

Threads of News

December 2011

Heritage Quilter's Guild Newsletter

Important Guild Information

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*Meetings are held on the
3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Strathcona Paper Centre*

Name tags can be purchased for a small fee from Debbie Currier or Linda Rattie at the membership desk. The new guild pins can also be purchased.

The newsletter does not belong solely to the executive committee for providing information. If you have any pictures, stories, helpful hints or patterns that you would like to share with the guild members please contact the editor.

Don't forget to bring in your receipts from the Quilt and Stitch.

The objective of the guild is to foster interest, awareness and education in the area of quilt making. Let's work together to achieve this goal.



*Join
in Sept. and
you may win a free
membership*

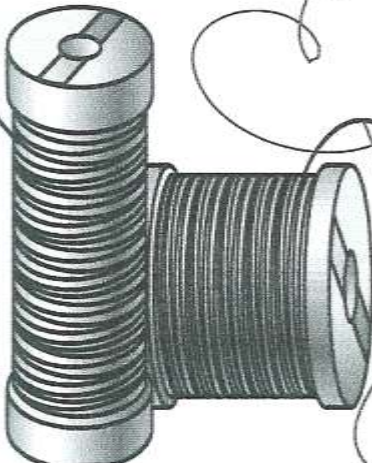
*Wear
your name
tags.*

*Bring
your coffee
mugs.*

Program Highlights

- *Jan 17 – mini workshop*
- *Feb 21 – trunk show by Anne Dickson*
- *Mar 20 – presentation by Geri Logan, a fair quilt judge*

Executive meeting 24 Jan 1900hrs



Message from the President

Season's Greetings,

Although I was not able to be there last month, I have heard it was AWESOME and that the quilts/placemats and toys were outstanding. THANK YOU! I know there will be some very happy people at Christmas. It always overwhelms me how generous our guild is to helping out when asked, not just in the Christmas season but throughout the year.

And that is why we wanted to give back YOU by presenting you with our 15th anniversary mug. To thank you for all your help over that last 15 years to making our guild what it is today.

I wish everyone a Happy and Joyful season and look forward to seeing everyone again in the New Year.

Sharon Mclean

Message from Vice-President

I would just like to wish everyone a happy and safe holiday season and the very best New Year!

Message from Past-President

Once again I am overwhelmed by the co-operation of the members of the Heritage Quilters' Guild. I wish to say thank you to all of you who have sewed blocks from my Past-President's Challenge. We have already spent two Farm House Quilter days designing quilt tops from the blocks and we still have lots left for future projects.

My goal was to get enough blocks for twelve quilts for the Mental Health and Addictions Residence. Our Group has the twelve quilts finished and they are ready for presentation at our December meeting -- just in time for our Christmas Presentation.

Lastly I would like to offer my congratulations to you on our Guilds' FIFTEENTH anniversary. May you continue to have fun, fellowship and quilting through which you share your love and caring with others in your family, your friends and your community.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year full of good health and peace.

Jean Clair

Message from the Editor

It's now been three months into our guild year and WOW. Membership is up so we as the executive have our work cut out for us. I personally find the guild gives me a social outing but based on the presentations last month, the guild also provides us the opportunity to give back to our community. I think it's safe to say that the guild provides something different to each of us, so what does it do for you!!!!

I've been working on the bag challenge put out by Aimee and I can honestly say it was a bit challenging as it was my first attempt at a bag. At one point I was stumped and frustrated but woke up one morning at 3am with the solution on how to solve my dilemma. I did manage to wait for a decent hour to correct my mistake. The picture below is the next installment of my cat supervision. Just wish they could have given me some advice on the bag so I wouldn't have had to lose sleep over it.

Well ladies, have a wonderful safe holiday with your family and friends.



Debbie Currier

Message from Fund Raiser Convener

I am very grateful for those who have volunteered for the Quilt Show Committee. However, I still need someone to help with advertising. Our first committee meeting to get things rolling will be in January. See you then.

Ginny Klein

Message from the Program Conveners

We hope you have enjoyed the programs so far this year. We try to provide you with fun, informative presentations. Next year is all booked and here are the programs for the next three months.

Jan. 17 – Mini Workshops: 5 stations for you to visit and learn the following:

- 1) Paper Piecing with Add-a-Quarter Ruler – Sue Fiddes
- 2) Down and Dirty Binding – Cathy Savage
- 3) Paper Cut Applique – Pauline Marsh
- 4) Flying Geese, Quick and Easy Method – Sheila Lucas
- 5) Easy Nine Patch – Carol Garner.

