



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ~ Bev Sturgeon



It's amazing what happens when you hang a quilt up outside. People are drawn to it like the white on rice! And when "outside" is the beautiful setting of Black Creek Pioneer Village, it's all the more intriguing to quilters and non-quilters alike.

When was the last time you visited Black Creek Pioneer Village? Grade 5? Or perhaps you took your kids or grandkids when they were young? Well, you'll have a very good reason to go next July for the first annual *Quilts at the Creek*. This is an initiative spearheaded by YHQG member Valerie Prideaux on behalf of the guilds of Southern Ontario. The reaction was amazing when she scouted out the Village buildings and hung up a quilt to test how it looked. There were few people at Black Creek that day, but those that were flocked from all over to look at the quilt, touch it, and talk about it. This initiative is for Black Creek Pioneer Village, supported by the guilds of southern Ontario, to put on an outdoor quilt show in this beautiful environment. The show is fashioned after Calgary's very successful [Heritage Park Outdoor](#)



Black Creek Pioneer Village

[Quilt show](#), now in its 16th year and growing. Look for more information on the [YHQG blog](#), and in the November newsletter!

And speaking of quilt shows, are you on track with completing your entry for our own show? I had a brainchild shortly before entries were due; in addition to submitting my large quilt, (which I [blogged](#) about a few weeks ago) I was going to enter a second quilt that's been on my project list. Instead, at the last minute, I decided to submit a landscape wall quilt I'd started as a wedding present for my brother-in-law who was married last May. Brilliant, don't you think? It will actually get finished, and I can send it off to Nova Scotia right after the quilt show!

Please, everyone, give a postcard to your friends, family, co-workers, service people – stat's reveal that the success of our quilt show depends on our members selling tickets to their community. Give postcards to the people at your pharmacy, at your children's school functions, to your co-workers, to your church/synagogue/mosque congregations, to your sports and hobby teams, to your local stores and restaurants, at your medical appointments, (I know, you

laugh, but I gave postcards to the women at the reception desk of the Cardiac Unit where I went for a stress test recently and got a great response!). If each of you sold only 10 tickets, that would mean 3,940 people would come to our show! How amazing would that be!

TUESDAY GUILD MEETINGS

Toronto Botanical Gardens
777 Lawrence Avenue East, Toronto
Next meeting is Tuesday, October 18 at 7pm
Guest Speaker is Penny Berens

2011
October 18
November 15
No meeting in Dec.
May 15

2012
January 17
February 21
March 20
April 17

AROUND THE BLOCK

HELP EAST YORK SENIORS

Lois Scott at East York Senior Centre is asking for our help. They need quilters to work at the frame quilting a feathered star medallion quilt which will be the first prize in their annual Candy Cane Magic Lunch and Sale. They want to finish the quilt by June next year. If you would like to quilt with the group on Wednesdays from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, they would love to see you. Community Care East York's Senior Centre is located at 840 Coxwell Avenue, Toronto, Suite 303. 416-467-1166 or email lscott@ccey.org

NEWS FROM ALBERTA

Congratulations to Danielle Swerhone, a guild member who lives in Calgary, Alberta.

This summer Danielle entered her first quilt competition and won First Place at the Calgary Stampede Quilt Contest. Her entry is called *Getting Married in My Garden* and it's based on an original design by Judy Niemeyer. The techniques Danielle used were foundation paper piecing, trapunto, machine stitching and hand appliqué.

HELP US GROW OUR GUILD

We all know that you don't achieve anything by standing still – except maybe flat feet! Your guild needs to keep moving too so that we can continue to grow as we move into the future.

The YHQG Board would like to enlist your help in developing a plan to attract new members to our guild, especially younger members who can learn from long-term quilters while bringing fresh ideas to us.

If you think you can help in developing a plan, we're asking you to be part of a new committee that will study all ideas. Email membership@yhqg.org to express your interest. We'd love to hear from you.

DOES ANYONE HAVE A CHALK BOARD?

The Quilt Show Committee needs to borrow a large chalkboard or white board for the three days of the quilt show, November 11-13. This will be used to post important daily messages for visitors to the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre venue.

If you can help, please email the publicity team at deborahmilton@rogers.com



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Help the YHQG booth act like a magnet to attract new members!

Many thanks to all of the members who have volunteered both their time and talents for the upcoming festival. There are still a few spots available for doing demos so if you're interested, please see me at our next meeting. You can also drop off display quilts and check your volunteer duties. Email me at ajanecramer@hotmail.com if you have any questions and again, many thanks.

This fall's creativfestival happens on Friday, October 21 to Sunday, October 23.

Volunteers get into the festival for free. It's a great opportunity to help at the booth and also check out a host of vendors selling fabrics, threads and tools that are of interest to quilters. There are often great deals and brand new products being introduced – if you're looking for a new sewing machine, this is the place to look.

