



YHQG NEWS

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COMING UP IN FEBRUARY



In February we welcome artist Elaine Quehl as featured speaker and workshop host. Elaine is an award-winning Canadian quilt artist who creates colourful and intricately stitched, pieced and appliquéd art works. Her art quilts are recognized for their depth and contrast, exuberant colour and abundant texture. She is also an expert in free-motion machine quilting techniques, fabric dyeing and other innovative approaches to the art form. Elaine dyes most of the fabrics she uses in her quilt creations and sells dyed fabrics across North America.

Elaine's fibre art is inspired by elements of the natural world. She aims to evoke the emotion, awe and wonder she experiences on first encountering her subjects. Her work is often described as bold and sensual, as she employs contrasts of light and shadow to intensify visual impact. Elaine explains that foliage, trees, flowers, and nature's cycles serve as metaphors for her inner world and for the human condition. She uses art as a means of self-expression and to communicate and connect with the world through universally-understood themes of personal growth, wonder, self-

acceptance, loss and healing, joy, and the cycles of life. Elaine's guild meeting presentation is titled "From Inspiration to Art Quilt." which promises to be an exciting and informative part of the evening.

WORKSHOPS WITH ELAINE QUEHL

YHQG is offering two workshops with Elaine Quehl : Tuesday, February 15: Surface Design Techniques for Quilters and Fibre Artists. This one is already full but you can add your name to the waiting list.

A second workshop on Wednesday, February 16 is called 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. One space remains, after which we'll start a waiting list. Class fee is \$40 + pattern(s) \$10 each = \$50 total.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Thank you to everyone who participated in the President's Challenge. We had a total of 66 quilts which allowed Hilary Rice to get full credit in her pursuit of obtaining her CQA judging qualifications. I would also like to thank the many volunteers who helped during the judging and hanging of the quilts. Once again, it showed that our membership base is always willing to step up to the plate and help.

During the judging, there were some general themes that kept on coming up, and in talking with other quilters, they too didn't realize some of these "quilting mistakes". For instance, did you know that when entering a quilt into a show, the back of the quilt should have the stitches visible? I did not know this. Some quilts had a separate flat piece of fabric on the back covering the stitches. Did you know that the first thing judges look for is an "overstuffed" binding? This one I had heard about from other teachers, and have it now confirmed. Did you know that an artist statement has a real impact on the judging, and can influence the outcome? I did not know this. For those who entered a quilt, I hope you take the comments in the spirit they were given and continue to challenge yourself in the fascinating world of quilting. Maybe a CQA national juried show is now on your horizon, or a solo show of your works, and yes, another Guild Challenge.

January will be our annual Community Quilt night. Bill Bartlett and team have worked harder than Santa's elves in getting everything ready, with cutting, organizing and sorting of fabrics. We will also be doing something a bit different this year. In support of the Alzheimer Society of Canada, we are hoping to raise some money for this worthy cause. We will be having a raffle, and from what I have heard, the prize is worth the trip. The Guild will once again be supplying coffee/tea and delicious cookies. Just a reminder to please bring your own coffee/tea cup. In the past, many have forgotten their cups and I have supplied styrofoam cups, which in today's world of trying to stay green, causes a lot of garbage.

Happy quilting during the holiday season and see you in 2011!

Katie



ABOUT THE ALZHEIMER SOCIETY

The Alzheimer Society is a leading source of funds for Alzheimer research in Canada, together with its partners, investing approximately \$3 million annually to speed up the search for the causes and cure of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and improve the lives of those affected. Committed to supporting research into all aspects of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, the Alzheimer Society provides grants and training awards that fund research at Canadian universities and hospitals and help nurture new talent. Canadian researchers supported by the Alzheimer Society have made major advances, including discoveries related to genetic causes of the disease.

GREETINGS FROM YOUR QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE

As you can imagine, we are working very hard to create our next show! We cannot wait to see what you plan to exhibit and, in February, we will be offering you packages that explain the process. These packages help clarify what kind of information we'll need from you. When completed, it helps make our job of hanging each quilt in its perfect spot a bit easier. We know that it is very important to you to have your quilts shown to their best advantage and towards that end, we will be asking for pictures to help us create the layout. You have lots of time to complete your package because the deadline is not until September 2011, but please don't wait till the last minute.

