President’s Message:

It’s the end of summer again. The CNE has wound down, students and teachers have settled back into the routine of school. I have to be careful not to daydream my mornings away or I will be late for school myself. However, one of the best things about this time of year is the start of the guild meetings.

When I think of the year ahead at York Heritage Quilt Guild, I pause to think about what a guild is - “an association of people for the pursuit of a common goal or mutual aid.” To me this describes what our guild does.

We are all present for the pursuit of a common goal. We all attend the evening meetings and workshops to learn about new techniques and ideas in quilting to better our own abilities. We talk to other members, learning of new quilt sites, blogs and books. We take books out of our library, participate in the members’ technique showcase, and take workshops to try new techniques. All done through our guild to better our own quilting knowledge.

Our guild also is an association of people for mutual aid. We have a vibrant Community Quilting group who make comfort quilts for those in need and quilts that are raffled off to support community programs. I also believe that we mutually aid each other with friendship. I have met many true friends as a result of our quilt guild. This year, I suggest you reach out and meet some of the amazing quilters of our guild, join a group, volunteer, take a workshop, and say hello to someone new. Come introduce yourself to me.

Our first meeting is September 15th at the Toronto Botanical Gardens. We will be hosting Maggie Butterfield Dickinson who will give a presentation discussing how she uses photographs to create landscapes or animals in fabric and embellish with thread, usually by hand.

I trust this year you will find inspiration and learn something new while making friends along the way.

Laurissa Werhun
president@yhqg.org

YHQG is a scent-free zone!

This is a reminder to all of our members to please refrain from wearing perfumes at our meetings. We have members who are highly allergic to scents.

YHQG Tuesday Meetings
Toronto Botanical Gardens
777 Lawrence Avenue East, Toronto

Next meeting is Tuesday, September 15 at 7pm
Guest Speaker is Maggie Butterfield Dickinson

October 20, 2015
November 17, 2015
January 19, 2016
February 16, 2016
March 15, 2016
April 19, 2016
May 17, 2016
Program:

This year’s lineup includes something for everyone.

**September 15, 2015:** Maggie Butterfield Dickinson presents “A Series of Series”. Check out her website at [www.mabudi.com](http://www.mabudi.com) to see her gallery. She has been an actor, photographer and quilter and is an alumnus of Second City. Maggie has many pieces in private collections, and promises to bring lots of her work for us to see.

**October 20, 2015:** Kathy McNeil comes from Tulalip in Washington to present her lecture on “Tips, Tricks and Stories”. She is inspired by the beauty of nature that surrounds her in the Pacific Northwest. She creates quilts that look like paintings and revels in adding small details and surprises for the viewers to find. Check out her website at [www.kathymcneilquilts.com](http://www.kathymcneilquilts.com) to see her award winning quilts.

**November 17, 2015:** Heather Stewart is a local Ontario talent from Grand Bend, and her lecture is titled “Tips and Tricks for Quilters”. Heather has developed a number of quilting styles and techniques which she uses to create a diverse range of traditional to contemporary quilts. She is a past teacher of the year for the Canadian Quilters Association, so the workshops should be great. Her site is [www.heatherstewart.ca](http://www.heatherstewart.ca)

Maria Steventon and Chrystle Stucky
[programs@yhqg.org](mailto:programs@yhqg.org)
Workshops:

Here comes the fall everyone! The line-up of workshops for 2015-2016 kicks off with a blast of laughter and creative joy. Visit the workshop desk at the September guild meeting to sign up for these classes, or email us to register.

In October, we are offering two workshops with Kathy McNeil, an internationally known, award-winning quilter and teacher from Tulalip, Washington State. Her specialty is nature and landscape, creating quilts that look like paintings.

**Tuesday October 20th—The Wonderful World of Landscape Quilting**

Discover the secrets that will bring your landscapes alive. Learn to create depth and dimension in your pattern with simple tricks of fabric choices. Play with fabric paints to create those realistic hi-lights and shadows. Kathy will demonstrate a mix of appliqué techniques! Begin the journey of landscape quilting working on your pattern.

