

2010 (Apr. – Dec.)

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[Renske Helmuth: Landscape Workshop](#)



This was a great workshop to learn the basics of landscape quilting. Renske provided the basics in applique as well as learning how to choose the right fabrics and it all starts with the sky. The sky fabric sets the tone for the rest of the colours you will need for your landscape.



She showed us how she gets inspiration from art books and how to make your own sky fabric from photographs.

Landscape applique is all about working from the top to the bottom. She uses a cut-away method to line up your fabrics.



We worked hard all day, taking a break for lunch and another show and tell of her landscape pieces. Renske is a very organized teacher and we stopped at certain times for each new lesson. Even still we each worked at our own pace, as you can see by the photo below.



At the end of the day, we placed all our landscapes on one table to show how different each one looked just by our fabric choices. She then showed us how we could audition our pieces with a frame.





Thanks Renske, we all learned a lot and are ready for more!

[Guest Speaker: Renske Helmuth](#)



Renske Helmuth entertained us with an amazing trunk show! Although trained in sewing, crocheting, and knitting in her native Friesland, it was until she immigrated to Canada that she took up quilting. One of her first teachers was Rosemary Makhan, and you can see that influence throughout her work.



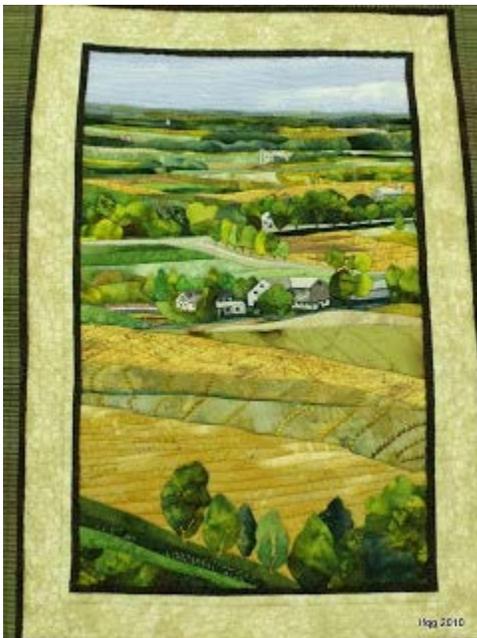
Many of her early works were done in the Baltimore Album style. Beautiful applique of ribbon flowers, "critters", and many birds that have landed on her bird feeders. She has entered her quilts for judging in many contests and has won awards, but enters less frequently and only if she is passionate about the contest





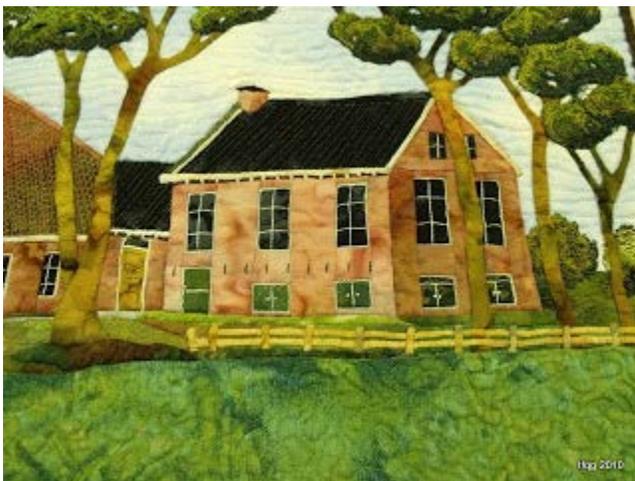
She has, however, had a longstanding involvement in the annual New Hamburg Mennonite Relief Sale and Auction. She works on the committee that coordinates those quilts. Renske was so inspired by the book [A Gift of Wings by Carl Hiebert](#), that she asked him for permission to use his photos as inspiration to make quilts for the [Relief Sale](#). This group quilt effort raised over \$11 000!

This piece below is Renske's interpretation of one of Carl's photos:





One quilt that she is particularly proud of, is an interpretation of her native family farm in Friesland. Working from a photograph and her memories, she created this gorgeous quilt of her family home! It wasn't until she found the perfect piece of fabric that represented the brick for building did the whole piece come together.



She "thread painted" the trees:



Much of her passion for quilted landscape art grew through making Christmas cards and postcards for family and friends. She later discovered Sashiko and has done many quilts in a Japanese style incorporating the Sashiko into the quilting.





And there was so much more, I took many photos! You can view more of them [here](#). The LFQGuild would like to thank Renske for a gorgeous trunk show!

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/95567228@N00/sets/72157623832280088/>

Guild Business



Quilt Show Committee

Lorraine S had the pleasure of introducing the 2010 Harvest of Quilts Show Committee at the meeting. A message from the various committee members can be found in the April/May newsletter. Your Quilt Show Committee members are:

Chair: Maria D, VP LFQG

Volunteer Coordinators: Edith W and Lorraine J.

Sign up sheets will be available at each meeting.

Publicity: Jessie G

Jessie reported that flyers and bookmarks were ready to be distributed. If anyone would like to take some to distribute please contact her.

Vendors Mall: Teresa DJ

Teresa DJ reported that the we have an almost full slate of merchants for the Vendors Mall!

Quilt Show Registration: Pat F

Deadline for registration of your quilts is September 9, 2010. Registration form can be found in the April/May issue of the newsletter or request an email

version by emailing her.

Toonie Table: Penny H

Penny is looking for donations of small quilted items for the Toonie Table. Money raised from the Toonie Table goes to buy supplies for the Outreach Program.

Tea Room: Lorraine S, Rachel M, Kim Z

Donations of baked goods for the Tea Room will be accepted at the September meeting.

Structure of the Executive Committee:

It has been brought up at a few executive meetings that some executive positions are a little more labour intensive than others. It was suggested that perhaps a restructuring of duties may be in order. However, any change to the Executive can only be done at an AGM with proper notice. Rose proposed that a committee to study the structure of a Quilters Guild Executive should be formed to make recommendations that can be voted on at the May 2011 AGM. Gail ML volunteered to head that committee. She will be looking for a few more volunteers to help in this endeavour. If you are interested in being on the committee please see Gail M-L.



