

September Prez message

This month's thank you's go out to Peggy for her informative and *entertaining* Kenyan adventure, Arlene and Sharon for their demos, and Stephanie and Barb G. for their wonderful "Back to School" decorations. (They have donated the supplies to My Sister's Place. Well done.)

October meeting: We welcome our guest speaker, Sue Carmichael, from Uxbridge. Here's a bit about Sue:

Sue has been quilting for more than half her life, invited by a friend when only 25, she thought "My Grandmas does that" but she accepted the invite – the rest is history....

The threads of friendship are one of the main reasons she loves this business – binding ladies (and the odd gentleman) together!

Having lived in Alberta, New York and now for 16 years in Uxbridge, she has quilting buddies everywhere, For 12 years she has proudly owned Quilters Cupboard, a Top Ten Quilt Sampler Shop in Better Homes and Garden's Magazine in 2010.

Sue will be bringing a car load of enticing notions, kits and great ideas to keep you excited while you stitch and quilt with your friends!

Invite a friend and come ready for a night of learning and laughter.

Please note, these shop items will be for available for sale – Sue hopes to have her Visa/Interac working, but we cannot guarantee the wifi connection at the church. We may have to resort to cash only.



Halloween Décor: Have you made any spooky items with a Halloween theme ? We'll have a display of our handmade items to celebrate the season. If you need inspiration, how about this free wall hanging pattern ? It's the *Grim RIPPER* ! The pattern is available here:

http://www.fonsandporter.com/articles/Grim_Ripper_whimsical_mini_Halloween_quilt?bc=c

Plowing match blocks: *Don't forget your plowing match blocks !* The entry form must accompany your block. We'll have our reveal at the October meeting, along with a viewer's choice vote. All of our completed blocks will be forwarded to Simcoe County Guild where they will be entered in the official viewer's choice balloting and all entrants will receive a ticket for the IPM quilt raffle draw.

Colour Theory: Our colour exploration continues.

Whoops ! I forgot ! The new How Far Can You Stitch began in September. If you had a Show 'n Tell item in September, will you please measure the perimeter of your item(s) and let Dianne W or me know your inches ? We'll catch up at the October meeting.

International Sunbonnet Sue:



There are a few spots still available if you'd like to take up this guild challenge. The \$2 entry fee covers the colour pattern and the background fabric. A few points for participants to remember – Sue should be centered on the provided background fabric, with emphasis on using fabrics to accent Sue's nationality. DO NOT TRIM your completed applique. The completed blocks will be entered into a draw and the winner(s) of the completed blocks will have the option to trim as desired. Applique can be completed by either hand or machine. In conjunction with this applique challenge, Arlene G. will be leading a comprehensive machine applique workshop:

Oct 5 – Machine Applique Workshop – 9:30 – 4 at Living Faith Presbyterian Church in Baxter. Doors open for set up at 9:30, with the workshop to start at 10. Snacks/coffee/tea provided. Bring a bag lunch. Supply list is posted on our website. (www.aqcguild.edublogs.org)

Events in the area:

Sept 27 and 28 – Kitchener/Waterloo Quilt Show www.wcquiltersguild.on.ca

Oct 4 -5 – Kaffe Fassett <http://www.beefabrics.ca/kaffefassett.html>. Kaffe will be in Niagara on the Lake and will present "Concentrate on Colour" lecture on Friday evening, with a workshop to follow on Saturday (waiting list only).

Oct 4 and 5 – Pieceful Years Quilt Show – Georgetown – www.hhgg.ca

Oct 19 – Sit 'n Sew for Community Outreach – 9:30 – 4, also at Living Faith Presbyterian Church in Baxter. Comfort Quilt kits will be available as well as patterns for stockings and Santa Sacks, and a selection of fabrics, or bring your own. Snacks/coffee/tea provided, bring a bag lunch. Bring your machine, sewing supplies. Rotary cutting and ironing stations will be provided.

October 19 – 20 – **The Magic of Cloth, Act V** Dufferin Piecemakers Quilt Show, Orangeville Fairgrounds, www.dufferinpiecemakers.org

1st Wednesday of each month – Essa Public Library, Angus. The library has started a handwork group meeting at the Angus library, 6:30 – 7:30. They also share the source (book/magazine/author) of the projects they are working on.

Oct 31 – Nov 2 – Shop Hop and mystery quilt – Kitchener, St Jacobs, Shakespeare and Stratford – info at www.thequiltplace.ca

December: The Essa Public Library would like to display some Christmas themed quilts during the month of December. They're looking for about 10 quilts to display. If you'd like to offer something, please let me know. We're sure the library will do their best to safeguard the quilts, but, please note, we have no control over the handling or security of the quilts.

June 11 – 14, 2014 Quilt Canada Brock University, St. Catherines. National Juried Show and member challenges. For more info: visit <http://www.canadianquilter.com/events/quilt-canada-2014.php>

Coming up....

November meeting: Quilted Postcard reveal – We will be sending our greetings along to the kindred group in Germany. Irmgard has been gracious enough to agree to translate our messages for us. If you will include a short holiday greeting on half of the card, Irmgard will translate and we'll send them along in time for the Christmas holidays. (Or, New Year's greetings, or just best wishes depending on your preference).

December meeting: Potluck, Presentation to My Sister's Place, Quilt-O

January: Happy New Year ! No meeting.

Senora is looking for a few good machines: She is hoping to introduce a sewing/quilting club at her school and is in need of a few basic machines in good working order. If you have a no-longer-used machine in need of a good home and that will be put to good use, let her know.

Musings.....

Found this amusing - <http://www.savvysugar.com/Free-Ways-Entertain-Yourself-Home-30926585>. This website lists 68 *FREE WAYS* to entertain yourself - # 50 is Learn to Quilt. Clearly this blogger has never entered a quilt shop !



If you have the binding tool demonstrated earlier this year – here's a free braid pattern using the tool:

http://www.unitednotions.com/LA_CUTtingTable_BindingToolPattern.pdf

FOR THE OCTOBER MEETING: Don't Forget – Plowing match block and entry form, Halloween décor, show 'n tell, raffle money, mug, shopping allowance