



# Greater Moncton Quilt Guild

*My soul is fed....*

*By my needle and thread*

JANUARY 2010

## Happy New Year!



Cheers everyone, and welcome to 2010!

I hope everyone had a great holiday season, and that you all got some time to relax, be with family (mutually exclusive sometimes, I know), and to make your resolutions for 2010.

I don't usually make resolutions, because I know by now that I never manage to keep them - I have yet to lose 50 pounds, stop procrastinating (case in point - this newsletter will be going out late!), eat healthy for more than a week before caving in and inhaling something chocolate, or managed to give up my addictions to shoes, sugary coffee or fabric shopping, so... I have decided that my resolution will be "no more resolutions" and to just try to accept all of those quirks!

I am looking forward to a year of "quilt-y" pleasures in 2010, kicking off with our Guild retreat coming up in February. I am hoping to finish up lots of half completed projects in the next few months and make room for more of the seemingly endless parade of projects in my head.

My sewing room "renovation" is almost complete—and by renovation, I mean I finally cleaned up the basement, have convinced my dear Dad to

make me a proper sewing table, and am abandoning my rickety old desk from my university days!

Add a few more cabinets to hold the ever-growing fabric and gadget stash, and I'm on my way to a great "me" space! What a blast I had, driving everyone else crazy with my pages of notes, wish lists, and scale diagrams of the space. I think I have finally decided on a layout that will best utilize the space, and have room to work and store everything (pictures to follow once everything is set up....) .

This got me thinking (OK, it got me being nosy - I'm always looking for a different, better, or more efficient way to do things) about sewing rooms/spaces/closets/corners. I invite you all to send me a picture, story, and/or description of your own sewing space. Do you have the smallest space? The most organized space? The messiest space? Have you figured out a way to manage your fabric stash or has it taken over? Awards to be given for the best (and worst) spaces - in categories to be arbitrarily created by me in the coming months!

..... Sam



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## Quilter's Review - Applewood Farm

This month's review we look at Applewood Farm Publications. This is one site that I actually went looking for on purpose!



I saw a video clip of Beth Ferrier demonstrating her appliqué process with freezer paper, glue sticks, and bamboo skewers, and was so impressed with her straightforward instruction

and sense of humor that I had to go check out her website.

Beth Ferrier is a highly experienced quilter with a gift for teaching. Her original patterns are available in quilt shops around the world. Beth has a degree in biological sciences (ah, a kindred spirit!), and many credit hours in education classes. She is the proud mom



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A Year in the Garden by Beth Ferrier

Schedule of Events

◆ JANUARY

- } January 1 - New Year's Day
- } January 13 - GMQG Meeting Program - Quilt in a Night

◆ FEBRUARY

- } February 26-28 - Guild Retreat

# January 2010

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## Member Events

We wish a speedy recovery to Susan Delaney after her recent accident and to Joan Delong after her recent surgery.

Our thoughts are also with everyone from the Fabric Cupboard as they rebuild and recover from a fire in late December, which caused the loss of all their inventory. This is doubtless not the way they would have planned to ring in the new year, but we know they will be better than ever when they re-open. Jackie thanks everyone for their thoughts and prayers, and is keeping us all up to date by E-mail as they re-organize. Thankfully nobody was hurt, and the silver lining seems to be that they will re-open in February, better than ever, with loads of new fabrics, books, and patterns on the way. We can't wait!

## President's Message

**Happy New Year!**  
to the 89 members of the GMQG.

Wasn't that a party? I'm referring to the great job done by the talented quilters headed by Marie Bernard for putting together the Christmas party, thanks ladies. A big thank you also goes to Grace Crawford and Barbara Beatty for their great work doing the Christmas Challenge, it was a spectacular effort.

Now that the busy Christmas season is behind us, we can get down to some quality quilting time. We have a number of things planned for the coming months that should inspire all of us.

Starting in January Nancy Elashuk and Jennifer Vienneau will be presenting a 25th Anniversary Challenge to everyone.

Our quilt retreat is set for February, let's hope the weather cooperates. It promises to be a fun filled weekend. To sign up see Vivian LeBlanc.

Jerri Burke and Loanna Whitmore have prepared this month's program – Quilt Top In A Night. Actually there will be 2 quilt tops sewn and when quilted and bound will be given to Crossroads for Women for use in their facility here in Moncton.

Another exciting project is the Group Quilt which was put to-

gether by Joyce Moynagh and Kim Larracey. It's a beauty as we saw at the Christmas party.

The members of the guild will be hand quilting this top at the Cathedral on St. George St. Date and time to be announced. This is an opportunity for everyone to either learn or perfect the hand quilting stitch. Come for an hour or two; call a friend, pack a lunch and come for a couple of hours, tea/coffee will be provided.

... Betty

# The Winner's Circle

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



**Jelly Roll Draw:**

September - Gloria Lamb, Jerri Burke  
 October - Roxanne LeBlanc  
 November - Fernande Bourque, Shirley Delaney  
 December -  
 January's strip color -  
 Strips must be W.O.F. and 2 1/2 inches wide.

