

## SUDBURY AND DISTRICT QUILTING AND STITCHERY GUILD

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**PLEASE REMEMBER: no perfumes or scented body sprays at guild**

### The President's Ponderings

Fall is upon us, the leaves have turned and now fallen, and we've had so many grey and dreary days. All my autumn decorations are up and soon we'll be decorating for the holidays. I've already started my Christmas shopping!

Our guild program has been well received so far, with the Thanksgiving and Halloween social nights, beaded Christmas ornament, quilt bag, curved paper piecing and other classes and group nights. The fall business meeting is now behind us as well. The program before our Christmas break will see a battenburg lace class, Baltimore album quilt group night and Christmas ornament challenge leading up to our annual Christmas pot luck.

There will be a second cuddle quilt night in November; the first was very well attended, and as a bonus, Barb Lipic did a mini workshop on borders and bindings. Please continue to support our community through participation in Cuddle Quilts.

I'd like to thank everyone who has gone out of their way to help me out in my role as President. You have no idea how much I appreciate your guidance and support.

As the Christmas season approaches, take time for yourselves to relax and de-stress, gather your friends and families close, and keep safe and warm.  
Susan

### Member Messages

**Gwen Wells** has asked me to pass this on to you  
Dear Fellow Guild Members.

I would like to thank you for the cards and thoughtful messages you sent my way after the death of my husband. It made me feel good to have your kind thoughts.

Thanks  
Gwen Wells

**Roberta Collin** asked me to pass on the sad news that her sister in law, Marg Collin, a previous guild member, passed away July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007. She had pancreatic cancer.

**Cathy Grist** asked me to post in the newsletter that she hasn't received a book back that someone had borrowed from her. Being a new member, she doesn't know a lot of the gal's names. The book is called Peace on Earth and has Christmas projects in it. I'm sure she would love to have it back.

### Thread of Truth

I found the most interesting article at the YLI thread site. When you go to the scroll, scroll down the left hand side to where you see the Education Section and you will see the Thread of Truth brochure and it is a pdf file. There are 17 pages, but I have printed off a copy for the guild library.  
<http://www.ylicorp.com/>

### Sincere Condolences

Sincere condolences go out to Betty  
McLeod, who's mother passed away last week.

## IT'S SEW EASY TOO

Visit Cristel and the gals at the shop and see what classes she has upcoming! She has a very wide selection of classes, a lot of them with instructors from our guild. Maybe you will run into a quilt fairy there.

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### Sudbury & District Quilting and Stitchery Guild Program 2007/2008

Barbara Lipic and Daintry Chitaroni

#### **13th Beginner Battenburg Lace with Betty**

**McLeod- Part 1** Betty will teach the basics of this beautiful stitchery technique. Supply list will be provided. Part 2 will be scheduled for a later date.

**20th Catherine's Quilt Bag Part 2-** construction of the bag, embellishment options and finishing

**Tracy's Beaded Ball Part 2-** finishing instructions

#### **Saturday November 24<sup>th</sup>- Cuddle Quilt Day**

**27th Baltimore Album Quilts with Estelle Biondi-** Estelle will share with the guild some of her secrets to making an heirloom Baltimore Album quilt. This will be a Demo and discussion class on various techniques and projects.

#### **December 2007**

**4<sup>th</sup> Christmas Ornament Challenge-** while we all enjoy making and receiving a handmade ornament at the Christmas party, we rarely get to see them all. This year we ask the members to bring their ornament the week before to be displayed. Prizes will be awarded.

**Christmas Show and Tell-** bring your favorite piece of stitchery or your quilted project that you display every year at Christmas time to share with the members. You can discuss the techniques used, where you got the pattern or inspiration for the design, the story behind the piece, or your memories if it is an heirloom.

**11<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party-** details to follow

**18<sup>th</sup> Helper Elf Night-** If you are trying to finish a project for Christmas, or just need direction on a technique bring it to the experts. Our members will be happy to help!

Look for our special **Table Treats** to be shared with the group.

