



KINGSTON HEIRLOOM QUILTERS

NEWSLETTER, JANUARY 2009

KHQ web: quiltskingston.org/khq/

2008/2009 Executive

Life Members:	Margaret Rhodes, Diane Berry, Bea Walroth, Claire Upton
Directors:	Margaret Rhodes, Diane Berry
President:	Donna Hamilton
Past President:	Margaret Henshaw
Vice President:	
Corresponding Secretary:	Sally Hutson
Recording Secretary:	Sylvia Currie
Treasurer:	Simone Lynch
Social Convenors:	Bernice Day, Lorna Grice
Membership/Phone Convenors:	Rosalie Gray, Gail Jennings
Publicity:	Peggy McAskill
Program:	Executive
Newsletter Editor:	Ros Hanes
Historian:	Bea Walroth, Anjali Shyam
Librarian:	Mary Ann McAndrews

Meeting Dates:

<i>Tuesdays:</i>	January 6	<i>Thursdays:</i>	January 22 (AGM)
	February 3		February 19
	March 3		March 19
	April 7		April 23
	May 5		May 21
	June 2		June 18

Message from Your President

Donna Hamilton

I unlocked the double doors. A rush of heat greeted me as I stepped from the cold air into an empty room of tables and chairs. An envelope addressed to the Kingston Heirloom Quilters waited on the table closest to the entry, a warm thank you from Colin, the fellow who faithfully has set up the room for us for the years we've been at St. John's Anglican Church Hall. He liked the gift we gave him at Christmas.

I removed my boots, turned on the lights, hung up my coat, and looked around at the quiet room. Another year was before us, another year of quilting. What would we accomplish in 2009?

I unlocked the meeting room containing the three quilts we were hand quilting. They were rolled up in sheets leaning against the far corner. The library cupboard was pulled out and unlocked. I heard someone enter. A quilter. Happy New Year greetings were exchanged. Soon others arrived. The quilts were opened and setup on their posts. The risers were put in place. Several chairs were moved around the quilts. The new block of the month pattern, now looked after by Margaret K. appeared

on its table, a sample in beautiful colours of blue was attached to the foam board. More quilters entered. Carol had brought her neighbour Beth who liked to quilt - maybe she would join us? More “Happy New Year greetings” and “Welcome” wishes went around the room, now beginning to buzz.



Coffee would soon be brewing in the kitchen, after Bernice and Anjali arrive with the milk. Lorna had forgotten the milk at home and had to run out for a few hours but would be back. “Be sure to remind Bernice to pick up milk when she comes in. I’ve called her at home and she’s on her way!”

By now, Ros had setup the table with one of the new “bug” quilts, the “Baby Star Quilt”. People at that table would be sewing multicoloured rectangular scraps together to make the border around the 8-pointed stars making up this quilt. It’s going to be just charming! Others were gathering around the baby quilt table when Peggy brought out some tops ready to be tied. They would eventually go to the hospital to keep a little one warm. Joan was telling others what to quilt on another baby quilt. Sally and Sylvia were working with others quilting the “Doors of Kingston”.

Oh, but where are Margaret R. and Bea? Mary Ann, we were told, had been seen the previous day and looked exhausted. She had had a busy Christmas with many family members coming down with that “flu” going around. Possibly she was sick now. It turns out Margaret, 93, had been ill as well but was beginning to feel “frisky”. She’ll be here next time. Bea too was having health issues, but hoped to be here next meeting.

The room was humming now. Friends visiting friends, fingers busy. Many dropped in for a visit, quilted up a storm, talked, listened to others and then had to leave. Others came and stayed the whole day till 3pm.

Announcements at 11am were short, done in 30 minutes. Phyllis had something for Show and Tell; a beautiful “Christmas Pickle” quilt top in shades of blue, green, gray, and turquoise; a funny name for a gorgeous quilt for a lucky family member. Gail showed the baby quilt she had made with fabrics from Gil and had finished hand quilting over the holidays. It’s a beautiful quilt in Queen’s colours, bright red, gold, and blue. It was wonderful! But what’s this? She hadn’t quilted “Oil Thigh” in the border! Tisk, tisk. And the day went on.



