



Greater Moncton Quilt Guild

My soul is fed....

By my needle and thread

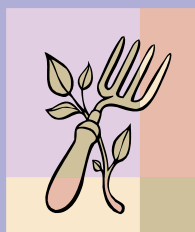
APRIL 2011



“Hoppy” Easter!

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Hello everyone,

Well, April is here, and hopefully spring is too, or at least it's not far behind! The kiddies can't stop talking about the Easter Bunny, and who can blame them - free chocolate, an imaginary bunny sneaking around hiding presents AND a long weekend!!

April also means rain (usually), spring cleaning, and the Fabric Cupboard's annual quilting retreat. I am not able to attend that one, so am looking for volunteers to send me some photos, and possibly a little blurb describing the weekend, to include in the May Newsletter. Please drop me an E-mail or find me at the meeting if you are able to help me out with this.

I am very much looking forward to the upcoming long weekend, and am hoping to do little more than sew, sleep and stitch - not necessarily in that order! Though I may take a break for a ham dinner....

If the weather is agreeable, I may also begin the process of cleaning up the garden beds and getting ready for whatever I decide looks pretty at the nursery this spring. There is still snow on the vegetable patch, but the beds in the front yard are uncovered and there are some brave little tulips pushing their way through the leaves and sludge left from the fall and winter. I think this will be the year I bravely cut back some of the shrubs that are outgrowing their spaces, and try to bring everything back into proportion. As always, we need to add more soil and probably should fertilize too - lugging around

heavy bags of soil and grass seed seems like a good job for hubby!

The Guild Annual General Meeting will be held in May, at the usual guild meeting time, which means we're beginning everyone's favourite process of looking for volunteers to help with committees, job jar, and the executive! Please consider volunteering for one of the committees or taking on (or sharing) one of the job jar duties for the 2011-12 year. More people participating = more input, more ideas, and more fun for everyone!

Part III of the Shop Hop series is not quite ready to print this month, so be sure to look for it in the May issue of the newsletter. We will be visiting with Shelley Lipscombe of Because You Count.

Don't forget your non-perishable food item for the April meeting.

Happy Easter!!

.... Sam



Schedule of Events

◆ **APRIL**

- } April 13 - GMQG Meeting
- } April 18 - Sew a Smile for ConKerr Cancer at IWK. Contact Grace Crawford
- } April 22 - Good Friday
- } April 24 - Easter Sunday
- } April 25 - Easter Monday
- } April 29-30 - Fredericton Quilt Guild Show
- } April 29 - Royal Wedding
- } April 30, May 2 - Anne Morrell Robinson Workshops
- } May 1 - Anne Morrell Robinson Trunk Show



April 2011

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- } May 2-7 - Strait Stitches, A Maritime Event. National Seminary 2011 by Embroidery Ass'n of Canada, Mount Allison University, Sackville.
- } May 4-8 - Quilts by the Sea, Marco Polo Quilt Guild, NB Museum, Saint John, NB
- } May 6-7 - First Town Quilt Fest, Woodstock Quilt Guild, Historic Connell House and Elks Club, Woodstock, NB
- } May 29-June 2, 2012- Quilt Canada 2012, Dalhousie University Campus, Halifax, NS
- } July 8-August 28 - Art Hits the Wall, Tides of Time, Rossignol Centre, Liverpool, NS
- } August 5-10 - Northumberland Quilt Guild Annual Show and Sale, DeCoste Center, Pictou, NS



Member Events

Happy April birthdays to Heather Arsenault, Marie Bernard, Annette Caissie, Ree Marie Defina, Joan Delong, Sr. Amelia Deveau, and Betty Rice.

Do you know of upcoming birthdays, anniversaries, or special events that we can include? Let us know!

The Winner's Circle

Congrats to all the winners of our various draws and contests.



Jelly Roll Draw:

- September: Summer Flowers, Marvin Smith
 - October: Fall/Halloween/Thanksgiving, Sylvie Dube
 - November: Juvenile/kids prints, Roxanne LeBlanc
 - December: Christmas Gold, Grace Crawford
 - January: Meeting Cancelled
 - February: Any Color, Anita LeBlanc
 - March: Green, Marie Melanson
 - April: Purple
- Strips must be W.O.F. and 2 1/2 inches wide.

