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President's Message

2011 ! Happy New Year !

Happy New Year to all our guild members! I certainly hope your holidays were warm and joyful, and that the coming year brings all that you could ever wish!

Now that the holiday festivities are over, and we are still in the grip of winter's icy fingers, it's a great excuse to get some fantastic quilting done!

The next few months will see different events planned for our guild. Again, I would like to take this opportunity to stress the importance of volunteering. The more people we have contributing - even a small effort ladies, will go a VERY LONG way in making the guild as exciting as we all know it can be! I hope that we can get a full participation from everyone, and in doing so, we all can have fun, learn new skills and strengthen and create bonds within our membership. Volunteering is a wonderful way to meet new people.

Your Secret Sister will be revealed in January. Take this time to introduce yourself to your Secret Sister. What a great ice breaker to let her know who gave her those gifts and another way to make a new friend.

I will be able to have the door unlocked at 6:45 in the cold winter months. Please make sure you don't arrive too early. We will still have 45 minutes to set up for our meeting. We don't want people waiting out in the cold. Remember to bring your indoor shoes.

Janet Slater

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Quilt Show:	Mary Light, Leah Mitchell
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Retreat:	Judi Sullivan, Yvonne Conway, Joan Lorbach, Pam Neilly, Susan Pirie
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LIBRARY BLOCK,

Liz Nash, Joyce Dennie,
Candice Kitchen, Lorna Raney

Infinite Feathers by Anita Shackelford

Feathered designs are among the most elegant quilting patterns. This book allows you to design your own feathers to suit your quilt. You will learn how to draft different feathers using many kinds of motifs. The book also includes ready to use patterns.

Quilts Without Corners by Cheryl Phillip

This book includes 9 beautiful round quilts using a nine and ten degree wedge ruler. Quilts include butterflies, bargello, medallion, hopi Indian design and 3 festive Christmas tree skirts.

The Master Quilter by Jennifer Chiaverini

Here is the sixth novel in the series of quilting stories by Jennifer Chiaverini. A shared love for quilting helps brings the women in this book together.

Library Procedures

The Guild library created for the use of members of the Guild, operates on the honour system. Guild Library books may be borrowed for one month (from one meeting to the next meeting).

Sign Out Procedures

1. Remove the sign out card from the pocket in the front of the book.
2. Record your name, telephone number the due date (which will be the **next** meeting –month and year only)
3. Give the card to the person at the library table. (If there is no card, ask the person at the library desk and they will either locate the card or make a substitute.)
4. The library staff will give you a due dates slip to insert into the pocket to remind you to return it the next month.
5. A maximum of 3 books may be signed out by one member.

To return a book, put the book in the return box and the library staff will handle the rest. If you forget your book(s) or need more time, there is no problem as long as you inform the library staff!! However, if you have kept a book longer than 3 months, an overdue charge of 1 fat quarter will be charged for each overdue book.

A FEW THINGS TO REMEMBER!

During the meeting **please**….

- Turn off the ring on your cell phone, or go to another room to use it
- Minimum chatting when there is a speaker.
- Keep our meetings scent free (we have members and guests who are allergic/sensitive to perfumes, scented body wash, etc.) THANK YOU!

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Community Projects Block

Thanks to the generosity of our members, the guild turned over $660 to the Shelburne Food Band and donated over 70 placemats to Meals on Wheels in the area.

Upcoming work bees for January:

January 17, 1 pm at the fairgrounds….afternoon of community projects. Please bring something for your dinner if you do not plan to go home before the meeting. Please bring sewing machine, sewing kit and cutting tools.

January 17, at the meeting, kits will be available for you to take home.

January 25, 1 pm at Cobwebs & Caviar (Shelburne) another opportunity to help with ongoing projects. Please bring your machine (if possible) and your sewing kit.

Check out the Community Projects table to see what is being produced.
Would anyone like to join our committee? Please speak with any of the current member.

Your C P Committee: *Jan Dickson, Mary Lynne Simpson, Marilyn Copeland, Marie Tupling and Fern Pugh*

Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.

