



YHQG NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We are nearing the home stretch for this year, and I hope everyone has enjoyed the variety of speakers from across North America.

In March, our "Quilter of the Month" opened our eyes to another aspect of charity. When we think about charity and how the Guild can help, we usually think about shelters and comfort quilts. Last month, our speaker was from SKETCH. To learn more about this great place, please read Daniela's Quilt Show report and how you could help an organization like SKETCH assist troubled or underprivileged youth.

The Sewing Room sale is fast approaching and this year we will be setting up the tables in the front hall of Toronto Botanical Gardens. Along with member tables, there will be a Guild and Library table. If you wish to rent a table, please contact Bill Bartlett. If you don't want to rent a table, you could donate any sale items to the Guild.

As mentioned in the March newsletter, York Heritage will be hosting the Interguild meeting on Saturday May 14. I'm looking for 2 volunteers to

do the following:

1. Order and pick up sandwich platters and dessert for lunch
2. Make coffee/tea for the morning
3. Help with food set-up and clean-up afterwards

The cost of food and beverages will be covered by the Guild and reimbursed by the participants of the Interguild meeting.

If you would like to help, please let me know at president@yhgg.org or 416-429-4858

Re. Newsletter: Starting in September, the newsletter will be available only through the website. If you don't have access to a computer, please contact me at 416-429-4858 and we can make alternative arrangements to ensure that you still receive the monthly newsletter.

Re. Sensitivities: Sensitive noses are everywhere. Please refrain from wearing perfumes and using scented soaps when attending workshops and guild meetings.

See you at the April meeting,

Katie



NEWS FROM YOUR QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE

We can begin to feel the buzzing of all your sewing machines as you prepare your submissions! The electrical grid is positively vibrating! We have submission forms available to you through the website, as well as at the meetings in paper form for those of you who are ready to submit. This year these forms are due in September – we have extended the deadline for submission hoping it will make it easier for all of you to send in completed forms with pictures and sizes attached. This greatly facilitates hanging plans for the show.

At our last guild meeting we had a wonderful and heartfelt presentation from our sponsored charity. SKETCH is the agency that the quilt show team has decided to support through the Silent Auction. If you missed their presentation you didn't get a chance to hear one of the agency's many success stories. SKETCH helped a young lady land on her feet and find her calling. She was brought to tears several times as she remembered how SKETCH has changed her life. Please take a moment to learn more about SKETCH and the Hempress by checking out their website at www.sketch.ca.

SKETCH is a small, grass roots agency that uses the arts to help street youth and they are so excited to have been chosen. So don't forget to make a small quilt submission for the Silent Auction *and* to bid on your friends' submissions. Our motto is "make one, buy two!"

At our April guild meeting forms will also be ready for your submissions to the gift shop. We are very lucky to have experienced hands organizing the gift shop again and the forms will be quite similar to those used at our previous show. We look forward to having the wonderful array of unique gift items that we have become famous for. Great news too! We are working on a plan to be able to use credit cards in the shop!

Speaking of new ventures, we are also considering some other attractions for our show. Towards that end, we ask that you fill out a very brief questionnaire (on your email or via regular post) in order that we can work in the direction most wanted by our membership. If you can let us know which, if any, of these ideas you find interesting, we would be happy to focus our efforts. This will help us greatly towards making the 2011 YHQQ show truly representative of the great talents of all our members.

Thanks so much,

Daniela Tiger - Chair, Quilt Show Committee.



HELP US PUBLICIZE THE QUILT SHOW

Do you belong to another guild, or have friends there? Do you frequent a quilt shop or quilting group? Do you have a website, or blog, or do you twitter? Does your community centre, place of worship or workplace have a bulletin board? Do you speak another language? Do you have ideas for where and how we can publicize Celebration of Quilts XI? Please contact Catherine Schuler at ctschuler@gmail.com with your suggestions.



URGENT! YORK HERITAGE NEEDS YOU

York Heritage has an urgent need for key people on next year's executive. Please contact Janet Heise (past-president) for more information if you are interested in any of these positions. (416) 265-2934 or email info@yhgg.org

Historian: If you enjoy photography, this is the job for you! You get the best seat in the house, and maintain a photographic record of the many beautiful quilts displayed at each York Heritage meetings.

