

2015

Deb Beirnes Workshops

On Jan 9th & 10th, two different groups of LFQG members got together with Deborah Beirnes for fun days of "Scrap Magic" We learned many new techniques to make scrappy blocks using our stash. These scrappy blocks can be turned into wonderful quilts. Some of the techniques used were strip piecing, different methods for making 1/2 square triangles, flipped corners (that made bonus 1/2 square triangles), and double pinwheels. Deb also showed us how to properly put a new blade in a rotary cutter.



Deborah teaching Sharon and Jo



Cindy F with one of her blocks

There were many great blocks being made and all the participants went home with some great resource material that they could use to continue using up their stash



Some of the many blocks that were made

To see more pictures from the workshops click [here](#).

Inter-Guild Meeting



LFQG was asked to host this year's Inter-Guild Meeting. At this meeting representatives from Ontario quilting guilds get together to discuss different subjects that affect their guilds. We will be hosting this meeting on Mar 28th,2015. On Friday the 16th of January the Organization Committee for the Inter-Guild Meeting got together for their 1st meeting. Five guild members have also volunteered to look after the lunch and coffee breaks. An email poster has been designed and sent out to the guilds. The information has also been put on the Ontario Quilt

Guild Facebook page. A format for the Inter-guild meeting has been roughed out. The next 2 months will be busy organizing the meeting!



The organizing committee for the Inter-Guild Meeting

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

Jan 14, 2015

[January 8th, 2015](#)

Our first guild meeting of 2015 was filled with information, inspiration and the chance to purchase some quilting necessities.

Our Merchant for the evening was Shirley Bobier from the Marsh Store in Coldstream. She had lots of quilting goodies for sale. She also told us about "Visit Your Local Quilt Shop Day" on Jan 24th, 2015.



Shirley Bobier

President Micki A. told us that she and her husband had picked up our new trailer and had driven it to Pauline R.'s home to pick up our quilt frames. They then drove the trailer back to their home where it is now stored in their barn. In the spring, shelves will need to be built inside the trailer to properly store all of our equipment.



Our new guild trailer



Loading the trailer on a cold day

Micki also spoke about the executive for our 2015-16 quilting year. Below is a note that she has written regarding the executive.

Now that a new year has started, it's time to think about our executive for September. Several

of the present executive will be leaving their position. Only the Library and Community Outreach chairs will be returning. Therefore, we need to fill the positions of Blog, Secretary, Program and President. When I announced at the January meeting that most positions will need to be filled, two members came forward to do Membership and Treasurer. The only prerequisite is for the President's job. It requires the member to have served either on the present executive or a previous one.

Please think about serving on the executive. I will be discussing this further at the next few meetings.

Our Speaker for the evening was Deborah Beirnes from Elmira. She presented a wonderful Trunk Show entitled "Scrap Magic Trunk Show". She talked about her scrap system and showed us how beautiful quilts can be made from your stash.



Deborah Beirnes



Deborah's Spider Web Quilt



Deborah's Snail's Trail Quilt

To see more of Deborah's quilts click [here](#).

After a short break where more stash enhancing was taking place at Shirley's tables, we had "Show and Tell" and the drawing of the tickets for fat quarters (donated by Shirley) and the gift basket.



Barb B.'s Quilt



Gail S.'s Dinosaur Quilt

January 2015 Meeting

The next meeting of the London Friendship Quilters Guild will be held

Thursday, Jan 8th, 2015

at

7.00 PM

at St George's Church on Dundas St

Our speaker for January is Deborah Beirnes and she will be showing us her "Scrap Magic Trunk Show." Deborah will also be teaching her Scrap Magic workshops on Friday, January 9 and Saturday January 10. The same workshop will be held on both days and there are a few spots left on both Friday and Saturday.

The Merchant for the Month is Shirley Bobier from the Marsh Store. To visit Shirley's website click [here](#).

Charlene O, who is a member of the Program Committee, has written the following description of our upcoming February Workshop:

"The Great Scrap Race Challenge"

Reality challenge shows such as Chopped, Cutthroat Kitchen and the Amazing Race are becoming more and more popular and with that in mind we decided to run a challenge of our own. In order to ensure everyone starts on an equal footing we are unable to give too many details, but be assured we have taken every step to ensure the challenge can be tried by all quilters no matter the skill level. It is not necessarily how accurately or quickly you can sew that will win the challenge but how well one can strategize, make a plan and execute it that will win.

If you have ever pieced a quilt back to use up extra blocks and fabrics, taken a workshop of any kind, participated in last year's placemat colour challenge or the "A road runs through it challenge", participated in a mystery quilt or other project then you have all the skills and tools needed to join the Scrap Race challenge. As noted, most of the fabrics will be supplied. There is a short supply list available.

We have talked with Patti Carey of Northcott Fabrics and sent her an outline of the challenge. They liked the concept and have generously agreed to sponsor our challenge. The grand prize has been supplied by Northcott Fabrics - a basket of assorted fabrics valued at approximately \$100.

This sounds like an interesting and fun challenge and will be a great way to spend a February Saturday!

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Information for the Meeting

*Sign-up sheets will be available for:
Jan 9th & 10th-Scrap Magic Workshops
Feb 28th-Great Scrap Race Challenge
April 10th & 11th-2 day Twisted Log Cabin Workshop

Remember to bring your cheque books

*Bring "Show and Tell" to share (no more than 2 items)

*Receive draw tickets (for a fat quarter) for bringing the following:

**Name Tag

**Chatelaine

**Notion of the Month- a 6" square piece of children's fabric for Community Outreach



Twisted Log Cabin Workshop Sample

See you at the meeting!

Feb 8, 2015

February Meeting

The next meeting of the London Friendship Quilters Guild will be held

Thursday, February 12th, 2015

at

7.00 PM

at St George's Church on Dundas St

Our February Guild Meeting is usually when we hold our Rummage Sale, but we have decided to change things up this year. The Rummage Sale will probably return next year.

This year we are going to have a "Demonstration Night" There will be a choice of 8 demonstrations to view. The demonstrations will be about "Tips and Techniques" and will be presented by members of the guild.

The Merchant for the Month will be Judy Balint from Cornerstone Quilts and More in London. To visit Judy's website click [here](#).

The "Interguild Meeting" committee has had their first meeting and plans are well underway. Invitations have been sent to 89 guilds in Ontario and the committee is waiting for replies in order to finalize plans for the March 28th meeting.

There is still space left in the "Great Scrap Race Challenge" on Feb 28th. This is going to be a really fun day with prizes and dinner provided (bring your own lunch).

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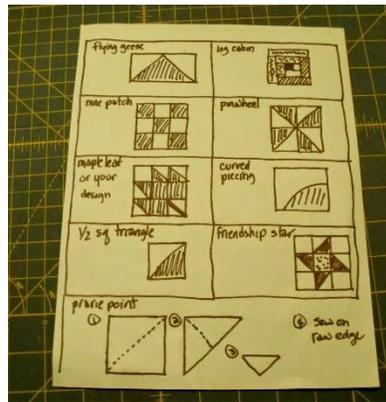
Mar 4, 2015

The Amazing Scrap Challenge

A group of LFQG members got together on Feb 28th to participate in the Amazing Scrap Challenge.

Each participant was given a bag of poker chips and a Bingo Card Challenge Sheet. Each square of the Bingo Card had a different quilt themed challenge (eg-make a 9 patch, make a friendship star, make prairie points).

We were also given a cheat sheet with diagrams of different blocks (without measurements).



Cheat Sheet

We were allowed to use 1 metre of a background fabric and 1 fat quarter of our own fabric. We then had to pick a closed mystery box that contained scraps of fabric (most boxes were either colour or theme coordinated). The boxes had been weighed so everyone started with the same weight of fabric.



Mystery Boxes of Fabric

We were each given a fat quarter of the same fabric that was donated by Northcott Fabrics.



Fat quarter donated by Northcott Fabrics

The object of the Challenge was to accumulate as many poker chips as possible by making a quilt top at least 96" in circumference using as much of the fabric in the box and to include as many of the challenges from the bingo card as possible. For each challenge completed you received a poker chip and for each line of the card completed you received 4 chips. You could also spend chips by buying fabric from the scrap fabric pile or by looking through some books for inspiration. All of the fabric scraps for the mystery boxes and for the scrap pile were donated by the members of the Program Committee from their own stashes!



The scrap pile

If you didn't like the fabrics in your mystery box you could turn it in and buy another closed box (1 time only).

All morning there was a flurry of activity as quilters formulated plans, measured and cut fabrics and started making blocks. Every hour there was a draw for a door prize.



Erika measuring her fabric



Lorraine making Hexies



Evelyn making 9 patches

At noon we stopped for a lunch break, then it was back to the sewing machines. Everyone was trying to get their tops together and finish the challenges to get as many poker chips as possible.

At 4 PM the Challenge ended and every scrap of unused fabric was put back into the boxes. Each box was reweighed and chips were awarded for the percentage of fabric used. The quilt tops were measured and those that met or exceeded the required size were given more chips.



Helen's Little Boy Quilt Top



Edith's Elvis Themed Quilt Top



Mary's House and Garden Quilt top

Each quilter's chips were counted and Maureen H. was awarded first prize for accumulating 63 chips.



Maureen's Blue Blocks Quilt top

Maureen received a lovely basket of fabric donated by Northcott Fabrics.



Fabric Basket prize

We were then treated to a wonderful dinner of Lasagna and Caesar Salad supplied by Debbie M from Pizza Vera and a lovely "Go Scrappers Go" cake.



Debbie M serving Lasagna to Erika



"Go Scrappers Go" Cake

It was a Fun and "Challenging" day.



Scrappers and their Tops

Many thanks to Charlene O. for coming up with this great idea and to the rest of the Program Committee for all of their hard work in putting this day together!!



3 members of our hard working Program Committee
Charlene, Lorna and Megan

March Meeting

The next meeting of the London Friendship Quilters Guild will be held

Thursday, March 12th, 2015

at

7.00 PM

at St George's Church on Dundas St

Our speaker for the evening is June Klassen. June is "Lifetime Member" of LFQG. She joined the guild in 1982. June will be presenting a Trunk Show of her work.

