

Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild Newsletter

November 2014

NOVEMBER SPEAKER – “Under the Surface” with Pat Caffery

Our guest speaker for the November meeting and workshop presenter on November 29th, Pat Caffery, is an artist, designer and teacher from Kanata. She has exhibited in London, England, and has juried shows in Toronto, Oakville, Cornwall, Verona, Italy, Ogdensburg, N.Y., as well as several locations in Ontario and cities in the U.S. She has also participated locally in group shows in Ottawa, Stittsville, Brockville, and Belleville.

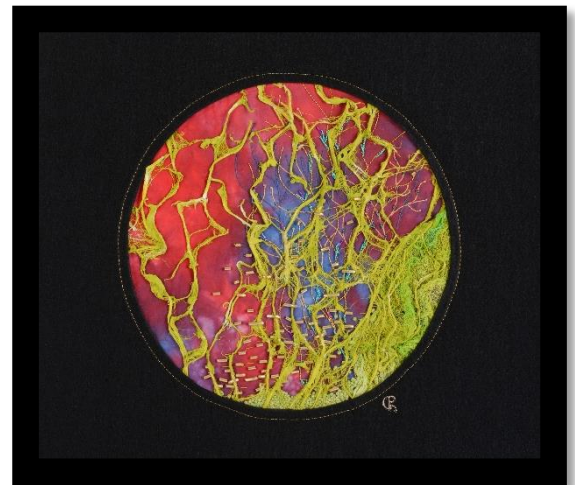
Her background is in traditional embroidery which she perfected from early childhood until a few years ago when a friend suggested she step out of her comfort and try her hand at original design. She has taught and exhibited for more than 20 years. While she teaches traditional embroidery, she enjoys combining traditional with non-traditional fibers and textiles to create original and unusual art pieces.

From her website www.PatCafferyFiberArt.com we learn that her inspiration comes from some of the most unusual places – a pile of rusted once treasured or useful objects to construction sites. Even everyday life, nature and the universe are also part of her inspiration.

“Colour and texture are an integral part of my daily life, without them I am not whole. Fibre, textiles, dyes and paints allow me to indulge as they all provide me with a wide range of colour and textures.”

Stating that her art comes from her heart, she also hope that it also speaks to others and makes them as happy as it makes her.

Teaching has brought Pat the ultimate reward of sharing her knowledge, skills and passion with others, as well as see others develop their own style and create their own art.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it melt! As I looked outside this morning, I had to acknowledge that our fall has ended and the snow has arrived. Yes it can be beautiful, but I hate the bone chilling winds, the freezing temperatures and the slippery conditions. The one good thing about winter is, that I spend more time quilting. With working full time, I find the time I spend quilting very precious. So many projects are dancing in my head, with so little time to complete them. I am sure I am not alone. Add Christmas to the mix and I can feel the start of the anxiety bug nipping at my toes. Speaking of anxiety, the Quilt show is just around the corner. Please pick up a book or two of tickets for the raffle quilt. We are counting on all of our members to purchase and sell tickets. Would it not be lovely to have the draw sold out? Please don't delay. There is so much to do for the quilt show. It would be nice to have all the tickets distributed soon. I hope that everyone will participate by displaying at least one of your lovely creations. This is our Guild's quilt show. We are all at different quilting levels so our show should reflect that. They certainly don't have to be perfect. (No one looks for mistakes; they look at the overall beauty of the quilt.) The more quilts and quilted items, the better our show will be. At this time, I would like to thank everyone for your support. I have been blessed with so many caring, kind and generous people in my life. I am so grateful to everyone who has helped me out over the years. **THANK YOU SO MUCH!**
Happy Quilting!

Anne Cruickshank

PRESIDENT'S PLEA - Please bring completed Christmas stockings to the November Meeting

Christmas gives us an opportunity to share with those who are less fortunate than ourselves. (I include those who haven't been lured by fabric candy yet, those less fortunate.) But, thankfully, we quilters are very generous people and like to share our quilting with others. So it is with that thought in mind, I am sending out this plea. You see, sometimes, I speak without thinking; and I have found myself in a little situation. I have requested that another organization that I belong to, purchase personal hygiene items for the food bank. When people have to struggle from one day to the next, personal hygiene isn't always a priority. With that in mind, I thought it would be nice for

the Quilt Guild to provide Christmas stocking that the ladies from my other group could fill with the hygiene products for the food bank. The one tiny little problem is that they would like to do this at their next gathering on **December 3rd**. (Yes the Wednesday following the Guild Meeting). With this tight deadline. I am pleading to you, that if you have time to finish a stocking, would you please drop it off at Sew Inspired (who have agreed to accept them) or bring them to the November Meeting.

