

# PRAIRIE PIECEMAKERS QUILTERS' GUILD

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## QUILTS UNLIMITED

***SEPTEMBER 25 & 26, 2010***

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**Let's work together to make this the best quilt show ever!**

*Convenor:* Brenda Caswell

**THE PRAIRIE PIECMAKERS QUILTERS GUILD**  
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## **MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT**

### **PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR OCTOBER 2009**

The work of the President behind the scenes continues to go very well. First I was delighted to see the article on the Guild in the October 25<sup>th</sup> edition of the *Sunday Sun*. Despite the few seemingly misquotes and poetic license taken by the interviewer, it accomplished what I had set out to accomplish and that was to bring some focus on the Guild activities and its membership and raise the profile of the Guild.

Since my last reporting, I have met with the members of the Quilt Show Committee and I am satisfied that plans for the 2010 Quilt Show are well in hand. I have great confidence that it will be a larger success than the 2008 show. I am delighted with Brenda's efforts to bring new dimensions to the show. I have also met with members of the Executive and covered a number of concerns which were of concern to the executive as well as the membership at large.

**Rules of Order.** I have taken time to read some of the relevant sections of *ROBERTS RULES OF CONDUCT* which were not familiar to me at the last meeting. It was graciously loaned by Marlene Slater Collins. I will be placing a copy of the condensed version in the Library for reference to all guild members. There is much to be learned.

As President of the Guild, I feel it is necessary to maintain links with Guilds through out the Province and to this end I did take time to attend the last meeting of the Moose Jaw Guild at which one of our members Corrie Beyer- Koopman, with the assistance of Lean Clifford, offered a demonstration of "Rust Dying" of fabric. It was very well received and I learned a great deal both from the demonstration and seeing how the Moose Jaw Guild meeting was conducted. It was a good experience to talk to Executive members from this Guild and I feel I have gained a few valuable insights and left behind a few friends in Moose Jaw. I also made a conscientious effort to take in the Saskatoon Quilt Show. While My wife and sister were browsing the display, I made a deliberate effort to seek out some of the Executive of the Guild and was delighted to share information on the Guild with the Co Chair of the Show Dorothy Booker -Tymchatyn. I had many thoughts about the show which have not yet jelled in my mind. I also sat down for a quick cup of coffee and a friendly chat with a few members of the Prince Albert Guild and one from Melfort. I guess this is what they call 'politicking'.

During October, I have taken 33 phone calls and fielded 57 emails regarding guild matters. The Total time spent in Guild matters and promoting the Guild equates to approximately 6 full working days.

*Ted Sheard, President - 2009/2010*

*26<sup>th</sup> October 2009*

**AGENDA  
PRAIRIE PIECMAKERS QUILTERS' GUILD  
MEMBERSHIP MEETING Nov 3, 2009  
WHITMORE PARK UNITED CHURCH**

1. Welcome
2. Introduction of Executive
3. Approval of minutes of October meeting
4. Reports

- @ Treasurer – Fay Holstein (*see last page of Newsletter*)
- @ Program – Myrna Rosebrook
- @ Library – Pat Sargent/Myrna Machin/Peggy Fischer
- @ Workshop - Leann
- @ Membership – Joan /Arlene
- @ Website
- @ Show committee
- @ President – December meeting

COFFEE

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5. @ Newsletter- Yvonne Gallant – Dead line for submissions for November News Bulletin - November 24, 2009 > no Report
  6. New Business  
--- Donna Hartung
  7. 50/50 draw
  8. Show & Tell

**MINUTES OF THE  
PRAIRIE PIECEMAKERS QUILTERS' GUILD  
GENERAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 6, 2009  
WHITMORE PARK UNITED CHURCH, REGINA**

President Ted Sheard called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

The newsletter was not available due to some delivery misunderstanding.

Minutes of the September meeting were read and moved for adoption by Sharon Harras, Secretary, Seconded by Fay Holstein. —  
CARRIED

President Ted reported to the membership on meeting with Fay Holstein and Darlene Stewart regarding the financial reports. Darlene is acting as consultant and has proved invaluable in getting matters sorted out.

Ted reported on meeting with the Leader-Post/Sunday Sun in an attempt to gain more publicity for the guild.

Treasurer, Fay Holstein, presented the financial report which was available as a handout to the membership.

