

S'QUILT (News and Views)

SARNIA QUILTERS' GUILD – promoting the art of quilting
Held at Redeemer Christian Reformed Church, 5834 Blackwell Sideroad (off London Line)

December, 2011

December 5th

Library opens at 6:00
Both sessions meet together at 7:00

- 50/50 Draw
- Fat Quarter Draw – Red and Greens
- Bingo Cards available before the meeting
- Program
- Yo-yo Christmas project for all who have signed up.
- SIGN-UP before the meeting
- Scrapbuster workshop using the Scrappy
- Gretchen block with Helen van Loon - Sat. Jan. 28th at New Horizons - cost \$20
- Show and Tell
- Refreshments – 10 minutes after the meeting in the fellowship hall

Coming Up

Fri. 16th – Stashbusters

Sat. 17th – Stashbusters

Comfort Quilts strip club:

- yellow – 2.5” x width of fabric



** January 9th **

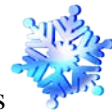
Library opens at 12:30
Afternoon session begins at 1:30
Library opens at 6:30
Evening session begins at 7:30

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- Fat Quarter Draw – ??
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Coming Up

The January program is going to be on Scrap quilting/busting your stash

Fri. 20th – Stashbusters



Sat. 21th – Stashbusters

Comfort Quilts strip club:

- green – 2.5” x width of fabric

Happy Holidays to One and All!

From our President...

Christmas is just around the corner! I know that people I work with have been counting down the days since the September! Did you know that as of the December meeting there are only 20 more days until Christmas??? That means only 20 more days to finish up all the shopping or quilting projects that you may have on the go! In my case, that means only 20 more days to start Christmas shopping! Hopefully this year the weather cooperates with us and we can all be at the meeting to enjoy the Yo-Yo Christmas trees that the Program committee will be teaching us to make. It will be a new decoration for that can remind you of the guild every year.

I wish all of our members and their families a very Merry Holiday season and a Happy New year. I look forward to seeing everyone at the December meeting.

Kelly

Nativity wallhanging made by Jack Stewart. Let's not forget the reason for the Season!!



Sarnia Quilters Guild Minutes – November 7, 2011

Evening meeting was led by Kelly McGee-Bunda.

- **Guest** : Venera Fazio
- **Membership** :
 - Membership list will be available for December meeting. E-mail version at no cost/printed version \$1.00. If interested, there is a “check-off” list in the lobby.
- **Announcements**
 - Colleen Hudson’s husband passed away Nov. 2nd. Kelly read his obituary for anyone wishing to send condolences.
 - There is a suggestion box available outside meeting room, at each meeting. Anyone with suggestions is encouraged to make use of it.
 - December meeting will be a combined meeting (afternoon/evening sessions,) commencing at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring a small plate of snacks.
 - Looking for Kelly?? You can find her at the Saturday Stash Busters. Her intent is to attend every Saturday event.
- **50/50 Draw**:
 - Afternoon winner: ?
 - Evening winner: Karen Ferguson.
- **Fat Quarter Draw**:
 - Afternoon winner: ?
 - Evening winner was Diana Fisher.
- **Comfort Quilts** (Carol Cote):
 - A bit of a disappointing turnout for the “Strip Race,” but fun was had by those who did attend. Fastest “stripper,” finished in 1 hr., 45 mins. Jean Chalmers finished 3 quilts, and was the winner of a Jelly Roll.
- **Strip Club**
 - Afternoon winner:
 - Evening winner: Adeline Smith
- **Secret Pals**:
 - Envelopes containing information about Secret Pals are available for pickup.

- **Bus Trip:**
 - Audrey Carr gave an update on the August 2012 bus trip to Grand Rapids, MI. So far, 39 quilters have signed up, with 16 seats still available. A deposit of just \$55 will hold your spot. Looking forward to a fun time shopping, attending classes, etc.
 - Audrey also mentioned the Hoffman/Trend-tex challenge – information is available on-line, or in the lobby.
- **Programme** (Helen VanLoon):
 - Tonight is your last opportunity to signup for the Twister quilting class.
 - Sign-up sheet being circulated, again tonight, for next month's Yo-yo Christmas Tree project. If participating, please bring a needle, both red & green thread, and scissors. Everything else will be provided.
 - New class for January "How to Bust Your Stash!" Project is a scrappy quilt, finishing at 70 x 90.
 - Helen announced there will be no Christmas Block Exchange this year.

