

## Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild

**NEWSLETTER**  
January 2017

### ***President's Message***

Happy New Year!

I was reading my resolution for last year to keep things simple and finish more projects. I think I made a little dent in my projects, but may have bought more than I finished. Oh well, better luck this year!

As I write this, I am getting ready to leave for the January retreat. Here's hoping I can start the resolutions off nicely. I brought a few easy projects to get done.

Our quilt show is only a few months away and I would encourage every single member to enter at least one quilt. If you have attended our show in the past, you know that we welcome all skill levels. The pictures from the last show are on the [web site](#) if you want some inspiration. Also, I hope that all of you are working on a Canada 150 project. It would be wonderful to have a red and white filled arena.

Our elections are coming up as well, please don't hesitate to inquire about the various positions available. I would like to have a vote at the May meeting which means having more than one person interested in each role. The current exec laughed at me here... let's prove them wrong! I will have a box available for people to drop their names and ask any questions.

Have a great 2017, filled with success in achieving your resolutions.

Happy Quilting,

Brigid Whitnall, President



### ***Canadian Quilting Association (CQA) celebrates Canada's Birthday!***

Our guild is participating in the Canadian Quilters' Association's **Big Quilt Bee** to make quilts for Ronald McDonald Houses across Canada, in celebration of Canada's 150th birthday. Guilds from across Canada will be making and donating 12 ½ inch blocks incorporating at least one piece of a special Canada fabric. The quilts will be assembled and quilted by volunteers at Quilt Canada in Toronto in June.

## ***Program Notes***

### **Upcoming Meeting Notes**

#### **January Demo Night (Jan.25) -Tips To Improve Our Quilting**

Demos on tips/shortcuts for more professional quilting will be given by members. There will be no show and tell as such. However, there will be a time for members to tell their tips/tricks used in their quilting. Option: bring a pad, pen and a small 4 patch square.

Also, bring any slab blocks you have completed for Chris to square up if needed.

#### **February Charity Night (Feb.22)**

We will be working on a charity project. Bring your CQA Big Quilt Bee slab blocks.

### **Looking Ahead**

January 25	Guild Meeting	- Demos by members
February 4	Workshop	- Slab blocks for the CQA Big Quilt Bee
February 22	Guild Meeting	- Charity Projects
March 22	Guild Meeting	- Barb Leffering - Trunk Show, speaking on long-arm quilting and shortcuts
		- Garage Sale
April 4	Workshop	- High Tech Tucks by Anne Cornel
April 26	Guild Meeting	- Anne Coulas Trunk Show (specializing in Textile Art, Liturgical Banners, Irish Banners, and Handmade Purses)
		- Challenges due - just in time for the Quilt Show!
April 29-30	<b>Quilt Show !</b>	
May 24	Guild Meeting	- Laura Piggot Trunk Show with Modern Quilting
		- Elections
June 21	Guild Meeting	- End-of-year Potluck: (M-Z bring food)

## **Garage Sale Coming Up!**

Wednesday March 22

Start clearing your fabric stash, tools, books, magazines, UFOs. Share your bounty. Someone else would enjoy working with them. Be sure to have prices clearly marked and lots of change for quick sales. Sales starts at 6:30-7, then again at break time.

### **Challenges**

These are due on April 26, just in time for the quilt show! This will be a fun time. 35 members signed up for the **Crayon Challenge** and 26 for the **Baby Block Challenge**. Don't forget the **President's Challenge** as well. **Big prizes!**

## **Workshops**

### **Slab Block Workshop for the CQA Big Quilt Bee**

This workshop will give members a chance to work together, and get instruction on making these blocks that will be made into quilts for Ronald McDonald houses across Canada. Please bring your sewing machine, foot pedal, fabric strips and scraps (preferably one or two colours), cutting tools, thread, and sewing equipment.

Date: Saturday, February 4, 2017 9:30 AM - 3:00 PM  
Location : Island View Suites, 30 Jack Crescent, Arnprior  
Fee: \$5 (Includes pizza lunch)



### **Anne Cornel - High Tech Tucks**

Caryl Bryer Fallert-Gentry invented this simple 3D technique which she called "High Tech Tucks." In a single day you can create an "op art" quilt which changes colours as you view it from different angles. Anne fell in love with it when she visited her studio in Paducah and has her permission to teach the class.

Date: Tuesday, April 4, 2017 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
Location: Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church, 116 Baskin Dr. W., Arnprior  
Fee: \$25 members/ \$30 non-members

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For a complete schedule and workshop descriptions, please visit our website at <http://arnpripordistrictquiltersguild.com/schedule.html>

Gwen Pennings, Program Director

## ***Library***

Greetings library lovers,  
Happy new year to you all!

I hope you find the perfect idea in one of our books to make that just so lovely quilt. There are so many books to choose from. Every month I will be gleaning the older books which will go on sale. Any donations of fairly recent magazines are gratefully received . All monies go towards a new book for our monthly "Guess the Number of Pages".

Happy browsing in our library.  
Margaret Fisher



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### **Membership**

Our December meeting had 47 members sign in.

Penny Carruthers, Membership



### **Treasurer**

<b>General Account</b>	Opening balance Dec 1, 2016:	\$9923.01
	Income:	\$1387.00
	Expenses:	\$958.65
	Closing balance Dec 31, 2016:	\$10,351.36
<b>Charity Account</b>	Charity Account:	\$1891.58
<b>Petty Cash</b>	Petty cash:	42.10

Jan Smith, Treasurer





***Congratulations, December Winners!***

*50/50 Draw:* Anne Sybiraj  
*Gift Basket:* Joyce Trafford  
*Block of the Month:* Louise Vandenberg  
*Guess the Number of Pages:* Karen Maheral  
*Door Prizes:* Louise Vandenberg, Debbie Clark, Jan Smith, Pat Campbell, Liz Gray, Claudette Traill, Chris Gordon, Maureen Mooney, Emma Russell, Mary Cohan-Pekarchuk

***Meeting Cancellations due to Weather***

The joys of living in this corner of the world include a whole variety of weather! If a meeting is cancelled due to weather, members will be notified of the cancellation by email by 2:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting, and there will be a cancellation notice on the Home Page of the web site. Members without email/web site access will be notified by telephone.



## **More Information**

To keep you informed between guild meetings, the guild [web site](#) is being updated regularly with information and photos from our guild activities.

Check out the [Blog](#) for photos of the December pot luck dinner meeting, and the [Show and Tell](#) page for photos of the projects shown at the December meeting and the lovely Christmas quilts and other items that members brought to decorate the hall. And check the [Home page](#) for more information about our participation in the Canadian Quilters' Association **Big Quilt Bee**.

Do you have a quilting related story or contribution you would like to share with other guild members in the newsletter or on the web site? Please let us know about information or web sites that you find of particular interest. You can reach us at our guild email address [arnpriorquilters@gmail.com](mailto:arnpriorquilters@gmail.com), or using the form on the web site [Contact page](#).

Janet Brownlee, Communications

Web site: [www.arnpriadistrictquiltersguild.com](http://www.arnpriadistrictquiltersguild.com)

## **Meeting Notes**

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

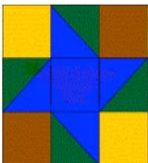
**When?** Meetings start at 7 PM and our doors open at 6:30. Meetings are generally on the 4th Wednesday of each month (with some exceptions.)

**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 footprint. And PLEASE keep your refreshments away from the show and tell display table.

Visitors are welcome at our guild meetings. Fee is \$5 for all visitors and guests.

**Allergy Alert!** Please note that our meetings are allergy free. Please no perfume or perfume products! Thank you.



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