



# NEWSLETTER

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

Quilting Corners Guild's first Shop Hop was a great success!

Judy C., thank you for organizing the event and making all the arrangements with the shops so that we were treated to three interesting demonstrations, we really appreciate your effort and let's not forget Eleanor T. who worked hard to make thirty canvas tote bags for all the participants and finally to all who attended, thank you for your enthusiasm and laughter.

If you weren't able to Shop Hop with us you missed a great trip. We counted twenty-seven ladies at the start of the day and we didn't lose anyone! There were about fifteen from our guild and rest from the Green Briar quilt group – a lovely group of ladies.

Our day started out early and ended late with lots of shopping in between. We had a delicious lunch at the Black Dog Pub and traveled in style in an air-conditioned coach, but don't worry about missing out on the fun because we're going to plan another Shop Hop, hopefully in November – it's going to be tough scouting out locations, but that's just part of the sacrifice your executive is willing to make (smile).

I really enjoyed myself on the Shop Hop and as usual I *said* I wasn't going to buy anything but I saw some things that I just *had* to have and well, *when was I going to be down that way again?* So logic won out and I picked up some fabric and a new tool – I'll tell you about the tool later – my husband knew better than to ask me what I bought when I got home, he just watched me carry my bags in with no comments, smart man.

The first stop was at Sew Sisters where we were introduced to the latest items available from Quilt Market and given a tote bag – you can never have too many bags I

always say! One of the items we were shown was a time saving product and I'm sending mine to show you. It's called Hexagonal Patis. It is basically a set of heavy plastic templates that will make life easy for anyone who wants to make a Grandmother's Flower Garden quilt, no more tracing on freezer paper – yeah!

Next we visited Art of Fabric. Elizabeth Dillinger (our guest speaker at the June meeting) gave us a hands-on demonstration on sun painting. This is a neat technique and I would recommend it to anyone interested in creating one-of-a-kind piece to be used in an art quilt or if you're just looking for the right fabric to complement your collection. Hopefully someone will bring their sample to the July meeting. As well as a chance to try your hand at sun painting any of our Shop-Hoppers who made a purchase was given a fat-quarter and received a discount of 30% – who could resist the temptation to buy fabric at a discount, not too many of us . . .

Lastly we stopped at Cock-A-Doodle Quilts and were introduced to the Japanese embroidery technique, Sashiko. We were all given a kit which included a package of Sashiko needles, fabric and floss/yarn. I have embroidered my piece but haven't made anything with it yet, I found stitching the pattern very relaxing – a nice change from worrying about loosing star-points! Oh, and did I mention that we were treated to cookies, cakes, coffee, tea and CHOCOLATE.

So I hope you're all envious and will join us on the next Shop Hop!

Happy Quilting,

*Brenda*

P.S. I won't see you in July as it's my daughter Isla's sixth birthday on our meeting night. I also won't be able to attend the August meeting either – I'll be kissing the Blarney Stone – but I will be back in September for Cotton-By-Post's Trunk Show. Have a happy and safe summer!

**Next meeting is Tuesday, July 6th, 2010.**

## ~ Bus Trip a Resounding Success ! ~

I'm sure everyone who was able to participate in our first Shop Hop Bus Tour will agree it was a wonderful day – even the weather was perfect. We can't extend enough thanks to Judy, Brenda and Eleanor for all the hard work that went into making such an enjoyable and well-organized event. Truly, there was something of interest for everyone.

(But, we welcome your feedback on any suggestions that might make any subsequent trips even better).

Judy will collect the last of the sun-painted fabric samples and have them for our meeting.

**And, if you did indeed, discover something of interest, something inspirational, a new gadget or pattern, a tip, technique or special piece of fabric, please bring it to the July meeting and share it with the rest of the guild. We'd love to see your discoveries.**

## ~ Coming in July ~

Along the same lines – please bring in your gadgets with the undecipherable instructions, the thing-a-ma-jig that you just can't figure out, or any technique questions. We'll have an open forum – maybe another member can shed some light. If it's still a puzzle, we'll do some research and try to find the answers.

## Self-Portraits



Any more entries ?