Pillow Case Challenge

Micki A has asked our guild to take up the [American Patchwork and Quilting One Million Pillowcase Challenge](#). All you have to do is make a couple of pillowcases for charity. We will be donating our pillowcases to [Teen Challenge Farm](#) (so no girly fabric for those) and Micki will be looking into finding a second charity, as well. The deadline for pillowcases will be our December 2010 meeting.

President's Challenge

Just a reminder that there is only one month left for the big reveal of the [London Challenge](#). These pieces will be collected and displayed as a welcoming gesture for those attending the CQA/ACC Quilt Ontario 2011 London event. The more we have the more impressive it will be!

AGM

May is the guild's AGM. At this meeting, we elect our new slate of Executive members. Being on the Executive is a rewarding experience, you get a chance to know the guild from the inside out. It is team work! No one carries the burden alone! Perks include being the first to sign up for workshops! Being part of the planning of events (All Sunbonnet Sue, all the time! yes! what?outvoted?better luck next time!) Camraderie! Tea Parties, once a month, and of course there is the secret handshake! (nudge, nudge, wink, wink!) If you would like to try a term on the executive contact Rose B.



Outreach

Penny reported another 27 quilts to CAS! Way to go!!

Apr 2, 2010

Next Meeting: Thursday, April 8, 7 PM



Guest Speaker

[Renske Helmuth](#), a Dutch immigrant, has won many awards for her quilts, many of which represent Canada and Canadian nature, particularly "Springtime in Ontario" (above). She will also be doing a landscape workshop on Friday, April 9. (full)

Newsletter

Check your email, for the latest LFQG newsletter, and if you receive the hard copy, it will be available at the welcome table.



Secret Notion:

April showers bring May flowers! The secret notion for this month is an **umbrella!** Real or representative! If you have the April 2008 issue of Quilters Newsletter lying around there is a pattern for a paper-pieced umbrella...and of course there is always Sunbonnet Sue or Sam! Bring some sort of **umbrella**, your **nametag** and **chatelaine** and receive tickets for each item you bring for the fat quarter draw!



Reminders:

Show and Share

Fabric Postcards

Row Robin

President's Challenge: [Welcome to London](#), due May meeting

Sign-ups:

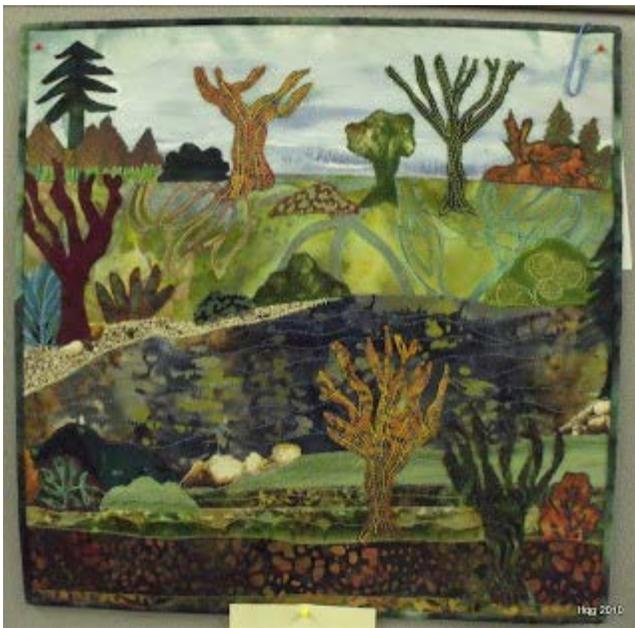
June Banquet, Highland Golf & Country Club, guest [Cathy Miller](#), cost \$40

May 18, 2010

London Challenge



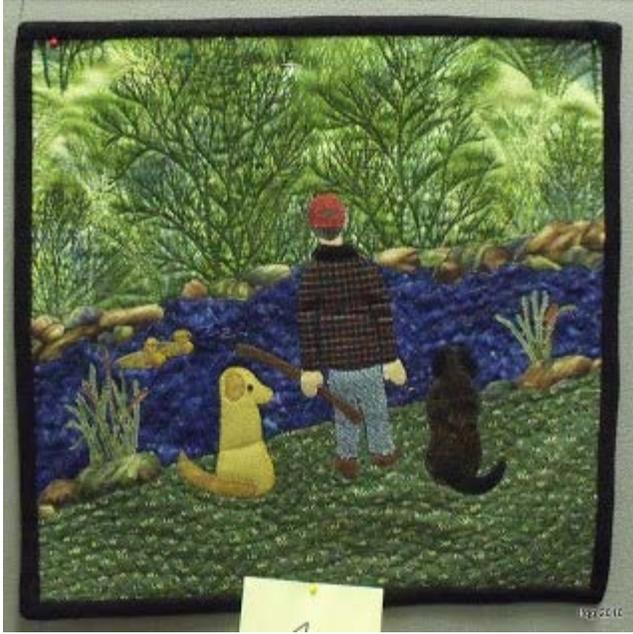
And the winners are Tiny, Maureen, and Jill!



1st place

Tiny C

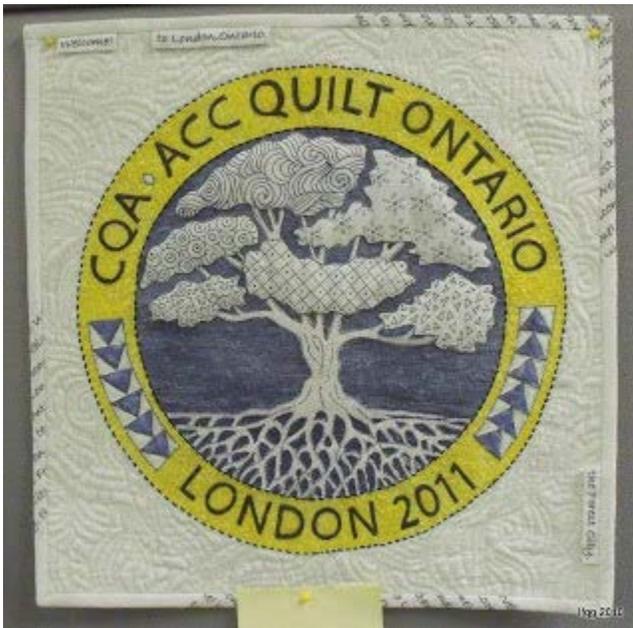
Somewhere Along the Thames



2nd Place

Maureen H

Our Little Bit of London



3rd Place

Jill B

Coming Attraction

CQA/ACC Quilt Ontario London 2011 Logo



And the rest of the challengers!

