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President's Message

As August winds down, for many of us it marks the end of a summer of visiting and visitors and freedom from the structures and routines that normally control our lives. Kids returning to school may mean more quilting time at many houses!

I have been a Guild member since 1991 and in the guild I have found many opportunities to make friendships and grow as a quilter through the many workshops offered over the years as well as to find inspiration in the amazing work which members show at our Show and Tell each month.

I am pleased to be your president for the next two years and I know I have very big shoes to fill. I am so looking forward to working with the other members of your Executive... hard working, committed and creative folks who love quilting. I and the Executive welcome suggestions and ideas to make our Guild more enjoyable for everyone.

September is truly a time for new beginnings. So I invite you to take a few minutes and think about setting some personal goals for your quilting this year. If you have never taken a Guild workshop, your goal may be to attend one. You may decide that you will make the Block of the Month each month. Perhaps it will

Next meeting:

Wednesday September 27, 7:30 p.m.

be to complete some of those pesky UFOs that haunt everyone's sewing area and display them at our Show and Tell. Maybe you will come to our annual retreat or make some cuddle quilts.

Our Quilt Show is coming in April and it is never too early to start planning what you will have ready to bring. Some quilters worry that their work may not be "good enough" to display and I want to remind you that each of us is on our "Quilt Journey" and even our most amazing quilt makers were learners at some time. So I challenge each member to prepare at least one piece for display at the Show!

Thank-you to everyone who came out to the Elman Campbell Museum to assist in hand quilting our Baltimore Album Raffle Quilt. Our log shows that we put in approximately 390 hours! It looks amazing and sitting at the frame provided time for good chats.

Beat wishes for a creative and productive year.

Marilyn

Don't forget to bring:

Block of the month (pattern in May/06 newsletter)
Money or cheque for workshops
Charms to swap
Quilts to display
Finished cuddle & preemie quilts
Your new coffee mug
Name tag & membership card

The Region of York Quilters Guild meetings are held at the Newmarket Seniors Meeting Place, 474 Davis Drive, Newmarket, on the 4th Wednesday of each month, September through May, excluding December.

The doors open at 7:00 p.m. for a half hour of socializing, signing up for workshops, and borrowing library books. All meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. with the business session followed by the program. Don't forget to check out the membership table for sale flyers, quilt shows, and lots of other quilt-related information.

Guests are welcome at all meetings except November and May. Admission at the door is \$5.00.

Membership

Welcome to the 2006-2007 session, a season jammed with all sorts of great events, and our first big event is the September meeting! For those of you who received your membership cards in the mail, kindly bring them to the meeting and for those of you that don't have your cards, kindly see me at the membership table.

Would all members make sure the old sticker on your membership tag is removed before the meeting! A space needs to be made for the new one. There are 137 members eligible for the free membership draw! Good luck to those participants! As of this writing, there are 178 renewed members. It looks to be a very busy meeting and any volunteers to help out at the membership table would be appreciated. Kindly contact me at paddy@aci.on.ca if you want to help out!

See you on the big day!

Paddy Honey

Display

September Theme: "What I did on my Summer Vacation"

Welcome back everyone! Our hope is that you had a wonderful summer, whether that meant getting the opportunity to do lots of quilting or a break from projects to do other things. As we approach the Fall and a return to routine, this is a chance to see the quilts that you worked on over the summer. Please share your summer projects for everyone to see – it doesn't matter if it is not quite finished.

Please bring them to the front of the room before the meeting, sign them in and we will hang them up on the wall for the duration of the meeting. Looking forward to getting inspiration from your creative talents.

Nuala Evans and Nora Priestly

Workshops

There are two spots available for this exciting workshop!! Call me to reserve your spot. 905-836-0084

Are those Leaves and Butterflies Real?

Christine Fries-Urel – \$50.00

Wednesday September 27, 2006 – 9:00 - 4:00

Newmarket Community Centre, Hall #3

In this workshop "Are those Leaves and Butterflies Real?" you will be creating 3-D leaves, some from fabric, others from thread only. Fashion colorful 3-D butterflies using fabric and thread-painting. Make your creations into a little quilt, with thread painted pine trees in the distance. (Details and examples at www.loveabideth.com-- click on "Classes.")

Tuesday UFO Days

UFO Days have been scheduled for September 26th, October 24th, November 28th. Bring your lunch, project and money to share in the venue cost of \$60.

