



Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild

NEWSLETTER

May 2017

President's Message

Congratulations again to everyone on a very successful quilt show. Now that the mad rush to finish last minute entries is over, we can start new projects or focus on longer term UFO's.

I have somehow acquired a few unexpected projects for family. Can't wait to get started, these are for our nephews and the fabric is loads of fun. I just emptied my one project bin, had to get it filled up again!

As usual, May is our elections month. For those new to the guild, we call it elections as we optimistically hope to have numerous volunteers lining up. It is really first come, first to choose a position until they are all gone! There are still a few spots left. Once the executive positions are filled up in May, we will have membership renewals for next year at the June meeting. We typically have a draw for one free membership for anyone who pays at the June meeting, we have decided to be extra generous this year and have two draws.

Don't forget that the June meeting, our end of year pot luck, is on June 21st, the week after Quilt Canada. I am sure we'll have lots of stories to tell. I had been hesitating about going and just registered for a couple of classes. It should be lots of fun.

Ah spring and its conflicting demands - gardening, quilting, outdoor maintenance, taking down snowmen decorations which may have been forgotten!! Yes, I may have a few of those that hide in plain sight!! I will get to them eventually.

Happy Quilting everyone!
Brigid Whitnall, President



Elections



The good news is that we have volunteers to fill some of our positions: Programs (Mary DeVries), Communications (Janet Brownlee), Block of the Month (Amanda & Joanne Vajda), Membership (Penny Carruthers), Treasurer (Joyce Murray) and Secretary (Vickie MacNabb).

However, still required are a Librarian, President, and Vice President. If we enjoy our coffee break time, we also need someone, or a team, to look after refreshments.

Please consider volunteering for one of these positions. With the combination of new and returning members to the executive, it is sure to be a vibrant team. You would not be alone, not only are there notes for guidance, but you have the support of your peers. The guild cannot continue without you. Only three positions left to fill.



Program Notes

Upcoming Meeting Notes

Wednesday May 24, 2017

Laura Piggott Speaker of the Month

Laura is an artist and modern quilter who specializes in improv work and colour theory. Her quilts range from modern-traditional to abstract improv. She is a small-business owner and co-founder of the Ottawa Modern Quilt Guild. She is an Ontario Certified Teacher and quilt workshop leader. Her workshops focus on originality, creativity, colour theory and improv piecing. You can find examples of her quilts on Instagram@WaffleKisses.

"Elections"

The executive for the next year will be determined.

Wednesday June 21, 2017

End-of-year Potluck. Last names beginning with M-Z bring food.

Retreats for 2017

There will be two retreats held again in the coming guild year.

Dates: 1) Monday to Thursday, November 6-9, 2017
2) Thursday to Sunday, January 11-14, 2018

Cost is still the same at \$222.

Location is [Providence Point](#), Lanark.

At the June meeting, you can make a commitment for your spot by depositing a \$100. Only guild members will be allowed to register at this time.

Challenges: Winners

We had three challenges this year, and the winners were selected at the April meeting by the members. Pictures of the winning quilts can be seen in the [April Meeting Highlights - Challenges](#) blog post.

President's Challenge - to make a red and white themed quilted item in honour of Canada's 150th birthday.

1. Mary DeVries was awarded first prize for her "Folded Pinwheels" table runner
2. There were 3 winners tied for 2nd place: Debbie Cauvier with her "Homecoming" table runner; Deborah Clark, and Jacquie Lavictoire.

Crayon Challenge - Participants blindly chose a crayon and made a project of that colour and its shades.. Black and white could be included for contrast.

1. Mary DeVries won 1st prize for her "Meander" bed runner in turquoise.
2. There were two tied for 2nd place: Vickie MacNabb's "Silver Dragon & Dream Catcher" wall hanging, and Emma Russell's "Purple Squared" lap quilt.

Baby Quilt - Each participant used all or a portion of a piece of "ABC kid's" fabric in a baby quilt of any size.

1. Emma Russell won 1st place with her "Now I Know My ABC's" baby quilt.
2. Jacki Lavictoire won 2nd place with her "Grow-N-Up" wall hanging.