### INTERESTING STUFF

<http://www.brightcove.tv/title.jsp?title=932708422&channel=156457828> Hand quilting video from Quilting from the Heartland, has to be viewed in Firefox or probably IE

<http://www.livingto100.com/> My Life Expectancy is 87, what is yours???

Link to the Pinetree Quilters Guild of Muskoka

<http://www.pinetreequiltersguildofmuskoka.com/>

This page has tutorials on How to Applique, How to Handpiece, and How to Ruche:

<http://www.roserushbrooke.com/tutorials.html>

Check out Sharon Chamber's website. She has videos, including some on mitering corners, as well as a wealth of videos on various other subjects.

<http://www.sharonschambernetwork.com/videos.html>

This site was sent in by Lucy and has a lot of interesting info

<http://sylviasquiltdepot.com/schoolhouse.htm>

It seems that many people come to Guild to **TALK** not **LISTEN**. For those of us who want to **LISTEN** to what's going on please be quiet while announcements are being made. It is especially difficult for people with hearing aids. **TALK** before the meeting starts and after it ends.

Signed: Frustrated member

## CUDDLE QUILT REPORT

Guild participation in the Hospice project has been overwhelming. The following chart indicates where we stand at present for the single bed (~60" x ~80") quilts. Also 2 very nice small cuddle quilts are being held for the Hospice.

#	Participants	Quilt Done	Quilt in Progress
1	Lynn Binney, quilted by Denise Leger	1	
2	Lou Pegoraro	1	
3	Marlene Sirkka, completed by Janet Burns, quilted by Jan Bayly (1), and Janet Burns (1)	2	
4	Laura Townsend (top) quilted by Colombe Charest, tied by Guild members	1	
5	Dot Manchuk		1
6	Linda Edman/Dorothy McPhail/ Mary Ellen Langlois		1
7	Cathy Grist, quilting Jan Bayly (2), Colombe Charest (1)		3
8	Pat Jacobson		1
9	Myrna Tapper		1
10	Deanna Weiler		1
11	Liz Kivistik		1
12	Juliet McDonald		1
13	Marg Conibear		1

Since our last report, 42 cuddle quilts and 8 tops have been donated. We would like to thank Colombe Charest, Kay Sweetman, Janet Burns, Muriel Anderson, Agnes Yorke, Lynn Binney, Deanna Weiler, Mary Ellen Langlois, Janet Wiebe, a friend of cuddle quilts, Cathy Grist, Mariette Brunette, Val Mackelvie, Dorothy McPhail, Florence Ziminski, Jan Bayly for machine quilting one of our Hospice Quilts, and the group of ladies who tied a large quilt for the Hospice on Cuddle Quilt day. Thanks to Kathy Thomas, Lou Pegoraro, Susan Huot and Marianne Bech for their donations of fabric, orphan blocks and panels.

Forty-six cuddle quilts have been distributed to St. Joseph's Villa; Our Children, Our Future; Neonatal (including 2 memory quilts and 5 knit hats); Children's

Aid; Genevra House; Elizabeth Centre; and the Garson Food Bank.

Beginners, intermediate and advanced quilters, mark our second Cuddle Quilt Day **Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar. Please feel free to attend any time between 9am and 3pm at the Guild Room. Marlene Sitka's donated items contained many panels. Dainty Citron has graciously volunteered to demonstrate how to add to these panels to make quilts of all sizes. If you need further enticement, Nicolle has volunteered to bring homemade soup, all you require is a bowl and a spoon!

Future Cuddle Quilt Saturdays are:-

- January 12, 2008
- February 23, 2008
- April 12, 2008

### Wheelchair Quilts

If you are interested in making quilts for persons who require the use of a wheelchair, the following information, provided by Carmen Huggins, is extremely useful.

