

S'QUILT (News and Views)

SARNIA QUILTERS GUILD – promoting the art of quilting

Held at London Rd. West United Church at the corner of London Line and Telfer Sideroad

www.sarniaquiltersguild.org

March 2009

March 2nd

Library opens at 12:30

Afternoon session begins at 1:30

Library opens at 6:30

Evening session begins at 7:45

Evening meeting will start at 7:45 tonight to give us a little more time to look at the books from the vendor Grantham Books

50/50 Draw

Fat Quarter Draw – **Greens**

Vendors

--Laura Van Ewyk – the 'wool lady'

--Show and Tell

--Refreshments to follow – 10 minutes after the meeting

Coming up:

6th Stash Busters at Parker St United

21st Stash Busters at Parker St United

28th Quilt as You Go with Shirley Durance at Parker St United Church

April 6th

Library opens at 12:30

Afternoon session begins at 1:30

Library opens at 6:30

Evening session begins at 7:30

50/50 Draw

Fat Quarter Draw – **Pastels**

--Val Johnson will do a trunk show

--Show and Tell

--Refreshments to follow – 10 minutes after the meeting

Coming up:

4th - stashbusters Parker St. United Church

17th - stashbusters Parker St. United Church

18th - Mystery Quilt workshop - Parker St. - because of the small number of people signed up for this - please contact Val Johnson if you planned to attend. 519-849-5146

25th - Charity Day - Parker St.



Doors open for classes at 8:30. Classes run from 9:00-3:30. Please have your machine set up and your supplies ready to begin class at 9:00.

Our March meetings will once again be held at London Rd. West United Church at the corner of London Line and Telfer Sideroad (it is just one side road east of Blackwell).

A message from our president.....

Here it is, March already! According to Wiarthon Willie we only have two more weeks of winter. Can it really be? It sure is nice to see all that dirty old snow gone, but then Mother Nature keeps giving us some fresh stuff. Let's hope the major storms are behind us.

I recently read a novel that I am sure many of you would enjoy. A Single Thread by Marie Bostwick is a charming book about a woman who fulfills her dream of opening a quilt shop and how it brings a trio of women from different backgrounds together to form a sisterhood through quilting. These women are bound together by 'a single thread'. Quoting from the book, "quilters are never strangers for long" and "quilts are made up of broken lines, just like life...." I highly recommend reading this book.

I took Louise Davidson's class 'stack and whack'. It is always interesting how different everyone's choice of material is and how it all makes into such beautiful quilt tops. It was a great class. Thanks Louise. I look forward to when everyone who took the class brings their top for show and tell. I will probably miss seeing some if they bring them to the March meeting as I will be in Arizona for a few weeks. Wanda Philbin and Barbara Anne McBryan will be chairing the meetings in March which will be at the London Road West United Church again.

I hope to see you all back at Redeemer in April. Hopefully, spring will have sprung by then. Remember to keep in mind which position you would like to volunteer for in our guild next year!

Happy quilting,

Kathy Schnitzler
President



The **guest speaker for our March Meeting** is Laura Van Ewyk of Cedarview Farms.

Laura and her husband have been married for almost 12 years and have three wonderful children (ages 6-10). They have a growing sheep farm just outside of Brigden, and absolutely love this period of their lives. Laura also works full-time in Child Welfare, and her husband is a high school music teacher.

Laura has always loved quilting and weaving - though she finds it hard to make time for it right now. She began quilting when she was 16 years old, and thanks to the Sombra museum ladies, a deep love for the craft has bloomed in her heart. Her experience of blending wool with her passion for quilting as well as home comfort has blossomed into their current wool business that has been featured in 'Unlimited Possibilities', as well as the 'Canadian Quilting Magazine'.

Laura will talk about the quilt batts and show samples, she will also have some for sale.



The library remains closed for the March meeting. Members, please return books that you have at the April meeting.

Thanks

Willi Kole – Library Chair

February 2nd meeting

President, Kathy Schnitzler welcomed us all on a beautiful sunny day and introduced Margaret Lovegrove as a guest in the afternoon. Evening guests were Marie Timperley, Peggy Gower, and Christina Hyatt. Kathy outlined the new office of "communication officer" and asked for a volunteer to fill this position.



