

# Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild

Sept. - Oct. 2010

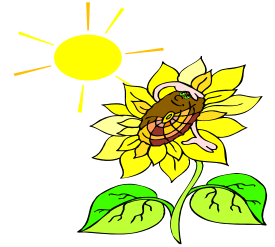
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## President's Message

Welcome back to another year of Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild. Hope your summer was full of rest, relaxation and quilting. We have a lot of exciting things happening in the guild this year. I guess the best news is that we have a full executive. Elaine Baty has volunteered to do the newsletter. Also Clare was unable to continue with the job as treasurer and Anne Carruthers has taken over this position. A big THANK YOU to all who have agreed to serve on this year's executive.



Next on the exciting news is - we are having a quilt show in the spring. Venue, volunteers, committee and a lot of details have been taken care of over the summer. Nina Stahlschmidt and Pat Watt came forth as co-chairs of our show to be held at Niagara College - Niagara-on-the-Lake Campus, May 19-21, 2011. I had the opportunity to visit and to see where the show will be held - it is an amazing site, with lots of display space and room to hold all our quilts. See further in this newsletter for more details about the show. Nina and Pat (and Marion H) will be unveiling the name of the show at the General Meeting in September.

Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild has been in operation for almost 30 years. So we will be celebrating this major event with a dinner January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at Hernder Winery. Don't forget to get your tickets early. See Gloria's notes in this newsletter for more details about this dinner and other plans for celebration.

Susan Bowslaugh issued a Quilt Challenge "Things with Wings" in the spring and the completed quilt projects are due at the September meeting as well. Word is out that there are quite a few participants. I am looking forward to seeing the creative projects! I hear there are also some interesting prizes.

We also have an exciting programme set up for the year, with Helen Benninger (Sept.), Beth Cameron (Oct.) and Patrick Lose (Nov.) providing trunk shows for the fall programme.

This has been a very busy summer - making plans for all of these events. With everyone's participation, this promises to be a busy, exciting and interesting year!

Marilyn Michelin



Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild meets the third Wednesday of the month at the Merritton Community Centre, 7 Park St. St.Catharines.

Dates: Sept. 15, 2010    Feb. 16, 2011  
Oct. 20, 2010    Mar. 16, 2011  
Nov. 17, 2010    Apr. 20, 2011  
Jan. 19, 2011    May 11, 2011 \*\*

Social Hour:

Doors open at 6:30 pm.

**September** - the executive will bring the goodies.

**October** - those with the last names beginning with A, B, C, & D will bring the goodies for this month.

## Sunshine:

Report to Secretary, Jacki Morningstar, 905 227

9194 those members who require special sunshine due to illness of bereavement.



## 2010-11 Executive Committees:

### Officers:

President:	Marilyn Michelin
Vice President (Admin):	Valerie Leadley
Vice President (A&E):	Susan Bowslaugh
Secretary:	Jacki Morningstar
Treasurer:	Anne Carruthers
Programme:	Lolly Challice, Lynda Iannandrea
Past President:	Janice MetcalfBrown

### Administrative Chairs:

Gloves:	Gayle Stewart
Greeters:	Verna Saveall
History/Archives:	Alice Muller
Library:	Lorna Walton
Membership:	Teresa Stalis
Newsletter:	Elaine Baty
Website:	Marilyn Michelin
Publicity:	Doris Carbert

### Activities and Events Chairs:

Block of the Month:	Doris Carbert Celine Johnson Paula Cressey Gloria Meyer
Community Outreach:	
Fundraising:	
Social:	Mary Ahle, Sophia Etherington
Workshop:	Fran Inglis, Marilyn Yeo
50/50 Draw:	Lisa Thoms, Karen Jensen
Loonie Draw:	Elaine Baty, Joan MacKenzie,

Executive Meeting: Sept. 1, 2010, 6:30 pm.  
Joyce Markulin's - 48 Timber Creek Cres.  
Fonthill 905 892 0805

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## Programme for 2010-11

### September: Helen Benninger

Through her trunk show, Helen explains what you can do with your sewing machine and shares tips and techniques.

