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JUNE 2009

Meeting

MONDAY JUNE 1

7:30 PM

(7 PM Social & Refreshments)

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- mug
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Next Meeting
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PROSE FROM THE CO'S —

Wow! What a Show! Our Quilt Show Committee outdid themselves in organizing and delivering this year's spectacle. Thank you to the members of the committee, to all the volunteers who worked before, during, and after the show, and to our two amazing (and brave!) show chairs, Alice and Albertina—Good on ya! (As transitional co-presidents, are we allowed to declare this the "Best Show Ever"? We think we can take that chance.)

And congratulations to the winners who will bring their ribbon-awarded creations to our June meeting. We look forward to learning about the inspiration behind the success.

This year's Annual General Meeting should be short and sweet. Constitutional issues were concluded last year, and only elections for some committee positions are required. While we do have some positions staffed by volunteers who will be into their third year of service, we would very much like to give these women a break and bring in some new talent. Some other positions are currently vacant, so we may have to discuss the possibility of reducing our Guild activities for next year if we can't find any volunteers for these (please consult Mary Pal of our nominating committee for details, at marybpal@gmail.com).

We will also be drawing the winning ticket for our beautiful raffle quilt—Jewelled Batiks. Tickets were actually sold out this year thanks to the dedication of our Raffle Team, a keen Membership, and a well-attended Quilt Show. **The draw will be at 7:30pm sharp, so come early** to the meeting. Good Luck!

It has been a pleasure to serve as your co-presidents this past year. Have a great summer and we'll see you next year!

(M-R and Eden)

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ROADWORK ALERT!



Roadwork on Preston Street affects access to our meetings for some Members! There are no turns allowed off Carling Avenue. Those of you who normally use that route should turn onto Booth Street instead and then left onto Gladstone. You can either continue on Gladstone to Preston (another left) to access the club parking lot, or access the Adult High School parking lot directly off Gladstone (just before Preston).

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THE MINUTES

from the previous month's meeting are posted on the Bulletin Board. If you have any corrections, please see Carol Kerfoot.

PROGRAM

Our last program of the year has two different aspects. First, we are putting ourselves centre-stage with a trunk show of award winners from our Festival of Quilts show. Maybe you were overwhelmed to see so many fabulous quilts and forgot which was the winner, or maybe you came early and didn't get to see who won. Or maybe you remember an extraordinary quilt, but don't know who made it. Well, we aim to solve those problems for you in our June program. We are asking all award-winning quilters—all categories and honourable mentions—to bring their winning quilts to the June meeting, so that we can all get to see the artists behind the work and hear their comments. What better way to celebrate the end of a great year and a fabulous Quilt Show? We would also like to see all the mystery quilts—so, even if you've only got the top done, please bring it in! We'll show them all together and see the different looks achieved from the same instructions.

Secondly, there will be a sharpening service at the meeting! JC's Mobile Sharpening Service will be set up and ready to go by 6:30 pm. Feel free to bring your dull scissors, rotary blades, pinking shears etc. and drop them off between 6:30 and 6:45pm inside the hall (near Membership). Be sure to label **each item** with your **name, including the bag** in which you have put them. **Keep a list** of what's in the bag. Then go and socialize. At about 7:15, John will bring the bags of sharpened items back into the hall with the receipt for what you owe. He'll accept payment by cash or cheque (payable to The Sharpening Shoppe) and he'll be done by 7:30 pm, in time for the Raffle Quilt draw. See his website for prices www.sharpeningshoppe.com. Prices will include taxes!

Don't forget to bring your money for the Summer Challenge Kit—"Desperate Times Call for Desperate Measures"—if you wish to be challenged this summer! All entries are your own property, but will be judged at the September meeting by viewer's choice. Details are in the kit.

Program for next year is already in the planning, and we have already confirmed Pippa Moore of Kitambaa Designs, Vancouver to present a trunk show for us, and to sell her African fabrics and patterns in November. Check out her website www.pippamoore.ca Pippa used to be a Member of our Guild! Although she is unable to offer any Guild workshops, she will be doing 3 workshops in late October at The Country Quilter in Richmond. You can call the store for details.

