



# NEWSLETTER

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## President's Message

I can't believe this is my last President's Message. A whole year has passed, so much has happened. Our biggest undertaking as a guild was the Then & Now Quilt Show in May 09. With the support of our members we planned and carried out a successful show and tea room for the quilting community. A job well done and well received.

We have had several challenges, speakers and demonstrations, lots of food, laughs and rousing bingo games. We have supported local organizations including My Sisters Place and the food bank. We came together and created a beautiful quilt, representing the Canadian spirit, providing comfort to the family of a fallen soldier. A comprehensive list is provided later in this newsletter.

I would like to extend my thanks to my fellow executive members. Their contribution of time, creativity and commitment to our guild is enduring and appreciated. I have had a great time working with this group of dedicated folks on behalf of our membership. I look forward to continuing in the capacity of Past President and another year of camaraderie and captivating programming and activities.

I am proud to be a part of a local group dedicated to all things related to quilting. Thank you to the members for their continued support of Quilting Corners Guild. We have much to look forward to...Interguild, workshops and road trips.

Keep on quilting!

SENORA ☺

## **Bus Trip Invitation from Simcoe County Arts and Crafts Association!**

There are still some seats available for our Day Trip to the Textile Museum and Queen St. West fabric shopping on Thursday, February 18. Only \$52 for those 65 and over and \$56 for younger people!

**Deadline to book is February 12.** Contact Sally Borland (705) 458 - 4540 or Hamilton Tours (800) 584 - 4941 for information and registration.





We talked about our Quilting Resolution. Every now and then a quilter just looks around and says it is time for a project to get finished. Senora shared her resolution to complete a BOM program she purchased from New Zealand a little while ago. She brought in some blocks already joined together and promised to share more as the year moves along. We encourage all of our members to bring in your QRP (quilting resolution project) to share. It will make for interesting and motivating show and tell.

# Spring Interguild

**Spring Inter Guild Sharing Meeting** Our guild is hosting this very important meeting April 10, 2010. This is a twice a year meeting where guilds across Ontario gather to share information on guild activities. The planning committee for this meeting has worked very hard to make our meeting go well. Guilds will send a couple of representatives to this meeting to learn, share and comment on guild business. We want to make a good impression when they come to Alliston. The committee has planned a lunch around Alliston's pride, the potato and they are asking members to sign up to provide toppings for a baked potato. We are also making needle cases in our guild colours to go into the goodie bags for the visitors. Contact any of the members on this planning committee to advise them of your contribution to this event.



- Mug for beverage
- Membership form and fee
- Prepared to vote on constitution changes
- Enthusiastic volunteering to fill one of the executive or committee positions
- Show and Tell
- QR projects
- Your project from our January meeting **A Piece of My Heart'**
- Money for the raffle prizes
- Completed needle case for the Inter Guild Sharing Meeting
- Ideas for program... what would you like to see at a guild meeting
- Recipes for the fund raiser
- Name badge if you have it!

**March Meeting is our Annual General Meeting.** Wow, where did the year go? Our executive has been busy and progressive. They will also be providing our snacks for the March 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. We will be reviewing changes in the constitution and voting on those changes at this meeting. For your convenience, please view these changes on the guild website and be prepared to vote. We will also be looking for people to fill some positions at this meeting. Sally will be phoning to see if you are interested. Our guild will need a new vice president, newsletter creator, and secretary.

**Year in Review:** Let's remember what this last quilting year has accomplished.

- Library contained in a secure compartment so it doesn't have to go in and out of the building every meeting
- Now & Then Quilt Show which raised \$2000.00, \$500.00 to My Sisters Place
- Quilt Challenges – Crayon Challenge & Tree Skirt Challenge
- Founding Member's quilt completed and can be displayed on our New telescopic hanger
- Fallen Soldiers Quilt to be presented on Remembrance Day to a family member of someone who has lost a family member to war
- Membership in Canadian Quilters Association & South Simcoe Arts Council
- Quilts of Ireland presentation
- Fabric Dyeing & Flowers presentation
- Techniques – Trapunto, Mola, Circles

**Favorite tool:** An eager quilter suggested to a small group to use the Quick and Easy Block Tool. It folds out like paint chips and has 102 patterns each in five finished blocks sizes. There is a lot of resource information in the tool including fabric requirements for numbers of squares or rectangles of varying sizes. This eager quilter then "encouraged" each member of the group to make 2 blocks of a particular size and enough of each block to share with the group. They would meet at a designated time, exchange blocks and come back with a finished project. It was a great stash buster and since then a most loved tool.

