

# 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.

## Quilter of the Month—Joyce Peachey

I feel honored that the guild has chosen me as quilter of the month for June.

In my high school when you entered grade nine it was compulsory to take Home Economics . Otherwise I would not have taken this subject. But fate was at work and out of the making of a simple cotton slip, my love of sewing began. I have never stopped sewing since that fateful first project.

Over the years I have taken many sewing courses eventually reaching the stage where I could design my own patterns and make a man's tailored suit. Over the years many people had suggested I might like to learn to quilt but I always quickly declined the offer as I never enjoyed the hand sewing part of my sewing projects. Also I did not I feel I was very good at hand sewing. So quilting was something I felt I would never do. Then fate stepped in again. I met Bonnie Crow.

Bonnie was working at Country Concessions when I was taking an embroidery class there. I was always buying fabric from her for some of my regular sewing projects. One day she told me that she would be teaching a beginner's class in quilting. She said it was only 4 classes and three hours one day a week. It was not a big commitment. Also, she said I did not have to hand quilt my finished lap quilt that I had two options I could machine quilt it myself or have a person quilt my finished project on a long arm quilting machine. So with her encouragement I took the class.

Needless to say I fell in love with quilting and here I am four years later standing up at a guild meeting showing and talking about my quilting projects. I have even this summer committed myself to a class on learning how to hand quilt.

The last thing I would like to say is sewing and quilting has brought into my life many wonderful experiences, enjoyment, fulfillment, gave me self esteem when I viewed my finished projects, dressed my family when we were on a tight budget, has given me joy when I give my sewing projects to others, has given me the opportunities to meet some remarkable people and some have become my best friends. It was good therapy for me when I was going through tough times in my life. I could not imagine what my life would be with out it.

Over the summer months, there will be no newsletters. But, if you have any quilting tips, how to's, general quilting news or a new discovery, please send an email to [sherriw@sympatico.ca](mailto:sherriw@sympatico.ca) for inclusion in the September newsletter.

Color version of this newsletter available on our web site at [www.scgg.ca](http://www.scgg.ca)

## Workshops

We had a wonderful workshop in May with Elizabeth Dillinger. I hope to see some of the students' samples at the June meeting. Elizabeth taught a whole new way to enhance fabrics using free motion quilting, fabric paints, inks, coloured pencils and glitter. The museum is a great location for the workshops we host; we're very lucky to be able to use this facility.

Our line-up of classes for the next year of Sept.'11-June'12 is falling into place, nicely. In May, we accepted registrations for the Sept 23rd workshop with Kim Bollender who will teach Machine Quilting 1 to 10 students. This class is now full and we have a waiting list of 5.

Several members were greatly impressed with a wallet that our membership chairperson, Jane Lewis, had designed. She has kindly agreed to teach a class which is scheduled for **Tues. Oct.18th, 2011** at the museum. We will start registration for this class at the September meeting.

Our Workshop committee and the Outreach committee will join forces again at the museum on **Wed., Nov.16th, 2011** for a free cuddle quilt workshop. (See a picture of the quilt accompanying this article) Once again our founding guild member Joan Winter will oversee the day. The way it works is that a team of volunteers prepares kits of enough precut batting and fabric to complete a quilt-as-you-go comfort quilt which will be donated to one of the various organizations our guild supports. Joan is an excellent teacher who will guide students, of all levels of experience, in the completion of the project. Students are encouraged to work at their own pace. We will be having a registration for this event at the Sept and Oct meetings. Response to the previous workshops has been very positive with about 27- 30 quilters enjoying the day of fun and fellowship which happens when we do good things! Sign up in Sept and Oct so we'll know how many kits to prepare. **THERE WERE HOMEMADE BUTTER TARTS AT THE LAST WORKSHOP!!!**

Watch here in the fall for news of more workshops to happen in the next quilting year.

**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

Did you attend Elizabeth Dillinger's workshop last month?

Were you at the SCQG meeting last month for Elizabeth Dillinger's trunk show?

If you said yes to either of these questions, Elizabeth would like you to fill out a survey on the quality of her trunk show and / or workshop to use as testimonials.

Please go to: [http://www.artoffabric.ca/ws\\_survey.html](http://www.artoffabric.ca/ws_survey.html)



## 2011-2012 Simcoe County Quilters' Guild Executive

There are a few spaces that need a name in them! Think of the fun you will be missing if you decide not to volunteer. Have you ever done a volunteer job that hasn't been rewarding? Your Guild needs you and your ideas...consider giving some time to carry on our Guild's high standards!

