



# YHQG NEWS

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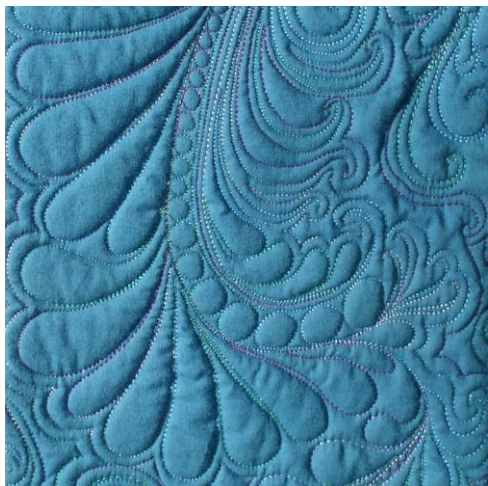
## LOOKING FORWARD TO MARCH



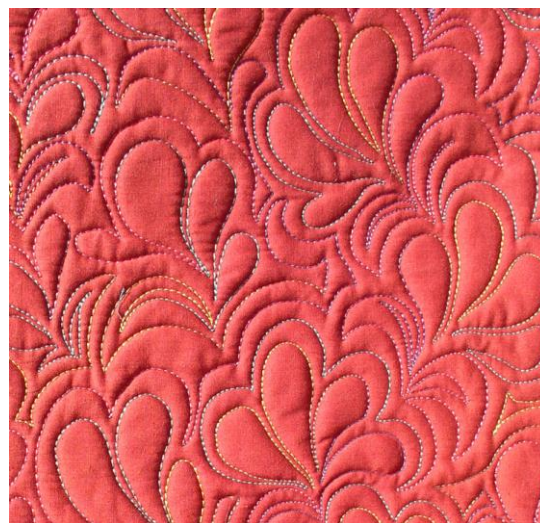
At our March Guild meeting we'll have the pleasure of hearing Carol Soderlund from Geneva, New York. Carol is a remarkable fibre artist who is renowned for her hand-dyed fabric and surface machine quilting techniques. Carol's love of dying grew out of the fact that she couldn't find readily available fabrics to interpret her personal vision. After only one year of dying her own material, in 1989 she was awarded a Best in Show at the prestigious International Quilt Festival in Houston, Texas. Now Carol enjoys teaching others both her dying and surface stitching techniques.

Quilting was a skill Carol learned at her mother's knee and it was her mother's passing that prompted her to sew a quilt using clothing they had created together. That was the beginning of a lifelong love of the medium. For the past 25 years, Carol's quilts have been exhibited internationally, receiving numerous awards for excellence.

Carol's presentation on March 15 is called Fifteen Elements. She'll talk to us about the elements of design in nature, art, and quilts, and share some pieces of her own work. Guild members who have signed on for Carol's two workshops are in for a treat. In **Dragonfly Wings and Other Things** on March 15, you will advance your free-motion quilting skills with the use of a variety of fine and heavy threads, through the needle and in the bobbin; you'll discover optical colour mixing and layering



with two threads through the needle, as well as single needle and twin needle effects. Working with and without hoops, stabilizers, and water-soluble products will be covered. In **Freehand Feathering** on March 16, you will learn how to "feather freehand" to quilt graceful feathers without pre-marking your traditional or contemporary quilt. Many feather designs and the technique of nesting designs to fill the space will be presented. Don't miss it!



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



What is Guild spirit? Well, it's raising \$605.33 for the Alzheimer's Society. Even though the weather was a bit precarious, over 120 people came out for our Community Quilt night. I would like to thank Bill Bartlett and his loyal followers for putting together a fantastic evening. He had sewers, ironers, designers, appliqué people and piecers scattered throughout the hall, keeping everyone busy.