REMINDER:

Everyone is asked to bring a small plate of treats for the December meeting.



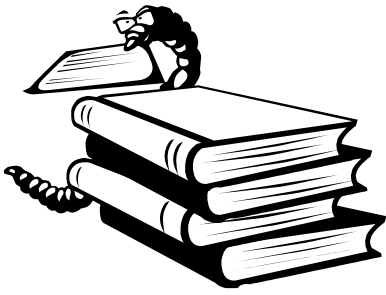
Heather Bell from Heather Bell's Sewing Studio came to share her expertise with us about stabilizers. She shared some of her amazing projects.

- **Guest Speaker :**
 - Heather Bell, of Heather Bell Studio, West Lorne, ON
 - Heather gave an interesting talk on the various Stabilizers available today, and their uses. She brought along many beautiful samples of embroidery, etc. showing the difference made in stitching when using different types of stabilizers.
- **Placemats** (Jack Stewart):
 - Jack brought in several placemats he has sewn, and recruited help in adding binding to them. He expects to have several more at a later date.
- **Show & Tell :**
 - Evening Fat Quarter winners were Marie Gorton, Karen Ferguson & Jack Stewart.

The following will be bringing snacks for the afternoon meeting in January:

1. **Freda Porter**
2. **Marie Hall**
3. **Mary Jane Boyd**
4. **Janet Coker**
5. **Yvonne Braet**
6. **Eileen Gilroy**
7. **Marion Sharpe**
8. **Bonita Willock**
9. **Rose Hugget**
10. **Bev Watson**
11. **Joanne Rivait**
12. **Carol Chenier**





Hello from The Book Nook

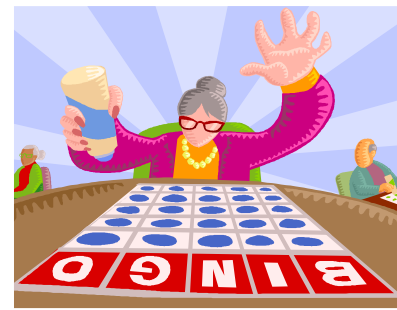
Another month is waving goodbye to us.....and December meeting is very close now. We won't mention how close Christmas is, but I hope you have some great "Quilty" books on your Santa list this year. If not, then just come on into the library and have your choice of 3 books for the month. They are all there and waiting for you.

I hope you had a chance to come on over to the table and say "HI" to Mary Jane Boyd, Trish Bonnel in the afternoon while Edna Phillips, Karen Ferguson and Dawna Joy Lapeare were there in the evening to help out. Next month there will not be an afternoon session but you will find sitting at the table to help you during the evening hours Sue Ross along with Sandra Cabiddu.

I'm very sorry but this month I am unable to give the titles of the books donated at the October meeting, but please stay tuned for a list in time for the January Book Nook news.

That's a look from the Books, but stay tuned, for next month's details.

*Betty Book and Your Helpers
in the Book Nook.*



Here are the December bingo #s and recap.

B10 , B13 , I23 , I25 , O65 , O72

RECAP B - 3 , 10 , 12 , 13

I - 19 , 23 , 25 , 28

N - 38 , 40

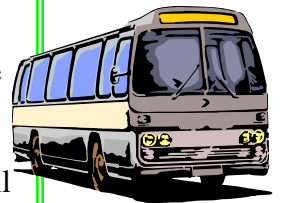
G - 47 , 56

O - 62 , 64 , 65 , 66 , 69 , 72

Program for Jan. - guild -
organizing your scraps
- Scrappy
Gretchen workshop - Sat.
Jan. 28 at New Horizons

BusTrip Info

13 more places left on the bus to Grand Rapids. Non members will be welcome to sign up starting in January with a \$75 deposit. Members can still register with a \$55 deposit.



Program for Dec. - yo-yo
Christmas tree -
remember to bring snips, red
and green sewing thread
and a needle if you have
signed up for this.



Wait til you see the Tentmakers of Cairo - their work and how they do it. Check out this website!

