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Next meeting is Tuesday, February 7th, 7 PM

President's Message:

Happy New Year ! With the new year upon us, we also recall 2011 as it passes. We have had a number of things going on all year. We have started the outreach program with our Comfort Quilts going to My Sister's Place. Through everyone's generosity many women and children will have a warm blanket to curl up with at a time of struggle. The stockings provided to them will also bring smiles to many children at Christmas. The large quilts for Matthew's House will help them to develop fundraising for the hospice. Again I thank you for your support of these charitable endeavors.

We have completed our first large quilt show this year as well. Everyone pulled together and made our show successful with a good quantity of quilts beautifully done. Through our efforts we were able to raise money to provide solid programming for the coming year. Thank you to all who participated.

I want to thank everyone who has volunteered to be Quilter of the Month. Many or few, the quilts have been wonderful. It is great to celebrate our member's achievements. As we are all at different stages of our quilting journey, it is great to see beginners and experienced quilters alike.

The program committee provided demonstrations and activities that extended our knowledge of quilting techniques. Hopefully it peaked some interest in attempting some of them on our own or incorporating them in a quilt. We did see one in a complete quilt. It was beautiful. Thank you to the program committee for all of your hard work in providing a number of interesting and varied programs this year. I know they have been busy developing a number of events for the coming year that I am sure everyone will enjoy.

Thanks again to Judy W. for providing our break beverages and to all of those who have helped her by providing snacks, helping to clean up and filling in. I know everyone appreciates them.

I hope everyone has a safe and happy 2012 ! See you in the new year.

Judy Cotter (note – as promised, Judy's Bread Pudding recipe is at the end of the newsletter)

On the February agenda....



~ Refreshments ~

Maxine and Donna

Don't Forget Your Name Tag !



A New Challenge for the New Year



Thanks to Christie Davidson for sharing her 3-D quilt at our December meeting. We'll start our dimensional study with fabric requirements and Block #1 Demo at the February meeting.

~ Love the Look of Applique ? ~

At our February meeting, we'll explore different methods of applique, using both hand and machine methods, with several demonstrators. If you're new to applique, or just interested in some new techniques, this is the evening for you.

**If you'd like to try some hand applique, bring along a small sewing kit:
needle/thread/scissors, etc.**

~ Quilter of the Month ~



In February we welcome Sharon Maguire as our Quilter of the Month. Sharon began quilting about ten years ago although she was first a hand sewer as a young girl and later moved to a machine at around age 12 or 13. Sharon remembers sewing "bits" together for her dolls with her Grandmother Ide. When she had exhausted other sewing challenges, Sharon was introduced to quilting at the suggestion of a parent of one of her students. She started with one \$ 10 quilt at Country Concessions, then another and

hasn't looked back. She's even passed the "bug" on to her daughter, Sharal, who has completed 3 or 4 quilt tops herself.



Now that Sharon has retired, she fits quilting into her schedule around volunteering and other personal commitments. She quilts in her office/ironing/sewing room with

her favourite Janome machine, and finds her manicure scissors and needlenose tweezers her most often used aids. Her proudest accomplishment is the quilt she made for her son that was made from badges he collected in his travels in Europe after finishing University. Sharon likes batiks or theme fabrics, such as butterfly prints, but is currently working on Valentine placemats for four grandchildren and finishing up a queen-sized quilt and two Marti Michell projects from Lilac Lane. She'd still like to try an origami quilt, and enjoys reading, gardening, volunteering and shopping for a bargain ! (Who doesn't ?)

We look forward to Sharon's presentation in February.

~ A visit from SCQR&C Fair ~

We'll have a visit from the Simcoe County Quilt Rug and Craft Show Committee to update us on what's happening. Thanks to Judy C. for representing us for the past few years, but we need a new delegate to take her place.

~ Have Quilts for Sale ? ~

From time to time, the guild is offered venues to offer sale quilts. We'll try to make this information available when we receive it, but keep this in the back of your mind for your quilting projects.



~ Help fill our Birthday Bag ~

Our birthday bag is getting low. If you have any quilt/sewing related items or small crafted sewing items you can donate, please bring them along with you. The birthday recipients will appreciate it !

~ Thank you, thank you, thank you ~



Thank you to Cheryl Lloyd, Nancy Snook, Peggy Feehely, Maureen Banks, Jan Kirley, and Catherine Jackson for completing the first quilt we'll be donating to Matthew's House Hospice. It's a real beauty – both front and back.



And a special thank you to all the volunteers who have been involved in the various charity quilt projects – those who have opened their homes or shops for sewing days, and those who have been generous with donations of cash, fabric, batting, time and talent.



More thanks to everyone who played “Bingo for the Food Bank” – we raised \$ 113.20 ! More than twice what was raised the previous year.



Congratulations to our December winners – raffle, stocking challenge and Bingo.



Looking Ahead... *What's happening at upcoming meetings*



- ★ **March** – Year in Review, Elections, Idiom Challenge Begins, March Madness Draw
- ★ **April** – Presenter: Elizabeth Alexander Landscape Trunk Show
- ★ **May** – Quilter’s Yard Sale

~ Call for Executive Nominees ~

As another “Guild Year” draws to an end, the call goes out for volunteers to serve on the Executive. All positions are open for nominees, with the election taking place at our March meeting. Most positions require only one meeting per month, and a few additional hours of work. If you’d like to be more involved in the direction of the guild, please consider volunteering your expertise.



~ from CQA: Quilt Canada 2012 ~

ONE DAY, TWO DAYS OR MORE OF QUILTING FUN!

Registration for day classes at Quilt Canada 2012 is now open!

