found in your members' handbook or on our guild website. - Tamara and Megan



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Piecemakers Quilt Show

Thursday April 26 10am-5pm
Friday April 27 10am-7pm
Saturday April 28 10am-4pm

Pyramid Recreation Centre
317 James Street South
St. Marys, Ontario

Piecemakers 2018

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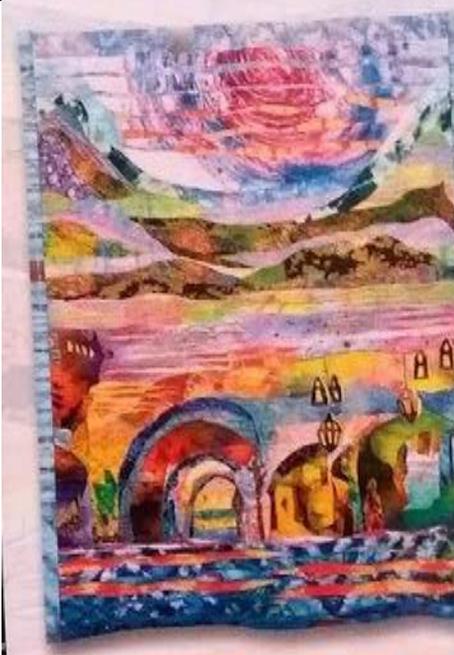
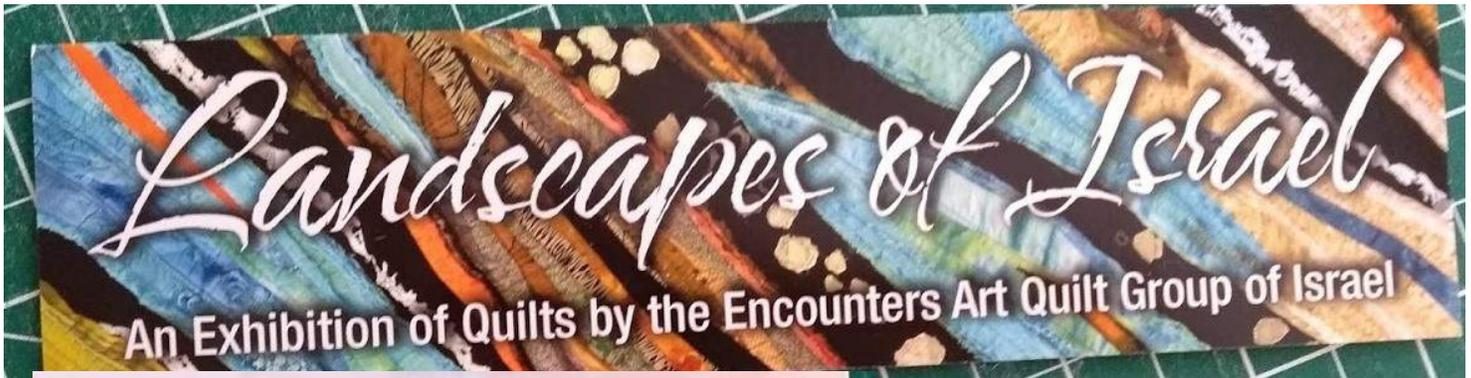
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- Quilted Articles
- Luncheon/
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Admission: \$8.00

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

Some guild members are sensitive to scents.
Please refrain from wearing perfume to
guild meetings.



