

## MEET THE MEMBER

Meet Elizabeth Schneider of Kitchener, Ontario. Elizabeth is one of those quiet, unassuming women with many hidden talents. Her personality shines forth in the generosity and warmth that simply flows from her when she is around and her wonderful creative talents.

She and her husband David have been members of the Waterloo Wings for many years now and for the past four years have graciously hosted Farm Fest at their second home just outside of Fordwich, ON. It is always a day of fun, good food and friendship. For the past two years we have all shared a wonderful meal, made and served by the ladies of the Fordwich Trinity Church and held at the church. Then it is back to the farm for fun, games and, believe it or not, more food, before heading home. Generally the Club meets at the Parker home just outside of Stratford and then ride as a group to Fordwich and the Schneider farm.



ELIZABETH SCHNEIDER  
Chapter W—Waterloo Wings


As for her hidden talents they include cooking (especially desserts) and hand made quilts. Elizabeth started quilting in 1997 and this particular craft has been a love of hers ever since. I asked her why she chose quilting. Her answer: "I wanted something to do". She has never looked back. Mind you, Elizabeth has always been a "crafty" lady starting to hone her talents from the tender age of five. Elizabeth was mentored in the fine art of embroidery, knitting, general sewing and anything that included the use of a needle and thread, by her mom. In fact, she still has the first piece of work that she ever produced as a young child. Over the years, Elizabeth has put her hand to folk art painting and stained glass as well. In 2001 she had her first quilt show. It was held in Fordwich, ON at the town hall and the purpose was to raise funds for the church. Although the show was a success, Elizabeth decided she never wanted to do another show. When it comes to quilting, Elizabeth considers herself to be very much a Traditional Quilt person and chooses not to do "art quilts". Check out the Schneider website and be amazed at her work: [www.theschneiders.ca](http://www.theschneiders.ca) This year from May 24-27, about 60 of Elizabeth's quilts will be on display at the **St. Jacobs Mennonite Church** and for Elizabeth being asked to be a part of this show is truly an honor and she is thrilled to be a part of such a wonderful opportunity. The Quilt and Fiber Art Festival of Waterloo Region is the largest in the area and St. Jacob's is considered the Quilt Capital, hosting eight events. All the money (cont. pg. 5)



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raised from the show that Elizabeth is a part of goes to the Mennonite Relief Fund and Elizabeth herself receives no remuneration for her quilts or the time she is contributing. As she is very much a “behind the scenes” person, consenting to doing this big show and being somewhat in the “limelight” was very difficult for her. Her joy and love of quilting is in the creativity and being able to take fabric, putting it together in such a way that the end result is pleasing to her eyes. Elizabeth says that without the support of Dave she would never have been able to pursue quilting in the way that she has and he has been completely supportive of whatever hobby she has chosen to do. Some of the quilts have literally taken hundreds of hours to complete.

Dave and Elizabeth have two children, Mark and Barbara. Mark, with his wife Petra live in Waterloo and have two children, Erika and Sarah. Barbara, although mentally and physically challenged, is always thrilled when she gets the opportunity to join her “Biking Buddies” aka Waterloo Wings for our coffee/dinner meeting on Thursday nights. She is a part of the family as are Elizabeth and Dave. One of the highlights of Barbara’s life was the year that Ed Hendriks drew her ticket as a winning ticket at Cycfest. That ticket won her a bear dressed in black leather who she calls “Harley”. We have all been very forgiving for that one!!!! Dave rides a 2006 Honda Wing which has been converted to a TriCar by Hannigan Motor Sports so both Dave and Elizabeth can enjoy the open road on the motorcycle. Please visit <http://www.stjacobs.com/html/St.JacobsQuiltShows.html> and scroll down to the “I spy” quilt.



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