

Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild Newsletter

October 2014

OCTOBER SPEAKER – Let's Talk Modern!



is also the co-founder of TGIFF (Thank Goodness it's Finished Fridays) as a site to motivate others to finish their UFOs (Unfinished Objects).

Currently on leave from her Communications position with the Government of Canada to be home with her three rambunctious boys, M-R also finds time to be Co-Founder and Vice-President of the newly formed Ottawa Modern Quilt Guild.

Our guest speaker for the October guild meeting is Michelle- Renee (M-R) Charbonneau. M-R's quilting bug hit in university, with what she thought at the time was an Irish Chain pattern quilt, but it has only been in the last couple of years that she has been exploring modern quilting. Having made over 100 quilts since starting 15 years ago, M-R shares her passion for her style and insights on what makes quilts 'modern'.

Two and half years ago, she vowed she would do something quilting related every day for at least 20 minutes. And so began a wonderful journey into the online community and modern quilting.

She started a blog called Quilt Matters and fell deeper into the rabbit hole, of which she has no intention of crawling back out anytime soon! She

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The President's paint challenge is still going on. Everyone can participate. Pick a paint chip, find the matching material and make a quilted item with that material. Finished items are due in May.

Reminder: Please **DO NOT** park in the church parking lot that is adjacent to the hall. There is plenty of parking on the street nearby.

*Congratulation to winners at our September meeting of the 50/50 draw, **Anne Ogletree**; Door Prizes, **Claudette Traill, Linda L., Marilyn Erskine and Deb McGregor.**; Gift Basket, **Helen Gunn**; and Guess the Number of Pages was won by **Jean Davies***

Welcome! 52 returning members were at the September meeting and 2 NEW members signed up!





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Meeting Notes

Where? Our guild meetings are held at the Christian Education Centre at 257 John Street in Arnprior.

When? Meetings start at 7 PM and our doors open at 6:30. Meetings are generally on **the 4th Wednesday of each month** (with some exceptions.)

Parking – Please DO NOT park in the church parking lot that is adjacent to the hall. Our lease does not include the parking lot – it must be available for church-related activities. There is plenty of on-street parking nearby.

Refreshments – Coffee and tea is prepared by our refreshment committee, who also coordinate the snack roster. Do “lug a mug” – bring your own mug to minimize our environmental foot print. And PLEASE keep your refreshments away from the show and tell display table.

Cost – \$25.00 membership per season, \$5.00 for visitor per meeting.

Visit our website for registration info: www.arnpriordistrictquiltersguild.com

Please bring your indoor footwear to our meeting.

REPORTS

Programme

Shop of the month at the guild meeting this month is Mad About Patchwork. Be sure to check them out at the guild meeting October 22nd.

Returning programs include **Double Dutch, Fat Quarter Exchange**, and **Block of the Month**.

Block of the Month will be headed up by Mary DeVrie. Everyone is encouraged to make two of each block. The second block will go to charity projects. The first block is for the winner to keep. The pattern for this month's block of the month is Thimbleberries Pumpkin block.

This month is the last chance to sign up for **Double Dutch**. Partners will be selected this month.

Selvage Blitz is new this year. Bring in selvages from your projects for a chance to win a prize at end of year.

Also new this season, the **Dixie Cup challenge**. Participants are encouraged to choose a cup for inspiration in creating a baby quilt for the quilt show happening in June 2015.

The big project for the year is the **Shoe Box Challenge**. The exchange starts this month. Bring a shoe box to next meeting. In the box is place an orphan block and a bunch of scraps. The boxes will be exchanged between participants and the person receiving your box will have the year to complete a top for you.... the top can be any size. If desired, people can add some of their own scraps to the project.

There will be a sign up sheet at this month's meeting for Pat Cafferey's hand stitching workshop on Nov. 22/14.

Keep in mind the position of Program Chair will become open next year. If you are interested and have any questions please chat with Brenda Davidson-Payer during the break at the meeting.

For more information on these and other events go to the website: www.arnpriordistrictquiltersguild.com for details or come ask questions at the guild meeting.

Brenda's Little Ditty for Creativity...