For a complete viewing of all the challenge pieces click [here](#).

[AGM and Northcott Fabrics](#)

Whew! what a crazy meeting! Packed with all sorts of goodies!



First up, it was Patti Carey from Northcott Silk Inc. As a quilt designer, it's her job to take their latest designs and create wonderful quilts out of them so that we will be tempted to buy their fabric. These patterns then become featured in magazines, such as Fons and Porter or trade magazines, or as samples that are shown to quilt stores, or even free patterns that are available on their [website](#).



Patti prides herself in creating quilts out of those hard to use fabrics, like panels and borders, or stripes, or fabrics featuring colour gradiation.



She tries to come up with interesting and innovative ways to use these fabrics.



Each project brings its own challenges and decisions. Patti likes playing with light and dark...for example she knew she was going to use this particular fabric for the border, but which one... dark or light....why not both? Using both, she turned ordinary into interesting!



LFQG wants to thank Patti for a wonderful trunk show! For more of Patti's quilts, check them out [here](#).

Then it was break time! Christine outdid herself this time, creating a party atmosphere with these wonderful cakes for snack!



It was also time for the final row robin exchange. Here is a sneak peek at one person's collection of rows! Now our participants will take their 5 rows home and create a final quilt top, to be revealed at our September meeting and shown at the Harvest of Quilts Show in October.



Break time over, it was on the AGM.

Our new Executive will consist of the following:

President - Rose B

Past President - Cynthia MR

Vice-President - Maria F

Secretary - Maureen H

Blog- Jacqui VMS (assisted by Carol V)

Library - Frances K & Susan L

Newsletter - Jill B

Outreach - Penny H, Elaine T

All were accepted in a vote.

The Treasurer will be announced and voted on at the June Banquet.

The year end reports were emailed out prior to the meeting and copies were on hand for the meeting. There were no questions regarding the reports.

The final portion of the meeting consisted of a regular show and share and the submissions of the London Challenge. (see other blog post)

May 9, 2010

[Next Meeting: AGM Thursday, May 13, 7PM](#)

Guest Speaker:

Patti Carey of [Northcott Silk Inc.](#) will tell us all that is new and exciting from this Canadian fabric manufacturer.

Secret Notion:

Bring May flowers! real or representative! Receive a ticket each for wearing your chatelaine, name tag, and bringing a flower and you could win a free fat quarter.

AGM:

After break we will conclude this meeting with a show and share from those who participated in the President's Challenge and the election of next year's guild executive. There is still time to put your name forward, just contact Rose.

Reminders:

[President's Challenge](#) pieces are due at this meeting. Submit your piece at the registration table and receive an entry number. The pieces will be displayed on the soft walls to be viewed for voting.

Row Robin, the final rows are due for the Row Robin. Participants will receive their original rows back as well as 4 others and are asked to complete their tops for the September meeting!

Library books are due! Please return all outstanding library books so that the librarians can complete their inventory. If you are unable to attend this meeting to do so, please contact Julia or Beth to make arrangements. The library is now closed for the summer.

Fabric Postcards, last chance to participate! make a fabric postcard drop it in the mailbox on the registration table and receive another in the mail delivered to your home!

Outreach

Need something to do this summer? Pick up a kit from Penny and Elaine and make a Kid's quilt!

Jun 22, 2010

[Quilters on Vacation - Wardsville ON](#)

The town of Wardsville, ON had a 200th anniversary celebration last weekend. A quilt was made commemorating the life of George Ward, the town's founder. The town's people made large wooden blocks which will be hung on barns and buildings in the area, forming a historic tour. Jacqui and Jake VMS went to Wardsville last Saturday and took a look at the wooden blocks displayed at the ball diamond. Amazing!! Check out more photos at [Jacqui's blog](#) and links to the [town website](#) for updates. The Quilt will be on display at the International Plowing Match in September in St. Thomas.



Jun 17, 2010

[June Banquet - The Singing Quilter](#)

The London Friendship Quilter's Guild enjoyed a delicious dinner and wonderful entertainment for our annual end of the year banquet at the Highland Golf and Country Club on June 10, 2010. The dessert was just what quilters would have ordered - Chocolate!



A big thank you to Carol V's Dad for making these cute spool holders for everyone that attended the dinner. Everyone also received a FQ and a spool of thread. One of our members, Lorraine S. also made blue and gold yo yo's (the guild colours). If you ordered salmon for dinner, you received a blue yo yo and if you ordered chicken, a gold one. They looked so pretty on the tables and the servers didn't have to interrupt our conversations when serving us.



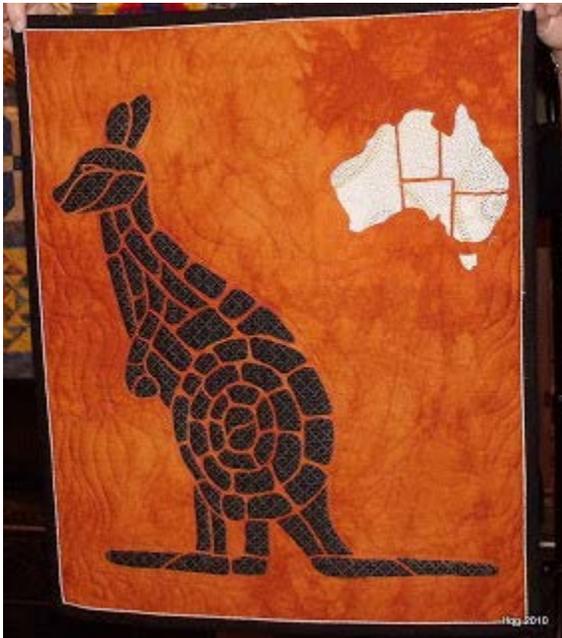
President, Rose B, introduced our guests, Cathy Miller, the singing quilter and her husband, John Bunge.



