



# YHQG NEWS

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## SPECIAL SUMMER EDITION

We are pleased to bring you an extra newsletter this summer to keep you up-to-date on happenings at York Heritage Quilters Guild. 2011 is a special year for us because it's a quilt show year and because other exciting changes are taking place to help your guild meet your needs. Welcome new guild members – we hope you will find your membership fulfilling and enjoyable. We'd like to hear from you. Tell us about yourselves and how we can help you make the most of your new membership. Email us at [info@yhqg.org](mailto:info@yhqg.org) *Deborah Milton, Editor*

### QUILT SHOW UPDATE

We know that you are working hard on your quilts and wearables this summer while enjoying the long-awaited warm weather. We can't wait to see what you plan to submit in September!

Your submission forms will be expected at the September general guild meeting and, if you haven't received a copy of the form at our previous meetings, you can download one from the YHQG website:

<http://www.yhqg.org/> We are looking forward to showing all levels of expertise and creativity; if it is from the heart, it's art! Here's hoping that every member of YHQG will be willing to share their love of quilting.

Towards this end, we are expanding the scope of our show by offering an opportunity to those of you who create unique garments. We are planning a fashion show during the quilt show and you are invited to submit two pieces for this event **in addition** to the two pieces you can enter for the quilt show. The submission deadline for this event will be the October general meeting. Stay tuned for more details or feel free to contact me at [quiltshow@yhqg.org](mailto:quiltshow@yhqg.org) if you have any questions.

Another expansion of our show is a fun, live, 'battle of the blocks' where members will be creating their works of art while our visitors cheer them on.

However, we will still have our traditional show classics so please keep in mind that the silent auction is hoping for your contribution as is the gift shop. You have more opportunities than ever to show off your work!

Enjoy your summer.

*Daniela Tiger - Chair, Quilt Show Committee.*



## creativfestival® 2011 UPDATE

Mark your calendars for this great inspirational learning and shopping opportunity. This year's festival runs from October 21 to 23 and classes begin on October 19. By giving three hours of your time to assist at our guild booth, your admission for that day will be free!

Here are some of the ways you can help (and if you can think of others, please contact me!):

- ❖ Set up and/or tear down our display booth
- ❖ Greet visitors to our booth
- ❖ Sell admission tickets and raffle tickets for the Quilt Show
- ❖ Demonstrate a skill – machine piecing, hand piecing, machine or hand quilting, fibre artistry, creative uses of scraps such as making crazy quilt blocks or wallets, quilted clothing, miniature quilts ...
- ❖ Allow us to display your quilts – perhaps you would even be willing to show one of your early quilts and a more recent project

We would like our booth to welcome and inspire seasoned quilters and quilting hopefuls alike. There are many young visitors at this show and perhaps we can appeal to those younger generations with some of the less traditional uses of our imagination, material, thread, hands and tools.

I will be at the back of the room at our September guild meeting with sign-up lists and you can contact me at [ajanecramer@hotmail.com](mailto:ajanecramer@hotmail.com) or 416-223-9372.

Have a lovely summer and see you in September!

*Jane Cramer*

## LATE SUMMER EVENTS

September 17-18	<b>Hawberry Quilt Show</b> presented by the Island Quilters Group, Manitouwaning Arena, Manitoulin Island. Saturday 10-4, Sunday 10-3. Admission \$5.
September 17-18	<p><b>Yorkshire Rose Quilter's Guild Show</b>, Ellesmere Community Recreation Centre, 20 Canadian Road, Toronto (off Warden). 12 vendors, Members' Boutique, Tea Room.</p> <p><b>Workshops:</b> These include entrance to the show.</p> <p><b>Saturday, Sept. 17, 10am to 4pm – Sylvia Naylor – “Capturing Summer”</b> Working with transfer paints to create a floral background, layering with fabric scraps to make flowers, cover with organza and add decorative stitching. Cost \$75.00 (max. 15 students).</p> <p><b>Sunday, September 17, 10am to 3pm – Joanne Misener, certified Marci Baker teacher – “As Easy as ABC”.</b> Strip piecing tumbling blocks (no more Y seams) and stars – so easy and so effective. Cost \$50.00 (max. 12 students). For registration and more information, please contact <a href="mailto:annemcallister@sympatico.ca">annemcallister@sympatico.ca</a></p>

## SHOW AND SHARE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

Please consider being a White Glove Lady. All you have to do is commit to two meetings when you will assist with showing featured quilts during speaker or quilter of the month events.

You will be rewarded with reserved seating at the front of the meeting hall – and my thanks, of course!

Sandy Lindal [display@yhqq.org](mailto:display@yhqq.org)



## HOW ABOUT A QUILTING RETREAT?

Some of our members have asked about the possibility of having a York Heritage Quilters' Retreat. To gauge interest in such an event, we need to hear from you. If you'd like to attend a retreat in the spring of 2012, send an email to Bill Bartlett at [sprojects@yhqq.org](mailto:sprojects@yhqq.org)

## OR PERHAPS A SATURDAY SAMPLER SESSION?

Would you be interested in sewing sessions with your sewing machine on a Saturday or Sunday? Bill Bartlett will be happy to look into the viability if enough members would attend. These sessions could even include pot luck lunches – they would provide great opportunities to connect with the wider quilting community. Send an email to [sprojects@yhqq.org](mailto:sprojects@yhqq.org) if the idea interests you.