When asked if we could have someone from the Alzheimer's Society come to the guild meeting, I was a bit worried as one of the great things about Community Quilt night is that everyone sits around sewing, eating cookies, but mostly talking. However, when our speaker got up, you could have heard a pin drop. The talk was very informative and I hope everyone learned something new. I definitely had a few preconceived notions that have now been clarified.

I would also like to thank Cheryl Smith, Sandy Lindal, and Sew Sisters for their generous donations for our raffle and to Kim and Daryl Workman for their beautiful quilts. Your contributions are very much appreciated.

Enjoy the cold days quilting in a warm room, and see you in February with our speaker Elaine Quehl from Ottawa who will talk to us about inspiration and quilting. I can hardly wait!

*Katie*

## COMMUNITY QUILTS

Thanks to our many very talented and caring quilters, we were able to supply Happy Meal Placemats to many seniors in our community. Anne MacNeil from the East York Meals on Wheels Program sent us a nice thank you note telling us how much their Diners' Club clients and their home delivery service appreciated being remembered by our members at Christmas time. We were also able to give a place mat to each member of the Stan Wadlow Community Centre Seniors' Club at their Holiday Celebration in December.

Please feel free to continue making spring and summer place mats as they really bring a smile to seniors' faces when they receive one with Meals on Wheels.

As you are gathering up those orphan blocks to make Happy Meal Placemats, remember that our Sewing Room Sale is coming up in May. This is a great place for you to get rid of those no-longer-needed sewing supplies and fabrics.

Thanks so much for all your support with Special Projects.

*Bill Bartlett 416-422-1650*

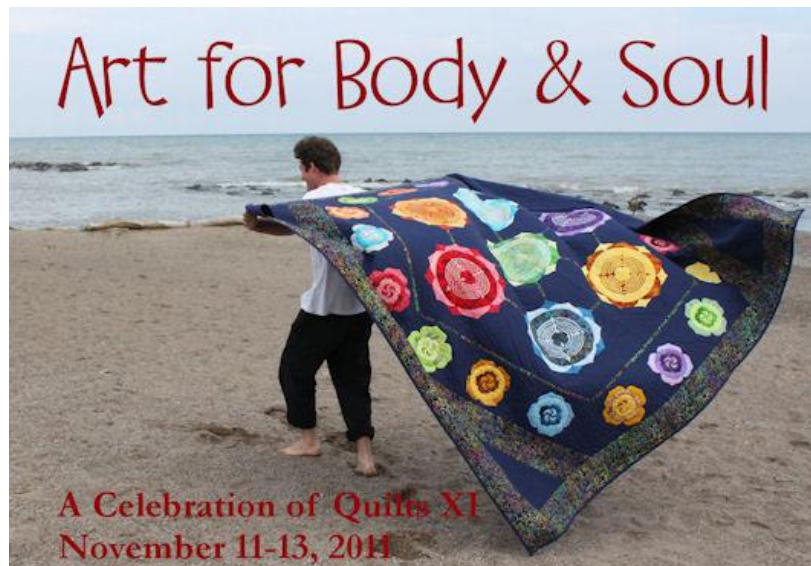
Block of the Month may have gone but  
the opportunities for fun and  
participation haven't!

Don't miss the guild meeting on March 15  
when you'll learn about a brand new  
member quilting program.

## NEWS FROM YOUR QUILT SHOW TEAM

We continue to work our fingers to the bone stitching together the framework for the very best York Heritage show ever! Recently our threads have become a bit tangled as we try to weave our way through the ins-and-outs of copyright law. Our first concern is to have entry requirements that are not so difficult as to dissuade you from entering your creations in the show. However, we are also very focused on honouring all the tremendous creative talent that has contributed to our quilts.

We hope that we have stitched together a submission form with the right balance. Dorothy Fu, along with the rest of the team, has worked very hard on this project. She hopes to have these forms available to the membership at our February meeting. Of course, forms will also be available on our website. You might find phrases or terms that are unfamiliar and so we will have a list of definitions available as well. Please don't hesitate to ask if you find that you are not sure how to proceed.



