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Program for June 16, 2010

It is hard to believe that we have come to the end of another Guild year. All year we have been celebrating our 25th Anniversary and this celebration can go on and on, as it is a real feat for an organization to be so active for this length of time.

In June we will be having our Annual General Meeting (AGM), which starts at 7:30 (evening meeting only) and is for members. We will be having our election of officers and the various Officer's and Committee's reports will be given out.

Afterward we will be having our Social. Members with their last names commencing with the letters N – Z, please bring your goodies which we all look forward to, and put them on the tables provided.

Renske Helmuth, Elizabeth King and Jeanette Rettinger had a wonderful opportunity to visit the "Tokyo International Great Quilt Festival 2010" held in Tokyo, Japan in January 2010. They will have a display table with some of the goodies they brought back with them. Renske will be presenting a short slide show, just to give us a bit of an idea of what they experienced.

There is a possibility that Marilyn Farquhar, whose beautiful work was at our January meeting, will have one of her pieces at Show & Tell and this will give us an opportunity to speak to her.

Joline Freund and Joan Doke

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Meeting Checklist

- ✓ Your Nametag/Lanyard
- ✓ Books to Return to the Library
- ✓ Smile Quilts
- ✓ Memory Quilts
- ✓ Show & Tell
- ✓ 25th Anniversary Challenge Quilt
- ✓ Donations for the Library
- ✓ Zehrs Tapes

Presidents' Meanderings

It is hard to believe that another guild year is drawing to a close. It doesn't seem that long ago that we gathered in September for our awesome quilt show at RIM Park and our first guild meeting where we were entertained by John Willard and his inspiring trunk show.

We have enjoyed sharing the duties of the president for this guild year and spending time together organizing the monthly guild and executive meetings. We hope that you have enjoyed the meetings, learned a new technique or two, and got to know a fellow guild member a little bit better.

As with any volunteer organization, the activities and events of the guild are only made possible by members stepping up to the plate and helping out wherever possible.

As we end this guild year, two members of the executive and five committee chairs will be stepping down from their current roles – Carol McLaren (past president), Elizabeth McDowell Heagy (secretary), Joan Doke and Joline Freund (program co-chairs), Carol Williams (newsletter) and Audrey Vrooman and Bonnie Murdoch (library). Some of these ladies you will be seeing again in September but in different roles. We would like to thank these ladies for all of their hard work and hours spent on numerous guild tasks and activities not just for this year but in years past.

We would also like to thank the 25th Anniversary Committee for all that they have done to make this year's celebration such a success. Hats off to Fabia Joyce, Marg Cassel, Lynn Fisher, Joan Doke, Joline Freund and Colleen Robertson for a job very well done.

We are looking forward to our new roles next year as co-past presidents and can't wait to see what the executive and the various committees with their new members have in store for us.

Thanks for allowing the two of us to be part of your quilting journey. Enjoy the summer and we will see you all in September.

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From your 25th Anniversary Committee

Your 25th Anniversary challenge is due back in June. The theme is "Silver Threads Among the Guild". Using the challenge fabric, please make something that reflects this theme. Dimensions of the project will not exceed 60" perimeter. These will be judged in September. Thank you for accepting this challenge. Happy quilting.

Thanks to our local stores for contributing to the door prizes for our 25th Anniversary dinner:



Our speaker at the dinner, Diane Shink, was featured in the new Canadian quilting magazine called *Quilters Connection*. For more information go to:
www.quiltersconnection.ca

A Stitch In Time
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25th Anniversary Dinner—May 19, 2010



Thanks! Thanks! Thanks!

To the 25 Anniversary Committee for a wonderful dinner celebration

New Library Books

www.librarything.com/catalog/wcqg

Smile Quilt Bee Day – April 2010

Chocolate Chip Cookies - From Chef at Home by Michael Smith

1 ½ cups all purpose flour

1 teaspoon baking powder

¼ teaspoon salt

½ cup butter or margarine

1 cup brown sugar

1 tablespoon Cocoa powder

1 tablespoon Corn syrup

1 egg

1 teaspoon vanilla

1 cup chocolate chips

Preheat over to 375°

Soft and Chewy – 12 minutes

Crispy and Crunchy - 15 minutes

Steps:

#1 Stir together flour, cocoa, baking powder, salt

#2 Separate bowls – use mixer – cream butter and sugar then add corn syrup, egg, vanilla – combine well

#3 gradually add flour mixture to #2

#4 Stir in chocolate chips

#5 Drop by teaspoon onto lightly greased cookie sheet or parchment covered

#6 Bake – see above

#7 Cool, eat, enjoy!

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Quilt Show 2011 Update

We have a little over a year before the 2011 Quilt Show, co-chaired by Marg Cassel and Colleen Robertson. Marg usually gets to the afternoon guild meetings, while Colleen often attends the evening meetings, so you may not know both of us yet.

Our first job of each show is to have a raffle quilt prepared for the next steps by the September meeting. To this end, Bev Bechthold, Jean Carberry and Emily Hunsberger have worked diligently to choose the quilt to be made, then prepared and distributed the squares that many of you took away from the April meetings. We want to thank them for their time and energy.

