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DECEMBER 2007

MEETING
MONDAY
DEC 3
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TIME!

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Next Meeting
MONDAY
FEB 4, 2008

PROSE FROM THE CO'S!

December already!

How can it be? We're all looking forward to our special Quiltmas program, to meeting new members, sampling interesting potluck dishes, learning the names of unusual quilt blocks, and trying out the Embellisher.

Raffle Quilt Kits

We are very grateful to Janet Major for her work in designing a raffle quilt that everyone can contribute to. It's a beauty, all right, (a Buckeye Beauty), and we have a wonderful selection of batik kits she's assembled. Can't wait to see this one go together!

Charity/Fellowship Day

Since there is no meeting in January, we've arranged a get-together at Maki House. Work on your raffle quilt block, a charity project or goodies for Quilt Canada - whatever strikes your fancy! Come, have some fun, meet some fellow guild members and contribute to a good cause. We'll have fabric and ideas, but you'll need to bring your sewing machine and equipment, thread, some batting and lunch. So come and join us **Wednesday January 16th, 2008 9:30 - 3:30 at Maki House**. There will be a sign-up sheet at the December meeting or you can phone Mary at (613) 567-2675 to register.

Our very best wishes to you all for a Happy New Year of Quilting.
See you February 4th!

Your Co-Presidents,
Mary & Kris

NEW MEETING TIME!

After a vote by the membership at the November meeting, guild meetings now start at 7pm.

THE MINUTES from the previous month's meeting are posted on the Bulletin Board. If you have any corrections, please see Grace MacNab.

Visitor Policy: Guests are welcome [\$5.00] but please be aware that our new venue, though more comfortable and better acoustically, has limited seating capacity. Therefore, we can only admit visitors at 7:30 PM if space permits. We regret any inconvenience, but we must consider the members first and work within the restrictions of our space.

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MEMBERSHIP

Most of you have your membership card ready for showing at the door. Thank you for your co-operation. We have a suggestion to make it even easier in the cold/windy/wet weather that is certain to be just around the corner. Some members are choosing to wear their card around their neck in a badge or conference holder (clever idea!). The holder will protect your card should you decide to carry it in your pocket. After entering the meeting you can slip it over your head. We have some holders available at the membership table for \$1.00 if you can't find one at home.

FYI: Replacement cards will be issued for a \$5.00 fee.

PROGRAM

Enjoy fun and games at our December "Quiltmas" celebration. Then, after the busy holiday season and getting back to the your sewing room in January, you won't want to miss our February presentation....

"QUIT QUILTING CASUALTIES".

"If quilting is so much fun- why is my neck hurting, why are my shoulders aching, and why are my eyes seeing double?? Find out the answers to these questions, and many other "sore" muscle questions. Our resident chiropractor and quilter, Dr. Jann Thulien, will share tips we can use in our sewing rooms, but, most importantly, for our bodies. Remember the key word in your sewing room is "ergonomics", and the key word for your aching body is "knowledge".

2009 OVQG QUILT SHOW RAFFLE QUILT

Kits for this group quilt will be available at the December OVQG meeting for a \$5.00 deposit (which will be refunded upon the return of the squares). Instructions and all the pre-cut fabric required are included in the kit. To encourage everyone to participate, from beginner to expert, we have kept the block very simple. All squares are to be returned at the February meeting. If you cannot make the meeting, have a friend return them, put them in the mail or drop them by my house. Many hands make light work! Any questions should be directed to Janet Major at (613) 741-6255.

OPPORTUNITY HOUR HELPERS

Don't forget to consider giving committee members a chance to experience a demo by standing in for them for a few minutes.



Your guild
needs you!

We have two positions to be filled. Please contact one of our VP's, Barb or Pat, if you can help.

Volunteer Coordinator: Fill any positions on various committees from the preferences indicated by members on their application forms. Maintain a master list of members' contributions. Knowledge of people in the guild helpful but not essential. Computer experience a plus!

Web Information Coordinator: This person will collect information to be put on the guild website and act as liaison with our web developer. Ability to correspond in email required.