The bottom line is that the creation of a quilt implies that many hands and hearts have been involved, from the idea, inspiring photographers, to the pattern makers, book publishers, designers, colourists, cutters, stitchers, suppliers of fabric, etc. Even creating this list, it seems impossible to include all possibilities. In the presentation of your quilt to the public, it is important to honour all those who have contributed to your unique work of art.

*Daniela Tiger - Chair, Quilt Show Committee.*

*Quilt shown above created by Ann Sutherland*

## YOU CAN HELP MAKE YOUR SHOW SUCCESSFUL

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?

If you said "Yes" to any of these questions, the Publicity Team needs **your** help to get the word about Celebration of Quilts XI to a wider audience.

Please contact Catherine Schuler at [ctschuler@gmail.com](mailto:ctschuler@gmail.com) with your suggestions and offers of help.

EVERY LEAD HELPS SO PLEASE LET US KNOW WHERE WE CAN PROMOTE THE SHOW!

## WORKSHOPS

Click on the link beside the workshop's name on the YHQG website for workshop descriptions and be prepared for SIGN UP at the FEBRUARY MEETING.



### **Tuesday February 15 – Elaine Quehl – Guild Meeting Presentation: From Inspiration to Art Quilt**

**Workshop: Tuesday February 15, 9:30 – 3:30 - Surface Design Techniques for Quilters and Fibre Artists.** Class is full and a waiting list is in place. Workshop fee \$50.

**Workshop: Wednesday February 16, 9:30 – 3:30: In Full Bloom.** Take inspiration from a close-up photograph such as Hosta leaves as seen in Elaine's prize winning quilt, *Opening Act*. Choose from several flower patterns developed from Elaine's photos and follow her through the steps to design your own floral quilt. **Two spaces available.** Workshop fee \$50 – includes pattern.

[www.equarelle.ca](http://www.equarelle.ca)

### **Tuesday March 15 - Carol Soderlund**

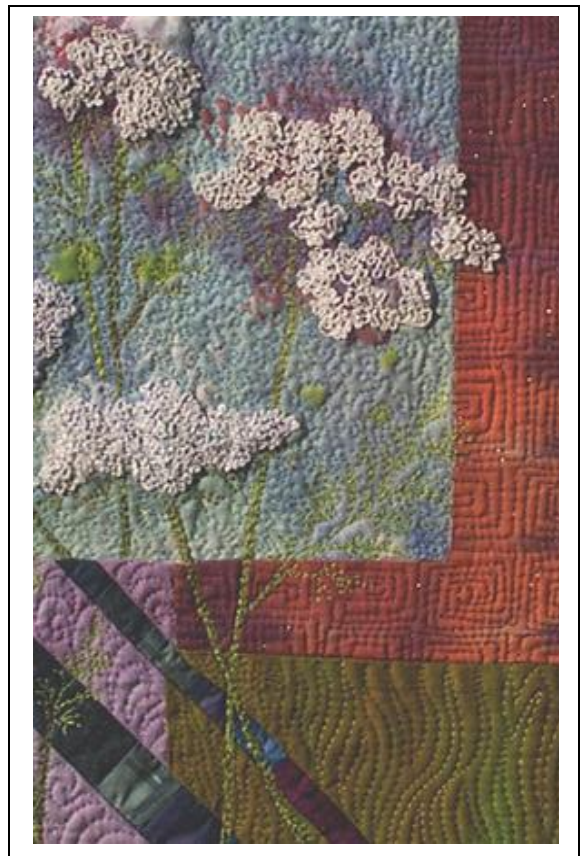
#### **Guild Meeting Presentation: Fifteen Elements**

Carol's beautiful samples have arrived – be sure to drop by our table for a look. There are a few spaces left for her workshops – see page 1 of this newsletter for details.

