



YHQG NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As my term is about to end, I would like to thank the Board for another year of support. The Board has worked diligently over the year to provide a great list of speakers and workshops, while the community quilt group produced endless quilts for the various charities scattered throughout the city.

I think one of the highlights was the overwhelming participation of members in the November President's Challenge. Our goal was 50 quilts and we hit 65. Holy moly! I think that is a record for a challenge! So, to everyone who participated, thank you.

I'm sure you have noticed that after the break on guild nights, many of our members leave. We would like to hear from you on what we can do differently. So, on everyone's seat at the AGM meeting, there will be a questionnaire and we would appreciate everyone taking the time to fill it out. This is important to the continuing satisfaction of our members. If you are not able to attend the AGM and would like to participate in the questionnaire, please email the guild and a copy will be sent to you.

Starting in September, we will be updating our newsletter to include advertising. During the past year, there have been numerous discussions on how to help support our quilting stores, self-employed long-arm quilters, and teachers, so the Board has decided to allow advertisers.

Thanks to those who have already renewed their membership. You are all set for the great speakers and workshops lined up for next year. If you have not renewed, please be aware that spaces are not being saved for renewing members so I urge you to renew now.

Lastly, on a sadder note, as some of you may know, Norma Gordon, a very long standing member and supporter of the Guild, is currently under the watchful care of Princess Margaret Hospital. Norma is at home, and our thoughts are with her.

Katie

The Executive thanks Katie for her contributions in leading York Heritage Quilters Guild during her term of office. We know she will continue to lend her wise advice during the next two years in her role as Past President. We are pleased to welcome Bev Sturgeon as our new President for the 2011-12 year and wish her all the best.

NEWS FROM YOUR QUILT SHOW COMMITTEE

As we approach our last meeting of the season here's a 'state of the nation' update:

Dorothy Fu is now accepting submission forms – September is the absolute deadline. Information is available on the website thanks to Bev Sturgeon who has done a terrific job coordinating online information – check it out! Linda Van Lierde is hanging this year's show which is complicated by the need to include quilts from two competitions. You can help her by submitting photos and dimensions by September's deadline.

Showcase your entrepreneurial talent with entries for the gift shop, always a popular show attraction. Toby Sklash is once again using her organization talents to oversee the gift shop – kits are now

available for \$1.00. They provide comprehensive instructions, sales tags and an inventory list. Thanks to Pat Andary, Katie Pidgeon and Judy Beca, visitors can use their credit and debit cards at this year's show.

Throughout the show, guests will have a chance to win door prizes because of the generosity of on-site vendors. Kiyomi Sakamoto has already committed 14 vendors, many of whom are new. Here's to great shopping!

Myrna Webber will be organizing our café, offering a feast for the body as well as the eyes. Guests will enjoy delicious edible treats at the show in addition to the visual ones. Ann Sutherland has been working diligently to create a raffle and a silent auction. Our motto: 'create one and bid on two!' We've chosen SKETCH as the beneficiary of Silent Auction proceeds – check out their website: www.sketch.ca. We're sure you will agree that their work is definitely worth your support.

Our postcards are printed and ready for distribution, thanks to the brilliant advertising campaign launched by Catherine Schuler and Deb Milton. Please help spread the word by distributing postcards in the fall.

I'd like to remind you that you can buy show tickets in advance. Judy Messenger is coordinating ticket sales via the website, or at the meeting in September. Advanced tickets are only \$5 – and \$8 at the door.

In September, Linda Hemming will begin signing up show volunteers. We are counting on guild members to mob the show table in their willingness to help!

Finally, I would like to wish you a happy, healthy and productive summer. Here's hoping that you sew your love of quilting into every stitch, knowing that it will shine through at the show. Spread the word...save the dates... November 11, 12, 13, 2011... [Art for Body & Soul](#).

Daniela Tiger - Chair, Quilt Show Committee.





STILL 4 EXECUTIVE VACANCIES! YORK HERITAGE NEEDS YOU

Rosemary Hamlin has volunteered to do Historian (thanks!), but we still have four vacancies to fill 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

PROGRAMS: Carole Tullis will be the lead in Program, but needs an assistant who will become the lead the following year. The Program Team works closely with the Workshops Team to book our wonderful speakers. We work well in advance on this, so it is important to maintain the momentum.

DISPLAY & 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 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 Garden 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

SPECIAL PROJECTS

A Big Thank You to everyone who made donations of fabric and batting to Special Projects this year. I was thrilled when our guild members made so many colourful Happy Meal Placemats for the seniors in our community. The seniors groups were so surprised to be remembered and excited with this gift from us. We are still collecting placemats so maybe over the summer you might want to use up your orphan blocks and make some more.

