



Bits & Pieces

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Jean Sherwin



Fall is definitely here as you look at the trees. The weather up to my writing this has seemed more like summer. I have enjoyed every day of that beautiful weather and the inspiration the colours of the trees with the blue sky and the sun shining on them brings. I hope this helps you as well with your projects.

It is great to see so many new faces in our Guild, and to see old friends returning. It is important for us to get to know one another because we all have one interest and that is "quilting".

The management team makes the work of President very easy. They ensure our guild runs smoothly, that our members are entertained, informed and that you have the opportunity to learn new skills. We do have a few vacancies coming up so I encourage you to pitch in where you feel comfortable.

For the new members the Guild gives a bursary every year to a graduating student who has overcome personal challenges to achieve a diploma. This year our recipient is Matthew Umpherson of PDCI.

Don't forget our challenge for this year we have one less month to create something about Perth and area's 200th anniversary. Have fun with this one. I am looking forward to April to see the wonderful quilted items that our guild members come up with.

Jean

December QT

We will be having a QT (quilting together) on Wednesday, December 4 at the Civitan Hall in Perth from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. There will be lasagna for lunch at a cost of \$12.00 per person.

I will have a sign-up sheet at tonight's meeting and again at the November meeting. Money will be due by the November meeting and the exact change would be helpful to me.

So bring your handwork and come prepared to have a great time.

Thanks.

~ Carol Darou ~

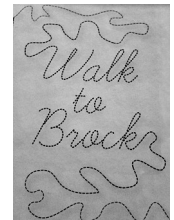
CQA "Walk to Brock" Inch Challenge

This year's inch challenge runs from September 1, 2013 to March 31, 2014.

The distance is 413,937,012 inches from Mile 0 in Victoria, BC to Brock University in St. Catharines, ON, the home of Quilt Canada 2014, via Inuvik, NT.

Participating guilds across Canada are to report the total inches of the perimeters of quilts shown at Show and Tell. It would be very helpful if you could have the measurement ready when you sign up before the meeting.

~ Marie ~



Visiting Artists

Our September guest speaker was Michèle-Renée (M-R) Charbonneau, who hails from Ottawa. She has her own blog named quiltmatters.blogspot.com. M-R proceeded to give us a look at the modern quilt movement. She explained that the first Modern Quilt Guild started in Los Angeles in 2009 and there are over 150 chapters around the world. She is a member of the new modern guild started in Ottawa and which just had its first meeting. M-R shared her passion for the modern style of quilting, her insights on what makes a quilt "modern" and how you could make your own quilts more modern if it is a style you would like to try. She explained several elements including asymmetrical design and increased use of negative space. M-R then gave a great trunk show of her modern quilts, explaining how she has evolved over the last few years and the processes she used.



The Common Threads

Executive Meeting Report — October

Jean Sherwin thanked Carol Darou for hosting the meeting.

President (Jean Sherwin) - provided an update on the QOTT wrap-up meeting. The Committee did not make decisions, but have made recommendations for the next QOTT committee. There was discussion and agreement by the Executive for a later start for our January and February meetings, which will **now start at 1:00 pm instead of noon**. Jean noted that member guilds of the CQA can apply for a bursary to bring in a Canadian teacher for a lecture or workshop.

Vice President (Carol Darou) - November Executive meeting will be at Carole Armstrong's home.

Past President (Carole Armstrong) - reviewed the Executive positions whose terms will be up in June 2014, and asked for indication of who would or would not be staying for another term.

Treasurer (Janice Spitz) - in Janice's absence, the budget was reviewed.

Block of the Month (Cathy Price) - advised that over 50 people have signed up for this year's block of the month. She showed her paper-pieced block which is for October.

Membership (Muriel Hopper) - handed out an interim directory.

Newsletter (Lynne Green) - deadline for October newsletter articles will be October 11; and November's will be November 13.

Outreach (Anna Cornel) - Joan Hunter will collect quilts from those not going to the Quilts of Valour bee in November.

Program (Ruth Oblinski) - outlined program until June 2014 and handed out an insert that will be included with October's newsletter.

Publicity (Colleen Richardson) - showed the poster she has prepared advertising the October speaker.

Social (Bev Murdoch) - noted that she will be away for the October meeting, but Barb Dodds will handle setting up the tea/coffee and treats.

September Meeting Review

What a great turnout for our first meeting of 2013/2014! There were 113 members and 7 guests in attendance. Door prizes were donated by Ron Simkins, Alice Banford, Sharon Kryvenchuk, and Perth Fabrics Crafts 'N More. Winners were Christine Piche, Barb Dodds, Barb Willows, Ruth Wilson, and Alice Banford. The raffle prize winner was Ruth Wilson.

During Show and Tell, 12 very talented people presented 24 projects between them, that they worked on over the summer.

Jean Sherwin congratulated Ruth Rodford on her quilt winning first place at Perth Fair and moving on to the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies' Regional competition.

