



NEWSLETTER OF THE PRAIRIE PIECEMAKERS QUILTERS GUILD

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hi Everyone

We'll be kissing the Blarney Stone this month with St Patrick's Day coming up. Let's enjoy the colour green this month.

Our Valentine pillowcase contest was loads of fun. There were so many pretty ones, it was hard to decide the winners. Thank you to everyone who participated.

On behalf of the membership I would like to extend a special thank you to Sherrill Taylor and Marlene Smith-Collins for all their hard work. Sherrill and Marlene serged all the pillowcase seams. Marlene also made 2 extra pillowcases with some of the left over fabric and took 19 pillowcases to Transition House. These pillowcases are greatly appreciated by the people who receive them.

Everyone mark your calendars for the Vendor's Day which will be on Saturday, April 5th at the Pasqua Neighbourhood Centre. It's sure to be lots of fun. Hope to see everyone there.

WORKSHOP NEWS



Denise Paradis

March 7 /8 - Layers of Intrigue with Anna Hergert of Moose Jaw

This class is now full. If you want your name on a waiting list please let Leanne know

Are you looking for a fun and creative way to combine a multitude of coloured and patterned fabrics?

Join in layering and cutting intriguing combinations of quilting cottons.

Create your very own design and listen to your heart rather than your head.

You will emerge with at least two art quilt tops that are exciting and unique!

Class Fee - \$65.00

Friday March 7 and Saturday March 8, 2008

9:30-4:30 pm

Our Lady Saviour Church - 190 Massey Road

You will receive a supply list when you register.

Please bring a lunch

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**NEXT
MEETING
TUESDAY
April 1st
@7:30 PM**

President

Denise Paradis
522-9446

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Sunita Redford
565-4685

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789-4937

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731-2944

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949-9293

Historian

Sylvianne Revet
584-3090

Library

Corrie
Beyer-Koopman
584-1025

Donna Hartung
949-4085

50/50

Sharon Harras
586-6805

Coffee

Elaine Wiens
545-6116

Lori Loewen
924-5381

March 28/29 - Easy Landscapes with Leona Larson of Saskatoon

This class is now full. If you want your name on a waiting list please let Leanne know

Come on an adventure with me.

Leona's method is so very easy to help achieve the wall hanging you want.
The results will surprise you.

The class will be low-key with no stress.

There is no such word as can't do using Leona's technique.

Many people who have taken this class say they are not artists and discover they have hidden talents.

Be prepared to have fun flying out of the box - with Leona. A very liberating experience.

Class fee - \$65.00

Friday March 28 and Saturday March 29, 2008

9:30 - 4:30 pm

Our Lady Saviour Church - 190 Massey road

You will receive a supply list when you register.

Please bring a lunch

May 10/11 - Posh Poppies with ChiChi Raduik of Moose Jaw

This class will find you exploring many different techniques in one beautiful project. You will be fabric painting, shading, thread play, free machine, beading and so much more.

Class Fee - \$70.00 plus \$15 for the pattern

Saturday May 10 and Sunday May 11, 2008

9:30-4:30 pm

Place – Pasqua Recreation Centre, North Lewvan

You will receive a supply list when you register.

Please bring your lunch.



The Regina Prairie Piecemakers Quilt Guild
Invite You
To a Day of
Show, Share and Shopping

Come on out for the day and shake the winter blues away.
Have fun viewing quilt displays, shopping at the vendors booth, watching demos
and have a cup of tea with fellow guild members.

Saturday, April 5, 2008
9:30 – 4:00pm
At the Pasqua Neighbourhood Recreation Centre
263 Lewvan Drive
Regina

Contact: Leann Clifford for any info
306-775-2399
the5cliffords@shaw.ca

If you would like to participate as a vendor the fee for a table is
\$10.00 for the day.

Please let Leann know and a table will be waiting for you.

To all Guilds The Regina PieceMakers Quilt Guild would like to Share all
newsletters and teachers with you. If your Guild would like to participate and
share the wealth of knowledge between the Guilds please let us know.

Hope to see you April 5th for a great day
Leann

Feature Article

Interview with Sylvianne Revet

Duties :

I take pictures mainly of our “Show and Share” but also of different events of our Guild for our Archives. I get the pictures developed for a hard copy and file them in an album. I also store the pictures on a DVD. This year I also tackled a backlog of duplicate pictures and I tried to identify our members as much as I could.

How long have you been quilting ?

I started quilting in the early 90’s. A good friend of mine from Kamsack, SK had been piecing with fortrel and I was fascinated with all the different blocks. I decided to take beginner classes taught by Eleanor Podl at the Neil Balkwill. I was hooked and quickly became a fabriholic. I never did use fortrel but I credit these numerous ladies for keeping quilting alive which we enjoy so much today.

How long have you been a PDOG member?

I joined in January 2003.

What inspires you about quilting?

My quilting friends for sure! I also love fabric and I have certain themes, my very favourite is tropical fish and sea world in general. You wouldn’t believe how many I have collected just waiting to become quilts! I also look for patterns that I can relate to: “Yeah, I can do that!”

What parts of the quilting process do you like best?

My favourite time is when I have everything lined up and I can finally sit at my sewing machine and start piecing. I also love it at the stage that I can apply the binding as it means I am almost done the one project.

What are you working on these days?

I always have more than one project on the go and so many are in line waiting for their turn. I have started a bed size quilt using my accumulated “worms”. I also want to make a quilt using my rooster fabric and many more using my multi stack of “fish” fabric. I also have to make a wall size quilt for our parish for a raffle to raise money for our immigrant families.