Display and Competition: You choose and introduce the Quilter of the Month and arrange Show and Share (and white glove helpers) at York Heritage meetings. In applicable years (depending on the Quilt Show cycle), you organize either the Guild Challenge or T.G.I.F. (Thank Goodness It's Finished).

Community Outreach: You will lead a team of volunteers creating charity quilts to donate to worthy groups for fundraising as well as comfort quilts to assist those less fortunate. This enthusiastic group meets at the Stan Wadlow Centre, which also provides storage for fabric and

equipment. Currently, Community Outreach gets together during the day on Mondays from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm twice a month, mostly during the winter months. The entire guild gets into the act on our Community Quilts Night to sew many of the blocks used in these quilts.

Vice-President: A showcase for your executive abilities. You will assist the president as needed, act as liaison with the Toronto Botanical Gardens for meeting set-up, and organize the annual general meeting. Prior experience in various positions on the York Heritage Executive would be an asset, but experience outside the Guild is valuable as well.

These positions are critical to the running of our guild. So now is the time to step up and be counted. I won't deny that serving on the York Heritage executive does require some work (if anything related to quilting can really be considered work), but it is a lot of fun as well, and a wonderful opportunity to meet some great folks who all share a deep love of quilting. So if you have an interest in any of these positions, let me know. We'll all be glad you did.

Janet Heise

QUILTER OF THE MONTH

April's **Quilter of the Month** is Debra Anger. Debra is a prolific quilter who will amaze you with a small sampling of her many quilts.

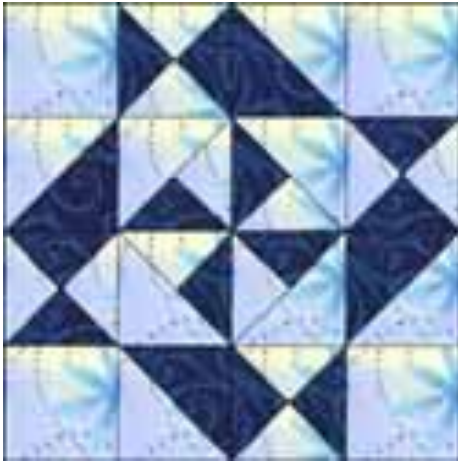
SHOW & SHARE

Show & Share is an exciting opportunity to view your fellow guild members' work. Please bring recently completed projects for display at the April meeting. Bring your submissions to me at the front of the meeting hall between 6:45 - 7:15 pm.

Note that photos are recorded during Show & Share and then displayed on the York Heritage Quilters Guild website for everyone to see. If you would rather not have your work shown on the website, we respectfully suggest you don't display your work at Show & Share.

Sandy Lindal

COMMUNITY QUILTS



Thanks to all who have contributed to the production of comfort quilts and placemats this year. This month, five comfort quilts were sent to St. Clare Inn, a transitional home for women. Here is an excerpt from a thank you message from the Inn's director:

"... (the woman who received the quilt) told the staff the night before she left... that the quilt was truly a symbol of the love she had received at St. Clare's and a love that she would be taking with her. She spoke of the many gifts that she had received, but that the most important one was a belief in herself and a trust in her fellow humans. She said the quilt would remind her of these two important lessons... Thanks is only the beginning of my feelings toward all of the women who make up your guild. Your artistic love and concern is carried far beyond the walls of your quilting association. It is a gift that is treasured by many. Thank you all!"

A beautiful quilt was donated to Community Quilts by Joan Lester. The quilt has been given to Jewish Women International of Canada to raise money for abused women. The on-line auction will run from April 1 – April 17. You can see this stunning quilt at www.jwicauction.com. Joan's small quilting group has decided to devote their time together to making comfort quilts. This is a great idea!

There are many tops that need quilting, so, at the April guild meeting, please check with Chris at the Community Quilts table.

Ann Sutherland

AROUND THE BLOCK – members' news

Quilters will be sorry to hear that **The Quilter's Palette** at 4947 Dundas West is closing its doors – one less supply store for fibre folks in Toronto. Final closing will occur when the current stock has sold out.