Special Projects ~ Bill Bartlett

If you are making a Quilt of Valour or Happy Meal Placemat, we would love to display these at the Quilt Show. We would also like to display placemats at our creativfestival booth. So bring them along to our next Guild meeting on October 18 – take them to the Show & Share area so that everyone can see your creative work. We will have placemat backing fabrics available for pickup as well.

The Quilts of Valour group gathers monthly at Quilter's Block and The Quilting Patch. Contact the shop near you for times. We are still collecting high contrast finished 4-1/2" Scappy Four Patch Blocks to be used in these quilts that will go to our wounded Canadian soldiers.

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QUILT SHOW UPDATE

Only six weeks to go! Your committee is really gearing up now for what promises to be a fabulous quilt show. We hope each one of you will find a way to be part of it – as an exhibitor, a contributor to the silent auction, a seller of wares in the gift shop and definitely as a visitor to the show. Pick up advance tickets at the October meeting – you'll save \$3!

EXHIBITORS

If you have changes to your entry that could affect the display of your quilt – size or shape etc. – please let Dorothy Fu or Linda Van Lierde know as quickly as possible. Their contact information was included in the entry package – or visit yhqg.org for details.

GIFT SHOP

Would you like to sell some of your works of art in the Quilt Show Gift Shop? Be sure to buy a Gift Shop kit for \$1 at the October 18 Guild Meeting. There will be a Gift Shop table at the back of the room. Your kit includes all the instructions, tags, inventory sheets and an envelope which you will need to sell your wares.

FASHION SHOW

We invite you to submit two pieces for this event, *in addition* to the two quilt show pieces. Forms for these submissions are due back at the Oct 18 meeting.

SILENT AUCTION

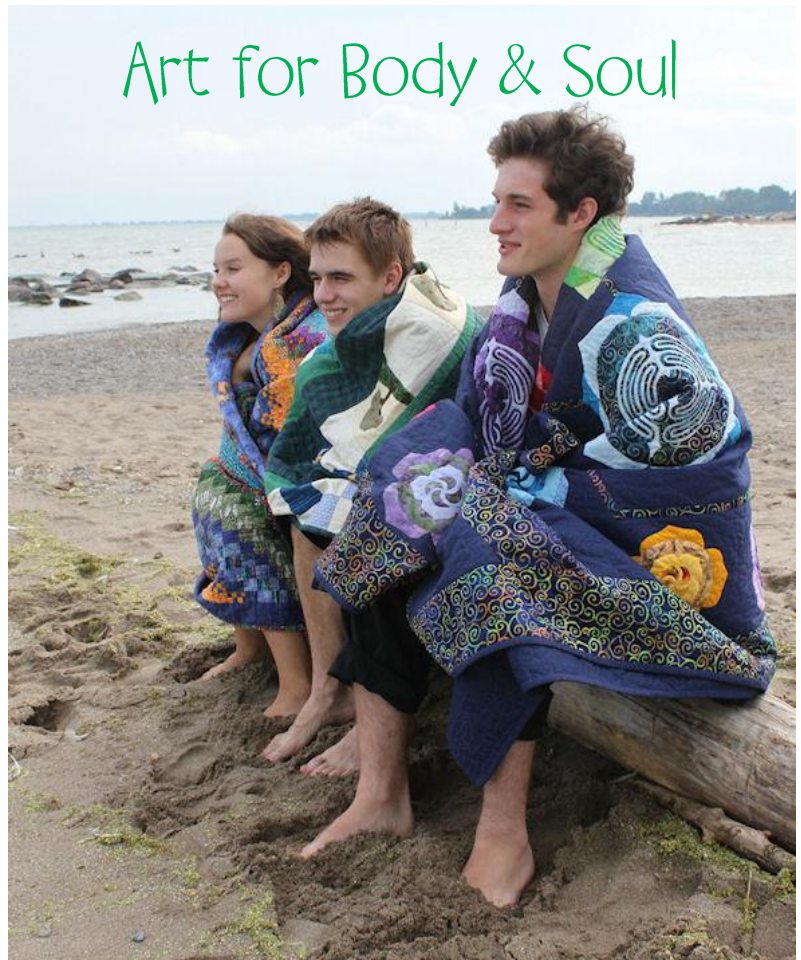
Thanks to those of you who contributed at the September meeting. Several of you gave three pieces, one for each day. To date we have 20 small quilts. Sketch is a wonderful charity. Make a difference for street youth by making small quilt contributions! Quilts are to be 60 inches around the perimeter (15 inches square or equivalent). Quilts will be accepted until November 10, please include a form. Keep in mind *Make Two, Buy Three!*

RAFFLE QUILT

If you have not taken tickets to sell to your friends and family, please do so at the October meeting. Pictures of the quilt are now available. Proceeds go to YHQG Community Outreach.

