



Greater Moncton Quilt Guild

My soul is fed....

By my needle and thread

MARCH 2011



Top 'o the Mornin' to ye!

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Hello everyone, What a busy month it's been! We have had snow, melting snow, rain, more snow, some very nice sunshine, and some flooded basements!!

So many things to share with you all this month... The retreat was a smashing success - as usual - see pictures on pages 4-6. We have two workshops coming up at the end of April / beginning of May. Our Shop Hop review continues this month and next, and I have also lined up another recurring feature to begin in April or May's newsletter, and continue into next year!

I was able to attend the guild retreat again this year, and it was so exciting to see so many projects, and so many different projects, methods, attitudes, ideas in one room. It is truly inspiring to me to be able to wander around the room and look at 40 different WIPs, ask questions, see how people make the project their own, learn their particular tricks of the trade... And to have some of these veteran quilters look over my own shoulder and say nice things, well.... I'm getting goose bumps again!

I did notice something else over the weekend though, something less goose bumpy and more brow furrowing, actually.... I noticed that even though we were all walking around, talking about quilting (and lots of other things too), none of us seemed to be able to just take a compliment. At first, I didn't really think anything of it, I mean, we're all our own worst critics, right? But as the hours went by, I noticed it more and more... Someone would say "Oh, isn't that pretty?!" and Someone Else would reply, well thanks, but this part didn't turn out

quite right", or "This didn't line up properly", or "I wish I had done this or that", or I wish I was better at this". I am guilty of this myself all the time, about any compliment, and I started thinking about that, and why that is...

To be honest, I can only guess at the cause, maybe being raised to be humble, or maybe feeling that I am still a beginner, but at any rate, why should any of that matter? If someone takes the time to say something nice about your work, your shirt, or your haircut for that matter, why can't we just say, "oh, thanks very much!" and not have to qualify it?

We are quilters, crafters, sewers, whatever title you want to give yourself. If someone, especially one of your fellows, admires your work, that's a GOOD thing! :) Give yourself permission to accept the compliment, and offer them to others, maybe we can break the cycle!

Believe in yourself! Have faith in your abilities! Without a humble but reasonable confidence in your own powers, you cannot be successful or happy. Norman Vincent Peale

There are two types of mints you should never turn down in life: breath mints and compliments. Either way, someone is trying to tell you something.

Happy St. Paddy's Day!!

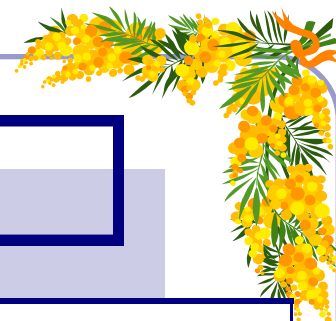
.... Sam






Schedule of Events

◆ MARCH

- } Mar 8 - GMQG Meeting
- } Mar 13 - Daylight Savings Time
- } Mar 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- } Mar 28 - Sew a Smile for ConKerr Cancer at IWK. Contact Grace Crawford
h.g Crawford@rogers.com



March 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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- } April 29-30 - Fredericton Quilt Guild Show
- } May 2-7 - Strait Stitches, A Maritime Event. National Seminary 2011 by Embroidery Association of Canada, Mount Allison University, Sackville, NB.
- } 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
- } 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
- } May 29-June 2, 2012- Quilt Canada 2012, Dalhousie University Campus, Halifax, NS



Member Events

Happy March birthdays to Shirley Baillieul, Barbara Beatty, Alice Houlahan, Sheila McCarthy, Joyce Moynagh, Peggy Sheehan, and Gisele Theriault.

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:
- March: Green
- 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

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 on the Courthouse Steps

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 March: Sande Gunning from River Gallery will be our special guest. Bring a small pair of scissors, and a thimble if you use one, for a hands-on Program project .
- ◆ Block of the month for March (Party on the Courthouse Steps)
- ◆ Jelly Roll strip for March is Green. 2 1/2 inches x width of fabric
- ◆ Loanna will advise on the next steps for the baby quilt project.
- ◆ We will be collecting for the Food Bank again in April, so please bring non-perishable items to the APRIL meeting.