UFO Days are held at Lemonville Community Centre on McCowen just south of Bloomington Sideroad. It is on a little side street on the east side. Look for the sign. The phone number at Lemonville C.C. is 905-640-5338 in case people need to contact you.

Sandy Dunn

Website Update

If you changed your email account during the summer, please let us know. We'd like to update our records before the next newsletter notification mailing. Just send a note to the website committee at webmaster@regionofyorkquiltersguild.ca

Susan Sellers and Irene Philp

Baltimore Album Raffle Quilt

Our Raffle Quilt is truly an example of “many hands make light work”. It is complete and it is lovely!

- Thank you, to Patti Carey who coordinated the block challenge.
- Thank you, to the quilters who made the exquisite blocks. (Those not used on the quilt will be drawn for at the September meeting.)
- Thank you, to Sherry Hisey who put the blocks together and to her class who assisted with making the 1,200 half-square triangles.



- Thank you to the following hand quilters who found time to come and quilt:

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| Catherine Boase | Liz Born |
| Elaine Evans | Marie Graham |
| Pam Gonsalves | Bonnie Greflund |
| Anne Hawkins | Sherry Hisey |
| Heather Ingram | Paddy Honey |
| Anne Mason | Jean MacKenzie |
| Lica McIntyre | Joyce McKinnon |
| Janice Moerat | Judy Moore |
| Nancy Moore | Marg Mount |
| Kathy Murphy | Betty Norberg |
| Maureen Pettigrew | Betsy Ryan |
| Maureen Seller | Judy Smith |
| Marilyn Sorochan | Elizabeth Timm |
| Helgi Trotter | Fran Wachna |
| Dora Weatherill | |

- Thank you to the Elman Campbell Museum for providing us with such a hospitable location in which to quilt. Staff kindly opened the Museum after hours on several evenings so we could work. Many Museum visitors (unfamiliar with quilting) dropped by to admire and find out about our project.

Marilyn Sorochan

Program

We hope you're looking forward to another exciting year of learning from experts within and outside of our guild and of participating in the many on-going activities that our guild offers. Activities in which you can regularly get involved include:

- Tuesday UFO Days at Lemonville – Sandy Dunn
- Block of the Month – Linda Ball
- Outreach – Elspeth King
- Charm Swap – Judy Matts

You can stretch your quilting proficiency by participating in:

- Round and Row Robins – Martha Schellingerhoud
- Wallhanging Challenge – Patti Carey

Hopefully, from this range of activities, each of you will find something in which you would like to get involved.

The September meeting promises to be memorable when we have Christine Fries-Ureel, who is an award winning pictorial quilter from Vermont. Have a preview of her wonderful work at www.loveabideth.com

Any suggestions that you have to offer for activities and speakers would be greatly appreciated.

Betty Goulden

Block of the Month

The R.Y.Q.G. Schoolhouse

(10 1/2" x 10 1/2" unfinished)

The templates for this BOM may be found in the May 2006 newsletter on our website. The schoolhouse fabric should be a steel grey blue colour, the background is cream. The block is paper pieced.

Remember to attach 2 name tags to your block and hand it in at the Block of the Month table prior to the start of the meeting.

New members are encouraged to participate in this monthly activity. Details of fabric preparation, etc. may be found in your New Member Handbook.

Linda Ball

Charms for 2006-2007

For this season, three new shapes have been selected:

- the equilateral triangle
- the tumbler
- the hexagon

Since this involves a little more cutting, the eight months we are active I have pre-selected colours based on a box of crayons. If you like, you can go out and select and cut all you fabrics at once. It is very easy. The colours will be: **September – green**, October – blue, November – brown, January – yellow, February – black, March – purple, April – orange and May – red. The half metre (if it is 44 inches wide) will give you 17 triangles, 12 hexagons and 13 tumblers.

Step 1 – cut three 4 inch strips and put aside the extra 7 inches for use later to fill out the quilt.

Step 2 – lay two of the same pattern beside each other as indicated by the pictures.

Step 3 – cut and trim to the pattern.

Step 4 – place your name and phone number on a zip-lock bag and put the 17 triangles, 12 hexagons and 13 tumblers inside ready for the monthly exchange.

If you have any questions, please call me at 905-898-3873.

Judy Matts

