

Hi Everyone,

This newsletter is sent irregularly to members and friends of the Marco Polo Quilters' Guild. Since about one-third of the Marco Polo members do not have email, you are asked to share this information with them. At the last meeting we did discuss having email buddies but we didn't actually organize anything. The membership list was circulated at the last meeting. Perhaps you could each identify someone to be your email buddy to make sure that she knows what's going on.

If you no longer want to receive this newsletter please reply to this message and ask me to remove your name from the list. If you change your email address and want to continue to receive the newsletter, please reply to the newsletter asking me to change your address. Also, if you know someone who would like to be added to the list, please ask her to send me a message at solution@nbn.net.nb.ca with Marco Polo newsletter in the subject line. I receive a lot email and I routinely delete messages (without reading them) from people I don't know.

If you have some information that you would like circulated to this list, please send it to me in an email--not as an attachment please. If you absolutely must send it as an attachment, please send it as a pdf if you can. I prefer not to send attachments for both security/virus prevention reasons and because not everyone has the software necessary to open the attachment.

ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting was held at the Y on May 16th. That was our last meeting at the Y as the building has been sold and will be vacated soon. Quilters' Cove will meet at the Y until June 7th which will be our moving day. We're moving to the Carleton Community Centre on Market Place in West Saint John--literally just off the Harbour Bridge. Quilters' Cove will be meeting in members homes over the summer. At the Annual Meeting we voted to increase our dues to \$15 per year. Officers serve for a 2 year term with half changing each year. Marilyn Peabody is the new president, Marilyn Upton is the new past president, Sandra Reeves is the vice president, Beth McCann is the secretary.

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting is the picnic at Marilyn Peabody's, 46 Beauvista Avenue, Darling's Island on Saturday, June 9 at 10:30 am. The lunch is pot luck but please don't bring cookies as we'll be having left overs from the Quilt Fair. Bring show and tell. There will be information about fall workshops. There will be a beginners workshop in the fall.

The driving directions to Marilyn's are as follows: from Highway #1 coming from Saint John take exit 142 (just after the Quispamsis/Gondola Point Ferry exit) to Hwy #100. Just after you cross the Hammond River Bridge, turn left onto Station Loop Road. Turn left onto Darling's Island Road. Coming from Hampton, take exit 145 onto Hwy #100. Turn right onto Station Loop Road and right onto Darling's Island Road. From either direction, continue on Darling's Island Road several kilometres to Meadow Drive (3rd right, just after Stockdale Road on the left). Beauvista Avenue is the first left and #46 is through the gate at the end of the street. I tried to find a map link but the streets on Darling's Island are not named.

INTERESTING SITES

This is a site that was reviewed in the Summer 2007 issue of *The Canadian Quilter* http://www.cosman.nl/index_en.php. The gallery contains a variety of quilts. Some are derived from traditional patterns. There is also software which you can use to convert pictures to quilt patterns and to develop a library of your fabric stash. I haven't had a chance to play with these program yet but they are supposed to be compatible with Electric Quilt <http://www.electricquilt.com/> which some of you have. This site also has a directory of quilt shops in Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany and France with map links. By the way, don't be afraid of Electric Quilt because the instruction manual is step by step and exceptionally well written.

Another site reviewed in this issue is <http://www.gloriahansen.com/>, specifically <http://www.gloriahansen.com/design.html> which has a tutorial about how to scan fabrics. However, the tutorial uses programs which you are not likely to have on your home computer. If you have Electric Quilt, there is information about scanning fabrics in the manual and I think this has improved with version 6. Here's a link to some basic scanning information <http://www.scantips.com/>

This site has lots of information <http://www.quilt.com/index.html> about almost everything about quilting.

Here is a link to a good introduction/review of paper piecing <http://www.paperpiecingbasics.com/>

Happy Quilting,
Susan