I stopped and looked around. The quiet, empty room was alive with activity and chatter. It was warm, very warm, but not hot. The warmth was coming from each individual in the room. It lifted my spirits. It felt really good.

Ladies, we do have something special in St. John's Church Hall. May we keep "this something" forever and a day. So no matter what's going on in the world, we can return to the Church Hall and to each other to be recharged while we quilt.

Happy quilting in 2009! May you accomplish all that you wish.

KHQ Winter Program 2009

Doors open at 9am where we will setup projects. We play from **9:30am-3pm, 7-9pm.**

Choice of projects are:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1. Baby quilts | 7. Baby: Birds & Butterflies |
| 2. Small frame quilting (Teddy Bears) | 8. Nickel blocks (Marg) quilt eventually |
| 3. Doors of Kingston (Sylvia & Sally) | 9. New quilt (Joan & Sally) delay to Sept |
| 4. 100 Years of Fashion | 10. December Rose (Bea) delay to Sept |
| 5. Quilt large log cabin | 11. Churn Dash blocks (Mary Ann) delay |
| 6. Baby: Star Quilt | |

Jan 22 , 2009 9am 10:30-12noon	<i>Block of the Month</i> instructions; Newsletter available Baste Bernice's Queen sized quilt General Meeting New Members' blocks will be distributed - deadline Sept 24
Feb 3, 2009 10:30-11:30am	<i>Block of the Month</i> raffle Hand quilting demos & sharing of tips ; bring your own quilt sandwich in hoop. Can talk about favourite quilting thread. Visitors: maker & owner of "Large Log Cabin" quilt
Feb 19, 2009	<i>Block of the Month</i> instructions; Work day
Mar 3, 2009 11am - ?	<i>Block of the Month</i> raffle Trunk show of quilts from Ireland – Garnet Smalley of Ailsa Craig; they will also setup a mini-store
Mar 19, 2009 10-11:00am	<i>Block of the Month</i> instructions; Elizabeth Richards talk - "Stories in Quilts" which looks at historic and contemporary quilts from a number of different viewpoints (tentative)
Apr 7, 2009 10-11:00am	<i>Block of the Month</i> raffle; Show & Tell: Any items made by hand – could include clothing, table runners, bags, knitting, crocheting, weaving, etc – we wear or bring what we've made; Work day
Apr 23, 2009 10-whenever	<i>Block of the Month</i> instructions; Newsletter available "Machine Quilting Workshop" with Mary Catherine (practice as long as you want) Work day for those not taking workshop
May 5, 2009	<i>Block of the Month</i> raffle; Work day
May 19-27, 2009	Embroidery Conference
May 21, 2009	<i>Block of the Month</i> instructions; Work day
Jun 2, 2009 10:30-11:30am 12 noon	<i>Block of the Month</i> raffle Annual meeting: New Exec, year in review, Spring Luncheon; Work day
Jun 18, 2009	Work day

Notes on the Winter Program 2009

Feb 3, 2009 Hand quilting demos & Sharing of tips

This will be an informal learning opportunity for everyone. We will have some practice instructions for those who are interested. Some people can easily quilt towards themselves, others quilt easily away from themselves. We have both in this group and will ask these members to share their secrets. We hope that other tips will surface as we talk and stitch. Some tips can be on thread, needles, batts, thimbles, hoop versus frame, and anything else KHQers can think of.