### October: Beth Cameron

Beth, known as the Domestic Goddess, will share her trunk show called the "Domestic Goddess, Not Your Average Trunk Show".

### November: Patrick Lose

The well-known pattern and fabric designer, and now magazine publisher, Patrick Lose will share his start in the quilting industry, explain the fabric design process, and elaborate on his studio, as well as present his own the trunk show.

### January: No speaker

### February: Elaine Quehl

### March: Sherri Hisey

### April: Joyce O'Connell

### JOB DESCRIPTION FOR GREETERS

1. Arrive prior to the doors opening at 6:30 pm.
2. Welcome all members and guests as they arrive.
3. Direct guests or new members to the registration table and point out the Coffee & Tea and Goodies, Workshop Sign-up table, the 50/50 and the Loonie Draw tables.
4. Please point out that the library is only for members.
5. Show a lone guest to a table with ladies who will make her/him welcome.
6. Assist members carrying food and items for "Show & Tell".
7. Have the lift at ground level for members/guests who require it.

### \*\*September/October Meeting Extra Jobs

- Welcome all and direct them to the appropriate table:
- sign-in for paid membership
  - membership card pickup
  - membership forms and payment of fees.

Many thanks to all who have graciously agreed to be a "Greeter" at our meetings. It's a fun way to spend an hour + and to interact with our members and guests. Please call Verna if you can "Meet and Greet" for the September 15th meeting. 905-371-2014

## White Glove Ladies

White Glove Ladies are asked to pick up their gloves from the "Show and Share" table when they arrive. They are to be ready to assist at Show and Share time by holding up the quilts while the maker describes them from the microphone and to also assist with the trunk show of the guest speaker. A big "Thank You" to all our willing participants.

### White Gloves

September	
Doris Carbert	Irene Doyle
Carol Wylde	Margaret Yatulis
October	
Mickey Mayne	Vicki Fretz
Bernice Schoenhals	Anne Beaulieu

A reminder: if you are unable to serve, please call Gayle Stewart so a replacement can be found. Thank you.

Gayle Stewart

## May General Meeting - 2010

An excellent dinner was provided by Antipasto's. Left-over food was sent to the Women's Shelter in St. Catharines. Many of the executive positions were filled immediately, but a vacancy in Newsletter was left at this point in time. Thanks to Elaine Baty, who volunteered after the meeting, this position is now filled.

Block of the Month winner: Carolyn Brandy - 27 blocks



Please, please ....

Some of our members are allergic/sensitive to fragrances (perfumes, deodorants, body lotions, hair products, etc.). We would like to be a fragrance-free zone.

Thanks.

## Guild Challenge - "Things with Wings"

Hope you all have been as busy as bees working on your 2010 Challenge quilts. The theme is "Things with Wings" - whatever you think that means. Quilts can be any size, shape or technique. Pieces are due at the September meeting and will be returned in October. Please hand them into Susan Bowslaugh and take a minute to fill out an entry form.



Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

Novice - members quilting less than 5 years

Intermediate - members who have entered a challenge but never won

Advanced - members who have won a challenge prize or derive some income from quilting

Viewers - open to all entries.



## 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The guild's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary is fast approaching and plans are well under way. Please mark January 26, 2011 on your calendar for a wonderful celebration of this event. Facilities have been booked at Hernder Estate Winery in St. Catharines and our meal will be catered by Classic Caterers. There will be entertainment and prizes as well.

Tickets are for members only and will be \$35. These will be available at our October and November meetings, and of course, by mail. They will need to be purchased by January 15, 2011.

If you would like to donate an item for a door prize, we would certainly appreciate it. It does not have to be quilting related, but must be new. (Think bottle of wine, calendar, gift certificate – let your imagination take over.) If you would like to contribute, please give your donation to one of the committee members: Theresa Bell, Sue Moskal, Lisa Thoms or myself.

We hope that you will join us for this special night!

Gloria Meyer

## Quilt Show 2011

We will need your quilts and your help.