Please bring your self-portrait to the July meeting. But please, keep them under wraps.

We'll complete the Who's Who ?? reveal. Bring your contest ballots with you.

## Quilting Corners Pins

Quilting Corners Lapel Pins will be available for purchase – only \$ 5.

### March (2011) Madness Draw

Be sure to bring your finished items for Show 'n Tell. Remember, every completed project presented at Show 'n Tell earns you an entry into our March draw for \$ 100 !



### Mystery Row Quilt

Part III is coming up.

### ~ Fall Challenge ~



Coming in July !

It's gonna be *SCARY !!*  
Full challenge details will be announced

## ~ Quilter of the Month ~



This month's Quilter of the Month is Sally Borland. If you don't know her, you'd recognize her as the gal with the camera at our monthly meetings. Sally is our guild historian and keeps a photographic archive of our accomplishments. She may also be our most determined member. Last year Sally resolved to complete one UFO to present at each of our monthly meetings –and she kept that resolution !

Sally has been quilting for about thirty years. Along with her mother and sister, Sally started as a garment sewer, but is the only family member who took up quilting. Her first project was an orange and blue honey bee pattern cushion cover – which she still has. Somewhere.

Her most memorable projects are two quilts made for her children that are memory quilts in which she incorporated names, dates, and places into the quilts. She quilts whenever she can find time and right now has an English paper pieced table topper and an appliqué project on the go. Sally is lucky enough to have her own sewing room, but also enjoys handwork in front of the TV in the evening.

Sally's favourite colour is blue, her favourite fabric is her most recent purchase, and she can't imagine life without her rotary cutter. She's still dreaming about owning a Bernina machine and is working to perfect her free motion skills. She'd still like to try a New York Beauty, a Pickle Dish and a Lone Star pattern, and has an interest in quilt history. She is currently reading Quilts and Other Bed Coverings in the Canadian Tradition.

Outside her quilting activities, Sally enjoys gardening, traveling, and reading. She is inspired by some famous people who never gave up – Nelson Mandella, Ghandi, Stephen Lewis, and Nelly McClung. She regularly listens to CBC radio and often likes to watch a movie while sewing – her favourite is Pride and Prejudice.

Sally recently traveled to BC where she and her sister stayed in a cabin on Vancouver Island. The weather was great and they had a fine time. The flowers were blooming and they even had time to visit a few quilt shops.

At the July meeting, we'll introduce Sally and she'll treat us to a few samples of her work.

## **~ In Other News ~**

### **~ Another Trunk Show from Cotton by Post ~**

If you enjoyed the Quilts from Ireland Trunk Show from Cotton by Post, don't miss our September meeting. They are scheduled to dazzle us again with an all new trunk show. Mark your calendars to reserve September 7<sup>th</sup> !

## **~ Volunteers Needed ~ The Rail Fence Quilt Project**



We need YOUR artistic talent. The Rail Fence Blocks stitched up during our InterGuild Meeting need to be laid out and sewn into a quilt top.

If you've got a few hours to devote to completing this project, please get involved. A few extra hands will get this job done in a jiffy (or two).

## ~ Simcoe County Quilt, Rug and Craft Fair ~

The Simcoe County Quilt, Rug and Craft Fair runs from September 17-19 at the Simcoe County Museum. Organizers are calling for Quilt entries, Corner Store items, volunteers and demonstrators. Some dates to keep in mind;

- July 30 – Final date for Quilt and Quilt Related Items Intent Forms.
- July 30 – Volunteer Intent Form deadline
- Hours available all days – September 13-19

Vi will accept these forms up until our August 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting.

- September 13 10am – 1 pm Drop off all Quilts and Related items
- Drop off all Corner Store items

## ~ TIPS ~

Keep several waste baskets in your sewing room. One for every spot you rotary cut, trim threads, by the sewing machine, etc.

When using a glue stick for basting appliqué pieces, work on an outdated catalog. When the page gets gummed up with excess glue, just turn the page for a fresh start.