We would like to introduce a new idea to the 2011 show – a challenge for those of you who love the idea of creating with surprise and excitement! We are calling the challenge York Heritage's first ever "Battle of the Blocks Invitational". At the show, we will arrange a space where you will be able to set up your sewing machine and tools, with a friend or on your own. You will receive a set of challenge instructions and perhaps some fabric or a theme, and there will be a time limit (probably two to three hours). Then it will be: 'get ready, get set, go!' The visitors to the show will be able to cheer you on as you create your masterpiece. There will be terrific prizes of course.

So, if this idea intrigues you in any way, please let me know by email: goldtigers@sympatico.ca or leave a message through the website:

<http://www.yhgg.org/Celebration/quiltshow.html>

and we will share more of the details with you. There are very limited spots available so don't delay.

As always a great show is dependent on every member's contribution. It isn't too early to let your friends and family know about the show. After all, it is less than a year away! We also know that every York Heritage member has **Art for Body & Soul** just waiting to be seen and loved! We cannot wait to see your submissions.

Daniela Tiger - Chair, Quilt Show Committee.



THE QUILT SHOW PUBLICITY TEAM NEEDS YOU!

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 with your suggestions and offers of help.

COMMUNITY SEWING NIGHT

Community Outreach is having its annual sewing night social on January 18, 2011 – a regular guild meeting night. This is the night when new and experienced quilters gather together to sew and make blocks for Community Quilts. It's an evening when you get to make new friends and share your quilting stories with other members. In a guild as large as ours, people often find it difficult to meet each other. Join in with folks you don't already know to hand-piece, appliqué, machine strip-piece, press or sort fabric.

We will be having an in-house raffle to win one of the beautiful quilts created by the Workman sisters, with proceeds going to the Alzheimer Society. A guest from the Society will join us to give a short talk and answer questions.

We will also be having an "Alzheimer's Coffee Break Event " when any donation to this great cause will be most welcome. Our president, Katie Pidgeon, will be bringing tasty cookies once again. And you'll have a chance to chat with Katie when she isn't as busy as she usually is on regular guild nights.

Bring your sewing kit – needles, thread, pins, scissors, 6-inch ruler, rotary cutter, small mat and the names and contact information for charities that you think might like to receive a community quilt from our guild.

Please contact me if you wish to bring your machine to strip piece or sew blocks together as we have limited space for electric connections. And, if you can donate light and dark 1-1/2" to 3" strips or 6-1/2" squares, it will be much appreciated.

Let's have a fun evening of fellowship as we once again create the beginnings for some wonderful quilts.

Bill Bartlett – Community Quilts

HAPPY MEAL PLACE MATS

It was wonderful to see so many colourful place mats being paraded at the November meeting. It's amazing how creative we all are.

We were able to give 160 place mats to the members of the seniors' club at the Stan Wadlow Community Centre. They acted as Thank You Gifts for their annual Christmas Party. As you know, the seniors host the YHQG Community Quilters every second Monday in their clubhouse for our quilt-making activities.

We were also able to give 143 placemats to one chapter of Meals on Wheels and we had almost enough for another chapter. The seniors were so happy and thrilled that we showed how much we cared about others at Christmas time.

Meals on Wheels will gladly accept more placemats from us. Just drop them off at the Community Outreach Table on guild night. It's always nice when a shut-in receives an unexpected "thinking about you" place mat.



PRESIDENT’S CHALLENGE – IT’S A SMALL WORLD

It was great to see so many members rising to the challenge and helping Hilary Rice acquire her quilt judging certification. These were the winners:

Beginner Category (never entered a competition):

- 1st - Dorothy Fu
- 2nd - Valerie Prideaux
- 3rd - Dorothy Fu



Intermediate Category (entered but never won):

- 1st – Joanne Shaw
- 2nd – Emma Carrillo
- 3rd – Ann Hawkins



Advance Category (quilt teacher, won a YHQG event):

- 1st - Linda Hoiko
- 2nd - Katie Pidgeon
- 3rd - Mary Hallam



Viewers’ Choice: Dorothy Fu

Congratulations to all!