**Name of Show:** Find out at September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting

**Dates:** Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> - Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup>

**Location:** Niagara College, Niagara-on-the-Lake Campus, Glendale Avenue

**Set Up:** Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 8am - 4pm

**Reception:** Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm  
(members/volunteers)

Conveners - Pat Watt (905-371-9823)  
Nina Stahlschmidt (905-562-4859)

Treasurer - Anne Carruthers

Admissions - Fay Misener

Work Schedule/Volunteers - Jacki Morningstar

Merchants Mall - Carole Kanters

Publicity - Irma Bull, Sharon Colli

Raffle Quilt- Karen Jensen

Set Up - Nina Stahlschmidt, Pat Watt

Quilts for Sale - Lynda Iannandrea

Boutique - Elaine Fordham, Lisa Thoms

Guild Table/Demo/Hands On – Hilary Sandham

Silent Auction- Carol Cunningham

Vintage Quilt Exhibit - Barbara Morrison

Lectures/Appraisals -

Hands on Quilt - Gloria Meyer

Preview Night - Nina Stahlschmidt

Car Quilt - Pat Watt / Nina Stahlschmidt

At this show, all quilts will be hung and there is free parking at Niagara College for those working or attending the quilt show.

**Next Quilt Show executive meeting at Nina's on Sept 26th at 2pm.**

Nina

**\*\*\*URGENT\*\*\***

Wanted any size quilt block - must be quilted for the September 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. Initial front of your blocks. We are going to make a car quilt for advertising. Quilt must be finished before cold weather as some work will be done in the garage.

Work Meeting: Tuesday, September 21<sup>st</sup> 10 am at Nina's (phone for directions) 905 562 4859. Come join the fun.



### Izzy Dolls



Celia Cameron needs more polyester batting to stuff the Izzy dolls. If you have any, please bring it to the September meeting. Last year 1,181 dolls were collected from the Niagara region to ICROSS CANADA. "They are the people who bring the smiles across the miles." Thank you for all your donations last year. A special thanks to Karen Jensen who brought completed dolls to every meeting. Patterns are available.  
Pat Watt

### Meals on Wheels Placemat Project

I want to let all the Guild members know that I will no longer be collecting the placemats for Meals on Wheels. As I still have a long healing process to go through along with more surgery, I can no longer do this. I am hoping another member would like to take on this project. It is not hard, just collecting the placemats from our members, storing them and delivering them to the Meals on Wheels office in December. I have a folder on exactly everything that I have been doing with this project. If you would like more information on this please call me at 905-935-9048 or you can email me at [efordham@sympatico.ca](mailto:efordham@sympatico.ca).  
Elaine Fordham



## Workshops – Fran Inglis & Marilyn Yeo

To sign up for any class, please e-mail: [workshop@nhqg.ca](mailto:workshop@nhqg.ca) or visit the workshop table at our guild meetings. Additional information is available under the workshop tab at [www.nhqg.ca](http://www.nhqg.ca). We have an exciting year of workshops ahead of us! Any suggestions for additional workshops that you would like to take, or perhaps even teach, are welcome. Remember – our workshop success depends on your support! Think of all the fun you will have.

**Location for all Workshops:** Rehoboth Christian Reformed Church, corner of Jepson and Victoria Streets, Niagara Falls. Ample free parking, easily accessible building and a great workshop space!

### **Saturday Oct. 2 – Open House and Demonstration Day 10 am to 3:30 pm (free)**

Hands-on activities and demonstrations throughout the day – either drop in for a little while or bring a lunch and plan to spend the day! New and old members, guests and quilters of all abilities are welcome. Our emphasis is to promote our on-going projects which are supported by the Guild. Come to work, or just to chat and get to know some other quilters. Bring along your basic sewing kit (scissors, thimble, needle, thread etc.).

### **Looking to find others to quilt with? Or would you like to make quilts for others?**




We have several guild groups working on special projects that welcome sewers of all abilities:

- Community Quilts – come help tie our quilts for others. We will have two frames set up.
- Meals on Wheels Christmas Placemats – Guild members sew these pretty placemats to make the Christmas Meals on Wheels delivery extra special. Patterns and ideas for this project will be available to take home. A great chance for new quilters to learn some skills and have fun too.
- Quilts of Valour – This national project is supported by Guilds across the country. Quilts are made to ensure our injured military service people are recognized for their bravery and commitment to our country. Donna Parr will have block patterns available and explain how you can become involved.
- Project Smile – while not a Guild activity, this worthy project is an opportunity for quilters of all abilities to get together to create quilts for children in hospital who are suffering from cancer. Come help baste some of the completed tops so they may be quilted by others.