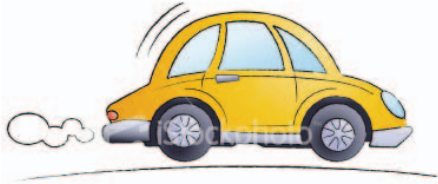
Discover a dark stray thread under your quilt top after it's been sandwiched or quilted ? Insert a fine metal crochet hook between the fibers of the quilt top, hook the errant thread, and carefully remove it. Then coax the separated threads of the quilt top back into place.

Do you have a book that contains foundation patterns or templates that you just can't trace or photocopy because the binding prevents the book from laying flat ? The book can be spiral bound at an office supply store (Staples) usually for under \$ 10.



If you own an older style Clover Mini Iron and are having trouble with the heat setting dial, Clover will replace the unit with the redesigned slider-control model FREE OF CHARGE !! (The button on my iron fell off and when I phoned to ask about replacement parts, they said they don't stock parts, but would send me a new iron. And they did !) Phone Clover Customer Service at 1-800-233-1703.

Have a tip, your own story, an upcoming event to share ? Let us know.



## ~ Out & About ~

- June 13 – July 9 - Fibreworks [www.sidespacegallery.com](http://www.sidespacegallery.com)  
Side Space Gallery, 1080 St Clair Ave West at Lauder  
Summer Sale of original Fibrework creations, July 10
- July 10-11 A Stitch in Time 2010, Prince Edward County Quilter's Guild  
Prince Edward Community Centre Fairgrounds, Picton  
Email: [mjtucker@sympatico.ca](mailto:mjtucker@sympatico.ca) or 613-476-0334  
[www.pec.on.ca/quiltersguild](http://www.pec.on.ca/quiltersguild)
- July 14 – 18 - Quilts in my Garden presented by Meaford Quilters  
[www.meafordmuseum.ca](http://www.meafordmuseum.ca) or to order tickets call 877-538-0463
- July 23-25 Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild presents Journeys Quilt Show.  
Haliburton Curling Club, Admission, \$ 6. Info: 705-455-9212.  
Featured Quilter – Kim Bolender
- Aug 9 – 14 International Quilt Exhibition, London Convention Centre  
Classes, slide show lectures, 100 quilts on display.  
Featuring the Quilts of Gees Bend. [www.cotton-by-post.com](http://www.cotton-by-post.com)
- Sept 9 – 11 Wisconsin Quilt Expo  
Exhibition Hall, Alliant Energy Center, Madison, WI  
[www.wiquiltexpo.com](http://www.wiquiltexpo.com)
- Sept 10-12 - 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).
- Sept 17-19<sup>th</sup> - Quilt, Rug and Craft Fair at the Simcoe County Museum.  
Friday and Saturday, 9:30-5, Sunday 9:30-4.

[www.Museum.simcoe.ca](http://www.Museum.simcoe.ca)

- Sept 30, Oct 1-2 - 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Simcoe county Muskoka Shop Hop  
The Muskoka Quilt Co, Stone cottage Crafts, C&C Fabrics and  
Crafts, Knit and Quilt, Thimbles & Things, Gone Quilting  
Bus Trip, Thursday Sept 30 from Barrie Contact Stone Cottage  
Crafts 705-719-7661 for bus information
- October 23-24 - The Magic of Cloth – Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild  
The Orangeville Fairgrounds, Admission is \$ 5.
- October 29-30 - Harvest of Quilts, Durham Trillium Quilters Guild  
General Sikorski Polish Veteran’s Hall, Oshawa  
Email: [dtggquiltshow@yahoo.ca](mailto:dtggquiltshow@yahoo.ca)
- Summer, 2010 - Haliburton School of the Arts [www.haliburtonschoolofthearts.ca](http://www.haliburtonschoolofthearts.ca)  
Ongoing weeklong and Saturday workshops including specialty  
Sewing and fabric arts.

~ Don't Forget ~



### Things to bring to the July meeting

- Mystery Row Quilt – in progress
- Self portraits
- Show ‘n Tell
- Items of Interest from the Bus Trip (and Sun Painting samples)
- Difficult gadgets or technique questions
- Tips, newsletter submissions
- Program suggestions
- Library books, coffee cup, raffle money