- **For those new to quilting:** we ask that you bring a quilt sandwich in a hoop. This means that you bring a *quilting hoop* (about 14-16 inches) in width – the group does have two or three – so be sure to let us know if you will need one to use. The sandwich is a piece of plain cotton fabric (fat quarter size), a piece of polyester batting same size, and backing (cotton fabric, same size; could be the back of a cotton shirt). You layer the pieces like a sandwich and place in hoop. Other KHQers will show you the quilting stitch. A quilt needle, sized 7-9, is good, with a large eye for threading quilting thread. The group does own some needles and thread. If you will need to use these, please let us know.
- **For other quilters:** you can bring a hoop to practice if you wish. Please share your experience with the rest of us. We will, of course, have our three quilt frames up for you to practice, or demonstrate your tips. We will be able to show when the hoop is good to use and why we prefer the frame in other instances.

April 7, 2009 Show & Tell

We invite members to bring an item they have made by hand. You can wear items as you'd like. Items may be sewn, quilted, knitted, crocheted, woven, or whatever. They could be bags, table runners, pot holders, dolls, etc. The object is to have fun and enjoy our creativity.

April 23, 2009 Machine Quilting Workshop with Mary Catherine Robb

Mary Catherine has kindly agreed to give us a class on machine quilting. A supply list will be provided before the meeting. We ask that you sign up ahead of time (date to be announced). The class will start at 10am, so we ask that you arrive by 9:30 so you have time to setup your machine. You may choose to stay till 3pm, practicing, or can finish earlier. Expect to stay till about 1:30pm at least. **Those not taking the workshop** will have projects to work on throughout the day.

June 2, 2009 Annual Meeting and Year in Review – Spring Luncheon

Members will be asked to tell the Executive what they liked most and least about this year of quilting. You will also have the opportunity to give suggestions about techniques you'd like to learn. Your Executive will try to incorporate your suggestions into the next year's program. Remember, this is your quilting group. We want it to be the way you want it. So please let us know what's on your mind.



Machine Threads
machine quilting by Simone Lynch
let me finish your quilts for you
call or email me for an estimate
or appointment 1-613-384-2053
machinethreads@cogeco.ca
Kingston, Ontario



Picton Fabric World
261 Main Street
P.O. Box 2479
Picton, Ontario
KoK-2To
Geraldine Rorabeck Phone: 1-613-476-6397
-Proprietress Fax: 1-613-476-0182
e-mail: grorabeck@sympatico.ca

It won't be long before your current Executive will be telling your President if they will be returning next year for another term. Many of these wonderful ladies have been helping for many years, more than the suggested term of two years. If you'd like to help this group continue to grow, please consider volunteering for an Executive position. Speak to me at a meeting, or give me a call and tell me what you have in mind. You'll be glad you did.

Fibreworks Kingston, KHQers, & Catharina Breedyk-Law*Donna Hamilton*

In November, several KHQers took a wonderful workshop with Cathy Breedky-Law. We had a lot of fun learning new techniques, and used our sewing machine in new ways (for me anyway). Many pictures were taken, and Cathy has put them up for all of us to enjoy on her blog. Visit <http://www.catharinablog.blogspot.com/>, look for info dated Tuesday November 25th. The first picture you will see is Hilary Scanlon's. Watch for Doreen Jeffers, Simone Lynch, and myself. You will also see Limestone Quilters as well.

There's another *Fibreworks Kingston* workshop coming April 4th and 5th, with *Greta Kristiansen-Jacobs* from Picton. She will be exploring *New York Beauty* patterns. She will be talking about tips to make sharp and accurate points using paper piecing and remove your fear of sewing curves. She will introduce you to the concept of designing your own quilt – good preparation for Pamela Allen's workshop in November 2009. If you want to challenge yourself in new ways, consider taking this workshop. I know there are several of you that are interested in this area. For \$110, this is a wonderful opportunity. And it will be fun! I promise you. Greta will also be giving a talk on Friday April 3rd at 7pm at St Lawrence. Hope to see you there. For more info or to register, contact Donna Hamilton.

