



Pieceful Times

JANUARY 2008

No Meeting in January

Next Meeting
MONDAY FEB 4
7:00 PM

Details in your February newsletter which will be online or in the mail by January 28th

Reminder

OVQG Meeting
Cancellation Policy:

In case of bad weather on the day of the meeting, remember to phone a committee member to check on the status of the meeting. Decision to cancel or not will be made by 2pm on the day of the meeting.



Maki House:

19 Leeming
Drive
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Turn onto Crystal Beach Drive from Carling Avenue, and left onto Leeming Drive.

PROSE FROM THE CO'S!

Happy 2008!

Happy New Year to all of you. This special mini-edition of the newsletter will allow us to share with you information that you would have received at the December meeting.

Meeting Cancellation

While we were all disappointed that our special Quiltmas program had to be cancelled due to the snowstorm, we put the safety of our members first, and we are grateful to those of you who took the time to thank us. It was a difficult decision to make. But, once made, executive members sprang into action and went well beyond the requirements of the usual policy to try to get the message out: Betty Giffin phoned anyone who didn't have an email address, Barb Cloutier, from her workplace, sent out a series of emails to those who have given us their contact email info, and our webmaster, on holiday, put the information on the website. Our heartfelt thanks to all these folks who went out of their way to handle a stressful situation.

All is not lost. We plan to incorporate as many of the surprises we had planned as we can into our coming winter and spring meetings. So the fun is not forgone, just delayed. And we hope you were all able to find grateful recipients for the potluck dishes you had all prepared. 😊

Charity/Fellowship Day

We hope you'll be able to join with other OVQG members on **Wednesday January 16th, 2008 9:30 - 3:30 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. You may bring your sewing machine if you wish - or just come to cut and press - so just bring supplies and a brown bag lunch. Please phone Kris at (613) 831-6167 to register.

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

Your Co-Presidents,

Mary & Kris



Your guild needs

YOU!

Yes, you. We have four positions that must be filled ASAP. Please contact one of our VP's, Barb or Pat, if you can help.

Secretary: For family reasons, our wonderful secretary, Grace MacNab, may have to take early retirement from her position. This is a voting position on the Executive. Your duties are to pick up and log all mail from our P.O. box twice a month, take minutes at meetings and display them on the guild bulleting board, and register any forms with the government (once a year). Grace will be at the February meeting and can answer any questions you might have about this position.

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.

Raffle Coordinator: This position involves communicating with the charities that apply for one of our raffle quilts and keeping all correspondence in a file.

Now

If you just skipped over that last We Need You section, please pause and consider how this guild would run if no one stepped forward to fill vacancies. Okay, now go back and read it again and let Mary know how you can help (613) 567-2675 or marybpal@gmail.com and she will pass your offer of assistance on to Barb or Pat. Thanks in advance for helping your guild out.

OVQG Study Fund

Due to the December meeting cancellation, the deadline has been extended. This is the fund that our guild offers each year --four scholarships up to the amount of \$150.00. These scholarships are to be used by the end of one full year from the date of issue and can be spent on any quilting or textile course of your choosing (education only).

Recipients either give a brief presentation about their course and display their project at a guild general meeting or submit a written report suitable for newsletter publication. This allows the benefit of the course to be shared with other guild members. Successful study fund applicants may not re-apply for a study fund in the following two years.

If you are interested in the Quilt Study Fund, please write your name, address and phone number indicating that it is for the Study Fund for the year 2008, and submit this piece of paper to one of the Co-Presidents, Mary or Kris. Successful applicants will be notified in February, 2008.

DEADLINE for submission is **7:00 pm Monday, February 4, 2008.**

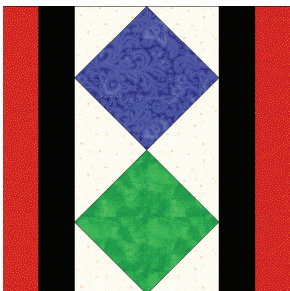
Thank You!

The OVQG would like to extend a big thank you to *The Warm Company*, makers of Warm & Natural cotton batting (www.warmcompany.com) for the donation of samples of *Warm & Safe* eco-friendly fire-retardant batting to our guild. Their generosity is much appreciated. These samples will be distributed to members at the February meeting.



Block of the Month

Just a reminder, ladies. not to forget to bring your December blocks to the February meeting. As previously mentioned, several lucky winners will be drawn and then have 10 whole months to work on their Christmas creation and so will be way ahead for next year's holiday season.

