



Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild

NEWSLETTER

April 2017

President's Message

Quilt show season is upon us and our quilt show is just days away. Hopefully all of you have registered items in the show. I went around the house looking for things I had completed over the last few years and borrowed some items I had made for others. The quilt show also gives us a little push to finish some UFO's. I finished an item that I had been trying to complete for a few years and the feeling of having that completed is awesome.

I can't wait to see everyone's pieces, the Canada 150 quilts from the various guilds, and of course our tea room and market mall. There will be lots happening on the weekend.

Don't forget to bring your challenges to the April meeting. There will be awesome prizes. This includes the president's challenge, the crayola challenge and baby quilt challenge using the alphabet print.

Once the quilt show is over, we'll be turning our attention to elections. The guild cannot operate without an executive and May is when we elect our new team. If anyone is thinking about taking on programs, the fall speakers have already been booked. What a bonus! Another nice reason to keep in mind....the current members of the executive did not know each other prior to joining the executive and it's been a pleasure to get to know these ladies and build new friendships. I am thankful for having had the opportunity to be the president and have truly enjoyed the experience. If you have not been on the executive, or it's been a while since you have been, take on something new and give it a try.

The weather in March was rough, but it seems that spring is now in the air (hopefully still is by the time you read this!), my flowerbeds have been cleaned up, the raspberry bushes trimmed back and early tulips are budding. This time of year is so rejuvenating.

I still have a few quick projects to finish for the show, better get back to quilting!

Happy Quilting everyone!
Brigid Whitnall, President



Program Notes

Looking Ahead

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 - Modern Quilting - Elections
June 21	Guild Meeting	- End-of-year Potluck: (M-Z bring food)

Upcoming Meeting Notes

Wednesday April 26, 2017

Ann Coulas

I have been sewing for about the past 40 years. My passion for sewing which began out of necessity for my children has developed into a great love of quilting and textile art. I enjoy experimenting with an unlimited variety of techniques, textures, colours and embellishments and most of all I love sharing my skills with others.

Challenges Due

We are very excited to see all the wonderful innovative ideas members came up with to complete their challenges. Do not have your name on the front of your challenge. When you have signed in, bring your challenge(s) to the correct stations. Once there please take a pin and put a number on it. Place it with the other challenges in that category. It would be helpful if everyone brought a pen. Voting will take place later. There will be "big" prizes so try to finish your work.

Workshops

Machine Quilting - Beyond the Basics by Katrina Kahn

Last workshop of the year!

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.

Katrina Kahn kat153@yahoo.com sunshowerquilts.blogspot.ca

Quilters will need:

- their sewing machines in good working order
- a free-motion foot that works on your machine and the ability to drop the feed dogs or cover them
- pad of paper and pen
- power bar

- several 9" quilt sandwiches ready to practice on
- a contrasting thread that you can see on your quilt sandwiches and several bobbins wound
- topstitch needles
- small scissors for trimming thread
- machingers or machine quilting gloves (if you prefer)

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

Gwen Pennings, Program Director



Notes on our Charities

This month we have donated a quilt to a quilter who is sick with cancer.

If you have made slab blocks for the CQA Ronald McDonald House project please bring them to our April meeting. We do have some extra loose blocks that will be made up into quilts.

As part of the entryway into the quilt show we will be displaying the preemie quilts we have collected this year. If you have some you have made please bring them . They will be labelled and will add to this display. A new idea is that we make red and white or beige and red preemie sized quilts for Canada Day babies this year. Jan Smith, our treasurer suggested this. She will deliver them to the hospital for us.

From the **Canadian Quilting Association**

Thank you to Canadian Quilt Guilds for their sponsorship!

It is always incredible to see the generosity of Canadian Quilt Guilds when CQA/ACC asks for their support. We are seeing it in the Big Quilt Bee, when quilters across Canada are making blocks, tops and quilts for kids in care at Ronald McDonald Houses.

But we also see it from a financial point of view when guilds are asked to help sponsor Quilt Canada. It is this generosity that continues to humble the Board of Directors, staff and volunteers that help put on the conference. We know how hard guilds work to fundraise and please know your donation is very much appreciated to help promote quilting in Canada through our annual conference.