We will be introducing the Quilts of Valour project at the May meeting. Alison McDonald will tell us more about Quilts of Valour and how we can make blocks or quilts for our injured Canadian troops. Alison will give us many options to get involved. Some local quilt shops are also hosting quilting bees. Those offering workshop space are Sew Sisters, Cock-A-Doodle Quilts, The Quilter's Block and The Sewing Patch. Each shop will have fabrics available and there will also be a few kits available for pick up at our May guild meeting. Please check with the shops for their days and times. Happy Quilting!

Bill Bartlett

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Thanks to all who made Community Outreach a success this year. Joan Greene, Bill Bartlett, and Chris Okawara led the efforts. The group at the Stan Wadlow Centre was extremely productive, producing comfort quilt kits, making several quilts for fund raising, and creating quilts from the many blocks produced by the members on Community Quilt night in January.

Each month members returned quilts to the Community Quilts table, and 25 finished comfort quilts went to shelters. Over 150 placemats were given to East York Meals on Wheels and the Stan Wadlow Community Centre Senior's Club.

Organizations who received quilts for fund raising purposes this month include The Barbara Schlifer Clinic, Eva's Initiatives, Unionville Home Society, Etobicoke Youth Without Shelter, The Griffin Centre, and East General Hospital Oncology Unit. Toronto Rehabilitation Institute Queen Elizabeth Centre received a quilt to brighten the Neurology rehab area.

There will be a new comfort quilt pattern available at the May meeting. You can now choose from four accurately cut, ready-to-sew designs, so please consider making a comfort quilt this summer. If you like to machine quilt, pick up a ready to quilt package. Get involved any way you can.

The Group at the Stan Wadlow Centre will continue to meet Mondays from 9:30 – 3:00 throughout the summer. Take this wonderful opportunity to be a part of Community Outreach.

SUMMER MEETING DATES ARE:

May 30
June 13
June 27
July 11
July 25
August 8
August 22

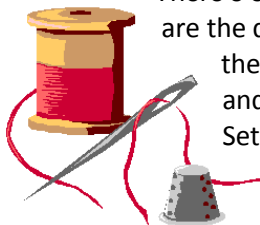
AROUND THE BLOCK – members' news

Treehouse Solar Retreats is looking for fibre artists to lead weekend workshops at a private residence in Muskoka. The instructors will lead about 10 hours of workshop over two days (Saturdays 9-5pm [minus an hour for lunch and breaks as desired], and Sundays 9-12). Room and meals are included for the instructor. The workshop should instruct about a dozen adults of various ages and skill levels (mostly beginner) through a particular craft. Your teaching qualifications may already be proven but, if not, Treehouse will require a demo lecture to support your application. More information can be found at: www.treehousesolar.com. Email Dawn at craftretreat@gmail.com with bio or resumé, and jpegs of your work, or a website link, if you have one.

Congratulations Kathy Wylie who has won the 2011 Bernina Machine Workmanship Award at the American Quilter's Society Show in Paducah, Kentucky. The prize for her beautiful quilt "Instruments of Praise" is well deserved.

Paula O'Dowd is working on an appliqué piece with narrow bias stems. As the 1/4" bias tape maker by Clover is the smallest she can find, is anyone aware of another manufacturer of a smaller bias tape maker? Or do you have a good technique to make narrow bias stems?

SEWING ROOM SALE – MAY GUILD MEETING



There's still 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 for display. 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 as soon as possible at **416-422-1650** to reserve your table.

WORKSHOPS – THE YEAR IN REVIEW

It's hard to believe that another Workshop season has just come to an end. We had an exciting line-up of quilt artists from across Canada and the U.S. to fill our 2010/2011 season. Skills were learned, new tips and tricks were shared and shown later on during Show and Share.

Our season started with Melinda Bula from California, who inspired members to create their own fusible Coneflower and Rose, using colour design and layout to achieve the realism seen in Melinda's work. She also taught her renegade thread work.

Our November guest was Hilary Rice from Cornerbrook, Newfoundland, who taught a curved machine piecing workshop, where the class created a small landscape quilt. In the second class she showed us how to create a woven book wrap using scraps and embellishments to personalize a journal, photo album or scrapbook.

We were very lucky to have Elaine Quehl come and show us how to use many products, from Shiva paint sticks to Tsukineko Inks. The students picked up many tips on adding more depth, dimension and detail to their work. In her second workshop we created beautiful poppies, tulips, and lilies using

Elaine's beautiful hand dyed fabrics. I spent a better part of the day circling the table with all the hand dyes trying to decide which fabrics that I couldn't live without.

In March we had Carol Soderlund from New York State. Carol brought a wealth of knowledge to this class: The use of fine and heavy threads through the needle and in the bobbin; the do's and don'ts of messing with the tension on your machine to achieve certain effects. In Carol's second class we learned how to do freehand feathering without pre-marking the quilt.

