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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.

President's Message

Spring is here, it's that time of year for change, watching the grass turn green and the flowers bloom. Some people decide to put their quilting aside for gardening while others look forward to the inspiration that comes with spring.

Speaking of changes it is time for elections and to review our past year within the quilt guild. Your executive has been working hard, revising their job descriptions, budgets and the constitution to ensure that all areas of responsibility are documented accurately.

At the June general meeting we will be looking at proposed amendments to the constitution and asking for a vote from the membership to accept them. You will receive a copy of the constitution and the changes at the May meeting. Please take it home and review it. Any questions will be received during the June general meeting.

Also, please consider the positions available on the executive and ask yourself what resources you have to offer. Many volunteers work hard to make sure our guild's committees run effectively and some have not taken time off from their position for years because there hasn't been anyone to help or relieve them. Even if you'd just like to be a committee member, it is a rewarding way to give to your guild and meet new people. Many hands make light work.

Susanne

Membership Renewal

When you renew your SCQG membership in April, May or June, please fill out the application form and send or give it to Jane Lewis with a postdated cheque for \$30.00. Please make it out to SCQG dated July 2nd. Jane's address is: Jane Lewis, 257 Napier St. Barrie, L4M 1X6. You have until our year end meeting June 16th to renew. After this date I will be calling names from the waiting list to fill any vacancies. The application form helps me assure my information is correct for the coming year and it also provides a double check of name and payment. The post dated cheque gives us a paper trail to double check our information at the beginning of our fiscal year. Thanks. Jane and Barbara

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Guest Speaker—Elizabeth Dillinger

Elizabeth Dillinger was born in Bennington New Hampshire where she spent her childhood growing up on a farm surrounded by nature. Elizabeth also spent her summers on a small island in Maine exploring the woods and shores of all its treasures. Elizabeth's favorite memories are of the colorful fabric spilling out of her mother's cupboards. This love of color and texture has been an ongoing journey and one she finds even more exciting now with all the new fibers, textures and paints.

Elizabeth's mother and her friends taught her to sew clothes and do traditional quilting. It wasn't till she came to Canada and obtained her Graphic Arts degree that her worlds collided. Working on the computer helped her merge the artwork in her mind out onto paper. Elizabeth considers herself to be self taught from all the classes and books she has studied. She uses these tools to branch out and explore her own way of doing things. Paints and dyes are used to paint fabrics allowing her to create the color of fabrics needed to match the digital image she has created. Elizabeth's quilts are a combination of piecing and raw appliqué.

Elizabeth's thread painting and freestyle quilting are done on various domestic sewing machines. Elizabeth's quilts become very detailed with thread and adornments striving for texture and dimension. Her goal is to give the viewer the feeling that they are standing in the scene not just looking at it. Elizabeth's quilts have won Awards of Excellence and Viewers Choice in Canada. She has won several awards in the United States including 1st place at the International Quilt Festival, the largest annual quilt show in the world. Elizabeth has been featured in Quilters Newsletter, Quiltmaker and is a regular featured artist in A Needle Pulling Thread, a Canadian magazine.

Quilter of the Month—Linda Cockton

Linda started quilting in the 80's with Sandy van Laar. She remembers going to Quilt Canada in Montreal and having the greatest time. There she met Jackie Black (the ruler and pattern lady). She was amazing and her clothes were so interesting. Linda drew pictures of all her jackets and sweat shirts and came home to copy them. That was her first love of clothing. She then took a very good class with Rosemary Markham and came home and experimented with her ideas and came up with quilted jackets. Shirley Parton had a colour palette that Linda loved and she looked good in everything she made. They soon became great friends. Linda treasures all the time she spent quilting with her. Linda is so glad they had members like Shirley, Phyllis Perry and Sandy as active members of their Creemore group and great friends.

SCQG Executive

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

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 3 quilt journals 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

Thanks to all for participating in our silent auction in April. We made \$763.00 which will be used for an Outreach Activity.