Thank you to all who picked up one of the 72 block packages at the April meeting. Don't forget that you are making two of each square. Remember - DO NOT TRIM your finished block, please hand them in at your working size. If yours are already done, please give them to Bev Bechthold, whose address and phone number is in the membership handbook.

When we get all the blocks back (by the September guild meeting please), we will have enough for 2 quilts.

Please submit the name of a charity you would like to recommend to receive the proceeds of this charity raffle quilt. Thelma Ignor will accept your suggestions up to the September 2010 guild meeting.

The Quilt Show Committee will have its first planning meeting in September. If you would like to be a part of the committee, please speak with either Marg or Colleen.

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Mannheim Quilting Circle

No meeting in June. Thanks for supporting us this year. See you in October!

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Memory Quilts

THANK YOU to all the women who made Memory Quilts this year!

A total of eighty-eight Memory quilts were delivered to Grand River Hospital on May 7. Irene said they were running low so they arrived at the right time. We have some new kits ready to go so please pick some up at the June meeting for a little easy summer quilting. I don't want to take any kits back home with me! Of course you can also make your own Memory Quilts with fabric of your choice. The guidelines are in the membership handbook. We do ask that you put a label on your quilt with the information contained in the handbook. I will be attempting to make some labels on my computer that you can sew to your quilt where you only have to add your own name to make it easier.

Lynne Thomson-Haven

To Whom It May Concern and Nancy T.

We wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for the beautiful quilt our daughter received during her stay at the pediatric unit of Grand River Hospital.

Our daughter was injured during a hockey game as she plays for the Kitchener Lady Rangers. She was on a break away and was hit very hard from behind into the boards, feet first. She had a very severe fracture of her Tibia and Fibula.

This fracture required 2 surgeries, 21 screws and 2 plates.

Our daughter is 16 years of age and in grade 11. She has missed 1 month of school and is finally attending school in a wheel chair as she is non-weight bearing. The past month has been a very traumatic ordeal for a young teen.

When the hospital presented her with one of your beautiful quilts, we were astonished. My daughter had been enduring a lot of pain and was so surprised that it brought immediate comfort to her when we wrapped her in it.

Just knowing that someone made this comforter to help someone through a traumatic situation brought tears to our eyes. Please know that what you are doing is amazing, you are creating keepsakes for children to remind them that people care and are compassionate.

Thank you again for all of your hard work that goes into making these quilts. This is a real act of caring from the heart.

Sincerely, Ken and Patricia Leslie and Jessica

On the Calendar

April – Labour Day, 2010 – Celtic Connections - 8th Annual display of small quilts at the McDougall Cottage, 89 Grand Avenue South, Cambridge, Ontario.



June 4 & 5, 2010 – Flutter-By Quilt Show – Mildmay Carrick Complex, 24 Vincent Street, Mildmay, Ontario. Friday 10 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Featuring Viewer's Choice, Certified Quilt Appraiser Judy Lyons, Vendors Market, Mini-Quilt Toonie Table, Boutique and Tea Room.

July 10 to 11, 2010 - A Stitch In Time 2010 - Prince Edward County Quilt Guild, Prince Edward Community Centre Fairgrounds, 375 Main St. E., Picton. Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Admission: \$5. Judged competition, quilt sales, members' boutique, quilt raffle, merchant mall, tearoom, demonstrations, featured artists, scissor sharpening, silent auction. Contact: Mary Tucker 613-476-0334 or barry.mary@sympatico.ca or www.pec.on.ca/quiltersguild

July 15 to 17, 2010 – Quilts in My Garden 2010 - 111 Bayfield St., Meaford Runaway Quilters Guild/Meaford Museum. Come to Meaford Ontario, a gem along Georgian Bay, and enjoy three days of quilting excitement. A 'free motion quilting' workshop and information seminars on Japanese quilting and fabric conservation will lead into a day of enjoying scenic gardens and magnificent quilts. Tour some of Meaford's most beautiful gardens while seeing exquisite quilts in each garden. In addition, visitors will enjoy demonstrations, vendors and boutiques geared to gardening and quilting. Contact Pamela Woolner 519-599-3968 or go to www.meafordmuseum.ca for more information.

July 23 to 25, 2010 - Haliburton Highlands Quilt Show 2010: Journeys'
Haliburton Curling Club, Mountain St., Haliburton Village. Contact Charlene Cooper 705-455-9212

August 9th to 14th – Quilts of Gee's Bend – London Convention Centre
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August 14 to 15, 2010 – Hooked on Fabric - Kemptville and District Community Centre, 285 County Rd. 44, Kemptville. Contact Jean Drozda 613-657-3125



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EXHIBIT - 'Henny's Minis' -

QUILTER'S HUSBAND LAMENT

I've always known that life was full of obstacles & woes.
I've learned to live with sickness, death, & taxes, heaven knows.
I've taken all these things in stride, the problems & the strife, but one I didn't count on
was a Quilter for a wife.