Cathy and John entertained us with songs and stories about her quilts beginning with "12 Step Plan for Quilters". "The Sampler Quilt" tells the story of this quilt by using block names throughout the song:



Kass the Kangaroo has even taken over [Cathy's blog](#) and is writing all about his adventures.



A very appropriate backing and binding on this self portrait quilt:



car on trips...amazing!

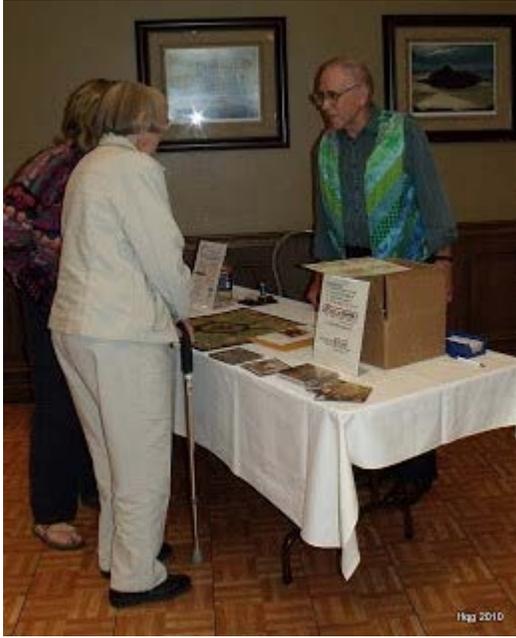
These hexagons are 1/4"!!!! Cathy did this in the



Checking out the quilts up close after the meeting.



John chatting with quilters browsing the CD's for sale at the end of the evening:



Posted by Blog Editor at [3:03 PM](#)

Labels: [banquet](#), [Cathy Miller](#)

Jun 10, 2010

[Banquet, Thursday, June 10, doors open at 6PM, dinner at 7PM](#)



For those who have tickets, we will see you tonight at the [Highland Golf and Country Club](#). Our guest for the evening will be [Cathy Miller](#), the singing quilter. See you there!

Posted by Blog Editor at [11:43 AM](#)

Labels: [banquet](#)

Jun 6, 2010

[May Postcards](#)



Jul 18, 2010

[Quilters on Vacation: Shpshewana, IN](#)

Shpshewana Here We Come Again!

Karen & Rose travelled to Shpshewana, Indiana again, for their 2nd Annual Quilt Festival in June. The trip there was relatively uneventful, unlike last year when the 5 ½ hour trip took about 10 hours, and that was with a GPS! This year we made it just in time to register by 5:45 and attend a lecture by Moda Fabrics which included a treat, a lovely 'turnover' – and that was free fabric!! We learned about 'layer cakes', jelly rolls, cinnamon buns and cupcakes. We also found out that Moda has FREE patterns on their website to learn how to 'bake' with these fabric packs. We then went off to a wonderful gourmet supper at Subway, the favourite hangout for the young Amish residents. After a lovely evening the heart of the village, population approx. 500, we went off to our hotel for the night. We notice that there was some 'heat lightening' in the area and turned on the TV to see what was cooking. An unscheduled adventure was about to unfold for this particular Quilt Festival. There was a tornado warning for the area--in fact there was a tornado pointed in our general direction! Wow! An evacuation for all guests was issued and we all huddled in the hall in front of the ice machine. A wonderful way to meet some of our fellow quilters. We're still not sure how safe that space was, but we were spared!

Morning brought sunshine, bright skies and Eleanor Burns!



There she was greeting all of those who had come out to hear her talk about American Barn Quilts. The presentation was as zany as Eleanor and worth the trip—what a great way to start the day! After a lovely lunch in funky little retro café, off we went to the quilt show. Bigger than last year and we were allowed to take pictures!



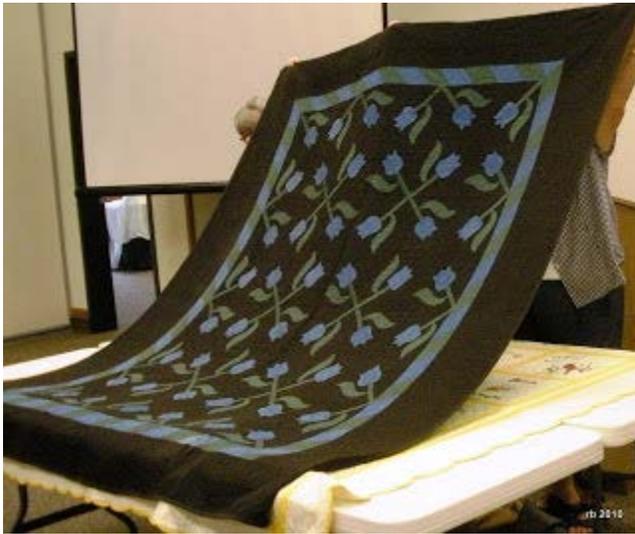
What a great show and as we rounded a corner---there was Eleanor. She appeared and mingled with everyone and was willing to take the time to chat with anyone who stopped to do so. Around another corner lurked Rose's favourite friend who seems to appear wherever we go—Sunbonnet Sue!



Yikes!

That evening we were treated to a talk by Rebecca Haarer on the origin of Amish Quilts. Beforehand we had expected to hear about the history of Amish Quilts, however, we found the talk to be more...it bordered on the spiritual nature of Amish people. It captured the essence of the region and its people. It was totally wonderful and gave us both a new perspective and Eleanor Burns was there to, taking notes, so we're looking for a new publication from her perhaps reflecting some of the things that we experienced in this talk.





Now it was time to shop!!!! A merchants' mall AND shop hop. The first shop we went to—we ran into Eleanor again. How great is that?? We managed to fill our shop hop card – nine shops.