Workshop Report - Free Motion Quilting

On Saturday, May 6th, we drove to our class through the heavy downpour of rain. It was a perfect day to be inside doing a workshop. Our teacher, Katrina Kahn, was very energetic and knowledgeable about free motion quilting. We heard words like: shoulders down, breathe, practise, practise, practise repeated many times as we made our wavy lines, our e's and l's, pebbles (2 different ways), 1, 2, 3 teardrops, figure 8's, and ribbon candy. We were able to see how free motion quilting left the quilts and table runners soft and flexible. The workshop had us eager to try out samples and to come home to practise.

Gwen Pennings, Program Director



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Notes on our Charities



Please bring your red and white preemies, and your regular preemies to the May meeting.

I will bring some batting for those who want to make preemies for our June pot luck meeting. I made two more red and white preemies at the Fort Coulonge retreat I was at earlier this week.

I will collect unlabelled preemies and label them before shipping them out. After the quilt show all the preemies from the show (except the red and white ones) were transported to Ottawa by Jan Smith, who provides delivery service for us. There were approximately 85 sent out. All were labelled as coming from our guild.

Chris Gordon, Charity Co-ordinator and VP



Quilt Show 2017

Our [Quilting in the Valley 2017](#) Quilt Show featured over 340 quilted items made by members of our guild, the Canada 150 exhibit of unique quilts made by eastern Ontario quilt guilds, and our "Quilter of Distinction", Edna Snyder who recently celebrated her 90th birthday!

A huge bouquet and thank-you goes to all the quilt members who were so generous with their time and helped out in so many capacities - in providing quilts, selling raffle tickets, bringing pies, helping in the tea room, and helping at the show. You're the reason the show was so successful!

Show visitors voted in three categories: Viewer's Choice, Baby Quilt, and Other.

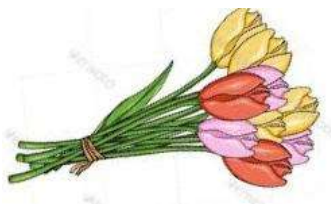
Rennie Hickey's "Summer Beauty" double bed quilt won "Viewer's Choice".

Shirley Cavanagh's "Baby Blessings" quilt, made for her daughter, won "Baby Quilt".

Mary DeVries' "Lone Pine" framed wall hanging won "Other".

The Raffle Quilt was won by Pam Gavinski of Braeside.

Photos of these quilts can be seen in a [Quilt Show blog post](#).



Library

Greetings Library Lovers.

I hope you have all enjoyed perusing and borrowing our many books over the past year. This month will be the last month to borrow any books, and next month, June is our end of year party. So please, please return all books by the June Meeting.

Taking care of the library is fun, you get to talk to everyone, you are given money to buy books, a very nice activity. This is not a difficult job, there is a little trolley to use if anyone is worried about lugging the boxes of books. I go into the hall occasionally to check the books, re sort and tally up the borrowing sheets. The key is available from the church and you are able to keep it overnight or what ever suits you.

So please consider taking on this part of our very successful quilt guild.

Please talk to me if you have any other questions.

Happy reading.

Margaret

Treasurer

General Account	Opening balance April 1, 2017	\$6,470.07
	Income, April 2017	\$518.00
	Expenses, April 2017	\$2,564.37
	Closing balance April 30, 2017	\$4,423.70
Charity Account	Charity Account May 19:	\$3,513.60
Petty Cash	Petty cash May 19:	\$48.95
Quilt Show	Income	\$5,897.50
	Expenses	\$2,640.81
	Net (includes \$1641.50 in tea room revenue)	\$3,256.69
Quilt Raffle	Income	\$2027.25
	Expenses	\$812.81
	Net	\$1,214.44

Jan Smith, Treasurer



Congratulations, April Winners!

50/50 Draw: Barb Devries

Gift Basket: Julie Carroll

Block of the Month: Emma Russell

Guess the Number of Pages: Marlene Perrier

Door Prizes: Beth Woolfe, Eleanor Kenny, Linda Klosowski, Pat Campbell, Rhoda Mizen, Jane Etmanskie, Joyce Wright

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
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	Norval, 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](#).

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.

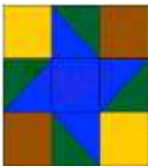
When? Meetings start at 7 PM and our doors open at 6:30. Meetings are generally on the 4th Wednesday of each month (with some exceptions.)

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



Rennie Hickey's "Summer Beauty", voted "Viewer's Choice" at the Quilt Show.