◆ **February** and **chocolate** have become so closely related that we have to have a chocolate recipe for this newsletter.

**Cupid's Quiltini** from Quilter's Home Magazine Feb/March 2010

1 ounce Godiva original liqueur  
¾ ounce premium vodka  
½ ounce of raspberry liqueur

Combine Godiva liqueur, vodka, and raspberry liqueur in cocktail shaker with ice. Stir. Pour into cocktail glass.

**Chocolate Truffles** compliments of Eagle Brand.

I have been making this for 10 years. No wonder I look the way I do!

2 packages of Baker's Semi-Sweet Chocolate 8 squares in each package  
1 can ( 300 ml) Eagle Brand Condensed Milk (not evaporated milk)  
1 tbsp. Vanilla extract  
Coatings

Melt chocolate and Eagle Brand over hot water. Stir in vanilla. Chill 2 hours or until firm. Shape into 1 inch balls; roll in any of the coatings. Chill 1 hour or until firm. Makes about 5 dozen.

Coatings: chocolate shavings, finely chopped nuts, flaked coconut, chocolate sprinkles, colouring sprinkles, unsweetened coca powder, icing sugar.



# Out & About

**April 10<sup>th</sup> Spring Inter Guild Sharing Meeting.** St. John's United Church 56 Victoria St. East, Alliston. Register by contacting Vi Blakey (905) 729 - 4182

**April 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>** Orillia Quilters' Guild presents Sunshine Quilt Show, Trillium Manor, 12 Grace Av. Orillia.

**April 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>** St. Mary's Piecemakers 2010 Quilt show Huron Perth & Stonetowne Quilt Guilds Pyramid Recreation Centre 317 James Street South Thurs 10-5, Fri 10-7, Sat 10-4

**May 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>** Goose on the Loose Shop Hop 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Visit Cobwebs and Caviar in Shelburne, Country Concession in Cookstown, Lilac Lane Quilts in Alliston and Quilters' Line in Markdale for free demonstrations and great prizes.

**May 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup>** St. Jacob's Merchant Mall at the Woolwich Community Centre. This is also the tea room to the local quilt show.

**July 14<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>** Quilts in my Garden presented by Meaford Quilters. Visit [www.meafordmuseum.ca](http://www.meafordmuseum.ca) for information or to order tickets or call 1 – 877- 538- 0463.

**Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>** Quilting at the Lakes Autumn Splendor presented by Buckhorn Area Quilter's Guild. Buckhorn Community Centre, 1801 Lakehurst Rd. [www.buckhornquilters.ca](http://www.buckhornquilters.ca)

## A Little History...

**Log Cabin History** (Fons and Porter Love of Quilting Sept/Oct. 2004)

Log Cabin quilts were a big fad in the 1860's and 70's when both the pattern and technique were new. Nineteenth century Log Cabin quilts were pieced on a foundation. Narrow strips of wool or cotton were laid atop a muslin (or paper) square, stitched down, and then pressed to one side in a technique called "press piecing". Because of their extra layer, Log Cabin quilts pieced on a foundation were often tied rather than quilted. Folklore says a red center square represents the log cabin's hearth, a yellow square the lighted window. We know this as a quilt with lots of variety!

**Did you know?** We shared books at the last meeting and there is a book "The Farmer's Wife Sampler Quilt". This book by Laurie Aaron Hird was published by Krause in the fall of 2009. It is always in such great demand that to own one is precious. The book comes with a CD for you can print out 101 pattern pieces. But did you know that Marti Michell has a conversion chart to show you how to use her templates to do at least 90 of these blocks. The blocks in this book look great in Civil War prints and batiks and 20's and 30's repro fabrics. How wonderful and varied is that!

**Have your say!** Send your contributions to the newsletter to the contact button on the website or bring it to the meeting. Feel free to brag or nag or just share information that you have about upcoming events and any quilting matter.

**See you March 2<sup>nd</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. at St. John's United Church, 56 Victoria St. East. Alliston – Snacks provided by Executive!!!

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