Our vendor for the evening is Michelle Dunn from Kallisti Quilts. Michelle specializes in Japanese and African prints. To visit Michelle's website click [here](#).

On April 25th we will be having a Community Outreach Sew in Day. There is no charge for this day. It will be held from 9AM-4PM. Come for the whole day, half a day or just a couple of hours.

Edith and her committee will have quilt top kits to sew, quilts that need to be sandwiched and quilts that are ready for quilting.

On April 10th & 11th, Jennifer Houlden will be teaching a 2 day Workshop titled Twisted Log Cabin.

It has been decided to let guild members come for only 1 day of the workshop (either Friday or Saturday). The cost for the 2 day workshop is \$65.00, for attending only 1 day the cost will be \$40.00.

Now that spring is almost here, the quilt show season is starting again.

The following shows are being held in March:

Mar 20-21,2015, Oshawa, ON, Quilts from the Heart

Mar 27-29,2015, Etobicoke, ON, Quilt Fever 2015

Mar28-29,2015, Newmarket, ON, Oh My Stars Quilt Show

Check the right sidebar for links to these shows.

Information for the Meeting

*Sign-up sheets will be available for the following:

April 10th & 11th, 2 or 1 day Twisted Log Cabin Workshop

June 11th, LFQG Annual Banquet being held at Greenhills Golf Club

Remember to bring your cheque books

*Members who participated in the Amazing Scrap Challenge, please bring in your quilt tops

*Bring "Show and Tell" to share (no more than 2 items)

*Receive draw tickets (for a fat quarter) for bringing in the following:

**Chatelaine

**Name Tag

**Wear something GREEN

See you at the meeting!



Mar 10, 2015

[Still Friends](#)

London Friendship Quilters' Guild received the following email from The Halton Quilters Guild. If any of our present members remember this Quilt and the part that LFQG played in it, we would love to hear about it.

Still Friends - 25 years later!

Your Guild was one of the 60 Quilt Guilds that took part in the Friendship Quilt. Along with two individuals, there was a block representing every Province and Territory in Canada. You can see it again at our Quilt Show!

Halton Quilters Guild presents "Stitches in Our Time". The Quilt Show will be held at the Crossroads Centre, Burlington, Ontario on Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, May 3, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Friendship Quilt project was started in the Spring of 1990. Along with your block, you submitted information about your Guild ie. General information, format of meetings, block done by, and anything of special interest about your Guild or area. The information gathered was compiled into a book and keyed to the blocks in each panel.

In 1991, the Friendship Quilt with the information book was ready to travel and for the next four years, it travelled back and forth across Canada to be featured at participants' Quilt Shows or special events.



We thought your Guild members, if they were in the area, might be interested in seeing The Friendship Quilt displayed and reading the information book from 25 years ago.

For more information on the Quilt Show, visit our website at www.haltonquiltersguild.com

Mar 17, 2015

March 12th, 2015 Meeting

President Micki A. was back from her winter vacation on the Bruce Peninsula and she chaired an interesting meeting. She informed us that several guild members have expressed an interest in becoming members of the executive for the quilting year 2015-16. The only position that no one has so far showed an interest in chairing is the Program Committee. Lynda W. has agreed to head a committee that will contact by phone all members of the guild regarding holding a position on the executive.

Micki had Nancy P. come up to the front to show us her Chatelaine. Free patterns were available for the Chatelaine at the Welcome table. Micki discussed the uses of the Chatelaine, one of which is a ticket for the fat quarter draw!



Nancy P.'s Chatelaine

Mibsie B. spoke to us about Quilts of Valour and asked for volunteers to piece QOV from kits that she had prepared. There are also some QOV tops sewn together that need to be quilted.



Mibsie B talking about QOV

The vendor for our meeting was Michelle from Kallisti Quilts in Waterloo. There was a lot of interest in the Japanese and African fabrics that are Michelle's specialty.



Michelle from Kallisti Quilts

After break, June Klassen (a Lifetime Member of LFQG) presented a Trunk Show of her quilts.



June K.'s Trunk Show

It was interesting to find a picture of a block that June had made in 1990 in one of our guild albums (in the library). This block was selected to be in the "Friendship Quilt" made by Halton Quilt Guild that was the subject of the last blog post. June showed us a sampling of her wonderful quilts and explained the different techniques she used in making her quilts including English paper piecing, 3D fabric flowers, hand and machine quilting and many more. Of particular interest was her "Lifetime Quilt" that is still a work in progress. Many thanks to June for the inspiration and for all the knowledge and encouragement she has provided to guild!



June's paper pieced Christmas Cactus Quilt



June's "Lifetime Quilt"



June's Celtic Interlace Quilt



June explaining about documenting her quilts

After June's talk, we had "Show and Tell" and the drawing of the tickets for fat quarters and the gift basket.



Jacqui VMS with the quilt she made from vintage Grandmothers' Flower Blocks



Lynda W. and her "Masculine" Quilt



Christine G with her Table Topper

Mar 28, 2015

[Interguild Meeting hosted by London Friendship Quilt Guild](#)

Today the London Friendship Guild hosted the Southwestern Ontario Interguild meeting which is held yearly to exchange ideas. It was a great day as approximately 55 people made their way to London on this sunny, but cold spring day. Inside however, there was a warm atmosphere as everyone mingled and shared stories, ideas and food!



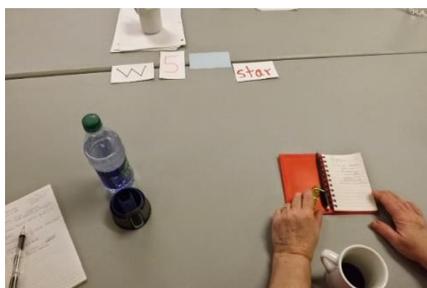
Maureen ready at the registration table



Kitchen ladies preparing lunch



Meeting new people



Everyone had letters, numbers, colours and shapes on their nametags directing them to various tables for discussion groups



President of the LFQG, Micki, welcoming all the guests



Delicious lunch to enjoy

It was a very informative day sharing ideas in four different areas: Guild program, quilt show, communication in the guild and a 'bits and pieces' category. Lots of notes were jotted down and will be shared with guilds. Next year's hosts will be Hamilton Quilt Guild.

Apr 5, 2015

April Meeting

The next meeting of the London Friendship Quilters Guild will be held

Thursday, April 9th, 2015

at

7.00 PM

at St George's Church on Dundas St

Our speaker for the evening is **Jennifer Houden**. Jennifer's talk is called "**Creating Contrast in Your Quilts**". Jennifer will also be teaching a "**Twisted Log Cabin**" workshop on April 10th and 11th. To learn more about Jennifer and to read her blog go to www.quiltsbyjen.ca .

Our vendor for the evening is **Karen from Kaleidoscope of Quilts** from Exeter, ON. To visit Kaleidoscopes' website click [here](#).

Quilt show season is well underway. Here is a list of upcoming quilt shows in the area:

April 16-17-Exeter, ON-Heritage Quilt Exhibit

April 24-24-London, ON-Embroiderers' Textile Exhibit

April 24-25-Mississauga, ON-Creative Festival

May 1-2-London, ON-Quilting in the Village.

May 1-3-Windsor, ON-Think Outside the Block Show

May 1-2-Guelph, ON-Gathering of the Quilts Show

May 2-3-Burlington, ON-Stitches In Our Time Show

May 7-9-Ingersoll, ON-Pieces of Magic Show

Check the right sidebar for links to these shows.

Information for the meeting:

*Sign up sheets will be available for the following:

June 11th, LFQG Annual Banquet being held at Greenhills Golf Club

(remember friends are welcome at the banquet)

Remember to bring your cheque books

*Community Outreach Sew-In Day-April 25th-no charge

*Bring "Show and Tell" to share (no more than 2 items)

*Receive draw tickets (for a fat quarter) for bringing in the following:

**Chatelaine

**Name Tag

** Notion of the Month -a written suggestion for a speaker, workshop or program idea

See you at the meeting!

April 9th, 2015 Meeting

President Micki A. started the meeting with the exciting news that guild members have stepped forward and showed an interest in becoming the chairperson for **all** of the executive positions for the 2015-16 guild year. Any other guild members who are interested in chairing an executive position, please contact Micki.

Program Chair Lorna talked about the **Canadiana Row Quilt** that members having been working on this year. There were some wonderful examples of some of the rows that have been completed by guild members on display. It was great to see how each member personalized her own quilt.



Yvonne's Prairie Row

The vendor for the evening was [Karen from Kaleidoscope of Quilts](#) in Exeter, ON. There was a lot of interest in the "Tilda" fabrics that they carry.



Karen from Kaleidoscope of Quilts

Our speaker for the evening was [Jennifer Houlden](#) from the Oro-Mendote area (near Orillia, ON). Jennifer has led an interesting life, living in such diverse areas as the Canadian Arctic and the Australian Outback. She owns a business called "[Quilts by Jen](#)". Jennifer designs quilt patterns, teaches quilting workshops and makes custom quilts. Her wonderful trunk show highlighted her use of colour and showed how she has been influenced by the places that she has lived.



Jennifer Houlden



Purely Canadian Quilt



Shuffled Bricks Quilt



Animal Party Quilt



Jacaranda Tree Quilt

After break we had "Show and Tell" and the drawing of the tickets for fat quarters and the gift basket.



Debbie D's Grand Illusion Mystery Quilt



Teresa B's Apron made from her Green Mystery Box



Teresa D's Quilt



Micki's Woodland Clover Quilt

Twisted Log Cabin Workshop, April 10-11th, 2015

On Friday and Saturday, April 10th and 11th, a group of Quilters got together with Jennifer Houlden for a great workshop. Twisted Log Cabin is a paper pieced quilt and a bit of a challenge, but what a wonderful finished product.



Jennifer's Quilt

Here is a note from Lorna M. regarding the workshop:

Ten ladies gathered with Jennifer Houlden in the basement of the church on Friday morning and suddenly started dancing and singing, "Let's Do the Twist!" Well, that's not exactly what happened, but we had a great time making and then turning the twisted log cabin blocks. The more we turned and twisted the more amazed we were by the number of possible designs we could produce. Everyone agreed it was a wonderful workshop, and several participants are already making plans to try a second version of the design.