50/50 Draw:

- September: Roxanne LeBlanc
- October: Alice Houlahan
- November: Pat Hume
- December: Bridget Daly
- January: Meeting Cancelled
- February: Cindy Colburne
- March: Annette Caissie

Block of the Month Draw:

- September: Summer Camp, Nellie Lutes
- October: Corner Office, Marie Melanson
- November: Chimney & Cornerstones, Jerri Burke
- December: Peppermint Sticks, Dawn Irving
- January: Meeting Cancelled
- February: Mock Log Cabin, Marie Bernard
- March: Party Courthouse Steps, Roxanne LeBlanc
- April: Greek Key

Reminders

- ◆ A late fee of \$1 per month is charged for overdue library books.
- ◆ Please sign in when you arrive at the Guild meetings (fire regulations require it)
- ◆ Nametags must be worn - 25 cent fee per meeting for those who do not comply.

- ◆ Program for April will be demo and discussion with Jerri Burke:
- ◆ Block of the month for April (Greek Key)
- ◆ Jelly Roll strip for April is Purple. 2 1/2 inches x width of fabric
- ◆ Baby quilt project - Top should be complete with borders and should be pin basted.
- ◆ We will be collecting again for the Food Bank in April, so please bring non-perishable items to the meeting.
- ◆ Marie Bernard is collecting colored 4L milk bags, which will be made into sleeping mats for Haiti and Africa.



GMQG Retreat



As promised, some more pics from the GMQG retreat in February.



Thanks again to all the sponsors of the event! Covered Bridge Quiltery, The Fabric Cupboard, Because You Count, Pastimes Online, Leonard LeBlanc, Avonport Discount Fabrics, Sew Karen-ly Created.

Also, the retreat project, *Boxed Squares*, came from Mary Johnson at www.Maryquilts.com. Check out this fabulous site which has tons of free patterns, mostly in pdf format. Many of these quilts have been made for the HeartStrings Quilt Project, an online group of quilters who make and donate string quilts to local charities. Check out their website at heartstringsquiltproject.com.



Anne Morrell Robinson Workshops and Trunk Show



Anne C. Morrell Robinson was raised in Bucks Co., PA and immigrated to Nova Scotia in the early 1970's where she became a mother, farmer, horse breeder, and saw mill worker. She is a dual citizen of the USA and Canada and currently lives in Margaree Valley, NS where she runs her studio "KingRoss Quilts and Fibre Art". The

farm has been retired for the most part in favor of more time to make quilts.

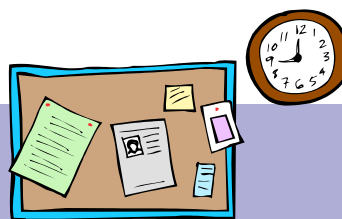
Since her first quilt, finished in 1972, she has made almost 500 quilts; most as commissions for private homes, businesses and public places. Her quilts have gone to Germany, Sweden, Holland, Israel, France, Ireland, England, the USA, Peru and elsewhere. She also designs wearable art, hooked rugs and cloth dolls. The focus of

her work is pictorial appliqué but she enjoys experimenting with both traditional and contemporary techniques. Her work has won many awards at exhibits in both Canada and the US and she belongs to art organizations in both countries.

When not making quilts Anne stays busy teaching, gardening, cross country skiing, biking, hiking, canoeing or fly fishing. Anne can't resist being out in the world that inspires her art.

Anne began making quilts in 1970 after learning to sew as a child. In 1978, she started seriously exhibiting and selling her work through craft fairs and galleries. At about the same time she began giving workshops at schools, women's groups and guilds. Anne has taught quilt making from Newfoundland to British Columbia and in the USA from Vermont to Virginia. Most workshops are now be-

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Notices & Items of Interest

Pillowcases for IWK

On March 20th, ONE HUNDRED gorgeous pillowcases were sent to N.S. and were received with much enthusiasm. We have a "delivery lady" who will very graciously take them to N.S. whenever we have another 100 ready and we are working on that now. The next workshop will be April 18th - Monday, at The Fabric Cupboard - 10 o'clock - come and work for an hour or two or into the afternoon, if you wish. Love to see you there!! - Grace Crawford (h.gcrowford@rogers.com). Check out the website - ConKerrCancer.org - and learn about their history, what extensive work they have done and how this idea is spreading worldwide. The pattern for the Magic Pillow Case is also at this website.

Quilt Show

Tickets for the Raffle Quilt "TRAILING STARS" are available and the committee will be handing them out to guild members at the April meeting. The committee is encouraging members to take at least two booklets of 10 tickets to sell, and any member who has a means of selling more (ie: at work, clubs, etc) are more than welcome to take more. Check on the Web site for the "Entry Form" to hang a quilt in the show. Limit is 3 quilts per person and there is a \$2.00 charge for each quilt you want hung. An application form must be submitted for each quilt project. This is so the set up committee will know how many quilts (and their sizes) are to be hung. (There is no charge for the anniversary challenge quilt and it is **not** included in the 3 quilt limit. However, you must fill out an entry form for the anniversary quilt.) Deadline for entries is June 30th. Peggy Sheehan is the contact person. Hard copies will be available at the May meeting if you do not have a means to get the form off the website before then.

