



# NEWSLETTER

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## **President's Message:**

Well here we are at the beginning of year five; I know I find myself saying, *has it really been four years already?* Simply said, *yes, it has!*

It is with the closing of year four and beginning of year five that we look back to our humble beginnings as an idea, to the realization of this idea into what we now know as Quilting Corners Guild (QCG). We, the members of QCG, need to congratulate ourselves on crossing the threshold from fledgling group to a well organized and established guild, thanking our original executive members for getting the ball rolling and to the subsequent generations of executive committees on continuing the forward motion.

I have been a proud member of the guild since our beginning in 2006. In those four years QCG has continued its commitment to the community, originally by providing quilts to the Lion's Club and then by supporting My Sister's Place and the local food bank. We have successfully produced our first public event *The Now & Then Quilt Show* and are looking forward to hosting our first inter-guild meeting in April.

My quilting journey continues this year as I take the reins as president from an amazingly strong and talented woman, Senora Baldry. I have enjoyed spending time with Senora on a personal level, her creativity and skills are a wonderful inspiration to me (her sewing space is amazing and I can only dream of one day being as organized!), however it's not just Senora's quilting talents that need to be recognized it's also her talent as a leader. I have sat beside Senora in our executive meetings and over this past year I have been impressed by her leadership style. Senora will be a tough act to follow but with her

continued support and the support of the new executive I'll try and do my best to serve our guild.

At this point I want to extend my sincerest thanks to the new executive of QCG. Judy Cotter on her commitment to act as QCG's Vice-President; Sally Borland, Eleanor Thili and Vi Blakey for continuing their roles as archivist, treasurer and membership respectively; Maxine Burmaster for returning in a new role as secretary; Donna Schweda for joining the scrum to create our newsletter; Marlyn Leary for offering to take care of hospitality, and Cheryl Lloyd for taking over the job as Librarian - a big job. Thank you ladies!

I want to thank you, the membership, for continuing to support our monthly meetings, for a small guild we always have a great turn out! I am looking forward to serving as your president and working with all of QCG's members to present an interesting and varied program, to learn new skills and most importantly to having fun with a wonderful group of like minded individuals. The sharing of ideas and friendship at our monthly meetings has made the first Tuesday of every month (except January) a very rewarding experience for me and I hope that the tradition continues.

Here's to a great year,

**Brenda**

Next meeting – April 6th. Our April meeting will be a busy one.



**HAPPY NEW YEAR !**

April brings a new Guild Membership Year. Our 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year promises to be full of interesting events and activities – Mystery Row Quilt, Guest Speakers, Bus Tours, BOM, Guild Challenges, snacks, bingo and of course, great friends. Annual membership is still \$ 35.00 – you won't want to miss a minute !

**Stuff-a Bag Fabric Sale** Is your stash out of control ? Now's the time to purge your stash and trim your fat quarters. Bring your leftover or no-longer-loved fabric to donate. Any usable size is welcome. Buy a bag for \$5 and stuff as much "new to you" fabric as you can.



**There's a Mystery afoot..**Do you enjoy a good mystery ? The first clues to this year's mystery quilt will be uncovered. Join the detective squad and solve the mystery as more clues are revealed each month.

**Up for the Challenge ?** The Spring Guild Challenge will be issued.



**Don't forget** – Please bring your Mystery Quilts ready to be hung for Inter-Guild.

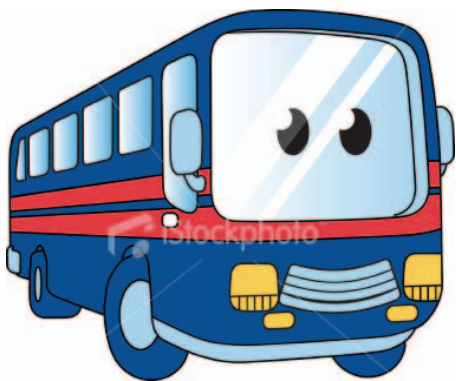
We also still need solid, spring-coloured tablecloths. Please bring them to the April meeting.

**Many hands make light work..**We will be compiling the Swag Bags for Inter-Guild.

**And all the usual** – A bit of business, Show and Tell, Snacks and Raffle.

## ~ In Other News ~

A new **Program Committee** is being formed. If you'd like to join this group and help organize speakers, activities, etc for our monthly meetings, please contact Judy Cotter or Maxine Burmaster.