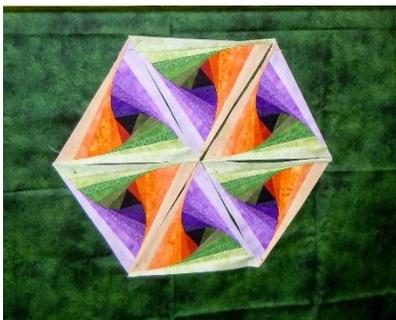
Maria cutting strips

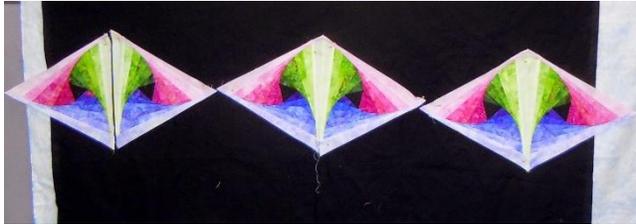
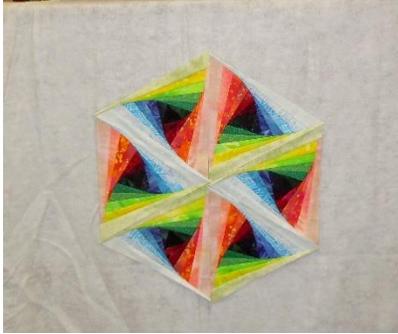


Cindy's Paper Pieced Block

To read what Cathy S. says about the workshop, click [here](#) to read her blog.

Some Works in Progress





May 31, 2015

Quilters on Vacation

Over the last couple of months, 2 of our guild members have gone on vacations that included some quilting adventures.

First was Kim Z, who had promised to take her daughter to New York City for her 16th birthday. She was able to satisfy her fabric cravings while there.



Kim in NYC

Kim wrote:

While Vacationing in New York City with my daughter Victoria , I was able to find a quilt store called "The City Quilter", what a great store and worth the small detour. You can see in the

background they have an extensive collection of fabrics depicting something about New York and yes, I did indulge in a small amount of fabric.

Second was Gail ML, who along with her husband ,went for a trip into the South East US. She had some quilting adventures in North Carolina, the Great Smokey Mountains and Virginia. One of the highlights of her trip was meeting Bonnie Hunter of Quiltville fame.



Gail and Bonnie in North Carolina

To read Bonnie's Blog posting about the meeting, click [here](#).

Gail also blogged about her adventures in 3 different posts. Her meeting with Bonnie can be found [here](#). Gail wrote about doing working on a Sashiko project while traveling [here](#). Her last post is about visiting a quilt store in Lexington Virginia, see it [here](#).

If you have any quilting adventures that you would like to share over the summer, take lots of pictures, write a short note and email me at maureeneh52@hotmail.com and we will include it in a blog post.

Posted by Blog Editor at [9:06 AM](#)

May 25, 2015

Banquet Reminder

This is a reminder about our annual banquet on June 11th at Greenhills Golf Course in Lambeth. Tickets are still available until May 31st. Contact Lorna (lornamar@xplornet.ca) or Charlene (Char8892@hotmail.com) for more tickets.

Upcoming Quilt Shows

May 29-30, Sarnia, ON- A Feast for the Eyes Quilt Show

June 5-6, Fergus, ON-Quilts on the Grand
June 6-7, Alliston, ON, Stitching Among Friends Quilt Show
June 12-13, Sharon, ON, Evolution of Quilting

Check the links on the right sidebar for more details about these shows.

Posted by Blog Editor at [10:27 AM](#)

May 17, 2015

[April 25th Sew-In Day and May 14th AGM](#)

COMMUNITY OUTREACH SEW-IN DAY

Here is a report from Edith W. regarding the Sew-In Day

On April 25th about a dozen of us gathered for a time of working on various Outreach projects. Some came for the day, some for just a few hours. Mibsie had a number of kits for Quilts of Valour and quickly had several gals working on putting those together. Elaine made several Q of V pillowcases. Others worked on quilting, sandwiching and basting, marking stitching lines for half square triangles, and hand stitching binding. Several projects went home for further work.

A huge "Thank you" to all those who participated in a fun and profitable day for our Outreach Program.

Edith



Penny H putting a binding on a quilt



Lorraine J piecing a QOV

To see more pictures from the Sew-In Day click [here](#).

May 14th Annual General Meeting

May's meeting was our AGM. The Outgoing Executive members gave their annual reports.



Lorna giving her report



Micki giving her report

There then was a call for more nominations for the 2015-16 executive. No more nominations were received. The guild members who had previously volunteered to hold a position were accepted and the 2015-16 was presented. They include: President-Lorna M, Vice President-Angie S, Secretary-Sharon R, Treasurer-Mary W, Program Committee-Brenda H, Membership-Teresa B, Library-Kim Z & Rachel M, Blog-Cathy Shepherd and Community Outreach-Edith W. With this [New Executive](#) in place, the guild can look forward to another great year!



New Executive Members
Cathy, Teresa, Mary, Sharon, Lorna



New Executive Members
Kim, Rachel, Edith

Joan H. then presented a short demonstration about making computer generated labels for our quilts. There was a discussion about different products and different methods that can be used.



Joan H demonstrating a computer program

We then had a break where we were treated to some wonderful goodies brought in by some of our guild members. After break, members of the outgoing and incoming [Program Committee](#) presented a Trunk Show. They each showed one of their first quilts and one of their newest quilts. It was great to see how everyone's skills and have developed over their quilting careers.



One of Anne's first quilts



Tiny's latest quilt



One of Susan's first quilts



Cathy's Insanity Quilt



Cathy's latest finish-The Canada Quilt

We then had a really fun **Auction**. President Micki was the auctioneer and Teresa D. held up the articles for sale. Some of the items that were auctioned were surplus from the guild and the rest were donated by guild member Lynette F. who is moving and has to downsize. The money raised by the auction (more than \$100.00) will be given to the Community Outreach Committee for supplies. Thank you Lynette for donating these great quilting items!



Teresa D and Micki auctioning the ironing boards



Teresa D and Micki auctioning the Quilt Stand

The meeting ended with another great Show and Tell and the draws for the fat quarters and the prize basket.



Ruth's Modern Quilt



Jacqui's Blooming 9 Patch



Cynthia's May Flowers



Helen's Peter Rabbit Baby Quilt

To see more pictures from the meeting, click [here](#).

See you at the June Banquet.

[June 11th, 2015 Annual Banquet](#)

On Thursday, June 11th, we finished the 2014-2015 guild year with our annual banquet at the Greenhills Golf Club.



There was lots of socializing going on before dinner.





After dinner, Lorna M introduced our speaker for the evening, Esther Bryan.



Esther Bryan

Esther is the designer and the driving force behind the "Quilt of Belonging". The following is a quote from the website:

The Quilt of Belonging is a collaborative work of art that recognizes Canada's diversity, celebrates our common humanity and promotes harmony and compassion among people.

Esther told us the story of the quilt-her inspiration, the many volunteers, the gathering of the blocks, the construction of the quilt and the displaying of the quilt.



The Quilt of Belonging on display at the Canadian Museum of Civilization

From the website:

Quilt of Belonging is 120 foot (36 metres) long collaborative textile art project, a richly hued portrait of the human family. Its 263 blocks portray the rich cultural legacies of all the First Peoples in Canada and every nation of the world at the dawn of the new Millennium.

To read more about the Quilt, click [here](#).

Thank you to the Program Committee for organizing a wonderful end to our guild year that celebrated Canada and a special thanks to Anne L for making the Fat Quarter Lollipops that were at every place setting



Fat Quarter Lollipops

To see more pictures from the banquet click [here](#).

Posted by Blog Editor at [10:40 AM](#)

Jun 14, 2015

Mennonite Relief Sale

The annual New Hamburg Mennonite Relief sale was held on May 29th & 30th, 2015.



Over 200 quilts were donated for the quilt auction. The relief sale raised approximately \$350,000 that will go to the Mennonite Central Committee's work around the world. The featured quilt at the auction is called "Threads of Africa". It was designed and coordinated by Renske Helmuth and the individual blocks were made by members of the Waterloo County Quilters' Guild.



[July Sew-in Day](#)

Somewhere between 12-15 ladies got together on July 25th for a mid-summer sewing day. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to attend for the full day. But I did pop in at about 3pm to get a few pictures of what they were up to. Some of the attendees had left, but a few die-hards were still there.

Lorna was there, working on finishing up her Canadiana Row Quilt form last year.



She was also working on machine quilting a Quilt of



Valour.

Joy was there, working on a child's quilt, made of dragon



fabrics.

Here's a close up of the dragons, great fabric for any child.



Barb was there, working on a quilt made of Economy Blocks.



Edith and Penny were both there, with a large supply of quilts for our Children's Aid outreach and also for Quilts of Valour. Edith was preparing a couple of backs for children's quilts.



Lisa was working on a quilt and pillow case for the Children's Aid.



Another of the ladies was working on this quilt for one of her grand children, I believe is what she



said. Unfortunately, I've forgotten who that was. Can anybody enlighten me, and I'll edit this and add her name. I must confess here and now to being terrible at remembering names.

The same goes for this next quilt, I've forgotten who was working on it, but it sure is a great pattern. Four patches and Snow Ball blocks, combined to look like Bow Ties.



It looks like a good and productive day was had by all. I'm sorry I wasn't able to be there for the day.

Aug 25, 2015

[A Friendly Reminder.....](#)



Does anyone else besides me find that there are way too many thoughts floating around my head and it's so hard to keep track and remember things? I'm pretty sure I'm not alone. That being the case, I'd like to remind everyone about the registration forms for this year's guild membership. They are found on the right hand side bar of the blog. You can click on the links, which will take you to a page that can be printed. Please print them off and mail them, along with your payment and the volunteer form, to Teresa. Her address is on the membership form. The first meeting of the year is September 10th, so there is still time to get that form filled out and in the mail.

Posted by Blog Editor at [12:16 PM](#)

Aug 5, 2015

[Registration and Volunteer forms for 2015-2016](#)

I have uploaded this year's forms onto the right hand side bar. There is a link there for the registration form and a separate link for the volunteer form. Please take the time to print off and fill out both. As a guild, we operate completely by volunteers. Please, think of even one thing you could do, then fill out the form and send it in.