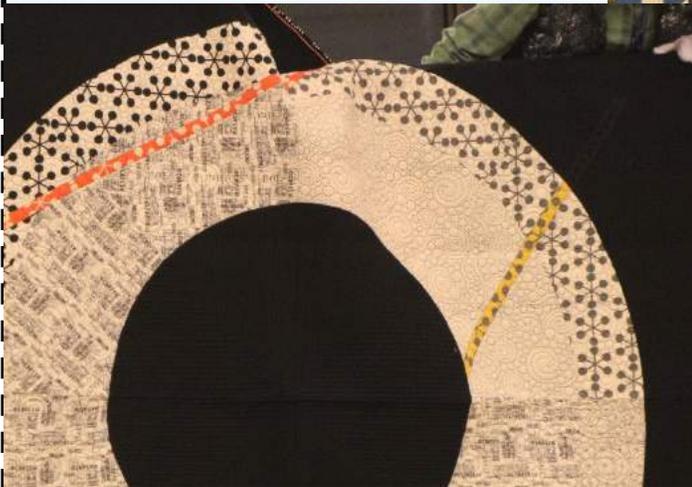
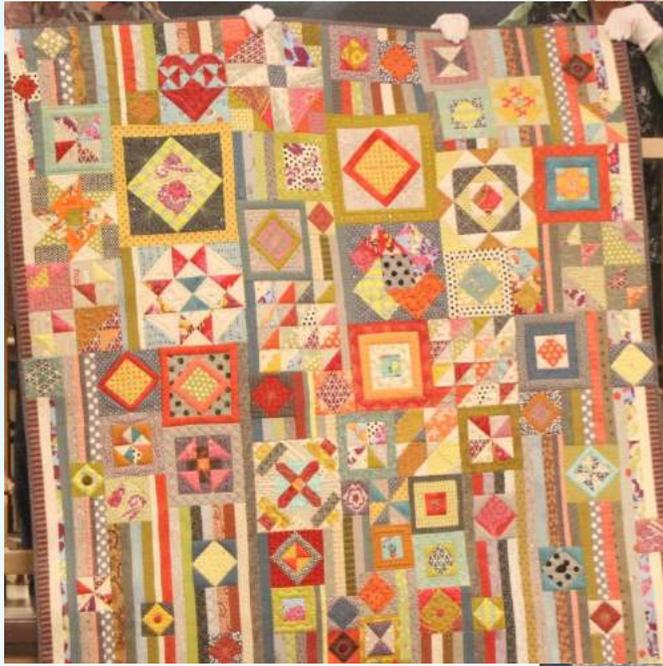
If you know of a guild member who has become ill, please let our secretary, Robin Bogaert know so she can send a get well card from all of us.