BABY QUILTS

Thirty two baby quilts were collected at the November meeting. This brings our total to seventy seven. Great job ladies. Thank you.

Pat Wright donated Christmas print fabric and we had a little sewing bee at the end of Nov. We will display these baby quilts at the December meeting.

[Judy Black]



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JANN (613) 225-8004 or LORRAINE (819) 682-3219 or email at workshops@OttawaValleyQuiltersGuild.org

Workshop Locations:

Loblaws Cooking School: College Square—at the Loblaws Superstore at Baseline and Woodroffe intersection.

Maki House: 19 Leeming Drive is south of Carling Avenue—turn east off Crystal Beach Drive and look for the “log cabin” beside the little park (417 exit would be Moodie Drive)

Nepean Museum: 16 Rowley Avenue—Rowley Ave. runs north off Meadowlands Drive, just west of Merivale Road .

Mystery Sampler [CLASS FULL – reminder of dates & location]

Instructor: Fran O’Neill

Dates: Tuesdays; December 18, March 18, April 15, May 6 and May 20 (7-9 pm)

Location: Nepean Museum, 16 Rowley Avenue — Room B

Design Your Own

Instructor: Liane Thiry Smith

Dates: Saturday, February 16 (9-4) AND Saturday March 1 (9am-4pm)

Location: Maki House and Nepean Museum

Fee: \$70.00 (two day workshop)

Extra fee: \$25.00

Description: This is it! The opportunity to be guided thru the design process from beginning to end! Learn how to generate, clarify, plan and create your own ideas in fabric. This workshop explores elements of design and colour through improvisation, intuition and meditation while using quilting as a medium for personal expression. You will learn the skills required to create a quilted 24” square or 18” circular wall hanging unique to your own vision while incorporating personal symbolism with a variety of techniques. Come explore a different approach to quilting and free the artist within. The first class is devoted to developing your ideas and design. Please bring a notebook and pencil. Fabric and supplies will then be discussed.



Magic Tiles

Instructor: Pamela Griffin

Date: Saturday, February 23 (10AM -12PM , 1-3 PM)

Location: Maki House, 19 Leeming Drive

Fee: \$30.00

Extra fee: template fee \$1.50. Pattern to be purchased from local store.

Description: A classic! I’m sure you’ve seen this pattern by Canadian pattern designer, Kathleen Bissett on many occasions. If you haven’t had time to get to it, there is no better time than now. Pamela has taught this class many times and she is familiar with all the pitfalls. Come and see this version of the pattern in oriental prints at the work-shop table.

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Answer to ‘poser’ from November newsletter...

[*A professor came to class and wrote this sentence on the blackboard: “woman without her man is nothing” He then asked the class to insert all the punctuation and submit it.*]

When the professor read his students' papers, he had 2 distinct answers:

The guys wrote: "Woman, without her man, is nothing." The girls wrote: "Woman!! Without her, man is nothing!" Vive la difference!

A Tree for All Seasons

Instructor: Laurie Swim

Date: Tuesday, March 4 (9-12 and 1-4)

Location: Loblaws College Square

Fee: \$50.00

Extra fee: \$5.00 kit fee

Description: Spring, summer, autumn, winter, only God can make a tree wrote the poet Joyce Kilmer. Everyone loves trees and in this workshop, trees will be our inspiration. With the theme, a tree and its stages through the four seasons, those participating will develop skills and confidence in creative sewing techniques. As well as creating samples to use as a future reference there is the bonus of creating four lovely small works in fabric and thread.

Level: Introductory to Intermediate

See Laurie's website: <http://www.artquiltpublishing.com>.

ADDITIONAL CLASS ADDED

DATE: Wednesday, March 5 (9-12 and 1-4)

Location: Maki House

Dragon Bones or Fish Fingers Plus Quilters Tool Time

Instructor: Susan Purney Mark

Date: Tuesday, April 8 (9:30-12:30 and 1:30-4:30)

Location: Loblaws College Square

Fee: \$50.00

Extra fee: none

Description: Susan is the co-author of the books: Quilted Havens (2000) and Fat Quarter Frenzy (2005).