Baby Quilts*Peggy McAskill & Joan Bales*

The members of KHQ donated 15 more beautiful baby quilts to KGH before the end of 2008. The hospital is very glad of our contributions. I hope our members will continue with this activity. If anyone can make a 40"x 40" (or longer) baby quilt top to donate to the group that would be great. We could use some extra ones to work with on April 23 when Mary Catherine gives her Machine Quilting Workshop. Thanks for all your work

Christmas Luncheon

Our annual Christmas Potluck Luncheon in early December was wonderful, yet again!!! It might possibly have been a little over abundant on the desert side but I didn't hear any complaints! Father Chris and Lesley in the church office thoroughly enjoyed it as well.

Several bags of non-perishable food and \$48 were given to the Church for the Kingston Food Bank. Father Chris's reactions to this: "Every Church should have a quilt guild associated with it."



**FUN WITH
STITCHES**

110 North Front St.
Belleville, Ontario K8V-3B4
1-613-966-4715

B-Line Quilting Frames
Janome & Babylock Sewing Machines & Sergers
All Your Quilting Needs

www.funwithstitches.com Gail Bax
e-mail: funwithstitches@bellnet.ca Darlene Crellin

it's
sew country



custom longarm quilting

Vivian McCafferty Tel. 613 659 2705

Membership

Gail Jennings

We extend a warm welcome to another new member Beth Marshall.

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy goes to Mary W. for the loss of her husband.

Also we wish Jo Brick a speedy recovery from a broken leg and good luck with her move to Ottawa.

Fun Fabrics

Diane Davies

I was fortunate to live in South Carolina at a time when many of the premier fabrics were produced there. I also belonged to a quilt bee called “The Carolina Cut-Ups”. As you can imagine we made many trips to the fabric mills. You could buy fabric ends from ¼ yd to 15 yds long and they were 20 cents (US) a yard! The really expensive fabric was Jenny Beyer at 25 cents a yard! We would buy the large pieces between the group and divide them up in the parking lot using the fingertip to nose tip for a measurement.

An even greater bargain could be found at “The Rag Barn” where you could buy 5 lbs of fabric, including Hoffman, for a dollar. Then you could pick a large piece of cotton – 1 to 2 yds long – just to tie your purchases in. After overdosing on fabrics our group would go to “The Back Porch” restaurant for the world’s best pecan pie. Happy Days!

Snippets

Ros Hanes

* Many many thanks to Mary Ann M. for the many many “block of the month” patterns she has kept us busy with the last few years. It’s been great and the good news is; it will continue as Margaret K. now takes over. A big thank you to her as well!

* Diane D, the lucky winner of the iris raffle blocks, has set us a new challenge with a pair of blocks to make a Christmas quilt. You have a choice of an ivy wreath or a holly wreath. Blocks will be due back the second meeting in September.

* A workshop by **Pamela Allen** is coming next November Yippee!! More details will be available soon.

* Calling all "Fashion quilt" blocks!! We need the last few in so we can start the next stage.



QUILTER'S RACK
16 Beckwith St. (on the main drag)
Smiths Falls (613) 284-1551
quiltersracck@bellnet.ca
Tues-Fri 9:30-5:00 Sat 9:30-4:00
LONG-ARM on site
CLASSES
PATTERNS **FABRICS!!!!**
NOTIONS Web site coming in September!
BOOKS



Creative Styling
3 Bedford St., Westport, ON. K0G 1X0
(613) 273-4465
www.creativestyling.com
baby lock

A Message from Fran McArthur:

Wow, do I miss you all, and especially after reading about that fabulous bus trip! It sounds like a great time!

We are "managing" out here in the west, with the rains starting, and the quilting o.k., but not stellar....in August a small group of us plus husbands went to Seattle for a totally gorgeous quilt show of the Pacific Northwest quilting group (official name I can't think of) plus a couple of Seattle Mariners' games and lots of cheap fabric shopping. So there are a few compensations....

I am at the moment involved in my latest design challenge: making snuggling quilts for teenagers who live in a transitional housing set-up here in Victoria. We have to make quilts that are easy to make, vaguely masculine in flavour, and comforting but not too comforting for these prickly kids! It's fun and interesting, and far away from improvisational art quilts!

