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INTRODUCING A CELEBRATION OF QUILTS XI

If you were at the October Guild meeting, you've already discovered our exciting theme for the next quilt show in November 2011. If you weren't able to be there, here's an update.

When searching for an appropriate theme for our show, we knew we needed something that could draw an audience beyond that of quilters like ourselves. It would need to intrigue and invite a wider audience to take a closer look – other artists, a wider public, both young and more mature. We strived to find a theme that would say quilting is not just something your grandmother did, although that's certainly part of the big picture. This quotation sums up the culmination of our search. It was written by Spike Gillespie in her book *Quilting Art: Inspiration, Ideas & Innovative Works from 20 Contemporary Quilters*:

"Quilting is a craft rich in tradition and homespun, practical applications. But it's also an art – which, with needle, thread, fabric, and an idea, can give us a new way of looking at, and wrapping ourselves, in the world."

Quilting is indeed an art form. It's also a fine craft.

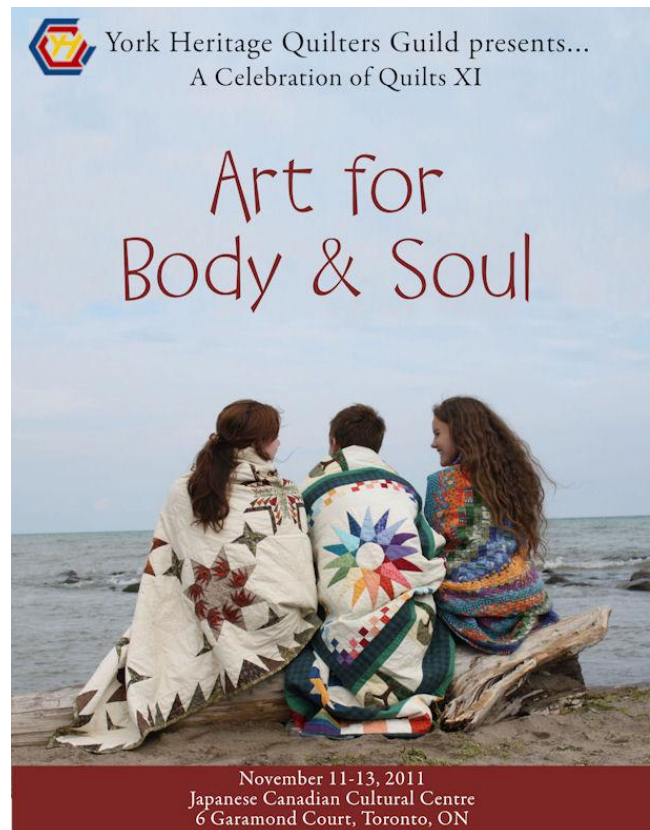
Beautiful quilts warm our bodies and the art of quilting feeds our souls. What could be better than wrapping ourselves in a warm quilt on a cold day? Especially a beautifully patterned one! That's what we were thinking when we decided to wrap a few willing teenagers in a few stunning quilts and head for the Beach. Even though it was still August, the weather cooperated with overcast skies and a cool blow off the lake – just what we wanted. We hope you'll agree that the kids and the quilts contributed to the interpretation of our quilt show theme.

Catherine Schuler & Deborah Milton – Quilt Show Publicity

A WORD FROM THE QUILT SHOW CHAIR

Now that our quilt show theme has been revealed, it's time to stop hiding our talents under our batting and start thinking about how we can all take part in the show. And it's never too early to let your friends know what's in store. You can tell them that it will knock their socks off! There are lots of exciting plans still to come – stay tuned for breaking news just around the corner!

Daniela Tiger – Quilt Show Chair



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Firstly I want to thank Jane Cramer for putting together an absolutely fabulous booth at this year's CreativFestival. I was blown away when I saw it. Jane displayed about 20 quilts as well as a great array of new placemats. There was a lot of interest from visitors who received a free pass to join us at a guild meeting.

Secondly, I have once again realized that I should never assume everyone knows everything. You might be thinking there's a membership waiting list as there was for several years. Well, times have changed and we do not have a waiting list anymore! We still have over 400 members, but numbers are slowly decreasing. So, please tell your friends that there is room available at York Heritage. Why not invite them as guests – like us, they just may be bitten by the quilting bug.