Chris Gordon, Charity Co-ordinator and VP



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From Barb Leffering, our speaker in March

I want to thank you again for having me come to speak at your guild meeting. I wonder if you could send out a couple of things to your membership

The soaps that I use for washing my quilts and/ or fabric is Synthapol or Vintage Textile soak. The method that I used to make the flying geese on the growchart quilt was from the book Five-minute Quilt Blocks, one seam flying geese blocks by Suzanne McNeill. If there are any more questions please feel free to contact me and I will do my best to answer all questions.

Membership

Last month we had 60 members sign in, and 6 guests!

Penny Carruthers, Membership



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Please note the correction to the dressing ingredient list for the lentil salsa that we posted in our last newsletter .

Lentil Salsa (by Mary Cohan-Pekarchuk)

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!

Quilt Show Update!

The Quilt Show is coming fast! It is 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 home-made pie for dessert, and see a spectacular array of Canada 150 quilts.

Quilt Registration

You must register each item that you are providing for the show. This includes any items made for the 2016-2017 challenges. Registration must be completed by the evening of Wednesday, April 26 so the printed labels can be ready to attach to the items at the show. You will receive a confirmation email message from the guild for each registered item that will contain the information you provided, and a unique item number. Please retain these email messages so you can attach the unique numbers to the quilts.

[Click here to access the Registration form.](#) Please [contact the guild](#) if you have any questions about the registration process.

Quilt Drop Off & Pick Up

For each item you are bringing for the show, please pin a slip of paper to the bottom right corner of the item, with the unique item number that was assigned to the quilt (as identified in the registration confirmation email message), your name, and the quilt name.

You can drop off your quilts on Friday, April 28 at the Nick Smith arena from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. You will sign our register to confirm all of your registered quilts. If this time is not possible, and you cannot make arrangements with a friend, please contact Joyce Murray at 613-623-5513 to make other plans.

On Sunday, April 30, quilts can be picked up and signed out after the show closes at 4:00 p.m. To respect that some folks may still be at the quilt show looking around, no quilts will be taken down prior to 4:00 p.m.

Refer to the web site for complete [quilt show information for guild members](#).

Tea Room Notes

Thank-you to all of you who offered to make pies for our tea room! Please bring your pies to the Nick Smith Centre kitchen area on Friday April 28 between 8:30 am and 12:00 pm. We can also take some pies in on Saturday morning, before 10:00 am. If these times don't work for you, please call and we can make arrangements to pick them up. Pies left over will be sold on behalf of the quilt guild for \$10 on Sunday.

Volunteers

If you are helping set up the quilt show on Friday, April 28, please arrive at 8:00 a.m.

Take down begins on Sunday, April 30 at 4:00 p.m..

Volunteer opportunities are still available, especially on Sunday. Please sign up at the meeting if you can help - the sign-up sheets will be there. For any questions, contact Brigid Whitnall (brigid94@gmail.com or 613-832-1942).



Raffle Tickets

Please return the money and tickets at the Guild meeting on Wednesday, April 26.

Questions

If you have questions, feel free to contact:

Janet Brownlee (Registration)	janet@same-page.ca	613-623-7948
Joyce Murray (Quilt Show)		613-623-5513
Anne Cruickshank 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

Treasurer

General Account	Opening balance March 1, 2017	\$6,808.26
	Income, March 2017	\$600.00
	Expenses, March 2017	\$938.19
	Closing balance Mar.31, 2017	\$6,470.07
Charity Account	Charity Account:	\$1,676.50
Petty Cash	Petty cash:	\$105.30

Jan Smith, Treasurer



Congratulations, March Winners!

50/50 Draw: Pat Woytowich

Gift Basket: Barb Devries

Block of the Month: Pat Bell

Guess the Number of Pages: Emma Russell

Door Prizes: Barb Hare, Anne Cruickshank, Penny Carruthers, Barb Devries, Mary DeVries, Gwen Pennings, Dona Lamoureux, Eleanor Kenny, Sam Foster, Blanche Leclair

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
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Librarian

We also need a refreshment committee starting in September to organize our treats at break!