1,000 pillowcases were just down the road in LaGrange proudly displayed at the County Court House lawn. We wonder if we can match that??



There were pillow cases everywhere and there were 2 pillowcases on every clothespin.



After a wonderful day of wandering around the countryside and visiting shops and sites we had a great supper with the Amish at what turns out to be a favourite Amish haunt on a Friday night for all you can eat fish n' chips. We were in the minority, and it was a wonderful experience. After dinner we sat on the porch and watched the town slowly roll up the carpet for the day.



It was time to head back---you know there were more tornado warnings and we had to out run them.

Posted by Blog Editor at [8:17 AM](#)

Jul 11, 2010

[Quilter's on Vacation](#)





From June 14th to June 18th, Maureen and Dave Haynes were camping at Earl Rowe Provincial Park in Alliston, Ontario. The weather was great and Maureen was able to do some quilting in the great outdoors.

Included as part of the holiday were trips to 2 quilt shops (Lilac Lane Quilts in Alliston and Country Concessions in Cookstown). A highlight of the week was finding a stand of "Showy Pink" Ladyslippers in the park. (we took only pictures of these rare wildflowers!!)



Posted by Blog Editor at [10:25 PM](#)

Jul 1, 2010

[CQA/ACC 2011 Trend-Text Wall Quilt Challenge](#)

Attention London Friendship! Interested in submitting a quilt for Quilt Ontario 2011? Please consider the Trend-Text Wall Quilt Challenge for 2011! Once again, Trend-Text Fabrics Inc has generously donated the fabrics for CQA/ACC's Wall Quilt Challenge. This year's theme is "Quilting in the Forest".

Kits, containing 5 Trend-Text Fabric fat quarters, will be available to CQA/ACC members first, whose order requests are postmarked no earlier than October 1, 2010 for \$20. Non-members can order a kit for \$25 after November 1, 2010. Prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd, 3rd and the Trend-Text Award to CQA/ACC members only. Non-members can order a kit for \$25 after November 1, 2010. Prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place and the Trend-Text Award to CQA/ACC members only.

To get a Kit Application Form and all the rules and details of the contest go to the Canadian Quilter website [here](#). After you have completed your entry, you need to fill out an [Entry Form found here](#).

Aug 29, 2010

[LFQG 2010 HARVEST OF QUILTS](#)

It's almost time for our Bi-Annual Guild show being held at Rowntree United Church, Cheapside & Elliot, Friday October 1st, 10am to 8pm & Saturday October 2nd, 10am - 4pm.

For our members: Deadline date for submitting entry forms is Thursday September 9th.

Items are needed for the toonie table and baked goods for the tea room.

Details of drop off, pick up, set up and tear down are in the latest newsletter that was distributed a few weeks ago.

For those on face book, check out the [Harvest of Quilts](#) page:

Posted by Blog Editor at [3:46 PM](#)

Labels: [Quilt Show 2010](#)

Aug 27, 2010

[SNEAK PREVIEW & Exciting Opportunity for YOU!](#)

The Executive Committee met last night to finalize plans for the 2010/2011 year for the London Friendship Quilt Guild. Welcome to all the new members. They are an enthusiastic bunch and hope to make this another exciting year for the Quilt guild.

We have a wonderful opportunity for our members! One person will be the Welcome Hostess each month to greet everyone at the door and make sure that newcomers know where to go. September is taken care of and we'll be needing volunteers for each month. Email which month you would like to reserve for yourself :-). The hostess will receive a free draw ticket for one of the FQ's of the month.

Speaking of draw prizes!!!.....here's a sneak preview of the Fat Quarters that will be featured at the September meeting.



This year, the big draw prize will be a bag of goodies instead of a basket. Look at the wonderful items inside the September bag. You will want to purchase lots of tickets to win these wonderful charm packs and thread!!



Stay tuned for details of the first meeting which will be posted at the end of next week. The upcoming shows and speakers will also be updated at that time.

Enjoy the last week of summer!

Posted by Blog Editor at [8:54 AM](#)

Aug 12, 2010

[GEES BEND QUILTS](#)



If you have a chance, check out the Gees Bend Quilt Show at the London Convention Center which is still on Friday or Saturday. Many London Friendship Quilt Guild members were spotted at the show :-). Be sure to attend the lecture to hear about the history of these unique quilts.



Posted by Blog Editor at [10:33 PM](#)

Labels: [Quilt shows](#)

Aug 9, 2010

[Newsletter Sent](#)

Just a heads up that the newsletter has been sent out last week by email and by mail. There is also a registration form included for membership for the new year. If you have not received your copy, please do let us know.

Remember, to qualify for a draw to receive your membership free, be sure the completed form, along with payment, is received by September 3rd. The address is found on the form.

Posted by Blog Editor at [4:44 PM](#)

Labels: [Newsletter](#)

Aug 2, 2010

[National Juried Show 2011 Call for Entry](#)

The entry form for the CQA/ACC National Juried Show 2011 is available on their website. For details, click [here](#).

It would be great to see the London Friendship Quilters Guild and Ontario Quilters well represented here!

Sep 29, 2010

[Ready to set up the show.....](#)

Today the quilts were delivered to the Church in preparation for the Harvest of Quilts Show taking place this Friday and Saturday. Here are the ladies taking in the quilts and making sure all the receipts went to the correct people.



The quilts ready to hang up tomorrow! Only two more sleeps til the show :-)



Posted by Blog Editor at [10:05 PM](#)

Labels: [harvest of quilts show](#)

Sep 27, 2010

[QUILT SHOW 2010 "HARVEST OF QUILTS"](#)

WHEN - Friday, October 1st 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 2nd 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tea Room is serving drinks and baked goods. There will also be a toonie table, vendors, and of course, a wonderful Quilt Show.

