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MARCH 2008

Meeting
MONDAY MAR 3
7:00 PM

◆ **New Location** ◆

**St. Anthony's
Soccer Club**

St. Anthony St.
at Preston St.

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- just one block north of the
Queensway/ 417]



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- membership card
- name tag
- mug
- small change

Guests are welcome
[\$10 admission]

Next Meeting
MONDAY APR 7

PROSE FROM THE CO'S!

We don't know about the weather, but the OVQG is surely coming in like a lion this month! For starters, we are thrilled to have internationally-acclaimed artist, teacher and speaker, Laurie Swim speaking to us.

And your raffle tickets on the Toasted Mocha Latte quilt--made by Keitha, Grace, and Nancy--are ready. Please be sure to pick yours up from Shirley. If everyone sells two books (and you know you can!), we'll be able to afford some amazing programs. Or just buy your own books - we all want to win that quilt!

Your Executive Committee has burned the midnight oil to propose amendments to the Constitution. Our goal is to simplify it so that in future years changes will be minimal, and we won't lose a whole meeting to the AGM; instead, we can focus on what we love most and what we're here for: quilting! Please contact any member of the executive *before* the May meeting if you have any questions about these proposed amendments.

Are you getting involved in your guild? Have you made your mug bag for CQA yet? Finished your block for the Buckeye Beauty quilt? Signed up for a workshop? Made a baby quilt? Come on, let's get busy!

Finally, and most importantly, have you thought about how you can contribute to the guild next year? If you want a Quilt Show, you must step forward and help to run it: we need a Coordinator (or 2!), a Volunteer Coordinator, or any of the other committee positions. Or speak to Georgia Beale if you can help out on the Executive or one of the Guild committees. Any questions? Just ask us!

Your Co-Presidents,

Mary & Kris

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Also see the separate enclosure regarding our Constitution

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Information about guild policies, programs, etc. can be found in our Members' Guide available from the Membership Committee or on our website www.ottawavalleyquiltersguild.org

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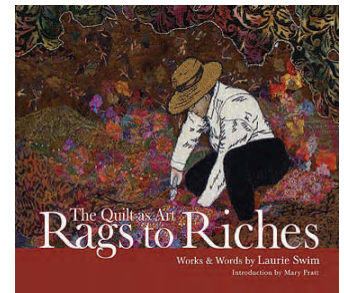
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PROGRAM

This month we are pleased to have Laurie Swim, author of the recently published *Rags to Riches: The Quilt as Art* is coming to our meeting to speak on "Community Based Quilts." Copies of her book may be purchased at the meeting and autographed by her during

Opportunity Hour. Tickets are available for nonmembers for a cost of \$10. If you want to buy a ticket for a friend, please contact Pat Amundrud or Kris Broadhead.



At the April presentation —

“Show Us Your Fat Quarters”— we’ll have an evening of rollicking fun with quilt designer, teacher and author, Susan Purney-Mark. You won’t want to miss her entertaining stories, along with games and prizes, and especially not her trunk show of amazing quilts. Once again, guest tickets will be available at a cost of \$10.

BABY QUILTS

Guild members were busy last month and another 40 baby quilts were donated to the Rich Little Special Care Nursery at the Civic Hospital. Thank you ladies, the quilts were beautiful. [Judy Black]

HAND QUILTERS WANTED

A local woman is looking for an individual or group to hand-quilt her tops (usu. double bed size) - fair compensation to be discussed. Please call Leila at 613-722-4414 (if no answer, please leave detailed message on answering machine).

THE MINUTES...

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

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STUDY FUND REPORT

Thank you to the OVQG for the "Study Grant" support.

My quilting education continues on a daily basis and with your help I have added more interests and challenges to it. With a study in composition I have realized my style and quality of quilting is endless. Designing my own pictures or patterns is more interesting. The study in thread use and selection go hand in hand with the colour wheel that rolls on and on. Techniques are endless, aren't they!

I enjoyed learning about ways and means of expressing my artistic thoughts with the fibre art quilting medium. I'm enjoying the traditional and contemporary styles of quilting more because I have had the opportunity to see others at work and the passion they have doing their own quilting style. The classes have opened up many areas of interest and I thank you for that opportunity also. [Margery W.]

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OVER 2000 QUILTS ON DISPLAY

Opening March 30, the International Quilt Study Center and Museum promises to be real feast for the eyes. Located at the University of Nebraska In Lincoln, Nebraska, this new facility already has a collection totally nearly 2300 quilts from around the world. Visit www.quiltstudy.org to learn more.

WORKSHOPS

See previous newsletter for policies regarding guild workshops or visit us at the workshop table. We will have sign-up sheets and supply lists and samples of the class projects. **For more information contact: 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; March 18, April 15, May 6 and May 20 (7-9 pm)

Location: Nepean Museum, 16 Rowley Avenue — Room B

A Tree for All Seasons

Instructor: Laurie Swim

Date: Tuesday, March 4 (9-12 and 1-4) at Loblaws College Square

OR Wednesday, March 5 (9-12 and 1-4) at Maki House

Fee: \$50.00 plus **kit fee** \$5.00

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. [See Laurie’s website: <http://www.artquiltpublishing.com>.]

