



Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild

NEWSLETTER
March 2017

President's Message

Happy Spring everyone! Mother Nature seems to be confused about which season it is this year, so if we keep saying "spring", maybe it will happen. I too may be slightly confused as I still have all my winter decorations up and am only replacing them because of the date on the calendar.

We are only about a month away from the quilt show. There's lots of quilting to be done between now and then. If I bind a few quick projects, they'll be done. Then onto quilting some projects that I would like to have in the show. Don't forget about your red and white president's challenges.

A great big thanks to everyone who was at the February meeting and who helped us get the quilt tops done for the CQA Big Quilt Bee. It was loads of fun, and very productive too.

A reminder to arrive early and bring lots of small bills for our garage sale this month. The folks selling should be set up by 6:30 or so. We are still starting the meeting with our speaker at 7:00, you'll have an opportunity to shop before the meeting and we'll have a slightly extended break where you can shop then too.

We have lots happening, it's very exciting!

I better get sewing, that binding does not attach itself! Imagine, self sewing binding instead of, or as well as, self driving cars!! Hehe

Happy Quilting,
Brigid Whitnall, President



Program Notes

Upcoming Meeting Notes

Wednesday March 22, 2017

Barb Leffering

I used to be a hooker but now I'm a stripper. When my children were young, I used to demonstrate Rug Hooking at the CNE. When my older sister introduced me to quilting in 1995, I was hooked! She helped me to make a Lovers Knot quilt, using poly cotton of course; I didn't want to spend much money. I purchased a long arm quilting machine in 2001 so I could pay for it and have it for retirement; things progressed, I now own a quilt shop, teach classes and do long arm quilting for others.

Garage Sale

The early bird gets the best deal, so arrive with your cash (small bills/ change) in your hand ready to buy, buy, buy! Sales starts at 6:30-7:00, then again at break time. Tables are free for members/\$5 for non members. Register with Pat -613 623-6310 or bpcampbell100@gmail.com ahead of time, so tables are set up for you.

Looking Ahead

March 22	Guild Meeting	- Barb Leffering - Trunk Show, speaking on long-arm quilting and shortcuts - Garage Sale
April 4	Workshop	- Anne Cornel - High Tech Tucks by
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	Quilt Show !	
May 24	Guild Meeting	- Laura Piggot Trunk Show with Modern Quilting - Elections
June 21	Guild Meeting	- End-of-year Potluck: (M-Z bring food)

Workshops

High Tech Tucks by Anne Cornel

A few spots left!

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. See sample and registration with Pat and Joyce. Max -15

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

Machine Quilting - Beyond the Basics by Katerina Kahn

Are you stuck in a rut with your machine quilting and find yourself always quilting the same motifs? If the answer is yes this workshop is for you! In this open workshop we will explore different techniques and motifs to take your machine quilting knowledge to the next level. We will discuss which designs fit different quilts as well as how to choose the density of the motifs and threads to use. We will cover traditional and modern designs. There will be time to ask questions and practice stitching the designs covered.

Date: Saturday, May 6, 2017 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church, 116 Baskin Dr. W., Arnprior

Fee: \$30 for guild members/ \$35 for non-members

Challenges

One month left to "cram" to get your challenges done. When you come in April, we will have different areas set up for you to place your challenge(s). Don't vote until all the wonderful creations are in. Then we will award "viewer's choice" for each category.

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

Gwen Pennings, Program Director



Notes on our Charities

Since Feb 4th (when we had the quilting bee at Island View) I became obsessed with "slab blocks". I was making them at my craft group, sorting them into 24 block groups at home, and finally at our last meeting, assembling the tops. We have produced 4 small (12 blocks) and 8 large (24 blocks) quilt tops for the Canada 150 quilts for Ronald McDonald Houses project. By my math Arnprior District Quilt Guild has therefore made and assembled 240 slab blocks so far. I think that is pretty amazing.

By the time you read this those tops will have been delivered to the lady in charge of collecting them all.

If there are more slab blocks out there, bring them to guild and we will get them assembled ready for delivery. Please bring them in by the April meeting, so that they can be delivered in early May.

I am now concentrating on preemies at my house, and finishing my UFO's for the quilt show. I have 4 for the quilt show in production right now.

Chris Gordon, Vice-President

Quilt Show News!

The Quilt Show is coming fast! It is back in Arena A at the Nick Smith Centre, the arena just in front of the main door and close to our Canada 150 exhibit and tea room (located in the room to the right of the main door). As with the last show, we will attach clothes pins to the quilts so that you can see the back without touching the quilts (show etiquette is no touching!), there will also be volunteers walking around with white gloves should you need assistance or want a closer look at something.

While at the show, don't forget to visit the vendor mall in the arena. Shops from around the region will be here with their newest treasures. We have a lot to see and will have chairs here and there in the arena for you to take a break. Plan to have a longer break and meet new friends in our tea room, where you can have a light lunch, drink and dessert, and see a spectacular array of Canada 150 quilts.

We want YOUR quilts:

We encourage all our members to register at least one quilt in the show, no matter your experience. The only rule for entering is that the quilt has not been in one of our previous shows. We group the quilts into categories, the larger bed quilts and lap quilts are placed around the arena. We will have preemies on display. There is generally a section for Christmas; table runners; wall hangings; and baby quilts. Wearables and bags are also welcome.