Now is your chance to sign up for the class or classes of your choice! Register for just one day and take that class that REALLY appeals to you. Consider adding a second day to take another class offered by the amazing teachers that will be here in Halifax, or perhaps a two-day class offering an in-depth quilting experience is your choice. Whatever your preference, registration is now wide open to all quilters, whether you choose to attend as a full delegate or simply want to take in a class or two.

Act quickly though as some classes are already filling up!

Need a sewing machine for your class? Well, we can help with that! Sewing machine manufacturers are providing 200 machines for your quilting pleasure. Janome Canada is well-known for its support of Quilt Canada events and will provide 120 machines for quilters to use in Halifax – their continued support is key to the success of this event and for that, we are very grateful. Our thanks also goes to Babylock, Brother, Husqvarna and Pfaff who will also provide sewing machines for use in Quilt Canada workshops. And don't forget – there will be very good deals to be had on these new machines so start saving your loonies and toonies. We'll provide details on machine sales as they become available!

So, all the magic ingredients are in place – quilt shows galore, great teachers, interesting classes, sewing machines in the classrooms, special events, the Merchant Mall.

What are you waiting for? Time to register!!

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~ Comfort Quilt News ~



Another great presentation for My Sister's Place ! 35 Comfort Quilts, 52 stockings and two quilted books were donated at the December meeting. Deborah Harrington and Sheila Cormier from My Sister's Place couldn't have been more thrilled or appreciative of our efforts. Women at the shelter choose which quilt they'd like from the stash we've supplied and these become their "forever" possessions that mean a great deal for families starting afresh. If you have quilts on the go or would like to start something new for the next round, we'll make another presentation in July.

~ Raffle Quilt ~

Congratulations to our raffle quilt winner, Sandra Bingham. We'll wrap up the final report on the raffle at the February meeting.



~ March Madness II ~

Now that all those Christmas pj's, quilts, and other gifts are completed and we can get back to our own projects, don't forget those back burner UFO's to finish up before our March draw for \$ 100.

From www.quiltbug.com:

Murphy's Laws for Quilters



by Judy Grow

1. On any given day the number of employees in a quilt shop is inversely proportional to the number of customers needing quick attention.
2. Every quilt will take twice as long as you expect and be ½ as beautiful (we are never satisfied).
3. There are only 2 kinds of masking tape: that which won't stay on and that which won't come off.
4. In cutting an intricate multi-piece block, your ruler will slip on the last side of the last patch.
5. When there is no time to do something right, there will always be time to do it over.
6. The value of any piece of fabric is directly proportional to the speed and ease with which you will ruin it.
7. In any mail-order shipment the item you need the most will be back-ordered.
8. The pattern in a special fabric will never repeat when or where you want it to.
9. Accidental destruction of a fabric will only occur to an expensive imported cotton, never to muslin bought at 50% off.
10. Fabric dyes will never run until the quilt has been completed.
11. A block with flawlessly straight sides, precision corners and perfect color placement will always be the wrong size.
12. A quilt that has to be completed for a birthday in two months will take two years to finish. And its corollary: A quilt that has no due date will take only two months to complete.
13. When you finally have your sewing space in the empty bedroom exactly the way you want it your son will move back home.
14. You will find the perfect fabric for your quilt only after it has been discontinued by the manufacturer.
15. A quilt judge will give you a bad critique only when the area is full of other people..
16. That same quilt judge will give praise only when no one else is around.
17. The busier you are on any given day the greater the number of quilting inspirations you will want to try.
18. Your quilting thread will break at the needle only when the last stitch has been taken in the line.
19. If a novice quilter decides to watch you use your rotary cutter, you will always ruin the fabric and cut yourself.
20. Your bobbin thread will only run out in the middle of a long line of stitching.
21. That perfect striped fabric you want to use in your sashing has been printed off-grain.
22. The top must be completed and basted to the backing before you notice the one block that has a mistake in it.

23. The quilt-marking pencil that you tested on every fabric before you marked your quilt top won't disappear after you have completed the quilt.
24. You finally get a great idea for your Guild's challenge one week before the quilts are due.
25. No matter how much fabric you have bought, you are not going to have enough for the quilt you want to make.



~ Out and About ~

- April 26 – 28 Piecemakers Quilt Show, Pyramid Rec Centre, St Marys. Quilts, Merchant Mall, Boutique, Demos, Tea Room. For speaker's list, events, directions, etc: www.huronperthquiltersguild.com
- August 10 – 11 Quilt and Garden Show in conjunction with the International Plowing Match. New Dundee Community Centre, \$ 7.00. 100 Judged Quilts on display, vendor marketplace, tea room, garden displays, quilt block challenge, door prizes. www.ipm2012.ca, dianeburkhart@ipm2012.ca.



~ Don't Forget ~

Things to bring to the February Meeting

Comfort quilts
Show 'n Tell
Name tag
Coffee mug
Basic sewing kit

Judy's Mother's Bread Pudding

4 eggs
1 C sugar, + 1 tsp (reserved)
4 C milk
1 t vanilla
~ ½ loaf bread, buttered (egg, cinnamon, raisin)
½ C raisins, optional

In an ovenproof 6C bowl or casserole dish, beat eggs until blended. Add sugar and stir to dissolve, then add the milk and vanilla, whisking until blended.

Cut bread into cubes. Add as much cubed bread to egg mixture as the container will hold. Press on bread until only a small amount of liquid rises to the surface. Sprinkle with raisins if using, then with an additional tsp of sugar.

Bake at 350 for about an hour until a knife inserted in the middle comes out clean. Enjoy !