[www.carolsoderlund.com](http://www.carolsoderlund.com)

**Workshop: Tuesday, March 15, 9:30 – 3:30: Dragonfly Wings and Other Things**  
Workshop Fee \$60.

**Workshop: Wednesday, March 16, 9:30 – 3:30: Freehand Feathering**  
Workshop Fee \$60.



## MORE ON WORKSHOPS

### April – Becky Goldsmith

Please note that due to the high demand for Becky’s two workshops, and in the interest of fairness to all, registration will be limited to one workshop per guild member. If you would like to participate in a second workshop, your name will be added to a waiting list which will be addressed after the first round has been placed. Sign up at the February meeting.

#### Workshop: April 17 (Sunday) Lorna's Vine

\*Note Location: The Mabin School, 50 Poplar Plains Road (near Avenue Road and St. Clair).

Conquer needle-turned curved edges the Piece O' Cake way. A pattern will be provided to make a smaller version of Lorna's Vine, found in her book, *Amish-Inspired Quilts*. Go to <http://www.pieceocake.com/ClassInfo/beckyclasses-02.html> to view the supply list. Workshop Fee includes pattern \$60.



#### Workshop: 2 days – Mon. & Tues. April 18 & 19

At the Latvian Centre, 2 Credit Union Road.

Each student will receive each of the two 10” block patterns seen below. The class will cover a number of popular hand appliqué techniques from the book, *My Whimsical Quilt Garden*. View supply list at: <http://www.pieceocake.com/PDF-folder/MyWhimsicalGarden-SupplyList.pdf>



## QUILTER OF THE MONTH

February's **Quilter of the Month** is Peggy Kwan, a very popular quilter and teacher who is sure to delight you with her collection of quilts.

## SHOW & SHARE

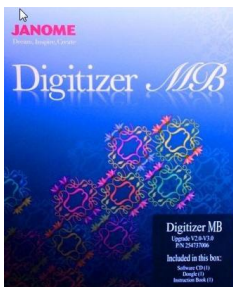
Show & Share is an exciting opportunity to view your fellow guild members' work. After missing two months of this guild night feature, I am expecting many fabulous, recently completed projects for display at the February meeting. Please bring your submissions to me at the front of the meeting hall between 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*

## AROUND THE BLOCK – Members - this is your space!

### Digitizer Pro/MB/version 3



This software is a very powerful tool that works on your computer to create embroidery patterns from preloaded standard patterns, importing software from quilt artists such as Jenny and Simon Haskins to creating your own patterns from your own designs or imported pictures and drawings. This program will also work with all popular makes of embroidery sewing machines. I paid \$1599 for it plus the tax (before the HST) and will sell it for \$800 or best offer.

**Contact Bernice Green at (416) 449-9306.**

**Items for Sale:** Large sewing basket, sewing machine tables, dress form, chairs, and several sewing machines - 2 Singer, 1 Nelco, 3 White, 1 Eatonia, 1 Kenmore, threads of all types, needles, bobbins, fabric, quilting patterns, yard sticks, hem markers, iron press, zippers, etc.

**Contact Gwen Koller at 905-883-0967.**

Pictured here is a selection of the wonderful quilts that were submitted to our recent President's Challenge. Sharing our work is exciting since we get to see the many different styles of art that members of the guild are producing. Hope everyone is gearing up to submit more great work for the quilt show in November.

*Editor.*



## COMING EVENTS IN 2011

For an expanded list of upcoming quilt and fibre art shows, visit [yhgg.org](http://yhgg.org) and click on the Q-Links button.