Level: Introductory to Intermediate

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.

Molas

Instructor: Pamela Griffin

Date: Saturday, May 24, 2008 (10 am – 3 pm)

Location: Maki House

Fee: \$30 **Extra fee:** none

The Kuna in the San Blas Islands, Panama, traditionally make molas by hand but we will learn reversible machine appliqué while making our 3 Mola blocks.

More...

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.

Felted Dragon

Instructor: Wendo Van Essen

Date: Sunday May 4th, (1pm to 5pm)

Location: Maki House

Fee: \$40.00 **Extra fee:** \$20.00

Description:

Wendo will take you step by step through the creation of this feisty little dragon. We will make an armature and 'sculpt' him with a felting needle. You will have a choice of colours for your dragon and also a choice of what kind of claws you'd like him to have..either shell or semi-precious stones. You will take home a finished 6-8 inch tall dragon. You will need to bring an approx. 10 inch square piece of 2" thick upholstery foam.

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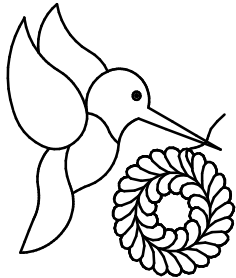
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Just “Ducky”

For April meeting

What a great bunch of blocks we received last month! 18 members handed in 52 vividly coloured diamond ribbon blocks. These were won by Lorrie Church. We look forward to seeing those ribbons woven into a glorious quilt.

Because of the cancelled December meeting, we also collected 23 Christmas envelopes from 19 members. These were divided up into four sets of 4 and one set of 3. They were won by Lorrie Church [isn't she the lucky one!], Charlotte McDonald, Lorna Wallace, Johanna Blakeny and Betty Giffin who won the last two sets. Well ladies, you have no excuse not to be ready for next Christmas. PS – let us know what goodies you received hidden in those pockets.

With the delights of spring soon to arrive, come those April showers, we thought that these funky little appliquéd ducks would be a cheerful way to get through those soggy days. We got the pattern for these cute duckies in the November 2002 issue of “The Quilter” magazine.

Fabric requirements:

Background - 10 1/2” square of dark blue fabric [tone-on-tone, batik, very small print]

Ducks - body – any shade of yellow or gold [can use more than 1 fabric if you wish]
feet and bill – oranges or reds

Backing for appliquéd pieces – used dryer sheet or light weight non-fusible interfacing

A piece of water soluble or tear-away stabilizer to machine appliquéd the ducks

Block construction:

Lay your duck fabrics, right sides together on top of your selected backing.

Cut out the templates, **adding** a seam allowance.

Pin each piece to appropriate fabric and sew all around **on the line**.

Trim seams with pinking shears – slit backing – turn piece right side out – press.

Assemble your ducks in the centre of the square, in any funky pose you choose [see diagrams for possible layouts] making sure that none of your pieces extend into 1/4” seam allowance.

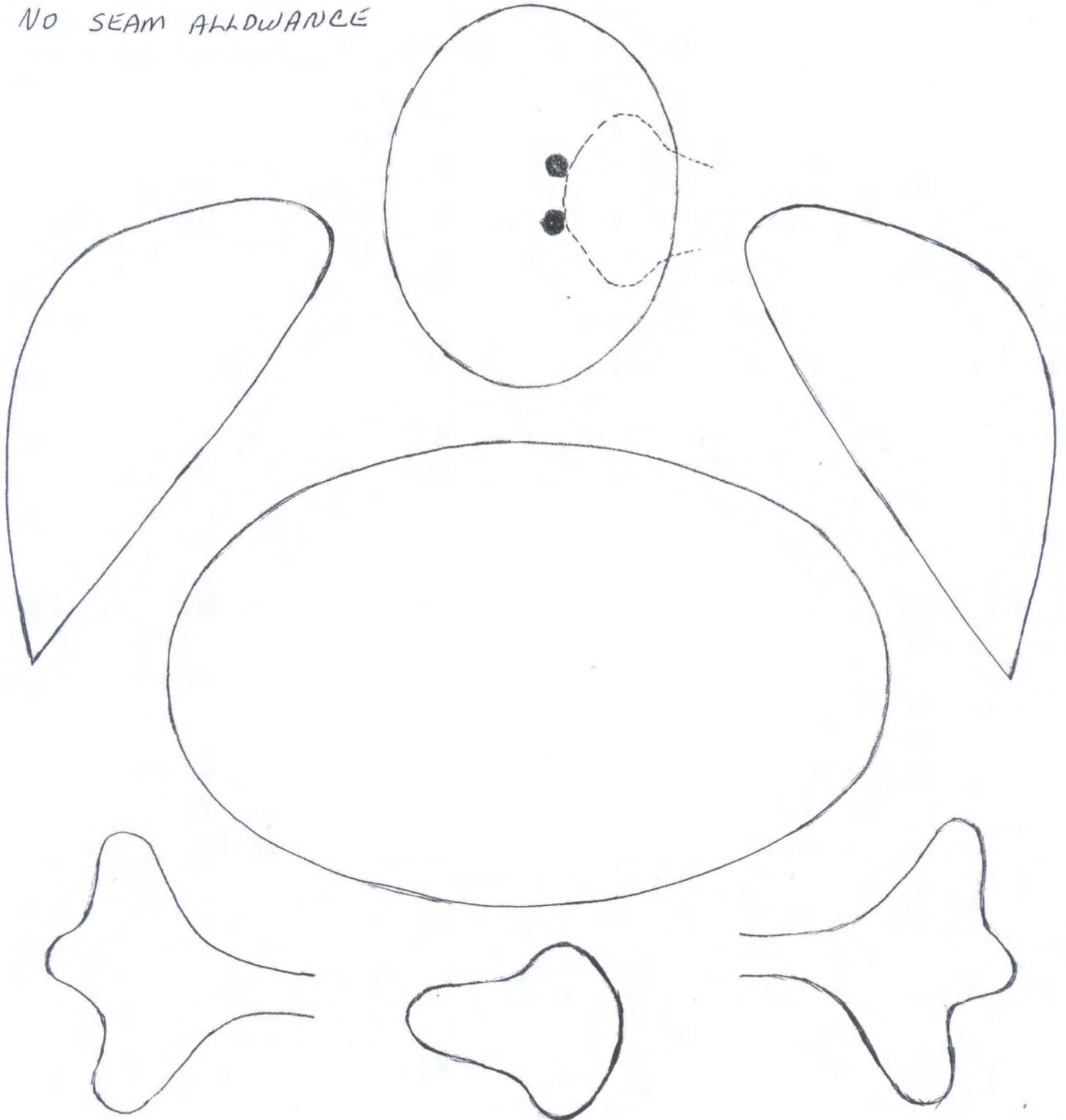
Place stabilizer behind the background square and appliquéd, with any decorative stitch, using contrasting and/or variegated thread.

