



York Heritage News

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Well, here we are again

about to start a new guild year. I feel that September is more of a New Year than January, as everyone gets back into their daily routines.



This summer, as always, has flown by and I didn't get the quilting done that I wanted to, but I did get down to Syracuse for Quilting By The Lake. If you have ever thought about going away on a quilting vacation, I would say "go for it." Leave the kids and hubby at home and enjoy. If you aren't able to run away for an extended workshop, why not look

at our great lineup for this year. In fact, I have already booked some vacation days off to learn from some of the great teachers coming to York Heritage. If you are new to the guild, a workshop is a great way to meet guild members, learn a new skill, and gossip while being surrounded by people who all love the same thing. If you haven't looked at the website regarding our workshops, please do, and check out the teacher's websites for even more inspiration.

Talking about inspiration, just a reminder that I'm organizing the President's Challenge to help our November speaker, Hilary Rice, obtain her CQA judging certificate. We currently have around 35 entries, but for Hilary to qualify, we need 50! Even if we don't get to the 50 mark, Hilary will still judge the entered quilts. In our efforts to arrive at 50, we have invited the East Toronto Quilters Guild to join in on the challenge. If you think you have missed any deadlines, think again. We want your entry! The entry form is on the website. If you have any questions, please email me at [mailto: president@yhqg](mailto:president@yhqg)

See you on September 21,
Katie

MEMBERSHIP CARDS

If you receive your newsletter by e-mail you can pick up your membership card at the desk in the front hall, right outside the meeting room.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, Sept. 21, 2010
7:30 pm.

Location: Toronto Botanical Garden
777 Lawrence Ave. E.,
Toronto

Guest Speaker: Natalia Nekrassova, Textile
Museum of Canada

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

2010-2011 meeting dates are:

September 21
October 19
November 23
January 18
February 15
March 15
April 19
May 17



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Just show it...your membership card!

Membership

Email Members

You should have received an electronic version of the new Executive and Member Roster. You may pick up your 2010-2011 membership card at the September meeting. Those not picked up then, may be picked up at a later meeting.

Regular Mail Members—You should have received a printed Executive and Member Roster and a membership card with your newsletter. Please consider the “email newsletter” option if possible since the cost of printing and postage is now more than \$20 per member. Since the newsletter will be posted on the website, there will no longer be issues with the file being too big for your email.

New Members—Your name badge will be available for pick up at the September meeting. There will be an orientation session for you at 6:45 pm on the 21st.

Just Show It—Each month, please show your NEW LIME GREEN membership card to your colleagues at the Membership Table. Don't forget to wear your Name Badge to all meetings.

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 for a fee of \$8.00 at monthly meetings, except January (the charity quilt night) and May (AGM).

Member Roster— Should you have a change of email address, address or phone number, please let us know. Fran Auty, membership@yhqg.org

Fran Auty-Membership

Meeting Schedule 2010-2011

Tuesday, September 21

Natalia Nekrassova, Curator, Collections and Research -Textile Museum of Canada –

www.textilemuseum.com

Natalia has 30 years of experience as a museum curator. Before joining the Textile Museum of Canada in 2002 she was a Senior Researcher, Keeper of Rugs and Decorative Art collections at the State Museum of Moscow. At the Textile Museum of Canada her research and exhibition interests are in the traditional textiles of Central Asia and the Middle East. She recently curated a wonderful exhibit at the museum called 'Fashionably Wrapped: The Influence of Kashmir Shawls'. Find out how it all works and what's happening at this unique museum right at our doorstep.

Tuesday, October 19

Melinda Bula. Take a humorous look through the eyes of a quilt artist as she finds her way through the world of art, quilting and wearable arts. This lecture includes a wearable fashion show along with her award-winning Fabulous Fusible Flower quilts. Melinda shows the evolution of her art with humour and lots of inspiration. She'll teach Sunflower and Coneflower in her workshop. www.melindabula.com

Tuesday, November 23

Hilary Rice from Cornerbrooke, Newfoundland leads us on an artist's creative journey. "Each of us moves through our lives, one thing leading to another, the way the silk journey of long ago was a continuous journey." Come join Hilary along the road as we make book covers just in time for Christmas or learn to use Top-Stitch Curved Piecing to create quilted landscapes. Hilary will also judge entries in the President's Challenge, which will be exhibited at the general meeting. www.mestudios.ca

January 18

Community Quilts Workshop. Have fun making blocks together while enjoying refreshments and the good company of other guild members. Smaller groups or individuals transform the blocks later into quilts which the guild donates to selected community organizations for fundraising purposes.