### **Demonstrations will be given throughout the day:**

- Love those Hawaiian quilt motifs? See how to create a pattern for your own Hawaiian block, and get some tips on hand appliqué.
- Art quilt demonstration – learn some techniques and tips for creating your own art quilt design.
- Embroidery & Embellishments – see how to use your embroidery skills and add another dimension to your quilting projects.
- Machine quilting demonstration – do you freeze up once you have that quilt top completed? Not sure how to go about quilting it? Are you stuck in the ditch? Get some new ideas on how to tackle that un-sewn top to make it special.

## Workshops

<p><b>Thurs. Oct. 21</b></p> <p>9:00-12:00</p> <p>1:00-4:00</p>	<p><b>Beth Cameron</b> is teaching two half day workshops. Sewing machines are NOT required.</p> <p><b>Aunt Philly's Toothbrush Placemats</b> – Using a special 'toothbrush', you build up ovals of fabric with a technique similar to making a blanket stitch. This class is a great stash buster, or way to use up those strips of fabric left from backings that you don't want to throw away. <a href="http://www.auntphillys.com">www.auntphillys.com</a>.</p> <p><b>Luscious Labels</b>  <b>Make your quilt labels extra special!</b> All quilts should have a label - who made it? Who was it made for? Why not make it as special as the top? Beth will guide us through the design process for creating unique labels for our quilts. Various techniques, using Pigma pens for illustrating and lettering, will be taught.</p>	<p><b>Class Fees:</b></p> <p>member \$15  non-member \$20</p> <p><b>Supply Fee:</b>  pay at workshop \$15  - patterns, instructions  and toothbrush</p> <p><b>Class Fees:</b>  member \$15  non-member \$20</p> <p><b>Supplies:</b> purchase Pigma Pens and finely woven white or cream cotton <u>prior</u> to class.</p>
<p><b>Thurs. Nov. 18</b></p> <p>10:00-3:00  Pack a lunch</p>	<p><b>Patrick Lose</b></p> <p><b>Get ready for Xmas with Patrick - learn from the artist himself!</b> Sign up early for this rare and delightful opportunity for quilters of all abilities, to learn from the designer himself... and get into the Christmas spirit too! Students will choose from Patrick's whimsical Christmas themed table runners "Flaky Fella", "Rudolph's Ready" or a wall banner "Merry and Bright". All of Patrick's patterns can be seen on his website: <a href="http://www.patricklose.net">www.patricklose.net</a>. Patterns will be available for purchase through the Guild and will be available at the October meeting.</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; align-items: center;">    </div>	<p><b>Class Fee:</b></p> <p>members \$40.00  Non-Members: \$50.00</p> <p><b>Supplies:</b> Pattern (purchased in advance from NHQG) approximately \$10.00.</p> <p>Students will need a selection of Christmas fabrics suitable for the project chosen, variety of threads, fusible webbing, and a sewing machine in good working order.</p>

**TRIP TO LANCASTER A.Q.S. QUILT SHOW**

**March 15-19, 2011**

Join this year's trip to the American Quilter's Society Show ([www.americanquilter.com](http://www.americanquilter.com)). Details of their show will be available in October on their web-site. Instructor list includes: Sally Terry, Sue Nickels, Dianna Hire, Klaudeen Hansen, Edyta Siter, Laurel Anderson, Elly Sienkiewicz, Judith Baker Montano, and Sherry Rogers Harrison.

**The following are included in the price quoted.**

We will be staying at the Hawthorn Suites by Wyndham ([www.hawthorn.com](http://www.hawthorn.com)) which is a short distance from the show. Upon arrival, we will have a smorgasbord dinner at Bird-In-Hand Restaurant. A breakfast will be provided each day at the hotel.