The grand finale of the 2010-2011 guild year was Becky Goldsmith. She came all the way from Texas. We had three fun filled days fine tuning our appliqué skills the *Piece O Cake* way. Becky left no stone un-turned. She was very thorough and we came away with lots of useful tips.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who signed up for the workshops and supported the guild. I also want to thank my partner Kiyomi Sakamoto for all the hard work she did, for the friendship and a great time during the workshops. I really enjoyed working with you Kiyomi! Thank you.

Jeannie Jenkins

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.

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

Check the website for more upcoming events.

THANKS FOR THE AHA MOMENT!

I have just experienced an AHA moment and I think Becky Goldsmith should be thanked for it. Although I did not take any of her classes since appliqué is not my thing, I found her speech at the members' meeting to be inspirational, especially the part about being more observant. I am now looking at my jigidi puzzles (www.jigidi.com) as possible quilts and even made my husband pause the TV while I sketched a program's logo. And then there's my bathroom floor, the basket that holds pens on the computer desk, the picture of a kiwi on a juice box, and so on. Sensory overload!

Becky's speech also brought to mind that even if the presenter does not work in one's own style, there is still information to be gleaned: A colour scheme, a quilting strategy, a border idea. I have just copied Becky's idea of dual sashing for the pieced quilt I am currently working on. It has been turned from a

dust-gathering UFO into a quilt that I am quite happy with. I also loved her idea of grouping lights in a pieced quilt to create the sense of a light source. I'll be trying that in my next quilt.

In any case, the AHA moment came with the realization that new useable ideas can be found where least expected. So the next time a York Heritage speaker is not quite your cup of tea, just look for things they do that you can incorporate into your own quilting style. Hopefully at least one of next year's line-up of speakers will be 'just right' for you, but if not, ideas and inspiration are still there for the taking. As York Heritage members, we are so fortunate to have such inspiring speakers. As quilters, we are challenged to make their ideas our own.

Fran Auty

MEMBERSHIP

New members welcome!

Spaces are NOT being held for renewing members

HAVEN'T RENEWED? Complete the membership application form available on the website (go to the **yhqg.org** Home page and then click on Membership Application Form in the second paragraph) and bring it (and a cheque) to the May meeting. Or mail it to the address shown on the form

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. The draw will take place at the AGM in May.

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



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

BLOGGING ALONG...

Want to know what other guild members are up to? Check out the YHQG blog: <http://yhgg.wordpress.com/>.



New this month: Judy Messenger shares some of her quilts, and Toby Sklash shares her experience running the gift shop at our last quilt show. We'd also love to know what YOU are up to. Been to any quilt shows? We'd love to have a short write-up and some of your favourite photos. Email any quilt or guild-related items to Valerie Prideaux at YHQGblogger@gmail.com. This blog is for you- so join in! Send a brief bio, photo of yourself and up to 10 of your favourite quilts and get listed on Meet the Members. Questions or comments welcome.

MEMBER CONTRIBUTIONS

Quilter of the Month A big thank you to all the quilters who bravely volunteered to be "quilter of the month". All the presentations were well received, interesting to watch and inspiring for other members. It is amazing to see the talent hiding in our own guild.

Show and Share This year many of you stood in front of your fellow quilters and presented your quilts. Whether you were a beginner or an experienced quilter, we enjoyed each and every quilt that you brought and the story that you shared. It is wonderful to put a face and a name to the talents on display. Also we were delighted to see the many quilts that were the result of classes sponsored by the guild.

White Glove Ladies A big thank you to all the "white glove ladies". Without your contribution, the display of quilts at the guild meetings would not run smoothly. As you sign up for another year at YHQG, please consider becoming a white glove lady. It is a great way to make a small contribution to the running of the guild and if you need extra incentive, you get to sit in reserved seating at the front of the meeting hall.

Please see me if you would like to be Quilter of the Month or know someone who could be!

Sandy Lindal

2011 IS A QUILT SHOW YEAR!

Every member can play a part:

- Enter your own quilts for exhibit at the show
- Sell your work in the gift shop
- Volunteer your help
- Tell your friends about the event
- Offer to sell raffle tickets for the quilt
- Publicize the show anywhere you can

We're counting on you!



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 directors 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	Rosemary Hamlin
Vice-President	TBA	Library	Evelyne Carter
Treasurer	Pat Andary	Display & Competition	TBA
Secretary	Judy Messenger	Special Projects	Bill Bartlett
Membership	Fran Auty	Quilt Show	Daniela Tiger
Newsletter	Deborah Milton	Webmaster	Pat Stuckless
Programs	Carole Tullis TBA	Community Outreach	TBA