Thanks to everyone in advance for helping me, and the Food Bank out!

2014-2015 EXECUTIVE

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REPORTS

Programme

*Congratulation to winners at our October meeting: the 50/50 draw: **Linda Piaz**; Door Prizes: **Jackie Lavictoire, Julie Carroll, Linda Piaz, Mary Coham-Pecarchuk and Liz Carroll**; Gift Basket: **Jan Smith**; BOM was won by **Chris Gordon**; and Guess the Number of Pages library book, "Jacob's Ladder" was won by **Lynn Johnston**.*

*The **Double Dutch** teams have been picked. They are **Vivian Pryde and Jan McManski; Chris Gordon and Cathy Rodgers; Brigid Whitnall and Ann Sybiraj**. Partners are encouraged to meet and decide on one pattern each is to work on and have ready for June.*

Participants of the **Dixie Cup challenge** are encouraged to choose a cup (any time) for inspiration in creating a baby quilt for the quilt show happening in June 2015.

This year's big project is the **Shoe Box Challenge**. The exchange started in October. Participants were to bring in a shoe box to the meeting. In the box was placed an orphan block and a bunch of scraps. The boxes will be exchanged between participants and the person receiving your box will have the year to complete a top for you.... the top can be any size. If desired, people can add some of their own scraps to the project.

Keep bringing in your selvages from your projects for the **Selvage Blitz** where you have a chance to win a prize at the end of the year. The selvage bag will be emptied at each meeting to make room for more donations.

Bring any **Fat Quarters** to the meeting you want to exchange (good quality cotton or batiks). Fat quarters may be purchased at the break. \$2.50 for batiks, \$2.00 for cottons.

BOM for this month is to use four bright colours. For instructions go to:
www.arnpriordistrictquiltersguild.com

Keep in mind the position of Program Chair will become open next year. If you are interested and have any questions please chat with Brenda Davidson-Payer during the break at the meeting.

For more information on these and other events go to the website:
www.arnpriordistrictquiltersguild.com for details or come ask questions at the guild meeting

Christmas Potluck
December 10th at 7 p.m. at the Christian Education Centre
Guild members with last names starting from A to J are asked to bring the treats.

Welcome! 52 members were at the October meeting and 4 NEW members signed up!

Charity Update



At this year's **Christmas Potluck** we want everyone to make your favourite star into a 12.5" block and we will use all the stars to play a game. Try to use blue, green and neutrals. Please have the name of the star block.

Placemats for meals on wheels: We are doing double sided placemats for meals on wheels, please have them for the December meeting.

January meeting will be a **charity sew event**. We are looking for donations of 2.5" strips. If everyone can bring in strips, we will be putting a twist on jelly roll races.

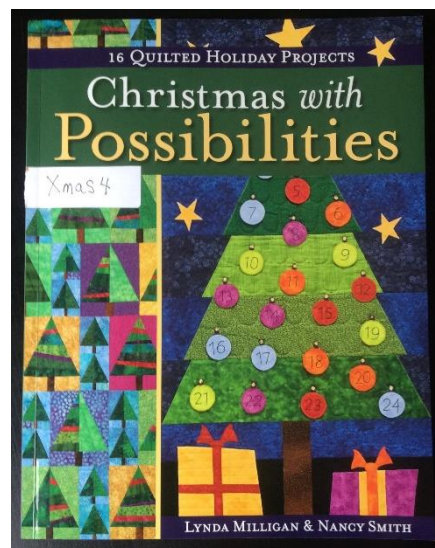
Check out the website: www.arnpriordistrictquiltersguild.com for more preemie quilt photos and instructions on how to make them. (Please note that page two is first, keep scrolling for page one!). We will be using preemies to decorate at the quilt show, please have them in by May. Brigid Whitnall has kits available for those who want them. Batting for Preemie quilts can be picked up at guild meetings. For those who would like to pick up batting for the preemie quilts during the month, Debbie Cauvier has graciously agreed to keep some at her house. You can reach Debbie at Sew Inspired.



Library News

November's featured library book is ***Christmas with Possibilities***- 16 Quilted Holiday Projects by Lynda Milligan and Nancy Smith. This book has instructions and patterns for a variety of all skill level projects. Included are advent calendars, casserole carriers, quilts, placemats

and totes. All would make wonderful Christmas gifts or great additions to your own celebrations.



