

SUDBURY AND DISTRICT QUILTING AND STITCHERY GUILD

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PLEASE REMEMBER: NO PERFUMES OR SCENTED BODY SPRAYS AT GUILD



Membership

The lovely soft snow today indicates that winter has arrived and the holiday season is near. Our member numbers are now at 144, and we hope that our new members are quickly feeling at home in our Guild and finding

inspiration and friendship in our midst. Chantal Robillard is our newest member and I hope you will seek her out to say hello and welcome. A hard copy of the membership list is now available for .50.

Cathy and I wish you all the most joyous of seasons and hope that you will find some "you" time over the holiday to do whatever brings you peace.

Sharon Bourque and Cathy Carr
Membership Committee

Newsletter submissions for Feb
issue is the last week of Jan
2009

Program

The classes presented in 2008 were all very well attended, and we are anticipating having as much fun in 2009. On December 16, which is the last meeting before the Christmas break, we will be displaying the workshop samples and starting to register for the second half of the program. As in 2008, some of the classes have limited enrolment. We would ask that each person selects her first choice and puts her name on a wait-list for the second, third and fourth pick. In the first half of the year we were able to accommodate almost everyone on wait lists. If a course is overflowing we will attempt to schedule it on a second date.

Here's a preview of some of the courses that will be offered. I have attached a tentative calendar.

- Fabric Landscapes (Susan McLeod) (4 weeks)
- Brazilian Embroidery (Diane MacKenzie) (2 weeks)
- Purse making (Nicole Rautiainen)
- Beading (Tracy Gunn) (2 weeks)
- Quilt Labelling & Documenting (Daintry Chitaroni)
- Fabric Postcards (Myrna Tapper)
- Hand Pieced Pincushion (Patti MacKinnon)
- 8-Point Star Block (Janet Wiebe)

Don't forget that Marg Conibear is also doing a trunk show on December 16. Her presentations are always informative and fun.

Susan Cardinal, Kathie Thomas & Roma Smith

Library

Your library committee invites you to visit the library if you have not done so recently and check out all the new materials. If you are looking for Christmas ideas we have the latest magazine issues with patterns for table runners, wall quilts and tree skirts. There are also some nice Christmas cross-stitch patterns that were donated to the library.

We will be happy to assist you in finding specific books or magazines and are willing to share our ideas if you want some advice.

The following is a list of new materials this year:

Guild Library Books

The following are new books purchased for the 2008-2009 guild year:

1. Terrific Tees Roberta De Luz
 2. Kaleidoscope of Quilts Kaffe Fassett
 3. Points of View Valerie Hearder
 4. Skinny Quilts & Table Runners Eleanor Levie
 5. Fun With One Block Quilts - Cheryl Malkowski
 6. Knockout Blocks and Sampler Quilts- Judy Martin
 7. Fractured Landscape Quilts-Katie Pasquini
- Masopust
8. Design Workshop Ruth McDowell
 9. Simple Start Stunning Finish Valori Wells
 10. Visual Coloring Joen Wolfrom
 11. Pocket Guides to Freehanding Darlene Epp
 - a) Meanderings
 - b) Textures & Fillers
 - c) Borders & Sashings
 12. Mindful Meandering Laura Lee Fritz
 13. Mastering the Art of McTavishing Karen McTavish
 14. The Secrets of Elemental Quilting Karen McTavish
 15. Quilting by Improvisation Vikki Pignatelli
 16. Beautiful Blooms Susan Taylor Propst
 17. Beaded Jewelry Maya Brenner
 18. Reflection of Nature Jane Hall
 The Art & Embroidery of Jane Hall
 19. The Story of Beaded Embellishment-Mary Stori
 20. Pillow Party Pamela Lindquist
 21. Over Easy Lerlene Nevaril
 Creative Ideas for Pieced Quilt Backs
 22. Stack a New Deck Karla Alexander
 23. Rectangle Pizzazz Judy Sisneros
 24. One-Block Wonders Maxine Rosenthal
 25. Puzzle Quilts Paula Nadelstern
 26. Piecing Workshop Ruth McDowell
 27. Scraps Judy Martin
 28. Stitch, Spritz & Sew Kathy Bowers

29. Passionate Patchwork Kaffe Fassett
30. Stunning Angleplay Quilts Margaret J Miller
31. Simply Stunning Woven Quilts Anna Faustino
32. Beginners' Guide to Mountmellick Pat Trott
 Embroidery
33. Quilts Without Corners Cheryl Phillips

