

Around the Block

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Quilters' Guild
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SCQG Meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month at 1:00pm between September and June at the ANAF Hall 2nd floor, 2 George Street, Barrie



Please remember that some members are sensitive to scents. Please refrain from wearing perfumes at the meeting.

For the environmentally minded remember (if you can) to bring your coffee mug or pay 0.25.

Please respect others by turning off your cell-phone. Thank you.

Today's Program—My Affair with Quilting

I've been quilting for 28 years. I enjoy making and exploring the joys of both traditional and contemporary quilts. I have enjoyed the fellowship of the Simcoe County Quilters' Guild and I am a founding member of the Georgian Bay Quilters' Guild. I have the wonderful friendship of 3 Kindred Groups; The Threadheads, The Beach Quilters and a return member to The North County Quilters. I have shared my joy of quilting with many, many wonderful people, through extensive teaching and many years of selling beautiful fabrics. I have learned and laughed my way through many workshops and retreats with amazing teachers. I have had a number of commissions, and have won a few ribbons and consider it an honor that people enjoy my quilts.

With so much joy this can only be an affair!

I was raised in Toronto and went to Sheridan College School of Design. I was a founding member of Harbourfront Craft Studios in Toronto and moved to the Lafontaine area in 1984.

Sue Hopkinson

What Happened on February 24 in History

2002—The Canadian men's ice hockey team won a gold medal at the Winter Olympic games in Salt Lake City, Utah. The Canadians beat the Americans 5-2 in the finals to capture their first Olympic gold medal in men's ice hockey in 50 years

1981—The Prince of Wales announced his engagement to Lady Diana Spencer ending months of speculation by the tabloid press.

1924—Johnny Weissmuller wins his first gold medal in 100-meters freestyle in the 1924 Paris Olympics

1940—The song "When You Wish Upon a Star" is recorded by Frances Langford. It becomes a major hit and it is still one of the most recognizable songs today

1938—Du Pont begins commercial production of nylon toothbrush bristles

Workshops



Final registration for the **CUDDLE QUILT AS YOU GO** workshop will take place during break at the meeting today. This workshop is free. We are looking for 10 more participants. Fabric kits will be provided. All you do is bring your sewing machine, thread, scissors. The workshop will take place at the Museum on **Monday, March 21st, 2011**. Carol is also looking for volunteers to assist her in cutting the fabrics for the kits prior to the workshop.

Registration for the Elizabeth Dillinger workshop on **THREAD PAINTING**, to be held at the Museum on **May 27th**, will also occur at the February meeting. There are still several spots available. Elizabeth is a fiber artist. Have a look at her website to see the fabulous work she does: www.artoffabric.ca

WORKSHOP REMINDERS: Registration for workshops occur during break at guild meetings and via telephone and mail afterwards. Contact Korleen Smith at 705-487-3840. All registrations must have payment attached to ensure a place in a given workshop. In the event of a registrant needing to withdraw from a workshop, it is the registrant's responsibility to find a replacement. Cheques / cash will not be returned after the registration date as these are banked immediately.

The workshop committee provides coffee, tea and a simple snack. Please bring a mug from home as we do for guild meetings. This would be appreciated. The Museum is a "nut free" zone. Please make your lunches accordingly. The Museum does not sell lunches.

Happy Sewing and Quilting,

Korleen, Adriana, Marion

Outreach Program

31 quilts came in at our last meeting in January. Quilts went to Oncology & Special Care Nursery at RVH. and Seasons Centre for Grieving Children. Thank you. Carol.



Quilter of the Month

Marlene Kell has been a member of Simcoe County Quilters' Guild since 2003, and has served as Secretary for six years, and is presently Vice President of the Guild.

Marlene grew up in a home where her mother sewed most of the family's clothing and made simple quilts. Marlene began sewing her own clothing when she was 12 years old and has never stopped.

In 1999, Marlene retired from her career as a teacher/ administrator. That same year she started her clothing company "Pleasures & Pastimes" and began designing and sewing Ladies jackets and purses; which are sold at Craft Shows across Ontario. Presently, she participates in 15 shows a year.

Marlene began quilting approximately 10 years ago. Her first experience was a "Beginners" Quilting Course, taught by Karen McLeary. She enjoys taking Quilting Workshops and frequently uses new techniques in her jackets & purses

Marlene works in her home-based studio in Barrie, and her "**stash**" of fabric is "**out of control**"!

Her car automatically stops by itself at any fabric store in North America !!!



This Year's Program Line Up

- Mar. 24, 2011 Merchant Mall & Scissor Sharpening
- April 28, 2011 Hawaiian Quilts Garnet Smalley
- May 26, 2011 Elizabeth Dillinger Quilts & Inspiration
- June 16, 2011 Pot Luck & AGM & "Bag Ladies Inc"

SCQG Quilt Journals

We have 4 quilt journals left. We will not be getting any more so if you have thought of getting one, get it now before they are all gone! Each journal contains 25 double sided pages. They are at the table along the back wall. Cost is only \$12.00. Profits go towards fabric for the cuddle quilt program.

SCQG Executive

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Outreach:

Historian:

Quilter of the Month:

Show & Share:

Hospitality:

Web Page:

Note: the phone number is only listed for the chair of the committee.

