



# Sunshine Snippets

Orillia Quilt Guild

August 2011

## Mission Statement

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

Meeting at *Royal Canadian Legion, Upstairs, Mississauga St., Orillia.* *Third Wednesday of month 1:00—3:00*

## President's Prose

I read an article once where Jinny Beyer was asked what she did with all her quilts. She answered that she kept them put away as she didn't want the colours to fade. I like having my quilts out where I can see them. I enjoy seeing the colours and patterns. As a result I need to get the dust out of them —every once in a while, - if they fade, so be it, they are my quilts and I have had the enjoyment of making them and living with them. As I write this, it is a blustery day and I have quilts hanging on the line. So I thought I would look up some advice on caring for one's quilts. The following information was taken from [www.amishcountrylanes.com](http://www.amishcountrylanes.com)

### Washing

It is generally fine to wash your quilt in a home washing machine, though for a very large quilt you may need a commercial size machine. To wash a quilt, use cold water and a mild detergent (that is free of perfumes, brighteners, and bleach). Run the machine on a short gentle cycle. To keep the colors bright, add half a cup of vinegar to the wash cycle.

### Drying

Quilts are heavy when wet. Try to support its wet weight so that the threads don't pop. It is OK to partially dry a quilt in a dryer, but it is best to lay a quilt flat on rack to dry. Some people like to finish drying their quilt out on the grass on a sunny day! Do not iron your quilt.

### How Often?

Washing or dry cleaning a soiled quilt will extend its life; washing or dry cleaning a clean quilt will shorten its life. Quilts that are used every day normally only need washing once a year. But if you have pets or children, more frequent washing may be desirable. Airing quilts (on a drying rack outside) between washings is a good practice

### Storing

When not in use your quilt should be stored in a dry, dark location in a cotton or muslin bag -- never store your quilt in a plastic bag or cardboard box. The muslin bag we provide with each of our bed quilts is intended to be used for this purpose. For wall hangings a cotton pillow case should be used. Be sure the quilt is clean before you store it away. Every other month or so it is a good idea to take the quilt out and refold it another way before putting it back in the bag. When you take your quilt out of storage, air it out. Lay it on the grass and let the sun penetrate it, or tumble it in a cool dryer for a short time.



The block this month is called **Puss in the Corner, Kansas City Star, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1930**, according to Jinny Beyer's book, 'The Quilter's Album of Patchwork Patterns'. A "fussy" cut block could be put in the center or for a different look, use the background fabric in the center.



This is a Mennonite recipe for a delicious cucumber relish. It is simple to make and a spoonful or two can liven up a potato salad.

- 4 cups ground cucumber
- 3 cups ground green pepper
- 3 cups ground red pepper
- 3 cups ground onion
- 3 cups ground celery (this is hard to grind, so I usually use cucumbers instead)
- 4 tsp. salt.

Mix veggies with salt and let stand for at least 2 hours. I grind veggies in am and let stand all day. Then leave veggies in a colander to drain overnight. You need to squeeze out as much of the juice as possible.

Next Day-, Bring to a boil, 3 1/2 cups white sugar, 2 cups white vinegar and 1 tblsp each of mustard seed and celery seed in a large pot. Add veggies and return to boil, then simmer for 10 minutes, stirring frequently.-Put into sterile bottles.

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## Executive 2011

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## Coldwater Fall Fair



Get involved and showcase your talents by entering your quilted works of art in the **Coldwater Fall Fair**. We have expanded our classes to include quilts and wall hangings, quilted by hand, machine or long-arm. Visit us on line at [www.coldwaterfallfair.com](http://www.coldwaterfallfair.com) or contact Lynne Boyd 686 7733 or Barb Gill 835-3349 for more information.

Submitted by Barb Gill



## Recipes

### CHEESE STREUSEL RAISIN BARS

1 1/2 C Raisins    3/4 C water    3/4 C Brown Sugar    1 1/2 Tbsp Cornstarch  
1/2 tsp Cinnamon    pinch of Cloves, Ginger & Nutmeg

Bring Water and Raisins to a boil in a pot. Add mixture of remaining ingredients and cook, stirring constantly until thick and clear. Stir in 1 tsp Lemon Zest and 1 1/2 Tbsp Lemon Juice. Cool slightly.

Combine in a bowl: 1 1/2 C Flour, and 3/4 C Brown Sugar. Cut in 1 1/2 C grated Cheddar Cheese and 3/4 C Butter to make a crumbly mixture.

Press 2/3 of mixture into a pan (I used a 9" square pan), cover with the raisin mixture and top with the remaining crumb mixture.

Bake at 350 for 30 minutes. Very rich. I did cut back on the sugar and cut them into small pieces! Enjoy.

They also freeze very well!

Frances Westgarth

### RAISIN BRAN MUFFINS

2 cups of raisin bran cereal  
add 2 cups of milk and let sit to soften  
Add - 1/2 cup oil and 2 eggs.

In another bowl mix together -

2 cups flour  
1/2 cup sugar  
6 tsp. baking powder

Add the dry ingredients to the wet ingredients.

Bake in a 400 degree oven until brown.

Makes 18 muffins.

