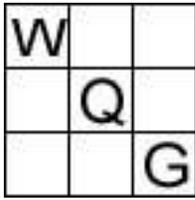


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Woodstock Quilt Guild

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President's Note:

Wow - another month has gone by - and it's Fall!!

Our next meeting is scheduled for **Monday October 3, 2011 at 7pm**. Don't forget to bring the items that Sandra listed at the last meeting - **fabric, embroidery floss and needle**. She's going to teach us all the blanket stitch. I'm anxious to see everyone's challenge blocks - I'm willing to bet the range of fabric choices has been wide.

I finished a couple of projects I had been working on this summer (no - not the yo-yos) and was thumbing through a few of my books looking for inspiration. It occurred to me that there are likely collectively 100's of books on shelves in our homes that could serve as inspiration. I'm wondering if the group has ever tried a book exchange? I don't mean to keep - I for one am not willing to part with any of my books - but I'd be happy to lend a few. I think there must be an easy way for us to do this without the Guild being responsible for our books. Maybe if I brought a book with an index card that had my name, phone number and the name of the book on it, with room for the person's name and phone number that would like to borrow it?? Then if say, Sandra wanted to borrow my book, she would take the book and I would take the card with her name and number. If after a few weeks (or months) went by and I was looking for that book, I could call Sandra and ask her to return it (or else!). It would be my responsibility to track her down - NOT the Guilds. Could it work? Has it been tried? Would anyone be interested?

Give it some thought.

See you on the 3rd.

Enjoy these fabulous days of sunshine! Catherine

RETREAT UPDATE: **November 4th** is fast approaching and we still have room for you!!! A weekend of great food prepared for you, a relaxing atmosphere and a great bunch of ladies!! Don't forget to make something, anything out of the challenge fabric and bring it with you along with a bottle of your favorite wine!! How about a rub from a professional masseuse or buy some fabric from the local shop or from the Wool Lady who is coming to us!! I can't wait to get there!! Janet

FABRIC YARDAGE DRAW:

We are happy to report that September's fabric draw was a success. We took in \$63.75 and sold 64 tickets (yeah someone was short a quarter). Don't forget to BRING \$3 to October's meeting for **4, yes FOUR** chances to win!!!!
Janet W & Amanda

A NOTE FROM YOUR PROGRAM COMMITTEE:

We're looking forward to seeing your blocks for September! Bring them and show us your colour scheme. If you haven't done your hand embroidery yet- and you want to- we will be demonstrating some tips on blanket stitch on Monday, October 3. There will be a tutorial on other decorative stitches at our **November Super Saturday**. BRING your sewing kits, scissors, embroidery thread and your blocks or another piece of fabric to practise on for the Monday meeting. As well, you will be getting patterns for two more attractive blocks on Monday. **Don't forget the craft sale at the November meeting.** We hope that you are all making something for sale.- just for the fun of it! See you on Monday!!
-Trish and Sandra

Gathering of the Guilds:

The Gathering of the Guilds (GOG) committee has been working hard over this summer and we just wanted to give you an update. Finalized are the dates - **April 13, 14 & 15 /2012.**

Decorating Committee - Gathering of the Guilds:

The Gathering of the Guilds decorating committee is planning on selling tickets on a Basket filled with Quilting items. This Basket will be on display during the Gathering of the Guilds and tickets will be purchased by the Members participating. It is not the committee's intention at this point to ask Guild Members to sell tickets. **However**, the Committee would like to ask each Guild Member to bring in a **good quality quilting item** to fill the Basket. The latest date to bring this item in would be the **December Meeting**. THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!

Proposed Super Saturday Program 2011-1012

Time to start planning our long cold winter with a few bright days called "Super Saturdays".

The price for a full day is still \$5.00, each time you come your name will be entered in a draw for a "fantastic" gift basket of quilters' goodies which will be given out at our June 2012 meeting.

There will not be a Super Saturday in September, October or April due to classes and the Gathering of the Guilds.

The following are the dated and planned activities:

- **November 12:** Bag Day (1 -Tie Bag with Bonnie Sproull; 2- Denim Bag with Margie Caldwell; 3- Surprise with me. Also, Sandra Culberson will be doing a tutorial on Embroidery Stitches.
- **December 3:** Christmas projects with the Sew 'n Sews (Meductic quilting group). Information to be posted online.
- **January 21:** English paper piecing- Grandmothers' Flower Garden/Star/Diamond (Tumbling Blocks) with Shirley Dumphy and Doreen Antworth. Also, the New York Beauty Pattern will be demo-ed by Sandra Culberson and Linda McAfee.
- **February 25:** Scrappy Quilt with Judy Boyd
- **March 24:** Rug Day - Wool Work with Debbie Flewelling; Locker Hooking and Floor Quilt with Linda McAfee
- **May 12:** DOT- Finish UFO's before summer hits in the AM. Picnic lunch- everyone brings sandwich, fruit and dessert to share. After lunch we will go to Riverview Court and do a Mini- Quilt Show for the residents, as part of our outreach community work.

Hoping to see you all at Super Saturday, especially new members as this is a great way to get to know others and learn techniques as we all willing to help and share our knowledge.

Linda McAfee

Minutes of the Sept. Meeting of the WQG

The WQG met at St. Gertrude's Church Hall on Sept. 7th at 7PM. President, Catherine Sutherland, presided and welcomed everyone to the start of the 2011-12 quilting year. Two guests were present and we welcomed one new member, Marion Parkinson.