Click on the links, and they will take you to a page where you can print off the forms.

Posted by Blog Editor at [3:51 PM](#)

[Quilt Canada 2016 is looking for Organizing Team Candidates](#)

Hello All,

Lorna forwarded this email to me, thinking that some of our members might be interested in filling some of the positions that CQA is looking for in its organizing team. I have copied the email, in full to the blog, so that you can read it, and see if it might be something that you might consider participating in.

Cathy

Please share this email with your quilting friends.

Quilt Canada 2016!

is coming to Toronto. Be part of the Organizing Team!

Venue: The International Centre, 6900 Airport Rd, Mississauga, ON

Dates: June 15 – 18, 2016

For Quilt Canada 2016, the Board decided to take a new approach to planning this national event. We hired a Conference Coordinator to manage the logistics of securing adequate space in Toronto, near the airport, booking the workshop teachers and vendors for the merchant mall. Now comes the most important part -- organizing the quilts and all the other details!

We are looking for your assistance in filling the very important roles listed below. You will become part of the Organizing Committee who, along with the Board of Directors, will be Hosts of the Conference. Please consider being part of the committee to make Quilt Canada 2016 the **BEST CONFERENCE EVER!**

We need strong candidates for these Key Positions:

National Juried Show Coordinator	Concurrent Shows Coordinator
Volunteer Coordinator	Publicity Coordinator
Workshop Coordinator Assistant	Merchant Mall Coordinator Assistant
Logistics Coordinator	Signage Coordinator
Tours and Events Coordinator	

A description of each position is available on the CQA/ACC website under Events: <http://www.canadianquilter.com/events/quilt-canada-2016-jobs.php>. You can participate in the Organizing Committee via email and electronic conferencing but will be needed on site for the conference. (Accommodation will be provided when necessary.) The time commitment estimate for each position varies and is listed in the descriptions.

The **CQA Conference Coordinator, Liz Thompson**, will work with all Coordinators and Assistants to make this one of the best Quilt Canada Conferences yet!

To indicate your interest please complete the form below (Word and pdf versions are attached for your convenience) and send with:

1. A letter outlining your previous volunteer positions held in quilting and non-quilting organizations; your skills and abilities applicable to this position; and the reasons you are interested in this position.
2. The name, phone number and e-mail (if available), of two work or volunteer experience references that would be able to confirm your skills in relation to the position requested.

Name _____

Address _____

Town/City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Are you a CQA/ACC Member: yes _____ no _____.

Do you belong to a Guild): yes _____ no _____

Position requested _____

Reply by Sept 30, 2015 to:

president@canadianquilter.com or

Linda Schmidt, 802-2275 Atkinson St., Penticton, BC V2A 8R7

Thank you!

Linda Schmidt

President

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Posted by Blog Editor at [10:00 AM](#)

Aug 4, 2015

[Quilt Sightings in Amsterdam](#)

Hi all,

Well, it's more like quilt shop and quilt fabric sighting in this one. Kathy V. sent me these pictures, along with a description of where she was, and what she found. She says:

" Here are a few pictures of the quilt shop I visited in Amsterdam this spring. The place I went to was really 2 stores in one.



The one I took the pictures of sold only Dutch fabric. I have never seen anything else quite like it. It's quite flowery, chintz I guess you would call it.



I mainly purchased a lot of fat quarters that were pretty much the same but in different colours. They also sold a very long 8 in. wide border fabric that I also bought. I don't really remember the prices



but it wasn't too bad. I will send you a picture of my purchases (on my ipad). I think I spent about \$150 for what you will see in the picture but I don't really remember. (I try not to think about that stuff too much)!



The other store which was on the sidewalk level was all stuff that is available here and I didn't even really look at it much because it was too expensive. It's bad enough to buy it in Canadian dollars so why pay double for it elsewhere?

I'm not too sure what I will do with my purchases but I hope I don't just let them sit in a drawer!

We also went to a fabric store in Bruges Belgium but it was also mainly American fabric and too expensive.

Those were the only stores I could find on the internet in that area."

Thanks for sharing, Kathy.

Posted by Blog Editor at [10:00 AM](#)

Aug 3, 2015

[Summer Travels Quilt Sightings](#)

During their travels this summer, Lorraine J. and her daughter Lyndsey were able to attend the Edmonton Festival of Quilts show. Lorraine sent in a few pictures of what they saw.

Here's a picture of Lyndsey, standing in front of a display of small quilts. The portrait ones look fabulous.



This pineapple variation has wonderful colours, and it looks like it took a well deserved prize.



This next one was made from 199 thin strips of batiks in order to depict the classic Alberta prairie landscape.



A quilt full of fun and beautiful houses and neighbourhoods.



This last picture is on one of their guild challenges. Lorraine also said that there were memorial quilts done for members who had dies recently. She states, "what a lovely idea".



If you have had any quilt sightings in your travels this summer, or are planning any, send the pictures and a brief description to me [caleeshepherd @ gmail.com](mailto:caleeshepherd@gmail.com) (remove the spaces in the address when emailing me.) I'm sure the rest of us would love to enjoy the eye candy.

Sep 30, 2015

[Quilters on Vacation](#)

For quilters, vacation trips extend beyond the summer months. It's a vacation every time we can go on a road trip and shop hop. Maureen H. and her husband took a few days vacation earlier this month and did some shop hopping. She sent me an email describing their travels. I'll let her own words tell you about it.

If you are still doing Quilters on Vacation, here are some pictures of our latest camping trip. We do lots of day trips while camping and stopping at quilt shops is always a priority!
The first and 2nd photos are from Threads that Bind in Maxwell, ON





3rd photo- a Mennonite quilt shop near Tiverton



4th and 5th-another Mennonite shop not far from Kincardine, the 5th pic shows some of their other goods that are for sale





6th photo should be for the Woodworker on Vacation site-one of Dave's favourite places-Welbecks Sawmill and Store near Durham



We also stopped at Quilters Line in Markdale and Shoreline Quilts in Port Elgin

Maureen

Thanks, Maureen, for showing us those pictures.

Posted by Blog Editor at [11:55 AM](#)

Sep 25, 2015

[Weekend Reading.....](#)

A few weeks ago, while surfing around in bogland, I came across a blog hop all about pin cushions. I know, pincushions aren't very exciting. But the variety, and the tutorials to make some of them fascinated me. I'll share some links to some of them below. Even if you don't want to make any, some of them are quite fun to look at. Wouldn't some of these be great for the member's boutique for the next quilt show?

[Couch pincushion](#)

[Cupcake Pincushion](#)

[Hexie Caddy Pincushion](#)

[Cake Pincushion](#)

[Pincushion in a cup](#)

[Tiny Worlds pincushions](#) No instructions for this one, just some fun eye candy.

[Bird Pincushions](#)

[Cube Caddy/pincushion](#)

[Owl Pincushion](#)

[Cottage pincushion](#)

Posted by Blog Editor at [10:00 AM](#)

Labels: [Boutique ideas](#), [pin cushions](#), [Weekend reading](#)

Sep 22, 2015

[Blog Settings changes](#)

I've had to change a few of the settings here on the blog. The biggest change has been to the comments sections. To those of you that leave comments here, or on other blogs, you know that there is this thing called "Word verification" where you have to type in the letters from a word, or number displayed in a box. It's annoying, it's a pain in the neck, and I hate it. However, it filters out those who like to send spam and junk emails. I've been receiving some of those since the email notice for the comments go to my email address. So, as much as I hate to do it, to stop them I've added the dreaded word verification process to the comment page on this blog.

Posted by Blog Editor at [11:48 AM](#)

Sep 21, 2015

[Workshop information for October and November](#)

I received an email from Lorraine J. with information about some of the details for the program for this fall.

The guild is pleased to be able to offer a number of workshops this fall.

On Saturday October 24, Cynthia McNair is offering a workshop on **Manipulated Fabric Landscapes**. The workshop will run from 9 am to 4 pm and will be held at Oakridge Presbyterian Church. Cost of the workshop is \$40. **Please note the change of venue for this event. There are 2 spots left for this workshop.**

On Friday November 13, Karen Howes is offering a workshop on **English Paper Piecing**. This workshop will be held at St. George's Presbyterian Church from 9 am to 4 pm. Cost of this workshop is \$40. Also, if any guild members might be interested in billeting our speaker around this time, please let one of the program committee members know.

Also, our first **Sew In Day** of the year will be held on Saturday November 28 at St. George's Presbyterian Church from 9 am to 9 pm. Bring your own projects or plan to work on one of our guild projects. Bring your own lunch. Dinner will be provided. Cost of this event is \$25.

For all of our workshops and events, you are considered to be registered once your payment is received. No refunds will be provided should you be unable to attend an event. If you have any questions or to register for one of these events, please email Lorraine J. at vlorrainej@aol.com.

Posted by Blog Editor at [11:51 AM](#)

Sep 17, 2015

[Roman Square and Finished block instructions.](#)

This is the first set of instructions for the LFQG Blog Sampler. In this post I'll give the instructions for the sampler square, as well as putting the whole block together. For the rest of the squares, I'll give you the instructions for the sampler section, and then refer you back to this page for how to put it together into the finished block. This instruction sheet shows the setting triangles as dark on the outside and light on the inside. Please note that this will change every other block. The colouring for the setting triangles will be shown for each block in the finished block photo at the beginning of each page.

This week's sampler block is named "Roman Square" in Block Base.



Cutting:

Cut 12 rectangles of various fabrics measuring 1 1/2 inches x 3 1/2 inches.

Block Assembly:

Sew these rectangles of fabric along the long length into sets of three.



Arrange these sets as shown in the photo and sew together. Your block at this point should measure 6 1/2 inches.

Finish Assembly:

Take two of the 5 1/8 inch triangles and sew to opposite sides of your centre unit.



Press towards the triangles. Take the other two 5 1/8 inch triangles and sew to the remaining sides.



Press towards the triangles.

Take two of the 6 7/8 inch triangles and sew to opposite sides of your



block. Press towards the triangles.