- Length of quilt should be the measurement from the waist to the feet, which is ~40". Remember, for a man, this measurement will be a little bit longer.
- Width of quilt should be the sitting measurement (across your front, from seat to seat, plus a few more inches, but not so much that the quilt will get caught in the wheels of the chair).
- If you are making a quilt for someone who is totally dependent on a wheelchair, extend your quilt length so that it can be folded under ~6" to 8" and tacked to the side of the quilt. This will keep feet nice and warm. For those who have had a stroke, the quilt can be reversed so the hands can be kept warm.
- Carmen suggests sewing a shirt/jean pocket to the front of the quilt. This makes a place for the storage of keys/personal items.
- Quilts should be made of cotton fronts and flannel/flannelette backing. This prevents the quilt from slipping.
- Please do not attach ties. Carmen indicated that she would place this herself.

Lynn Binney

For the Cuddle Quilt Committee members – Janet, Agnes, Mariette and Colombe

## Neonatal Knit Hat Pattern

Needles: set of 4 -- 3.75mm or 4.00mm double ended needles

Circumference of the hat should be between 5.5" (14cm) and 11" (28cm). If using fine yarns knit using two strands of yarn.

Cast on 40 (48, 56, 64) sts. Distribute over 3 needles.

When I took the hats to Neonatal they were thrilled to receive the medium to larger sized hats.

Work 8 rounds in P1, K1

Work 18 (20, 22, 24) rounds in stocking stitch (knit every round).

Start at 7<sup>th</sup> (5<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup>) round.

1<sup>st</sup> round: (K6, K2 tog) repeat to end (56 sts)

2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> rounds: K

3<sup>rd</sup> round: (K5, K2 tog) repeat to end (48 sts)

5<sup>th</sup> round: (K4, K2 tog) repeat to end (40 sts)

7<sup>th</sup> round: (K3, K2 tog) repeat to end (32 sts)

Continue decreasing until ~ 6 stitches remain.

Thread end of yarn through needle. Pull thread through stitches. Secure end.

Submitted by Lynn Binney

## LIBRARY

Your guild library has been busy these last few weeks. And it's been great to see so much activity! We would appreciate your continued suggestions as to new books/materials you would like to see in the library's collection. You can suggest a specific book title, a technique, or even a favourite author.

While you're visiting the library to give us your suggestions, why not stay a while and look for:

**SOMETHING OLD...** like a favourite project you might like to revisit with new style, or a back issue of your favourite magazine

**SOMETHING NEW...** Come by to sign out a book on a new technique you haven't tried yet... one you've just learned about, or one you've been meaning to try for years

**SOMETHING BORROWED...** (what better place to find it than the library!) Borrow an idea from a classic stitch or block, add your personal creativity and flair, and create something special just for you, or for someone you love.

or **SOMETHING BLUE!**... (or red or green or yellow or brown...) Just browsing through our library's wonderful collection is sure to inspire you; there are so many colourful ideas.

So come by and see us soon - because you and your library are meant to be 'a match made in heaven!'  
New books this month:

**Simple Traditions** by Kim Diehl

**Star of Wonder: Art to Heart** by Nancy

Halvorsen

P.S. Don't miss the special section of Christmas books and magazines that we have set aside for you. Maybe you'll find just the right inspiration in the library's collection!

See you at the library!

The library committee



## More Interesting Web Stuff

This site has a video on hand quilting:

<http://www.brightcove.tv/title.jsp?title=932708422&channel=156457828>

With Quilts on the Rocks 2009 fast approaching I thought this site might be informative. Jeana Kimball just came back from judging the Houston Quilt Festival. On her website she has something she calls her sewing room and she has currently addressed questions regarding judging and the type of quilts that were juried into the shows. As most of you know, Jeana is a traditional type quilter and she gives some good advice regarding entering traditional type quilts into a quilt show, the types of things that judges and juries look for.  
<http://www.jeanakimballquilter.com/>

Sue Ann Taylor, who started QNN and then sold it last year, has started another website with quilting video on demand. This website is currently free. The videos available rotate from day to day. Here is the link: <http://www.quilterstv.com/>

If anyone has read Jennifer Chiaverini's series of books, you may be interested in her Sylvia's Bridal Sampler Quilt block patterns  
<http://homepage.mac.com/chiaverini/sylviasbridalsampler/patterns/patterns.html> Or  
<http://www.elmcreek.net/sbsplaintext.htm>

The blocks are 6 inch blocks so not as scary as my 4.5 inch Dear Jane blocks. By clicking on each block you can download a pdf file for the block.