<http://bonniemccaffery.com/vidcasts/064.html>

You are sure to enjoy this, Lola

JANOME HORIZON MC12000

LAUNCH PARTY

& TRUNK SHOW



DATE: THURSDAY – DECEMBER 8, 2011

TIME: 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. or
6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

PLACE: AL'S VACUUM & SEWING CENTRE
110 S. MITTON ST.
SARNIA, ON

R.S.V.P. 519-344-7557

3, 2, 1 – BLAST OFF

Come join Linda, Janome Educator, as we **LAUNCH** the NEW Janome Horizon MC12000. She will be stepping through the many, many features of this new Sewing & Embroidery Machine. Linda will present a **Trunk Show** of exciting projects that can be created on the NEW Horizon MC12000. Whether its quilting, embroidery, home décor or garment making, the Horizon MC 12000 makes all your sewing experiences very enjoyable.

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Closed Sunday and Monday



The Quilt Shoppe
1886 London Line, Sarnia
www.thequiltshoppe.ca
thequiltshoppe@live.com
519-542-4144

The 12 Days of Christmas Sale is back!!!!

Each day beginning December 12 and ending December 24 there will be a new sale!! Come in each day to find out what the special will be. Every purchase of \$50 or more will earn you a ballot for an incredible gift basket that includes a new sewing machine!!

Happy Shopping and Merry Christmas

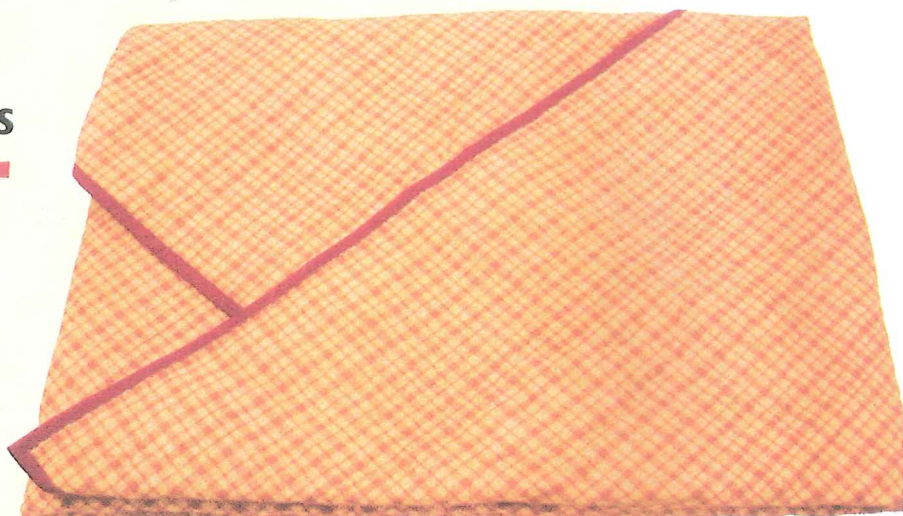


The Bernina Holiday Flyer is now out!! Look for it on the membership table.

The Quilt Shoppe will be closed for the holidays from December 24th at 3:00pm until January 2, 2012

Folding Quilts on the Bias AGAINST THE GRAIN

BY ANN FAHL



Stamp out
the center
crease.
Let's save
our quilts!

When I attend a guild show-and-tell, I find it distressing to see a beautiful quilt with big fold lines going right through the center. As quilts age, such furrows cannot be removed. For years, I avoided "the crease" by rolling my quilts to ship them to shows or teaching engagements. I had to purchase bulky shipping tubes to ensure my quilts would arrive wrinkle- and crease-free at their destinations.

Then, while having dinner one evening with other quilters, I learned a better way: one woman mentioned that she only folds her quilts on the bias. Of course! Folding fibers on an angle causes less crimping than folding them back on themselves. This could preserve the integrity of both the batting fibers and the yarns in the fabric. This was a life-changing revelation. I realized her easy technique could not only solve my shipping problem—my quilts now travel snugly in my suitcase, saving me a lot of money at the post office—but also ensure that quilts packaged for gifts, totd to guild meetings, or stored in closets would enjoy a long life.

I asked this woman where she had learned her simple, quilt-friendly technique. She replied that she had learned it from a friend, who had learned it from a friend, and so on. So now I'm passing it on to you with the hope that you will help stamp out the center crease. Let's save our quilts!