We have also booked Kathy K. Wylie for February. Kathy is the author of "Sewflakes" and her specialty is applique. See her work at www.kathykwylie.com.

And finally, it looks like we may be hosting Dena Crain from Kenya in April! Details are still in the works, so keep your fingers crossed that it all comes together. Her website is www.denacrain.com.

Hope you enjoy these gals' works over the summer.
(Vikki Zulpo, Alison Trantor)

2009 FESTIVAL OF QUILTS

On Mother's Day weekend the OVQG put on a marvelous show of quilts, special attractions and artists-in-residence, not to mention an awesome merchant mall. By all accounts it was a successful endeavour. Some comments from the survey on the back of the Viewer's Choice ballots, and from the Judges included:

- "amazing, diverse collection of artistic work from all skill levels";
- "beautiful, amazing quilts to see";
- "polite and helpful volunteers";
- "well-organized show";
- "interesting display of artistic talent";
- "excellent vendors".

"Thank you" to all the OVQG Members who contributed their work and their time to help make this show an overwhelming success!

(Alice McKay, Co-Chair Quilt Show Committee)

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A report of the final Quilt Show 'numbers' — visitors, proceeds, etc—will be made at the June meeting.

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Jennifer and I truly appreciated all the hard work the volunteers did before and during the Quilt Show. Without you it would not have been a success. The Show received many positive comments and I'd like to pass this one along: "*A real eye-opener! So much talent! Volunteers are so polite and happy to educate. My first, but not my last!*"

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
(Lynn Ruff and Jenniferann Heward-Eastham,
Volunteer Coordinators)

All through the Quilt Show planning exercise the Committee has been burdened by anxiety— will we have enough quilts to exhibit? Will the Show attract enough people to cover the expenses? The Biennial Quilt Show should be the ultimate goal of the Guild. Its Members should take inspiration from the excellent Programs and 'Show and Tell' to produce wonderful quilts and then work together through the two preceding years to reach that goal. Why else would they belong to the Guild?

The 2009 Committee spent too much time worrying about unknowns, figuring admission charges to visitors and merchants to be able to afford outsourcing the frame installation, or thinking of contingency plans in case of insufficient quilts. Only 40% of the Members exhibited their quilts. In my view, we can do much better.

However, due to the assiduous work and creativity of each Committee member and high quality of quilts that were submitted, the Show was a success, because it was a pieced top of these 'blocks'—

- indefatigable volunteer coordinators: Lynn & Jenniferann
- diversified, well-handled merchants: Mary
- imaginative publicity: Linda
- creative printing and website coordination: Mary
- efficient quilt registration: Joan
- expert financing: Adeline & Deborah
- accurate records (plus rods & dress forms) Rosemary
- well-planned quilt hanging: Heather & Lidia
- well-assisted judging and raffle: Nancy
- attractive wearable display: Vikki & Fran
- richly stocked boutique: Lorraine
- impeccable takedown: Pat,

— all bordered by the Presidents: Eden & M-R and bound and quilted by the Co-chairs: Alice & Albertina, to produce a great quilt!
(Albertina Pianarosa, Co-Chair Quilt Show Committee)



A heartfelt '**Thank You**' goes to the **Common Thread Quilt Guild** for lending us the rods to hang our quilts on. This saved us more than \$2500 in rental costs!

'**Thank You**' also to **Fabricland** for lending us the twelve dress forms used for the Wearables display.

BABY QUILTS

At the May meeting we collected another 73 baby quilts to donate to the Rich Little Special Care Nursery at the Civic Hospital. This brings our total so far to 381. Thank you for the wonderful job you have done in keeping these little ones warm and cozy in these beautiful baby quilts.

I will do a quick count at the June meeting and let you know the grand total before the end of the meeting.