**Wednesday October 21st—Feathers are Flying**

Learn the steps of layered appliqué to make a beautiful bird design. Kathy will teach two different methods of appliqué—fused raw edge, or the new easy Apliquick method of hand appliqué with turned edges. Your beautiful birds can be made as free objects that will be ready to place on the back ground scene or block of your choice. Patterns include back ground scenes as shown. Apliquick hand appliqué or raw edge techniques are suitable for beginners. Herons are 22 x 29 full scene; Humming birds are 18 x 22 full scene-best fused; Eagle is 24 x 30 without borders; Puffins are small—optional background 22 x 26; Owls are 12 x 15.

In November, we welcome Heather Steward, who was voted Canadian teacher of the year in 2009. She comes from a Mennonite family and has been teaching quilting for over 30 years, developing quilting styles and techniques to create a diverse range of traditional to contemporary quilts.

**Wednesday November 18th—Spiral Bargello**

This workshop allows you to make a fantastic wall quilt using 20 different fabrics. This is Heather's design based on a technique developed by Chris Timmins of Australia. Any combination of fabrics in gradation colour families will work. Piecing of the strata is done at home before the workshop.

Anabelle Payne and Judy Beca
workshops@yhqg.org
Workshops:

**Saturday Workshop!**
**House-Building 101 with Catherine Schuler**

We're so pleased to be welcoming Catherine back to York Heritage as she teaches a whole-day workshop on creating and embellishing miniature houses. The class will be at Armour Heights Presbyterian Church, 105 Wilson Ave. (very close to the 401 and Avenue Rd), on Saturday October 24, 2015 from 10am - 4pm.

Cheques (made out to YHQG), or cash, for $45 can be brought to our meeting on September 15 or mailed beforehand to our post office box at:  
York Heritage Quilters Guild  
P.O. Box 35510  
2528 Bayview Ave.  
Toronto, ON M2L 2Y4

Your place in this workshop is reserved when we receive your payment.

Class instructions can be picked up at the workshop table at the September and October meetings.

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**September 2015 Vendor**

We're happy to be welcoming Brit Dowson from B.A.T. House Designs in Simcoe, ON. Many of us met her this past summer at Quilts at the Creek and she graciously accepted our invitation to come to our guild. She carries a collection of Wonderfil Threads for all your sewing/quilting needs and their latest threads created with Sue Spargo. Brit will also be bringing beautiful, one-of-a-kind hand-crafted wooden buttons for using on knitted garments or as embellishments on fibre art. Other items include roving and hand-dyed felted wool.
Another exciting and rewarding year of quilting camaraderie and inspiration has begun. Welcome back to all of the members who have renewed their YHQG membership. We hope that the few remaining members will join us at our September meeting and bring their completed application forms from the website along with their cheques, payable to York Heritage Quilters Guild. Forms will also be available at the membership desk.

Membership cards will be issued for members who were unable to pick up their cards at the May meeting. Look on the membership table for an envelope with your name on it for your card and guest pass. You are reminded to bring your card to each meeting and show it at the door. New Member and requested name badges should also be available as you check in.

Welcome to our new members:
Julia Ahee
Leslie Batt
Gillian Chernet
Jan Eaton
Marlene Gold
Ruth Hanton
Nancy Kinsman
Rosemary Marchant
Diane Rennie
Ann Wondolowski

Thank you to Toby Sklash who will be providing a brief informative tour introducing you to the York Heritage Quilters Guild meeting.

“We should have nothing in our houses, which we did not either know to be useful or believe to be beautiful.”
William Morris, 1880

Judith Hunter, Membership Chair
membership@yhqg.org

The YHQG website is currently being re-designed. If you have a quilting-related business or blog that you would like included on the new website, please email Valerie Prideaux, vprideaux@gmail.com with the information. Look for the new website in mid to late September!

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You may notice that these email addresses are different than the ones used in previous years—it’s all part of the website re-design!
Display and Competition:

Show and Share

Show and Share” has always been one of my favourite parts of the meetings— getting to see all the great projects my fellow quilters have been making. This is your opportunity to strut your stuff. I know for many of you it is intimidating to stand and speak before such a large group but it is only uncomfortable for the first few seconds. I want to encourage everyone— especially new members—to display your recently completed work and tell us a little bit about it. We really appreciate your willingness to share.