GMQG Retreat



Annual Guild Retreat was held in Sussex on Feb 24, 25, 26 this year. Friday's forecast called for yet another winter storm, but thankfully it didn't really get started until after lunch, so most of us made it to Sussex before the worst of the storm. We did lose power on Friday night for a couple of hours, but some of the other guests at the hotel kept us entertained with some rather tipsy singing!!

Here is what we woke up to on Saturday morning - clear blue sky, but lots of the white stuff! The hotel staff were good enough to clean off our cars and move them for us, so the snowplow could do it's thing.



As usual, we had loads of fun, sewing, wandering around to see what everyone else was working on, sewing some more, eating and sewing and some more eating - the treats that people brought were fabulous! There were people waiting for Joyce to arrive with her famous toffee (YUM), and the cakes and breads and fudge... oh my!!

Ree showed us a cool product for wrapping your fabric to keep it organized. We got to play focus group and give her our feedback as subject matter experts :) Show and share was amazing, as usual. Lots of people worked on several different projects throughout the weekend, and there was lots to share. Thanks to Martha and Lynn for sending me the pics, as my camera just doesn't measure up!



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Retreat Pics - Continued



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We all played with the impossible quilt puzzle at some point on the weekend. It WAS eventually solved..... eventually.....

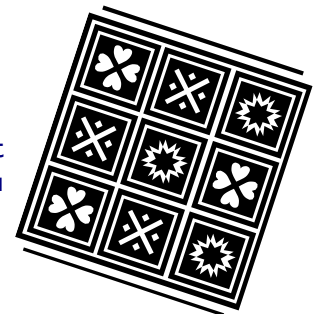
We had entertainment Saturday evening that left us all in stitches (no pun intended). Ask Marie, Sylvie, and Margaret about their swine debut!



By Sunday morning, the roads were mostly clear, and with lots accomplished, we all headed back to the real world! :) Big BIG thanks to the organizers, who outdid themselves this year with draws and games and fun and pay the pig!



Thanks Bridget Daly, Rita Arsenault, Roxanne LeBlanc, Val LeBlanc, and all the retreat sponsors—including The Covered Bridge Quiltery, The Fabric Cupboard, Because You Count, Avonport Discount Fabrics and Karen Neary.



Shop Hop Part II - Visiting with your local quilt shop owners

This is the second instalment in our Shop Hop series. We have some great local resources for all things quilt-y, and are giving you a chance to learn a bit about the shops, and their owners.

This month we visit with Jackie Spataro of the Fabric Cupboard in Moncton, NB. The Fabric Cupboard has been in business for 16 and a half years, and Jackie has been the "proprietess" since 2001, when she purchased the shop from Judy Gillcash.



What products/services does the Fabric Cupboard offer?

- ◆ We carry approximately 1500 bolts of beautiful cottons - we are currently the second largest purchaser of fabrics from Trend Tex Fabrics (Moda, Benartex, Thimbleberries, RJR) [in all of Canada](#) (wowza!)
- ◆ Notions, patterns, books, batting, threads, Husqvarna machines, friendships, inspiration, loads of fun

What types of classes are offered at the Fabric Cupboard?

- ◆ We have beginners, intermediate and advance 10 week classes which has been taught by Cindy since the day we opened.
- ◆ Judy teaches day classes on Tuesdays which include Camp Day, Mystery Class, Bags, Totes, Quilt in a Day, Cosmetic Bags, Machine Quilting and anything else we can think of.
- ◆ Ree Defina has been teaching a very successful 4 weeks French Braid Class which has produced some very breath-taking quilts.
- ◆ My mother, Deina, teaches Log Cabin, Hand Quilting and she has a new quilt called "Fours and Nines" that she will be teaching in the spring.
- ◆ We will have any class at anytime when we have 4 people.

Why did you want to open a quilt shop?