Fay **Moved that the amended auditor's statement be accepted, Seconded by Donna Hartung – CARRIED**

Fay **Moved that the September 21, 2009 report be accepted, Seconded by Dot Lawrence – CARRIED**

**Moved by Donna Hartung, Seconded by Pat Sargent “That all members pay their membership.”**

Following lengthy discussion **Dot Lawrence Moved that the motion be tabled, Seconded by Fay Holstein.**

There was further discussion on ways to increase our income and reduce expenditures.

**Moved by Carol Burton “That we email newsletters to members and provide hard copies for those not having email. Seconded by Denise Paradis**

Following discussion around this motion it was decided to table this motion and the executive will look into all points brought up in the various discussions.

**Library** – the list of library holdings is up on the website.

**Workshops** – Leann Clifford reminded the membership of the upcoming workshops and noted that information on these was provided on the website.

March Retreat – Two places still available.

Ted asked for a show of hands to indicate who in the membership were beginners to quilting. Sharon Harras spoke to the membership with a proposal to offer beginners some instruction on the basics of quilting. Those interested were asked to provide their contact information and Sharon would look into arranging time and place for getting together.

**Program** – Myrna Rosebrook introduced Denise Paradis to demonstrate the die cutter “Accuquilt” .

Denise Paradis asked members to vote on the quilts that were on display from last year’s “President’s Challenge”.

**Newsletter** – the deadline for submissions for next month’s edition is October 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Website** – Kathy Stedwill reported on the work already done on and the work proposed for the website.

**Membership** – Joan Godfrey reported that 106 memberships have been paid.

**President’s Challenge 2009/2010**

Joan Godfrey and Arlene Burkhart have agreed to take on the co-ordination of this year’s challenge. The fabric purchased for the challenge was presented and it was noted that there would have to be 20 participants for the challenge and that the cost would be \$16.50 each. Details on the challenge were presented.

Voting for last year’s challenge indicated that Jeanne Dimen’s quilt won First and Carol Burton’s won Second. Prizes for each were presented.

**Connecting Threads** – Marlene Smith-Collins reported that Connecting Threads was once again making placemats for Meals on Wheels and members were encouraged to help out with this. Marlene also indicated that there are a number of quilts needing to be sandwiched and quilted and asked for volunteers to help out with this.

**Quilt Show 2010** – Brenda Caswell reported that the quilt show will be at the Conexus Arts Centre. Entry forms should be available at the November meeting. A donation of \$1,000.00, which is to be used for the quilt show, has been made anonymously by a member.

**50/50 Draw** – a bundle of fabric was won by Marlene Smith-Collins

A Thank You card was read from Eva Palandri.

Show and Tell followed the business meeting.

Respectfully submitted  
Sharon Harras, Secretary

## **Report from our LIBRARIANS:**

Four new books have been added to the Library:

- **Strip Therapy 2** by Brenda Henning  
This collection of 6 quilt designs and 2 bags is based on Hoffman Fabrics 2 ½ Bali Pop strip sets.
- **French Braid Obsession** by Jane Hardy Millar  
Many projects and new ways to use French braids.
- **Beautiful Bargello**  
How-to instructions from today's leading bargello designers  
7 beginner to advanced projects.
- **Deck the Halls** by Cheryl Almgren Taylor  
10 projects for decorating or gift giving.

*Library committee: Pat, Peggy and Myrna*

## **From our WEBSITE CO-ORDINATOR:**

### *New on the Website*

- \* A copy of the Guild's Constitution,  
<http://www.prairiepiecemaker.com/about.htm>.
- \* Information and picture samples about making placemats for Home Care's Meals on Wheels program,  
<http://www.prairiepiecemaker.com/threads.htm>.
- \* Pictures of quilts from the September 2009 Lumsden Quilt Retreat,  
<http://www.prairiepiecemaker.com/workshops.htm>.
- \* Announcement about the Regina Stitchery Guild Creative FibreArts Festival, <http://www.prairiepiecemaker.com/workshops.htm>.
- \* A link to the Victoria Quilters' Guild  
(<http://www.prairiepiecemaker.com/links.htm>) and their 2010 Quilt Show,  
<http://www.prairiepiecemaker.com/shows.htm> (from a request to info@prairiepiecemaker.com,).