At first, this folding technique might seem awkward. Stick with it. Keep trying. Go to your quilt storage area and refold all the quilts you have—all you need is a flat surface for folding. Immediately you will feel how the bias folds are softer and more pliable than folds along the grain.

And now that you know this simple bias-folding technique, pass it on. Tell your friends, your guild, the take-down committee at your local quilt show. Save the quilts of our generation for the next one. Help make all quilts crease-free. ♦

Ann Fahl is a quilt teacher, a prizewinning quilter, and the author of *Coloring with Thread*. She has been making and folding quilts since 1978.

BIAS FOLDING TECHNIQUE

1. Lay the quilt flat.
2. Fold corners one at a time into the center of the quilt (Figs. 1-3).
3. Continue to fold in the corners until the quilt will fit into its shipping or storage container (Fig. 4).

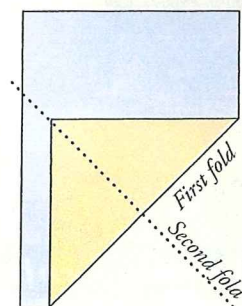


Fig. 1

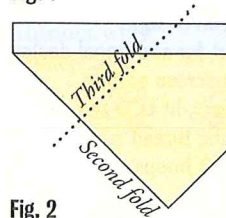


Fig. 2

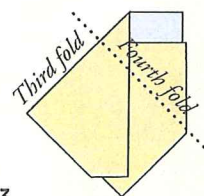


Fig. 3

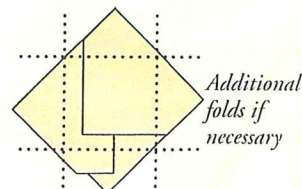


Fig. 4



Quilt Canada, Halifax Nova Scotia – May 30 to June 2, 2012
There's something for everyone...



Quilt Shows Galore! Come feast your eyes on the best and most interesting quilts in Canada:

- ▲ the National Juried Show, Invitational Show and Trendtex Challenge
- ▲ the Nova Scotia Miniature Quilt Challenge
- ▲ the Fibre Art Network Show and SAQA (Studio Art Quilters Association) exhibition
- ▲ Mayflower Quilt Guild Show, Mariners Quilt Guild Show and the Needlework Exhibition
- ▲ Secret Codes – NS African Quilts

The Merchant Mall - a one stop shopping experience for quilters and crafters – on campus at Dalhousie University, open daily from May 30 to June 1

Four days and over 80 different workshops to choose from!

One Day Classes		
Applique Landscapes A Bag with Bling Bargello Wallhanging – the Basics Beyond Stippling Butterfly Mosaic Celtic Interlacing Collage: Small Art Quilts Colour Studies for Stash Quilters Curved Piecing – No Sweat Designer Fish Direct Designing: Floral Subjects Fantasy, Flare and Fooling Around Fast and Fun Fused Designs Fireside Log Cabin Flowers from Thread Folded Fabric Flowers Free Motion Applique and Cutwork Hand Embellishment	Introduction to EQ 7 Irresistible Resists Jumpstart Your Creativity Landscape Elements-Land, Sky, Water Landscapes and Beyond Let's Go Skinny-the No Guilt Quilt Mystical Castles Painting with the Sewing Machine Playing with Silk Playtime for Mystery Quilters QSI Mystery Quilt Quilt as Desired Quilt Marking Mysteries Roman Rings Round About Running Around in Circles Sewflakes: Papercut Applique Sewing in the Round	Shattered Angles Sketchbook Thread Painting Small Scale Landscapes Stab Stitch Quilting Take Four Fat Quarters The Ancient Art of KANTHA The Colours of Nebula The Power of Blue & White: Ancient Indigo The Power of Pattern Thread Applique; Hummingbird or Chickadee Tools of the Trade Torn Strip Applique Tumbling Maple Leafs Waternish Star You've Got Mail
Two Days or More		
Beginner Bargello - the Nuts and Bolts Collage Tree Colour and Texture on Fat Quarters Cosmic Spirals Curves, Wedges & Wonky Log Cabin Demystifying Digital Magic Design on a Theme Designing Medallion Quilts Digital Images in a Landscape Drafting Feathers to Fit the Quilt Top	Dragon Bones and Fish Fingers Flower Arranging for Quilters Green Party Dress In Honour Of In the Making-Enhancing Fibre Art Landscapes Intro to Fabric Painting Liberated Machine Applique Machine Quilting Basics Making Faces	Rounding the Point (3 days) Rusty Things Sashiko Evening Purse Squiggles and Doodles St. Mark's Wallhanging Stitched & Bound Creative Art Books Surface Textures: Epergne of Fruit Take a Leaf The Four Seasons: Autumn Under the Sea When Opposites Attract

Have a taste of Maritime hospitality at the Kitchen Party, the evening Fashion Show and the Nova Scotia Ceilidh dinner! Take a tour and discover Halifax, or visit Peggy's Cove or Lunenburg!