Learn lots about design and block arrangements in this class where insertion strips of color run across the fabric surface. Squares, rectangles, triangles or diamonds – students can choose from a variety of shapes and sizes are flexible. The quilts will provide unique area for further quilting design and embellishments. ALSO, Susan will discuss some of her best tools for quilters. There will be lots of information as you see how to get the most from products that have been developed just for you and some surprising ideas to make your quilting projects the best and easiest ever.

Beyond Stippling Part I

Instructor: Elaine Quehl

Date: Saturday, May 31 (10 am to 4 pm)

Location: Maki House

Fee: \$50.00

Extra fee: none

Prerequisite: The ability to free-motion stipple quilt by machine.

Description: Are you in a stippling rut? Expand your repertoire of beautiful free-motion stitches! This course is designed for machine quilters who are familiar with free-motion stipple quilting, but need creative ideas to venture beyond stippling. You will learn to stitch at least 20 different free-motion motifs, and have samples to take home. Motifs include various meanderings, swirls, nested designs, leaves, flowers, and organic designs. Experiment with cotton, rayon and metallic threads. The best thing about this method of quilting is that there is no need to mark your quilt top, and nothing to wash off after.



FABRIC TO SWAP

I have 6 half-meter cuts of Northcott circa 1800's fabric that I'll swap for almost any other fabric. I'll swap all or any pieces in the set of six and will have them at the December meeting. You can see them at the newsletter table. [Maureen Roach]

In Memoriam

FREDA BOURGEOIS, known to most OVQG members as the founder of Freda's Sewing Services, passed away on Sunday October 28 after a courageous battle with cancer. Many are not aware that she was also a co-founder of the original BouClair House of Fabrics. Freda was passionate about making a difference and the varied backgrounds of those who gathered to celebrate her life on November 18 were a testament to the many aspects of her life. Mothers of children with cancer celebrated her support and encouragement as a volunteer at CHEO, while others told of her work with underprivileged women and children in Haiti and Jamaica. She was an exceptional wife, mother and grandmother and a natural hostess whose freezer was always filled with wonderful casseroles and baked goods that she had made. Freda was loved and cherished by many and will be deeply missed by her husband of 58 years, Matt, by her children Paulette and Cheryl, by her son-in-law Tim and by her precious grandchildren Natalie and Gordon Urquhart.



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Thank you to all those who helped with the Support the Troops project! As you may know the project was successful for sending 24 quilts and 12 boots to Halifax. They were sent to Germany for our military injured and I believe will be distributed by the Canadian Chaplin .

With Christmas and family activities being important in November and December, I have not been looking for another workshop to do more quilts for this project. However, if you are interested in getting more done in January please call me to show an interest so

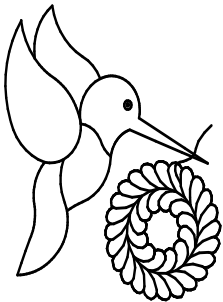
I know how big a room to look for to have a quilting bee. I will be doing another one in January myself and hope you might be able to join me. Margery Windover (phone. 613-225-8734)

mwindover@rogers.com

THANK YOU!

The OVQG would like to extend a big thank-you to *Commercial Finishing & Cabinetry*

(www.commercialfinishing.ca) for the donation of several books of upholstery samples to our guild. Their generosity is much appreciated. The samples have been distributed to several of our members who are building on that generous spirit by using the upholstery fabric on charity projects such as bags for the Cancer Society and fidget quilts for Alzheimer patients.



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A Montana guild wonders if any OVQG members would be interested in having an old-fashioned, pen and paper pen-pal with a shared interest in quilting. OVQG member Maureen Maguss would be happy to co-ordinate with our members and the Montana guild. Contact her at 613-733-2296 or Maureen.maguss@sympatico.ca



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Did you visit www.friendshipquilters.com to see the special page for OVQG?

Algonquin School of Part-Time Studies now offers workshops in fibre arts. You can register by phone or online.