New Magazine Subscriptions for the 2008-2009 guild year:

1. Machine Quilting Unlimited

The following are donations to the library for the 2008-2009 guild year:

1. The New Year's Quilt Jennifer Chiaverini
 donated by Dorothy McPhail
2. The New Anchor Book of Freestyle
 Embroidery Stitches Eve Harlow
 donated by Dorothy Dopson
3. 90 Minute Quilts Meryl Ann Butler
 donated by Frances Corston
4. Beaded Cross-Stitch Treasures Gay Bowles
 donated by Lou Pegoraro
5. Quilts from the Garden Paula Vaughan
 donated by Lou Pegoraro
6. Jolly Cross-Stitch Santas Leisure Arts
 donated by Lou Pegoraro
7. The Quilters' Recipe Book Celia Eddy
 donated by Mariette Brunette
8. DVD The Quilts of East Africa
 donated by Kay Sweetman

Have a very happy Christmas holiday and all our best wishes for a happy and healthy new year.
Dot and the Library gals

SOUP'S ON

The *Soup's On* event, held in conjunction with the Sudbury Basin Potters on November 21st and 22nd, was another resounding success. Attendance was up from the prior year and it seems it just grows by word of mouth. The ladies who did display quilting and stitchery were pleased with the results, but only about a dozen from the guild participated. We intend to keep our participation in this event going for at least one more year, as it will be a good fit in 2009 with Quilts on the Rocks happening just a few weeks earlier. We can evaluate our continued participation after that.

If any of you are organized enough to get a head start on next year, it seems that small items sell best, and

those made for children are always a favourite. There is no profit to the guild from this event; the 10% sales commission goes directly to the potters, who in turn cover their expenses and make a donation to the soup kitchen. Susan Cardinal

Christmas Party

The Christmas Party will take place Tuesday, Dec. 9th at Church of Epiphany at 85 Larch St. We will begin at 5:30 p.m. This will be a pot-luck event. Guests may bring an appetizer, a main course item or a dessert. Food should be ready to eat when it arrives at the hall. Please bring hot items hot as space for heating is limited. As well, frozen items should be defrosted and ready to enjoy. Tables will be arranged in groups of eight. Please make sure you have signed the table seating sheet.

Again this year we are asking everyone attending to bring a Christmas ornament wrapped in a brown paper bag. We will exchange and distribute these items after we have enjoyed our meal.

Guests are encouraged to bring small bottles of shampoo, soap, socks, boots, even jackets for the Out of the Cold program. We will designate a corner in the hall and these items can be dropped off as you arrive.

A Christmas basket will be raffled, and some lucky member will win a gorgeous door prize.

We look forward to sharing the evening with you.

Val MacKelvie

Nancy Burdeniuk

"Vena's Challenge" "Stitch a True Life Story"

Submission Deadline: Guild Banquet in May 2009

You will remember the enthusiastic talk that I gave at a Guild Meeting a few weeks ago about my friend, and a Life Member of the Guild, Vena Mietins.

At each Quilts on the Rocks show we present an award named the "Vena Mietins Award for Original Stitchery". This award was started over 30 years ago by one of our Life Members _ Vena Mietins. Vena has donated the prize of \$250 for the best original stitchery displayed at each Quilts on the Rocks Show.

Vena's passion is, to this day, 'creative original stitchery' "come up with an idea, put it into a plan, make the pattern and stitch it". It is Vena's mission in life to inspire and encourage others to take on the challenge of doing original work.

Since we would like to see more original Stitchery entries at the upcoming 2009 Quilts on the Rocks Show, Vena has enthusiastically issued a challenge to all Guild Members: " Vena's Challenge" which is entitled "Stitch a True Life Story". According to Vena, any event in your life can be stitched. It could be the birth of a baby or the death of a loved one or it could be _ a first love or a lost love. It could be arriving at your camp for the first time of the season or a memorable sunset. We are looking for as many entries as possible which must be completed by the Guild Banquet in May. The pieces will be peer judged by the members and Vena will donate a prize to the winner. We are hoping that this will encourage more stitchery entries for the 2009 Quilts on the Rocks original stitchery display. Items stitched for this challenge, may also be entered in Quilts on the Rocks 2009. You may want to visit the website for "Embroiders' Association of Canada" at (www.eac.ca _ Seminar 2009 _ brochure) to get some ideas and to view some of the workshops that they will be presenting at their upcoming annual conference this Spring.

