

Sunshine Snippets

Orillia Quilt Guild

Meeting at Royal Canadian Legion, Upstairs, Mississaga St.,
Orillia.
Third Wednesday of month 1:00-3:00



Mission Statement

The Orillia Quilters' Guild is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting interest and excellence in quilting.

March 2011

Executive 2011

President: Sue Bodis

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Vice President: Penny Fitchett

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President's Prose—Sue Bodis

Is it Spring yet? As I write this, spring and winter seem to be duelling for supremacy. Hopefully spring will win soon!!

This being March and St. Patrick's Day on the 17th, I thought I would look at Irish quilting. I was going to write a bit about Celtic work, as I find it quite enjoyable and satisfying. However I quickly came to realize that that really would take a book.

I did find an interesting web site (www.womenfolk.com) about the history of quilting in America, and specifically, Irish chain quilting. According to the web site, the Irish Chain pattern may have originated with Irish itinerant weavers. In the web site there is a picture of a quilt that was made about 1805 and I quote "was stitched with linen thread typical of thread used in Ireland. The quilting was done in a popular quilting design used in Ireland at the time.... It was brought to West Virginia from Ireland when the maker, Margaret Kee, emigrated here in 1807.² We find this pattern has been used more recently in Ireland sometimes by the name "Mosaic" or "American Chain"."

This month's Pres. challenge block is called 'Irish Puzzle' and I have no idea why! I found it in Jinny Beyer's "The Quilter's Album of Patchwork Patterns". The block is dated 1907. The block itself has many different names-13 different names in 1929! I guess copyright was not in vogue then!

As the theme this month is Irish and that usually involves the colour green, I was trying to think of a recipe that included something green (green beer does not appeal!) this recipe is a family favourite, but comes with the warning that it is high in calories.

Dessert

Make up a large box of lime jello using only 1 cup of cold water and 1 cup of hot water. Allow jello to partially set. Whip up a package of dream whip and beat in the partially set jello and a 16 oz package of cream cheese. Beat until smooth. Add a 19 oz can of drained crushed pineapple and chill. Enjoy !

An Irish Blessing

May the Road Rise Up to Meet You
May the Wind Be Ever at Your Back
May the Sun Shine Warm Upon Your Fields
And, Until We Meet Again,
May God Hold You in the Palm of His Hand.

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Membership Murmurs - Shirley Kearney

Co-Chair - Muriel Burton

Welcome to the two new members that joined our guild last month – Peggy Johnson and Ann Sleep. Their information follows.

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Submitted by Shirley Kearney



Quilt Show

Sunshine Quilt Show 2012

The first Committee meeting for the 2012 Sunshine Quilt Show will take place on April 6th, at 10 am, in the boardroom at Trillium Manor, 12 Grace Ave., Orillia, On.

If you are interested in helping to organize the Quilt Show, please come out and join us. We need new members and we need your support. Many hands make light work!!

Sue Bodis



50/50 WINNERS—FEBRUARY

June Hughes Marion Hisey

Treats for March

- Elaine MacInnes
- Mary Staines
- Evelyn Andrews

Treats for April

- Penny Fitchett
- Shirley Clark
- Myrna Allison





Library Learnings - Dar Whyte

One of our members, Ruth Loverock has generously donated books for the Library. The following titles will be added to our Library:

Quilting for People who Still Don't have Time to Quilt by Marti Michell

Marti has presented in a clear and exciting way, thirteen bed quilts and 33 wall hangings are just some of the projects, with step by step illustrations.

Affairs of the Heart, by Air Rossmann

36 beautiful blocks each contain a heart which intertwines with florals, scrolls and or scallops. Choose you method to finish these appliqué blocks.

Fat Quarter Quilts, by M'liss Rae Hawley

Quick to stitch quilt patterns, including Broken Bricks, Hounds tooth, plus 6 others. Step by step instructions for rotary-cutting fat quarters easily and efficiently.

Quick Country Quilts for every Room, by Debbie Mumm

I have included this one because of the great small projects for the home, appliqué on towels, and a towel hanger for tea towels. Just take your time to read through the many ideas.

The Simple Joys of Quilting by Joan Hanson and Mary Hickey

A stack of fabrics...hmm I wonder if there is any shopping to be done. Spool of thread, due I need any? These are the ingredients to making timeless quilts without all of the fuss.