## COMMUNITY OF ONLINE QUILTERS

The Quilting Gallery is a community web site dedicated to inspiring quilters' creativity, sharing ideas, making connections and having fun. It includes the Quilting Bloggers directory with more than 5,000 members from 75 countries; the Quilt Shop Locator - a unique map-based

directory of quilt shops, online retailers and other quilting professionals throughout the world; Quilter's Market features quilting-related products; a map-based directory of Quilt Guilds; and the Quilting Gallery Blog with free patterns, tutorials, swaps, guest bloggers, weekly contests and quilting events.

Visit: <http://quiltinggallery.com/>

## SURVEY SAYS!

Thank you to all who participated in the survey at May's Annual General Meeting. Based on your feedback, the board has started working on some of your proposed changes.

We heard loud and clear that the majority of members would like an earlier start time so they can enjoy the full meeting without having to leave during the break. In upcoming newsletters, you'll hear more about the survey results, but for now...

**Beginning in September, the guild meeting will start at 7:00 pm!**

## EXECUTIVE UPDATE

**Thanks to the following members who have volunteered to join our Executive:**

**PROGRAMS:** Judith Hunter will assist Carole Tullis on this portfolio.

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** Wendy Dines 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.

**DISPLAY & COMPETITION:** Sandy Lindal will be handling display this season and Katie Pidgeon will organize the competition.

### WE STILL NEED A 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.

This position is critical to the running of our guild. So now is the time to step up and be counted. We 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 either of these positions, let us know. We'll all be glad you did!

Send an email to [info@yhqg.org](mailto:info@yhqg.org)

## ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS IN YHQQ NEWS!

Yes, you can now advertise in the newsletter, starting with the September 2011 issue. It's a great opportunity to reach a community of over 400 quilters in Ontario. Our newsletter is available to members as well as the general public who visits our website. Subject matter must be relevant to quilting or other needle arts. Here are the details:

<b>Business Card</b> (3-1/2" x 2")	20.00 per issue	<b>Quarter page</b> (3-1/2" x 4")	35.00 per issue
<b>Half page</b> (7" x 4-1/2" or 3-1/2" x 9")	65.00 per issue	<b>Full page</b> (7" x 9")*	120.00 per issue

\* Note that full page ads are only accepted for major events of interest to quilters, i.e. a major quilt event or quilt road trip. etc.

**Bonus:** Advertisers will also receive a link to their website on the YHQQ website.

**Artwork:** Provide your ad in jpg format by the third Friday of each month. Payment due with artwork.

**Discount:** You may deduct a 10% discount when booking ads for the whole season (8 issues).

**Questions?** Contact the editor, Deborah Milton, at [yhqgnews@yhqg.org](mailto:yhgnews@yhqg.org)

## COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Quilters continue to meet over the summer at Stan Wadlow Community Centre. Join the group for fun sewing sessions on Mondays, 9:30 am – 3:00 am, July 11, 25, August 8, 22.

Contact Wendy Dines at [communityquilts@yhqg.org](mailto:communityquilts@yhqg.org)

## BLOGGING ALONG...

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



We'd love to know what YOU are up to. Been to any quilt shows? Send us a short write-up and some of your favourite photos. Email any quilt or guild-related items to Valerie Prideaux at [YHQGblogger@gmail.com](mailto: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.

## DO A DEMO AT THE SHOW!

As a result of the membership survey, the quilt show team has decided to include demos as an added feature of the show. It's a great opportunity to share your knowledge and techniques.

If you are interested in participating in a demonstration at the show, please contact the committee at:

[quiltshow@yhqg.org](mailto:quiltshow@yhqg.org)



## STARRING AT YHQQ IN 2011

Your Programs team has arranged an exciting line-up of presenters/workshop teachers for the coming guild year. Here are the first three, starring in September, October and November 2011:

First up in September, popular award-winning quilter and presenter, **HELEN FUJIKI**, who tells stories with needle and thread. Heavily influenced by Japan and its people, Helen uses the Broderie Perse method of applying cut-out motifs onto a background. She incorporates Asian-themed motifs combined with western fabrics into her designs. Helen will speak to us about the five original Japanese quilt masters and show us examples of her own work.



In October we welcome former YHQQ member **PENNY BERENS** from Nova Scotia. Proficient in both hand and machine work, Penny's pieces are multi-dimensional, multi-directional and ever changing. Her work has been exhibited nationally and internationally. She is acclaimed as a consummate teacher and learner. Penny describes herself as "an artist working in the tactile medium of fabric and thread." She lives surrounded by woods and water and critters, all of which influences her work.



November's star is **VIKKI PIGNATELLI**, a self-taught artist who has worked in watercolour and oil painting and sculpture. In 10 short years, Vikki has advanced from a non-sewer to a full-time professional quilt artist, designer, international teacher, and author of *Quilting Curves* and *Quilting by Improvisation*. She simplifies seemingly complex construction techniques, encouraging students to design their own creations. Her technique is perfect for those who enjoy making interesting and innovative quilts.

## MEMBERSHIP

**HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR YHQQ MEMBERSHIP?** If not, please complete the membership application form available on the website (go to the [yhqq.org](http://yhqq.org) Home page and then click on Membership Application Form in the second paragraph) and mail it (and a cheque) to the address shown on the form.

**RENEWAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT.** Memberships (mailed or handed in at meetings) won't be acknowledged but emails 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.

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**AND THAT'S A WRAP FOR THIS SUMMER! See you all in September.**