<b>Until Feb 13</b>	<b>Drawing with Scissors, Molas from Kuna Yala</b> , Textile Museum of Canada, 55 Centre Ave, Toronto <a href="http://www.textilemuseum.ca">www.textilemuseum.ca</a>
<b>March 16-19</b>	<b>American Quilt Society Show &amp; Contest, Lancaster</b> , Pennsylvania <a href="http://AQS, Lancaster">AQS, Lancaster</a>
<b>April 15-17</b>	<b>Kawartha Quilt Makers Guild</b> Feelings in Fabric Presents Memories in Stitches – Peterborough. More Info: Maureen O’Neil at <a href="mailto:kgg2011@gmail.com">kgg2011@gmail.com</a> or <a href="http://www.kawarthaquiltmakerguild.com">www.kawarthaquiltmakerguild.com</a>
<b>April 16-17</b>	<b>Quilt North – Elliot Lake</b> . Contact Joyce Mackenzie at 705-848-1063, <a href="mailto:twoscots1@mac.com">twoscots1@mac.com</a> or <a href="http://www.elliottlake/quiltshow">www.elliottlake/quiltshow</a>
<b>April 29-May 1</b>	<b>Windsor Quilters’ Guild</b> – Quilt Show & Sale. Contact Pat Laing at 519-733-5731, <a href="mailto:vivianiac@gmail.com">vivianiac@gmail.com</a> , <a href="http://windsorquiltersguild.8m.com">http://windsorquiltersguild.8m.com</a>
<b>April 30-May 1</b>	<b>Quinte Quilters’ Guild</b> – Threads of Time – Belleville. Contact Beth Cook at 613-395-5208, <a href="mailto:hblco@reach.net">hblco@reach.net</a> , <a href="http://quintequiltersguild.ca">http://quintequiltersguild.ca</a>
<b>April 30-May 1</b>	<b>Region of York Quilters Guild</b> - Silver Threads Quilt Show – Newmarket. Contact Carol Lypaczewski at 905-841-8250, <a href="mailto:pyp@sympatico.ca">pyp@sympatico.ca</a> or <a href="http://www.regionofyorkquiltersguild.ca">www.regionofyorkquiltersguild.ca</a>
<b>May 19-21</b>	<b>Quilts of Niagara ... A Symphony of Talents</b> , Niagara Heritage Quilters’ Guild, Niagara College Canada, Niagara-on-the-Lake Campus, 35 Taylor Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake ON, L0S 1J0. <a href="http://www.nhgg.ca">www.nhgg.ca</a>
<b>May 24-28</b>	<b>CQA/ACC National Juried Quilt Show</b> (Quilt Ontario) – London. <a href="http://www.canadianquilters.com">www.canadianquilters.com</a> Joy Brennen’s Quilt Tours is offering a day trip to London on May 26, departing and returning to Cloverdale Mall. Cost is \$89. Call 1-800-265-5530, <a href="mailto:info@hanoverholidays.com">info@hanoverholidays.com</a>

## MEMBERSHIP

### SHOW YOUR CARD AND YOU COULD BE A WINNER!

Members who arrive wearing their name badge and with their **LIME GREEN** membership card in hand will have an opportunity to win a prize.



### New Members

Welcome to Rosemary White, our newest guild member. Hope to see you on February 15.

### Email Members

If you have not picked up your 2010-2011 membership card, it will be available at any meeting during the year.

### Regular Mail Members

If at any time you wish to switch to the "email newsletter" option, just let us know.

### Name Badges

There are still several members who have not picked up their membership badges. Please pick up your badge at the membership table the next time you attend a guild meeting.

### 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)

### YHQG Logo Pins

Our guild pin is available for purchase for \$5.00 at the Membership Table.

### Guest Policy

Guests are welcome in February - \$8 entry fee.

### Change of Address

Should you have a change of email address, mailing address or phone number, please let us know.

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email: [membership@yhgg.org](mailto:membership@yhgg.org)

### YORK HERITAGE QUILTERS GUILD

#### NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, February 15, 2011

7:30 pm.

Toronto Botanical Gardens

777 Lawrence Ave. E., Toronto

This Evening's Speaker: Elaine Quehl

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

Remaining 2011 meeting dates are:

February 15	April 19
March 15	May 17

And that's a wrap for February!  
Deborah Milton - Editor