We are now in Tucson for the next three months, and will be so busy I doubt I will have time to quilt. House renovations, etc. etc. etc. So glad to still be in touch with you.




The Quilting Quarters
Fabric, Classes, Notions, Kits, Patterns
The only Eastern Ontario & Quebec Authorized
Dealer for the Tin Lizzie 18 Home Longarm System
Authorized JANOME Dealer
14 Industrial Dr Box 329, Almonte, ON K0A 1A0 613-256-4248
quiltingquarters@bellnet.ca
www.quiltingquarters.ca



Keeping you in stitches!
the Perfect Stitch
Authorized Husqvarna Viking Dealer
645 gardiners road, kingston, on. k7m 8k2
phone: 613-389-2223 or 1-800-207-5417
email: perfectstitch@on.aibn.com
web site: www.theperfectstitch.com

Upcoming events:

March, 2009: Kingston Fibre Artists Annual Show in the Wilson Room and Foyer of the Kingston Library. The opening is on March 5th 2009 from 6:30 to 8:30. They are having an exciting challenge piece this year that will include all their members working to make one piece.

March 6-8, 9-10: Fibreworks Kingston - Dorothy Caldwell

Fibreworks Kingston presents Dorothy Caldwell in a Friday evening talk and two workshops on "*Human Marks*". The marks we make record time and human energy. Working with paper and cloth this workshop will examine different kinds of marks including stitching, resist and batik, discharge, drawn and painted marks and more unconventional marks such as burning, piercing, and mending. Each of these will address a different aspect of physical movement and gesture that through time and repetition evolve into richly activated surfaces. Held at St. Lawrence College, Kingston from March 6-8th and the Odessa Agricultural Centre from March 9-10th. For more information, contact Donna Hamilton at *fibreworks at cogeco.ca*

April 3-5: Fibreworks Kingston - Greta Kristiansen-Jacobs

Fibreworks Kingston presents Greta Kristiansen-Jacobs in a Friday evening talk and workshop on "Tapestry – A New York Beauty Workshop". Held at St. Lawrence College, Kingston. For more information, contact Donna Hamilton at *fibreworks at cogeco.ca*

April 25-26: Quilts in the Gardens The Halton Quilter's Guild is presenting a special exhibition at the Royal Botanical Gardens in Burlington, Ontario. THIS year's show is better – and much bigger – than ever! We will showcase 200 quilts by members of the Halton Quilters' Guild. The beautiful Royal Botanical Gardens have recently opened a new wing, which will house a special exhibit called "The Best of Ontario," made up of quilts from other Ontario guilds. (If your guild would like to send an entry, please go to www.quiltsinthegardens.com)

May 8-10: Kawartha Quiltmakers' Guild 2009 Quilt Show and Sale

"Feelings in Fabric" will be held at the Evinrude Centre, 911 Monaghan Road, Peterborough
For more information go to [http://www. KawarthaQuiltmakersGuild.ca](http://www.KawarthaQuiltmakersGuild.ca)

<p>V.B. Simkins Sewing Machines</p> <p>Sewing Machines • Overlocks • Steam Irons</p> <p>Eric Simkins</p> <p>181 Sydenham St. (Downtown) Kingston, Ontario K7K 3M1 www.vbsimkinssewingmachines.com</p> <p>Phone/Fax: 613-546-6110 1-800-667-2164 vbsimsew@gmail.com</p>	<p>The Quilter's Choice</p> <p>731 Gardiners, Kingston, Ont., K7M 3Y5 (613) 384-8932 www.thequilterschoice.com</p> <p>Adriana Wyngaarden, Owner</p> <p>PFAFF Authorized Dealer Sewing Machines and Sergers Sales and Service Lessons</p> <p>Friendly advice from experienced quilters. Fabrics, Notions, Books Specialty Supplies Classes & Workshops</p>
---	---