Treasurer's Report

Account	Balance
General	\$4501.56
Charity	\$ 954.13



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WORKSHOP

Embroidery Stitches to Enhance Your Quilt

Presented by Pat Caffery

Saturday, November 29th, 2014

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Arnprior & District Library

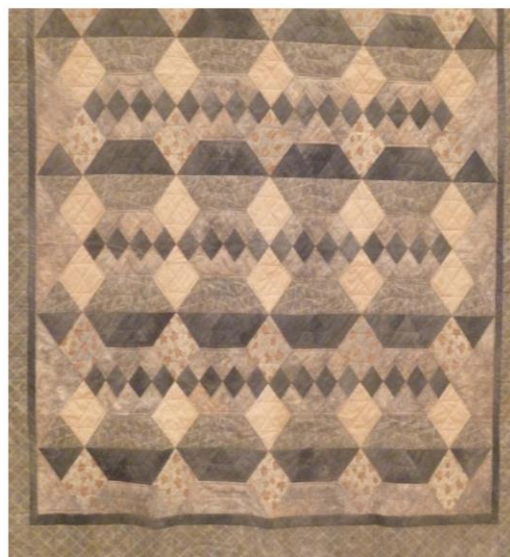
\$25.00. Sign up at the November 26th guild meeting

8 Reasons to Participate In A Workshop

- 1. Learn a new technique/ improve on one you already know*
- 2. Get to know your fellow guild members/ or members of other guilds*
- 3. Workshops are a chance to meet a well- known quilting teacher without travelling far*
- 4. Keep on top of what is new and Cutting Edge in the quilting world*
- 5. A good reason to get out of the house - especially in the winter!*
- 6. Workshops open your mind and get you thinking out of the box*
- 7. \$25 workshop = 1 good box of chocolates = 1 good bottle of wine = 2 packs of cigs = cost of 2 to go to a movie in the city = a meal out = 3 or 4 good craft beers ...and on and on*
- 8. Supports your guild and local quilt shops*

Show and Tell

October's meeting Show and Tell participants included: Chris Gordon, Janet Brownlee and Eleanor Kenny.



Upcoming Meeting Events

Date	Event	Details
Nov. 26	Guild Meeting	Guest Speaker: Pat Caffery , "Under the Surface"
Nov.29	Workshop	<i>Embroidery Stitches to Enhance your Quilt</i> . \$25.00. Go to www.arnpriordistrictquiltersguild.com for more details
Dec. 10	Christmas Potluck	Guild members with last names A-J bring potluck
Jan. 28	First meeting of 2015	Charity sew event. Details to follow.

Workshops are available to all members who sign up and are held at the Arnprior & District Library (www.arnprior.library.on.ca/) on the Saturday following the guild meeting (unless otherwise stated), from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

September Speaker – Modern Quilting

Michelle-Renee (M-R) Charbonneau, co-founder and Vice-President of the newly formed Ottawa Modern Quilt Guild, gave a great presentation on the evolution of the modern quilting movement. While the movement didn't really get started until the 1990's, it's influences date from the late 19th- 20th century. She outlined some factors that constitute a modern quilt; be it use of colour, high contrast fabrics, the use of negative space, and assymetrical shapes, to name a few. Siting several resources which can be found on her blog

called *Quilt Matters*, <http://quiltmatters.blogspot.ca/>, M-R also showed examples of modern quilt designs that use traditional fabrics as well as modern fabrics used in traditional quilt designs.



Newsletter Changes. The ADQG newsletter is going electronic! In attempts to be environmentally conscious, and with the cost of printing and paper increasing, printed copies of the newsletter will be available to those who sign up, otherwise everyone who has access to a computer is encouraged to get their copy by going to our website. www.arnpriordistrictquiltersguild.com. Find back issues of the newsletters in the [Archives](#)

What's Happening

NEXT GUILD MEETING,

Christmas Potluck,

Wednesday, December 10th, 2014

7p.m. Christian Education Centre, 257 John Street, Arnprior

Members with last names from A-J are asked to bring the potluck

Fabricologist:



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***n:/one who has perfected the art
of stashing fabric.***

Meeting Notes

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

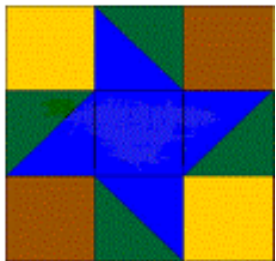
When? Meetings start at 7 PM and our doors open at 6:30. Meetings are generally on the 4th Wednesday of each month (with some exceptions.)

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.

We welcome contributions!



Do you have a quilting related story or contribution you would like to share? Please let us know about information or 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

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.