WHERE - Rowntree United Church, Cheapside and Elliot, London, ON

(Handicapped accessible)

VENDORS

[Country Patchworks](#)

[Hyggeligt](#)

Delphi Wood Designs

[The Marsh Store Quilt Shop](#)

Judy Balint Palidinn Ridge Designs

[Pastime Pieces](#)

[Quilters Creations](#)

Sew Creative - Mount Brydges, ON

Reminders for our members:

Quilt drop off - Wednesday, September 29 from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Rowntree

Show set up - Thursday, September 30 10a.m to 4 - 5 p.m.

Show tear down - Saturday, October 2 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Posted by Blog Editor at [10:53 PM](#)

Labels: [harvest of quilts show](#)

[New Cathy Miller CD out](#)

A note from Cathy Miller, who was the guest speaker at our banquet:

"I am delighted to let you know that my new quilting CD will be available as of October 1! It's called "Little Crazy Quilt", and features 14 songs - mostly about our favourite passion. There are three non-quilting songs on it: one for knitters, and two "pre-quilting" songs, just because it's my tenth solo recording and I wanted to include them. The rest are pure quilting.

You can read all about it by visiting my [website](#) On the main page you will find a link to "Little Crazy Quilt" where you can read the details. There is an order form there which you can send me to receive your very own copy of this exciting new CD."

Posted by Blog Editor at [10:50 PM](#)

Labels: [Cathy Miller](#)

Sep 15, 2010

[Props for Quilt show](#)

The quilt show committee would welcome loans of small decorative pieces such as doll carriages or older stands that can be placed around the church to help make it look appealing to our visitors. If you are comfortable loaning any items to us, please bring them to the church along with your quilts on Wednesday September 29. A label will make it easy for us to place it with your quilts for pick up after the show. Thank you for any contributions you are able to make.

Lorraine J. & Edith W.

Posted by Blog Editor at [6:54 PM](#)

Labels: [harvest of quilts show](#)

Sep 13, 2010

[Registration Extension for Quilt Show](#)

The deadline for the LFQG members show registration is being extended to Sept 20th. We have had new display racks built for us and find that we still have plenty of room to welcome more large/ bed size quilts, and all other sizes as well. So if you were sitting on the fence, or a new member hearing of this for the first time, here is your opportunity to get involved in this great event. The registration forms are attached to the last newsletter or I can send one if you email me. I am looking forward to seeing all the terrific work our members can do.

Thanks, Pat

Posted by Blog Editor at [12:19 PM](#)

Labels: [harvest of quilts show](#)

Sep 10, 2010

[Guest Speaker: Kim Maticiw](#)

"Hello! My name is Kim and I'm a quiltaholic."

This sums up Kim's delightful presentation at the first meeting of the season at the London Friendship Quilt Guild. She shared wonderful anecdotes about our quilting addiction; how to smuggle fabric into the house without your family finding out, cooking and quilting at the same time, and even getting her husband to join her in the quilting room just to spend some time with her. It was a great way to get the season started.



Kim shared a number of her quilts from her early quilting days to the present. This awesome "Pin the Donkey on the Tail" Quilt even has a removable tail!



Very interesting circular quilt:



One of the quilts Kim designed as part of her pattern line:



Her first paper pieced quilt:



Thanks Kim for sharing your lecture and trunk show with us.

Outgoing executive members were presented with thank you cards for their services to the guild. We were updated on plans for the Quilt show. The **deadline** for entering quilts for the show has been **extended** to Friday, September 20, 2010. Check your newsletter for the registration form. Quilts need to be brought to the Church Wednesday between 2:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Some **volunteers** are still needed for **Friday** for the Quilt show. Also volunteers are needed for set up on Thursday between 10:00 and 6:00. Come on down if you are free that day!

We will be making **place mats** for **Meals on Wheels** again this year in any fabrics. They are due at the December meeting. Consider making matching pairs as there are some couples that receive Meals. There is an easy pattern in the new McCall's Quick Quilts Oct/Nov 2010 issue on page 22. The Sept/Oct Fons & Porter magazine also has a very easy pattern on page 88 which is a quilt as you go version which can even be done on a longarm machine!

Check the side bar for upcoming quilt shows. For those that are attending the International Plowing Match in St. Thomas, September 21 - 25, be sure to visit the Quilt Show in the lifestyles tent.

Don't forget to check out the face book page for our very own Harvest of Quilts show and join that page. Spread the news on face book to all your quilting friends there! The link to the page is a few posts back.

We need some volunteers to be the hostess/greeter at the door in November and December. Volunteers will receive an extra ticket for the FQ draw!

We also enjoyed delicious cookies and juice.

Posted by Blog Editor at [12:56 PM](#)

Labels: [harvest of quilts show](#), [Kim Maticiw](#)

Sep 7, 2010

[NEXT MEETING: Thursday, September 9, 7PM](#)

Summer's over already and we're right into the swing of things with our first meeting **THIS** Thursday, **September 9th, 2010** at 7PM at St. George's Presbyterian Church, 1475 Dundas St, London, ON. This will be our last meeting before our Quilt show.

GUEST SPEAKER: Our guest speaker for this month will be Kim Maticiw on 'Confessions of a Quiltaholic' accompanied by a trunk show. We look forward to hearing Kim speak to us on this topic!

SECRET NOTION': Baked goods for the tea room which can be frozen

'HOSTESS FOR SEPT: Jacqui VMS. Sign up at the meeting if you would like to volunteer to greet members at the door and make our guests feel welcome! You receive a free ticket for the draw for volunteering :-).

REMINDERS: Don't forget the following items:

- * Membership renewal forms filled out with payment
- * Registration forms for each quilt you plan to enter into the Quilt Show - deadline is Sept. 9th
- * change and chequebook for draw tickets and workshops
- * Show and tell items
- * Toonie table items
- * pillowcases for the Pillowcase Challenge
- * your name tag
- * postcard for the postcard exchange
- * Chatelaine
- * your calendar to mark down your volunteering times for the Quilt Show :-).

See you all Thursday!!

Oct 26, 2010

[A Silk Road Adventure](#)

The Canadian Embroiderers' Guild, London presents
A Silk Road Adventure
Thursday, November 4, 2010 7:30 PM

Of all of the stops along the Silk Road, Uzbekistan is the one most renowned for its textiles. Vedat Karadag, an inveterate and experienced traveller, is an enthusiastic promoter of the appreciation of the Silk Road, its textiles and Oriental Rugs, and he loves to expose others to the many varied aspects of Turkic culture, and to the history, food and artistic traditions of Central Asia.