I wanted to draw your attention to the AROUND THE BLOCK section of the newsletter. This section is for you, our members to post items of interest to others. Perhaps you've won an award or maybe you have a sewing machine for sale or you're looking for a book. You could ask for someone to finish off a quilt for you or request a ride to and from meetings. If you'd like to take advantage of this free service, please forward your submissions to Deborah Milton, our Newsletter Editor, deborahmilton@rogers.com by Guild night each month. She may edit your submissions due to space but your notice will appear.

Lastly, thank you to all the members who have submitted a quilt for the President's Challenge. So far we are at 39 and we're aiming for 50. The absolute deadline is Sunday, November 21 as Hilary will be judging them the next day. If you have a quilt, please either phone or email me at president@yhqg.org to make arrangements for delivering it. Again, thank you all for participating in the event – I knew we would be able to help Hilary in achieving her Judging certificate through CQA.

See you on November 23rd.

Katie

IT'S A WRAP!

Hats off to all the guild members who volunteered at the CreativFestival. Thank you for sharing your time and talents:



Teachers:

Irene Dewar, Maggie Khaja, Carolyn Flood, B.J. Reid, Jeannie Jenkins.

Booth staff:

Bev Sturgeon, Linda Hoiko, Julie Soden, Carole Tullis, Katie Pidgeon, Eleanor Mayne, Kathy Warner, Bob Gutcher, Linda Van Lierde, Janet Mills, Pat Andary, Dawne Verigin, Chris Hardman, Anita Winkle, Joan Robertson, Walter Rothenburger, France Barrette, Sandy Lindal, Holly Doll, Marion Reed, Bill Bartlett, Fiona Kay.

Quilters who displayed work:

Bev Sturgeon, Susannah MacRae, Susan McNeil, Kathy Warner, Irene Dewar, Brenda Conway, Jeannie Jenkins, Sandy Lindal, Gail Lockington, Judy Messenger, Katie Pidgeon, Dawne Verigin, Carole Tullis, B.J. Reid, Linda Hoiko.

And thanks to Irena Hopper for keeping me informed about the York Heritage Free Events and to Linda Van Lierde and Karen Wold who just happened to be at the booth Sunday at 5:00 just as we were tearing down.

We appreciated the loan of an Elna sewing machine by Debbie Bates of Janome Canada.

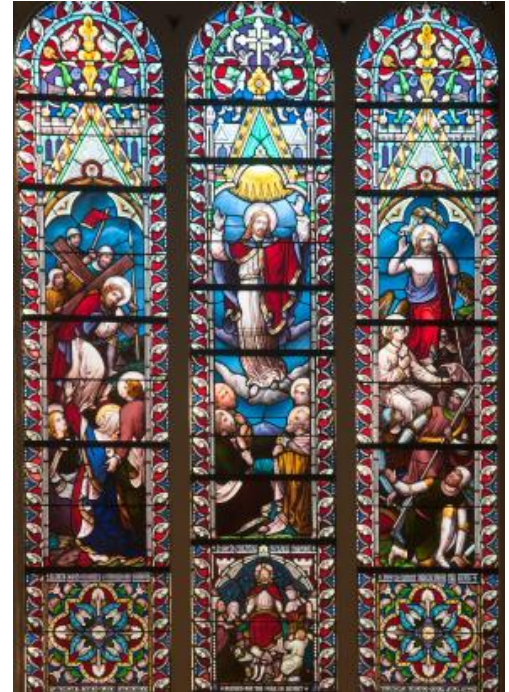
Jane Cramer

LEND YOUR THOUGHTS TO QUILT CANADA

In 2012, **QUILT CANADA** is returning to **Halifax, Nova Scotia**, for the first time in 16 years! Quilters attending this special gathering from May 29th to June 2nd 2012 will experience Maritime hospitality and the opportunity to learn and to share their quilting experiences and expertise. Under the theme **“Seams Like Home”**, this four-day event hosted by the Canadian Quilters Association will feature:

- More than 30 workshops and lectures, including three international teachers – Anita Shackelford, Barbara Olson, and Norah McMeeking
- The National Juried Show showcasing the best quilters in Canada
- The Invitational Show
- The annual Trend Tex Challenge, highlighting innovation and design
- A series of special events and dinners, including a Kitchen Party and Seams Like Home banquet
- Merchant mall
- A number of concurrent quilt shows to be held at local galleries and other venues

Quilt Canada is the premier national event for all Canadian quilters – and they need your help to make sure that Quilt Canada 2012 is truly your event! To that end, they want to know what you’d like to see at a national event like Quilt Canada. Jot down your ideas and send your responses to me – deborahmilton@rogers.com – by December 5, 2010 and I will forward all of them to CQA. There will be a draw from all respondents for a free one-year CQA/ACC membership. Guild responses are an important part of CQA’s planning for this event – they will help ensure that Quilt Canada 2012 in Halifax truly “Seams Like Home”.



This beautiful window graces St. Paul's Church in Halifax, NS. Isn't it perfect inspiration for a fabulous quilt?



SANTA BILL NEEDS HELP IN THE QUILTERS' WORKSHOP

Sew a place mat and put a smile on a senior's face!

Please help me provide HAPPY MEAL PLACE MATS for the seniors at the Stan Wadlow Community Centre at their December 16th Christmas Luncheon. Imagine how many happy smiles we could create if each one of us made just one place mat to brighten a shut-in's table. I'll happily accept all you can sew at the November meeting.

Santa Bill Bartlett
(416)422-1650

WELCOME HILARY RICE



Visiting us this month from Corner Brook, Newfoundland, Hilary will take us on an artist's creative journey Along the Silk Road...

"Each of us moves through our lives, one thing leading to another, the way the silk journey of long ago was a continuous journey."

Hilary has been working with textiles throughout her life. She says she loves the feel of fibres, the shine of silks and has more recently been working on texture created by melting synthetic materials. She finds her work evolving into mixed media as she experiments with new techniques. She is a self-taught artist beginning in childhood with stitching doll clothes, learning embroidery, crochet and macramé as well as knitting. She also learned to spin yarn and to weave. All of these skills prepared Hilary for the work she does today, creating beautiful textile art. The list of skills has grown to include fabric dyeing, printing, designing, free motion machine embroidery and metal work.

Be sure to attend the November meeting and share Hilary's inspiring art and creativity and visit

www.mestudios.ca to view some of her current work.



Shown here is a detail shot of Hilary's piece called "Gaerbyth - Ambassador for Peace". It's the cornerstone for her new series called Rare Reflections that's in development. The finished works will be exhibited at two exhibitions next year in St. John's at the Craft Council Gallery, as well as at the Memorial University Fine Arts gallery in Corner Brook.

ENJOY A CREATIVE DAY AT A HILARY RICE WORKSHOP

Wednesday, November 24

All Wrapped Up: Surface Embellishment – Form & Function with Fun!

Do you have fabric "bits" that are too lovely to toss but are waiting for a project? Play with Hilary's techniques, weave strips from your stash and go wild creating a personalized wrap for a photo album, scrapbook, journal, guest book, or your favourite novel. Or use the techniques to create an art piece of your own. Bring a **BOOK** you would like to wrap.

Workshop Fee \$40

Reply to: workshops@yhqg.org

Note: Hilary's Tuesday class is full, and there's a waiting list



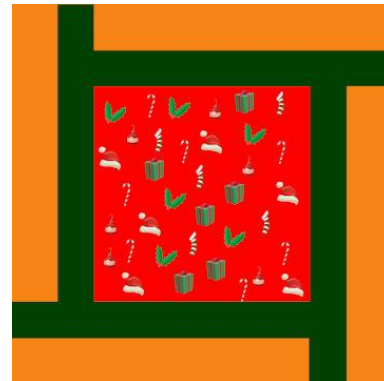
BLOCK OF THE MONTH

BORDERED SQUARES IN CHRISTMAS COLOURS

Makes a 10 1/2" square

MATERIALS:

- 1 – 1 1/2" strip of a gold
- 1 – 1 1/2" strip of a red or green print
- 1 – 6 1/2" square of Christmas fabric