.We have had more Stitchery workshops this Guild year which have been well attended, so I hope we are looking forward to seeing some neat projects on display.

I would like to encourage all members to participate in the "Vena Challenge" for original stitchery.

REMI NDER

"Vena's Challenge" "Stitch a True Life Story"

Submission Deadline: Guild Banquet in May 2009 If you have any questions or suggestions, you may contact Susan Young.

15 REASONS FOR BUYING FABRIC

1. It insulates the closet where it is kept.
 2. It helps keep the economy going. It is our patriotic duty to support cotton farmers, textile mills, and quilt shops.
 3. It is less expensive and more fun than psychiatric care.
 4. Because it's on sale.
 5. Because I'm worth it.
 6. A sudden increase in the boll weevil population might wipe out the cotton crop for the next ten years.
 7. I'm participating in a contest: the one who dies with the most fabric wins.
 8. It keeps without refrigeration, you don't have to cook it to enjoy it, and you never have to feed it, change it, wipe its nose, or walk it.
 9. I need extra weight in the trunk of my car for traction on snowy, icy roads. This is important, even in Florida and Southern California - YOU never know when the weather will change.
 10. Like dust, it's good for protecting previously empty spaces in the house, like the ironing board, the laundry hamper, the dining room table...
 11. When the Big Earthquake comes, all the quilt shops might be swallowed into the ground and never be seen again.
 12. Stress from dealing with the Fabric Control Officer (my husband) made me do it.
 13. It's not immoral, illegal or fattening. It calms the nerves, gratifies the soul, and makes me feel good.
 14. Buy it now, before your husband retires and goes with you on all your shopping expeditions.
 15. A yard a day is all the quilt shops of America ask.
- Sent to me in an email...

In Club Quilt

Greetings once again fellow members! We're already December and the great news with the In-Club Quilt Report is that we're running on schedule!

One of my goals is to have the quilt ready for quilting before Christmas. Another goal of mine is to see **every single member** having at least one chance of winning at the year-end banquet.

As of November 23, 2008, a total of 55 members have participated in this project - THAT'S ABOSULETLY WONDERFUL!! GREAT WORK!!

If by March you're name isn't on the list ... watch out! I'll be coming after you!

Let me take a moment to repeat a few paragraphs from November's Newsletter submission, in case some of the members haven't had a chance to get caught up with their reading:

Some of the newer members may be unfamiliar with the In-Club Quilt. Essentially it is a quilt that is made conjointly by the members of the guild which will be raffled at the year-end banquet in May of 2009. Everyone who contributes their time and talent has a chance to win, whether it is cutting fabric, piecing or hand-quilting.

As my first experience in heading such an undertaking, I chose a beginner pattern so that I can concentrate my efforts in the planning and execution of the project rather than on the quilt itself. The pattern is called "Sunny Lanes" from the book Nickel Quilts - Great Designs from 5-Inch Scraps by authors Pat Speth and Charlene Thode (That Patchwork Place). Fabrics from Thimbleberries - Greetings from Canada were chosen, as I love earthy/country colours and I have a certain pride when it comes to Canada, whether it be music, literature, or fabric! It was also important to me for the quilt to be gender-neutral so that it could be enjoyed just about anywhere at the lucky winner's discretion. Thanks to Pat Jacobson and Denise Leger of Country Quilter for helping with the selection of fabrics.

A BIG THANK YOU once again for everyone's enthusiasm and participation,
Monique Gascon - Co-ordinator, In-Club Quilt 2008-2009

Websites of the month

Cotton Spice Quilting

<http://www.cottonspice.com/> Karen Gass has some really interesting stuff available on her website, which is an online quilting magazine. If you check the downloads page you may find that there is more to yoyo than just those cute round ones we are all familiar with. Her quilt blog has a free pattern for making your own grocery bags. Also on the download page there links on the right to Stone Cottage Quilts. Designs link has a free pattern for a Simply Hearts Tablerunner, and a link to other free patterns. Also has tutorials

For Stitchers: Sharon B's

<http://www.inaminuteago.com/> Sharon B's site has just about anything a stitcher might be interested in. There is a dictionary of stitches, step by step instructions, crazy quilt projects, online blog. This site might be worthwhile checking out for those involved in the Stitchers Chatelaine challenge that Juliet is looking after.