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

Since September 2010, there have been 202 cuddle quilts donated!

LOST

At the merchant mall in March, a SCQG retreat muslin bag with name tag, white mug, purchases from the merchant mall and a cookbook that was on loan.

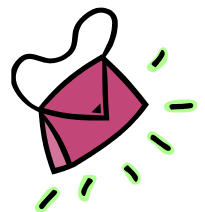
Please see Janis Hamilton



Bag Ladies Incorporated!

Please bring a purse/tote etc. that you have made, to the June Guild Meeting.

Share your "Creative Talents" with your peers!



Next Meeting

Thursday, June 16, 2011 @ 12:00pm

POT LUCK Luncheon

Retreat

Retreat 2011 is behind us and once again was a great success for those who attended.

Friday night was a "glad you're here and good to see you again" time with a very informative lecture on threads given by Anita Zobens, followed by our own "show & share" in quilter's rooms.

The display of items made at past retreats was very colorful and brought back many happy memories of time spent over the years at Kempenfelt Centre creating masterpieces!

Saturday classes were exciting but very labour intensive - there were very few quilters walking the halls or visiting other classrooms this year.

Results of the thread class were amazing - knowledge of thread and how and where to use same will produce some wonderful quilting in the future. We'll all be watching for the results of this class!

Sandra Thomas' class got started on creating vests with all types of manipulations of fabric.

Heather Stewart shared her knowledge of quilt marking and gave many other useful tips to be used when constructing a quilt. Did you know how flammable bamboo is?

We were delighted to have Helen Fujiki entertain us in the centre hall Saturday night. She gave a talk and showed a video of her love of Japan and quilting - what a presentation! The display of her quilts was wonderful and truly amazing.

To close the evening, we played a very amusing game "Cookies for Santa" which had all in hysterics. Everyone ended up a winner of a fabric fat quarter.

Sunday classes were intense with everyone realizing time was running out for shopping (we had 3 vendors), learning (or catching up) and completion.

As per usual, the venue was the perfect place for our retreat - close to home; friendly, helpful staff, comfortable accommodation and a fantastic kitchen that served delicious meals. Did anyone lose weight over the weekend?

The challenge bag display added a nice spot of colour down in the bar area and the hope is all the bags will be on display at the June luncheon.

There were many lucky draw prizes for everyone and the committee had produced items for the "goodie" bags and each meal found a gift on the table thanks to the committee. The committee also produced table toppers which were also used as lucky prizes. Anyone who won a table topper could you please bring it to the next meeting so the guild can see what you won. Thanks.

Will there be future retreats? That is a decision for the Guild membership to decide and the committee needs the membership input. Talk to a committee member.

A big job - well done committee. Thanks



Shirley Parton would like to extend her heartfelt thanks for all the cards and the beautiful basket. Thank you!





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- a clean paint edge when you pull off the tape
- forgetting that you're stuck in traffic where the 400 meets the 401 and when you roll down the window the smells from the commercial bakery fill the car
- the right pen that is the perfection of flow, colour and grip
- realizing you have a favourite movie and knowing why it means something to you
- music that moves you - either emotionally or makes you shake it like yo' momma done show you...
- cake
- when the cop turns off his flashers when following you
- the order that is restored with the lawnmower and the weed whacker
- when said lawnmower starts on the first pull
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Guild members may submit non-commercial, quilting-related advertisements or notices at no charge.

Quilting Events / Shows

June 4-5, 2011

Quilting Corners Guild presents Stitching Among Friends at the Alliston Curling Club, 52 Albert Street West, Alliston (adjacent to Alliston Memorial Arena). For more information <http://www.quiltingcorners.org>

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 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 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 yqshow@gmail.com for more information

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

October 15-16, 2011

Rouge Valley Quilters Guild Quilt Show & Sale 2011. Ajax Ontario. Admission \$5.00. Contact 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