I have really enjoyed the last three years delivering baby quilts. Thank you again.

(Judy Black)



QUILTING PIECES—A PLAY

The Mississippi Valley Textile Museum and the Valley Players of Almonte are co-producing a play called ‘*Quilting Pieces*’ as part of their annual Fibre Fest, September 10-13, 2009.

The play presents stories about quilts and quilters, woven together with music and references to quilting in the Ottawa Valley—past and present. Written by one of our Members, Barbara Robertson and her sister, Elizabeth Corewin, this play was produced in South-western Ontario last year to sold-out audiences. Barbara will have tickets for sale at our June meeting.

QUILT TOUR!

Regina McCarthy, of the tour company McCarthy's Party in St. John's, Newfoundland, is organizing a Quilt Tour of Newfoundland from September 28th to October 6th (nine days). You will see the scenic sights such as Gros Morne Park and visit many quilt groups, as well as Conche, the place where a 200-foot-long tapestry is being embroidered depicting the history of Newfoundland. Regina is well-informed as she is a quilter herself and apparently very entertaining too! This is the company that did the tours for CQA last year. For more information go to nfldinfo@mccarthysparty.com. I will bring detailed information to the next OVQG meeting if you are interested.

(Bev Hastings)



SHOP HOP SATURDAY, June 6

The bus leaves from Richmond Plaza at 8:30 AM. Stops include The Country Quilter (Richmond), Textile Traditions (Almonte), Creative Styling (Westport), Sew Crafty (Rideau Ferry) and Quilter's Rack (Smiths Falls).

Return is approximately 4:30—5 PM.
Cost \$25.00.

Lunch on your own in Westport.

To book a spot, please e-mail Alison Trantor at ptranter@sympatico.ca or phone 613-838-5347. Payment can be made at the June Guild meeting.

JUNE 20

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Quilty Pleasures (Orleans)
Aunt Beth's Quiltworld (Navan)

**ALL SHOPS WILL BE OPEN UNTIL 7 PM ON
THURSDAY AUGUST 13**

WORKSHOPS

Workshop Policy is posted on the website and bulletin board. Please read.

For more information please visit the workshop table or e-mail your question to workshops@OttawaValley-QuiltersGuild.org. Fees for non-OVQG members are given in brackets.

Some of these classes are early in September so you'll want to register now!

My Favourite Things

Instructor: Mary Pal **Choice of afternoon *or* evening class**
Date: Wednesdays, Sept. 9th, Oct. 14th, Nov. 11th, Dec. 9th, 2009 and January 13th, 2010
Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM or 6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Location: Canadian Beading Supply, 190 Colonnade Road South (behind Wool-Tyme)
Class Fee: \$50.00 (\$60)

Description: This class is part art quilt, part story-time, part technique demo, and part sharing ideas with others. From September to January, we will meet once a month for two hours and between classes you will work on a wall-hanging shaped like a house. Each class will begin with a cup of tea, a discussion of the challenges the artwork presented the previous month, sharing your work in progress, exchanging ideas on how to express your purpose, demos of techniques to add to your repertoire and then quiet handwork while we listen to episodes of a five-part short story. The story tells the tale of an older woman who is faced with some frustrating life circumstances. She will be working on the same project you are: a house-shaped art quilt depicting her favourite things. Your house will be a one-of-a-kind artwork depicting things that bring you happiness: yours might be a garden home, a birdhouse, a seashore cottage or even a cat house! Each month our protagonist will encounter the same challenges you do and together we will overcome these challenges. After discussing various ways to approach your "vision," you will have a whole month to work on your piece at home. The fifth class will be a potluck where the finished pieces are unveiled and the story is finished. The best part is that there is no pattern and no right or wrong way to complete this piece – it is intended for all levels of quilters, from beginner to advanced, whether this is your first art quilt or your fiftieth, and any and all techniques are encouraged.