Take the remaining 6 7/8 triangles and sew to the other opposite



sides. Press towards the triangles.

Your block is now finished, and should measure 12 1/2 inches square.

Posted by Blog Editor at [11:46 AM](#)

Labels: [Blog Sampler](#)

Sep 11, 2015

[September 10, 2015 Guild Meeting](#)

We all gathered for our first meeting of the year, September 10th. It is so hard to believe that the summer is over, and we've already had our first meeting. Time is going by so fast, I don't even seem to be able to catch my breath. Anyone else feel like that? We were warmly welcomed to the first meeting by our new President, Lorna.



We had the reports from the various executive members, which took a bit of time being the first meeting. After a break of tea and goodies, (someone suggested that adding in a glass of wine might be a good idea), we welcomed our speaker for the



evening, Cynthia McNair.

She began her talk explaining that she started as a porcelain and china restorationist, while living in England, before moving to Canada. After moving to Canada, she joined a quilt guild, and began her quilt journey making traditional



quilts. This bargello is an example of one of her traditional pieces. She soon began to branch out into the more "artsy" landscape style quilts. This one being one of



her first. She then branched out into other landscapes besides



florals. She did this one of buildings growing from the ground, as it seems they do when a city has a building boom going on. She went on to talk about exploring dying and painting on her fabrics, including a technique called "ice dying" She gave us a brief explanation of



the process. This scene is based on a piece of ice dyed fabric that, when she looked at it, reminded her of a sunrise. Here's another ice dyed piece, with



some stencils added to it. She became inspired to branch off onto a different journey after a trip to Israel. This gorgeous piece was



just one of many she showed.

She was a wonderful, informative and fun speaker. Her work is beautiful, and her English accent added to the fun, as did her husband Stewart, who came along as her quilt holder-upper assistant, also with a charming English accent.

After Cynthia finished her talk, we had members show and share of what they'd been working on over the summer. Nancy P. showed her completed Twisted Log



Cabins,

made from a workshop from last



year. Amalia showed her quilt. I'm not sure of the name, but it had tons of little tiny little squares in it. Cynthia N. showed three McKenna Ryan



designed cat themed wall hangings. This is just one of them.



Susan D. showed her Austin wall hanging

and Mibsie B. showed her quilt based on the



pattern

Jumping Jacks, perfect for a little girl.

Lorna brought her finished Canadiana quilt, made from the mystery design that ran all last year. She took it and put her own spin and interpretation on



it.

There are many more pictures from Cynthia's trunk show and also from the members' show and share that can be found at the LFQG Picasa photo page. For some strange reason, it is dated August 30th, 2015, and I have yet to figure out how to change the title of the album. I've also just discovered that the link I tried to put in here isn't live. I have to figure out how to change the privacy setting on the album. I'll put the link in here once I've figured it out.

It was a great first meeting to the year. If the rest of this year is the same, we're in for a great time!

Labels: [Cynthia McNair, Guild meeting 2015](#)

Sep 10, 2015

Guild Sampler fabric Requirements and cutting Instructions

Guild Sampler Fabric Requirements and Beginning Cutting Instructions

This quilt is made up of 35 squares measuring 12 inches finished. Eighteen of the blocks have dark on the outside, and 17 have light on the outside. Feel free to change around the colours, or the number of squares you make. For the quilt to be made as presented you will need 2.5 meters of a dark fabric and 2.5 meters of a light fabric for the setting triangles for each block.

CUTTING INSTRUCTIONS

Dark Fabric:

Cut 6 strips @ $6 \frac{7}{8}$ inches from the full width of the fabric. Cut these strips into 36 squares measuring $6 \frac{7}{8}$ inches. Cut these squares in half once along the diagonal. These half square triangles will be used for

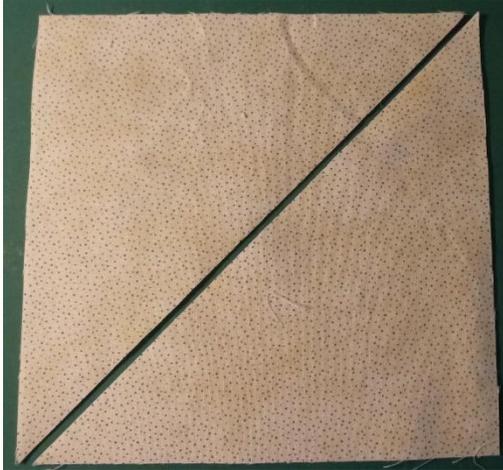


the outer setting triangles.

Cut 5 strips @ $5 \frac{1}{8}$ inches from the full width of the fabric. Cut these strips into 34 squares measuring $5 \frac{1}{8}$ inches. Cut these squares in half once along the diagonal. These smaller half square triangles will be used as the inner setting triangles.

Light Fabric:

Cut 6 strips @ $6 \frac{7}{8}$ inches from the full width of the fabric. Cut these strips into 34 squares measuring $6 \frac{7}{8}$ inches. Cut these squares in half once along the diagonal. These half square triangles will be used for the outer setting triangles.



Cut 5 strips @ 5 1/8 inches from the full width of the fabric. Cut these strips into 36 squares measuring 5 1/8 inches. Cut these squares in half once along the diagonal. Once all these are cut, you have the pieces that you need to put all your sampler blocks together. The first sampler block will come out on the 17th of September.

Posted by Blog Editor at [12:55 PM](#)

Labels: [Blog Sampler](#)

Sep 8, 2015

[September 10th Meeting](#)



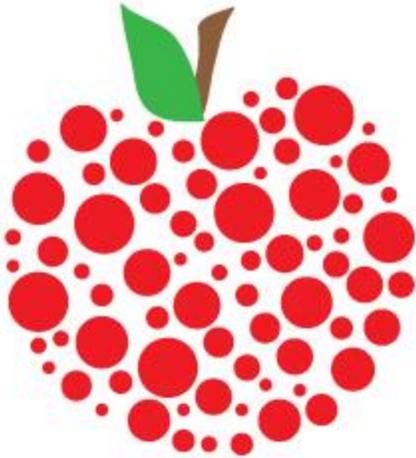
The first meeting of our year on September 10th is fast approaching. There will be a lot going on at this first meeting, and I wanted to give a bit of a heads up as to what's going on, and what you need to remember to bring.

First off, if you haven't sent them in already, go to the right hand side bar of the blog and print off the membership renewal form, and also the volunteer form. Teresa will be collecting these, as well as your

membership fees.

Second, the program committee will have sign up sheets ready for the upcoming workshops, so come prepared with cash or cheque to sign up. Cynthia McNair, our speaker for this meeting, will be offering a workshop called "Manipulated Landscapes" in October. Karen Howes, our speaker for November, will be doing a workshop on English Paper Piecing.

Third, remember to bring your name tag and your chatelaine. You'll get free tickets for the fat quarter draw for each of those items. There will be tea and juice and water and goodies at this meeting, so remember to bring your own tea cup.



Fourth, the notion of the month is Apples. Bring one, or a bag of them. They will be donated to the Food Bank.

Fifth, for those of you who were working on the Canadiana quilt last year, bring your quilt tops or finished quilts to the meeting so we can all see and admire.

As always, there will be show and share for quilts you have been working on. Keep to two items per person, so that everyone who wants to share, will have the opportunity.

See you all on Thursday.

Posted by Blog Editor at [8:00 AM](#)

Sep 7, 2015

[Quilters on Vacation](#)

Micki emailed me a couple of pictures that she took while on her travels through Europe. She says: "The first one was taken in England. We were visiting friends and were in Canterbury and saw a farmers market. As we strolled through it, I found this stall that was selling fabric from large bolts. Price was quite reasonable but I did not buy anything!"



The last picture was taken in Rouen, France. We were on a walking tour and happened upon this quilt store. After the tour we went back only to discover the store was closed due to holidays. I took this picture thru' the window.

She also sent a couple of pictures of the trailer the guild purchased last year for storing our quilt show



supplies. Ray Campbell and a friend of his did a great job of building some shelves into it, and helping to get it organized. A great big thanks from all of us goes out to them.



Micki says that " Ray Campbell (Tiny's husband) came with his friend Frank, and together they worked on putting shelves into our new trailer. I then, did an inventory of everything we had and put in into the trailer in some kind of order. Looks good, eh! Last week Lorna and I went to Edith's and picked up the remaining quilt show stuff and it too is now in the trailer. Everything in one spot!"
Come next year, and quilt show time, this is going to make life so much easier for those who are setting up and tearing down. No more scrambling around to find vehicles big enough to carry everything!
Thanks Micki, for the pictures of your travels and the update on the trailer.

Posted by Blog Editor at [12:26 PM](#)

Sep 3, 2015

[Guild Smpler Quilt Introduction](#)

This year, I would like to present a sampler quilt for guild members and for others who are interested, to work on through the coming year. The instructions will be presented here on the blog and won't be printed out. I'm hoping this will bring more members to check out the blog more often. I am going to try and post the instructions for the blocks on the first and third Thursday of each month. If there happens to be a fifth Thursday, I'll post a block then as well. This will give time for anyone wishing to make the blocks to get them done for the coming guild meetings. As an incentive, if you complete the blocks, bring them to the meeting and you will receive a free ticket for the fat quarter draws for each finished block from that previous month.



This is going to be the basic layout of the quilt. Each block will measure 12 inches, finished. The sampler block will be in the centre of each square. The sampler blocks themselves will all be based on a four patch grid, which will give the over all quilt some cohesiveness. Some will be very basic and easy, others more complex. I will give instructions for the sampler block and putting the entire block together once, and then in further posts, I will link back to the post showing how to put the entire block together. As shown here, fabric requirements would be 2.5 meters for the dark fabric and 2.5 meters for the light fabric. Of course, you can always go scrappy, in which case the outer large triangles will take 2 squares measuring $6 \frac{7}{8}$ inches and the smaller triangles on the inside will take 2 squares measuring $5 \frac{1}{8}$ inches.

I am going to be doing mine using a light grey and dark grey as the setting fabrics, and then will use scraps for doing the sampler centres. I'm planning on cutting all my setting fabrics ahead of time, so that

they are all ready, and when the mood hits, all I need to do is sew. I'll give those cutting instructions in a separate post, so they don't get lost here at the bottom of this one. I hope lots of people will join in with this project.