Opposites Attract: The next time you are choosing colours for your next quilting project try choosing other colours on the colour wheel – be daring – try ones directly across the colour wheel.

***My husband said that if I bought any more fabric
he would leave me...***

– I'll miss him!



Charity Update

Preemie Quilts: last month 15 preemie quilts came in to be donated to the Rich Little Special Care Unit at the Ottawa Hospital (Civic Campus) for distribution to premature newborns. Please refer to our guild web site for [instructions](#) for making these adorable 24 inch square quilts. Check out the website: www.arnpriordistrictquiltersguild.com for more preemie quilt photos.

Library News



October's recommended book is **Quilt A Gift** by Sue Gaudet. This book has 25 great projects from quick to intricate. The gifts are for all occasions ranging from birthdays to Mother's Day to Christmas. Patterns for all projects are included and each one is marked with a time for completion, such as two days or one week. This book contains some good ideas and is definitely worth a look.



Treasurer's Report

| Account | Balance |
|----------------|------------|
| General | \$4,478.76 |
| Raffle/Charity | \$ 833.13 |

Book Review



Quilt a Gift

by Sue Gaudet

25 heart-felt projects from quick to intricate.

Take a look at the guild library.

2014-2015 Executive

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| President | Anne Cruickshank |
| Vice President | Brigid Whitnall |
| Secretary | Shirley Cavanagh |
| Treasurer | Sue Hodgins |
| Program | Brenda Davidson Payer |
| Membership | Johanne Vadja |
| Publicity | Cathy Rodger |
| Library | Barbara Hare & Marilyn Roberts |

Upcoming Events

| Date | Event | Details |
|---------|-----------------------------|--|
| Oct. 22 | Guild Meeting | Guest Speaker: M-R Charbonneau , Modern Quilting Movement |
| Oct. 22 | Guild Mtg Shop of the Month | Modern Quilt Guild |
| Nov.19 | Guild Meeting | Guest Speaker: Pat Cafferey , "Under the Surface" |
| Nov. 22 | Workshop | Embroidery stitches to enhance your quilt. Go to www.arnpriordistrictquiltersguild.com for more details |

Workshops are available to all members who sign up and are held at the Arnprior & District Library (www.arnprior.library.on.ca/) on the Saturday following the guild meeting, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

September Speaker



Esther Bryan, artist and creator of the *Quilt of Belonging* spoke about how this quilt came to be from a life changing journey of searching for a place to belong. Calling it the "tapestry of humanity", this 120 ft by 10.5 ft quilt of 263 blocks weighs about 500lbs and took over 6 years to make. A truly multi-cultural, multi fabric (including leather, satin and grasscloth) piece of art represents each country of the world and all First Nations of Canada. The quilt will be on display at the Museum of Civilization.

ANTIQUÉ QUILT SHOW - November 1 to 16 (excluding Mondays)

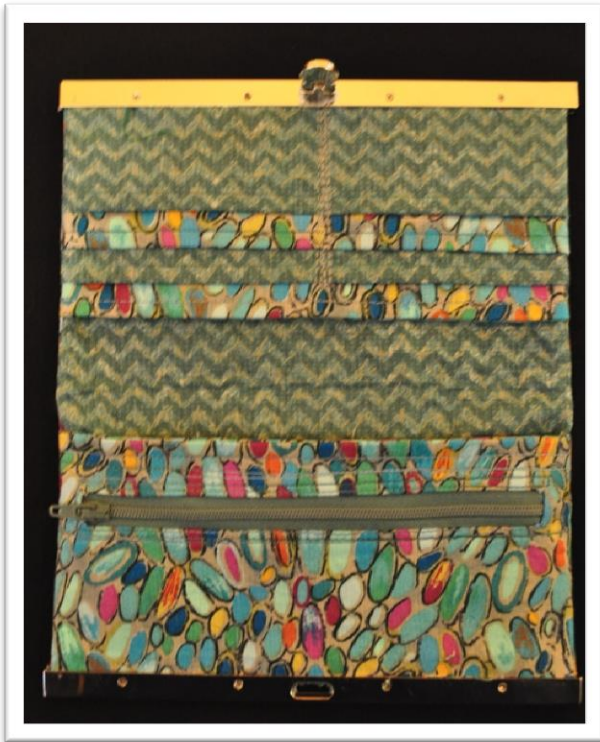
For quilt lovers and for quilting novices an outstanding display of over 100 Ottawa Valley quilts from 1860 to 1960 and demonstrations of modern quilt making – sponsored by the Arnprior and District Museum. The display includes items from the Museum's own collection of quilts, coverlets and Kenwood blankets plus treasured keepsakes from families of the era. Antique quilting on loan from other owners makes up more than half the show.