Other

Check out this very cool video of a blind quilter from the US! http://www.youtube.com/watch_popup?v=7lfaSmDxVZQ

Swapping Online - Mug Rugs



I recently participated in my first online swap. It was through a website I happened across some time ago, and have been following off and on for a while. The swap was for mug rugs. These are basically quilted coasters, that are large enough for your tea or coffee cup, and your snack. Not really knowing much about them, I went online to see what I could find out - it's Mug-Rug City out there in cyberspace! These little coffee-coasters have become very popular lately - I can understand why - they are small enough to work up quickly, could easily use up some of your scraps, and the possibilities are endless!

For this swap, we sent 2 mug rugs to our randomly drawn partner, and received 2 from someone else. What fun, and not a huge commitment in time or fabric to try it out - either using a pattern you had, or to create something of your own.

This swap had over 300 participants from 25 countries. I had assumed for some reason it would be mostly the US, but there were people registered from Sweden, Norway, Spain, France.... How exciting!



There was also a place to put photos online (Flickr!) and chat with the other participants, so you could be sneaky

and try to find out what fabrics or colors might please the person whose name you drew.

The site is www.quiltinggallery.com, and the swaps are listed under *Quilter's Fun*. If you scroll down and click on *Mug Rug Swap Jan-Feb 2011*, you can click the link for the *Flickr Group*, to see some of the rugs that were sent out by the participants. I received 2 rugs from South Dakota and the ones I made went to New York. I got a lovely Email from my recipient, thanking me and saying she was going to bring one to work. How cool is that :)



The latest swap signup is for quilted baskets, and I have joined this one too.... Registration for this one closed in early April, but it seems every 2-3 months a new swap is available, so check out the site if you have an interest.

If you don't like the idea of mailing things away (because it can be costly), maybe we could organize something within the Guild. I really enjoyed a little project like this - manageable within the month or so time frame, and a chance to be creative and maybe try something new.

Funnies



A Lady went into a bar in Waco and saw a cowboy with his feet propped up on a table. He had the biggest boots she'd ever seen. The woman asked the cowboy if it's true what they say about men with big feet being well endowed. The cowboy grinned and said, 'Shore Is, little lady. Why don't you come on out to the bunkhouse and let me prove it to you?' The woman wanted to find out for herself, so she spent the night with him. The next morning she handed him a \$100 bill. Blushing, he said, 'Well, thankya, ma'am. Ah'm real pleased. Ain't nobody ever paid me fer mah services before.' 'Don't be flattered she said..... Take the money and buy yourself some boots that fit...'

A psychiatrist was conducting a group therapy session with four young mothers and their small children. "You all have obsessions," he observed. To the first mother, (from Toronto) Mary, he said, "You are obsessed with eating. You've even named your daughter Candy." He turned to the second Mom, (from Nova Scotia) Ann: "Your obsession is with money. Again, it manifests itself in your child's name, Penny." He turned to the third Mom, Joyce: "Your obsession is alcohol. This too shows itself in your child's name, Brandy." At this point, the fourth mother, (from Newfoundland) Kathy, quietly got up, took her little boy by the hand, and whispered, "Come on, Dick, this guy has no idea what he's talking about. Let's pick up Peter and Willy from school and go get dinner."

Anne Morrell Robinson - Continued

ing taught for guilds, retreats, and conferences including seven Quilt Canada events. She also gives group and private classes in quilt making, rug hooking, doll making and wearable art from her home studio, KingRoss Quilts and Fiber Art, where she also sells her work. She also designs and sells patterns for quilts and rugs and has written many patterns and articles for quilting magazines.

"I am a fibre artist specializing in one –of- a –kind quilts, wearable art, cloth dolls and hooked rugs. My work is an extension of my identity and rural life style. I draw inspiration from nature, history, folk art, ancient symbols and universal thoughts. I am driven to create and to use fabric to show sensitivity to the richness and balance of nature, its moods and the human reaction to it all."

Anne will be visiting our Guild April 30 - May 2, 2011 to teach two workshops and present a trunk show of her work. Workshops will be held April 30th (Kaleidoscope Stars) and May 2 (Appliqué Album). The trunk show will be May 1, in the afternoon. For more information, to register, or to buy trunk show tickets, please contact Roxanne LeBlanc by E-mail at rrleblanc@hotmail.com or phone (506) 334-0110.