**50/50 Draw:**

September - Sharon McKnight  
 October - Margie Bartlett  
 November - Roxanne LeBlanc  
 December - N/A

**Block of the Month Draw:**

September - Sharon McKnight  
 October - Flying Geese - won by Jeri Burke  
 November - Border Star - won by Carolyn Mitton  
 December/January's Block is Rick Rack

# Yummies



**Cranberry Drink**  
*Betty Rice*

Boil 1 pkg. cranberries with 2 cups of water, simmer for 15 minutes. Strain this mixture into a container with 1 small can frozen orange juice and 1/2 cup sugar. Mix well. Refrigerate.

To serve  
 Pour about 1/4 cup of mixture in an 8 oz. glass, fill with ginger ale.

**Party Dip**  
*Roxanne LeBlanc*

**Base:**  
 1 pkg Cream Cheese (regular or lite)  
 1/4 C Miracle Whip (regular or lite)  
 1/4 C Sour Cream (regular or lite)  
 Mix together well with electric mixer; spread out thinly on serving dish (foil pizza pan works very well).

**Taco Dip:**  
 Top with 1 jar of favourite salsa and shredded cheese blend (mozzarella, cheddar, jack, etc); serve with taco chips or crackers.

**Shrimp Dip:**  
 Top with 1 jar of seafood sauce, green onions, shrimp bits, and shredded cheese; serve with crackers.

**Chocolate Cake**  
*Samantha Robichaud*

4 ounces semisweet chocolate, chopped (or choc chips)  
 1/2 C butter or margarine  
 3/4 C white sugar  
 1/2 C cocoa  
 1 tsp vanilla  
 3 eggs, beaten

Grease 8" round cake pan and dust with a bit of cocoa. Melt chocolate and butter in microwave. Add rest of ingredients. Mix well. Bake at 350 F for 30 minutes. Will be very moist.

*Gluten and Dairy Free!*

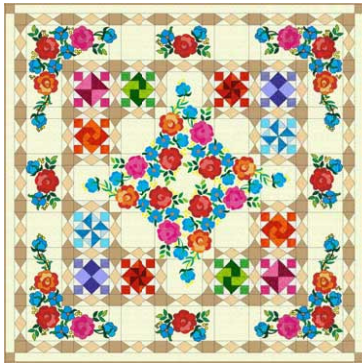
## Call for submissions!!

Is there something you want to see in the newsletter? Is there something you would like to contribute? Do you know of an upcoming event that would interest the group? Let us know! [gmgnews@gmail.com](mailto:gmgnews@gmail.com)

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of four boys and supported by the world's best husband, Kent. Beth was given her first sewing kit in kindergarten and has been putting needle to thread ever since. A quilter since 1975, it didn't take long for her to begin designing her own patterns. A teacher by nature, it was only a matter of time before the quilting classes began. "It's important to me that every student come away from my class eager for the next challenge. I love what happens to a quilter's soul when she masters a new technique."

The site hosts a BOM each year, which can be followed monthly or purchased as a set (*Now and Forever* was this year's offering - another group of downloads that I am looking forward to completing – someday!!).



Applewood also has links to view and purchase Beth's patterns, books, and supplies – the wash away appliqué sheets have definitely piqued my interest - as well as to her blog (which is a great read, by the way). Her sense of humor is always present, and it is like having a conversation with an old friend. Lists of Beth's workshops and classes can be found on the site as well. If she ever wants to come to Canada, I

would be one of the first in line to sign up – I have a feeling it would be a blast!

I purchased one of Beth's books "Hand Appliqué by Machine" about 2 years ago, and had a ball reading through it. There are several projects, increasing in complexity, to demonstrate her freezer paper method (I love finding new ways to do things – even though you might not use the techniques immediately, it's good to have that variety in your arsenal for the next project, or the one after that!). Her signature style and sense of humor come across on the printed page just as they do in her interviews. She promises that you can "Go from novice to appliqué goddess!" and fool even the strictest quilt police with her sneaky piecing tricks. There is a recent sequel to this book called "More! Hand Appliqué by Machine", which is on my wish list.

Check out the site at [Applewd.com](http://Applewd.com)



*Pathway to Patchwork by Beth Ferrier*

## Picks & Pans

There's still time to get your votes in for your favorite quilt-y thing(s)!

Do you have a presser foot you can't live without, or a special gadget that's the best thing since sliced bread? Or a really cool feature on your sewing machine that you just can't live without?? We want to know - mostly because we're nosy, but also so we can tell everyone else!! Wouldn't that be great information to have when you're thinking of making that next purchase for your own sewing room? **Email your thoughts to [gmgnews@gmail.com](mailto:gmgnews@gmail.com) with FAVES in the subject line.** If we get enough responses, we'll review them in next month's edition! We gadget junkies are always on the lookout for the next cool thing!