For those with time to spare before the holidays: <http://www.christmascraftfreebies.com/>

COUNTRY QUILTER

1191 Lansing Ave, Sudbury, ON
705-524-6235

CUSTOMER APPRECIATION

FREE CLASS

Purchase .75 m of fabric
AT THE SHOP
to make a casserole carrier and the
class fee is on me.
Dec 9th and Dec 12th

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

Pat

IT'S SEW EASY TOO

Visit Christel 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.

Christmas fabrics have arrived!!!

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Thank You

Just a note to say that the tickets i sold at
guild to raise money for fabric to make quilts
for cancer patients the winner was Brenda
Arsenault and we raised 905.00 i wish to thank
everyone who bought tickets from me please
pass this on in the news letter Carroll Deforge

Cuddle Quilt Report

I would like to address a few misconceptions I have heard with regard to Cuddle Quilts. First, the quilts we donate to our community organizations are well made quilts using cotton, cotton-polyester, and flannel fabrics. Fabrics donated and unsuitable for quilting are put on the back table for Guild members to take. All our quilts are made with the same standards as quilts that we ourselves would like to receive. Second, we are extremely fortunate that our cupboard, at this moment, has an abundance of material, batting, and backing which we encourage you to use in cuddle quilts. Third, many guild members also use their own materials, batting and backing for our cuddle quilts, and our long arm quilters have been very generous with their donation of quilting services, batting, backing, thread and time. Your cuddle quilts are **very** appreciated by all who receive them.

On Saturday, November 29th, we held our second cuddle quilt day of this year. Twenty six participants were busy working on the crazy quilt squares, their own project or finishing up previous cuddle quilt day quilts. Dot's soup, Kathie's rolls and member donations made our lunch very enjoyable.

Mark Saturday, **January 10th** on your calendar. This will be our first cuddle quilt day of the New Year. We will be working on block squares. Daintry will be giving a session on how to put a quilt together by quilting smaller sections and joining them to make a full quilt. This is very useful to those who have limited sewing space or a small throat on their machine.

The Guild response to our mini memory quilt plea has been very positive. We have heard from various members and Maison Vale Inco Hospice on how important our mini quilts are to the families of residents who have passed away. Knowing others care, means a lot.

I'd like to thank the following ladies for their contributions of quilts, mini memory quilts, placemats, material, squares, kits and long arm quilting to the Cuddle Quilt Programme - Betty McLeod, Lynn, Colombe, Lynda Edman, Mariette, Carla Alexiuk, Jan Bayly, Denise Leger, Dot Manchuk, Nadine Ashik, Val Letford, Marg Conibear, Sharon Bourque, Sandra Desormeaux, Gisele Savard, Susan Young, Connie Marsh, Dorothy McPhail, Doris McLaren, Pat Jacobson, Dorothy Dopson, Kay Sweetman, Rita Dickie, Helene Ranger-Vaillancourt, Evelyn Yade, Huguette Larose, Julianne Lumley (Huguette's sister), Cathy Grist, Lou Pegoraro, Frances Corston, Anita Flesher and Nancy McCrea.

Donated items to date

Location	Quilts	Mini memory quilts	Placemats	Hats/Booties
Children's Aid	13			
Ext. York	7			
Genevra House	11			
Iris Foundation	4			
Maison Vale Inco Hospice	3	66	24	
M.S. Society	4			
Neonatal	20			12
Perinatal Mental Health	7			
Our Children, Our Future	16			
St Joseph's Villa	10			
Total	95	66	24	12

At present, the Hospice has enough placemats. If you are in the process of making placemats, we will still accept them. Also, neonatal has sufficient quilt and hats for the moment.

Submitted by Lynn Binney

Email to the Editor

Dear Patti,

I think your last newsletter like all your other newsletters was just great. I share them all with the guilds here because they are certainly worth sharing. I particularly enjoyed the last 2 newsletters because I sensed more energy in the Guild dynamic people seem to be getting excited and things seem to be happening. I also sense excitement in the air around Quilts on the Rocks.