**Plans are to have a tour of the Amish region.**

The trip costs \$500. per person for a double, and \$450. for a triple (2 beds and a rollaway - there are only 3 triple rooms available). The non-member fee is \$35. Reserve your space with a **non-refundable** deposit of \$200. The first people to sign up get the front seats on the bus. This is a non-profit trip. The trip organizer is a volunteer, paying the same price as everyone else; therefore, you are responsible for your own entertainment, lost luggage, health insurance etc...

A **current** passport is essential! All deposits must be paid by December 1, 2010.

**Note:** husbands, family and friends are welcome to join us on this trip

**Niagara Heritage Quilters' Guild Membership 2010**

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First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Newsletter:    Yes            No            New Member            Renewal            Life/Past President

Method of payment:    Cash                            Cheque                            Date paid: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership dues: \$30.00 (before August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010)  
\$35.00 (after August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010)

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**Please note:**

**NIAGARA HERITAGE QUILTERS' GUILD WILL PUBLISH A MEMBERSHIP LIST ONCE A YEAR THAT WILL INCLUDE MY NAME AND POSTAL ADDRESS. THIS MEMBERSHIP LIST WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO MEMBERS OF NIAGARA HERITAGE QUILTER'S GUILD FOR THEIR PESONAL USE ONLY.**

I agree    I disagree (circle one) to releasing this information to other members in the above format.

I would like to receive additional emails (e.g. quilt shows, classes) that are received through the guild website.

## Mission Team to Nicaragua

Jane Sandercock has joined a Missions Team Travelling to Nicaragua. Working closely with PAN Missions Canada, the team leaves on Jan.1, 2011 and will be teaching sewing and quilting.

The first fundraising event is a Stitch-a-Thon on Sept. 17, 2010. For all of the details and to find out how you can get involved, visit

[www.janesinstitches2.blogspot.com](http://www.janesinstitches2.blogspot.com)

or call Jane at 905-938-8422.



### For Sale

Purchased a long-arm, now selling:

- Superquilter frame with upgraded 10 ft. steel bars plus original bars which expand to 12 ft.
- Brother 1500S sewing machine with Cruise Control (machine has wider throat than most home sewing machines), folding tables for frame, needles, extra bobbins, Siderwinder.

Contact Effie Faubert 905-646-1691

### Up Coming Events



Sept. 10-12, 2010 - BUCKHORN AREA QG - **Quilting at the Lakes**, Buckhorn, ON. For more info, contact Penny Pierce at 705-652-8597 or [penny\\_pierce@i-zoom.net](mailto:penny_pierce@i-zoom.net) or visit <http://www.buckhornquilters.ca/> .

Sept. 11 - 12, 2010 - NORTHERN LIGHTS AND NEAR NORTH-QUILT GUILDS - **Quilts by the Bay 2010**, North Bay, ON. For more info. contact Jeanne Aspden 705-476-0336 or [jaspden@sympatico.ca](mailto:jaspden@sympatico.ca) or visit [www.quiltsbythebay.ca](http://www.quiltsbythebay.ca).

Sept. 17 - 19, 2010 - SIMCOE COUNTY MUSEUM - **Simcoe County Quilt, Rug and Craft Fair**, Minesing (minutes north of Barrie), ON. For more info, contact Shaughna Crew -705-728-3721 or [shaughna.crew@simcoe.ca](mailto:shaughna.crew@simcoe.ca) or visit [museum.simcoe.ca](http://museum.simcoe.ca).

Sept. 18 -19, 2010 – NORTH HASTINGS QUILT CLUB - **Festival of Quilts**, Bancroft, ON. For more info, contact Marion Heasman 614–332-4364 or Louise Hallin 613-332-2231.

Sept. 30 – Oct. 2, 2010 – **Niagara Shop Hop** – participating stores – The Quilting Bee, Fonhill, The Patchwork Porch, Niagara Falls ON, Kindred Spirits Quilt Co., St. Catharines.

Sept. 30 – Oct. 2, 2010 - OXFORD QG - **Pieces of Magic Quilt Show**, Ingersoll, ON. For more info, contact Margaret Hawkins 519-688-9653 or: [hawkins.marg@gmail.com](mailto:hawkins.marg@gmail.com) or visit <http://www.oxfordquiltersguild.com>.