Posted by Blog Editor at [12:46 PM](#)

Labels: [Blog Sampler](#)

Sep 2, 2015

[Missing quilt....](#)

Good afternoon, everyone. A couple of days ago a comment was left on the blog regarding a missing quilt.

" Did anyone find a quilt left behind at the May meeting? I've misplaced a queensized "falling charms" quilt. The quilting is done in McTavishing style. Thanks for checking. Teresa DeJong. dejong.teresa@gmail.com"

In the meantime, I've been working on getting the lists on the right hand side bar ready for this year's activities. There are some new shops listed in the Ad Sponsors section. In the next day or two, I'll get the speakers and workshops for the first three months added on, and also some information about some different things that will be happening on the blog this year. I hope everyone is enjoying the last of the summer, (how did that happen, by the way? I could swear our banquet was just a week or two ago), and that we're all looking forward to a new year of guild activities and friendship.

Oct 27, 2015

[Manipulated Landscapes Workshop](#)

On Saturday, October 24th, a group of ladies from the guild joined Cynthia McNair for a workshop based on her technique for doing landscapes. Unfortunately, I wasn't able to be there, but Lorna M. kindly took some pictures to share with us.



Here are Cynthia and Bonnie working on their



pieces

Yvonne and Lynda went shopping through Cynthia's stash looking for the perfect goodies to add to their



landscapes.

Here's Liz cutting



out hundreds of leaves for her tree.
with some glorious colours.

and Sharon



At the end of the day, the landscapes went up on the wall, for Cynthia to examine and for all to see.



Lorna says that Cynthia was a great teacher and that everyone had fun. She said that for many in the workshop, they were trying something totally new. From here, it looks like everyone did a great job. To see more pictures of the workshop, go [here](#).

Labels: [Cynthia McNair](#), [Manipulated landscape workshop](#)

Oct 23, 2015

[Weekend Reading](#)

This weekend's reading list is all about eye candy. Take a look at some of these gorgeous quilts that are truly amazing. Some of these links are to individual quilts, and some of them are to people's blogs who have taken pictures at quilt shows. These are some that I found to be jaw droopingly gorgeous. Grab a cup or glass of something and have fun at these virtual quilt shows.

[Embroidered Cakes](#)

[Quilt show day four](#)

[Quilt show day 3](#)

[Quilt show day 2](#)

[Quilt show day 1](#)

[Houston Quilt Show, 2014](#)

Posted by Blog Editor at [10:00 AM](#)

Labels: [Weekend reading](#)

Oct 15, 2015

[Hour Glass Sampler Block](#)



This week's block is the Hour Glass block. The names for these blocks, by the way, are coming from the Electric Quilt software.

Cutting Instructions:



Light Fabric: cut 1 rectangle @ 2 inches by 9 inches
cut 1 square @ 3 7/8 inches

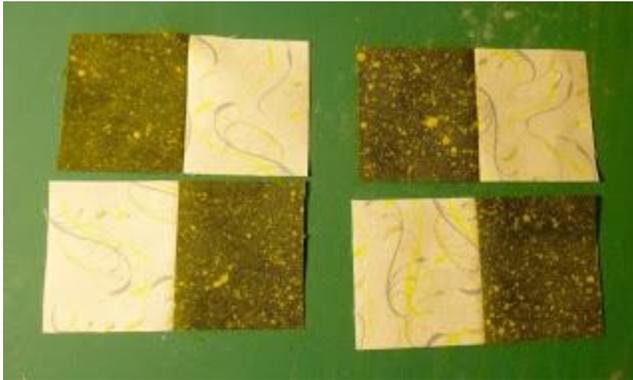
Dark Fabric: cut 1 rectangle @ 2 inches by 9 inches
cut 1 square @ 3 7/8 inches

Assembly Instructions:

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of the light 3 7/8 inch square. Place right sides together with the dark 3 7/8 inch square and sew a scant 1/4 inch seam on either side of the drawn line. Cut apart on the drawn line and press towards the dark triangle.



Place the two 2 inch by 9 inch rectangles right sides together and sew along the length of the strips. Cut this strip into four 2 inch segments.



Sew these segments into two four patch units.

Arrange your four patches and triangles as shown, and sew together.



Go [here](#) for the instructions to finish your block, keeping in mind that this block has the dark triangles on the outside.

Posted by Blog Editor at [10:00 AM](#)

Labels: [Blog Sampler](#)

Oct 12, 2015

[Christmas donation quilt instructions](#)

During the October 8th meeting, Lorna proposed that we as a guild support a family at Christmas by giving quilts to the children and also a full sized quilt to the adults in the family. Lorna handed out a pattern for blocks for the adult sized quilt and requested that the blocks be returned at the November

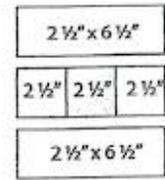
meeting. That way the quilt can be assembled and quilted in time for giving at Christmas. In case you missed the meeting, or have misplaced your instructions, here they are:

Whitewashed Window Panes - Designed by Meg Hawkey, Crabapple Hill Studio

For each block cut: two $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch squares and two $2\frac{1}{2}$ x $6\frac{1}{2}$ rectangles from a light neutral fabric such as white, cream, light gray or beige (no pastels or coloured patterns), and one $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch square from a bright colour or gray.

Sew the two neutral squares to either side of the bright square.

Add a $2\frac{1}{2}$ inch x $6\frac{1}{2}$ inch neutral rectangle to the top and bottom of the above centre unit.



Posted by Blog Editor at [1:27 PM](#)

[October 8th,2015 Guild Meeting](#)

President Lorna M. started the meeting by bringing us up to date on guild matters. This included the sad news about the death of long-time guild member Karen W. A motion was passed by the members to make a donation in Karen's name to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.



President Lorna M

The other members of the executive then gave their reports.



Librarian Kim Z

Lorna introduced Heather, our Vendor for the Evening. Heather is the owner of "The Quilt Place" in Shakespeare.



Heather from "The Quilt Place"

Our speaker for the evening was Noshi Galanti.



Noshi Galanti

Noshi's Talk and Trunk Show was called "Airport Security Stole My Scissors". Her talk was both funny and informative. Noshi told us about her experiences as a new immigrant to Canada and becoming involved in quilting in Canada. She also told us about travelling back and forth every year to India and the quilts that she started in Canada, worked on while in airplanes between Canada and India and then brought back to Canada to finish. Her Trunk Show was fantastic and was highlighted by her use of colour, both hand and machine quilting and by putting her own spin on traditional quilt patterns. Her quilts that featured traditional Indian motifs were especially interesting.



Noshi's Redwork Dancing Indian Ladies



Indian Lady Quilt



One Block Wonder Quilt

We finished the evening with "Show and Tell" and the ticket draws for fat quarters and the gift basket.



Gayle's Baby Quilt



Joe's Quilt



Christine R's Halloween Quilt

We're still having issues with sharing the pictures that are uploaded into the Picassa web albums that store the rest of the photos we've been taking during our meetings. The links are showing up as not available to people who don't have access to the links, which is really strange. I think google, which is the company that runs both blogger and picas web albums, have changed some of the privacy settings allowing access to their various products.

EDIT: I'm hoping I've found the fix to the photo sharing problem. To view further pictures of Noshi Gulanti's quilts click [here](#).

To view more pictures of the meeting click [here](#).

Posted by Blog Editor at [10:20 AM](#)

Oct 9, 2015

[Weekend Reading.](#)

In the past couple of weeks I was with a group of quilters where the conversation turned to bleeding colours in quilts when they are washed. It immediately brought to mind this article I read on Vicki Welsh's Blog [Field Trips in Fiber](#). Vicki is an incredibly gifted quilter, and she also sells her own hand dyed fabric. She has researched the topic in depth and has found the best way of saving a bleeding quilt. I don't have any affiliation with her. But I have had occasion to use her method. I had a quilt ruined, or so I thought, by the blue dye in the backing fabric running. It turned all the creams and whites in the quilt an ugly shade of blueish grey. I figured I didn't have anything to lose, so I tried her method, and was amazed at how well it worked, and at how much dye was released into the water. There are a few links here all to Vicki's blog. The first couple of links are examples of quilts that she owns that have had issues with fabric colours bleeding that her method has fixed. The third is a detailed explanation of the research she put into finding the fix. The fourth link is the printable instructions.

[The Fabric Burped](#)

[Catastrophe Averted](#)

[Bleeding Quilts, the Fix is in](#)

[Save My Bleeding Quilt](#)

I hope you never have to use this, but I can speak from experience, it works.

Posted by Blog Editor at [10:00 AM](#)

Labels: [Weekend reading](#)

Oct 6, 2015

[October meeting information](#)

This month our speaker is Noshi Gulanti. She doesn't have a website or an online presence. But I have come across her name while reading other blogs, and all enjoyed her presentation. I must admit that her title, "Airport Security Stole My Scissors" has me intrigued.

Our vendor this month is Heather from The Quilt Place in Shakespeare. The link to her store is down on the right hand side bar of the blog, if you want to go for a virtual visit.

The notion of the month is anything ORANGE, for a free ticket for the fat quarters draws. If you have your name tag, and your chatelaine, you'll get a free ticket for each of those items. And if you have finished your blocks for the blog sampler, bring them along for a free ticket for each of those as well. That's a potential for five free tickets for the fat quarter draws.

Posted by Blog Editor at [8:49 PM](#)

Oct 2, 2015

[Broken Dishes Sampler Block](#)



The Blog Sampler Block this time is called Broken Dishes.

Cutting Instructions:

Light fabric: cut 2 squares @ 3 7/8 inches

Dark Fabric: cut 2 squares @ 3 7/8 inches.



Block Assembly:

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each of the light squares.



Place each of these light squares right sides together with the dark squares.



Sew a scant 1/4 inch seam on either side of the drawn line.
Cut these apart on the drawn line and press towards the dark triangle.

Arrange your triangle units as shown as shown and sew together.



Go [here](#) to find the instructions for finishing the block, keeping in mind that the light fabric is on the outside, and the dark fabric on the inside for this block.