Quilt & Fibre Art Festival		May 2018				
Waterloo Region & Beyond		TUE 22	WED 23	THU 24	FRI 25	SAT 26
ST. JACOBS						
A SAMPLING OF QUILTS AND FIBRE ART Guest Artist: Pix Martin, Epix Studio, St. Jacobs Tea & treats on lower level. New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale 'Featured Quilt' is on display Wed. May 23 1pm to Fri. May 25 3pm	St. Jacobs Schoolhouse 11 Albert St., St. Jacobs N0B 2N0 Admission \$6.00 includes tea	10-7	10-7	10-7	10-7	10-4
THE TRUNK SHOW Guest Artist: Marilyn Farquhar An exploration of machine quilting and technology in quilting. 'Quilt Your Desire' Draw prizes from Village merchants!	NEW Calvary United Church 48 Hawkesville Rd., St. Jacobs N0B 2N0 Tickets \$5.00 at the door or phone 519-291-4709 to reserve				Shows 2:30 7:30	
CONTEMPORARY FIBRE ART Collected Threads - past & current work by former guest artists www.siloweavers.ca	The Village Silos 1441 King St. N., St. Jacobs N0B 2N0 Admission FREE elsa@siloweavers.ca	10-6	10-6	10-6	10-6	10-4
MYSTERY BUS TOUR Experience Mennonite country during the Quilt Festival - including lunch, story telling & crafts! www.quiltessentials.ca	Contact Salome 519-664-2060 or salome@quiltessentials.ca Advance Tickets \$60.00 per person Bus Pick-Up behind St. Jacobs Mennonite Church, 1310 King St. N., St. Jacobs N0B 2N0	9:30-5				
NEW QUILTING SEMINAR & DEMO Featuring 4 Guest Artists: 1 hour in length Audrey Vrooman 'Practically Invisible' - binding by machine Trish Lockie 'Painting with Wool' wet and needle felting to enhance landscapes Chantal Lynch 'Paperless Paper Piecing' Eleanor Petrie 'Slice and Insert Technique'	NEW Calvary United Church 48 Hawkesville Rd., St. Jacobs N0B 2N0 Admission \$10 at the door 519-291-4709			11-12		
QUILTS FOR THE WORLD Guest Artists: Bonnie Murdoch Creative traditional quilts Katie Carden Thompson , Student UWO Preview: Relief Sale auction quilts	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	10-3	
NEEDLEWORK GUILD EXHIBITS Lower Level •Canadian Embroiderers' Guild Guelph •Grand Guild Of Fibre Artists	Admission FREE					
MARBLE ART QUILT Sponsored by the St. Jacobs Quilt Board	Health Valley Walking Trail entrance Back of public parking lot on Albert St.	YEAR 'ROUND				
CAMBRIDGE / KITCHENER WATERLOO		Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
MCDUGALL COTTAGE Auld Lang Syne - 16th Annual Wee Quilt Challenge Quilters from Canada and Scotland create miniature quilts evoking the spirit of the much loved song Auld Lang Syne. www.mcdougallcottage.ca	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
		APRIL 13 - JUNE 23				
SCHNEIDER HAUS NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE May 19, 10am - 4pm Mennonite Quilting Bee, Winner of Quilt Block Contest announced 4pm May 2 to May 24 - Quilt preview for the New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale May 23 to May 25 - Quilting demonstrations www.schneiderhaus.ca	Schneider Haus National Historic Site 466 Queen St. S., Kitchener N2G 1W7 General Admission schneiderhaus@regionofwaterloo.ca 519-742-7752		10-5	10-5	10-5	10-5
		MAY 19 10am-4pm				
		MAY 2 TO MAY 24				
		MAY 23 TO MAY 25				
NEW HAMBURG / SHAKESPEARE						
NEW HAMBURG MENNONITE RELIEF SALE One of Canada's largest quilt auctions Quilt Preview Friday, Quilt Sale Saturday www.nhms.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
QUILT EXHIBITS Sew Little, Sew Much by Henny Bremer A Personal Touch by Shakespeare Quilt Club members	The Quilt Place 3991 Perth Rd. 107, Shakespeare N0B 2P0 519-625-8435 or 1-888-457-7077 www.thequiltplace.ca	10-5:30	10-5:30	10-5:30	10-5:30	10-5:30
		MAY 18 TO JUNE 18				



Thank you!



Thank you, Audrey Vrooman, for sharing your quilting journey with us at the February guild meetings.





Black Sheep Festival of Contemporary Textile Art

Dear Waterloo County Quilters,

The first annual Black Sheep Festival of Contemporary Textile Art is being held on the grounds of the Elora Centre for the Arts on July 7th, 2018. A curated event featuring a makers marketplace, demonstrations, and a weekend workshop series, Black Sheep strives to bring together a diverse range of artists and makers to share knowledge and inspire innovation in the textile arts. We have been following your group's work and would like to invite you to apply to be a part of Black Sheep and ask you to please consider sharing our festival information with your members and wider artistic community.

This year, we are hoping to feature five groups that would be interested in providing demonstrations and displaying samplings of their work (not for sale). We would be able to supply each group with 4 free passes for members, communal tent space, a table and two chairs, and additional easels for hanging works. Groups are encouraged to bring their own signage and promotional literature.