This page has some free patterns, a worksheet for calculating setting and corner triangles, and the no waste flying geese.

<http://www.patchpieces.com/Sharing.html>

Omnigrid's website and this wonderful link that tells you all about how to use some of their rulers.

[http://www.dritz.com/brands/omnigrid/images/Omnigrid\\_Cutting-Tips\\_Leaflet.pdf](http://www.dritz.com/brands/omnigrid/images/Omnigrid_Cutting-Tips_Leaflet.pdf)

Here's another place with lots of sayings and poems.

<http://thegoldenthimble.com/quilt dedications>

## SECRET PALS

As I mentioned in my business meeting report, we have 20 gals that signed up for the Secret Pals program. As I also mentioned at the meeting a couple of the gals have not received anything at all from their secret pal. As originally mentioned in my handout with the form, gifts don't have to be big, they don't have to be expensive, but they do have to show up once in awhile. Birthdays, anniversaries and Christmas should never be forgotten. Other occasions include Thanksgiving, Hallowe'en, Valentines Day, Easter and "Just Because you feel like it" You don't have to lavish large gifts each time, but it is not fair that one receives gifts and does not reciprocate. As I also mentioned at the meeting, one of the gals whos birthday was in September, never received so much as a card. If the person that has her no longer wishes to participate in the program, I have a willing replacement to take over the spot, just see me at guild or talk to Susan Huot who will pass the message on to me. We all know that once in a while circumstances change, making it hard to participate. The rest of the pals won't have a clue who you are.

Patti

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Hello, The Art Quilter Lecture & Workshop Series features world renowned fibre art teachers that come to Ottawa so that we can learn from the best. The next workshop is with Robbi Joy Eklow (<http://www.robbielow.com/>). Robbi is a regular columnist in Quilting Arts Magazine who has become world renowned through the many awards she has won on the quilt competition circuit in the US.

Would it be possible to have the workshop information posted in your newsletter so that members of your guild will be aware of what's coming? I am not sure what section in the table of contents it would fall under but

in The Ottawa Valley Guild, they put it in the upcoming events section.

Here is the description:

December 2008

"The Art Quilter Lecture & Workshop Series"

featuring: Robbi Joy Eklow "The Goddess Of The Last Minute" Dec. 1 & 2 lecture: Free Expression Quilts (Fri. Nov. 30 at 7:30 pm) workshop: Free Expression Buffet by Robbi Joy Eklow (Sat. & Sun. 10:00 am - 4:00 pm) location: Maki House, 19 Leeming Drive. Ottawa Info: Jody Taylor (613) 828-1183, e-mail:

[bravoshow@sympatico.ca](mailto:bravoshow@sympatico.ca) or [www.bravoquiltstudio.com](http://www.bravoquiltstudio.com)

Thank you and I look forward to your reply.

P.S. In April, we will be hosting Carol Taylor and in June, we will host Marti Michell. J.

Regards,

Jody Taylor, Show Manager

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## St. Jacobs Quilt Shows

The 13th annual St. Jacobs Quilt Shows will be held in the historic Village of St. Jacobs, May 27th to May 31st, 2008. Over 200 quilts

will be displayed. The following events are 'Must See' - A Sampling and UFO's in the Schoolhouse, Contemporary Quilts, The Church Theatre

Trunk Show, Quilts for the World and The Quilt Gallery. If your organization is interested in receiving the initial brochure and updates, please forward your mailing address to me. Oh, yes, tea will be served!