For more information, call Jackie Philpott at 1-877-672-8777 or visit

www.canadianquilter.com or <http://quiltcanada2012.ca>

For bus tour information, contact Dorinda McCully 902-863-4798 or rmccully@eastlink.ca

Come Join Us – Plan Your Week! www.canadianquilter.com

<u>Tues May 29</u>	<u>Wed May 30</u>	<u>Thurs May 31</u>	<u>Fri June 1</u>	<u>Sat June 2</u>
Conference Registration 8 to 11 am, 12:30 – 6pm Second Floor, Student Union Bldg	Conference Registration 8 to 11 am, 2 – 4:30 pm Second Floor, Student Union Bldg	Conference Registration 8 to 10 am, 3 – 4:30 pm Second Floor, Student Union Bldg	Conference Registration 8 to 10 am, 3 – 4:30 pm Second Floor, Student Union Bldg	Conference Registration 8 to 10 am Second Floor, Student Union Bldg
Expanding Your Horizons 8:30am - 11:30 am 1 pm - 4 pm	Workshops 8:30 am - 11:30am 1 pm - 4 pm	Workshops 8:30 am - 11:30am 1 pm - 4 pm	Workshops 8:30 am - 11:30am 1 pm - 4 pm	Workshops 8:30 am -11:30am 1 pm - 4 pm
AGM 1 pm – 3 pm	Merchant Mall 9 - 6 Arena & Studley Gym	Merchant Mall 9 - 6 Arena & Studley Gym	Merchant Mall 9 - 8 Arena & Studley Gym	Merchant Mall 9 - 5 Arena & Studley Gym
National Juried Show Awards Presentation 8 pm	National Juried Show and Invitational Show 10 – 5 pm, Second Floor Student Union Bldg	National Juried Show and Invitational Show 10 – 5 pm, Second Floor Student Union Bldg	National Juried Show and Invitational Show 10 – 8pm, Second Floor Student Union Bldg	National Juried Show and Invitational Show 10 – 5 pm, Second Floor Student Union Bldg
	Hospitality Room and Nova Scotia Miniature Quilt Challenge 10 – 5 pm, Howe Hall	Hospitality Room and Nova Scotia Miniature Quilt Challenge 10 – 5 pm, Howe Hall	Hospitality Room and Nova Scotia Miniature Quilt Challenge 10 – 7 pm, Howe Hall	Hospitality Room and Nova Scotia Miniature Quilt Challenge 10 – 5 pm, Howe Hall
	SAQA Show 9 – 6 pm Mary E Black Gallery Marginal Road	SAQA Show 9 – 6 pm Mary E Black Gallery Marginal Road	SAQA Show 9 – 6 pm Mary E Black Gallery Marginal Road	SAQA Show 11 – 6 pm Mary E Black Gallery Marginal Road
	Fibre Art Network Show 10 – 5 pm, Risley Hall Boardroom	Fibre Art Network Show 10 – 5 pm, Risley Hall Boardroom	Fibre Art Network Show 10 – 5 pm, Risley Hall Boardroom	Fibre Art Network Show 10 – 5 pm, Risley Hall Boardroom
	Mayflower Quilt Guild Show 9:30 am – 5 pm Parker Reception Room IWK Health Centre	Mayflower Quilt Guild Show 9:30 am – 5 pm Parker Reception Room IWK Health Centre	Mayflower Quilt Guild Show 9:30 am – 5 pm Parker Reception Room IWK Health Centre	
		Mariners Quilt Guild Show and The Needlework Exhibition 10 – 5 pm, Third Floor Student Union Bldg	Mariners Quilt Guild Show, and The Needlework Exhibition 10 – 7 pm, Third Floor Student Union Bldg	Mariners Quilt Guild Show and The Needlework Exhibition 10 – 5 pm, Third Floor Student Union Bldg
	Secret Codes – NS African Quilts Public Archives 10 – 7 pm	Secret Codes – NS African Quilts Public Archives 10 – 7 pm	Secret Codes – NS African Quilts Public Archives 10 – 7 pm	Secret Codes – NS African Quilts Public Archives 10 – 7 pm
			Quilt Appraisals 10 – 5 pm Student Union Building Second Floor	Quilt Appraisals 10 – 5 pm Student Union Building Second Floor
Halifax City and Peggy's Cove Tour 9 am – 3 pm		Halifax City and Peggy's Cove Tour 9 am – 3 pm	Lunenburg Tour 9:30 am – 3:30 pm	
Supper Howe Hall* *Pre-booked	Kitchen Party Supper & Entertainment Buses depart 5:15 pm Cunard Centre 6:30 pm	Fashion & Quilts Supper & Entertainment Buses depart 5:15 pm Cunard Centre 6:30 pm	Dinner & Lectures Dinner – Howe Hall Lectures – 8 pm at Rowe & McCain Bldgs	Nova Scotia Ceilidh Supper & Entertainment Buses depart 5:45 pm Cunard Centre 6:30 pm