**Get your motor running..The Shop Hop Bus Tour is ready to roll.** Plans for the June 5<sup>th</sup> Shop Hop Bus tour have been finalized. We will travel by tour bus to three quilt shops and stop for lunch at the Black Dog Restaurant. Each shop will offer a special demonstration or activity. Our first stop will be Sew Sisters in Toronto, and then it's on to Art of Fabric in Pickering where we will see sun painting on fabric. We'll enjoy lunch at the Black Dog and end our day at Cock-a-Doodle

Quilts. Cost for members is \$ 25 and registration is limited to members only through April. If any seats remain available in May, guests will be invited to join us – non-member cost is \$ 35.

Dust off your charge card and join us for a day of shopping, demos, camaraderie and good eats.

A note about lunch – to keep our day on schedule, we will need to pre-order our luncheon selections. Please visit [Blackdogpub.tv](http://Blackdogpub.tv) to view their menu. Lunch prices average \$ 15 + beverage and are not included in the tour cost.

**What's Cooking ?** We still need a few more recipes to round out our cookbook. Especially needed are main course recipes, but others such as appetizer, side dish or muffin and bread recipes are also needed.

**Please and Thank you** Starting this month, we ask the snack providers to help the hospitality chair with refreshment set-up and clean-up.

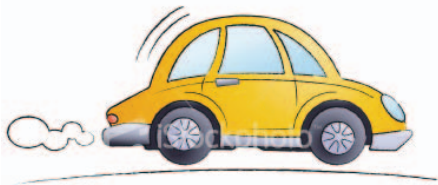
**Got Talent ?** We plan to present a Demo Night at an upcoming meeting. Have you mastered a skill or learned an interesting new technique ? Or is there a topic you'd like to learn more about ? Please pass your ideas on to the executive.

## TIPS

- Embrace your seam ripper!
- Never empty the waste basket until you're completely finished the quilt. You just never know...
- Before moving a quilt to the back burner, gather all the pieces – fabric, thread, templates, pattern, etc. Then be sure to write yourself notes on things to remember and also pin labels to any fabric set aside for borders, sashing, binding, etc.

- Learn something new. Use your library card, check out instructional websites (Youtube.com, Quilterstv.com, Quiltinaday.com, Kayewoodtv.com), form a sewing circle or invest in a new magazine, book or workshop. The cost can be zero and it's great for your grey matter !
- Is your quarter-inch seam just a bit too wide even using the quarter-inch foot ? Try moving your needle one position to the right. (Turn the flywheel by hand for a stitch or two to make sure the needle clears). Most machines can move up to two needle positions right or left with the quarter-inch foot.
- Invest a few moments to change your machine needle, sharpen or change your rotary cutter blade and clean and oil your machine. This little bit of effort can take a lot of aggravation out of your sewing.

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



## ~ Out & About ~

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| March 27 –        | Flower Workshop – St John's United Church  |
| April 6 -         | Monthly Meeting  |
| April 10 -        | Spring Inter-Guild Sharing Meeting<br>St John's United Church, 56 Victoria St E, Alliston<br>Register by contacting Vi Blakey (905) 729-4182                                   |
| April 17 and 18 - | Orillia Quilters Guild presents Sunshine Quilt Show<br>Trillium Manor, 12 Grace Ave, Orillia   |
| April 22 - 24 -   | St Mary's Piecemakers 2010 Quilt Show<br>Huron Perth and Stonetowne Quilt Guilds<br>Pyramid Recreations Centre, 317 James Street South<br>Thursday 10-5, Friday 10-7, Sat 10-4 |
| May 4 -           | Monthly Meeting  |

The Mystery deepens...Part II of the Mystery Row Quilt  
It's National Quilt Month

- May 6-8 - [Goose on the Loose Shop Hop](#)  
Visit Cobwebs and Caviar in Shelburne, Country Concessions in Cookstown, Lilac Lane Quilts in Alliston and Quilters' Line in Markdale for free demonstrations and great prizes.
- May 12 - 7:30 pm The Creemore Mad River Quilters Tea and Trunk Show  
Please note the new location – Station on the Green  
Admission is \$ 5.00. Contact: Linda (705) 466-2027
- May 27-29 - St Jacob's Merchant Mall at the Woolwich Community Centre  
This is also the tea room to the local quilt show.
- June 5 - Shop Hop Bus Tour
- July 14 – 19 - Quilts in my Garden presented by Meaford Quilters  
[www.meafordmuseum.ca](http://www.meafordmuseum.ca) or to order tickets call 877-538-0463
- 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).



## Making a list and checking it twice...

Things to bring to the April meeting...

- Membership Renewal
- Fabric for Stuff a Bag
- Bus Tour Registration
- Show and Tell
- Solid Spring-coloured tablecloths
- Mystery Quilts
- Recipes
- Tips, newsletter submissions
- Library books
- Coffee cup
- Raffle money