Library News

This is the time of year when many people head south to escape winter. If you borrow a book, ask yourself if you are able to return it the following month. If you will not be able to return the book when it is due, ask the librarian to renew it for you for another month, when you sign it out. This applies to any book in the library except ones that have a RESERVE on them.

Marcia

New Books

#497 – COZY MODERN QUILTS, by Kim Schaefer. A collection of scrappy pieced projects – all made from just two simple shapes – the square and the rectangle. 23 quick and easy pieced projects to bust your stash. Designs are basic and very versatile. The patterns adapt easily to your style preference, whether it be classic and traditional or more contemporary.

#498 – ALL-STAR QUILTS; 10 strip-pieced lone star sparklers, by Helen Frost & Blanche Young. Use this popular strip-piecing method to make your stars without having to cut diamonds. 10 quilt projects include many star variations, and the instructions are very precise. If you've never made a Lone Star quilt, this book may just tempt you.

#499 – QUILTED SYMPHONY; a fusion of fabric, texture & design, by Gloria Loughman. Following her bestselling book "Luminous Landscapes", the author continues to show quilters how to liberate their creative side with abstract art. Includes information re embellishing, creating your own designs, using colour effectively, and perfecting your satin stitch, free-motion stitch, and triple stitch.

Library Sign Out Procedures

On the sign out card, please put the month / year in which you are taking the book out and your name.

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What is that—VELOUR NET? It's an anagram for VOLUNTEER!

The executive will be looking for some replacements for next year's executive so we are looking to our general membership give very serious to consider volunteering their time for a two year "stint" on our executive. We need new fresh ideas to keep our Guild vibrant and alive. The Guild's program is what keeps you coming back to the meetings. Please see Judy Kurtz if you are interested in guiding our Guild to be the best it can be....your input is important...your ideas on where we should proceed in the future is vital....don't keep your ideas to yourself....SHARE...SHARE...SHARE....that's what we are all about! What would you like to see included in our program...or in our meetings? Our Guild is only as strong as you make it.....a guild is it's members and you and your ideas will guide your executive.



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Quilting Events

May 14-15, 2011

Halton Quilters' Guild Presents **Quilts in the Gardens**. Over 200 Quilts on display. Special exhibit Canada Packers Quilt Collection. Vendors, members boutique, demonstrations, certified quilt appraiser on site and restaurant, sandwich bar and lounge. Admission \$7.00. Royal Botanical Gardens. Burlington, Ontario. www.quiltsinthegardens.com

May 19-21, 2011

Niagara Heritage Quilter's Guild will be hosting **Quilts of Niagara ... A Symphony of Talents**. Located at Niagara College Canada, Niagara-on-the-Lake Campus, 35 Taylor Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake Ont., L0S 1J0. For further information call Nina at 905 562 4859 or check our web site www.nhqq.ca

May 24-28, 2011

CQA Quilt Ontario, University of Western Ontario, London.
<http://www.canadianquilter.com/events/quilt-canada-2011.php>

June 17-18, 2011

Pine Tree Quilter's Guild presents Muskoka Quilt Show. Bracebridge Fairgrounds, 331 Fraserburg Rd, Bracebridge. <http://www.pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com>

If you brought a fabric leaf bowl for the CQA/ACC Quilt Ontario 2011 gala banquet could they be handed in today. If you didn't bring it but want it donated, please see Janis at the back table to arrange delivery or pickup of the bowls. Thank you.

Scissor Sharpening—March 24

Ralph Godin will be sharpening scissors during the March 24 Merchant Mall. Rotary blades will be sharpened offsite and returned at the April meeting. Please bring your rotary blades in a safe storage container with your name and information attached.



Scissors are \$5.00 to \$6.00 Pinking Sheers are \$10.00

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Retreat 2011

April 29-30, May 1, 2011

We are just 2 months away from our weekend at Kempenfelt Centre. Classes have been chosen and for the most part are full. There could be one or two places left in Heather Stewart's class for either Saturday or Sunday. Heather is a great teacher so think seriously about joining us for a one day class.

Our evening events are always enjoyable and fun. We invite you to join us for dinner and a lecture/trunk show—show and tell in our rooms—see the Retreat challenge results for the first time and possibly be surprised by what takes place at a quilt retreat !

Friday, April 29th Dinner at 6 :00pm

Lecture & Show at 7:30pm
Anita Zobens "Thread Talk"

Saturday, April 30th Dinner at 6:00pm

Lecture & Show at 7:30pm
Helen Fujiki "Japan through the Eyes of a

Quilter"

Cost for the dinner and lecture/show \$45.00 pp

Cost for just the lecture/show \$10.00

Please contact Louise Case, 705-737-3058 or Deanna Johnston, 705-739-4567



St. George's Church quilting group in Barrie will do hand quilting. There is no waiting list anymore so they are free to take commissions right away. For more information please contact Verna Dixon at 705-721-7804.

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1-800-233-1703.

Quilt Frames For Sale

One is an individual fold up floor model, suitable for lap quilts, made from white plastic tubing. Original cost was over \$100. For sale for \$50 or best offer.

The other is a wooden traditional model for large quilts, assembly instructions included, perfect for group quilting and free to a good home.

**Please contact Brenda Wauchope
705-436-5388 or wauchope@sympatico.ca**



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Guild members may submit non-commercial, quilting-related advertisements or notices at no charge.