SEWING ROOM SALE – MAY GUILD MEETING

It's time to book your table for the Sewing Room Sale to be held at the May meeting. Here are the details:

Tables will be 5 feet long and the rental cost is \$10. There will also be space under the table to display items.

This is a good time for you to find a new home for fabrics, notions, books and fibre arts materials that you no longer need. Make room for the arrival of summer fabrics. Set up will be at 5:30.

Phone Bill Bartlett at **416-422-1650** to reserve your table.



LAST WORKSHOP THIS SEASON

Not only is this your last chance to participate in a fun and informative workshop with renowned hand appliqué teacher, Becky Goldsmith, but it is the last workshop of the YHQG season. Spaces in each class have opened up in both the one day and two day classes. For those of you who cannot make it during the week, there is a Sunday class, **Lorna's Vine**. Members of other guilds have been invited to register. So email Kiyomi Sakamoto or Jeannie Jenkins at workshops@yhqg.org to sign up now. We will reply. However, if you do not hear from us, send us an email (see your York Heritage members list for our email addresses).

Workshop 1 - Lorna's Vine

It is a "piece o' cake" when you hand appliqué Becky's way. A pattern will be provided to make a smaller version of Lorna's Vine, found in her book, *Amish-Inspired Quilts*.

One-day workshop: Sunday, April 17, 2011 9:30 to 3:30

Workshop Location: The Mabin School, 50 Poplar Plains Road, Toronto Avenue Road and St Clair area.

Workshop Fee: \$60.00 (includes pattern)



Workshop 2 - A Whimsical Flower Garden

Each student will receive two - 10 inch block patterns (see photos below) to hand appliqué with a number of to to hand-applique with a number of popular techniques. These blocks are pieces in themselves and also a reference for appliqué techniques.

2 Day Workshop: Monday April 18 and Tuesday, April 19 9:30 to 3:30

Workshop Location: Latvian Canadian Cultural Centre, 4 Credit Union Drive, Toronto

Workshop Fee: \$120 (includes pattern).

QUILTS FOR JAPAN EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS



In response to several pleas for help, Northcott has agreed to collect and ship quilts to the earthquake/tsunami victims of Japan. The quilts should be NEW, and anything from crib to double is acceptable, though large lap or twin is preferred. Northcott will collect the quilts until the end of April, at which point they will ship them to Japan, to the editor of Patchwork Quilt Tsushin Magazine.

Let's see what we can do to help the unfortunate victims of this terrible disaster. If you would like to donate a quilt, Creative Sewing Centre, 509 Wilson Avenue, Kitchener, ON, N2C 2M4 519-746-0910 would be happy to ship it to Northcott for you. All donations must be at the shop by April 28th. Quilts going directly to Northcott should be shipped to: Northcott - Quilts for Japan, 101 Courtland Avenue, Vaughan, ON L4K 3T5.

COMING EVENTS IN 2011

For an expanded list of upcoming quilt and fibre art shows, visit yhgg.org and click on the Q-Links button.

April 15-17	Kawartha Quilt Makers Guild Feelings in Fabric Presents Memories in Stitches – Peterborough. More Info: Maureen O’Neil at kgg2011@gmail.com or www.kawarthaquiltmakerguild.com
April 16-17	Quilt North – Elliot Lake. Contact Joyce Mackenzie at 705-848-1063, twoscots1@mac.com or www.elliottlake/quiltshow
April 26-May 2	Paducah, Kentucky motor coach tour to the American Quilters’ Society Show. Leaving from Evelyn’s Sewing Centre, Newmarket. 4 nights in Paducah. Call 905-853-7001 for more information.
April 29-May 1	Windsor Quilters’ Guild – Quilt Show & Sale. Contact Pat Laing at 519-733-5731, vivianiac@gmail.com , http://windsorquiltersguild.8m.com
April 30-May 1	Quinte Quilters’ Guild – Threads of Time – Belleville. Contact Beth Cook at 613-395-5208, hblco@reach.net , http://quintequiltersguild.ca
April 30-May 1	Region of York Quilters Guild - Silver Threads Quilt Show – Newmarket. Contact Carol Lypaczewski at 905-841-8250, pyp@sympatico.ca or www.regionofyorkquiltersguild.ca
May 19-21	Quilts of Niagara ... A Symphony of Talents, Niagara Heritage Quilters’ Guild, Niagara College Canada, Niagara-on-the-Lake Campus, 35 Taylor Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake ON, L0S 1J0. www.nhgg.ca
May 24-28	CQA/ACC National Juried Quilt Show (Quilt Ontario) – London. www.canadianquilters.com Joy Brennen’s Quilt Tours is offering a day trip to London on May 26, departing/returning Cloverdale Mall. Cost is \$89. Call 1-800-265-5530, info@hanoverholidays.com
June 10-12	Esterita Austin – 3 day workshop: 1. Creating the Illusion of Depth. 2. Framework: ‘Guild It’. 3. Sheers to You! 4 Venus Crescent, Heidelberg, ON (5 min. north of Waterloo). \$125 – includes lunch. Contact Marilyn Farquhar at 519-699-0255 or Marilyn@providentmanagement.ca