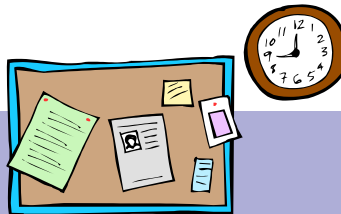
I bought the shop to have fun, be creative and spend time with my family. I purchased the quilt shop from Judy Gillcash on September 10th, 2001. Judy had such an amazing quilt shop... I was so proud to be a part of something so special and wonderful.

What is your favourite part of owning your own shop? Your least favourite part?

- ◆ Favorite : Friends, laughing, sharing in peoples lives, looking at color all day long, that giddy feeling we get when we unpack a huge, huge fabric shipment
- ◆ Least : Fires, soot, smoke damage

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Notices



One of our members, Pat Hume, is once again on the road and has travelled south for warmer weather (smart girl!). She has sent the address of her blog, which sometimes covers quilty things, and sometimes not. <http://travelsopatandthecat.blogspot.com> . I'm not normally a blog follower, but somehow lost half an hour reading along!! If you're interested, give it a look.

Update on ConKerr Cancer from Grace Crawford:

The ConKerr Cancer Pillowcases Charity is alive and well and going like a house afire!! We need fabric donations - just drop your donations in to The Fabric Cupboard - and they must be from smoke free homes. Our next workshop will be March 28th - 10 o'clock in the morning and also we are looking for persons who travel down to Dartmouth and could take a box for the N.S. contact to the IWK who lives in Eastern Passage - right to her door would be nice but we can figure out a pick-up place in Dartmouth, I'm sure. Any messages can be sent to Grace at h.garcrawford@rogers.com. The group has made over 30 pillowcases so far, and has had over 50 more donated by members and non-members!

Check out the website - ConKerrCancer.org - to 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.

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Shop Hop - Continued

Many of you will remember that the Fabric Cupboard suffered smoke damage from a fire in their building just over a year ago. Thankfully nobody was hurt, and the silver lining for us, the customers, was the now annual "fire" sale!

Do you have a favourite method of quilting? Why? Is there a method you really don't like? Why?

I love paper piecing... it is so crisp and sharp. I am starting Judy Niemeyer's " Celtic Wave " which is paper pieced from top to bottom. Yummy.

How did you become interested in quilting?

My grand parents lived in an old farm house on PEI. I slept over at their house one night in the middle of winter. When I woke up in the morning, I could see my breath because it was so cold however I realized I had the most warm, peaceful sleep. I looked on my bed and counted... one... two... three quilts hand made by my grandmother laid on top of me. I thought there must be something magic in these quilts and decided I had to learn how to make my own.

What advice would you give to new quilters becoming interested in the craft?

Come and take a class - we have so much fun! Judy and Cindy have been teachers for over 17 years each - that is ALOT of experience.

What was your first project? Do you still have it?

My first project was Cindy's 10 Week beginners quilt sampler. It hangs in the shop. It has some color issues but I still love it.

The Fabric Cupboard website is <http://thefabriccupboard.blogspot.com>, where upcoming events and sales are posted regularly.

The Fabric Cupboard organizes an annual quilt retreat, held in April in Memramcook, as well as a monthly Thimbleberries Club and an annual \$15 Quilt project (BOM).

The Fabric Cupboard
 22 Brandon Street, Moncton, NB E1C 7E6
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 E-mail: fabric@nb.sympatico.ca

Hours of Operation
 Monday to Friday - 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
 Saturdays - 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Thanks Jackie!!

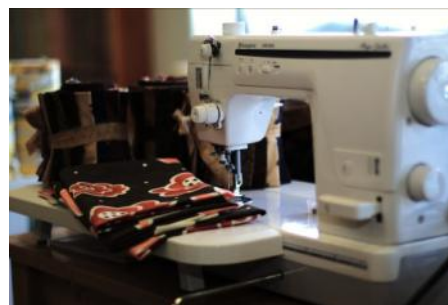
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Antique sewing tables and the huge snowbanks outside



Classroom balcony.