Oct. 1 - 2, 2010 - LONDON FRIENDSHIP QUILT GUILD - **2010 Harvest of Quilts Show**, London, ON. For more info, contact Maria Desousa - 519-902-7675 or [mffoxy@hotmail.com](mailto:mffoxy@hotmail.com) or visit <http://lfqg.blogspot.com/>

Oct. 1 - 2, 2010 - ERIE SHORES QUILT GUILD - **Not Your Grandma's Quilt Show**, Essex, ON. For more info, contact Jodie Matte - 519-776-5826. or [ajmatte@wavedirect.net](mailto:ajmatte@wavedirect.net).

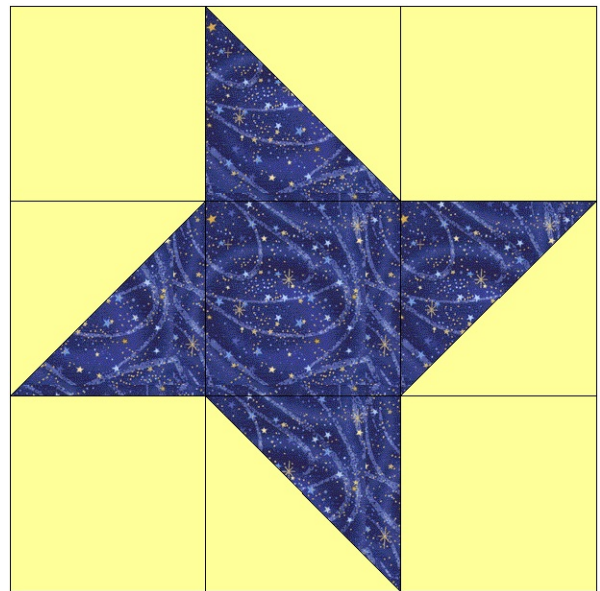
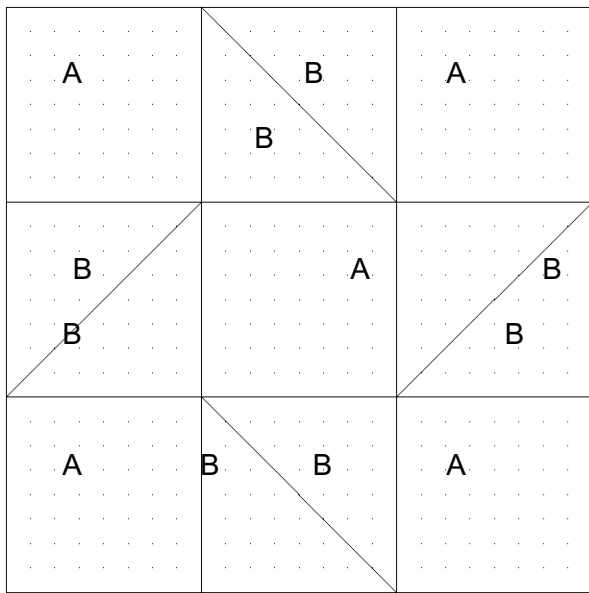
Oct. 2, 2010 - OTTAWA VALLEY QUILTERS' GUILD - **At Home with Quilts**, Ottawa, ON. For more info, contact Pat Amundrud - 613-829-8129 [orvpprogram@OttawaValleyQuiltersGuild.org](mailto:orvpprogram@OttawaValleyQuiltersGuild.org) or visit [www.ottawavalleyquiltersguild.org](http://www.ottawavalleyquiltersguild.org)

Oct. 23, 2010 - **The Charlie Fund Quilt Event 2010** - Oakville, ON. For more info, contact Anne M. Smith - 416-258-8401 or [amsmithodhs@hotmail.com](mailto:amsmithodhs@hotmail.com) .

Oct. 23 - 24, 2010 - DUFFERIN PIECEMAKERS QUILT GUILD - **Magic of Cloth Act IV**, Orangeville, ON. For more info, contact Mary Light or Leah Mitchell - 519- 925 -6589 or [mary.light@sympatico.ca](mailto:mary.light@sympatico.ca) .