Nov 27, 2015

[Weekend Reading](#)

In my browsing around the internet, Facebook and blogs in the last little while, I've come across a few fun tutorials for making various quilt blocks and other useful objects. I'll share a few of them here.

[Four Patch Charm Square Quilt](#) This is a great way to use up any charm packs you may have hanging around.

[Denim Storage bins](#) Do you have any old jeans hanging around? This is a good way to use them.

[Faux Piped Binding Technique](#) This is the technique I use on all my quilts.

[Charm Pack Quilt idea](#) Here's another idea for those unused charm packs.

[Trash to Treasure quilt blocks](#) Here's a great way to use up all those odd shapes leftover scraps we all seem to have hanging around.

[Dots from Charm Packs](#) And yet more uses for charm packs.

Have fun reading.

Posted by Blog Editor at [10:00 AM](#)

Labels: [Weekend reading](#)

Nov 19, 2015

[Blog Sampler Flying X](#)



This week's block is called Flying X

Cutting Instructions:

Light fabric- cut four squares @ 2 inches x 2 inches
cut four squares @ 2 3/8 inches x 2 3/8 inches
Dark fabric- cut four squares @ 2 inches x 2 inches
cut four squares @ 2 3/8 inches x 2 3/8 inches



Take the four light squares measuring $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches and draw a diagonal line on each. Place these squares right sides together with the dark $2\frac{3}{8}$ inch squares and sew a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ inch on either side of the drawn line. Cut these apart on the drawn line, and press towards the dark side of the triangle square. These should measure 2 inches square at this point.



Arrange your finished triangle squares with the 2 inch light and dark squares as shown in photo below and sew together.



Go [here](#) to find the finishing instructions, keeping in mind that this block has the dark triangles on the outside of the block.

Posted by Blog Editor at [10:00 AM](#)

Labels: [Blog Sampler](#)

Nov 17, 2015

[Karen Howes English Paper Piecing Workshop](#)

So, I have to apologize in advance for the quality of the pictures, and also the fact that there are so few of them. I've been trying to adjust the settings on the guild's camera to reduce the amount of yellow in the pictures taken in the evening under the fluorescent lights during the meetings. Apparently that new setting doesn't like to be used during daylight hours. Note to self..... change the settings back for

daylight pictures or use a different camera. As far as the number of pictures, I was so involved in doing the workshop, that I forgot about documenting it. And that is just proof of how good the workshop was! The workshop was all about English Paper Piecing, also known as EPP. It isn't just your average Grandmother's Flower Garden any more. Karen started off showing us the basics of EPP.... the types of paper to use, how to fold our fabrics over the paper and basting them in



place.

She provided all the papers, gave us pre-

basted pieces to show the different methods and then gave us three more pieces of paper and fabrics so



that we could practice our basting



and practice

the whip stitch for sewing them

together. She took us through the process of fussy cutting motifs



from various fabrics to achieve secondary designs



and kaleidoscopic effects.

Again, she provided the

essentials for doing this particular technique, window templates for isolating the different parts of our fabrics, clear templates to draw around and the papers needed for making the hexagon rosettes. I think it was at this point that we broke for lunch. It was also at this point that I got so involved in playing with fabric and paper that the picture taking got eclipsed by the hexagon process.

After lunch she took us through the process for making six pieced hexagon variations. We had done homework before the workshop, so we had our fabric strips and pieces all ready for making our



variations,

which can be seen in Karen's sample



pieces.

Karen was a great teacher, full of enthusiasm for her subject. The preparation she put into the workshop, and the materials that she provided to the participants left us in no doubt how to proceed and also were excellent for taking home for further work. Thank you Karen!

I also want to give a large shout out to Karen's friend Debra. She was helpful during the workshop, kept Karen company when she wasn't with us, and also did all the driving for Karen, both to get her here and home again, and also around the city while they were here. Thanks Debra!

Nov 16, 2015

November 12th Meeting

We all gathered together November 12th for our monthly meeting. As Snoopy the dog, from the Peanuts comic strip would say, it was a dark and windy night..... After all the executive reports were



done, we were treated to a parade of the quilts that have been finished for our Community Outreach Committee.

of all I forget



the number of

finished quilts that were shown,



but it was at least a dozen.

After seeing all those wonderful quilts, we took a break for shopping at our vendor of the month, Stitcharie from Wyoming. They now have joined our group of vendors who have a link on our right hand side bar. After our break we were treated to a trunk show by Karen Howes.



Karen blogs at [Faeries and Fibres](#). Her blog is a wonderful read, and the pictures of her works are fabulous. To actually be able to see them in person was an awesome experience. There is so much detail in her quilts that pictures simply can't do justice to. I have left all these pictures at the higher resolution, so they can be clicked on and "biggie sized" for a



more detailed look. This is my personal favourite.

She calls it 81 the Giant Monstrosity. It is full of hexagons, six sided stars and appliquéd baskets and flowers, all done by hand and then hand stitched to backgrounds. Like I said, pictures don't do it justice. On closer inspection, there are butterflies among the flower



baskets

and an even closer look shows that there

are butterflies scattered among the hexagons and



stars.

They are fussy cut from fabrics and then

appliquéd in place. This next one was made from six sided stars and pieced hexagons.



The colour on this one is way off, I think, but you can get the idea. The last one I'm showing here on the blog was a small piece that she did for her Mom,



who loves bees.

After Karen's trunk show, we had member show and tell. Lyndsey J. brought her Jane Austen quilt to



show. That border..... it's full of one inch diamonds!
Kim Z. showed a table runner. The details have unfortunately escaped from my



mind. Susan D. showed us a quilt that she made for her daughter's 31st birthday. Susan just finished it..... her daughter is now



40. There are many more photos from the meeting and the trunk show on our Picassa page [here](#).

Labels: [English paper piecing](#), [EPP](#), [Karen Howes](#), [QOV](#), [quilts of valour](#)

Nov 11, 2015

[A Slight Change in Plans.....](#)

Anne L., our co-chair for the program committee contacted me this morning with a request that I notify members that there has been a slight change in plans for our Thursday evening meeting. Our vendor for the evening has been changed. Rather than Marie from Stitch It Central in Ingersoll. it will now be Laurie, who has opened a new shop in Wyoming called Stitcharie.

See you Thursday, everyone.

Posted by Blog Editor at [10:36 AM](#)

Nov 9, 2015

[It's guild meeting week.....](#)

Didn't I just do this a week ago? Wasn't the last meeting just a couple of days ago? Am I the only one who thinks that time is going way too fast? Please tell me I'm not.....

Anyway, the guild meeting is this week. Our speaker for November is Karen Howes. She has a blog that you can check out [here](#). She is giving a trunk show of her quilts, and then is doing a workshop on English Paper Piecing on Friday. There is preparatory homework required for this workshop. Our vendor for the meeting is going to be Maria from Stitch It Central in Ingersoll.

Here are some reminders for what to bring to this meeting. Any of us who have made blocks for the charity quilt need to bring them to this meeting. Lorna will be sewing the quilt together this month in order to have it ready for donation before Christmas. If you have made any of the stockings for My Sister's Place, please bring what you have done, so that we can get an idea of how many are done and how many more are needed. As stated in the last post, My Sister's Place can only use them if they have enough for everyone. They estimate that they will need over 300.

Remember to bring and wear your name tag and your chatelaine. Each of these will get you a free ticket for the fat quarter draws. If you are following along on the blog sampler, bring this month's finished blocks, which are the Pinwheel and the Hour Glass. Each of these will also get you a free ticket for the fat quarter draws.

Finally, our notion for the month is something purple. This is in honour of the organization called Take Back the Night, whose colour representation is purple. This month's march to draw awareness to the cause of fighting violence against women is taking place this Friday at Victoria Park. I couldn't find any information about this year's activity, but here's a link to a news article from last year. [Take Back the Night](#).

As a reminder since winter is coming, when the weather is bad and it looks like the meeting might be cancelled due to weather conditions, check the blog directly. There is sometimes a delay between the post being written and its delivery to your emails. If the meeting has to be cancelled, notification will be here on the blog during the afternoon on the day of the meeting.

See you all Thursday.

Posted by Blog Editor at [12:36 PM](#)

Nov 7, 2015

[An update on the request for stockings](#)

Hello Everyone,

During the October meeting there was a pattern for stockings passed out and members were requested to make some and bring them to the December meeting to be donated to My Sister's Place. During conversations with the folks down at My Sister's Place, we were notified that, unless there were stockings for everyone, they would not be able to use them. They don't want to give them to some and not others. So, we would like to challenge our membership to meet the numbers they would need. My Sister's Place thinks they will need over 300 stockings. We don't need them until the December meeting. If you didn't get a pattern and instructions for the stockings, they will be available at the November meeting as well. It would be wonderful if we as a group can meet, and perhaps even exceed the number of stockings My Sister's Place will need. Thank you all, in advance, for your generosity. We can do this!

Posted by Blog Editor at [12:40 PM](#)

Nov 6, 2015

[Weekend Reading.](#)

I'm not normally going to do a sampler post and a weekend reading post in the same week. But somehow or other, I missed last Friday for this one. Whenever possible, if our speaker for the monthly meeting has an internet presence, I want to feature them on a weekend reading post before they come to speak. I think it will build up interest in them, and whet our appetites a bit for what they have to show and share and teach us. This month's speaker is Karen Howes. She has a blog called [Faeries and Fibres](#). I first came across her blog last year during a Canadian Blogathon, and I was blown away by the quilt she featured in her post. Keep in mind when you look at the quilting on the quilt she called Monster 81, that it was done on her domestic machine. I really hope she brings this one with her. I'd love to see it in person.

[Monster 81](#)

I don't want to do too much here other than give a taste of what she does. Here's part of a piece she's working on based on various facets of living and the countryside in Cornwall England.

[Pilchards](#)

If you have more time, her blog is fascinating. She has tutorials on how to do English Paper Piecing. And she explains her thoughts on the creative process she uses very well.

Posted by Blog Editor at [11:08 AM](#)

Labels: [Weekend reading](#)

Nov 5, 2015



[Blog Sampler Pinwheel Block](#)

This week's Blog Sampler block is a Pinwheel.