Beginners' Quilt Class

Instructor: Beth Cameron
Date: Tuesdays, September 22nd, October 20th and November 17th
Time: 7:00 – 9:00 PM
Location: TBD
Class Fee: \$50.00 (\$60)
Description: "I Spy" Quilt



Come to this workshop to learn to make an easy "I Spy" block child's quilt using 3.5" squares. Each block will be of a different novelty fabric (fabric with a "picture"- animal, vegetable or other object). If you are a beginner, Beth will teach you what to do from square one; others will have a bit of a refresher but with the added benefit of a fabric exchange. By pooling our novelty fabrics, we will each get a wider variety and be able to save on costs as well. We will be doing what quilters do best: sharing and pooling resources.

The Thread Talk

Instructor: Anita Zobens, Superior Thread Educator (Canada)
Date: Saturday, November 14th
Time: 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Location: TBD
Class Fee: \$50 (\$60)
Kit Fee: \$5.00

Description: Are you overwhelmed with choosing threads for your quilting projects? With so much variety available today it can be exciting and, at times, confusing. This presentation will enable you to make an informed decision. Students will learn about the different fibres and weights, how to choose the correct needle size and how to adjust the dreaded tension dial. We'll overcome our fear of metallic or specialty threads. Anita will tell us more about the 'dust bunnies' in our machine, where they come from and what to do about them. Threads will be available for purchase.



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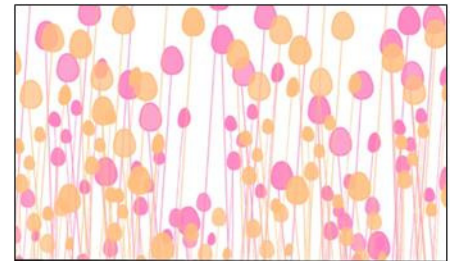


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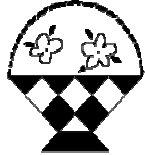


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ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS 2008-09

(Eden Thurston and Michèle-Renée Charbonneau)

Well, we promised that 2008-09 would be a year full of “status-quo” and we think we delivered, with even a little more on top—sort of “Status Quo +”, we like to call it. Most of last year’s changes to the Guild meetings were maintained, but a couple of improvements were made as well, such as the consistent use of the large room at St. Anthony’s Soccer Club, and a shift back to 7:30pm for the meeting start time, allowing for a half-hour of Social at 7:00. This was done so that Members who prefer an early start could have a chance to socialize and interact with other Guild Members, but delayed the business portion of the meeting to a time that was easier for all Members to make it. This social time allowed Members to do most of the activities normally reserved for breaks, and took the pressure off of everyone during that tight 15 minutes later in the evening.

We had 190 Members this year, including 33 new Members. Membership draws were held each month to encourage people to wear their nametags.

The new charity event “At Home with Quilts” house tour happened in September with great success, raising \$2,540 for Roger’s House. This happened on the same weekend that some of our Guild Members represented the Guild at Upper Canada Village!

We had nine monthly meetings with excellent programming that attracted 96 visitors throughout the year.

In addition to meetings, we had 13 well-attended workshops, and a baby quilt day in January where the attendees made baby quilts for CHEO.

With interest waning by organizations to organize raffles for charity quilts, the Guild reconsidered how we run our charity quilt program and is now offering quilts to organizations for charity auctions.

The raffle quilt, “Toasted Mocha Latte”, was raffled off in October. Tickets for this year’s raffle quilt, “Jewelled Batiks”, sold out during the recent Quilt Show and will be drawn for at the June meeting. The next raffle quilt, “Summer Baskets”, was completed by Members of the Guild and quilted by Thread F-X in the fall of 2008.

Newsletters were issued each month, including a new advertising/promotional column for merchants to highlight events or other items about their stores. The OVQG website was updated with a new look and feel and significant work was done to archive older materials on the site. Study fund scholarships were awarded to three lucky Members.

The big event this year for the Guild was our Bi-annual Quilt Show. “Festival of Quilts” was a resounding success! A new venue, more merchants, great publicity, and a very dedicated organizing committee made this year’s Quilt Show (we think) the best ever!