2012 Quilt Canada, Halifax NS – “Seams Like Home”

Canadian Quilters' Association/Association Canadienne de la Courtepointe

MAY 29 to JUNE 2, 2012



Bus Tours

Quilt Canada 2012 will be held in Halifax, Nova Scotia from May 29 to June 2, 2012 on the campus of Dalhousie University. The conference will host an exciting line up of quilting events, including workshops and lectures, the National Juried Show (NJS) showcasing the best quilters in the country, the Invitational Show, plus concurrent quilt shows, the annual Trend Tex Challenge, highlighting innovation and design, a series of special events and dinners, and a Merchant Mall, with 80 or more vendor booths.

For your convenience, we have arranged a one-day multi-pass for your tour of 25 persons or more. The one-day multi-pass will encompass lunch at Howe Hall and various quilt shows depending upon the day of the week you visit Quilt Canada 2012. Please consult the Quilt Canada 2012 handbook at www.canadianquilter.com for a listing of dates and times the quilt shows are open. There is no charge for entry into the Merchant Mall.

Lunch at Howe Hall, from Wednesday to Saturday will be \$15.00 per person and inclusive to the multi-pass. Lunch will include: soup, sandwich, salads, pizza, main entrée, coffee, tea, milk, juice, deserts, fresh fruit, vegetarian options and grill items.

Wednesday, May 30, 2012 - Multi-pass \$30.00

Includes entry to:

The National Juried Show	The Invitational Show
The Mayflower Quilt Show	The Fibre Art Network Show
Lunch	

Thursday, May 31 and Friday June 1, 2012 – Multi-pass - \$37.00

Includes entry to:

The National Juried Show	The Invitational Show
The Mayflower Quilt Show	The Mariners' Quilt Guild Show
The Needle Arts Show	The Fibre Art Network Show
Lunch	

Saturday, June 2, 2011 – Multi-pass - \$34.00

Includes entry to:

The National Juried Show	The Invitational Show
The Mariners' Quilt Guild Show	The Fibre Art Network Show
The Needle Arts Show	Lunch

Additional quilt shows are the Studio Art Quilt Association (SAQA) “Rooted” at the Mary E Black Gallery and “Secret Codes” at the Public Archives which will be accepting donations.

Quilt Canada 2012 will be featuring dinners at the Cunard Centre: a *Kitchen Party* on Wednesday evening, a *Show and Share* evening on Thursday evening, and a *Ceilidh* on Saturday evening. Bus tours must provide their own transportation to these events. Friday night offers a supper at Howe Hall and lectures from our international teachers. All information regarding the suppers and lectures can be found in the handbook at www.canadianquilter.com.

For those groups wishing to purchase the multi-pass and/or attend any of the evening venues, please contact Dorinda McCully at 902-863-4798 or rmccully@eastlink.ca. All information regarding the suppers and lectures can be found in the handbook at www.canadianquilter.com.

Accommodations are available on the Dalhousie campus at Howe Hall and can be arranged by telephone at 1-877-271-9222 or by email at accomodations@dal.ca