METHOD:

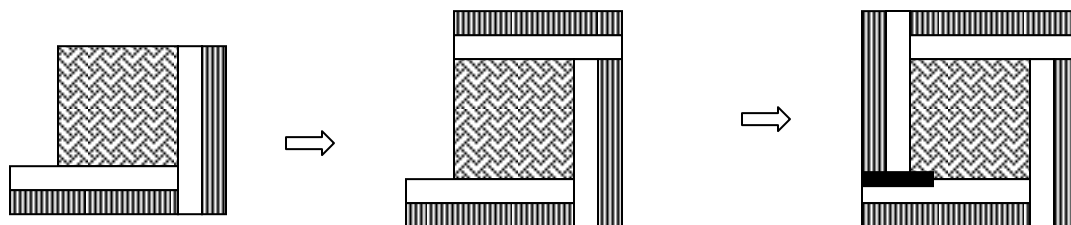
- Sew the gold and red/green strips together. Cut them into 8 1/2" strips



- Place a strip along the 6 1/2" square, but sew only half the strip, as shown by the darkened line along the square.



- Then add the other squares as in the diagram, sewing the last part of the first strip at the end.



BLOCK OF THE MONTH ONLINE CLASSES

Looking for something more to keep you busy over the long winter months? Did you know you can join an online Block of the Month club and create a quilt piece-by-piece over the course of several months? You can order the pattern only for about \$15/month plus shipping, or you can purchase a full kit for between \$25-\$35/month plus shipping.

All of the block of the month club kits include what you need: Silk Pins, sewing machine needles, embroidery needles, Jeval dupioni silks, wools, cottons, embroidery floss to get you started, private step by step blog postings and videos. Each month there will be a prize for complete blocks... and more. There's an added incentive – if five or more guild members sign up for one of the Block of the Months (doesn't have to be the same one) there will be a special something in your first kit! For details, visit www.PastimesOnline.ca

COMMUNITY QUILTS

You're invited to make new quilting guild friends at the Stan Wadlow Community Centre on

MONDAYS November 8
 November 22
 December 6

We meet between 9:30 am – 3 pm and you can choose your fabric fix – sort, cut, iron, bind, baste, quilt, sew, play on the design wall, play with colour, and make kits. Why not invite other guild members to join you at the community quilting bee?

If you're unable to join us on Mondays, please pick up a quilt at our table during the November meeting and machine quilt it for us. We also have quilts that need binding and pre-cut quilt kits ready for sewing. Right now we are busy cutting and preparing for the Community Quilting Night in January. If you have surplus fabric to donate for comfort quilts, please bring it to the November meeting. We appreciate everyone's help.

Bill Bartlett
 (416 - 422-1650)

QUILTERS OF THE MONTH – special event

The Quilters of the Month for November are all of you who are submitting mini quilts for the President's Challenge. This is an event to help our speaker, Hilary Rice qualify as a CQA judge. There's still time to enter – bring your quilt to the next meeting or deliver it to Katie Pidgeon by Sunday, November 21. Send her a note at president@yhqg.org if you haven't yet signed up. And, you can enter more than one piece! So come on guild members. Let's all try to step up and help contribute 50 submissions.

MEETING/WORKSHOP SCHEDULE 2010-2011

Tuesday, November 23 - Hilary Rice – See page 4 for more information.

January 18 - Community Quilts Workshop. Have fun making blocks with fellow guild members.

Tuesday, February 15 - Elaine Quehl – Guild night presentation.

Workshop: Tuesday, February 15: Surface Design Techniques for Quilters and Fibre Artists

Looking for more depth, dimension and detail in your work? Learn how to achieve Elaine's noted intensity and drama with surface design treatments for shadows, highlights and detail. A demonstration of the use of products such as Caran D'Arche Neocolour II Water-soluble Wax Pastels, Shiva Paint Sticks, Tsukineko Inks and more will be followed by an opportunity to experiment with them on freezer paper stencils you will design in class. Class fee \$40, Supply fee \$10 = \$50 total.

Workshop: Wednesday, February 16: 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. Class fee \$40, Patterns: \$10 each = \$50 total.