What would you personally like to accomplish during the next quilting year?

Making a dent in my fabric stash would be great!

**Confessions of a
Fabriholic**

What do you get when you cross a quilter with an embroidery stitcher?

Answer: A even more interesting quilter.

The sky is the limit. You can mix and match embroidered blocks with pieced blocks and get some very beautiful quilts.

That brings me to my latest problem. How many of you joined the block of the month last year where you had to do a pieced and an embroidered block? Did you finish your project? I haven't. I still have about 3 blocks to embroider and 4 blocks to piece. I do have to admit what I am seeing sure is nice and I can't wait to finish. Only thing is I have to get motivated again to do the embroidery. I was doing so good until summer came and then forget it. Next came fall and new blocks of the month to join. So last year's blocks are still sitting waiting to be finished. Three quarters done and my husband keeps asking – When are you going to finish that quilt? Why did you start another one?

I guess that's my problem. I go great guns and have such interest. But then I get distracted and start something new. I go back to the first project work some more only to find another project I want to make. Then there are the classes I sign up for. I come home after the class with all my stuff cut out or started and I intend on finishing that project but have to finish the first one first. It gets so confusing. I don't think I am the only one though because I talk to my gal pals and they all seem to have several projects on the go too. Maybe its because I want to do them all. I can't help myself.

On top of having all the projects waiting to be finished, I have to work. Can you imagine? Why won't they pay me just to stay home in my PJ's and quilt?

This whole having to work for a living really puts a damper on things. It is interfering with my hobby. Maybe its time to retire?

So many quilts so little time.

Newsletter

Here are the deadlines for the upcoming months. Please ensure your submissions are in by these dates as we need time to edit the newsletter articles and also to prepare the website version. As well our printer has requested we give them about a week to do the printing.

You may email your submission to rcolville@sasktel.net.

<u>Month</u>	<u>Deadline Date</u>
April/08	March 17, 2008
May/08	April 21, 2008
June/08	May 20, 2008

Thanks Heidi Colville, Chris Nykoluk and Muriel Bradley

Embellishing Machines

Last month Brenda Caswell showed some work she did with an embellishing machine. As promised here are the websites with information about the embellishing machines

www.tryourdesigns.com/Felting_machines.htm

There are also some cool projects to look at the following website.

<http://www.fiberella.com/html/workshops.html>

Quilting News

Congratulations to Victoria's Quilts Canada on the occasion of sending Quilt No. 10,000 to its new home. It was sent to a cancer patient in St. Andrews, near Winnipeg. The quilt depicts a calm winter scene with evergreen trees against a starlit sky and was crafted by Jean P, a long-time member of Victoria's Quilts Canada.

2008 Quilt Show



2008 Quilt Show Quilting Dreams 27-28 September 2008

Report from the Convenor – Diane Secoy Smith dseco@sasktel.net

1. Here is a repeat of the information on the Guild Challenge for the show. This show's challenge for the members is a quilt of any size [artcard to bed] which is based on a photograph or painting. This can be one of yours or someone else's or from a magazine. We want you to display the photo along with the quilt. This can be done by yourself or with others. Some examples are on the table at the back.
2. There is a deposit box at the back of the hall for fat quarters to be used for table decorations and favours at the reception. We appreciate any donations of good quality cotton fat quarters.
3. Here's the list of committees and their duties so that you can decide whether/how you can help with the show. We'll have a signup sheet in April. I have put the ones which need a lot of help at the front. In each case, we should say that duties other than those mentioned may arise.

Display

Duties: help put up and take down quilt display and maintain quilt security

Admissions

Duties: Sit at the admissions table during the show for a two hour stint and help in security of cash .

Demonstrations

Duties: help sell tickets to the judge's demonstration and help any vendors who give short demonstrations

Envelop Stuffing

To do "homebound tasks" as they develop, at the request of the coordinator

Guild Table

Duties: volunteer for two hours at the guild garage sale and penny parade displays

Publicity/Design

Duties: help publicity coordinator in displaying publicity items such as posters; greet show attendees and hand out programs and gloves [two hour stint].

Quilt Registration

Duties: help registration coordinator in registering quilts and making quilt labels

Raffle quilt

Duties: help sell raffle tickets at the show and the Melville or other shows attended.

Reception/trunk show

Duties: help reception coordinators sell tickets, arrange reception space, arrange food

White glove

Duties: help coordinators to act as hosts and security for the quilts and displays [two hour stints]



Quilters We Need You!

When it comes to cancer, every person has their own story. That's why quilters get involved in the Patches of Hope Auction – so they can create a quilted item in tribute to someone special in their lives – someone who is a survivor, someone who has lost the battle or simply to help fight this devastating disease.

A Great Cause

Your quilt donation will benefit Saskatchewan's innovative Canadian Cancer Society Client Advocate Program, as well as cancer research.

We're On a Roll

Thanks to many generous quilters who have donated their time and talent in the past, we've already raised \$173,000 for the Canadian Cancer Society. With community interest in our auction continuing to grow, we are hoping to raise another \$50,000 this year to bring our six year total to \$223,000.

More Details

Visit www.cancer.ca/patches for:

- our Quilt Donation Form
- tips for Quilters based on our experiences of the previous auctions
- terms of Donation which explains how donated quilts will be used and how tax receipts are issued.

Those without web access can call Brooke Claffey at the Society, 790-5807 (toll free 1-877-977-HOPE) for assistance.

Please register your quilt donation by September 1, 2008 and send your finished quilt to your nearest Canadian Cancer Society office in Saskatchewan by October 1, 2008.

Thank you for helping us fight cancer, stitch by stitch.