MEMBERSHIP...

It's renewal time!

Thanks to those who have already done it. You are all set for the great speakers and workshops lined up for next year.

HAVEN'T RENEWED? The easiest way to renew is to complete the membership application form available on the website (Go to **membership** and then click on **membership application form** in the second paragraph) and bring it (and a cheque) to the April or May meeting.

WIN YOUR MEMBERSHIP! Encourage a friend to take out a York Heritage membership (naming you as the referrer) and you could win a free year's membership. You can simply print out a membership form for them or pick one up at the membership desk. The draw will take place at the AGM in May.

RENEWAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT. Memberships (mailed or handed in at meetings) won't be acknowledged but, in late May, an email will go out to members who have not renewed. So if you don't get a message from me, everything is fine. Or email me for confirmation before then.



CHANCE TO WIN! Members who arrive at meetings wearing their name badge, with their membership card in their hand, will have an opportunity to win a prize.

REPLACEMENT BADGE. If you have lost your badge, a replacement can be arranged. The cost is \$10 payable in advance (cheques payable to York Heritage Quilters Guild).

GUEST POLICY. Guests are welcome at monthly meetings for a fee of \$8.00, except January (charity quilt night) and May (AGM).

Fran Auty. Email: membership@yhqg.org

YORK HERITAGE QUILTERS GUILD

NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, April 19, 2011

7:30 pm.

Toronto Botanical Gardens

777 Lawrence Ave. E., Toronto

This Evening's Speaker: Becky Goldsmith

The York Heritage Quilters' Guild meets on the third Tuesday of the month during the months September through May.

Remaining 2011 meeting dates are:

April 19

May 17

YORK HERITAGE QUILTERS GUILD - NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an annual meeting of members of YORK HERITAGE QUILTERS GUILD (the "Corporation") will be held on May 17, 2011, at the Toronto Botanical Gardens, 777 Lawrence Avenue East, Toronto at 7:30 P.M. (Toronto time) for the following purposes:

1. To elect directors.
2. To receive and consider the financial statements of the Corporation for the financial year ended June 30, 2010, together with the report of the auditor thereon.
3. To appoint the auditor of the Corporation and to authorize the directors to fix the remuneration of the auditor.
4. To elect officers.
5. To confirm past acts.
6. To transact such further or other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

DATED: March 25, 2011

Judy Messenger, Secretary

Proposed YHQG Board of Directors for 2011/2012

Below is the proposed executive list for the 2011/2012 Guild Year. Additional nominations for director will be accepted by Janet Heise, member of the Nominating Committee, until ten days prior to the annual meeting. These must be in writing, have the consent of the nominee, and a seconder.

President	Bev Sturgeon	Workshops	Kiyomi Sakamoto Sandra Woods
Past President	Katie Pidgeon	Historian	To be announced
Vice-President	To be announced	Library	Evelyne Carter
Treasurer	Pat Andary	Display & Competition	To be announced
Secretary	Judy Messenger	Special Projects	Bill Bartlett
Membership	Fran Auty	Quilt Show	Daniela Tiger
Newsletter	Deborah Milton	Webmaster	Pat Stuckless
Programs	Carole Tullis Vicki Cal	Community Outreach	To be announced