All submissions can be brought to me (Sandy Lindal), at the front of the meeting hall, between 6:15 – 6:45 pm. Small pieces of work will be displayed on the wall and larger pieces will be shown on the stage.

White Glove People

Thank you in advance for volunteering to help with this task. The guild could not operate smoothly without your help! Our September “White Glove People” are:

- Ludgera Worms
- Melanie Leitch
- Katie Pidgeon
- Robert Gutcher
- Charlene Hearst
- Jan Eaton

Quilter of the Month

We welcome Jan McGoey as quilter of the month this September. Jan has been a member of the guild for 30 years and is active in Community Quilts. Jan told me that she was Quilter of the Month one other time—30 years ago, when she first joined the guild!

Sandy Lindal
display@yhqg.org

I am looking for a few more quilters of the month, if you belong to a stitching group and are working on a theme or an interesting project please see me about becoming “quilter of the month”.

First quilt / Last quilt was so well received that I am collecting names again for another display in April. If you have the first quilt (or second) and the most recent and would like to be part of a group display for Quilter of the Month please contact me. We would like to see your growth as a quilter.

Help make my job easier by volunteering to show your work or be quilter of the month. I would rather not have to cold call or twist arms. The members love to see and hear about your projects. I speak for many of us when I say it is often the favourite part of the evening.

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Graffiti Quilting Workshop

I had the pleasure of attending the workshop at Black Creek Pioneer Village this past July with Amy Garro. Her workshop, graffiti quilting was inspiring and informative. I enjoyed learning how to combine different free motion quilting motifs, seamlessly following one into another as shown in the example to the right. Her energy was infectious and her modern quilts were beautiful examples of her talent.

Besides learning how to think about using quilting designs in a different way, I also met quilters from different guilds or just from other places, all enjoying a wonderful day together. I feel so lucky to belong to YHQG that provides these opportunities for all of us.

Joanne Hannon Shaw

A Very Big Thank You to the Quilts at the Creek Volunteers

This past July saw us once again at Black Creek Pioneer Village, hanging and admiring hundreds of quilts. And there is absolutely no way that this show would be a continuing success without our volunteers! This year we counted more than 80 of you who showed your enjoyment of all things quilt show related by hanging quilts, assisting in the "Shop 'Round the Corner", taking quilts down at the end of each day, greeting our guests and white gloving. The very warm weather made these tasks quite challenging but you all persevered and we are humbly grateful.

Quilts at the Creek Steering Committee

**Attention entrepreneurs/crafters/sewists/knitters/gift-makers!**

We’d like to invite our members to take part in a holiday shopping opportunity. By renting an 8' table for $20, you’ll be able to sell your wares at our November guild meeting, solving 2 problems at once - you get to sell your lovingly hand-made items and we get to cross off names from our gift list. This is a WIN-WIN opportunity.

Contact Jane at ajanecramer@hotmail.com to reserve your table. We'll have to know by September 30, so go count your stock or get busy replenishing!
Community Quilts

How many quilt sandwiches can you complete to win BIG PRIZES? For every completed CQ quilt sandwich that you return during this guild year, your name will be entered in a draw for either a quilt kit of your choice, a $25 or a $15 certificate from the CQ table. Enter often to win!!! Draws will be held in January 2016 and May 2016. Keep in mind that straight-stitching with your friendly walking foot is all that a sandwich needs! This a win-win opportunity for the draw winners and the recipients of our comfort quilts.

NEW in September at the CQ table....... Look for brand new comfort quilt kits for members to assemble. These new kits have gorgeous fabrics in a pattern that has simple, easy-to-follow instructions. You will love working on this project. Additionally, there are a number of commercial quilt kits for sale at bargain prices (50% off suggested retail prices). These kits and fabric were donated by the late Marilyn Brown.

The Canadian Quilters Association Report:

Cantik Batiks Youth Challenge 2016 - My Favourite Game or Sport
Complete a quilt based on the theme 'My Favourite Game or Sport'. This quilt may be art, traditional or modern but must include all or part of a fabric square you will receive from our Youth Coordinator Volunteer, Rolanda Tovey. CQA/ACC members may sponsor more than one entry. Create your 3-layer quilt any size. You may use any technique and embellishment. The student categories of entrants are - elementary, middle and high school students.