Cutting Instructions:



Light fabric: cut 2 squares @ $3 \frac{7}{8}$ inches

Dark Fabric: cut 2 squares @ $3 \frac{7}{8}$ inches

Assembly Instructions:

Draw a diagonal line on the wrong side of each of the light $3\frac{7}{8}$ inch squares. Place each of these light squares right sides together with the dark $3\frac{7}{8}$ inch squares. Sew a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ inch seam on either side of the drawn line. Cut apart on the drawn line and press towards the dark triangle.

Arrange as shown in this photo, and sew together.



Go [here](#) for the finished block instructions, keeping in mind that this block has the light triangles on the outside.

Dec 17, 2015

[Blog Sampler Aircraft Block](#)

This week's block is called Aircraft, according to Barbara Brackman's Block Base.



Cutting Instructions:

Light Fabric- cut 1 square @ $3\frac{7}{8}$ inches. Cut this square in half on the diagonal.

cut 5 squares @ $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches. Cut 3 of these in half on the diagonal.

Dark Fabric- cut 2 squares @ $3\frac{7}{8}$ inches. Cut these squares in half on the diagonal

cut 2 squares @ $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches



You will have a leftover $3 \frac{7}{8}$ inch light triangle.

Take the 2 $2 \frac{3}{8}$ inch squares and draw a line across the square on the diagonal. Place these right sides together with the $2 \frac{3}{8}$ inch dark squares and sew a scant $\frac{1}{4}$ inch on either side of the drawn line. Cut in half on the drawn line and press towards the dark side of the triangle square. You will have one of these triangle squares extra.



Arrange these triangle squares with the light $2 \frac{3}{8}$ inch triangles as shown in the photo below. Make three of these units.



Take these three units and one light $3 \frac{7}{8}$ inch triangle and match them up with the four dark $3 \frac{7}{8}$ inch triangles as shown in the picture below and sew together into the



finished triangle square units.

Lay those units out

as shown in the photo below and sew together to finish the sampler square.



Go [here](#) to find the finishing instructions, keeping in mind that this square has the dark triangles on the outside.

Dec 16, 2015

[Membership List Reminder](#)

During our December meeting Lorna mentioned that Teresa is putting together a membership list that will be handed out to the guild membership. If you do not want your information on this membership list, please contact Teresa at her email tea.blum@sympatico.ca

Thank you.

Posted by Blog Editor at [11:03 PM](#)

Dec 15, 2015

[December 2015 Christmas Meeting](#)

We gathered together on December 10th for our Christmas meeting. And it started off with a bang. Back at the beginning of the year, Lorna, our fearless president, suggested that we donate some quilts to a needy family for Christmas. She passed out a pattern for a very simple block and asked guild members



to make some blocks, and have them in her hands by the November meeting. Our members went home, and made enough blocks for not one, but two



quilts.

We ended up with 2 families that we were



donating quilts for. Between the quilts that had been done for community outreach and the ones that Lorna organized, we met the number needed for both families. Well done everyone!! And then, if that wasn't enough, the membership donated over 120 placemats for Meals on Wheels. There were also donations for My Sisters' Place. We needed 300 stockings in order for everyone at My Sisters' Place to receive one. We ended up with 425 stockings. In addition to all this, were donations of toiletries to also go to My Sisters'



Place. The table was full of the donations. What a fabulous giving group we have for our membership!



We then took a break for some goodies, some tea

or other beverages and some shopping. Shirley from the Marsh Store was our vendor. After the break, the program committee had organized various Christmas crafts that we could



participate in. There were some felt ornaments,



napkin or paper folding,



Christmas Tree

and a yoyo Christmas tree, to name a few.

A group of our members swapped post cards with a guild over in London England, and they showed



what they received.

After all this there was still show and tell to see.





It was a wonderful meeting, packed full of all kinds of activities.

Posted by Blog Editor at [6:02 PM](#)

Dec 11, 2015

[Weekend Reading](#)

This weekend's links are all about Christmas craft and decoration ideas. A continuation of our meeting theme from the past week. Have fun.

[Origami fabric ornament](#)

[Prairie Point Ornament](#)

[Sewing Machine Ornament](#)

[Fabric Ornament](#)

[Pinecone Ornament](#)

[Felt Christmas Tree](#)

Posted by Blog Editor at [9:22 PM](#)

Labels: [Weekend reading](#)

Dec 7, 2015

[Guild meeting week reminders](#)

Good afternoon everyone. Our Christmas guild meeting is this week, and there's a list here to remind you of the various things you need to bring to the meeting.

1. Christmas stocking for My Sisters Place
2. Donations for My Sisters Place- shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, razors, new underwear (all sizes), hair brushed, pony tail holders, poise and depend pads (all sizes), gloves and mittens and socks.
3. Placemats for Meals on Wheels
4. Basic sewing kit to use for crafts at meeting- needle, thread, scissors for paper.
5. Mug for tea.
6. Checkbook to sign up for January's workshop for Liberated Baskets.

As always, bring your name tag, your Chatelaine and your most recent blocks from the Blog Sampler, which would be the Turnstile and Flying X. Each of those items will get you a ticket on the fat quarter draws.

There will be a social time during the meeting, with treats. The vendor for the meeting is Shirley from

The Marsh Store.

See you all Thursday.

Posted by Blog Editor at [1:13 PM](#)

Dec 3, 2015

[Blog Sampler Turnstile Block](#)



This weeks block is the Turnstile Block.

Cutting Instructions:



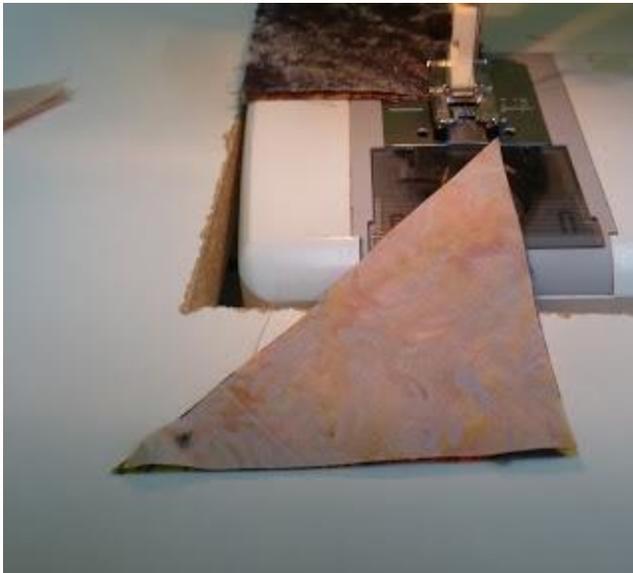
Light fabric: cut 2 squares @ $3\frac{7}{8}$ inches. Cut these squares once along the diagonal.

cut 1 square @ $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches. Cut this square twice along the diagonals

Dark Fabric: cut 1 square @ $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches. Cut this square twice along the diagonals.

Assembly Instructions:

Take the four triangles cut from the $4\frac{1}{4}$ inch light square and place them right sides together with the four triangles cut from the dark $4\frac{1}{4}$ inch square. In order to get the pieces to spin in the same direction, the orientation on the pieces as they go through your sewing machine is important. Please note the picture below.



All of these pieces should go through this way, light on top and dark on bottom. The long edge of the triangles will be facing to the top and off to the left. You will be sewing down the shorter edge, from the narrow triangular tip down to the square bottom edge. Press towards the dark triangle.

Arrange these quarter square triangle units with the triangles cut from the light $3\frac{7}{8}$ inch squares, as shown in the photo. Again, the orientation of these is important.



Sew together along the long seams. Press towards the large light triangle.

Arrange your triangle units as shown, and sew together. Once more, the orientation of these is important.



Go [here](#) to find the instructions for finishing the block, keeping in mind that this block has the light large triangles on the outside edge.

Posted by Blog Editor at [10:00 AM](#)

Labels: [Blog Sampler](#)

Dec 1, 2015

November 2015 sew-in day

Last Saturday we had our fall sew-in day. There were about 20 ladies participating, working on all kinds of various projects. I thought I had taken more pictures than I did, but then I was only able to be there for a couple of hours. I seem to have done more talking than picture taking. I also seem to have taken more pictures of projects than I did of people.

Lorna M. and Tiny C. both brought their projects from the workshop we had in November taught by



Karen Howes. This one in Lorna's



and this is Tiny's.

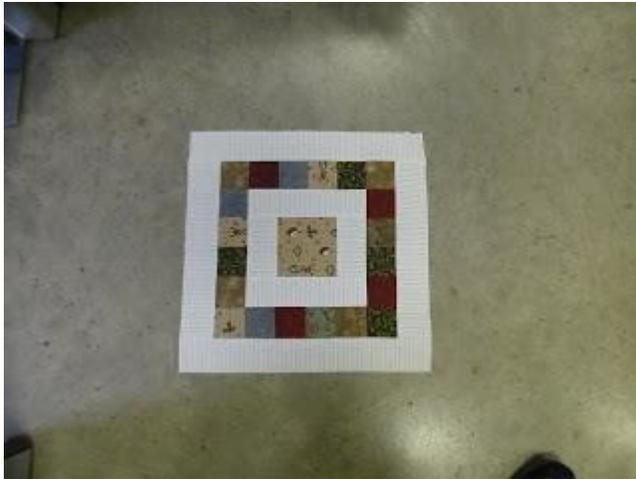


Deb M. was working on an appliqué piece.

Lisa was working on some placements for the Meals on Wheels.



Gail was working on a table runner, destined to be a Christmas



gift.

This was one of the blocks for it.

Christine R. was working on a Disappearing Nine Patch.





Anne L. was doing a Christmas wall hanging, maybe it was a lap quilt, I've forgotten that part.

Carol V. was working on her project from Jacqui Gering's workshop from last year.



She was laying it out in preparation for pin basting.



Maureen was slicing up some strip sets.

I'm not sure what they were for, but if I had to guess, I'd say a Bonnie Hunter Scrappy Trips. Charlene O. was working on her La Passacaglia,



trying to figure out what to do with the borders.

I'm sure you can get a really good idea of the fun being had from these few pictures. The machines were humming and some really interesting conversations were going on. I happened to overhear one interesting conversation discussing Pierce Brosnan..... I wish I'd gotten around to everyone, and I wish I'd been able to be there longer.