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

COMING EVENTS

Nov 5-6	Joyce Seagram Solo Exhibit. Dignam Gallery, Women’s Art Association of Canada, 23 Prince Arthur Ave., Toronto. Opening reception Nov 5, 5pm-9pm, and Nov 6 10am-6pm.
November 14	Hexagon Quilt on the GO with Gwen Tracey, Annandale National Historic Site, Tillsonburg. Learn a simple method to sew hexagon squares together. 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. \$35. Call 519-842-6933.
Nov 20-Dec 5	Oshawa Fibre Art Show. We are in our 6 th year at the Centennial Retirement Residence in Oshawa, Ontario for our presentation of Original Art creations by Ontario Fibre Artists. Details at www.blumoonfabricarts.com

AROUND THE BLOCK – Members - this is your space!

ATTENTION ART QUILTERS, CRAZY QUILTERS, LANDSCAPE QUILTERS, FANCY FABRIC LOVERS!

Bill Bartlett has acquired a huge stash of remnant fabric: organza, chiffon, fun fur, leather, muslin and more! Bring shopping bags to the November meeting and go treasure hunting! Fabrics will be on tables in the foyer from 6 o'clock. Leftovers after the meeting will go to a thrift shop. Don't miss this great opportunity.

"**Tight Grip**" from **H. Kidd Company** for sale. Free-standing PVC quilt frame size 28" x 48" in excellent condition. Asking \$75.00 or reasonable offer. Please call Erica Ribeiro at 416-456-6956.

FindMyFabric.com is a new website fabric search engine that finds fabric and quilting supplies from hundreds of online quilt stores. You can search for products by either typing in words or by uploading a photo from a digital camera – it uses image recognition technology to find matching fabrics. It's a good resource for those times when you've run out of a particular fabric and cannot find more locally.

Quilt Pro for MacIntosh – I need assistance with the computer program called Quilt Pro for MacIntosh. This is not actually a Mac product so I can't call them. If you too have this program and would be willing to help a nitwit, please call Val Taylor at 416-445-1024. Your place or mine. Meal provided!

YORK HERITAGE QUILTERS GUILD NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Tuesday, November 23, 2010
7:30 pm.

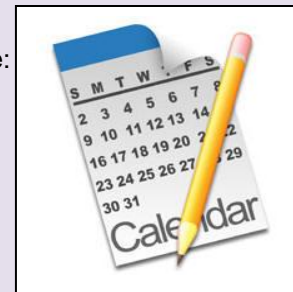
Toronto Botanical Gardens
777 Lawrence Ave. E., Toronto

Guest: Hilary Rice
Corner Brook, Newfoundland

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

2010-2011
meeting dates are:

November 23
January 18
February 15
March 15
April 19
May 17



MEMBERSHIP



Yes, there's room at the guild!

There are still spaces for additional members at York Heritage Quilters Guild – we're putting out the welcome mat. For this month only the membership fee will be just \$40. Call your friends and encourage them to join. Bring them as guests – they will discover what great speakers we offer, not to mention fabulous workshops, and they'll make new friends who share their interests.

Don't hold up the line for a Chance to Win!

When you arrive at guild meetings already wearing your name badge and holding your LIME GREEN membership card, you will have an opportunity to win a prize.

Email Members

If you are not receiving your email newsletter notifications please let us know. All it takes is one wrong letter or a missing period to cause a delivery problem. If you have not picked up your 2010 - 2011 membership card, it will be available for you at any meeting throughout the year.

Regular Mail Members

If at any time you wish to switch to the email newsletter option, just let us know. If you have access to a computer, you can read the current and past newsletters anytime you like by simply visiting www.yhqq.org and clicking on the newsletter link.

New Members

A warm welcome to our two newest members, Jan Illing and Cheryl Smith.

Name Badges

Your name badges will be available at the membership desk – hope to see you all at the November meeting:

Colleen Buckett	Vjera Kecman
Louise DeRoo	Shirley Reppen
Susannah Heath	Cheryl Smith
Jan Illing	Marilyn Starzynski

Fran Auty

email: membership@yhqq.org

And that's a wrap for this edition – don't forget that November's meeting is on Tuesday, November 23.