Tuesday, February 15

Elaine Quehl joins us this month to illuminate the path from inspiration to art quilt. Elaine's work has garnered lots of attention in quilting magazines and at shows. Her work is characterized by bold and sensual images with contrasts of light and shadow to intensify the visual drama that inspires her in the natural world. Often her inspiration is a close-up photo of foliage or flowers. She will share various surface design treatments to enrich the effects of depth and contrast. www.equarelle.ca

Tuesday, March 15

Carol Soderlund illustrates the fifteen elements of design. All are welcome in Carol's workshops on free-motion quilting with a home machine. Stitchery is the name of the game, and experimentation is the theme. She'll talk to us about the elements of design in nature, art, and quilts, and share some of her own quilts. Carol's

quilts have been exhibited nationally and internationally since 1985 and have received numerous awards. Stitchery is only one of her talents; she is a teacher of color and fabric dyeing as well. www.carolsoderlund.com

Tuesday, April 19

Becky Goldsmith will brighten the evening with her display of colourful quilts. Just in time for spring! Get out your needles for some hand appliqué from Becky's treasure trove of whimsical flower patterns. A lecture and three days of workshops, including one on Sunday, gives everyone a chance to learn how she uses a unique sense of colour to achieve the delightful patterns we expect from Piece O'Cake Designs. www.pieceocake.com

Tuesday, May 17

May is the AGM (Annual General Meeting) and meet the new executive members. This evening mixes fun and food with business to wrap up the guild year!

Workshops

OCTOBER

SIGN UP at the SEPTEMBER MEETING FOR THESE TWO WORKSHOPS

Melinda Bula – www.melindabula.com

October 18: Fusible Coneflower or October 19: Fusible Summer Rose - \$60 + \$15 kit fee = \$75 per class

Use colour, design and layout to achieve the realism seen in Melinda's award winning Fabulous Fusible Flower quilts. Students of all skill levels will work from the same flower pattern but will be encouraged to infuse individual creativity to complete 80% of the piece in class. Apply this process to grow a whole garden of different blossoms or wearable art pieces inspired by Melinda's presentation at the Guild meeting. Melinda's signature Renegade Thread Play embellishment will be included in the class. Supply and Pattern Fee: \$15 US.

NOVEMBER

SIGN UP at the SEPTEMBER MEETING FOR THESE TWO WORKSHOPS

Hilary Rice – www.mestudios.ca

Tuesday, November 23: Easy-Peasy Curves: A Top-stitch Curved Piecing Workshop for Art Quilters
\$40 + \$25 kit fee = \$65

Do you like your landscape curvy? Hilary simplifies and explains her approach to curves in three easy steps. Suggestions such as the use of sheer overlay, machine and hand stitching, beading and colouring accents will help you to embellish a small landscape in class. Kit fee \$25 Includes: "Mountainscape" pattern and directions, choice of Day or Night colourways of hand-dyed cotton, use of materials and tools for embellishment.

Wednesday, November 24: All Wrapped Up: Creation of a Book Wrap - \$40

Start with scraps of fabric for the woven bands that form a base for this "Book Wrap" then let loose with embellishments to personalize and glitz up the front cover. Photo albums, scrapbooks, journals, a guest book, your favourite novel...you can wrap anything. A great gift. *Bring a **BOOK** to which you would like to add a special wrap.

FEBRUARY

SIGN UP at the NOVEMBER MEETING FOR THESE TWO WORKSHOPS

Elaine Quehl – www.equarelle.ca

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 Watersoluble 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. Supply Fee \$10.

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. Patterns: \$10 each.