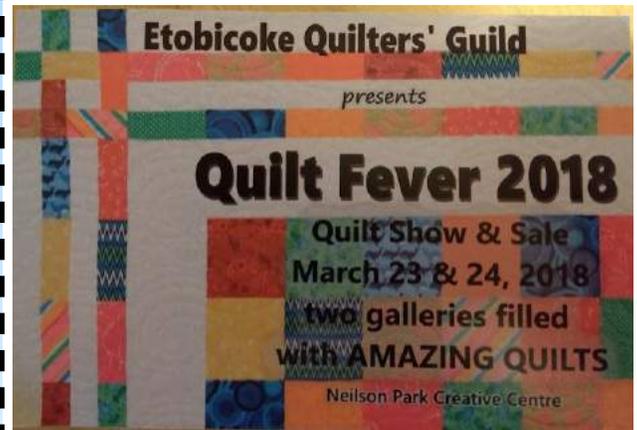
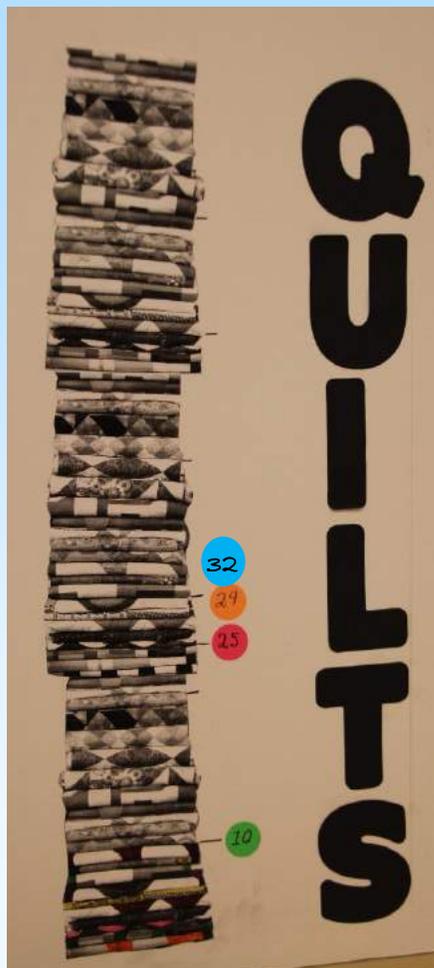
If this is something you would be interested in pursuing as a representative of our guild, please contact Lilla Hall, Deby Wettges, Eileen Fennell or Kathy Bissett at or before the March guild meetings.

PAL Quilts CHALLENGE: 50 QUILTS WANTED

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2018 Quilt Block Contest

There's a whole in my basket



"Poetry isn't a profession,
it's a way of life. It's an empty basket;
you put your life into it and make
something out of that."

— *Mary Oliver*



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2018 CONTEST RULES

Design: An original or traditional design pieced or appliquéd that includes a basket element.

Statement: You must include a brief description of 50 words or less about the inspiration for your block.

Block: 12.5 inches square with raw edges. This includes the seam allowance. Blocks must be submitted unquilted and not on point. Blocks must be suitable for a bed quilt.

Material: Pre-washed cotton (preferred) or cotton blend, plain or print design fabrics.

Technique: Pieced and/or appliquéd. Block must not have an outside border.

Colour: Do not use solid black fabric in your block.

Deadline: Blocks will be received at Schneider Haus, until 4:30 p.m., Thursday, April 12, 2018.

Blocks must be postmarked no later than April 5, 2018.

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Please be sure your entry meets **all** contest conditions. Entries are limited to two per person. Correspondence will be electronic, so please provide an email address.

Download the 2018 entry form for full contest details from the website:

<http://www.schneiderhaus.ca/en/whats-on/quilt-block-contest.aspx>

I'M Possible Project for Victims Services

Revised: Large Nine Patch and Friendship Star Blocks - 12½" block

Some members found the original Stars and Chains blocks to be too small and fiddly. The Log Cabin block will remain the same. Robin Bogaert has redrafted the pattern as follows:

The Nine Patch

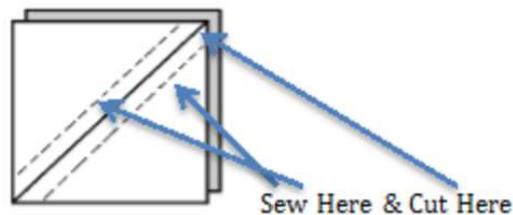
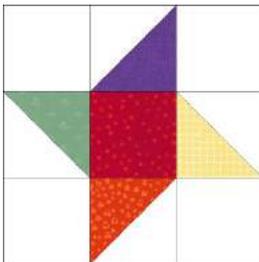


The date of the next **I'M Possible Work Bee** is still in the planning stages. Hopefully it will happen sometime in April. We will keep you posted.