BUBBLEWRAP ART USING RECYCLED MATERIALS: Learn to melt fabric into bubble wrap to achieve one of a kind works of art. Sat., Jan 19, 9 AM - 1 PM - \$40.00

BASIC FRACTURES: Create a wall hanging by cutting and manipulating repeats in the fabric. Sat., Jan 26, 9 AM - 5 PM - \$59.31

FIBRE ARTS – FOILING: Learn how to transfer metallic foil to fabric. Sat., Feb 2, 9 AM - 12 PM - \$60.09 (includes kit)

FIBRE ARTS - PAINTSTIK GLITZ: Add colour, glitz and sheen to fibre art using stencils, masks and rubbings. Sat., Feb 9, 9 AM - 12 PM - \$60.09 (includes kit)

CREATIVE SURFACES: Create a landscape wall hanging using Tyvek, cellophane, and painted fusible web. Sat., Feb 16, 9 AM - 5 PM - \$59.31

COMPLEX FRACTURES: Prerequisite: Basic Fractures Sat., Feb 23, 9 AM - 5 PM - \$59.31

Block of the Month - December 2007

"Diamond" Ribbons

For February 2008 meeting

Thank you to the 27 members who produced 58 striking "stacked blocks". They really looked impressive. Margery Wendover and Barb Ramik each won 26 blocks. Can't wait to see those completed quilts ladies!

Christmas is just around the corner and by the time we meet again, it will almost be Valentine's day. So what is better than a chocolate filled heart? Why "diamonds" of course. So let's weave ribbons of them into a quilt. We found this pattern in issue 29 of Patchwork Quilting magazine. Please make 2 units as described below.

Fabric requirements: (for both blocks)

White on white for background (setting and corner triangles)

Your darkest black for the 1st set of stripes

Red (bright) and blue (royals) for the 2nd set of stripes

4 jewel-tone colours (no pastels, no fluorescents, no browns) for the centre "diamonds"

Cutting directions:

-for the diamonds: cut 4 - $3 \frac{3}{8}$ " squares (A) (1 from each of the 4 colours of fabric)

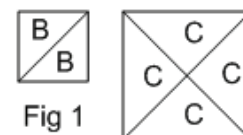
-for the background (white):

-cut 4 - 3" squares, cut in half diagonally, to give you 8 corner triangles (B)
(use 4 triangles per block) (**fig 1**)

-cut 1 - $5 \frac{1}{2}$ " square, cut on both diagonals, to get
4 setting triangles (C) (use 2 per block) (**fig 1**)

-for the 1st stripe: cut from the black 4 - $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " x $8 \frac{1}{2}$ " strips

-for the 2nd stripe: cut from the red 2 - $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " x $8 \frac{1}{2}$ "
cut from the blue 2 - $1 \frac{1}{2}$ " x $8 \frac{1}{2}$ " strips



Block assembly: (fig 2 & fig 3)

1. Take 1 - $3 \frac{3}{8}$ " square (A) ("diamond") and place it right side up.
2. Take 1 small white triangle (B) and **centre it**, right sides together, on the right hand side of square (A) (**N.B:** to centre, fold both pieces in half and finger press a crease, then align creases)
3. Sew with an accurate $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam
4. Press toward the square (A)
5. Take 1 large white triangle (C) and place it, right sides together, with 90° angle lined up along the bottom and left hand side of the square unit
6. Sew with $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam along the left hand side
7. Press toward the square (A)
8. Repeat steps 1-7 for the 3 remaining $3 \frac{3}{8}$ " coloured squares (A)
9. Select 2 pieced units and line them up as in (**fig 2**): one with the large triangle (C) on the left and the other below it with the large triangle (C) on the right.