Editor's Note: Moved? Change of address? Change of e-mail address? Change of phone number? It is important that you notify membership first, then newsletter. The members of each committee are listed on page 2 of every newsletter. **And** … if you have any photos, quilty stories, tips, hints, web sites you might like to share, send them to me (email on pg 2) but remember the deadline which appears on every odd page of your newsletter!
Thanks, Jeanne

NEXT ISSUE DEADLINE: MONDAY JAN. 31, 2011

BULLETIN BOARD

To a Special Secret Sister.
Thank-you for the lovely
poinsettia dishes.
You have made me feel
truly special this year.
Thank-you.

June Moir

To my very thoughtful Secret Sister.
Thank you for the lovely Christmas Present.
I did peek , I couldn't help myself.
What a lovely hand painted spoon and
apricot jam. The Jam will be on my
Christmas breakfast table for sure.
The spoon will be on my Mantle shelf with
my other Christmas treasures.
Christmas is always a special time
in our house.
Thank you for adding another
ray of pleasure.
Lynne Norman

Pattern - Fat ¼'s
Fabulous colours
Looking forward
to the project!!!
Thanks 'sew' much
Secret Sister!!!!

Doreen

Dear SS...I'd like to thank
you for the Christmas gift
that you left me at the
December guild meeting.
It was beautifully
wrapped (recyclable) and
contained lots of 'treats'
of the season
that I do appreciate!
Sincerely, *Anne Parsons*

On a cold winter's day,
someone came quietly to my front
door & left a package of
delightful surprises
for my birthday.
The handmade cards are beautiful
(have already sent two of them
away.) The quilt magazine was
a wonderful diversion from all the
Christmas preparations I'd become
tangled up in.
Thank you. Thank you. Thank
you..... *Joannie Lorbach*

The Guild wishes to extend sincere condolences to Lorna Raney on the death of her mother-in-law. Our thoughts and prayers are with Lorna and her family at this time.

I thought many members of the Guild might be interested in this note I received Jan 4/11. Jeanne

Hi Jeanne,
I have been going to e-mail for quite a while, in fact every time I receive a copy of the guild news-letter, which I am so happy to receive. I look eagerly at all your activities and am so pleased to see all that the guild does. It is hard to believe I moved from Orangeville to Pembroke almost 8 years ago and now belong to another guild and a small weekly group. However I still proudly carry my Honorary Lifetime Membership card from the Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild. I have so many fond memories of my friends and good times around quilting. I wish everyone a blessed new year.
Carol Salter

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2nd prize - Patches and Pinwheels single bed quilt

3rd prize - 10 African fat quarters from Pat's Stash

Raffle proceeds to Sauti Moja in Africa (Pat Kalapaca's project)

Raffle tickets are 3 for $5 and will be sold at the next 4 meetings.

Stitch 'n Share

Betty Sanderson

Stitch and Share meets every Wednesday from 1:30 to 4:00 PM at the Meridian Credit Union on Broadway in Orangeville. (Enter the conference room via the back parking lot.) For further information call Betty Sanderson 519-942-3015

***The group sincerely thanks Meridian for the use of the conference room provided at no charge to the participants. ***

Morning Glories

Leah Mitchell

The Morning Glories meet at the Grand Valley Public Library the second Friday of each month September to June from 9 a.m. to noon. Everyone is welcome to attend. Please bring a cup and a loonie for coffee. We take turns bringing muffins and milk. Bring your hand work and your Show & Tell. Need some advice? Bring your project, we love to help.

NEXT ISSUE DEADLINE: MONDAY JAN. 31, 2011

PROGRAM BLOCK

General Meetings

January 17 ... Hands on Blocks and Demos

The annual block production meeting - FOCUS ON KIDS - help make blocks or pillowcases, and check out the favourite tool of 6 Guild members. Take the opportunity to participate in a lesson on hand piecing. (Bring a needle and thread.)