I hope these oldies but goodies are enjoyed by all. Thanks again to Ruth for these wonderful books, we all now can enjoy.

Sites of interest..

<http://rebecca-gatheryerose.blogspot.com/2010/01/how-to-make-your-own-faux-bubble.html>

<http://s266.photobucket.com/albums/ii247/frankshowfan53/Self%20binding%20blanket/>

<http://quiltsatcs.blogspot.com/2007/04/disappearing-9-patch-tutorial.html>

something for everyone

Enjoy

The Ladies of the Library

Workshop Wonders - Trudy Kamburis



There is a workshop scheduled for Tuesday, May 3, 2011, upstairs at the Legion, from 9am to 3pm.

Cost is \$35.00.

You will learn how to make both the **So Simple Pineapple** and the **So Simple Attic Windows**.

Please sign up at the meeting if you are interested.

Schoolhouse Secrets - Susan Sullivan



BARGELLO Part 1 – The Basics

BARGELLO is a term which describes a zigzag pattern, originally done as handstitched needlework dating back over 500 years in Europe. The adaptation to quilting is more recent and the “pattern” is made from rectangles sewn together to create peaks and valleys, thus the zigzag pattern.

The most basic of bargello quilts are created by sewing together multiple strips of same width fabric and then cross-cutting into strips of varying widths. The strips are then set adjacent to one another and offset by one fabric when joined. This creates the illusion of flowing curved lines although no curves exist.

This technique suits wallhangings, clothing and miniature as well as full size quilts.

Patterns can be purchased to guide you in making a bargello work of art, but are not necessary if you simply wish to create. These are some tips to assist you.

Choosing fabrics. 1. Any patterned or plain fabric can be used, there are no rules.
2. Gradation of colour value or shading will help to give the illusion of flowing lines.
3. Choose fabrics and colours as you would for any quilt, often use of a “starting” fabric will help.

Construction. 1. Cut strips of fabric from selvage to selvage (about 2 inches wide).
2. Arrange the cut strips in sets, keeping the order the same in each set.
3. Use a scant 1/4 inch seam and stitch with a slightly shorter than normal stitch length.

Sew strips in subsets and then into the larger sets to prevent “bowing”.

4. Alternate the direction of pressing each row.
5. Cut the sets into strips of varying widths (7/8 “ and up).
6. Sew the units into loops by joining top and bottom edges.
7. Split a loop of the fabric stitching using a seam ripper, and lay flat. Continue with the next strip, but separate to allow the offset of fabrics. Stitch.
8. Depending on the size of the project, it is advisable to sew in smaller sections and then join together.

PLAY WITH THE DESIGN OR FOLLOW A PATTERN. YOUR CHOICE !

Submitted by Susan Sullivan

**Next Meeting
April 20, 2011**

Don't forget:

- ⇒ Name Tag
- ⇒ Show & share
- ⇒ Mug for coffee/tea
- ⇒ \$ for 50/50 draw
- ⇒ Library books



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Newsletter Notes— Pat Hill (Reporter)

A message to all Readers.

This is your newsletter if you have a story, tip or recipe that you would like to share please forward to Pat Hill by the 2nd Friday of the month

- ⇒ by phone (345-5163)
- ⇒ by e-mail (orilliaquilters@rogers.com)
- ⇒ or in writing.

Travel Talk

April 15 –17,2011

Feelings in Fabrics presents

Memories in Stitches—

Kawartha Quilmakers' Guild

Evinrude Centre

Monaghan Rd., Peterborough

Hours: Fri. 4-9, Sat. 10-5,

Sun.10-4

April 30 - May 1,2011

**Silver Threads Quilt Show—
Region of York Quilters' Guild**

Newmarket Seniors Meeting Place

474 Davis Dr., Newmarket

Hours: Sat. 10-5, Sun. 10-4

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**Threads of Time -
Quinte Quilters' Guild**

Quinte Curling Club
246 Bridge St. W.
Belleville

Hours Sat. 10-5, Sun.10-4



We're on the Web ! www.orilliaquiltersguild.com

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If there is any information that you would like to see on the website, please email me at

quiltorillia@gmail.com. I will try to add as much as I can, but due to the fact that we are getting our hosting for free, some of the more fancy stuff is not available.

Thanks Jennifer Ricca, Website