MARCH

SIGN UP at the JANUARY MEETING FOR THESE TWO WORKSHOPS

Carol Soderland – www.carolsoderlund.com

Tuesday, March 15: Dragonfly Wings and Other Things

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 ready to have FUN with your machine!

Wednesday, March 17: Freehand Feathering

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.

APRIL

SIGN UP at the FEBRUARY MEETING FOR THESE THREE WORKSHOPS

Becky Goldsmith – www.piecoake.com

Sunday, April 17: Lorna's Vine (at The Mabin School, 50 Poplar Plains Road

It is a "piece o cake" when you 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.

Monday, April 18 & Tuesday, April 19: My Whimsical Quilt Garden

Each student will receive two 10 inch block patterns to hand appliqué with a number of popular techniques.

Quilter of the Month

Quilter of the Month and Show and Share take place in the second half of the guild meeting.

For September's **Quilter(s) of the Month**, we welcome Raili and Karen Wold, a fabulous mother/daughter quilting combo who I am sure will delight you with their collection of quilts.

Show and share is an exciting opportunity to view your fellow guild members' work. I would like to encourage you to bring your recently completed projects for display. All submissions can be brought to me (Sandy Lindal), at the front of the meeting hall, between 6:45 - 7:15 pm. Small pieces of work will be displayed on the wall, with larger pieces being displayed on the stage.

White glove ladies I still need a few more volunteers to help at the front of the room. If you are interested in helping for a couple of meetings this year, please come and see me at the September meeting or email me. Thank you for your support.

Sandy Lindal
 Display & Competition
display@yhqg.org

September
 Raili and Karen
 Wold

Block of the Month

Theme--The block theme this year is based on Jelly Rolls, collections of 2-1/2" strips that are so fun to buy.

The blocks will be very easy, so everyone can do them without a huge time commitment. With lots of blocks returned, the quilts will be spectacular. The first block is due at the September meeting.

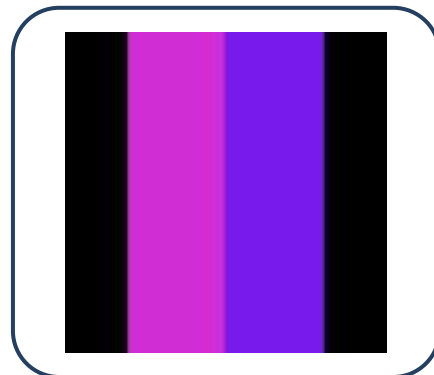
September's Block

Cut two 2-1/2" x 6-1/2" strips of different colours
 Cut two 1-1/2" x 6-1/2 strips of black

Sew the strips together along the 6-1/2" sides, with the black strips on the outside. Your finished block should measure 6-1/2" square.

This block is so simple and quick that everyone will have time to do at least one before the September meeting!

Ruthie Snell



Community Quilts

One way that the YHQG reaches out to the community is through our Community Quilt Workshops. We receive many requests from charitable organizations for quilts. Some quilts are auctioned by the organization to raise funds for their charitable projects. Others are requested for children and adults in special circumstances to enjoy as their very own.

The workshops provide a time for caring, generosity, socializing and learning. For those who cannot make time during the day for the workshops, kits are prepared and a quilt may be made at home and returned to the group. We will let you know where it goes. You are important to the group's success.

This workshop always welcomes new members. This year, we will meet once again at the Stan Wadlow Clubhouse, 373 Cedarvale Avenue. The clubhouse is just east of Woodbine between Danforth Avenue and St. Clair. Turn east at the lights on Cosburn and take the first left on Cedarvale. The Clubhouse is on the right. Enter through the front door and we meet in the large auditorium on the right. The room is set up for us. Please bring a sewing machine, a sewing kit (including needles, neutral thread, pins, scissors and a rotary cutter and ruler).

Bring your lunch to the workshops. Coffee and a cookie are available at the Clubhouse for \$1. This is a source of revenue for them. If you prefer, bring your own and a mug. There is a kitchen and a kettle available for our use.

To those kind folks who have stored things for us, thank you so very much. Please let me know at your earliest what you have. We are looking at our limited storage and we need to do an inventory.