Please see Janis Hamilton, today, and she will gladly add your name to our roster

## SCQG Quilt Journals and Pins

We have 1 quilt journal left so don't miss out! Keep a wonderful log of your quilting history. Each page is filled with important details of your choice of fabric, reason for making the quilt and so much more. We will not reorder and it is coiled backed so it can be opened flat for easy entries and showing those you love your work. \$12.00 is a bargain. Each journal contains 25 double sided pages. And don't forget our pins at \$5.00 each!



Both items are at the table along the back wall. All profits go back to the community through the cuddle quilt program.

## Outreach Program

We received 80 quilts at our May 26th meeting of which Anja brought down from Sudbury 60 of them.

Quilts have gone out to Special Care Nursery and Oncology at RVH, Seasons Centre for Grieving Children and Ontario Early Years Centre in Midland which is for children from 2 to 5 years with a single parent.

I anticipate giving quilts to the Women's & Children's Shelter of Barrie, Gilda's Blub and Dialysis at RVH.

**CUDDLE QUILT PROGRAM REMINDER—Due to the 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 again for your support and help**

## Past President's Challenge

Judy has received many positive comments about the challenge she has done for the past year. If you were participating, you should have completed 10 star themed blocks and we look forward to seeing some of the finished projects.

This particular challenge is over, but if you would like to continue this for next year and would like to organize /co-ordinate it, the membership would welcome it.

## The Retreat Committee needs some new blood!

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!

**WE NEED YOUR HELP.** Speak to any member of the committee or call Shirley Clark – 705-487-0657.



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**YES HON.....I'LL GO TO THE QUILT SHOP WITH YOU.....**


Building on my extensive research in Fabricland, I was emboldened to venture in to new territory - a quilt shop!!!

- It's like a deluxe version of Fabricland n'est-ce pas?
- What struck me immediately was how every lady (yes the only guy again) was smiling. (What is this secret they're sharing?).
- I want a tea cozy. I think it would make a fine hat. I like the one with the 3-D effects that looks like a barn door...although, a giraffe head would be fun
- I kept looking for the plate of cookies and the pot of tea - no luck.
- I guess the only problem with 12' quilts is that you need 12 feet of wall space ABOVE all the display racks ...Just thinking about the ladder is giving me the willies
- Ooh blue satin... Hon, that Elvis jumpsuit is not going to sew itself!!!!

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

## Quilting Events / Shows

### June 17-18, 2011

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

### June 20-25, 2011

L A Sewing Group presents A Hoopsisters Trunk Show for the entire week. Contact L A Sewing for more information 705-722-5885 or <http://www.lasewing.com>

### August 8-13, 2011

Quilts of Hawaii Exhibit Over 125 quilts from Hawaii on display. Bus tours, trunk shows and lectures. call 519-659-9473 [www.londoninternationalquiltfestival.com](http://www.londoninternationalquiltfestival.com)

### August 26-28, 2011

Gwillimbury Quilt Guild of Queensville in conjunction with the Sharon Temple will be holding a Quilt Show. Please email them at [gwillimburyquilters@yahoo.ca](mailto:gwillimburyquilters@yahoo.ca) for more information.

### September 17-18, 2011

Yorkshire Rose Quilt Show 2011. Fully accessible. Workshops, vendors' mall, members boutique, door prizes, over 100 quilts. Ellesmere Community Recreation Centre, 20 Canadian Road, Toronto (off Warden Ave). Admission \$5.00. Please email them at [yrqshow@gmail.com](mailto:yrqshow@gmail.com) for more information

**Workshop** on Saturday, September 17th - 10 am to 4 pm

Syvia Naylor - "Capturing Summer"

Cost \$75.00 (Max 15 students)

Working with transfer paints to create a floral background, layering with fabric scraps to make flowers, cover with organza and add decorative stitching" - to finish with a one-of-a-kind gorgeous quilt.

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### September 17-19, 2011

Simcoe County Quilt Rug & Craft Fair. Held at Simcoe County Museum.

### September 30 to October 1, 2011

Waterloo County Quilters' Guild presents KW Quilt Show 2011. Merchant mall, guild boutique, demonstrations, door prizes, charity raffle quilt. Manulife Financial Sportsplex, 2001 University Ave., East Waterloo, Ontario. Admission \$6.00. For more information, please go to [www.wcquiltersguild.on.ca](http://www.wcquiltersguild.on.ca)

### October 15-16, 2011

Rouge Valley Quilters Guild Quilt Show & Sale 2011. Ajax Ontario. Admission \$5.00. Contact [info@rougevalleyquiltersguild.com](mailto:info@rougevalleyquiltersguild.com) or Jean Reid 416-289-7101

### November 11-13, 2011

York Heritage Quilters Guild presents A Celebration of Quilts XI—Art for Body & Soul. At the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre, 6 Garamond Ct, North York, Ontario. Admission \$5.00 in advance or \$8.00 at the door. For more information please go to [www.yhqq.org](http://www.yhqq.org)