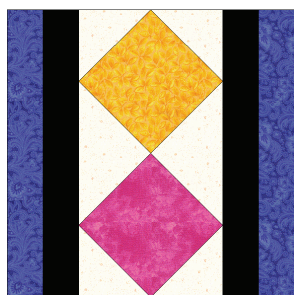


Also, as it will be business as usual, we will collect the February "Diamond Ribbons" blocks. We hope that, even though you did not get to see a completed

sample of the block, you will still be motivated to make this block. We know it's hard to visualize when working from a black and white diagram but our friend Gillian Sutcliffe showed us, using Electric Quilt, the stunning woven ribbon effect this block will give. You won't be disappointed!

Happy sewing.

Carole and Lidia



Coming in March!

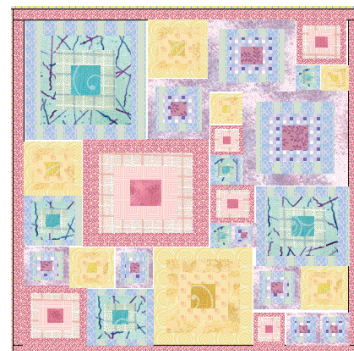
Laurie Swim, author of the recently published *Rags to Riches: The Quilt as Art* is coming to our March meeting to speak on "Community Based Quilts." Copies of her book may be purchased at the meeting and autographed by her during Opportunity Hour. Tickets are available for non-members for a cost of \$10. If you want to buy a ticket for a friend, please contact Pat Amundrud or Kris Broadhead.

Update on Raffle Quilt Kits

You may sign up on the Fellowship Day (Jan. 16) or at the February meeting and pick up a kit for \$5 (refundable upon completion of the block).

Baby Quilts

You can bring your Baby Quilts to the Charity/Fellowship day at Maki House on January 16th. And don't forget - you can work on one of these quilts that day, too!



A Needle Pulling Thread

The December issue of "A Needle Pulling Thread," magazine, featuring our guild, has arrived at Dragonfly Fabrics! Including patterns by OVQG members Susan Clow and Jo-Ann Raven.

Dragonfly Fabrics is located at 1793-B Kilborn Avenue. Please call ahead at 613-521-9839 to ensure they still have copies.

Quilting Sites of Interest

Love Quilting Arts Magazine? Their new "Quilting Arts TV" program will begin airing December 31 on PBS, and hosted by the magazine editor Patricia Bolton.

There's a great website www.thequiltshow.com called The Quilt Show, with hosts Alex Anderson (former host of HGTV's Simply Quilts) and Ricky Tims, quilt teacher, author, and performing artist. You can watch videos that feature great instruction as well as entertaining segments providing insights into the lifestyles of well-known quilt personalities. The show is the first quilting show series to be shot in front of a live audience.

The website offers members a Daily Blog, a Forum (message board) for sharing insightful and helpful quilting information and techniques, Chat Rooms for those who like to be instantly connected, and the world's largest online Quilt Gallery with a search feature that allows you to locate quilts all over the world.

WORKSHOPS

See November newsletter for policies regarding guild workshops or visit us at the workshop table. See December newsletter for detailed Workshop Descriptions. We will have sign-up sheets and supply lists and samples of the class projects at the February meeting. **For more information contact: JANN (613) 225-8004 or LORRAINE (819) 682-3219 or email at workshops@OttawaValleyQuiltersGuild.org**

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) plus kit fee: \$25.00

Description: 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.

Magic Tiles - Instructor: Pamela Griffin

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

Fee: \$30.00 - **Extra fee:** template fee \$1.50. Pattern to be purchased from local store.

Description: A classic pattern by Canadian pattern designer, Kathleen Bissett.

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 \$5.00 kit fee

Description: With the theme: a tree and its stages through the four seasons, create four lovely small works in fabric and thread while developing skills and confidence in creative sewing techniques.

Level: Introductory to Intermediate - See Laurie's website: <http://www.artquiltpublishing.com>.

Reminder: if you want to register for the Laurie Swim workshop, please do so by January 11. After that, registration will be open to non-members.

Dragon Bones or Fish Fingers Plus Quilters Tool Time - Susan Purney Mark

Date: Tuesday, April 8 (9:30-12:30 and 1:30-4:30) at Loblaws College Square

Fee: \$50.00

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

Learn 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.

Beyond Stippling Part I - Instructor: Elaine Quehl

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

Fee: \$50.00

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

Description: 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.