The Community Quilts workshop group was formed in 2000 and continues to grow in size and scope. Your thoughts are always welcome.

Joan Greene, Chair
Community Outreach
communityquilts@yhqg.org

2010 Workshop dates

Monday, September 27

This meeting will not involve sewing or quilting. We will use the time to look at our storage, inventory and direction.

Monday, October 4

Monday, October 25

Monday, November 8

Monday, November 22

Monday, December 13



Special Project

Happy Meal Place Mats for Meals on Wheels

Every quilter wants to reduce their collection of left over scraps and orphan blocks. Here's a great opportunity to do just that. I'm suggesting we do something we all enjoy – quilt and bring a smile to others.

I'm hoping that together members of our guild can make enough placemats for our local chapter of Meals on Wheels.

Many of our members have volunteered with Meals on Wheels and know how much a shut-in or person living alone would appreciate getting a decorative place mat along with their meal. Placemats could be made in your very own creative style in colours of your choice, using a theme fabric, crazy scraps, paper pieced wonkies, strips, fused appliqué or seasonal print.



A Toronto Film Production Company -- Pinewood Studios – just finished making a movie called "The Thing". Nancy DiSilva from the costume department has donated left over fabrics and Warm & Natural batting that we can use to make these placemats.

I will have pre-cut 12" x 18" double-thickness batts – some pieced and some unpieced, available at the next meeting. You can pick them up at the back of the meeting hall. I will also have backing fabrics that you can use. Many times a left over block only needs a border added to become a pleasing place mat for someone.

A Community Guild helping Our Community.

Bill Bartlett
Special Projects
info@yhqg.org

Creativfestival, October 22, 23, 24, 2010

Metro Toronto Convention Centre, south building

Our guild will be very well represented at the upcoming **creativfestival** with five of our members leading classes, and a booth for volunteers to demonstrate their quilting skills and artistry. Please take the time to sign up for any number of positions - lending quilts and quilt stands, setting up and taking down the booth (decorating ideas gladly accepted!), greeting visitors and giving information about our guild, demonstrating block making, hand-sewing, etc. Jane Cramer will have sign-up sheets at the next meeting and you can also offer your volunteer services to her at ajanecramer@hotmail.com

Quilt Show 2011

Daniela Tiger – As you may have heard, we have created an enthusiastic 14-member Quilt Show committee. We have already met and shared many ideas towards creating a stellar show, one that we will all be proud of. Our hope is to create an event that will showcase the pride in our expert traditional skills as well as our willingness to explore newer techniques. We are hoping that this will be an inclusive experience for all. By that, we mean every member, no matter their level of quilting ability, will want to display their artwork. From a viewership perspective, we want to encourage attendance by an audience of all ages, those both intimately connected with the world of quilting and those who are curious about this art form. As always, we turn to you, the membership, to make this another outstanding show. We look forward to sharing more of our thoughts but it will be your work that ultimately makes the 2011 show a success. Meet your Quilt Show Committee:

Chair:	Daniela Tiger	goldtigers@sympatico.ca
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	Deborah Milton	deborahmilton@rogers.com
Website:	Bev Sturgeon	ebev@rogers.com
Gift Shop:	Toby Sklash	tobysklash@aol.com
Front Door:	Judy Messenger	jmessenger@dcommerce.com
Silent Auction:	Ann Sutherland	applehill1@rogers.com

A Celebration
of Quilts XI
November 11-13, 2011



We could use your
help – Please contact
Daniela Tiger
416 486-4103

President's Challenge

As you will have noted in Katie's column on page 1, York Heritage has produced only 35 members who have signed up for the President's Challenge. That's disappointing when you note we have 406 members – and we really shouldn't have to call on another guild to make up the numbers. Come on all you quilters! The challenge calls for a small quilt, minimum 60" around the perimeter. That means you only have to sew something about 15" square. The theme is Small World. Seems to me that a 15" square of any design you choose fits the criteria. We're still accepting entries so please stop procrastinating, thinking you're not good enough or any other excuse you can dream up. The challenge needs you! Please fill out the form at www.yhqq.org. *D. Milton-Editor*