## 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.

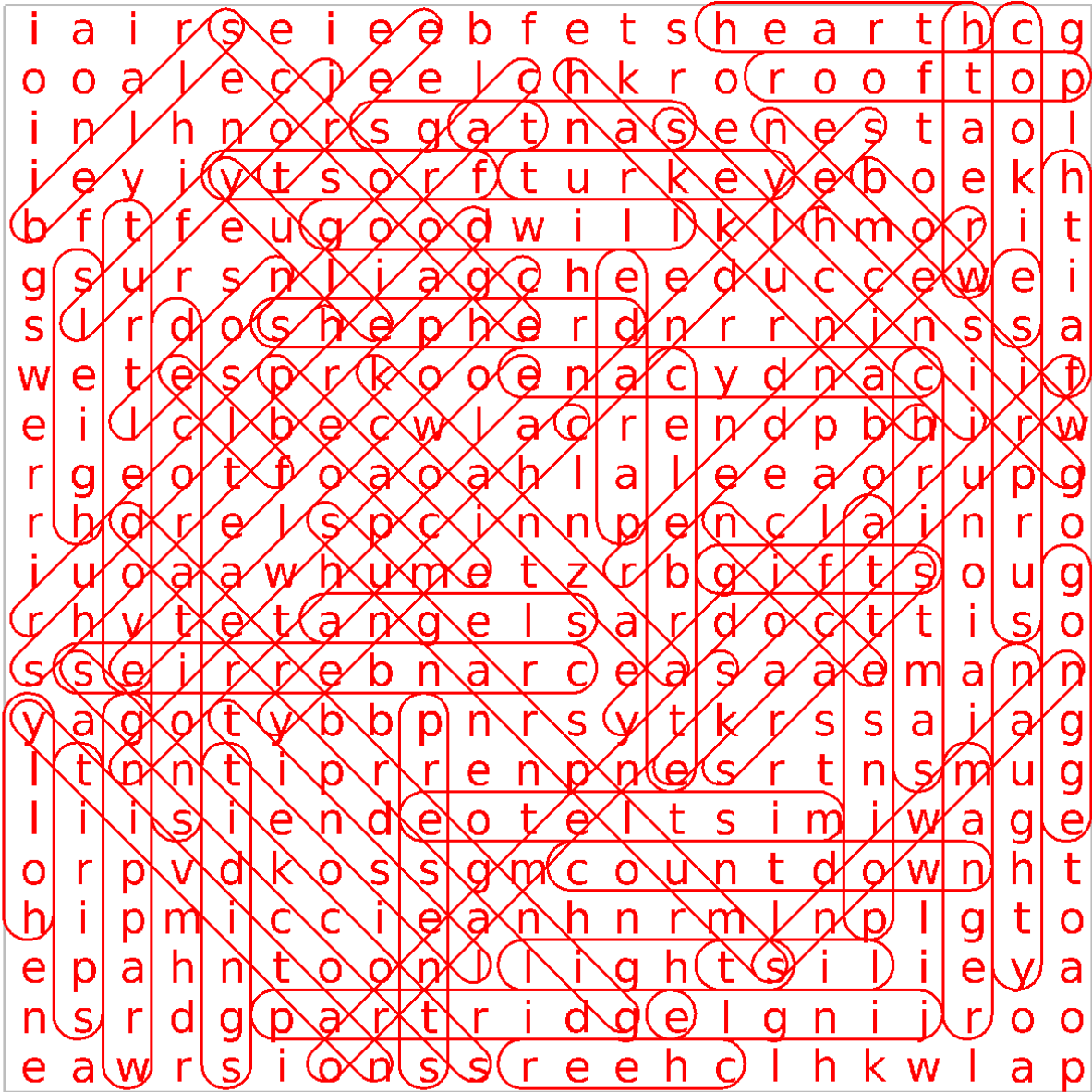
# Fun and Games

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# Fun and Games

## Holidays



Solution to December's Fun And Games Puzzle

# Who's to Blame? (Contacts)

## **2009-2010 Executive**

**President** - Betty Rice  
**Vice-President** - Gayle Ritchie  
**Secretary** - Vivian Leblanc  
**Treasurer** - Roxanne LeBlanc  
**Registrar** - Juanita Allain  
**Program Coordinators** - Jeri Burke and Louanna Whitmore

## **2009-2010 Job Jar Committees**

**Block of the Month** - Beth Rasmussen  
**Christmas Party** - Marie Bernard; Juanita Allain; Shirley Baillieuil; Margie Bartlett; Pat Hume  
**Christmas Block Challenge** - Grace Crawford, Barb Beatty  
**Library** - Ardith Barron, Claudette Hannington  
**Communications** - Juanita Allain  
**Photographer** - Marie Bernard  
**Newsletter** - Samantha Robichaud  
**CQA/ACC Liason** - Gayle Ritchie  
**UFO** -  
**Show & Share** - Francine LeBlanc  
**50/50** - Heather Arsenault  
**Mystery Quilt** - Beth Rasmussen  
**Group Quilt** - Joyce Moynagh, Kim Larracy  
**Website** - Susan Delaney  
**Retreat** - Vivian LeBlanc, Peggy Sheehan, Bridget Daly  
**Jelly Bean Draw** - Tracey Strong

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