Upcoming Quilt Shows

The arrival of spring also brings the start of the “quilt show season” and there are many planned locally and further afield.

Date	Location	Sponsor
April 21-22	Cornwall, ON	<i>Quilts on the Seaway</i> Cornwall Quilters Guild
April 22-23	Napanee, ON	Napanee Heritage Quilters' Guild
April 22-23	Burlington, ON	<i>Stitches in Time</i> Halton Quilters Guild
April 29-30	Arnprior, ON	<i>Quilting in the Valley</i> Arnprior & District Quilters' Guild
May 5-6	London, ON	<i>Quilting in the Village</i> Thames Valley Quilters Guild
May 6-7	Ste Anne de Bellevue, QC	Beaconsfield Quilters' Guild
May 6-7	Belleville, ON	<i>Canadian Kaleidoscope 150 Years</i> Quinte Quilters' Guild
May 12-14	Ottawa, ON	<i>Festival of Quilts 2017</i> Ottawa Valley Quilters Guild
May 26-28	Brockville, ON	<i>Celebrating Our Canada</i> Thousand Islands Quilters' Guild
May 27-28	Lindsay, ON	<i>Quilted Treasures</i> Lindsay Creative Quilters' Guild
June 14-17	Toronto, ON	<i>Quilt Canada</i> Canadian Quilters Association
June 10-11	Alliston, ON	<i>Stitching Among Friends</i> Quilting Corners Guild
June 23-24	Markdale, ON	<i>Sew Much to Celebrate, Eh!</i> Queen's Bush Quilters
Sept 16-17	Bobcaygeon, ON	<i>2017 Harvest of Quilts</i> Settlers' Village Quilters
October 13-14	Norwall, ON	Halton Hills Quilters Guild

For more information about these quilt shows, check out the Events board at the guild meeting, or our [guild web site](#). The Canadian Quilters' Association web site includes an extensive [Events page](#).

The Quilter's Last Will And Testament* (for your enjoyment, submitted by Vickie MacNabb)

I, _____, being of sound mind (a statement which does not bear close examination) do hereby record my last will and testament.

Knowing that _____, my _____ (husband, sister, or friend) hasn't the least understanding or appreciation for, or for that matter, knowledge of my extensive fabric collection, which collection is suitably deposited in sundry places for safekeeping.

Knowing also that _____ has already notified the local dumpster to pick up and dispose of the before mentioned collection "willy-nilly" (the thought of which causes me a most severe case of hives).

Therefore, I do will this collection and all other collections related to it, to my dear friend and fellow fabric preservationist, _____.

It is my wish that she/he, upon hearing of my death and obtaining clear proof that I did not manage, although goodness knows I tried, to take it with me, would come to my home post haste, before the dumpster, and search out my collection which is similarly stored at her own abode.

That she should rescue said collection and stack it in my quilting studio, along with my sewing machines, frames, old buttons, lace, patterns, quilts, dolls and works in progress.

After she/he has done this, she/he should purchase refreshments for my friends not yet departed, which friends are also her/his friends, and every last one shall be in that room and they shall hold a wake and say lovely and kind things about me until they run out and then they shall divide amongst themselves, by lot, my wonderful collection.

I shall be hovering over that very spot until this is done. _____ shall then quit this spot and close the door, leaving trivialities to those who do not understand. This is my wish on the matter.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Notarized: _____ Date: _____

*This is not a legal document

Written By Elinor Peace Baily, Published in "The Cloth Doll", Spring/Summer 1990

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. See the [blog](#) for information about previous guild meetings including pictures from the guest presentations, and the [show and tell page](#) features pictures of your 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.arnpriordistrictquiltersguild.com

Meeting Notes

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

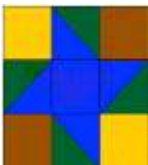
When? Meetings start at 7 PM and our doors open at 6:30. Meetings are generally on the 4th Wednesday of each month (with some exceptions.)

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