His degree from Ankara Gazi University is in business, but by the early 1980s, he had embarked on his long love affair with textiles and rugs. He has been a participant and speaker at the meetings of many rug and textile societies in the USA, and has attended numerous international textile conferences in Europe and America. He recently delivered a lecture at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York, and regularly works with textile museums in Washington, Santa Fe and many other places in the US.

He will talk to The Canadian Embroiderers' Guild and guests about his travels to explore woven and non-woven textiles and material culture in Uzbekistan, including ikat weaving, suzani embroidery and a variety of other works produced by local artists. He will also show us a few of the spectacular buildings of the area that are covered in the exquisite ceramic tiles produced by local artisans.

Everyone welcome
St James Westminster Church, 115 Askin St., London
\$5.00 admission at the door

Posted by Blog Editor at [3:43 PM](#)

Labels: [Lecture](#)

Oct 22, 2010

[Quilt show Awards](#)

**Viewer's Choice
2010 Harvest of Quilts Show Awards**

-presented at our October meeting-

The Quilt show Committee did an amazing job of making up these beautiful 'ribbons' for each member that won an award!



Maria won Viewer's Choice in the Bed Quilts category as well as 'Best of show' for "Beyond the Borders - Tulip Garden".



Lorna was absent and won

honourable mention for "Jane Austen".



Tiny's "Frog Water Ballet" won

Viewer's Choice in the Wallhanging category.



Ruth won honourable mention for

"Somerset".



Pat F's "Origami Flowers" won the Viewer's Choice for Miniatures.



Beth won honourable mention for her

miniature, "Father".



Jacqui won Viewer's Choice for "Not Your Grandmother's Log Cabin" in the other quilted items category.



Gail's "Sitting on the Edge" cover for a sewing machine stool made with selvages won honourable mention.



Beth won the Best Machine Quilting Award for "Diamond Log Cabins".



Congratulations to all the award

winners! The quilts were awesome.

Posted by Blog Editor at [10:07 PM](#)

Labels: [harvest of quilts show](#)

[Million pillowcase challenge](#)

Here are some of the pillowcases that were donated at the last meeting. We have until December to bring them in! Keep sewing those pillowcases.



Posted by Blog Editor at [10:04 PM](#)

Labels: [Pillowcase challenge](#)

[Karen Wolde & Linda Van Lierde - October 2010](#)

Karen Wolde and Linda Van Lierde presented their talk and trunk show entitled, 'The Value of Classes - Study in Contrast' at our October meeting. They have been friends for many years and have taken many classes together. Their different approach to quilting could be summarized as, "Linda needs structure and Karen needs a story". This was very evident in the totally different quilts produced in the same class. It was interesting to see how their work progressed over the years. Thanks Linda and Karen for showing us your lovely quilts!



Pictured below are some of the quilts they showed:





Posted by Blog Editor at [9:51 PM](#)

Labels: [Guild meetings](#)

Oct 11, 2010

[NEXT MEETING - Thursday, October 14, 2010 7 p.m.](#)

London Friendship Quilt Guild meets this Thursday, October 14th, 2010 and features **Karen Wold and Linda VanLierde** doing their road show called '**The Value of Classes**'.

Beth M. will be our friendly greeter at the door! If you are new and have questions, just ask Beth and she'll direct you to where you need to go.

Don't forget:

- * the secret notion is an apple for the food bank
- * your show and tell
- * your prize winning show quilt if you have received a telephone call from the awards committee
- * cheque book to sign up for workshops and classes and Quilt til you Wilt on Nov. 6th.
- * money for the draw tickets - you don't want to miss out on lots of chances to win!
- * postcards

* pillowcases for pillowcase challenge

Posted by Blog Editor at [7:15 AM](#)

Labels: [next meeting](#)

[More quilt show photos.....](#)

Some of the quilts at our recent quilt show
(click on the photo to enlarge)













Posted by Blog Editor at [7:13 AM](#)

Labels: [harvest of quilts show](#)

Oct 2, 2010

[Still Time to visit the show....til 4:00 today!](#)

You still have time to brighten up this rainy day by visiting the London Friendship Quilt Show - Harvest of Quilts 2010. Dr. Suess even came to the show and it sure looked like they were having fun over at the Marsh Store booth!

(Click on the photos to enlarge them)



The Vendors Mall was very inspiring...lots of new ideas and tools to check out and purchase!!





We even had very young visitors! The tea room was a great opportunity to rest weary feet before going around the show again to make sure you didn't miss anything!!



Some quilts at the show:



Nov 30, 2010

Quilt til you Wilt

Some photos of the recent Quilt til you Wilt at the Stoneridge Inn. Thanks Teresa for taking pictures! Teresa's talents were put into action repairing a little flower girl's dress. Every wedding reception should have a bunch of quilters handy :-).









Posted by Blog Editor at [8:25 AM](#)

Labels: [quilt til you wilt](#)

Nov 11, 2010

[Come and Hear Val Hearder speak on Saturday](#)



SPECIAL EVENT sponsored by the London Grands

Talk and Sale featuring Valerie Hearder

November 13, 2010- from 2:00-4:00pm

Admission by Donation for the Stephen Lewis Foundation

Wemple Lounge, King's University College

Free parking

Phone: 519-673-1622

[Valerie](#) is a well-known quilter, best known for her beautiful quilted imports and sells unique hand embroidered textiles, landscapes. She beadwork and dolls from South Africa. They tell the stories of the daily lives of women – their culture, sorrows and joy. The makers are all affected to some degree by the HIV/AIDS pandemic. They are grandmothers and mothers, often supporting a dozen or more people with their handwork. The self-esteem that grows from being able to sell their handwork to support their families is truly life changing. The healing comes from expressing their stories through their art.