10. Flip the bottom unit onto the top unit, right sides together, matching the seams between the "diamond" and the large triangles.
10. Sew with $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam all along the bottom edge
11. Press seam open
12. Centre a small white triangle (B), right sides together, on the top "diamond".
13. Sew with a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seam
14. Press toward the triangle
15. Repeat steps 13-15 on the bottom "diamond"
16. Take the remaining 2 pieced units and repeat steps 9-16 (for your 2nd block).
17. Trim these 2 rectangular units to $\frac{1}{4}$ " beyond all the points all around.
18. Sew a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ " black strip on both long sides of **each** rectangle (fig 3)
N.B: To get crisp points, sew with the pieced rectangle on top, in order to better see the intersection of the seams, and then sew 1 thread beyond it.
20. Sew a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ " red strip to both sides of 1 rectangle (fig 3)
21. Sew a $1\frac{1}{2}$ " x $8\frac{1}{2}$ " blue strip to both sides of **the other** rectangle (fig 3)
22. Press all seams toward the black strip
23. You should now have 2 "diamond" squares each measuring $8\frac{1}{2}$ " square. (fig 3)

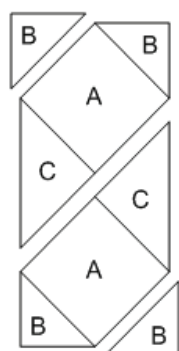


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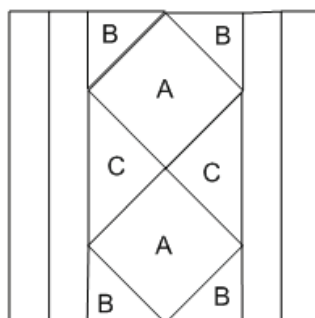


Fig 3

TIP: (Fons & Porter – Quilter’s Complete Guide)

If you want to apply this to any size block set on point, here are the “formulas” to calculate the size of squares required, to cut your setting and corner triangles.

Setting triangles:

Finished block size x 1.41 = **finished** diagonal (round off to the nearest $\frac{1}{8}$ ")

Then add 1.25 to this.

The answer will give you the size of square required, when cut on both diagonals, to make 4 setting (side) triangles.

Corner triangles:

Finished diagonal (from above calculation) divided by 2

Then add .875 to this

The answer will give you the size of square required, when cut diagonally, to make 2 corner Triangles.

We like to add $\frac{1}{4}$ " to the above final measurements and trim to $\frac{1}{4}$ " beyond the points.

We would like to wish everyone a **Merry Christmas** and a **Happy New Year!**

COMING EVENTS

December 2007

1 & 2 “The Art Quilter Lecture & Workshop Series”
featuring: Robbi Joy Eklow “the goddess of the last minute”
Lecture: Free Expression Quilts (Fri. Nov. 30 at 7:30 pm)
Workshop: Free Expression Buffet by Robbi Joy Eklow
(Sat. & Sun. 10:00 am – 4:00 pm)
location: Maki House, 19 Leeming Drive.
Info: Jody Taylor (613) 828-1183, e-mail: bra-voshow@sympatico.ca or www.bravoquiltstudio.com

February 2008

29-March 2 “Quilters Pleasure Weekend” NAV CAN Centre,
Cornwall, ON—Quilts Show, Classes, Fashion Show, Vendors
Market, Retreats, etc.
INFO: 613-989-1220 or www.quilterspleasureweekend.com

March 2008

28-30 “Quilt Fever 2008” presented by the Etobicoke Quilt
Guild. Quilts, vendors, boutique, tearoom, raffle and challenge
blocks.
Neilson Park Creative Centre, 56 Neilson Drive, Etobicoke
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April 2008

11-13 “Quilt Reflections 2008” presented by the Manitoba
Prairie Quilters. Quilt display, workshops, auction, merchants
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May 2008

1-3 Ricky Tims Quilt Seminars, Glens Falls, NY
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9-11 “Threads that Bind Through Time Quilt Show”
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22-25 “Salon 2008”
Quebec’s 3rd Provincial Quilt and Textile Art
Exhibition, College Andre Grasset,
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23-25 Quilts Kingston 2008 presented by the Kingston
Heirloom Quilters and the Limestone Quilters’ Guild
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June 2008

2-8 “Quilting on the Edge” - The Canadian Quilters’
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