I come home from work, the stove is cold, the dirty clothes still there.
The suit I wanted cleaned today still lying on the chair.
"Where's Mama, son?" I asked the boy, "This house is such a mess.
Why, all the sheets are missing, we've been burglarized, I guess!"
"No, Mama stripped down all the beds & took the sheets away,
She cut them into little strips & pieced 2 quilts today."
Why, every pair of pants I own is cut into little squares. "I'm demonstrating appliquéd," my
lovely wife declares.

I show up at the office in my boxer shorts & tie.
My secretary giggles & the clerks give me the eye.
It's freezing cold, I'm shaking & my knees are turning blue. My boss considered firing me,
but his wife's a Quilter too. I told him what had happened, & he said he could believe, I noticed
that the coat he wore had only half a sleeve.

A husband needs a loving wife to help him through his ills, to soothe & comfort, mop his
brow & help him take his pills. Should influenza strike him, his life's not worth a dime, particularly if it hits him at quilt Convention time.

You'll lie there in an empty house in pain & deep despair,
While the workshops & lectures keep your wife's attention there. You learn to ask no questions when she smiles & drives away, rushing to the fabric shop for a big sale there today.
She's gone for hours, then drags back home all bleary-eyed & down.
Now who'd believe a lie like that? She must be running round.

But I'll get by, I always do, some days are fine, some not. When your wife's a Quilter you'll soon learn to tolerate a lot. I know that when my life is through & I pass away, they'll have to set my funeral so it's not on Quilting Day.

(Thanks to Metro Detroit QG and Erie Shores QG)

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Summer Stashbuster 2010

Designed and created by Lisa VanGalen, January 2010

This quilt started as a UFO donated in January. As I was trying to find a way to stretch the squares I received, I developed the following quilt. I have included two options for the patch blocks. Option 1 will use up smaller pieces. Use Option 2 detailed at the bottom to make the straight patches if you are looking for a quicker project.

**Option 1: Split patches:** Using 2 1/2" strips, sew together the following:

- Piece 1: 2 1/2" by 2 1/2" dark strip to a 4 1/2" by 2 1/2" light strip
- Piece 2: 3 1/2" by 2 1/2" dark strip to a 3 1/2" by 2 1/2" light strip
- Piece 3: 4 1/2" by 2 1/2" dark strip to a 2 1/2" by 2 1/2" light strip

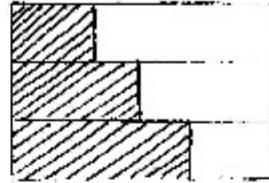


Image 1

Sew together to make a 6 1/2" by 6 1/2" block like Image 1:

For twin size, prepare 48 patch blocks, for a double, prepare 64 patch blocks, for a queen, prepare 72 patch blocks.

Cut white/light fabric in 6 1/2" by 6 1/2" blocks. You will need 1 1/3 yards for twin, 1 5/6 yards for a double, 2 yards for a queen.

Take one patch block and one light block and pin right sides together. Mark diagonally to prepare to sew half square triangles. If using split patches, be sure to mark the sewing line from the 4 1/2" strip to the 4 1/2" strip. See Image 2. Sew the 1/4" seams on either side of the marked cutting line. Cut as marked and press open seams toward the patch blocks.

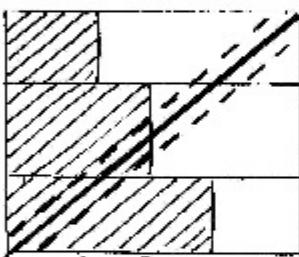


Image 2

Cut solid/coordinating fabric in 6 1/2" by 6 1/2" squares. You will need 96 blocks for twin (2 2/3 yards of fabric), 128 blocks for double (3 2/3 yards), 144 blocks for queen (4 yards).

Take one 1/4 square triangle block and one solid/coordinating block and pin right sides together. Mark the cutting line for half square triangles from white to patch to split the triangles. Cut and press open seams to the solid side.

Center each block and trim to 5 1/2" by 5 1/2".

Arrange blocks into a pinwheel pattern. Alternate your blocks so that the patch triangles are to the outside for block 1 (Image 3) and to the inside for block 2A (Image 4). Finished block size is 10 1/2" by 10 1/2". Alternate your starting block as you build your rows.

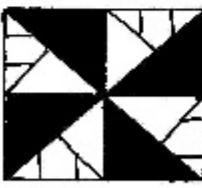


Image 3 (Block 1)



Image 4 (Block 2A)

If using split patches, arrange your block 2 triangles as shown in Image 5. This will create an added pinwheel around the block centers (block 2B).



Image 5 (Block 2B)

I plan to use 3" borders with no other sashing.

Total pinwheel blocks needed: Twin size - 48 pinwheels, double - 64 pinwheels, queen - 72 pinwheels

**Option 2: Straight patches:** Using 2 1/2" strips, sew any three strips together and cut to make 6 1/2" by 6 1/2" blocks. Use these blocks in place of the split blocks shown in Option 1.