Jean advised that a letter from PDCI indicates that our annual bursary was awarded to Matthew Umpherson. She referred members to the Vice President position outlined in the newsletter and urged people to consider joining the Executive as positions need filling. Jean also noted that the Fall Retreat is full.

Cathy Price presented her sample of this year's block of the month, and advised that the first block is a braid runner.

Ruth Oblinski advised that workshops will be held at both Glad Tidings Pentacostal Church and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church during this year, so check the newsletter for where your class is being held. She noted that there is an interest in learning how to quilt on a domestic machine, and she is in the process of finalizing arrangements for a workshop covering this.

In Anna Cornel's absence, Babs Grose asked those members who have done a Quilt of Valour should bring the finished quilt to the October meeting. She also showed members the blocks needed to be made for the Outreach quilt which is being donated to the Committee for the 200th Anniversary of Perth Settlement. Kits will be available for members at the October meeting.

Executive Positions Available

- Who:** Program Chairperson
When: Officially to start September 2014, but planning will start before then.
What: Plans the year's program including speakers, workshops, and a Challenge.

The Program is one reason why members want to join our Guild, to partake in workshops that offer them new or old, and varied techniques. Speakers inspire us with trunk shows. Challenges let us apply our skills learned, in our own way. Of course, the social aspect is certainly why members come to the Guild. In the past, two members have successfully shared this position as a team. Your program committee is already in place this year. If this sounds like something you would like to try, please discuss it with me at the meeting or call me at home. We would love to have you on the Executive.

~ Carole Armstrong, Past President ~

Next Meeting — Tuesday, Nov. 26 @ 7:00 p.m.

This month's guest speaker is Pat Lemaire, a quilt artist and long arm quilter, who will be presenting a trunk show called *"My Journey on the Quilting Highway"*.



Left: 3 wall hangings by Rick Richardson;
Right: Table cover by Colleen Richardson



November Executive Meeting

- Date:** Tuesday, November 12 @ 10:00 a.m.
Hostess: Carole Armstrong 267-4821
Address: 3896 Franktown Rd (County Rd 10)

The Stash

Library

Home to Roost, edited by **Shirley McConnell**, has whimsical patterns designed by Terrie Degenkolb for quilts and other small projects. The samples shown in the book are made using the Home to Roost line of fabric from Red Rooster Fabrics. If you like owls and chickens this book is for you. See more Whimsicals on the web site: <http://whimsicalquilts.com>

Stack-n-Whack-lopedia by **Bethany Reynolds** is the tenth anniversary of the Stack-n-whack technique for making kaleidoscopic quilts. There are a dozen new quilt projects using a variety of shapes from simple squares and triangles to diamonds and wedges.

Big Print Patchwork by **Sandy Turner** has seven patterns for using large scale prints, and a gallery of fifteen more large print quilts. It would be fun to take a class with Sandy Turner of Santa Maria, California. She belongs to a small sewing group that includes Sharon Pedersen. Their group is called Stitch and Giggle.

Fast Fun & Easy Fabric Bowls by **Linda Johansen** has instructions for making five different-shaped reversible fabric bowls. Wouldn't it be nice to have fabric bowls to match your table runners and placemats? Thanks to **Gail Gutierrez** for donating this book.

~ Marie ~

Social

Thanks to the following members for providing tonight's treats, which are very much appreciated by all members:

Valerie Langille	Gwen MacNaught
Elaine McCargar	Louise McDiarmid
Kathleen O'Flaherty	Micheline Oldford
Margaret Parkinson	Anita Payne
Arlene Pellett	Christine Piche
Ruth Porter	

~ Bev ~



Top: Cathy Price's Bird of Paradise wall hanging; **Bottom:** King Size Quilt by Carol Darou.



Program

Please keep and enjoy your Program schedule, included in your newsletter today!! Also remember, things can change, so it's your responsibility to confirm time and place of any workshops, when signing up.

Be sure to check out Cathy Price's **Fabric Weaving Class** in November, it's a fun one!!!

Sign up for the three part **Machine Quilting** will be available in November, but check your dates now to see if you are available on the dates shown. This is a three part course, at an amazing price of \$60.00 TOTAL!!

Also we are having the UFO Finishing project again this year. It starts in October and finishes on February 25. See Vicki Hough to sign up tonight or next month.

The Casserole Carrier/Table Runner shown in January is just the sweetest thing! Brenda Miller of Among Brenda Quilts will be here with her cute patterns.

Please feel free to email me with any questions regarding the schedule.

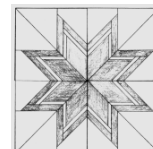
~ Ruth ~

Block of the Month

Welcome back to our second month of instructions. I hope everyone enjoyed the first one.

This month we are doing The Lone Starburst. It is paper-pieced and a good warm-up for a larger paper-pieced block later. To all new members trying this, don't be scared, it is not a difficult block.