The financial report and the year’s budget were published. Our current financial status allowed us to have out of town speakers and rent the larger room for all of the meetings, alleviating some of our space constraints. The committees have kept costs in line with the budget, and the Guild remains in good financial shape going forward.

Please take a few minutes to review the committee reports in the May and June issues for details about the Guild’s activities throughout this past year.

Many thanks to our Executive Committee, the Committee Chairs, and all of the volunteers for a wonderful year. It has truly been a pleasure to work with all of you!

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORTS 2008-2009

Reports for VP Programs, Program Coordinators, Workshops , Charity and Baby Quilts can be found in the May newsletter.

SOCIAL (Sandy Rogan and Joanne Raven)

Making sure we have adequate supplies, we arrive an hour before the meeting as it takes that long to make coffee and tea. One pot is made in the kitchen and another in the back of the room. Then we have enough time to set out juice, water, milk, cream, sugar, goodies and the collection jar for the \$.25 charged for glasses and cups. In addition to the coffee and tea, we spend approximately \$17 each meeting.

After break, we have to take the pots to the kitchen, dispose of garbage, and clean the pots. The pots are safely stored and transported in big plastic garbage bins.

BLOCK-OF-THE-MONTH (Carole Carraro and Lidia Walker)

In this, our final year as your BOM committee, we submitted 8 blocks. From Sept/08 to May/09, there were 119 participants (comprising 52 Members), and 221 blocks were made. Our annual budget was \$75 and our expenses totaled \$35.66 for supplies and year-end prizes for the participants. As in the first two years, we enjoyed the challenge of presenting a variety of styles and techniques; quick-piecing, appliqué (hand and machine) and paper piecing and we hope this sparked your creativity. Ideas for the blocks were taken from magazines, ads, the internet and quilting shows; however, the blocks were altered, redrafted, and submitted with our own instructions and diagrams, keeping in mind quick, accurate and easy assembly. We tried to choose patterns and colours that would make up into attractive quilts, and based on Members' comments and finished quilts (three were in the quilt show), we feel that for the most part we succeeded. We thank everyone for your support over the past 3 years.

UFSO'S/DOCTORS-ON-CALL (Liane Thiry-Smith)

This has been my last year leading this program. The program proceeded as usual but with lower registered participation than before. There were 10 registered participants and a few unregistered give-aways which found homes with charities. However the number of registered UFO's and giveaways does not reflect the volume of questions for the quilt doctor. There was still high interest in quilting support.

This year's winner will be announced at the June meeting and will receive a gift certificate of \$50.00 to the quilt shop of her choice.

AT HOME WITH QUILTS (Pat Amundrud)

The goal was to show quilting used in the home, as well as, but in ways other than, on the bed or wall. For the Guild it was to financially break even. It was more successful than we dreamed. You could see 468 items (bed quilts, wall hangings, window and shower curtains, placemats, table cloths and runners, chair cushions and covers, pillows, tea cozies, fabric bowls, jackets, purses, boxes, dolls, games, doll quilts and antiques) for the ticket price of \$15. Besides the tour of five west Ottawa homes (where everyone was so busy looking at the quilted items nobody looked at the house!) we also had 175 donated quilted items at the local community house to be sold for the benefit of Roger's House charity. Guests could have a complimentary cup of coffee/tea or juice and a piece of cake after buying quilted items, a Raffle Quilt ticket or a Tiny Textile Treasure post card. The Tour profited the Guild \$1100, the charity sale for Roger's House \$2540 and the Tea Room \$100 from over 200 visitors.

Plans are under way for the 2010 Tour with, of course, modifications.

Thank you to the many volunteers in our homes and at Maki House and especially to Grace Whiting (Green House: leaves, trees and honey bees), Margaret Dunsmore (Fibre Art House), Ann Gorman (Glorious Color House), and Bernice Nagle (Autumn House) for opening their homes. I had "Christmas" at my house.