You will need: 4 - 4½" squares of background fabric (cream, white or beige) and 5 - 4½" squares of coloured fabric (scrappy)

1. Use an accurate ¼" seam allowance throughout all sewing of this block.
2. Sew together all squares using the diagram above, sew in rows of 3 starting with row 1. Press rows opposite to each other, i.e., row 1 to the right, row 2 to the left and row 3 to the right. Sew rows together, pinning to butt seams and match corners.
3. Press the remaining 2 seams in one direction.
4. Makes 1 block, measuring 12½" square.

The Friendship Star



You will need: 2 - 4⁷/₈" light (cream, white or beige) background squares, 2 - 4⁷/₈" coloured squares, 4 - 4½" light (cream, white or beige) background for corners, and 1 - 4½" centre coloured square.

1. Make half square triangle by laying the 2 - 4⁷/₈" light (background) squares on top of the darker coloured 4⁷/₈" squares, draw a diagonal line across from corner to corner, pin and sew ¼" away from either side of the line, as shown above. Cut down the centre line to make 4 half square triangle blocks, 4 for each block, measuring 4½", trim to square as necessary. Press toward the darker coloured fabric.
2. Sew the block together, as shown above on the left, sew in rows, pinning, butting and ironing as you did with the 9 patch block. Makes 1 block, measuring 12½" square.

Don't Panic! If there are still any of the smaller version of these blocks, don't worry, we will use them!

Library Challenge!

We would like to remind you that there is an ongoing library challenge. If you create a quilt inspired by one of our library books, show it during 'show and tell', then enter your quilt information onto the list in the library, for a opportunity to win the draw at the June Annual General Meeting.

CHAIR SALE March 21st will be our annual chair sale!

The annual Chair Sale will be held at the **MARCH** meeting this year. This sale gives members an opportunity to gather once-loved but no-longer-wanted treasures to sell hopefully to new owners. Bring your loonies and toonies and snatch up some real deals from your fellow quilters. Don't forget a container to collect the money you receive.

- Be sure what you are bringing will fit on a single chair.
- Bring items ready to go: i.e., fat quarters, cut yardage.
- Plan to remove anything that hasn't sold at the end of the afternoon meeting unless you plan to attend the evening meeting as well.
- Tag each item with price and seller's initials
- Identify your collection container with your name.
- Set up will start at 12:45pm, with the sale starting at 1pm.
- **THERE WILL BE NO SCRAP BANK AVAILABLE AT THESE MEETINGS** to allow space for sale chairs around the perimeter of the room.





CQA/ACC Member Newsletter

March 2018

Message from the Executive Director

Not quite spring yet, however we are getting close. Here are the items to take note of this month:

