

# Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild Newsletter

October 2013

It was great to see so many of you out to our September meeting to kick off a new year for our guild. And a very warm welcome to our new members.

We heard about some exciting new programmes as well as some familiar favorites, and we all enjoyed seeing the results of your summer quilting projects at show-and-tell.

Our guest speaker Bette-Anne Dodge gave us some great tips on looking after our quilting bodies that we sometimes push to the limit because of a self-imposed deadline for a project or because we just can't tear ourselves away from it. Thanks Bette-Anne!

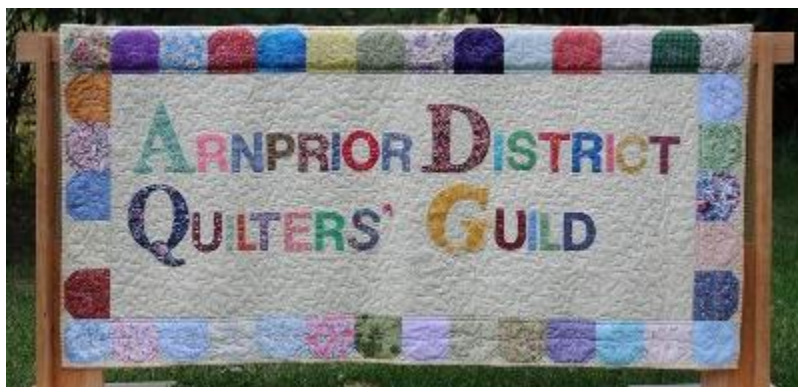
And some very happy members walked away with door prizes, delightful gift basket and 50-50 draw winnings.

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## Upcoming Events

Wednesday, October 23	Guild meeting	Trunk Show by Martha Schellingerhoud, a recent winner at Quilt Canada, whose specialty is quilting in sections
Saturday, October 26	Workshop	Chop Suey Scrap Pattern Quilt
Wednesday, November 27	Guild meeting	Back Basting Appliqué by Joan Dorsay of Ottawa Important request: Due to Joan's allergies please no perfume or strong scents
Saturday, November 30	Workshop	Back Basting Appliqué by Joan Dorsay of Ottawa <b>4 spaces available</b> Important request: Due to Joan's allergies please no perfume or strong scents

See page 5 for more information about the workshops.



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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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Visit our web site*

[www.arnpriorquiltersguild.com](http://www.arnpriorquiltersguild.com)

*Email* [arnpriorquilters@gmail.com](mailto:arnpriorquilters@gmail.com)

## 2013-2014 Executive

Thanks to our executive for volunteering their time for the valuable and necessary work of planning and delivering our monthly meetings and programmes. Your executive members are

<b>President</b>	Anne Cruickshank
<b>Vice President</b>	Mary DeVries
<b>Past President</b>	Katrina Kahn
<b>Secretary</b>	Shirley Cavanagh
<b>Treasurer</b>	Sue Hodgins
<b>Program</b>	Brenda Davidson Payer
<b>Membership</b>	Peigi Dumouchel
<b>Publicity</b>	Cathy Rodger
<b>Library</b>	Barbara Hare & Marilyn Roberts

## Treasurer's Report by Sue Hodgins

<b>Account</b>	<b>Balance</b>
General	\$6,255.31
Raffle/Charity	\$2,678.71

## Did You Know?

When a bad seam is sewn a second time, it will always be worse than the first.

## Programme

In addition to our speakers and presentations, our guild meetings include the following quilting activities:

- **Show and Tell** – We love to see what you have made and to hear about your experiences with your projects. **New** this year: If you have brought something to show, please fill out a form on arrival to help our photographer keep track of the quilts and who showed them. For the next few months we'll also need the perimeter of your quilt (in inches) – this might be easier to measure at home. This is for our participation in Quilt Canada's [Walk to Brock](#) guild challenge where the goal is to stitch from Mile Zero in Victoria to Brock University in St. Catharines, the home of Quilt Canada 2014. We can do it!
- **Block of the Month** - Each month a new pattern is provided to members interested in making that block. Bring your completed block to the next meeting. Anyone who contributes a block is eligible to win the blocks. Multiple winning names may be drawn depending on the number of blocks.
  - The Lady of the Lake block is due at the October meeting. Bring the left over large half square triangle for a draw.
  - The Chimney Sweep album block is due at the December meeting. Please use a white background for this block.
  - Refer to the web site for [photos and instructions](#) for these blocks.
- **Twisted Tanners** – Last call for sign up. Here's how this works:
  - Place your feature fabric, background fabric and fat quarters you would like to be used in your blocks, along with a label for the participants to sign, in your tin.
  - Tins rotate amongst participants who make a block each month.
  - At each meeting you will be given a word which you will interpret in your own way in constructing the block. The word at the first meeting was STAR.
  - Participants may add their own fabric to the block but the majority of the block should be made from the fabric in the tin.
  - Tins are due back at each meeting for exchange.
  - The owner of the tin makes the first block – these are due back at the October meeting.
- **Fat Quarter Exchange** **NEW** – Bring 1 or 2 fat quarters to the meeting to exchange. Fat quarters should be good quality quilt shop fabric – cotton prints or batiks. Batiks will be exchanged for batiks and cotton prints for cotton prints. Once members have made their exchanges, remaining fat quarters may be purchased (after the break) – Batik \$2.50, Cotton print: \$2.00
- **Double Dutch Challenge** **NEW** Sign up was at our first meeting and the pairings were announced at the end of the meeting. This will be a very exciting challenge where 2 members agree on a pattern for a (placemat, wall hanging, quilt etc.) and then each independently makes the same quilt. These are due at the June meeting.