Husqvarna Machines



Cutting Table and more displays
 Look at those awesome batiks on the left!!

Shop Hop - Continued



Play area with some pretty cute kids! ;)



Notices - Continued

Update from Karen Bureaux of the quilt show committee:

The 25th anniversary show will be held Oct. 21, 22, 23 at the Moncton Lions Club, 55 Mark Ave., Moncton

The committee will be asking for volunteers at the March Meeting. Volunteers are needed for the following committees:

- ◆ Raffle Quilt Committee. Printing tickets, selling them, advertising the raffle quilt, etc is to be taken on by the committee.
- ◆ Fundraising Committee
- ◆ Judging Committee
- ◆ Merchant Mall Committee
- ◆ Advertising Committee



Raffle quilt for the Anniversary Show

Nominations will soon be taking place for the Annual General Meeting in May. New VP will be required, as well as several of the job jar positions. Please be willing to volunteer and contribute - it makes everyone's experience better!

Workshops - April 30 - May 2, 2011



International award winning artist
Anne Morrell Robinson from
Margaree Valley, Nova Scotia

✿ Saturday, 30 April, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Coverdale Rec Centre - workshop on Kaleidoscope Star
Sunday, 1 May, 2-4 p.m. at the Golden Age Club on Elmwood Dr - trunk show
Monday, 2 May, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Coverdale Rec Centre - workshop on Applique Album

✿ Cost per workshop per member \$30; non-member \$40 (max 20 students per day)

✿ Cost for trunk show \$5

✿ Class supplies and info will be passed along at a later date.

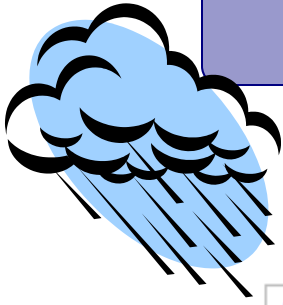
✿ Tickets for the trunk show will be sold at the March meeting.

✿ GMQG members get first option for registration. We will begin advertising to other guilds by the end of March to make sure we fill all the seats.

✿ Volunteers are needed to sell tickets for the trunk show, as well as to bring in sweets, and serve coffee and tea at the trunk show.

✿ Anne has donated a gift for a door prize to be drawn at the trunk show.





March Puzzle

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CIRRIFORM
COOLING
FAHRENHEIT
FRONT
LIGHTNING
PERMAFROST
RAIN
SNOW
TIDES
WARMING
WINDCHILL

BALLOON
CEILING
CIRRUS
CUMULUS
FLOOD
HAIL
NORTHERN LIGHTS
POP
RAINBOW
SNOWFLAKE
TROUGH
WARNING

BAROMETER
CELSIUS
CLEAR
DRIZZLE
FOG
HUMIDITY
OZONE
PRECIPITATION
SHOWER
TEMPEST
UPDRAFT
WIND

BLACK ICE
CHINOOK
CLOUD
ECLIPSE
FREEZING RAIN
JET STREAM
OZONE
PRESSURE
SLEET
THUNDER
VISIBILITY
WIND SHEAR



Word Search - Answers

February & Valentine's

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friendship
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ribbons
romance
sweetheart
crush
cuddle
dancing
kisses
smooch
teddybear

Who's to Blame? (Contacts)

2010-2011 Executive

President - Gayle Ritchie

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Program Coordinators - Kim Larracy, Loanna Whitmore

2010-2011 Job Jar Committees

Block of the Month - Beth Rasmussen

Christmas Party - Roxanne LeBlanc, Marie Bernard, Val LeBlanc

Christmas Block Challenge - Samantha Robichaud

Library - Claudette Hannington, Sylvie Dubé

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Newsletter - Samantha Robichaud

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UFO - Phyllis Melanson

Show & Share - Phyllis Melanson, Joanne Bourque

25th Anniversary Challenge - Nancy Elaschuk, Jennifer Vienneau

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

Workshop Committee - Roxanne LeBlanc, Vivian LeBlanc, Samantha Robichaud

Quilt Show Chair - Karen Bureaux

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