Oct. 29 – 30, 2010 - DURHAM TRILLIUM QUILT GUILD- **Harvest of Quilts**, Oshawa, ON. For more info, contact Marilyn Bound - 905-263-8249 or [dtqgquiltshow@yahoo.com](mailto:dtqgquiltshow@yahoo.com) .

**B.O.M September 2010 – Friendship Star 9”**

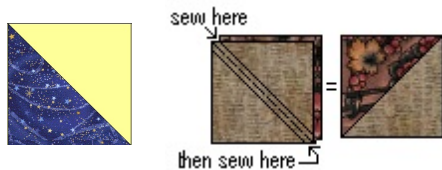


**Cutting Instructions:** (only 2 fabrics needed)

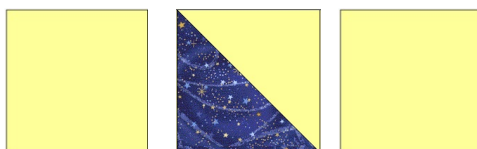
Patch A: Cut 4 patches 3 1/2" square of the light yellow or cream fabric that reads as a solid and one in a medium to dark blue print.

Patch B: Cut 4 patches 3 7/8" square of the light yellow or cream fabric that reads as a solid and four 3 7/8" square in a medium to dark blue print.

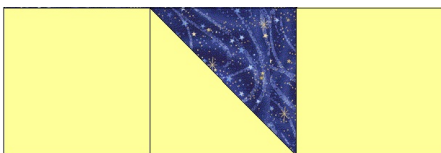
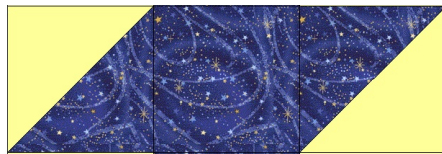
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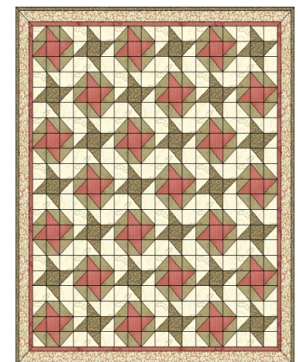
To make the half square triangles (HST), with right sides together, place a light 3 7/8" sq. on top of a dark 3 7/8" sq., then mark the diagonal as shown. Sew a scant 1/4" to either side of the line, cut down center to make 2 HST. Repeat 3 more times. Press towards dark, square should measure 3 1/2", trim protruding points.



Break this block into a nine patch to visualize the construction of this block. Before assembling each of the 3 rows of the nine patch block, check that seams alternate direction (e.g.: middle pressed in towards center, top and bottom pressed out) this will help seams match and block lie flat. Press last seams away from center.



To the right is a sample of a quilt design using this star and a slightly different alternating block that I designed in EQ5.



## B.O.M – October 2010 -- Crazy Patchwork Block 8 1/2" unfinished



Here are Judie Bellingham's instructions for making the crazy patchwork block. This method that she describes is a very simple and easy method, and hopefully it will demystify the creation of the Crazy Patchwork Block. A good way to use up your scraps.

Is there a solution to avoid the boxed in blues? And it starts with the first fabric shape which happens to be the centre shape. The simple solution is the use of an odd sided piece for the centre. A 5 sided shape is probably best. It is also usual to use a dark solid fabric for that centre piece. A larger focal fabric will work as long as it is odd shaped. The example shows a dark small center.

So here we go...

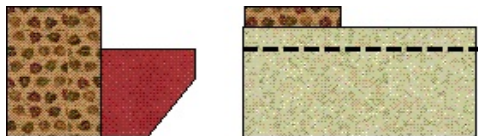
The theory is that we place the odd sided shape in the centre of the block. It doesn't need to be dead centre, in fact that might give it a very contrived look and the genre of crazy patchwork is "random" to say the least.

Once the centre fabric is placed, the quilter will work in a clock-wise direction adding a strip of fabric to each edge, flipping it over and pressing it before adding the next strip. This method is repeated until the desired sized block is created.