Embroider the eyes with black thread.



DIAGRAMS SUGGESTING POSSIBLE POSES

TEMPLATES HAVE
NO SEAM ALLOWANCE





◆ SHOP HOP ◆



It's a "Stash Dash Poker Run"

Friday, March 14th through Saturday, April 5th

There are lots of ways to win one of several \$50 gift certificates — best poker hands, worst poker hand, most shops visited, etc. — and every entry qualifies for the grand prize draw, a Tutto machine carrier filled with lots of new tools, notions & books. [\$400+ value]

There will also be many in-store specials or prizes at each stop on your hop!

Get all the details and your entry forms at these participating shops:

Aunt Beth's —Navan
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world of antiques & gifts at Country Bows
or drop by Touchstone Manor,
the llama & alpaca shop

COMING EVENTS

March 2008

29-30 Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild Show
Nick Smith Civic Centre, 77 James St., Arnprior, ON
The show includes traditional and contemporary quilts,
Guild challenges and wearable art. There will be a
merchants mall, raffle of a Christmas-themed quilt,
auction of quilted bags and purses, and door prizes.
A local church is providing a tea room both days.
INFO: www.arnpriordistrictquiltersguild.com

April 2008

11-13 "Quilt Reflections 2008" presented by the
Manitoba Prairie Quilters. Quilt display, workshops,
auction, merchants mall, etc.
Canada Inns, Polo Park, Winnipeg MN
INFO: www.manitobaprairiequilters.org

May 2008

9-10 "Off the Bed, Off the Wall" presented by Port
Perry Patchers, Scugog Community Centre, 1655
Reach St., Port Perry ON

9-11 "Threads that Bind Through Time Quilt Show"
Common Threads Quilt Guild
R.A.Centre, Riverside Drive, Ottawa, ON
INFO: www.commonthread.on.ca

22-25 Quebec's 3rd Provincial Quilt and Textile Art
Exhibition, College Andre Grasset,
1001 east Cremazie Blvd, Montreal QC
INFO: cqq.ca

23-25 'Quilts Kingston' presented by the Limestone
Quilters' Guild and the Kingston Heirloom Quilters
Portsmouth Olympic Harbour, 53 Yonge St.
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INFO: www.quiltskingston.org
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27-31 St. Jacobs 13th Annual Quilt Shows
St. Jacobs ON
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June 2008

2-8 "Quilting on the Edge" - The Canadian Quilters'
Association national conference, St. John's NFLD
INFO: Jennifer Gill 709-738-3239 or email:
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20-21 "Muskoka Quilt Show 2008"
Pine Tree Quilters Guild Admission \$5.00
Bracebridge Fairgrounds, Bracebridge, ON
Tea Room, Merchant Mall, Door Prizes
INFO: Marta McIntyre 705-645-4732 email:
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July 2008

19 "Quilts in my Garden" - presented by the Meaford
Hall & Culture Foundation, Meaford ON [on Georgian
Bay]. Quilts will be displayed in 7 area gardens. \$20 ad-
mission includes lunch at Meaford Hall's Terrace room.
INFO: www.meafordhall.ca or bevans@meafordhall.ca

September 2008

5-7 "Falling for Christmas" presented by the Buckhorn
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October 2008

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