Funnies - Continued

An old man and woman were married for many years and they grew to hate each other. When they had a confrontation, screaming and yelling could be heard deep into the night. The old man would shout, 'When I die, I will dig my way up and out of the grave and come back and haunt you for the rest of your life!' Neighbors feared him. They believed he practiced black magic, because of the many strange occurrences that took place in their neighbourhood. The old man liked the fact that he was feared.. To everyone's relief, he died of a heart attack when he was 98. His wife had a closed casket at the wake. After the burial, she went straight to the local bar and began to party, as if there was no tomorrow. Her neighbors, concerned for her safety, asked, 'Aren't you afraid that he may indeed be able to dig his way up and out of the grave and come back to haunt you for the rest of your life?' The wife put down her drink and said, 'Let him dig. I had him buried upside down.....'

While shopping in a food store, two nuns happen to pass by the beer cooler. One nun said to the other, "Wouldn't a nice cool beer or two taste wonderful on a hot summer evening?" The second nun answered, "Indeed it would Sister, but I would not feel comfortable buying beer, as I am certain it would cause a scene at the checkout stand." "I can handle that without a problem" replied the first, as she picked up a six pack and headed for the checkout. The cashier had a surprised look on his face when the two nuns arrived with their six pack of beer. "We use beer for washing our hair", the nun said, "A shampoo of a sort, if you will". Without blinking an eye, the cashier reached under the counter, pulled out a package of pretzel sticks and placed them in the bag with the beer. He looked the nun straight in the eye, smiled and said, "The curlers are on the house."

Thank you to Peggy Sheehan for the chuckles!

April Puzzle

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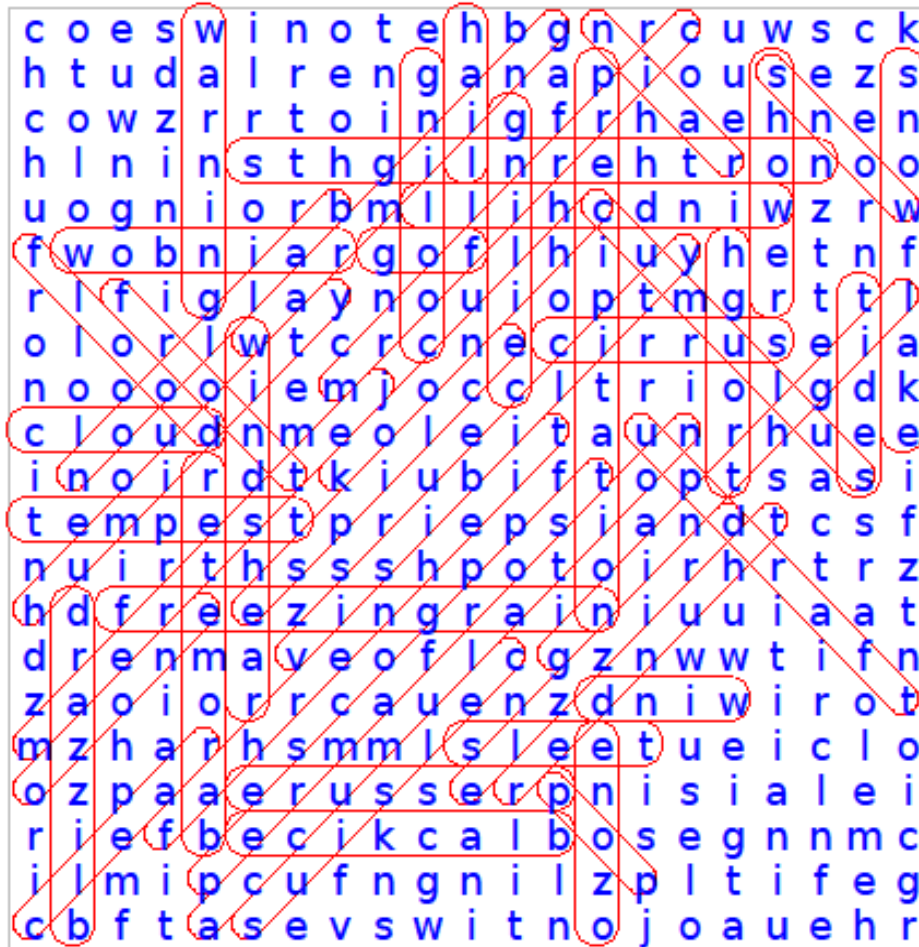
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Word Search - Answers

WEATHER



ACCUMULATION
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FRONT
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PERMAFROST
RAIN
SNOW
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SLEET
THUNDER
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WIND SHEAR

Who's to Blame? (Contacts)

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50/50 - Betty Rice

Mystery Quilt - Val McCloskey

Group Quilt - Jerri Burke, Beth Sears

Website - Susan Delaney

Retreat - Bridget Daly, Rita Arsenault, Roxanne LeBlanc

Jelly Bean Draw - Valerie McCloskey

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