Volunteer *to bring your machine, or cutting mat and cutter, or iron and board - please contact Judi Sullivan at 519-941-1202 or e-mail judisullivan@sympatico.ca.*

February 21 ... Trunk Show ... Elaine Quehl - Quilt Artist & Teacher

Elaine Quehl is a contemporary quilt artist who specializes in colourful and intricately stitched pieced and appliqué quilts. She is also a skilled fabric dyer and has been selling her hand-dyed fabrics across North America for the past 5 years. www.equarelle.ca

March21 ... Thread Talk ... Anita Zobans, Certified "Superior Threads" Educator

Workshops

February 12 ... Square in a Square with Diamonds ... Janet Slater - Moving on with diamonds
Learn a new technique
Sign up at the QBA table at the January meeting.
Cost: $40 Location: Meridian Credit Union—Orangeville Town Centre

March 28 ... Open Threadbar Workshop ... Anita Zobans, Certified "Superior Threads" Educator

For more information see Anita's flyer on this page.

April 30 ... Miniature Art Cards ... Pat Minary

Your program committee: *Judi Sullivan, Margo Richardson, Pat Burbidge, Ann Kendrew & Debbie Fawcett*

Anita Zobans

Certified "Superior Threads" Educator

Workshop Saturday March 26 2011

Cost: $50 + $5 kit

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Have you ever wanted to experiment with different threads before buying them? Well, now you can! This is an "open thread bar" workshop - you bring your machine and I'll bring the threads.

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Various machine applications will be covered, such as - straight stitch, free motion, decorative embroidery, both raw edge decorative and invisible applique. Learn some nifty techniques using fusible and water soluble threads.

At the end of the day you will have a new perspective on threads and your own sampler as future reference.

Your $5 kit fee will include a Topstitch 90 needle, prewound bobbin of Bottom Line, Handy Net, thread colour charts, and the opportunity to play with approximately 16 different lines of thread by Superior.

Threads will be available for purchase after class.

RETREAT NEWS

April 1 to 3 2011 at Crieff Hill Community
Cost: $230 Register with 2 cheques - dated the night you register and March 30/11

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QUILTING BY ASSOCIATION - QBA

QBA is an opportunity to come together on the first Sat. of the month to SHARE with each other a new found skill, technique, or fantastic pattern:)

JAN. 8 at Meridian Credit Union boardroom, Daphne White will facilitate and share her RAG QUILT techniques. Seven have signed up for the experience:)

FEB. 5 at Meridian Credit Union boardroom, back by popular demand is "THAT PURSE AGAIN" facilitated by Penny Squirrell. It is a ' must have - purse' fabric to coordinate with your wardrobe. Make one or even two!

MAR. 5 at Meridian Credit Union boardroom, we have all seen some of Beckie Shaw's beautiful work and are delighted that she is so willing to share with us her expertise in "CURVED PIECING".

Sign-up sheets for the the following two months will be available at our monthly DPQG meeting. You may call or email Marion Cole 905 857 0853 marionbcole@rogers.com or Leah Mitchell 519 928 3059 weebobby@sympatico.ca for more information.

Family Transition Place

Our commitment to FTP is 200 journals for the year. Please help by donating one or two at any time of the year.

The journals need to be about 6”x8”, lined pages, bound by either coil or glue. Consider making a fabric cover.

Please leave them in the basket provided at any meeting.

***Thank you for your efforts last month! We succeeded in reaching our goal of 200 journals for the year! Now, let's get started on the 2011 goal of another 200 journals!!!!!!!

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LAST CALL FOR PIGS

December's meeting was extremely busy. As a result, it has been decided to extend the registration for P.I.G.S . Jackpot Challenge to the January meeting. Anyone who has not yet signed up, may do so at the Lucky Draw table. Those who have already signed up for one P.I.G. may sign up an additional P.I.G. until the April meeting. Explanations of P.I.G. rules can also be found at the Lucky Draw table.