Feb. 21 – Trunk Show by our own member, Anne Dickson.

Mar. 20 – “How to Win A Ribbon”, presentation by Geri Logan from Stirling, a fair quilt judge, and member of the Quinte Quilters and Trent Valley Quilt Guilds.

Mary Davis & Judy Van Dyke

Message from Workshop Convener

We had our first workshop with Bridget O'Flaherty (Thread Painting) at the end of October and it was enjoyed by everyone present.

The next workshop is scheduled for April 21st, 2012 at the Odessa Agricultural Hall, 10:00 – 4:00 with Bethany Garner. Bethany is open-minded to fulfilling our interests or she can offer a workshop with something fun and fast to finish, she just needs our input. So, if anyone has any suggestions please see Judy, Mary or myself.

Mark your calendars for a great day of fun.

Cheryl Neild



Message from Library Conveners

The library will have a few new books for everyone to ponder this month. The following are the titles of these new books:

1. DECK THE HALLS (Quilts to celebrate Christmas) - by Cheryl Almgren Taylor
2. SERGE & MERGE QUILTS - by Sharon V. Rotz
3. COLOR YOUR WORLD - with Princess Mirah Batiks
4. STACK A NEW DECK (More Great Quilts in 4 Easy Steps) - by Karla Alexander
5. LOVING STITCHES (A guide to Fine Hand Quilting) - by Jeana Kimball
6. THREE DIMENSIONAL APPLIQUE (and embroidery embellishment) - by Anita Shackelford

As well there are three additional novels by Jodi Barrows: Liz's Mercantile; Leaving Riverton; Abby's Schoolhouse.

Don't forget that we now have DVD's for you to check out - for those who prefer to "see" how to do a project. Also, watch for our "sale table", starting in January. From time to time we will have books and/or magazines that you will be able to buy at a very reasonable price. The money from these sales will go toward buying new items for our library. Remember - it is YOUR library so be sure and check it out!!

One last thing.....we are always interested in hearing suggestions of books that you might like to see added to the library. It could be specific books or just a "subject" that you are interested in. We will have a sheet for you to write suggestions that you would like to have us try and find. We will then do our best to locate these suggestions

Carol Roblin, Carol Dickson and Rose O'Brien

Message from Publicity

Christmas is just around the corner and we are all very busy. I just wanted to let everyone know what is happening with publicity. I have a new helper. Cindy Semple is helping me with the publicity and I am hoping she will take over from me. We have been working on an article for the local papers regarding our 15th Anniversary and with any luck at all it will be published before our meeting. It is a little history of our guild including the Farmhouse Quilters.

Things are still in the works to have a web site which will be a lot of help especially with the Quilt Show in 2013. It has been suggested that we have an article in the Scoop newspaper so that's what we are working on as well.

I hope everyone has a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Linda Williams

Quilt Canada 2012

“Seams Like Home” is being held in Halifax NS from May 30th to June 2nd. For complete information on location, classes and guest speakers check out the website <http://quiltcanada2012.ca>.

Colour Groups

September – Brown	February – Red
October – Orange	March – Green
November – Purple	April – Yellow
December – Christmas	May – Blue
January – Off white	June – Floral

We have quite a few new members this year so I am re-publishing the purpose and role of the colour months that was introduced by our past president Jean Clair.

Each month colour groups are responsible for the following tasks:

- 1) Provide food – healthy snacks and a treat
- 2) Gather the fat quarters in the basket and hand out tickets
- 3) Sell 50/50 tickets
- 4) Display show and tell

Within each colour group, a coordinator needs to be chosen and you need to know the members within your group. Members will only be doing this once so please cooperate. It's a nice way of contributing and feeling involved in your guild.

More Help



This is “Mouser”, Stella O’Byrne’s cat. As you can see, quilting and cats go together and it’s not just my crew that provides a helping paw.

Share your pictures with us.

11 Reasons for Buying Fabric

1. In insulates the closet where it is kept.
2. It keeps the economy going. It is our patriotic duty to support quilt shops.
3. It is less expensive and more fun than psychiatric care. It’s not immoral, illegal, or fattening. It calms the nerves, gratifies the soul and makes you feel good.
4. Because it is on sale.
5. It’s a contest, “the one who dies with the most fabric wins.”
6. I need the extra weight in the trunk of my car for traction on snowy and icy roads. This is important even in summertime-after all we live in Canada- you never know when it will snow.
7. Because we’re worth it.
8. Like dust, it’s good for protecting previously empty spaces in the house, like the ironing board, the laundry hamper, the dining table.....
9. Stress from dealing with the “fabric Control Officer” (Husband) made me do it.
10. Buy it now before your husband retires and goes with you on all your shopping excursions.
11. To become a SABLE person. Stash Accumulation beyond Life Expectancy.