Grace Whiting and I celebrated our success with the publication of "At Home With Quilts" in *The Canadian Quilter*, Spring 2009, p. 44-45.

ADMINISTRATION REPORTS 2008-2009

Reports for Library, PA Equipment, Shop-of-the-Month, E-Mail and Telephone Tree and Web Coordinator can be found in the May newsletter.

VP ADMINISTRATION (Liane Thiry-Smith and Trudy Seliger)

This year, the VP- Admin position was shared by two Members and it worked out very well. We copied all e-mails to each other and when one had to miss a meeting the other sent a summary of the highlights.

In addition to being members of the Executive (with only one vote), the position is one of giving support to the twelve committees on the Administration side of the organization. This means not only representing the Committees at Executive meetings, but more practically, it means working with them at Guild meetings (e.g. Membership, Books, Magazines) and at other times as well. For instance, when Newsletter needed a proof-reader, one of us took that on; and when Membership raised urgent concerns about the Application Form, we took the lead on that, listening and consulting with nearly twenty people to produce our current form.

Another “unwritten” task is to step in and take on a convener-less Committee. The vacancy for Special Events left Liane to take on the Upper Canada Village event, recruiting volunteers and organizing quilts for display. For her part, Trudy took on advertising the monthly Guild meetings in newspapers, and with flyers and bookmarks, since there was no Publicity person tasked with this job. We trust these positions can be filled for the coming year.

It turned out to be a lot more work than we’d been led to believe, but the Committees each did a marvelous job and it was a pleasure working with them. Unfortunately, to Trudy’s dismay, Liane will be stepping down at year’s end.

PUBLICITY (Trudy Seliger)

Publicity was previously under Shop-of-the-Month so that the local business community had a single Guild contact. This year, however, we felt the need to advertise to the general public to help fill the larger room, but this was clearly beyond the S-O-M’s mandate.

Basically, the job was to find free advertising in local newspapers and to create flyers and posters in-house, hence no budget. Except for a glitch in May, meetings were advertised in the Citizen every month, starting in September. In January, we began submitting to weeklies, locally and throughout the Ottawa Valley (thank you Fran Henderson). Flyers were made without benefit of fancy software and were distributed to Guild members (hard copy) and to quilt shops and local guilds (electronically). A bookmark was issued in January to highlight the upcoming program to June. Events such as At Home with Quilts and the Quilt Show did their own publicity.

The groundwork has been laid. If you would be willing to 1) send out monthly e-mails (to newspapers) outlining that month’s program, and 2) occasionally put together a respectable flyer using basic software, please contact Trudy at the VP-Admin e-mail or see me at the meeting.

NEWSLETTER (Linda Doyle)

Nine newsletters were published this year – September through December and February through June. (There is no January newsletter as we do not have a January Guild meeting.) With more and more Members choosing to read their newsletter on-line there are now only 15 copies being mailed out each month. The wide variety of software programs used in submitted reports and especially drawings or artwork has caused some technical ‘glitches’ when inserting them into the newsletter, but it’s been a good learning experience in trying to deal with them!

I have really enjoyed my two years as Newsletter Editor but would be more than happy to have someone else wear that hat. Anyone interested in doing so is welcome to contact me for information about the position. In the meantime I will continue doing the job so that the Guild continues to have a newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP (Suzanne Nelson and Carol Baker)

We had a great year! Our membership reached 190 with 33 new members. Visitors are always welcome at our meetings, and the numbers prove it. We had a total of 96 visitors, 35 of which were at our special meeting in May.

We continued with last year's practice of carding all members at every meeting. We also continued to encourage folks to wear name tags -- if you wore a name tag, your number went into a draw for a fat quarter.

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped us at the door for all the varied tasks that were asked of you. Many hands make light work, and it showed. A special thank you goes to Judy Smith for assembling our team of volunteers. Special thanks also go to Janet Ives for being our regular bingo chip lady, and for joining Carol next year as a membership coordinator.