I had a space issue this month, too much "stuff" for 8 pages, not enough for 10.
Tried squeezing, tried stretching, didn't want to leave a blank page so, here are some "Odds and Sods" :) Jeanne

Shortcuts for Quilting

BOB = Beginner's Only Block (swap)
BOM = Block of the Month
DSM = Domestic Sewing Machine
DWR = Double Wedding Ring
FART = Fabric Acquisition Road Trip
FIU = Finish It Up
FQ = Fat Quarter
HST = Half-Square Triangle
HSY = Haven't Started Yet
LAQ= Long Arm Quilter
LQS = Local Quilt Shop
MAQ = Mid-Arm Quilter
OBW = One-Block Wonder
PHD = Project Half Done
PIGS = Projects in Grocery Sacks
SABLE = Stash Accumulation Beyond Life Expectancy
SEX = Stash Enhancing eXperience (or eXcursion)
STASH = Special Treasures All Secretly Hidden
TGIF = Thank God It's Finished!
TOT = Tone-on-Tone
UFO = UnFinished Object *(or as we know it P.I.G.)*
WHIMM = Works Hidden In My Mind
WIP = Work In Progress
WISP = Work In Slow Progress
WIVSP = Work In Very Slow Progress
WIWMI = Wish It Would Make Itself
WOF = Width of Fabric
WOMBAT = Waste of Money, Batting, and Time
WOW = White On White
WWIT = What Was I Thinking

Thanks to The Quilting Cat for permission to republish.

Offer from Evelyn's Quilt Shop in Newmarket

Paducah Here We Come!

We have planned a Bus Trip to Paducah Kentucky to attend the American Quilters' Society Show April 16th through May 2nd. - We will be departing from Newmarket in a Motor Coach with 50 Women on April 26th 2011. You can be on that Coach - The trip will included your Coach Fare, Accommodation, Breakfast most days and 3 planned Dinners.

We have included stops at Yoder's Department Store, Spector's Dry Goods Store and a dinner at an Amish home for a typical Amish Haystack Meal and we have special guest speaker Rebecca Haarer who will give us some of the history of Amish Quilts and their meaning. For complete details, costs and how you can be on the "Coach" mark your calendar and attend one of the two information sessions to be presented by Ellison Travel & Tours Ltd. on Saturday Jan. 15th - 10:00 am and another session at 1:00pm - So call your Best Quilting Buddies and join us for what is going to be a really, really Great Time ... I promise. Madi

ADVERTISING RATES

		Same ad Every Month		Ad Changes Required	
Type of Ad	Ad Size	Guild	Non-Guild	Guild	Non-Guild
Secret Sister		$ 2.00	n/a	n/a	n/a
Classified	1"x3"	$ 7.00	$ 8.00	$ 8.00	$10.00
Business Card	2"x3"	$10.00	$12.00	$12.00	$15.00
Quarter Page	5"x3"	$12.00	$15.00	$15.00	$20.00
Half Page	7"x5"	$25.00	$30.00	$30.00	$35.00
Full Page	7"x10"	$50.00	$55.00	$55.00	$60.00

Prepay for the year and get a 10% discount!

What's On

-Ontario Quilting Connections and
-Canadian Quilters' Associations

(Thanks to the Niagara Heritage Newsletter for the following)
April 15 - 17, 2011 - Kawartha Quilt Maker Guild - **Feelings in Fabric Presents Memories in Stitches** - Peterborough. For more info, contact Maureen O'Neil at kgg2011@gmail.com or visit www.kawarthaquiltmakerguild.com

April 16 - 17, 2011 - **Quilt North -** Elliot Lake**.** For more info, contact Joyce MacKenize at, 705-848-1063, twoscots1@mac.com or visit www.elliotlake/quiltshow

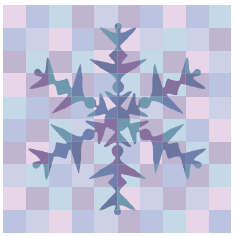
April 29 - May 1, 2011 - Windsor Quilters' Guild - **Quilt Show & Sale** - Windsor. For more info, contact Pat Laing at 519-733-5731, vivianiac@gmail.com or visit http://windsorquiltersguild.8m.com

April 30 - May 1, 2011 - Quinte Quilters' Guild - **Threads of Time** - Belleville. For more info, contact Beth Cook at 613-395-5208, hblco@reach.net or visit http://quintequiltersguild.ca/