## AFRICAN QUILT DISPLAY

October the 20<sup>th</sup> to the 25<sup>th</sup> 2008 there will be an exhibit of over 100 quilts from East Africa, countries such as Kenya, Rwanda, Zimbabwe, Uganda and others. There will be a lecture, slide show on the history of quilting in Africa as well as textiles. The show will be happening at the Ailsa Craig rec. centre in Ailsa Craig Ontario. Buses are welcome and the cost is \$7.00 dollars at the door or advance ticket of \$15.00 for both the show and slide show lecture. We hope to go to Kenya early next year as Suzanne has been asked to teach there while we go over the final details of the show. There will be classes all week long as well. I have been asked to do a trunk show at different guilds as we have quilts in the shop from Africa now and will have more in a little while. If this is of interest to your guild please let me know. [garnet@cotton-by-post.com](mailto:garnet@cotton-by-post.com) Also please view our website to see the results of our Russian show. It will be posted later this week.

Regards Garnet Smalley

## PLUM TORTE

Preheat oven to 350F(180C)  
9" springform pan, buttered and floured  
Cream together: 1 cup(250mL) sugar  
1/2 cup(125mL) butter  
Add and beat until fine crumbs: 1 cup(250mL) flour  
1 tsp(5mL) baking powder  
Add and beat: 2 eggs, lightly beaten.  
Spoon into pan, spreading evenly.  
16-24 prune plums halved. Place cut side down on  
batter.  
Combine: 3 Tbsp(45mL) sugar  
1 1/2 tsp(7mL) cinnamon.  
Sprinkle over plums.  
Bake for 1 hour. Serves 8-10  
Freezes beautifully. Will last up to nine months if well  
wrapped. This was received in an email...

## INTERESTING ARTICLE

I saw this article in the Huron Perth guild's newsletter  
and just had to share it with you

### DO YOU JUST BELONG

Are you an active member the kind that would be missed?  
Or are you content to know your name is on the list?

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Do you attend every meeting and mingle with the crowd?  
Or do you stay away and then complain long and loud?

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When you are asked to lend a hand do you say "yes" real  
quick? Or pass the chance to share the fun then talk about  
the clique?

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So many quilting projects are waiting to be done ,and all  
can be accomplished with support from everyone.

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Memberships are more than meetings, so help with hand  
and heart. Don't just be another member but take an active  
part

~ ~

Take a minute, think it over , it really won't take long....  
Are you an active member here or do you just belong?

For all those scrap quilt makers out there, this site  
has a string pieced quilt using diamond shaped pieces,  
also shows how to do the inset seams.  
<http://quiltville.com/outonastring.shtml>

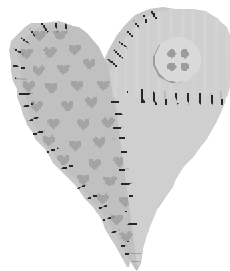
## Mystery Quilt Enthusiasts

I just love all the helpful info I get from the  
1500+ member Dear Jane group that I belong to  
online, they are always coming up with neat ideas, time  
savers, and all kinds of other stuff. This link came in  
my email today and I thought I would share it with all  
the mystery quilter enthusiasts out there.

This is a one day workshop that will take place  
on the 25 of Nov at 11am est online. Fabric  
requirements and cutting instructions are posted on  
the following page:  
<http://planetpatchwork.com/Mystery125/default.htm>

## Membership

Now that Thanksgiving and Halloween are behind us,  
our Guild Year is well underway. As of October 31<sup>st</sup>  
(the last date to renew at the \$30 rate) we have 153  
members. This includes 12 life  
members, 13 new members and  
128 renewing members. 33  
former members have left us,  
some for obvious reasons (e.g.  
relocation, illness), but others for  
unknown reasons. If you meet  
someone who has not returned, let  
them know we miss them, and encourage them to  
return. We welcome the following new members since  
our last newsletter: Sue Bean, Rita Dickie, Jeanne  
Dumont, Jennifer Marsh, and Nancy McCrea. Hard  
copies of the membership list are now available for 50  
cents.



Sharon Bourque and Denise Leger  
Membership Committee