Submitted by Anne Dickson

Farmhouse Community Quilts

Maybe you were wondering - just where do those quilts go anyway?

This past September we sent 16 quilts of various sizes to the Stone Mills Fire Department to be distributed between their four stations, Tamworth, Enterprise, Yarker and Newburgh. We are about to send another bunch of quilts to the Napanee Fire Department and some will have doll quilts attached to them. Our next nursing home on the list is the Village Green in Selby and we expect to get some quilts to them before Christmas.

Lastly, as part of our Past President's challenge, we are donating 12 bed size quilts to the Lennox and Addington Community Mental Health and Addictions Services residential component. These will be given over at our December guild meeting.

It is wonderful to be able to help out in our community like this. Anyone in the guild who has helped sew some blocks or donated some fabric or come out to Brynhild's farmhouse for a day of quilting has helped towards the many quilts that have been completed. A big thank you to all our guild members for being so supportive.

Have a warm and fun-filled Christmas with family and friends.

Carol Nacu

Farmhouse Community Quilters

26 Sept – Let the productivity roll, what a very busy day we had this month. There were 9 completed quilts that pictures were taken for the scrapbook as well as documentation. There were 5 sewing machines in use and the sewing lesson taught in August continued into September. More hand sewing was completed and the forever sandwiching of quilts was done for home quilting.

Kits were handed out to willing guild members in October for top completion. It was mentioned to Anne that some people would love to attend the group but are unable because of work commitments so she came up with the kit idea for people to feel part of the group. Hence, Anne and Jean put together 5 kits and all were signed for in October.

The food theme continued, September was apple month, gotta love pies and cakes. There were 13 in attendance for work and play, Jean Clair, Carol Nacu, Jo Sheluk, Stella O'Bryne, Sheila Lucas, Anne Dickson, Cynthia St. Croix, Elizabeth Montgomery, Linda Bickell, Linda Williams, Rose O'Brien, Brynhild and myself.

25 Oct – Coffee, tea and munchies started out the morning, along with our instructions for the day. Pictures were taken of the completed quilts before the work began. There were four sewing machines in use and more of Jean's past president challenge blocks were organized into quilt tops. It's a good thing there are ladies who enjoy hand stitching down bindings because it is a never ending job.

It really is a help having the guild donate money to the Farmhouse Quilters because we use that money to buy batting. And with that batting more quilts were sandwiched, waiting for the quilting to be completed.

About 11:30, there were four-five ladies who went downstairs to check on the oven. So me being of not so sound mind immediately thought of the light bulb joke and asked "how many people does it take to turn on an oven". I think I was more concerned that they were trying to get a head start on the lunch before us hand-sewers made it downstairs. The lunch was wonderful and October's theme was baked beans and ham. In attendance for today were Brynhild, Jean, Carol Nacu, Jo, Stella, Sheila, Anne, Ginny and myself.

22 Nov – It was another very productive day for the 10 in attendance. One new member came, Marg Peacock, the rest were the regulars: Sheila, Jo, Jean, Carol Nacu, Linda Williams, Ginny, Stella, Cynthia and Brynhild. There was a lovely show and tell with lots of quilts for picture taking.

Jo, Marg and Linda did the hand work on bindings and labels for the quilts being presented at the December meeting. Stella quilted her black nine patch quilt, while Jean and Sheila designed and partially put together a shawl and a small quilt. Carol designed 3 more kits with the past president's block challenge and Ginny was busy making and attaching bindings on two different quilts. Brynhild was the go between of everyone and wrote out the much needed quilt labels. She even managed to attach the binding to her own log cabin quilt. As usual the lunch was wonderful and much to my dismay, the day I'm not able to attend is the day that very few vegetables were served. Oh well.