The bus trip to the "Chicago International Quilt Festival" on April 17-19 has openings remaining. The cost is \$369 double or \$313 triple or quad. To register, please contact "Beyond Borders Travel".

Kathy asked that we keep any library books that we have taken out till we return to Redeemer church in April.

The Spring Quilting Retreat has 2 rooms available at \$179. Please contact Carol Cote if you wish to go.

Rosemary Poyser is making receiving blankets and diapers for Rayjon who will be taking them to Haiti on the March break. If you wish to help out, give Rosemary a call. They are packing on March 1st at Sacred Heart Church.

The guild's quilt show is set for Sept. 18 & 19th. Please volunteer to be on a committee and make a quilt or wall hanging to put in the show.

The March meeting will be at London Road West United Church. Barbara Anne McBryan will be starting a list for next years committees. Please consider which one you would like to be on. The web site will have a listing of committees and their duties, under policies & procedures.



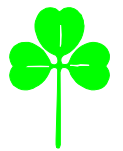
Secret Pals please pick up your gifts as we have no place to store them. The afternoon 50/50 draw was won by Joanne Avery, and the evening 50/50 was won by Arlene Lauzon.

The afternoon fat quarter winners were Freda Porter & Kim Voza. Evening fat quarter winners were Rosemary McGee, Gillian Watts, and Val Johnson.

A special program was provided by our very own, Freda Porter, Lorraine Shaw, Sally Beaton & Carol Cote in the afternoon and Juanita Lew, Nancy Lockhart, Dawna Joy Lapeare, Carol Cote and Lyn Griffin in the evening. These gals each showed us some of the items that they have made over the years. There was a tie quilt, a teddy bear quilt, quilts that they used at classes they taught, and items that were entered at local shows and at Quilt Canada. We really enjoyed seeing all of them and hearing the stories that came with each item. Thanks girls!!!

A surprise treat was several songs by the "Riverside Quartet". Although Carol Cote monopolized all the men, we all enjoyed the music. Can you remember hearing "Down by the Riverside" & "Heart of My Heart" as you were growing up? I sure can. In the evening the men sang a special song just for Edna Phillips.

Show & Tell had several UFO's, baby quilts and a Canadian seasons quilt. Keep those UFO's coming. The afternoon fat quarters were won by Sally Beatron, Linda Logan & Helen Vanloon.



The meeting was adjourned till March 2, 2009 at London Road West United Church.

Rose Huggett, afternoon secretary
Cathy Ashikawa (for Anne Evans)
evening secretary

Only
200 days
till the quilt show !

From the Mailbox.....

- November 15 – March 1 [A Few of Our Favourite Things: A Quilt Exhibit](#) at Wellington County Museum & Archives Discover the beauty and art of quilting in Wellington County. The Grand Quilt Guild of Fergus showcases their most recent work at Wellington County Museum & Archives in “A Few of Our Favourite Things,” opening on November 15th, 2008. Please join us at the opening reception, Friday, November 14, 7:30 to 10 pm, at the Wellington County Museum & Archives, RR#1 Fergus, ON, 0536 County Road 18, Township of Centre Wellington, between Fergus and Elora. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please check our website at www.wcm.on or phone Amy Dunlop 519-846-0916 or e-mail at amy@wcm.on.ca
- May 1-3, 2009, [The Windsor Quilters Guild Quilt Show & Sale](#) Novelto Rosati Sports & Recreation Complex, 3939 Carmichael St., Windsor, just off Prince Rd. & Matchette Rd. Friday 10-6:00, Saturday 10-4:00, Sunday 10-4:00 Admission \$5. Fashion Show Sat. 2 pm, Little Quilt Auction Sun. 2 pm, Raffle Quilt Draw Sun, 3:30 pm, tea room, demonstrations, merchant's mall. For more information call [Vivian LaCroix 519-733-2886](tel:519-733-2886)
- May 7-8, 2009 [Spring Shop Tour](#) 13 stores in southern Ontario. Plan to tour all the stores and get a free floral wall hanging pattern at each one. Contact Forever Quilting or the Quilt Shoppe for more information.
- October 19-24th, 2009, [Quilts from Ireland](#) will be in Ailsa Craig for the third annual quilt exhibit – quilts and quilters from Ireland. This exhibit will be their only stop in North America – a unique chance for quilters and non-quilters to view these wonderful works of art that reflect culture of both Northern and Southern Ireland. Cotton-By-Post Quilt Shoppe & Sewing Centre, 135 Main St. Ailsa Craig. [For more information call: 519-293-3499](tel:519-293-3499)



Are you working on the guild challenge for the quilt show? Just a reminder that the date for the challenge to be turned in is June 15th. When we get closer to the date we'll let you know just where to take them. Do have fun!!