Coming Events

Sept 17 - 19	Fall Fair at Upper Canada Village, Morrisburg. Featuring the Eastern Ontario Quilt Guilds Annual Quilt Show.
Sep 28-Oct 11	Niagara Pumphouse Gallery , Niagara-on-the-Lake. The Quilt of Possibilities exhibit organized by the Ontario Crafts Council with support from the Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation.
Sep 30-Oct 2	Oxford Quilters Guild , Ingersol, 30 th Anniversary Quilt Show at Trinity United Church, King St. W. and Ingersol Creative Arts Centre.
Oct 1-2	A Harvest of Quilts 2010 , London Friendship Quilters' Guild, Rowntree United Church, 156 Elliot Street (Cheapside and Elliot, London, ON.
Oct 8-9	Quilts of our Times , 139 Silver Street, Paris, ON – branthheritagequilters.ca
Oct 22-24	CreativFestival , Metro Toronto Convention Centre. Be sure to contact Jane Cramer if you can help out at the YHQG booth.
Oct 23-24	The Magic of Cloth , Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild, Orangeville Fairgrounds, Orangeville, ON. www.dufferinpiecemakers.org for information, maps & directions.
Oct 23	The Charlie Fund Quilt Event 2010 , Maple Grove United Church, 346 Maple Grove Drive, Oakville, ON. Benefits Oakville and Milton Humane Societies.
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. The show features wall hangings, dolls, garments, 3-D creations, framed fibre art, an Artist's Boutique and a Fibre Art Supply Shoppe. Includes a charitable silent auction for the Diabetes Association. Details at www.bluemoonfabricarts.com Contact: martha.brown@rogers.com if you have any questions.
Nov 26-28	St. Jacobs Retreat 2010 . This year's retreat will be held at the Best Western Hotel in St. Jacobs, Ontario, near the Farmers' Market. We'll be doing a simple tea-cozy on Friday evening, and Stack 'n' Whack for rest of the weekend. Fee \$100 + HST. Work on your own project? Fee \$50 + HST to share cost of room. Book by October 26. Mention you are part of the Quilters' Retreat for group rates available on double rooms. Supply list will be mailed on receipt of \$50 deposit. For more information call Joan Hug-Valeriotte 519-836-9388.

Call for Entry

Oshawa Fibre Art Show An exhibition and opportunity for sale of original Fibre Arts at the Centennial Retirement Residence, Oshawa, ON. Boutique, reception, advertising in regional newspapers, silent auction to benefit Diabetes Association. Open to all fibre artists in Ontario. Show dates: Nov. 20th – December 5 2010. Deadline for entry, Oct. 19, 2010. Website: www.bluemoonfabricarts.com Click on show name in middle of home page to access all information and entry form.

Around the Block

Help Wanted: Gabrielle Sutt is looking for transportation to guild meetings. Her address is 15 Hawkins Drive (south off Lawrence, west of Keele), Weston M6M 2W5. Please let me know if you live in this vicinity and would be willing to help her out. Fran Auty, Membership **416 423-4296**.

Volunteer needed to help organize the Spring Interguild meeting being hosted by York Heritage. If you would like some information on what this would entail, please contact Katie Pidgeon at president@yhqg.org

Buy or Borrow Quilting DVDs: Bill Bartlett is interested in buying or borrowing DVDs related to quilting. If you have anything of that nature you'd like to share or sell, please contact Bill directly at 416-422-1650 or email: billie-bee@sympatico.ca or seek him out at the September meeting.

Community Living Request: Volunteers are required to teach the art of quilting to a group of intellectually disabled individuals. A design has been created and this group would like to begin putting the quilt together early next year. Please contact Judith Cummings, Community Living Toronto, at 647-729-0460 if you are interested in helping out.

Newsletter Submission Deadlines

To submit articles or information to the YHQG Newsletter for 2010-11, please follow these deadlines:

September 29 for the October Newsletter

October 27 for the November Newsletter

December 1 for the January Newsletter

January 26 for the February Newsletter

February 23 for the March Newsletter

March 23 for the April Newsletter

April 27 for the May Newsletter

And that's a wrap for the first newsletter of the 2010/2011 season!