Deadline: Feb. 28, 2016 for the receipt of a photo of your quilt entry. From March 3 -15, 2016 all CQA/ACC members will be able to vote for one of the entries to win the Viewers’ Choice award. There will be prizes for each student category, the Viewers’ Choice and for the sponsor of the Viewers’ Choice winner.

We NEED to promote quilting to the younger generation so it continues to flourish in a time of technology and gadgets. We want our youth to know that quilting is easy and doable and teaches hand eye coordination, math, designing, colour theory and so much more. Plus, it is also just darn right fun to quilt with a child! Seriously, have you tried it? Whether it is a 4 year old who can't reach the foot pedal or a 14 year old who is mastering the machine and designing all on their own, this is time well spent. For complete rules and entry information see: www.canadianquilter.com/pdf/CQA_ACC_Youth_challenge2016.pdf

Quilt Canada 2016
Mark your calendars! Quilt Canada 2016 will be held June 15-18, 2016 at the International Centre, Toronto, Ontario. We are pleased to be able to offer 18 teachers and 50 workshops and lectures for you to choose from. For more information or to volunteer for this exciting event contact Linda Schmidt at: president@canadianquilter.com

NEW NJS Categories for Quilt Canada 2016
New NJS Categories - for a full description of each category please go http://cqacanadianquilting.blogspot.ca/2015/07/new-national-juried-show-categories-for.html
Flying Geese:

A Challenge for YHQG Quilters - A Call for a New Group with a Common Goal

Recently, Carole Tullis and I saw an exhibit of the National Quilt Museum's 9-patch "New Quilts from Old Favorites" Challenge. These were fabulous quilts that pushed the boundaries of the 9-patch. Sometimes you needed to look closely to see the 9-patches - they were not necessarily the main design element and varied in their prominence from quilt to quilt. Here’s two of them from the cover of the book AQS published to mark the competition:

1st Place Winner - Revolution #9 by Robin Gausebeck

5th Place Winner - Fresh from My Nine Patch Garden by Tere D'Amato

The contest usually includes quilts from many different U.S. states and several other countries. Quilts are selected for their excellence in design and techniques, their innovations, and their contribution to the exhibit in showing the wide range of designs and styles the selected traditional pattern can inspire. In cooperation with the American Quilter's Society, a catalog is published, featuring the award-winning and finalist quilts in full color, with a photo of the maker, information about the quilt's development and patterns and tips. More details can be found at: http://quiltmuseum.org/education/contests/new-quilts-old-favorites/

We started thinking. Why not see what York Heritage quilters can do with a challenge like this? The block theme for 2017 is Flying Geese. We propose using this theme. We want to put together a group of quilters interested in working on their own unique and innovative / original quilt that would feature Flying Geese in some portion of the quilt. Team work is also an option.

The "Goose Group" would provide encouragement and support to see the project to completion. To participate you just need to have the intention of making an innovative and original quilt that uses the Flying Geese block in some aspect. Our timelines will allow anyone interested to finish by the National Quilt Museum contest entry deadline of November 2016. You are not compelled to enter the National Quilt Museum contest but who knows! Are you up for it? Either for your own satisfaction or to ultimately enter the competition?

Are you up for it? Either for your own satisfaction or to ultimately enter the competition. The rules for 2016 are at: http://cdn4.quiltmuseum.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/NQOF.pdf Similar rules will no doubt apply for 2017.

If you are interested, please contact Katie Pidgeon (contact information in the membership list) and let’s see what we can do. Each person or team would do an individual quilt. The group would provide encouragement and support to see the project to completion.
Congratulations to YHQG Members!

A number of YHQG members have received awards and prizes over the summer. Tracey Lawko received the Award of Excellence in Craftsmanship at the opening reception of Carnegie Craft 2015 for her two stitched landscapes Backlit Grasses and Wildflower Fields.