Next year is already shaping up well. We've already received many membership applications, using the revised membership form available in the April newsletter and online on our OVQG website.

PHOTOGRAPHY (Margaret Dunsmore)

Photos were taken at each meeting throughout the year. Special attention was given to blocks of the month, baby quilts, guest speakers, demonstrations, and 'show and tell'. Liane Thiry-Smith assisted by taking information about the 'show and tell' items, so that they could be identified later. In addition, photos were taken at special events including At Home With Quilts and the Festival of Quilts. The photos were made available to the web master on an as-requested basis. Following the June meeting these photos will be copied to CD's which will be turned over to the web master and to the Guild archivist.

MAGAZINES (Mary Walsh)

We had a busy year lending magazines and expanding our holdings. Our budget of \$300 was supplemented by \$65 through the sale of older or duplicate magazines and the payment of late fees.

Subscriptions to Australian Patchwork and Quilting and A Needle Pulling Thread were renewed. Two new subscriptions, Quiltmania and Irish Quilting, will be available for your enjoyment next year, along with our current subscriptions to Fons and Porter's Love of Quilting, Quilting Arts, American Quilter and Quilters' Newsletter Magazine which are due for renewal next fiscal year.

We have stocked up on supplies so that next year's budget can be maximized for subscription purchases. An electronic inventory of all magazines allows us to better manage our resources and to help you in your search for a particular magazine issue.

Please consider volunteering for the openings in this Guild activity. It is a somewhat physically taxing job but a rewarding one.



Thank you so much to all of you who have made pillowcases for the children at CHEO. I have, so far, collected 98—very generous! I am hoping, with your help, to continue this project next year. The children are so appreciative that it makes it all worthwhile.

Thanks again for your generosity!

Lyse Ouellette

COMING EVENTS

June

to August 31 The 2009 Grand National Invitational Quilt Exhibition opens at a new location — The Joseph Schneider Haus, 466 Queen St. Kitchener, ON. This mini-Grand National will feature fabulous postcard quilt art and everyone is invited to send a card (4”x 6”). Post-cards must be received by April 1st and every card will be displayed.

INFO: www.grandnationalquiltshow.ca

11-14 Figurative Artists Consortium—A Doll Makers’ Conference. Displays, demos, vendor market, auction and raffles. Algonquin College, Ottawa, Ontario
INFO: www.figurativeartistsconsortium.co

August

7-9 “Quilts on the TAY” presented by the Lanark County Quilters’ Guild, Perth, ON
St. John High School Admission \$6
Included in the show of some 200 quilts will be a special display of works by 25 of Canada’s best-known quilters.
INFO: Helga Zimmerly 613-267-5222.

13-16 World Quilt Show, Manchester New Hampshire. Mancuso Show Management presents the World Quilt Show, one of the most internationally diverse events of its kind in the world of quilting and the textile arts.
INFO: www.quiltfest.com



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September

12-13 14th Annual FibreFest presented by the Mississippi Valley Textile Museum, Almonte, ON
At the North Lanark Agricultural Hall and the MVTM
INFO: www.textilemuseum.mississippimills.com or 613-256-3754

17-20 Pennsylvania National Quilt Extravaganza XVI Philadelphia, Pa.
INFO: www.quiltfest.com

25-26 Kitchener-Waterloo Quilt Show, RIM Park, Waterloo. Admission \$6
INFO: www.wcquiltersguild.on.ca

October

19-24 Cotton-by-Post 3rd Annual Quilt Exhibition
This year features quilts from Ireland.
Ailsa Craig, ON
INFO: www.cotton-by-post.com

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All submissions must be received by midnight on the 20th of each month. E-mail submissions are preferred. Space permitting, Guild members may submit non-commercial, quilting-related advertisements or notices at no charge—maximum 2 per year. Commercial Advertising Rates: Full page—\$50.00; 1/2 page—\$25.00; 1/4 page or Business Card Plus— \$12.50; Business Card— \$6.25

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