Quilts will be registered this time by filling out a form on the guild web site. Specific instructions will be provided soon. Paper forms will be available to members who do not have any access to the web site. Registration must be completed by Wednesday, April 26 so the printed labels can be ready for the show. You can drop off your quilts on Friday, April 28 at the Nick Smith arena from 8:30 am - 11:00 am. We will have you sign our register to confirm we have all your registered quilts. If this is not possible, please contact Joyce Murray at dbmurray@sympatico.ca or 613-623-5513 and we will be happy to make other arrangements.

On Sunday, quilts can be picked up and signed out after the show closes at 4:00. To respect that some folks may still be at the quilt show looking around, we would ask that no quilts be taken down prior to 4:00 pm.

Volunteer opportunities:

The quilt show is possible only with your help. The camaraderie with helping at such a community event is satisfying. There are lots of volunteer opportunities available. Help is needed both in the quilt show proper, and in the tea room. Sign-up lists will be posted at the March 22nd meeting.

Examples of tasks that need to get done:

Quilt Show	Set up on Friday April 28th
	Take down on Sunday April 30th after 4:00 pm
	Admission - entrance to show
	Raffle ticket sales at show
	Raffle ticket sales prior to show
	White gloves *

Tea Room Set up tables and decor (on Friday)
 Kitchen Prep - assembling sandwiches and lunch plates
 Serving and Clearing Tables
 Washing Dishes
 Making Pies



If you have questions, or would like to discuss what is involved, feel free to contact:

Joyce Murray (Quilt Show) 613-623-5513
Anne Cruikshank Anne (Quilt Show) 613-623-3085
Betty Rehbein (Tea Room) rbrehbein@gmail.com 613-832-2731
Marilyn Erskine (Tea Room) marilyn.erskine@gmail.com 613-623-7833

* One of the main jobs during the show is that of White Glove Lady (WGL). This is the person who wears white gloves and shows the backs of quilts to people, answers questions, and is there to make sure no one puts their grubby paws on the quilts. Have you ever white gloved at the Fair or at a Quilt Show? I have, and it can be an enlightening, humbling experience; especially if you hang out around your own quilts.

Some of the questions people ask the WGL are a kick. The most popular question is: "How long does it take to make a quilt?" The answer to that question varies considerably, depending upon the time of day and how much the WGL's feet hurt. My Mother suggests the following replies:

1. "As long as it takes."
2. "One day longer than forever."
3. "It takes from the time I start until the time I finish."
4. "I don't even want to *think* about how long it takes."
5. "How long did it take to build the Great Pyramids of Egypt?"
6. Or - my personal favorite - "Longer than *you've* got, sonny."

(from: <http://www.shortattentionspanquilting.com/the-white-glove-lady.html>)



Help Wanted!

Do you know of a student looking for volunteer hours? Starting in September, we are looking for a student to set up the hall prior to the meetings. Please let Brigid know if you have someone who can assist.

Executive positions available - see binder on "elections table" near the advertising table for details of positions. We need to fill the following by May, to start planning for the fall of 2017:

- President
- Vice President - charity projects
- Programs - can be one or more people
- Membership
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Librarian



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At our February meeting, this Lentil Salsa was such a hit, that many people were asking for the recipe. Many thanks to Mary Cohan-Pekarchuk!

Lentil Salsa

Mix together: 1 red pepper chopped
1 cup currants
2 green onions chopped
1 can lentils rinsed

Dressing: 1/3 cup olive or veggie oil
1/4 cup red wine vinegar
1 tsp curry powder
1/2 tsp cumin
1/2 tsp cinnamon

Whisk the dressing together and pour over the lentils. Make at least 24 hours in advance, serve with tortilla chips for dipping, and enjoy!



Library

Hello library lovers,

Sorry I missed you last month .

Please take a little time during the meeting to check out our many books and patterns.

You may borrow as many as you wish, I think there's a special book there for everyone .

As usual, there will be books and magazines for sale. I was recently given a pile of quilting magazines, they will be 25 cents each, all money raised will go towards our guess the number of pages monthly event.

Happy reading.

Margaret

Membership

Last month we had 3 new members join , 2 guests and 38 members signed in! Our current membership is 86.



Penny Carruthers, Membership

Treasurer

General Account	Opening balance Feb 1, 2017	\$6582.24
	Income:	\$429.75
	Expenses:	\$203.73
	Closing balance Feb 28, 2017	\$6808.26
Charity Account	Charity Account:	\$1776.50
Petty Cash	Petty cash:	\$116.75



Jan Smith, Treasurer

Congratulations, February Winners!

50/50 Draw: Barb DeVries
Gift Basket: Jan Smith
Block of the Month: Patti Moore
Door Prizes: Rennie Hickey, Janet Brownlee, Kathy Foster,
Joyce Trafford, Eleanor Leben, Barb DeVries, Marilyn Robert

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 February project meeting where we constructed quilt tops for the Canadian Quilters' Association **Big Quilt Bee**. You can also see [photos](#) of the lovely show-and-tell quilts.

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, or using the form on the web site [Contact page](#).

Janet Brownlee, Communications

Web site: www.arnpriorquiltersguild.com

Meeting Notes

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

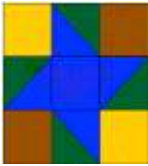
When? Meetings start at 7 PM and our doors open at 6:30. Meetings are generally on the 4th Wednesday of each month (with some exceptions.)

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