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteering is one of the most important ways you can help make the Quilt Show a roaring success. If you



haven't already offered your time on one of the four days (Nov 10 setup day and Nov 11-13 show days), please sign up at the October 18 Guild Meeting.

DELIVERING YOUR QUILTS

You've submitted your entry for your planned quilt but have you finished it? Please make every effort to get your work completed before the show – let's not have any disappointed artists! You have six weeks to do it and we're all counting on you!

PUBLICITY

Word of Mouth is our most important tool. That means you. Invite all your friends and acquaintances. Put up posters at work/school/community centre/place of worship. Link friends to our website so they can plan their visits. Buy advance tickets and save. Posters, postcards and tickets all available at the October meeting.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2011-2012 ~ Carole Tullis & Judith Hunter

October 18 - Penny Berens

tanglewoodthreads.blogspot.com

This month we welcome Penny Berens, an award-winning artist whose work has been exhibited nationally and internationally. She possesses a wealth of knowledge that she generously shares. It is the tactile nature of fabric and the rhythm of hand and machine stitching that draws her to work as a fibre artist. She returns to YHQG to tell us about her explorations of texture and manipulations as a means of bringing to life ideas, thoughts and feelings, especially about her surroundings.

November 15 - Vikki Pignatelli

www.vikkipignatelli.com



Vikki is a self-taught artist with experience in painting (watercolour and oils) and sculpture. She enjoys a passion for colour and flowing designs. Vikki has developed a simple layering technique that is a blend of piecing and appliqué. The author of two books, *Quilting Curves* and *Quilting By Improvisation*, her focus

is to inspire, nurture and develop artistry and self-confidence within each quilter.

January 17, 2012 [Community Quilts Workshop](#)

February 21, 2012 - Judi Warren Blaydon

www.judiwarrenblaydon.com

Judi has judged quilt shows and presented lectures and quilt-making workshops in the U.S., Japan, Canada and Switzerland. A background in art and design at the college level has enabled Judi to convey colour and design principles in a supportive and challenging classroom environment. This allows students to explore, discover and express personal themes in their quilts.

March 20, 2012 - Jane Sassaman

www.janesassaman.com

Jane worked in many design mediums before discovering quilting. After graduating as an art major at Iowa State University, she worked as a window dresser, sign maker, illustrator and designer of decorative accessories. All of these experiences came into play when Jane began to quilt in 1980. Since then her exuberant quilts and fabric designs have attracted worldwide recognition.

April 17, 2012 - Freida Anderson www.friestyle.com

Frieda Anderson made her first quilt in high school. Since that time, she has published books and articles, had solo exhibits and exhibited her quilts in many national shows as well as appearing on several TV shows. She dyes her own fabric and is author of *Fun Fast Fusies* and *Fabric to Dye For*.

May 15th, 2012

Annual General Meeting

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SIGN UP FOR THESE WORKSHOPS IN OCTOBER

PENNY BERENS – T is for Texture: Two-Day Workshop – Monday & Tuesday, October 17/18 – This workshop is full.

Go With the Flow of Hand Embroidery – Wednesday, October 19 – Fee \$40 This workshop is full.

VIKKI PIGNATELLI – Crazy About Curves - One-Day Workshop:

Monday, November 14 – Fee \$60

The title of Vikki's signature book, *Quilting Curves: An Innovative Technique for piecing Curves with Incredible Ease*, tells it all. Students will work at their own pace to create even, sharp curves and narrow points in a simple complementary pattern. Come and learn from Vikki as she teaches this combination of piecing and machine appliqué with no measuring seam allowances, no easing or matching points.



Class includes: Basic construction technique concepts; how to machine sew using this technique; painless mitering; splicing seams; finishing techniques and ideas; Vikki's whole-cloth finishing techniques.

Two-Day Medley – Tuesday & Wednesday, November 15 & 16 – Fee \$120

Medley: A combination of two workshop topics to optimize Vikki's time with us. Adding dimension and manipulations to quilts: The Basics and Openings.

Vikki will begin with a brief demo of basic improvisational procedures followed by a presentation of techniques from her book, *Quilting by Improvisation: Exploring Curves, Openwork and Dimension*. Strip piece a curvy whole cloth creation; use improvisation to pleat contrasting strips for dimension, colour and balance; extreme pleat with tubes. Incorporate smoothly finished open holes into your construction, make and insert webs of thread into these quilt openings and learn how to layer your quilt sandwich with this technique. Finishing techniques, curvy improvisational borders and more round off this comprehensive workshop. Personalize your project with your favourite technique.