Loretta Hughes



## Outreach Offerings



The workshop in June was a major success. 36 bib-aprons and 118 dialysis bags were made. Thanks to everyone who came.

I delivered 60 aprons to Leisureworld. They said the people were delighted with them – lots of smiles and comparisons.

227 dialysis bags were delivered to the hospital.

I also delivered cuddle quilts to Trillium Manor and VCRS.

Submitted by Loretta Hughes

## Workshop Wonders



### June Workshop:

We had a very successful working day on June 29<sup>th</sup> with a total of 26 quilters coming out for parts of the day to sew, press, cut, organize and complete several projects. The main focus of the day was to design and complete the quilt top for our raffle quilt to be submitted to the Sunshine Quilt Show next year. Guild members had donated their squares over the previous weeks and these were combined into a colourful, batik quilt.

As well we had a very busy group completing dialysis bags, bibs and shopping bags. It was a great day with lots of laughs, lots of work completed and just a great example of what this group can do when they set their mind to it.

### Next Workshop: Landscapes Tues. Oct 25, 2011 9am to 3pm

We have just one spot remaining for the upcoming Landscape Workshop taught by Kim Bolender. Each quilter will work on their individual landscape with Kim's input and by end of day should have the basic picture ready for further quilting and embellishment to be completed at home. With sufficient interest a follow up workshop on Landscape Embellishment may be planned at a future date with Kim.

As development of individual landscapes requires more one on one instruction Kim prefers to work with only 10 quilters. We will, however, take a waiting list in case any of those already signed up have to cancel out. Cost for the workshop is \$30. (cheque payable to the Guild). Please note that the full payment must be received by the Sept. Guild meeting in order to be fair to anyone on the waiting list who might like to attend.

Be on the lookout for a photo or picture that you would like to use in the workshop as your guideline. As well you can begin to assemble a selection of fabrics that might be appropriate. Kim will have an assortment of small fabric pieces available. You may find something in her "stash" that would help to complete your landscape. She will charge you individually depending on how much you choose but it would be less than \$15 for the selected pieces.

Submitted by Trudy Kamburis

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## Schoolhouse Secrets

### THREE DIMENSIONAL FLOWERS

Today we will be having a “hands on” session making petals and flowers. Our hope is to eventually have completed items that can be sold at our April 2012 Quilt Show, however if you would rather make something for your own use you may do so.

We will be looking at two techniques:

- 1. Petals that can be compiled into daisy-like flowers of approximately 5 to 7 petals.
- and, 2. Round flowerettes or yo-yos to be made into cluster-type flowers, such as phlox, lupins, hollyhocks.

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**EVERYONE PLEASE BRING WITH YOU:** a small sewing kit containing hand sewing needles, neutral thread, scissors, and a few straight pins.

**IF YOU KNOW OF SOMEONE WHO DOES NOT RECEIVE THIS EMAIL NEWSLETTER PRIOR TO THE MEETING, PLEASE PASS THIS INFORMATION ALONG TO THEM.**

In addition, for those who can, please bring the following:

- circle templates; “yo-yo” maker;
- fabrics for the flowers – assorted colours: rectangular pieces 3x6, or 4x8 or any 2:1 ratio  
: squares of at least 4 in. to cut into circles, or  
cut circles of 3 to 4.5 inches in diameter
- fabrics for leaves
- background fabrics of varying sizes
- any books that might provide ideas
- ruler and pencil

If you have any questions about these items please telephone me prior to the meeting.

Susan Sullivan

## Cookie Crew



### Treats for August

- Rena Wallis
- Grace Wise
- Frances Westgarth

### Treats for September

- Penny Fitchett
- Clara Tingey
- Trudy Kamburis

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## Library Learnings



### Sites of interest.

Has nothing to do with quilting but we all have to peel a potato sometime.

<http://video.google.com/videoplay?docid=7375897927147969009#>

quilt as you go I have found the following

[http://sewmanyquiltstoolittletime.blogspot.com/2009\\_02\\_01\\_archive.html](http://sewmanyquiltstoolittletime.blogspot.com/2009_02_01_archive.html)

<http://www.quilterscache.com/H/howtoquiltoneatatime.html>

Machine sewing

<http://www.blumoonriver.com/WorkshopDVD.html>

Nice simple scrape quilt

<http://thequiltedfish.typepad.com/the-quilted-fish/2011/03/sweet-divinity-diamond-quilt.html>

Just some ideas

<http://www.pieceocake.com/VideosFromPOC.html>

<http://freebiesforcrafters.blogspot.com/>

<http://freequiltpatterns.blogspot.com/>

enjoy

Ladies of the Library.

Dar, Linda and Joyce.

## Program Preview



-- I hope all of you have been enjoying the Sunshine City summer weather and I know that today you are enjoying Susan and her kindred group members as they present a full "Schoolhouse" program. On September 21st we will welcome Louise Manning from Fenlon Falls with her show. Louise visited us a few years ago and next month we will see her new work. Kim Bolender from Midland will present her work to us on October 19th. Both of these ladies have lots of "eye candy" for quilters. I am off to a beach in Nova Scotia with my husband and granddaughters. We will be gathering sea-shells and dining on lobsters....see you in September.

Submitted by Sylvia White

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