- Quilt Canada 2018 is getting closer and we have an update on workshop and lecture registration information from our Quilt Canada Registrar, Janet Kasper, below.
- Check out all of the **Quilt Canada 2018 details** [here](#). New details are being added as they are firmed up. One new item of note is that we have arranged with the Sandman Suites on Davie Street for rooms at a special rate for overflow from our other two hotels. The information about this new addition can be found on our web page [here](#). This hotel is located in downtown Vancouver, and features kitchens which might be of interest to some of our visitors.
- Don't miss out on participating in the **Quilted Postcard Challenge!** We encourage quilters from across the country to try their hand at creating and donating a postcard for a good cause. The postcards will be displayed and sold at Quilt Canada 2018 AND there are cash prizes for the winning postcards. Although the deadline for the early bird prize draw has passed, there is still lots of time until the May 1st entry deadline to be considered for the judging. It is truly inspiring to see all the wonderful cards that are coming into Karen Killins-Robinson, as she posts them on social media! And all the money raised with this project goes to the BC Children's Hospital.
- The **2018 Cantik Batiks Youth Challenge** online entry form is now open. Entries will be accepted until March 31, 2018. Online voting for Viewers' Choice in three age categories will take place from mid-April until mid-May. More in the next e-newsletter.
- Call for **Teaching Proposals for Quilt Canada 2019 is up on our website now. Deadline for applications is April 9, 2018.** Please go [here](#) to see all the details and to access the application form.
- The Board has been working on a plan to expand the number of Regional Representatives and geographical locations serviced by them in the provinces of British Columbia, Alberta, and Ontario. Look in next months e-newsletter and the summer issue of the Canadian Quilter magazine for details.
- Thanks to those members who participated in last month's survey concerning social media. All of you who participated in the survey will have your name entered into a draw in May for a free one year membership. The winner of the free quilting book for February's survey was Bonnie Kelley from Ontario.

As always, we look forward to hearing from our members with any suggestions to assist us in continued success to support and promote quilting in Canada

Carole McCarville
CQA/ACC Executive Director



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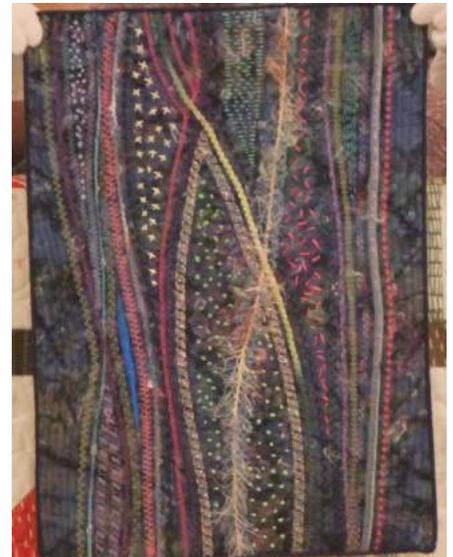
Glenda Dippel



Bernice Gammy



Pamela Clarkson



Olga Mondoux

Stupendous Stitching



Ruth Hicks



Carol Williamson



Be sure and enter your name in the Library Challenge, as these projects are inspired by the book, 'Stupendous Stitching' by Carol Ann Waugh

How our present Logo came about....

The Waterloo County Quilters Guild (WCQG) came into being in September 1985. 54 new members attended that first meeting in the new McCormick Arena. Two members of our current attendees, Pam Sittler & Lynn Fisher were on the first executive of the Guild.

(Interesting sidebar: As the arena was so new, in the winter, members were asked to remove boots and don shoes, slippers or quilted bootees)

Having a logo was an agenda item of the very first meeting. Pearl Payne was responsible for the logo contest. The announcement of the winner was originally scheduled for the October meeting but a glitch delayed the decision until the meeting in November. At that time, entry #13 was chosen by a wide margin. However, the creator of this entry was without a name!



#13's picture was then placed in the next newsletter with the request that the winner please come forward. The mystery lady was later determined to be Joyce Ratz.

The first quilt show for the Guild, was scheduled to take place in 1989. To mark that exciting occasion, quilters were asked to create 'sewing chatelaines' (see examples below) using our new logo on the collar. The description for the project was as follows: "Sailor-type collars with the logo prominently displayed were made to be worn at the meetings and shows and an oval shaped coloured logo on a black background was chosen as a members pin. Uylond Lynch was our colour artist. The wall hanging made, formed the New Zealand friendship blocks was completed by Joyce Ratz and is displayed at meetings".¹



Some of us may mourn the passing of the old logo. However, our world is changing very quickly and the need to modernize it is thrust upon us.

Lilla Hall, our current president has issued a President's Challenge to create a new logo. Lilla's philosophy "Respect the Past, Revere the Present, Create the Future". That is where we are now. Our quilting horizons are expanding at a dizzying speed. We need to keep up. Since there is such a diversity in WCQG, we need to honour the spirit of change.



