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# Around the Block

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## President's Message

Hello everyone, and Happy New Year !

I look at the number "2012" on my calendar , on the top of the newspaper pages, and on the magazines I subscribe to , and I find it hard to realize. Where did the past eleven years go? I still recall the big scramble in 2000 to buy a generator and prepare for the failing of the millions of computers that keep life afloat. Wow! Time is of the essence! It would be great to be a young child again and not worry about time. As a child, I remember those great summer holidays. The months of July and August seemed to go on forever. The hour we had to wait after lunch before we could go swimming seemed like an eternity!

Does time really go faster as you age?

Did you make any New Year's Resolutions? I did, but I only made one. I thought that one goal that could be measured was my best opportunity for success. I'm not sure if the adjective "measured" was a wise choice of words! My resolution is... **"I will only purchase things that I NEED, not what I WANT"**. I will replace needed items only, and use what I already have. I feel that in this way I can be more responsible about my spending. Think of all the money I'm going to save!

Well saving money can be looked at in several ways. "Do I buy three meters of fabric because there is a sale at Fabricland..buy one meter and get two free". Hmmm, isn't that a saving? Or do I limit my purchases because I have tons of fabric at home? (tons ... is not an exaggeration!) But I don't have this one colour?? ...I am feeling the pressure already!

I have visited fabric shops 5 or 6 times since January 1st, and I can proudly report that the fabric I bought was "needed", and I used it in a project right away! I am resurrecting hidden bundles of fabric from my stash and using them too!!!

This resolution is really going to steadily use up my fabric stash!!!! (I can only hope)

This resolution, "Buy what you NEED, not what you WANT", is really going to put a nasty gash in my sense of FASHION! I love new clothes, shoes and jewelry, but, I can proudly state that I have not made any purchases. (...this is hard!) I will enjoy what I have in my closet, or I will sew a garment using my "stash". I am trying to get by with less. Clothes that don't fit get donated to Goodwill, or the Salvation Army. I have even sewn in seams to make those blue jeans fit properly ....My mother would be so proud of me!!!!

I am proud of me too, but ...can I stick to my goal??? Time will tell.

I hope your New Year will be a "happy and successful one!"

Ralph Waldo Emerson , the poet and philosopher, said it quite well:

**SUCCESS IS..to laugh often and love much...to appreciate beauty...to find the best in others  
.... and to give of one's self. (abridged )**

HAVE FUN IN 2012!!!

Marlene

**Incllement Weather**

As winter approaches, so does bad weather. Guild meetings will be cancelled if school buses are cancelled. Barrie is in the **CENTRAL** zone. Listen to the radio stations or check out the web site [www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca](http://www.simcoecountyschoolbus.ca).

**How do you want to receive your newsletter? If you received a paper copy of this newsletter, but would like to receive it electronically instead, please send an email to Sherri at [sherriw@sympatico.ca](mailto:sherriw@sympatico.ca) and you will be added to the list of newsletter email recipients.**

**CUDDLE QUILT REMINDER**

*Due to health concerns of the various recipients of our cuddle quilts, we request that any quilts donated from a smoking household be laundered before dropping them off to us. Thank you for your support and help.*

January Quilter of the Month ► OJ Grolman

*I started quilting around 1990. My first class was with Judy Smith; a 12 block sampler, I was hooked and still am. I joined the Moraine Quilt Guild in 2001 and sadly gave up my membership in the winter of 2010 when we moved to the Creemore area. For me quilting is about the wonderful relationship with fabric and colour and the mastery of the sewing machine. I quilt most of my quilts on my domestic machine, every project is a new learning curve!! I'm a beginner hand appliqué when the mood hits me; I still haven't finished an appliqué project! Like most quilters I've got lots of UFO's and lots of fabric; lots of ideas and not enough time. There's just so many things to do!*



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## Workshops

Registration for Kim Bolender's workshop, "**Machine Quilting 2**" to be held on **Friday, March 23rd** will take place during break at the January Guild meeting. Cost is \$30 for members and \$35 for non-members. All quilters who have tried some machine quilting in the past and are not absolute beginners, will enjoy this program. This workshop is held at the Simcoe County Museum.

Yours in Quilting,

*Adriana, Korleen, Marion*

WORKSHOP REMINDERS: Registration for workshops occur during break at guild meetings and via telephone and mail afterwards. Contact **Adriana Fraser 705-721-5317**. 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.

## 2011-2012 Program Lineup

Thursday, January 26, 2012

Out with the Old & In with the New

In with the New - items made from gadgets, books, patterns, etc (keep with you and bring to front and tell us about it/them and would you recommend it to other quilters?

Out with the Old - shop for any "can't live without" item you see and give money to the person assigned to the group of tables after "In with the New" showings.

Thursday, February 23, 2012

Sherri Hisey

Thursday, March 22, 2012

Merchant Mall

Thursday, April 26, 2012

Gary Walker presents Quilts of Denmark

Thursday, May 24, 2012

Maggie Vanderweit

Thursday, June 21, 2012

Pot Luck and AGM

**NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS**— All submissions must be received a minimum of one week before the next guild meeting to ensure inclusion. E-mail submissions are preferred.

Contact Sherri at [sherriw@sympatico.ca](mailto:sherriw@sympatico.ca) or call 705-734-0702 evenings.

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

# FROM YOUR LIBRARY

Welcome back and Happy New Year to everyone! We hope that you had a lovely holiday season and that you are ready to get back into quilting. I know we are!!