Our meetings also feature books and magazines which can be signed out from our extensive library collection to read and enjoy, door prizes, a 50-50 draw, a draw for a marvellous gift basket, and shopping opportunities when local vendors visit our guild and set up shop for the evening.

## Charity Projects

Our guild is very involved in supporting local charities. Our vice president, Mary De Vries, is responsible for our very active and productive charity quilt programme.

**Preemie Quilts** – Our guild year is off to an excellent start with, as of the first meeting, your generous contributions of 32 preemie quilts which will be donated to the Rich Little Special Care Unit at the Ottawa Hospital (Civic Campus) for distribution to premature newborns. These quilts are very quick to make and an excellent way to use up your scrap fabric. Please refer to our guild web site for [instructions](#) for making these adorable 24 inch square quilts, and consider setting aside a little time to make one or more of these little quilts. Precut batting has been donated to our guild by Ever Soft of Toronto and can be picked up at guild meetings.



**Festive Placemats** – New this year is a Christmas placemat project to support our local Meals on Wheels programmes which are run through the Arnprior and Renfrew hospitals. Our target is 30 placemats which will be delivered to local seniors with their Christmas meal. Please consider making a Christmas-themed placemat and bringing it to our November meeting. The placemats should be approximately 14 in. by 16 in. and can be made with or without binding. This is a great way to bring some extra Christmas joy into the lives of local seniors and to use up some Christmas fabric bits and pieces in your stash.

**Christmas Stockings** - We will be making Christmas stockings again this year for "Share a Gift Foundation" which supports children in the McNab, Braeside and Arnprior area.

**Other Quilts** – We have charity quilts that members have made and some remaining "jelly roll race" quilts in storage. Ten quilts will be donated to the local Children and Family Services before Christmas. Last year many members donated a "basket" block. The first quilt was completed and raffled off at our quilt show last spring. The second quilt has been pieced and is now being quilted by Shirley Cavanagh. Thanks Shirley!

**Thank you** to all members who have helped to make blocks, preemies, quilts and more. It is amazing to be able to give them to children and people in need.


## Mark Your Calendar

### Wednesday Evening Guild meetings @ 7 PM

	Date	Programme
2013	October 23	Trunk Show by Martha Schellingerhoud, a recent winner at Quilt Canada whose specialty is quilting in sections
	November 27	Back Basting Appliqué by Joan Dorsay of Ottawa
	December 11	Christmas Gathering
2014	January 22 February 26 March 26 April 23 May 28 June 18	

**Workshops**

Saturday workshops are held at the Arnprior and District Library from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM and are available to all members. They are typically the Saturday following the regular meeting.

	<b>Date</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Cost</b>
2013	October 26	Chop Suey Scrap Pattern Quilt 	\$25.00
	November 30	Back Basting Appliqué with Joan Dorsay. Prerequisite: Some experience and familiarity with appliqué. <b>4 spaces available</b>	\$30.00 + \$12.00 Pattern



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## Tips and Interesting Info

This month we share some web sites recommended by Cathy Rodger.

- Three Sisters Fabric - [threesistersfabric.com](http://threesistersfabric.com)
- Bytowne Threads - [bytownethreads.com](http://bytownethreads.com)
- Quilts of Valor - [govf.org](http://govf.org)
- National Quilt Museum of the United States in Paducah, KY - [www.quiltmuseum.orgquiltmuseum.org](http://www.quiltmuseum.orgquiltmuseum.org)
- Mad About Patchwork (Stittsville, ON) - [madaboutpatchwork.com](http://madaboutpatchwork.com)

Other recommended sites of interest include:

- Canadian Quilters' Association (and Quilt Canada) – [www.canadianquilter.com](http://www.canadianquilter.com)
- Quilts of Valour Canada – [www.quiltsofvalour.ca](http://www.quiltsofvalour.ca)
- Victoria's Quilts Canada – [www.victoriasquiltsCanada.com](http://www.victoriasquiltsCanada.com)
- Katrina Kahn's blog - <http://sunshowerquilts.blogspot.ca>

Please do let us know about 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](mailto:arnpriorquilters@gmail.com)

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## Coming Events

**October 25-26, 2013**

**Lucknow, ON**

(near eastern shore of  
Lake Huron)

“A Quilter’s Dream Quilt Show”

Friday 10-5, Saturday 10-4

Lucknow Community Centre, Address: 694 Willoughby Street, Lucknow

Admission \$5

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Website: [www.teeswater.ca/clubs](http://www.teeswater.ca/clubs)

**November 1-2, 2013**

**Oshawa, ON**

“Quilt Upon A Star Quilt Show”

3 Beautiful Raffle Quilts, tickets for Sale at the Show.

Feature Quilter: Jana Scheulke

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