BLOCK OF THE MONTH

After great debate and low membership enthusiasm, Block of the Month is being retired by YHQG.

But that doesn’t mean an end to guild challenges. Stay tuned because the Board has some great things planned to replace it in our quest to foster Guild spirit.

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 JANUARY 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

Congratulations to the twenty guild members who had their workshop registration technique in place and are in this workshop. **It is full** but we can add your name to the waiting list just in case there is a cancellation.

Class fee \$40 + Supply fee \$10 = \$50

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Tuesday March 15 - Carol Soderlund - Guild Meeting Presentation: Fifteen Elements

SIGN UP at the JANUARY MEETING FOR THESE TWO WORKSHOPS

Workshop: Tuesday, March 15, 9:30 – 3:30: Dragonfly Wings and other Things

Step up to the next level. Enhance your free-motion quilting skills with the use of a variety of fine and heavy threads through the needle and in the bobbin; optical colour mixing and layering with two threads through the needle; single needle and twin needle effects. Working with and without hoops, stabilizers and water-soluble products will be covered. Experience with free-motion quilting is a plus but not required. Be sure to check out the photos. Get ready to have FUN with your machine! Workshop Fee \$60 Total

Workshop: Wednesday, March 16, 9:30 – 3:30: Freehand Feathering

Come to "feather freehand" with Carol. Both traditional and contemporary quilters will learn to quilt graceful feathers without pre-marking their quilts. Many feather designs and the very useful technique of nesting designs to fill the space will be presented. Workshop Fee \$60 Total.



COMING EVENTS IN 2011

April 15-17	Kawartha Quilt Maker 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 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	Niagara Heritage Quilter's Guild will be hosting "Quilts of Niagara ... A Symphony of Talents". A medley of 400 quilts, a stunning raffle quilt, boutique items and quilts for sale are sure to strike a chord. Mini demos, a Merchants Mall and a silent auction will quicken the tempo. Lectures on varied topics will be held twice daily with advance registration of \$3.00. On-site quilt appraisals with Judy Lyons are by appointment on Thursday only. The crescendo of the show is a car quilt. Don't miss it. The Culinary School Dining room will be open for lunch and dinner (905 641 2252 ext 619). Admission: \$6.00 at the door or \$5.00 in advance. Located at Niagara College Canada, Niagara-on-the-Lake Campus, 35 Taylor Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake ON, L0S 1J0. For further information call Nina at 905-562-4859 or check our web site 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 and returning to Cloverdale Mall. Cost is \$89. Call 1-800-265-5530, info@hanoverholidays.com

AROUND THE BLOCK – Members - this is your space!

York Heritage Quilters Guild is an Affiliate Member of the Ontario Arts Council. As a member of our guild, you are entitled to a 10% discount on an Individual and Craft Professional level of membership with the Council.

Thanks to Fran for letting us know about the availability of Hoffman Bali watercolour fabrics and hand-painted fabrics available by mail order from Martha Brown. Visit www.bluemoonfabricarts.com and click on the “fabric” link. There’s a lovely selection at reasonable prices.

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 Kerry Fast, Jean Hiivala, Judith Hunter, Ingrid Langhorst and Jennie Wood.

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

The following members can pick up their name badges at the membership desk: Colleen Buckett, Louise de Roo, Jean Hiivala, Judith Hunter, Jan Illing, Ingrid Langhorst, Judy Lewis, Cheryl Smith, Marilyn Starzynski, and Jennie Wood.

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

No guests this month as it is charity quilt night.

Change of Address

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

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email: membership@yhqg.org

YORK HERITAGE QUILTERS GUILD NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, January 18, 2011

7:30 pm.

Toronto Botanical Gardens

777 Lawrence Ave. E., Toronto

Community Quilt Night

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

2011 meeting dates are:

January 18
March 15
May 17

February 15
April 19