Debbie Currier

Murphy's Laws for Quilters

by Judy Grow

1. On any given day the number of employees in a quilt shop is inversely proportional to the number of customers needing quick attention.
2. Every quilt will take twice as long as you expect and be ½ as beautiful (we are never satisfied).
3. There are only 2 kinds of masking tape: that which won't stay on and that which won't come off.
4. In cutting an intricate multi-piece block, your ruler will slip on the last side of the last patch.
5. When there is no time to do something right, there will always be time to do it over.
6. The value of any piece of fabric is directly proportional to the speed and ease with which you will ruin it.
7. In any mail-order shipment the item you need the most will be back-ordered.
8. The pattern in a special fabric will never repeat when or where you want it to.
9. Accidental destruction of a fabric will only occur to an expensive imported cotton, never to muslin bought at 50% off.
10. Fabric dyes will never run until the quilt has been completed.
11. A block with flawlessly straight sides, precision corners and perfect color placement will always be the wrong size.
12. A quilt that has to be completed for a birthday in two months will take two years to finish. And its corollary: A quilt that has no due date will take only two months to complete.
13. When you finally have your sewing space in the empty bedroom exactly the way you want it your son will move back home.
14. You will find the perfect fabric for your quilt only after it has been discontinued by the manufacturer.
15. A quilt judge will give you a bad critique only when the area is full of other people..
16. That same quilt judge will give praise only when no one else is around.
17. The busier you are on any given day the greater the number of quilting inspirations you will want to try.
18. Your quilting thread will break at the needle only when the last stitch has been taken in the line.
19. If a novice quilter decides to watch you use your rotary cutter, you will always ruin the fabric and cut yourself.
20. Your bobbin thread will only run out in the middle of a long line of stitching.
21. That perfect striped fabric you want to use in your sashing has been printed off-grain.
22. The top must be completed and basted to the backing before you notice the one block that has a mistake in it.
23. The quilt-marking pencil that you tested on every fabric before you marked your quilt top won't disappear after you have completed the quilt.
24. You finally get a great idea for your Guild's challenge one week before the quilts are due.
25. No matter how much fabric you have bought, you are not going to have enough for the quilt you want to make.

Submitted by Mary-Anne Kingston

<http://quiltbug.com/articles/murphys-law.htm>

A Sincere Thank-you

This note is a little late in arriving but the message is most sincere. Thank you so much for picking my name as winner of the wonderful cat quilt at your quilt show last spring. I put a sleeve on it and it is hanging in my hall. I am fascinated by the multitude of colours and it has often been admired.

Jennifer Hodge took it to her Picket Fence Quilt Shop in Brockville and I picked it up there as I live just west of Gananoque.

Thanks again, Betty Lou Blachford

Coffee Break/Community Quilt Recipes

Tomato-Basil Salad

Make ahead and marinate for several hours.

Tomatoes (if using large ones, use one per serving, otherwise as many little ones as you want)
A handful of fresh basil leaves
Garlic cloves, minced (to taste or 1 for every 2 servings)
Balsamic vinegar
Extra-virgin olive oil
Salt & pepper

Cut tomatoes as small as you want (cherry tomatoes in half only is fine)
Chop basil roughly
Place tomatoes, basil and minced garlic in glass container.
Pour balsamic vinegar and olive oil over them (equal proportions of each) maybe a couple of tablespoons of each.
Season with salt and pepper

Cover tightly and marinate at room temperature for six hours or so.

Serve at room temperature.

It's a little unspecific, but I liked that about it as I could make as little or as much as I wanted.

Ratatouille

1/2 cup salad oil
2 large onions, thinly sliced
2 - 3 cloves garlic, minced
1 eggplant - peeled and diced
4 ripe tomatoes - peeled and diced (although I didn't peel mine)
1 zucchini - peeled and diced
2 green or red peppers - diced
3 stalks of celery - diced
2 tsp fresh basil
1 tsp oregano

Salt and pepper (I use between 1 and 1 1/2 tsp salt)

Heat oil in heavy saucepan and brown onions and garlic. Add eggplant and tomatoes and cook for a few minutes. Add remaining ingredients, bring to a boil and then lower heat and simmer for at least 1 hour.

Both of the above recipes are great with a crusty loaf of bread or bread fresh from the oven and a large glass of red wine :)

Submitted by Carol Nacu

Black-Bottom Banana Bars

1/2 cup butter or margarine softened
1 cup sugar
1 egg
1 tsp vanilla extract
1 1/2 cups mashed bananas (about 3 medium)
1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1 tsp baking powder
1 tsp baking soda
1/2 tsp salt
1/4 cup baking cocoa

In a mixing bowl, cream butter and sugar. Add egg and vanilla: beat until thoroughly combined. Blend in the bananas. Combine the flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt; add to creamed mixture and mix well. Divide batter in half. Add cocoa to half; spread into a greased 13" x 9" x 2" baking pan. Spoon remaining batter on top and swirl with a knife.

Bake at 350 for 25 minutes or until the bars test done. Cool. Icing is optional. Makes 2 1/2-3 dozen.

Submitted by Nancy Holden



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