### **October Website Stats Report:**

As of October 26 there were 252 "unique" visitors to the website, down slightly from September's 303 total visitors. All of the pages on the website were visited with the top two pages being the news page (including viewing the October 2009 newsletter) and the Quilt Show page. Wednesday was the busiest day of the week for page visits.

Please send me your ideas and items you would like posted on the website:

- \* Do you have a favourite link, quilting tip or story to share?
- \* Do you have item(s) to sell - advertise on the website.
- \* Are you looking for people who share your quilting interests or sources for quilting resources - post a request on the website.

*Kathy Stedwill  
Website Co-ordinator*

**WORKSHOPS:****Beginner/Refresher Workshop**

Saturday, November 21, 2009  
 9:30a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
 Pasqua Recreation Centre – 263 Lewvan Drive  
 Cost: \$10.00  
 Workshop Size: 10  
 Facilitator: Sharon Harras

At this workshop we will start with the basics of quilting for those who are just getting started and others who have been away from quilting and wish to get back at it.

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**Upside Down Applique Class November 21, 2009**

9:30 - 3:30 at Our Saviour Lutheran Church

*You will be working on a pansy*

***Materials required:*****FABRICS**

Like many forms of appliqué, Upside-Down Appliqué is scrap-friendly. It is great for using scraps and small pieces of fabric. Although you do need a single piece of fabric for your background about the size of a fat quarter, the rest of the pieces may be small bits and pieces left over from other projects. Take a look in your scrap baskets as you search for pieces to appliqué. You will need 1 or 2 greens and 3 colors for the flower; I used red, yellow and burgundy.

**OTHER SUPPLIES**

- threads. A variety of rayon and cotton threads to match, blend and accent your fabrics
- Tear-Easy or other tear away stabilizer (about .5 of a meter)
- a pair of small, sharp, pointed scissors
- a pencil and a permanent felt-tip pen like a sharpie fine point
- basic sewing supplies, pins, scissors, seam ripper
- machine needles, size 75/11 to 80/12. Use machine embroidery needles or Microtex sharp if you have them, universal needles will work but are not as sharp. For metallic threads, use size 14 topstitch needles.
- sewing machine, clean and in good working order with a darning or quilting foot. We use straight and zigzag free-motion stitching in this class. (A featherweight machine is not suitable).
- extra bobbins
- 6 sheets of white paper 8 ½ x 11 inches

### **What is Upside-Down Appliqué?**

Sometimes when I do machine appliqué, I will use fusible web and then stitch down the edges, but it seems that more and more often, I turn to Upside-Down Appliqué for complex projects. For me, it is the best method to create intricate designs where placement is important.

Upside-Down Appliqué is a machine appliqué technique that does not involve fusing, nor do you turn under any edges. It is accomplished by stitching from the wrong side using a pattern drawn on stabilizer as a guide. Fabric pieces are added to the front of the work to create an appliqué motif. Is everyone confused already? Don't worry, before the end of the class you should have an basic understanding of what is involved with the technique.

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## *Quilts Unlimited 2010*

Quilts Unlimited 2010, the Prairie Piecemakers Quilters' Guild show and vendor market will be held at the Conexus Arts Centre, September 25 & 26, 2010.

More details will become available as plans are finalized and entry forms will be ready in early November.

Watch the web site and the newsletter for more information.

*Brenda Caswell*

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### **A Message from the EDITOR:**

- I apologize for the October Newsletter not being available at the meeting last month. The printer missed the instruction to deliver the Newsletters to Ted's home rather than my office (I was working in Calgary at the time). By the time Ted tracked down the delivery it was too late to pick it up before the meeting.
- I have a new version of Microsoft Office on my laptop and it doesn't always play nice with the older version. It likes to hide documents on me. If I missed including something in this edition of the newsletter it's because I probably saved a copy of the submission and it's now hiding somewhere on my hard drive.

### **Miscellaneous:**

- *From Gloria Hauser:*  
Saturdays, 1:00-4:00 pm September 12 – December 12  
Do you have quilting? Do you want to hang out and share ideas with other quilters? This is your chance to compare notes and question other interested quilters while working on your own works in progress. Bring your own sewing machine if needed. Everyone welcome.  
Glen Elm Library 1601 Dewdney Ave. E.