*for information on 'Sewing Chatelaines', see: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wmlh8mn9Als>

Submitted by Ruth Hicks

We know that there are some "Sewing Chatelaines" out there among the membership. Let's wear them to the next meeting. Ruth Hicks is borrowing one from the archives for this event. Let's dress up a dull March day!

1: Taken from "History of Waterloo County's Guild, Summarizing year end 1987-1988, no author."

Quilts of Valour - Canada Society

Quilts of Valour-Canada will be hosting a Sewing Bee on Saturday April 7th from 10-4 at the Guelph Royal Canadian Legion. Our mission is to ensure that injured Canadian Forces members are recognized for their service and commitment to our country. We give this support through the presentation of quilts to comfort our past and present Canadian Forces members. Sewing, pressing, cutting, quilting or binding - all talents will be put to good use. Since this is our first Bee in Guelph, experienced quilters would be a big help. RSVP appreciated. Thank-you, Rose Parr at 519-241-1371, rose.rennick-parr@quiltsvalour.ca



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Angela Grasse Workshop “Sumptuous Surfaces” April 14



Be adventurous and join Angela Grasse for the April 14th workshop called “Sumptuous Surfaces”. She was our guest speaker in January and her work was so original and exciting. Angela will share her expertise with mixed media and fabric, and will teach us how to use paint sticks, transfer foil, ink sticks, paints, fusible web, laces, etc. Bring fabric about the size of a fat quarter in cotton, silk or lace and have fun. The workshop is \$35 and there is a \$10 supply fee.

Pictured here is Angela’s mixed media self portrait. Some of these techniques will be covered in her workshop. Copied from Angela’s website: <http://princessbubblescreates.blogspot.ca/>

Program Outline 2017-2018

So much happening this guild year!

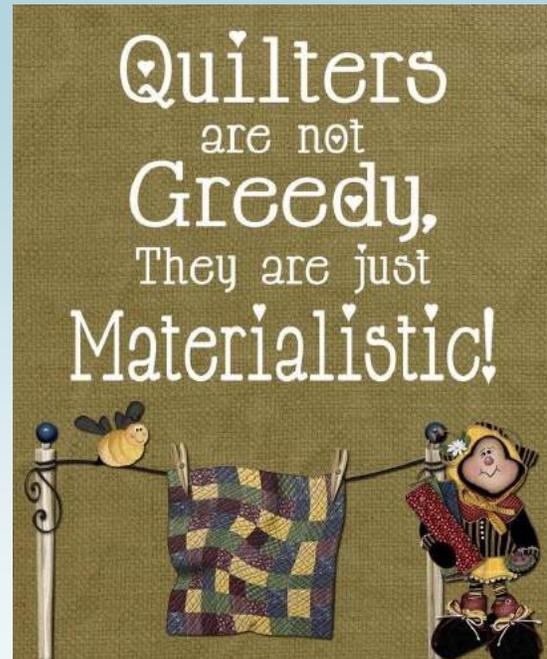
March - Debbie Biernes, Chair Sale

& Mini Retreat

April - Tanya Denyer, Ginger Quilts

May - Susan Clarke

June - Annual General Meeting, evening only



Elected Officers of the Guild 2016-2017

President: Lilla Hall

Vice President: Deby Wettges

Treasurer: Darlene Yanke

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Bettie Schuurman

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Quilting Months Ahead

Month	Day	Activity
March	5-29	Landscapes of Israel, London, Ontario
March	10	Mini Retreat
March	14	Mannheim Sewing Circle
March	21	Regular guild meetings and Chair Sale
March	23, 24	Etobicoke Quilters' Guild "Quilt Fever 2018" Neilson Park Creative Centre
April	14	Workshop with Angela Grasse
May	11, 12	Four Corners Guild 20th Anniversary Quilt Show in Mount Forest
May	22-26	Quilt & Fibre Art Festival, Waterloo Region and beyond

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