May 14 & 15, 2011—Halton Quilters' Guild Presents, **Quilts in the Gardens,** Royal Botanical Gardens, Burlington, ON. Over 200 quilts, special exhibit Canada Packers Quilt Collection, vendors, members boutique, restaurant, sandwich bar and lounge, demonstrations, certified quilt appraiser on site. Adm. $7.00 www.quiltsinthegardens.com

May 19,20 & 21st, 2011. Niagara Heritage Quilter's Guild hosts **"Quilts of Niagara … A Symphony of Talents"** at Niagara College Canada, Niagara-on-the-Lake Campus, 35 Taylor Road, Niagara -on-the-Lake, ON L0S 1J0. 400 Quilts, raffle quilt, boutique items and quilts for sale. Mini demos, a merchants mall and silent auction. Lectures twice a day with advance registration of $3.00. On site quilt appraisals with Judy Lyons, by appt. on Thurs. only. Crescendo of show—a car quilt! Adm. $6 at door, $5 in advance. For further info call Nina at 905-562-4859 or check www.nhqg.ca

May 23-28, 2011 Quilts of the Netherlands, Recreation Centre, Ailsa Craig, ON. Quilting Our Community: Town-wide Quilt Airing, daily info sessions, over 120 quilts on exhibit, workshops with Dutch and Canadian Teachers, tea room, merchant's mall, opening gala and closing banquet. www.ailsacraigquiltfestival.org



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Member Birthday Celebrations

Pille Piegaze	*Jan 6*
Bertha Bruer	*Jan 13***
Beverly Prior	*Jan 17***
Chris Tuck	*Jan 18***
Berva Buttery	*Jan 26***
Leah Mitchell	*Jan 28***
Norma Mintz	*Jan 31*
Neilda Speedie	*Feb 11***
Marie Tupling	*Feb 11*
Caren DiGasparro	*Feb 14***
Ida Cunningham	*Feb 24***
Karen Canivet	*Feb 25*
Louise Cornelius	*Feb 27*

***Birthday Club Members Submitted by:*
Beckie Shaw and Nanette Horton

****Did you remember your secret sister?****

Refreshment Block

Linda Horner, Val Ashbourne
Pat Forrest, Anne Crowder

We thank Sherrin Palmateer, Joyce Dennie, Joan Tipping, Rosemary Galbraith and Sue Pirie for our January treats.

We look forward to our February goodies from Sue Desanto, Janet Slater, Sheila Barrington, Yvonne Guse Rahn, and June Moir.

!

Remember those with allergies and keep our refreshments "nut free" !

Meeting Information

General Meeting:

Date: Monday, Jan 17, 2011
Monday, Feb. 21, 2011

Time: 7:00 p.m. Doors Open

Please wait until 7:00 to arrive. This will allow time for the committee volunteers to set up the room.

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Place: Orangeville Fairgrounds
5 Sideroad of Mono

Executive Meeting:

Date: Thursday , Jan. 27, 2011

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Meridian, Orangeville

Please call /email Janet if you will be attending.

WEB BLOCK

www.flarefabrics.ca
www.free-quilting.com
www.fatquartershop.com *(free patterns)*

"Set Up" and "Take Down" Block *(Jan)*	
Set Up (arrive 6:40 PM)	***Take Down***
Barb Johnson	*Janet Laing*
Penny Squirrell	*Diane Woodward*
	Leonie Hill
	Marlene Turgoose
	Joyce Sparkes
	Joanne Russo

Thanks for filling all the spots and helping even when your name wasn't on the list!

"Set Up" and "Take Down" Block *(Feb)*	
Set Up (arrive 6:40 PM)	***Take Down***
Candice Kitchen	*Candice Kitchen*
Jacky Hill	*AJ Cavey*
AJ Cavey	*Jacky Hill*
Caren Di Gasparro	*Jen Vanwinden*

NEXT MEETING BRING:

- Name Tags Worn
- Mug for Coffee/Tea
- Inside shoes or slippers
- Show and Tell
- Journals for FTP
- Pillowcases for Conkerr Cancer
- Loonie for the Raffle
- Library Books
- and a ……