Your purchases support a dignified income for South African women. The work is done mostly in communities where they care for their families and where there are simply no jobs available. All work is bought on a fair trade basis. 15% of the profits from the sales is donated to the Stephen Lewis Foundation and goes back to Africa to support the Grandmother-to-Grandmother Campaign - truly a win-win for everyone.

Pictured here are a few of her quilts:





Posted by Blog Editor at [10:13 PM](#)

Labels: [Val Hearder](#)

Nov 7, 2010

[NEXT MEETING - November 11, 2010 - 7:00 p.m.](#)

London Friendship Quilt Guild meets this Thursday, November 11th @7:00 p.m. The speaker will be [Valerie Hearder](#) - 'A Landscape Journey - A sense of place'. Valerie will also be presenting a workshop on Friday entitled: Collage: Small Scale Art Quilt.

Maria D is our friendly hostess/greeter at the door this month. If you have any questions at all about the guild or where to go, just ask Maria when you arrive and she'll be happy to direct you.

For our new members: Please do ask lots of questions. Our group is quite large and many of us have not been members all that long and it's easy to miss newcomers.

For our longer term members: Please keep an eye out for new members and invite them to sit with you and help them learn about the guild.

Reminders:

- * **Notion of the month** is wear a poppy :-)
- * **Show and tell** projects
- * **Pillowcases** and **placemats**
- * **Cheque book** to sign up for workshops
- * **Postcards**
- * **Money** for draw tickets (The draw prizes are awesome!)

Val will also be in town on Saturday for a special event. Check out the information below:

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Posted by Blog Editor at [9:23 PM](#)

Labels: [next meeting](#)

Nov 3, 2010

[Karen Llewellyn Parsons - Scrappy Quilt](#)

On October 16th, Karen Llewellyn Parson taught a class for our guild. They made scrappy pinwheels and a good time was had by all. Thanks Gail for supplying the photos of the day:













Dec 29, 2010

Postcards in the mail

An ongoing project of the LFQG is monthly postcards. Each month, members can make a postcard and drop it off at the meeting. The coordinator mails one to each of the participants and they get a fun piece of mail! Here are September's postcards:



October's postcards:



November's postcards:



December's postcards:



Why not try one of these little works of art and start a lovely collection to display in your sewing room, courtesy of your fellow guild members. Instructions are available - just ask at the registration desk at the meeting next month.

Posted by Blog Editor at [2:23 PM](#)

Labels: [postcard exchange](#)

Dec 13, 2010

[President's Challenge 2011](#)

President's Challenge 2010/2011

Celebrating the 30th anniversary of the LFQG

1. Both fabrics must be visible on the front of the quilted item. You may use additional fabrics of your own.
2. The finished piece must include at least one (1) dimension of 30 inches (30")
3. The design may be original and any combination of machine and/or hand piecing, appliqué or quilting. Embellishments may also be used.
4. The quilted item must be completely finished, including all aspects of quilting, binding and needlework.
5. Identifying label must be attached to the back with relevant information.
6. **Due Date** is the regular guild meeting in **May 2011**.
7. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd based on votes of the members present at the May meeting.

Posted by Blog Editor at [8:39 AM](#)

Labels: [President's Challenge](#)

Dec 10, 2010

[Christmas Meeting 2010](#)

The London Friendship Quilt Guild help a wonderful December meeting last night. It was a nice, relaxed evening with plenty of time to socialize and some fun games and wonderful show and tell. Laurel, from London Meals on Wheels attended to accept our donation of lots of placemats for their clients. Here she is sharing how the placemats brought so much joy to their clients last year!



We held a parade of placemats so everyone could see the awesome work that was done. Here Laurel is holding up one of the placemats from a growing pile on the table (update 12/14/11 we made a total of 116 placemats!!):



.....lots and lots of placemats:



Kids quilts were also shown. These will be donated to the Children's Aid:



These four ladies led us in a rousing quilter's version of Jingle Bells. We were not allowed to have snacks until we sang!!



It was well worth the effort!!



We had a young man as guest tonight and he pitched right in arranging the juice boxes artistically!! Great work!



Rose presented the President's Challenge and we all received two F8ths with instructions for the challenge which is due for the May meeting. Instructions will be posted on the blog soon:



A wild game of "Toss the Fat quarter" was enjoyed by all:



Chris dropped in to Fabricland before the meeting and only bought what she went in for!! We were very proud of her :-):



Check out more pictures of the evening on our [web](#)

[album](#).

Posted by Blog Editor at [9:16 PM](#)

Labels: [Guild meetings](#), [meals on wheels](#)

Dec 4, 2010

[NEXT MEETING - December 9, 2010 7:00 p.m.](#)

The next meeting of the LFQG will be held Thursday, December 9th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. This will be our Christmas get together. A representative will be on hand to receive our quilted placemats, so be sure to bring them along! We hope to have a parade of placemats for show and tell. The President's Challenge will also be revealed and all the details will be explained and there will be a FQ toss. We will also share some special treats and the guild will supply drinks for our break time.

* **Notion of the month**- Something for the hungry and something for the needy! Bring a non perishable item for donation and 1/2 doz baked goods to share with members. 2 draw tickets if you bring both :-)

* **Show and tell** - Bring Christmas show and tell items

* **Pillowcases and placemats**

* **Cheque book** to sign up for workshops

* **Postcards**

* **Money** for draw tickets (The draw prizes are awesome!)

*"Secret" password is UFO :-)

* **Guests** - You are more than welcome to bring a guest along to meetings. Be sure to sign in at the registration table. Free is \$5.00 for visitors.

Advance notice: February 11, 2011 there will be a workshop on making fabric leaf bowls. The fee for the workshop is just \$15.00 *materials included*. Make 2 bowls.....one to donate to the CQA event and one for yourself. Jill Buckley will be leading this Friday workshop that will be split into 2 a half day workshops, your choice of a morning or afternoon session. A great opportunity to learn a new skill and help out at the same time!

Advance notice: Kid's Quilt Marathon sewing day: January 29th, 2011

OK, test your problem solving skills!! "What does the gingerbread man put on his bed?" If you have figured it out, post the answer in the comments. The correct answer will be announced at the meeting. (Board members may not post the answer!!)