![Backlit Grasses by Tracey Lawko](Image)

![Wildflower Fields by Tracey Lawko](Image)

Jeannie Jenkins’ quilt, Kaleido, was featured on the cover of the National Juried Show catalogue at Quilt Canada 2015. At the show, Helen Fujiki’s quilt FiddleDeeDee 4 won second place for Excellence in thread work using wonderfil thread and her quilt Breaking Free also won an award for Excellence in thread work using wonderfil thread. Tracey Lawko’s quilt Fleur de Lys won third place Excellence in Bed or Wallquilt - Longarm/Midarm Quilting.

![Kaleido by Jeannie Jenkins](Image)

![FiddleDeeDee 4 by Helen Fujiki](Image)

![Breaking Free by Helen Fujiki](Image)

![Fleur de Lys by Tracey Lawko](Image)

Congratulations to all the winners! YHQG has a very talented group of members.

If you have won a prize, award or special recognition for one of your quilts or if your quilt has been published in a magazine or on the Internet, let us know so we can recognize your accomplishment in the newsletter! Send the information to:

[yhqqNewsletterEditor@gmail.com](mailto:yhqqNewsletterEditor@gmail.com)
What's On:

September 18 & 19, 2015 — “Quilt Extravaganza”. Friday & Saturday 10am-4pm. QuiltX 2015 will include a small but unique quilt exhibit premiering a new pattern by our featured Canadian designer Johanna Masko, a diverse merchant mall of 17 quilt and sewing related businesses from across southern Ontario, lectures by Johanna Masko and Heather Stewart, and educational vendor demos. Pyramid Recreation Centre at 317 James Street South, St. Mary’s, ON. Ample free parking. Lunch and refreshments will be available. Admission fee $7, two day pass $10.

Sept. 19 & 20, 2015 – “1860s Fall Fair Weekend, Quilt Show & Upper Canadian Beard Championship”. Participate in the excitement of a wonderfully re-created 1860s Fall Fair, using 1860s fair categories and rules as a guideline. Public entries are welcome! Enjoy the musical and magic shows in the fairgrounds. See livestock, agricultural and dairy products, vegetables, flowers, and fine arts. Join in the old fashioned fun and games which promise to entertain the whole family. New this year: step up to the plate and proudly show off your facial hair at the First Annual Beard and Moustache championship! As well, an amazing array of contemporary works from quilting guilds across Eastern Ontario, and both antique quilts and historical reproductions from Upper Canada Village’s own collection will be on display.

October 3 2015 - “Everything Quilts 2015”. Saturday 10am - 6pm. Join us for this one of a kind event celebrating quilts and quilting presented through various artistic mediums such as photography, painting, pottery, stained glass, wood turning, metal work, knitting, fibre arts and oh yes, fabric! Featuring Quilters Dream Raffle, Quilting 101, Sit and Sew, Merchant Mall, Demo Corner, Scissor Sharpening, Tea Room, Purse Parade, Artist Meet and Greet. Lindsay Exhibition Fairgrounds, Commonwell Building, 354 Angeline Rd. South, Lindsay ON. $2 Admission. In support of United Way, Kawartha Lakes.

October 3 & 4, 2015 - “Quilting on the Rocks”. Presented by the Sudbury & District Quilting & Stitchery Guild. Parkside Centre, YMCA Building, 140 Durham Street, Sudbury, Ontario. Tickets $5. Quilting and stitchery displays, merchant mall, boutique, silent auction. Quilt appraiser Judy Lyons—for early registration contact Daintry Chitaroni at daintry@designsbydaintry.com Please indicate your preference as to Saturday or Sunday. Spaces are limited.

November 6-7, 2015 - “10 Twisted Years”. Presented by the Twisted Stitchers Quilt Guild. Friday 10am-6pm, Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 10am-5pm. HMS Ajax Room, Ajax Community Centre, 75 Centennial Road, Ajax ON. Raffle quilt, tea room, merchants mall, silent auction, in-guild challenge, boutique. www.twistedstitchersquiltguild.com/

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◊ Mystery Quilt Kickoff Event October 18th
◊ Block of the Month
◊ Fall Classes—many to choose from
◊ Save the Date! Anniversary Open House September 18—20.

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