Charity Quilting:

We have a few kits cut out and ready for the big day - Saturday, April 25, 2009 – Charity Quilting Day. Thanks to Forever Quilting for giving us the cutting space and time. If you didn't get a chance to sign up, we still have room for you to join us. Just drop Carol Cote an email at ccotecreations@yahoo.ca or a call at 519-869-8515. We'll be doing more cutting in April.



Retreat Update:

You should have your confirmation number by now. If not, contact Carol Cote as soon as possible - ccotecreations@yahoo.ca - even in Florida she can get this for you.

The April meeting of the guild will have details on the agenda for the weekend and the Shop Hop for the stores in the area. You are not obliged to go to the shop hop but it sure was fun last year!

I have a Hinterberg quilting frame and some templates to use if anyone is interested in renting time to quilt your own quilt on it. Must bring your own sewing machine to put on the carriage though as I don't have a long arm. I just use my regular machine and that works fine as well. I plan on purchasing a long arm very soon though. So if anyone knows of a good used one around I am interested. I can be reached at the Curly Q Salon on Mitton St. S and my phone number is 519-332-2222. I'm just across the street from Als Vacuum and Sewing Centre. Feel free to drop in and see the frame etc.

Marie Timperley

Thanks to everyone from Linda Davie for the prayers, cards and letters during her surgery and recuperation.

Chatham-Kent Guild

The Singing Quilter, Cathy Miller, will be at the Chatham-Kent Quilters Guild April meeting. We meet the 3rd Wed. of each month Jan-Nov from 7pm-9pm at St. Paul's Congregational Church (back entrance), 450 Park Ave. W. Also there will be a workshop offered the next morning by Cathy Miller on Raw-Edge Machine Applique which is also open to other guilds. Samples can be found in her site <http://www.singingquilter.com/under classes>. 'Hot and Cold' is the one we are taking. Cost is \$35 for non-members. However we need to have an idea how many will be in attendance in order to provide the proper sound equipment for the show, therefore we are asking visitors to provide us with the number planning on attending in their group.

We also have Nancy Trowbridge coming in July for a trunk show during the meeting and workshop then next day. In September we are having Judy Gascho-Jutzi from Kitchener for a trunk show during the meeting and a 3-D Landscape & Embellishment workshop the following day. Judy's workshop requires the purchase of a kit. Details for upcoming speakers will be displayed at each meeting.

Need more information? Contact: Carol Bardoel carolbardoel@hotmail.com

Note: Many of you will remember that Cathy Miller was our program 8-10 years ago. Its a program you'll definitely enjoy.



The deadline for the April newsletter will be March 20th.

Send all your news and items to Lyn Griffin at lgriffin1@auracom.com

Please send all correspondence either in an e-mail or in WORD – any clip art or graphics must be sent as a jpeg. As always, when I receive your e-mail I will send a return e-mail to you to let you know I have received your note. If you send something and don't hear from me please resend. If you don't hear from me the second time, please give me a call at 519-337-4436 and we'll figure out what happened.

How are you coming with your items for the quilt show? Its only 6 months away! Hope everyone is planning to show at least one item and planning to volunteer for one or two fun jobs. Did you commit to a small raffle quilt (less than 50" in diameter)?

Time to get started! :) Can't wait to see them!

Those bringing snacks for the April Meeting

Afternoon:

JudySaunders

Marion Ford

Anne Buchanan

Shirley Durance

Marilyn Robertson

Donna Longley

Beth Kewley

Carleen Phoenix

Eileen Gilroy

Marion Sharpe

Donna West

Mary DeGurse

Evening:

Anita Proulx

Tracy Hogg

Cheryl Parnham

Marianne Pugsley

Nancy Deline



If you know of an illness or a death in the family of someone in the guild, please pass on that information to:

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submitted by Kay Oyler
written by her husband Roger



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