Today, the library will be open in the back room for business as usual. There will be books and magazines for sale. You will be able to return books and to sign out new ones.

We purchased two new books for our library.

**#01 - Dancing Dragonfly Quilts** by Sue Beevers. This book uses the traditional Dragonfly block in order to make 12 stunning, 0 contemporary quilts. You can expand the design possibilities with 6 variations on the basic block. Learn how to create dramatically different looks by playing with colours, textures and values. This book includes directions for piecing, templates, or paper piecing.

**#02 – Traditional Quilts with a Twist** by Maggie Ball. Maggie takes traditional blocks like the Ohio Star, Trip around the World and Bear's Paw, and gives them a modern makeover. She teaches you how to tweak the designs with colour and settings to bring a spotlight-grabbing twist to your old favourite blocks.

We were also given 4 lovely new books for the library. Thank you so much for your donations! All you paper- piece lovers are in for a treat!

**#12 – Easy Paper Pieced Keepsake Quilts** by one of our favourite authors- Carol Doak.

**#13 – 40 Bright & Bold Paper-Pieced Blocks** by Carol Doak

**#16 – Easy Stash Quilts** by Carol Doak. This book even includes a CD which has Carol walking you through step by step directions to her unique Easy Stash Quilts technique!

**#19 – Two-for-One Foundation Piecing** by Wendy Hill.

Thank you again to all the generous quilters that have been supporting our library by donating and buying books and magazines. Your support is very much appreciated. Remember to scour your house and return any library books that may be overdue. Let's start the New Year with a clean record of having all books returned on time.

*Lynn and Carol*

## 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.

## Outreach Program Update

From 2004 to June 2011, the SCQG Outreach Program has donated **1,799** quilts.

Below is a list of the organizations that have received these quilts:

- Dialysis Centre, R.V.H.
- Oncology, R.V.H.
- Special Care Nursery, R.V.H.
- Season Centre for Grieving Children
- Coleman Health Care
- Red Cross Disaster Response
- Couchiching Jubilee House
- **Children's Aid** - Barrie
- New Orleans Hurricane Relief
- Tosorontio Fire Dept.
- VCARS - Barrie
- **Women's & Children's Shelter, Barrie**
- Elizabeth Fry Society
- Busby Centre - Barrie
- Alcona Fire Dept.
- Robert Place, Barrie
- Oro Medonte Rescue
- Victim Crisis & Referral Service
- Wasaga Beach Seniors Home
- Hospice Georgian Triangle - Collingwood
- Hospice Simcoe, Barrie
- Dialysis - General & Marine Hospital, Collingwood
- **Gilda's Club, Barrie**
- Quilts for Haiti
- Wendat Community Psychiatric Support
- Barrie Police Dept.
- Ontario Early Years Centre - Midland
- Dialysis - Georgian Bay Hospital, Midland
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## The Week After Christmas

By Dessie Nichols

'Twas the week after Christmas and all through the house,  
Not a creature was stirring, not even her spouse.  
The quilting frame had replaced the tree by the stair,  
In hopes she'd not be disturbed, as she quilted there.  
Outside the flurries of snow from the sky,  
Made not a sound as they floated by.  
The needle also made not a sound  
As through the quilt it slid up and down.  
When out from the kitchen there arose such a clatter,  
She flew out of her chair to see what was the matter!  
There in his long johns, stood a sleepy-eyed spouse,  
Crumbling, "Why can't I find something to eat in this house?"

A knock on the door gave them both a fright,  
Who'd be calling at this time of night?  
They opened the door, and what a surprise!  
A very weary-looking Santa stood before their eyes.  
"I know it's past Christmas, and you think I'm out of my mind,  
But I'd like one of your quilts, if you'd be so kind.  
"You see I'm ashamed," he said with a pause,  
"But I forgot a present for Mrs. Santa Claus.  
"Sir, please help me 'cause you must know how I feel,  
A woman can make a man feel like a number one heel."  
The lady smiled, and turned with a grin,  
Returned with a quilt, and handed it cheerfully to him.  
"Here, Dear Santa, is my latest creation."  
And she gave it to him without hesitation.  
"The quilting is good, and the colors quite nice,  
I want her to enjoy it; there will be no price."  
"Thank you and God Bless. I knew quilters were great!

The SeW Squared team of Sue Bodis and Wanda Milankov is hosting a **Mystery Quilting Retreat**, April 27th to April 29th, 2012, at Fern Resort on the shores of Lake Couchiching. The cost is \$345.00(double occupancy) + taxes and services. This includes 2 nights, 6 meals and snacks, fun, games plus instruction for 2 **mystery** projects.

For more information contact us at [sewsquaredorillia@gmail.com](mailto:sewsquaredorillia@gmail.com)

To register contact Fern Resort at [www.fernresort.com](http://www.fernresort.com) or 1-800-567-3376.

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.

## Events



## Quilt Canada 2012

Halifax, Nova Scotia  
May 29 to June 2  
[www.canadianquilter.com](http://www.canadianquilter.com)

## Retreat 2013

*We need to add several new members to the committee if we are to continue organizing our biennial (every two years) retreat. Retreats have been held for over 20 years now and we do not want to have to cancel.*

*There is a great, friendly team attitude within the committee and there is no huge commitment needed to enjoy the approximately 6 to 8 meetings spread over two years – and some of those meetings are potlucks which are amazing!*