YHQG Blog <http://yhqg.wordpress.com/>

The screenshot shows the YHQG Blog homepage. At the top, it says "YHQG Blog" and "sign up for blog here" with a red arrow pointing to a sign-up form. The main content area features a quilted pattern and a post titled "From 1 to 11" dated October 1, 2011, by Valente. The post text reads: "York Heritage Quilters Guild will be holding its 11th quilt show this November, so this seems like a good time to look back on the past. The guild was started in 1980 by Edyth Yeomans and Mary Carl. Mary thought they might need to buy a typewriter for notes and newsletters, but they decided to wait and see if the guild would be a success. They didn't have to wait long!" Below the post is a "Sign me up!" button. To the right of the post is an "Email Subscription" form with a "Sign me up!" button and a note that "Join 15 other followers".

YHQG has a website, so why do we have a blog? The website is great for telling visitors about the guild, and for members to give them info about meetings, workshops, activities, and many other things. The blog is more personal - blog is short for "web log" and the purpose of the YHQG blog is to help you to get to know members better, to see what they're up to, what quilts they're making, what interesting places they've been to (all quilt related of course). You don't even have to remember to go to the blog; the blog can come to you. Please consider signing up to get an email when there are blog posts ... it's a great way to get

to know your guild. See the diagram above for where to enter your email address. The latest post is about the YHQG 1984 Quilt Show! Check it out and see pictures of some of the fabulous quilts that were displayed in that show! Just click on the link above.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Thanks to the following members who donated their time to complete quilts for community use. They sewed quilt tops from Guild kits, completed quilts from their own materials and machine quilted and bound quilts.

Anne Berthelot
Ruth Garbe
Marguerite Irwin
Judy Lewis
Alison Ryce
Ann Sutherland

Lee Cluderay
Robert Gutcher
Jill Leslie
Peter Reeve-Newson
Eleanor Mayne

Can you back us up?

If you have extra yardage that you don't need, the Community Quilts group would really appreciate a donation for backing quilts. We need fabric that is at least two meters wide. If you can help, please bring your contributions to the Community Quilting table at the next meeting.

Would you like to join a small quilting group?

If you are interested in joining a small quilt group in your area, we will try to put you in touch with other members near your home. Send your name, contact information, the major intersections of your home and your preference for day or evening meeting times to Wendy Dines at 416-486-8378 or wendydines@gmail.com. Wendy will follow up with potential groups in November.

- Wendy Dines

UPCOMING EVENTS

Building Warmth: A Log Cabin Quilt opened at Wellington County Museum and Archives, Wellington Road #18 between Fergus and Elora, on September 10, 2011. It runs until Sunday March 25, 2012 so there's lots of time to plan a trip. The galleries are open weekdays from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm and 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm on weekends and holidays.

"Quilts created in log cabin patterns were based on the design of the first settler homes." said Susan Dunlop, Curator. "The log walls provided the shelter from the elements and the kitchen hearth gave light and warmth." Inspired by this image of warmth and protection, women created the log cabin quilt pattern from thousands of scraps. These exquisite quilts are balanced designs rich in colour, texture and history.

Halton Hills Quilters' Guild 20th Anniversary Show and Sale. Croation Centre, 9188 Winston Churchill Blvd., Norval, ON. October 14, 15, 2011. Includes vendors mall, tea room, guilds boutique, mini quilt draws, door prizes. Wheelchair accessible. Admission \$6.

Rouge Valley Quilters' Guild Quilt Show and Sale 2011. 75 Centennial Road, Ajax, ON. October 15, 16, 2011. Includes members' boutique, miniature quilt auction, lunchroom and bake sale, vendors marketplace, onsite quilt appraisals. Wheelchair accessible, lots of free parking. Admission \$5.



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MEMBERSHIP ~ Fran Auty

Membership cards

Thank you to Wendy Bell, Bernadette Carvalho, Bridget Hodges, Nancy McCracken, Honey Mitchell, and Laurissa Werhun who helped to distribute membership cards at the September meeting. If you did not pick up your 2011-2012 membership card then, you may do so this month or at any meeting later in the year.

Roster

Let us know if you did not receive the **revised** Executive and Member Roster, attached to October's 'newsletter is ready' message. Also please let us know if corrections are needed.

Just Show It

Each month, please show your **NEW BRIGHT PINK** 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 costs \$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 (Charity Quilt Night) and May (AGM).

Change of Address

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

Send changes to membership@yhqg.org

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Leah Alpern

Nicole Anderson

Nicole Brewster

Sharon Crawford

Helen Dewling

Habiba Murakami

Lynda Royce

Pick up your name badges at the membership desk at the October meeting.

And welcome back to returning members:

Donna Galasso

Kristine Toms

Linda Zendel

And that's a wrap for October. Happy quilting!