On Sundays (November 2, 9, and 16) members of the Arnprior and District Quilt Guild will demonstrate contemporary quilting, applique and red work at 12:30, 1:30 and 3:00. Entrance \$3, seniors \$2 students, \$5 families, with proceeds going to the Friends of the Arnprior and District Museum. For further information, please contact the museum at 613-623-4902, show co-ordinator Cathy Rodger at 613-623-6289 or Alison Stein at 613-623- 2036

Show and Tell



By Johanne Vlaming



By Chris Gordon



By Mary DeVries

See more Show and Tell Items on the guild website: www.arpriordistrictquiltersguild.com

What's Happening

September 12- Nov. 9, 2014 **Dufferin, ON**

Stitches Across Time 2014

Dufferin County Museum and Archives

936029 Airport Road, Rosemont, ON

Contact: 877-941-7787 x 22

Email: events@dufferinmuseum.com

November 1 – 16, 2014

Arnprior, ON

Antique Quilt Show

Arnprior and District Museum

35 Madawaska Street, Arnprior, ON

Admission: \$3 seniors, \$2 students, \$5 families

Contact: Cathy Rodgers 613-6289 or Alison Stein 613-623-2036

October 24 - 25, 2014

Brantford, ON

The Fabric of our Lives Quilt Show -

Brant Heritage Quilters Guild

Best Western Plus, 19 Holiday Drive, Brantford, ON

Admission: \$7.00, Children under 13 Free

Contact: Roseline Dufour 519-756-2474

Email: roselineduf@hotmail.com

November 1- 30, 2014

Oakville, ON

World of Threads Festival

Queen Elizabeth Park & Cultural Centre

2302 Bridge Rd., Oakville, ON

Mon. – Sat. 10 am – 6 pm, Sun. 12 – 5 pm.

Admission: free

Contact: Dawne Rudman 905-844-6524

October 1-31 , 2014

401 Quilt Run – from Prescott to Newcastle, ON

Visit www.401quiltru.com for a list of participating shops

November 14 – 15, 2014

Toronto, ON

Celebration of Quilts XII

York Heritage Quilters Guild

Contact: Jane Cramer

ajanecramer@hotmail.com

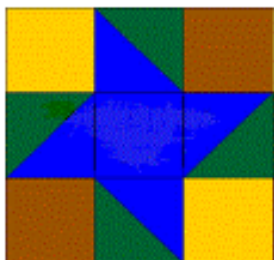
website: yhqg.org

NEXT GUILD MEETING NOVEMBER 26, 2014 7PM Christian Education Centre,
257 John Street, Arnprior

Newsletter Changes

The ADQG newsletter is going electronic! In attempts to be environmentally conscious, and with the cost of printing and paper increasing, starting in October we will be making printed copies of the newsletter available to those who **signed up in September**, otherwise everyone who has access to a computer is encouraged to get their copy by going to our website. www.arnpordistrictquiltersguild.com. Find back issues of the newsletters in the [Archives](#)

We welcome contributions!



Do you have a quilting related story or contribution you would like to share? Please let us know about information or web sites that you find of particular interest that you'd like to share via this newsletter with our guild members. You can reach us at our guild email address arnpriorquilters@gmail.com

Our **guild logo** is the **Friendship Star** block, symbolizing the spirit of friendship that is always present at the Guild. **Blue** represents the Madawaska and Ottawa rivers in Arnprior; **gold**, the sunshine and fields of corn around Arnprior; **brown**, the acres of farmland in the area; and **green**, Gillies Grove and surrounding forests and tree.