We will be offering extra help to those who need to learn paper-piecing. Stay tuned at the meeting.
~ Cathy ~



Outreach

We are working on two projects:

Quilts of Valour

I am delighted at the number of members making one (or sometimes even more) quilts and look forward to presenting them to the Eastern Ontario Branch at the quilting Bee on November 9. If you have not finished your quilt, Quilts of Valour will accept it when you have, of course. Babs Grose has the Quilt of Valour labels.

Raffle Quilt

Tonight, Babs Grose has the kits for the new outreach raffle quilt which is to be given to the committee organizing the 200th anniversary of the Perth Settlement. As the "snowball blocks" are so simple with only four seams per block each kit contains two blocks. The maple leaf blocks will require accurate piecing and members may like to do as I did and make up a maple leaf with scrap fabric first to ensure that the measurements are precise. I found that it was bare 1/4" seams for me.

Please pick up a kit. I think the completed quilt will be spectacular. I would like the completed blocks returned by the January Guild meeting at the latest.

I received a thank you letter from Matthew Umpherson, who was the recipient of this year's bursary, in which he expresses his great appreciation, and states "The bursary will help me attend Fleming College in Lindsay, starting in March 2014 where I have been accepted into the heavy equipment operator's course."

~ Anna ~

Newsletter

Some members have indicated they would like to receive the newsletter electronically before the meeting date.

Anyone who wants to receive the newsletter by email **instead** of hard copy at the meeting (as well as help save some trees and costs), please call me at 267-5882 or email me at greenstone44@cogeco.ca.

~ Lynne ~

The Backing

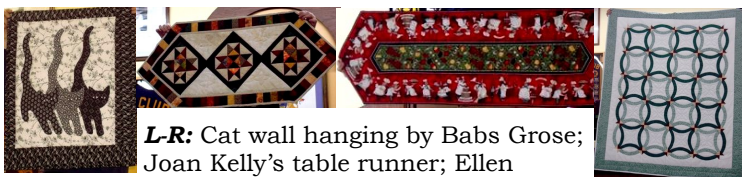
Did you know?

You should avoid using fabric softener in the washer or dryer when you prewash fabrics that you later intend to fuse. Fusible web will not adhere properly to fabrics treated with fabric softener. (Fons & Porter)

If you have accidentally fused an applique in the wrong place, use a fabric softener dryer sheet as a pressing cloth to loosen the web so you can remove the applique to reposition it. (Fons & Porter)

Try using a skirt hanger to store your completed blocks. The clips can be moved to accommodate any size block. This keeps the block organized with no wrinkles. (Fons & Porter)

Your tips, hints or general news are needed for this section, so please email or give them to Lynne Green.



L-R: Cat wall hanging by Babs Grose; Joan Kelly's table runner; Ellen Dean's table runner; Double Wedding Ring quilt by Linda Bradshaw.

Upcoming Events

Workshops (Contact: Ruth Oblinski)

****Remember to bring your iron to all workshops****

Thursday, November 28	9:00 - 3:00
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 1 Drummond St East, Perth	
Fabric Weaving with Cathy Price	
No workshop in December, but	
Wednesday, December 4	10:00 - 2:30
Perth Civitan Hall	
QT and Luncheon	
Monday, January 27	10:00 - 4:00
Glad Tidings Pentacostal Church	
Casserole Cover/Table Runner with Brenda Miller	
Tuesday, January 28	9:00 - 11:30
Lions Hall	
Japanese Kimekomi Decorative Balls with Yvonne Stirling	

Shows

A Quilter's Dream Quilt Show - The Five Star Quilt Guild	October 25 & 26 10-5, 10-4
Lucknow Community Centre 694 Willoughby Street, Lucknow, ON	
Quilt upon a Star Durham Trillium Quilters Guild	November 1 & 2
General Sikorski Polish Veterans Hall Stevenson Road N., Oshawa, ON	

Newsletter Deadline

The November deadline for newsletter submissions is **November 13th.**

REMINDERS



Bulletin Board: Check out the bulletin board at the back for notices of upcoming events and other quilt related items for private sale.

Workshop Fees

Full day workshops: Guest Speaker—\$35
Guild Teacher—\$25

Half day workshops—\$15

Fees are due at sign-up. Bring your own iron.

Refunds are given ONLY if there is a family emergency or if the workshop is cancelled.

Free Stuff: There is a table at the back for you to place items you wish to give away. However, you must remove any unclaimed items by the end of the meeting.

Blog: Visit our blog for the latest information on Guild activities, meetings, workshop news, upcoming events, quilting tips and photos of Guild members' work. Log onto www.lanarkcountyquiltersguild.wordpress.com. Comments welcome.

Newsletter: If you have additions or articles you would like included in the newsletter, please contact Lynne Green at 267-5882 or email at greenstone44@cogeco.ca.

Membership: Any changes to your information in the Guild directory should be given to Muriel Hopper and it will be included in the next newsletter.

Did you bring your... name tag, mug, library books, Show and Tell, Block of the Month?

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