It was reported that Linda McAfee has agreed to look after Super Saturdays. She will need some help so please speak to her if you can assist her.

It was moved by Bonnie Sproull and seconded by Kathy Boone to accept the agenda for the meeting as written and distributed to members.

It was moved by Sandra Culberson and seconded by Trish Robinson to accept the June minutes of the WQG as published in the newsletter.

Business arising from the Minutes:

Kathy Boone reported on the committee's progress in planning for the "Gathering of the Guilds" next spring. She will keep us updated in the monthly newsletter and is presently seeking delegates from the guild to attend and represent the WQG. She also needs volunteers for the entertainment committee for that event. If you are interested, please speak to her. Terri Dickinson reported as well on the progress of the "goodie bag" committee.

Kathy Bennett reported on behalf of the committee looking after "Quilt Instructors". There are still openings for the classes being instructed by Linda Hubbard this fall. That information will be sent out again by e-mail and if you are interested, please sign-up ASAP as the course will be opened up to other guilds/public.

Correspondence included a note of thanks from Susan Hayden for well-wishes from the guild and also a note of thanks from Anne Stone for the lap throw given her by the guild.

New Business:

A motion was made by Sandra Culberson and seconded by Kathy Boone that the proposed budget as established by the executive in an earlier meeting and distributed to the members be approved with the following change: \$200.00 be indicated as an expense for the Gathering of the Guilds. This money will be utilized to pay registration to send delegates from our guild. President, Catherine, cautioned us that our proposed expenses now exceed our proposed revenue by \$65.00 and we need to be mindful of that.

There is still space to sign up for the Fall Retreat which happens the first weekend in November. The details of the retreat are in the September newsletter. Sign-up ASAP through Janet M. or Janet W.

Sunshine Committee Report: cards were sent out to Cathy Crowley (get-well and thinking of you), Susan Hayden (get-well), and Marilyn Sarchfield (sympathy).

Buddy System-Those who do not get e-mail should buddy-up with someone in the guild who does have that service and have them copy or call re messages/newsletters which are received.

Comfort Quilts-Margie Caldwell and Linda McAfee have made up 10 kits for comfort quilt purposes and are looking for volunteers to take those home and complete them.

The business meeting was finished at 7:30 p.m. and was followed by Show and Tell, Fat Quarter Draw, and Program.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Jackson

Woodstock Quilt Guild

Treasurer's Report submitted by Dorothy Davis September 30, 2011

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| BAL fwd August 31, 2011 | 9890.61 |
| Income: | |
| Membership (46) | 920.00 |
| Super Saturday 2010-2011 | 38.34 |
| Classes | 810.00 |
| FQ draw September | 63.75 |
| Retreat | 1325.00 |
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| Total Income | 3157.09 |
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| | 13047.70 |
| Expenses: | |
| Misc (program) | 144.63 |
| Raffle quilt /quilt show | 53.52 |
| Sunshine | 13.11 |
| Rent Sept-December | 100.00 |
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| Total expenses | 311.26 |
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| Balance September 30, 2011 | 12,736.44 |

Someone has given me a receipt dated March 21 ,2011 from Canada Post , looks like a charge for a parcel 14.66 , I don't think I paid it and I'm not sure who it goes to. Please let Dorothy know. Thank you.

My neighbour is washing her windows
And scrubbing and washing her floors
But my house is all topsy and turvey
And dust is behind the doors.
My neighbour, she keeps her house spotless
And she goes all day in a trot:
But no one would know in a fortnight
If she swept today or not.
The task I am at is enticing -
My neighbour is worn to a rag -
I am making a quilt out of pieces
I saved in a pretty chintz bag.
And the quilt, I know my descendants
Will exhibit with credit to me -
"So lovely - my Grandmother made it
Long ago in 1933."

But will her grandchildren remember
Her struggles with dirt and decay?
They will not - they will wish she had made them
The quilt I am making today.

From the Quilting Answer Book

Question: I've heard that some quilters preshrink all quilting fabrics and other never do. Who's right?

Answer: Both! It boils down to personal preference and often to the preferences of those from whom you learn to quilt. Here are a few things to consider:

- Quiltmakers who believe quilts should never be washed say preshrinking is not necessary.
- Quilts that have non-washable embellishments and fabrics that must be dry-cleaned do not require pre-shrinking.
- Many quilters don't like dry-cleaning because of the residual chemicals left in the quilt. So preshrinking and washing is the only option for quilts that will be laundered.
- Many quilters prefer working with crisp unwashed fabrics, claiming they are easier to cut and handle without stretching and don't ravel during the cutting and piecing.
- Others wash fabrics to control shrinkage and bleeding, then add a light coat of spray starch that lose too much body in the wash. Some quiltmakers will immerse fabrics in a starch bath and then press them dry to make the fabrics stiff for easier cutting.
- If you are sensitive to chemicals, it's essential to launder cotton fabric to remove finishing dyes and chemicals.
- Those who prefer the look of antique quilts, may preshrink the fabric but not the cotton batting and then wash the finished quilt to raise the texture for an heirloom look - the puckered, popcornlike surface that characterizes vintage quilts. If you don't preshrink the fabric either, the texture is even more pronounced after the first wash.
- Since different fabrics shrink at different rates, preshrinking them all first levels the field.
- ***One rule not to break:*** if you preshrink one fabric for your quilt, preshrink them all so there will be no surprises later.

Please remember to have your Newsletter submissions to Estelle at least one week prior to the Meetings, at wilsur@nbnet.nb.ca