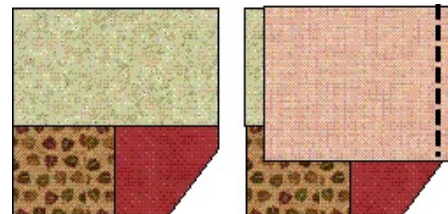
Step 1. The centre piece is ready. The first strip is laid on top of the centre piece (right sides together), on the first edge going in a clockwise direction. The strip is stitched to the centre piece.



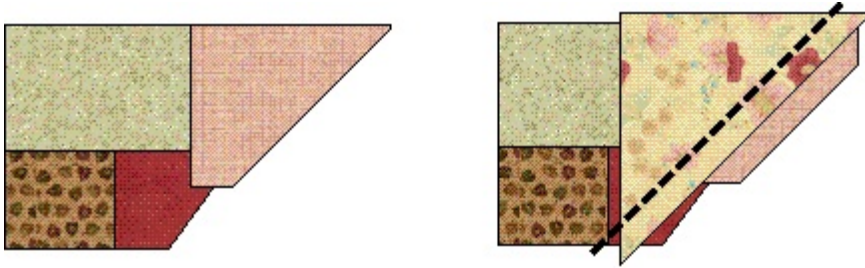
Step 2. The first strip is flipped over and pressed open. The second strip is laid in place on the second edge going in a clockwise direction (right sides together). The strip needs to be big enough to cover the previous strips. The second strip is then stitched in place. It is advised to cut the excess fabric from the first strip, before flipping and pressing the second strip. This will avoid a bulky build-up of fabric.



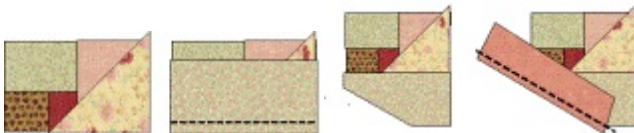
Step 3. The second strip is flipped over and pressed open. The third strip is laid in place on the third edge going in a clockwise direction (right sides together) and stitched in place. Cut the excess fabric from the previous strip.



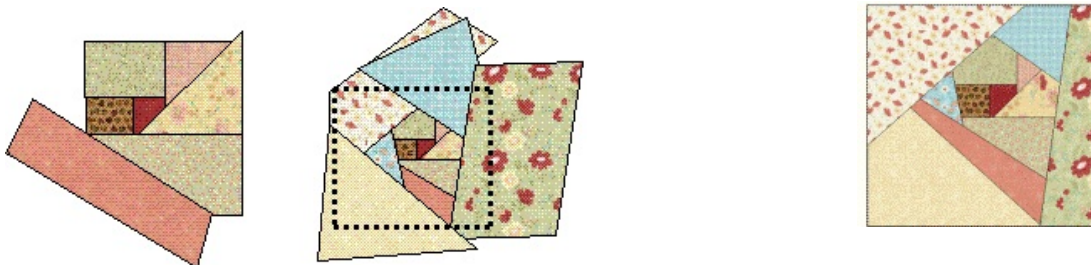
Step 4. The third strip is flipped over and pressed open. The next strip is then cut to fit in with the fourth edge of the centre block. The fourth strip is laid in place on the next edge (right sides together). Again the strip needs to be big enough to cover the previous strips. Cut the excess fabric away and then stitch in place.



Step 5 & 6. Continue in the same manner, working in a clockwise direction and adding strips to each side until your block is the required size *plus two inches*. This allows for neatening of the edge and inclusion of the seam allowance for your block



Step 7. Once the block is the required size, using a rotary cutter, resize the block to the required unfinished size (i.e. Plus seam allowance). In this case 8 1/2".



Congratulations! You've made a great Crazy Patchwork Block. Now it's time to embellish. Hooray! See examples above and below. It can be done by hand or now is the time to test some of the decorative stitches your machine can do.

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More structions and photos on assembly can be found on this site as well as links to instructions for embroidery stitches:  
<http://www.needlework-tips-and-techniques.com/crazy-quilt-block.html> . If you are interested Quilt University.com offers an online Class [Crazy Quilt Piecing](#) with Cindy Thury Smith which will begin Sept. 10, 2010.



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