I think Guild newsletters are great they are a written memory of our past, our growth, the programs we do and Guilds should treasure their newsletter editors. It is not that easy a job. I did it for a couple of years at the Rayside Guild and sometimes there is no real appreciation of the effort it takes to put it out and on time, the running after and reminding people. Sometimes as editors in order to do the job probably we do have to speak out even if a few feathers are ruffled. Too bad, I say. From my experience you will always get the downers, people who self righteously put down every member of the executive, who are trying to do the best they can. These people you must ignore because for every downer there are two or three of those beautiful upbeat people who will always try to lift you up, who come to the Guild to learn share and enjoy each other in a social situation. That's why I loved the Sudbury Guild and miss you all, you gave me so much that was worthwhile in my life, friendship, skills, inspiration and NEWSLETTERS!. Priceless stuff. I think the Guilds here must be sick of me extolling the virtues of the Sudbury Guilds and how well we do things in the north.

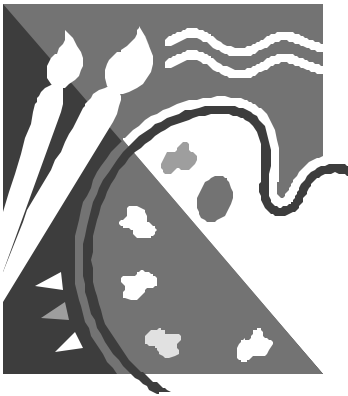
You are doing a great job Patti and I am sure most of the members love having you do the newsletter, don't give it up just because of a few downers, only give it up if you truly don't want to do it any more or someone else really wants to have a go. I love receiving my newsletters, it gives me a link to you all. I would hate it to be severed in any way.

Keep up the good work, Patti, and you can share this email if you like.

Take care and cheers,
Marilyn Clulow

Editors Note: I want to thank everyone that submitted articles for this months' newsletter, and many thanks to Marilyn and others who emailed me words of encouragement last month. Patti

Quilts on the Rocks A Fun and Funky Challenge



Have you always wanted to try your hand at Fabric Postcards or Artist Trading Cards? If so, this is the challenge for you. For a small investment of time you will produce a mini work of art that will be displayed at Quilts on the Rocks 2009. The cost is \$5.00 to participate and you will receive a 4X6 piece of *Timtex* and a beautiful *Lampwork bead* handmade by our very own Cathy Carr. There are only 5 must do's:

- Your theme must be fun and funky
- Your card will measure 4X6
- You must incorporate a minimum of one of Cathy's beads into the design.
- You will complete an entry form (to be provided) and,
- if possible, Email a digital photo of your creation

Deadlines are:

- **January 13, 2009**- last date to sign up with \$5 commitment

- **September 2009**- second Guild Meeting –all cards must be completed and submitted
- **September 2009**- second Guild meeting will be Photo night (for those who have not submitted a digital photo)
- **October 2 & 3rd, 2009**-Quilts on the Rocks Exhibition-cards will be displayed

On February 24th, you can sign up for a workshop with Myrna Tapper covering basic construction techniques. You can also see the last newsletter for many websites with tutorials and inspiration or sign out our Guild library book on the topic. Then, all you have to do is apply your own creative magic to make it happen. 33 members have already committed. If you wish to participate see Sharon Bourque to sign up, select your bead and pick up your Timtex. We cannot wait to see what you come up with.....oh and did we mention there will be prizes???

Sharon Bourque and Catherine Sloan

Quilts on the Rocks 2009

There is not much to report this month, all of our projects are in the works and we hope that you have time to do a bit over the holidays:

- the stitchery chatelaine challenge (Juliet)
- the artist trading card challenge (Catherine and Sharon)
- items for the silent auction (Marg)
- items for the boutique (Carla and Jan)
- items for the show, sleeves and labels included
- Quilts on the Rocks challenge (Susan Huot)

Patti and I have updated the guild website to include photos of the award winning quilts and stitchery pieces from the 2006 show, along with a few other photos of the show at College Boreal. Please visit the site and if you are in a photo that you don't want posted please let us know asap and it will be removed.

Intake forms for both quilting and stitchery items will be available in early January. If you will be away for the winter, please contact me and I can email a copy.

Have a great Christmas and a happy New Year.

Daintry

Quilts On The Rocks New Webpage

I have started the transformation from the costly quiltsongtherocks.com to the new webpage at

http://ca.geocities.com/sdqsg_qor/

Having a geocities webpage will allow us to leave the site up continuously. I am hoping to have most of the new site up and running within the next few weeks, so please be patient. I am also updating pages on the guild site. If you happen to notice any typo errors or perhaps you think of something that should be included, contact me at pattim51@persona.ca or make a suggestion to either:
Daintry Chitaroni, co-convenor daintry@chitaroni.com or
Susan Young co-convenor syoung@vianet.ca

Patti