

Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild

NEWSLETTER
December 2016

President's Message

As Christmas approaches, my wish for you is to have time for any last minute projects or handmade gifts that need to be finished.

The guild has been busy this fall and we hope you are enjoying all the activities. We will be busy in the coming year as well, with more activities and our spring quilt show. I would encourage everyone to enter at least one quilt in the show. We'll be showcasing all the president's challenge quilts in red and white as well.

I had a few larger projects which are now out the door and I can re-focus on my own projects. I have some fun little kits that are calling.

Enjoy your time with family and friends this holiday season.

Happy Quilting,
Brigid Whitnall, President



Program Notes

Upcoming Meeting Notes

December Pot Luck (Dec.14)

The meeting will start at 6:30 (so that we can start eating between 6:45 and 7 PM).

Members should bring the following:

- Cutlery, plate and cup
- Christmas quilts, wall hangings, table runners etc. to decorate the hall for the meeting

Members with surnames A-L will bring food.

January Demo Night (Jan.25) -Tips To Improve Our Quilting

You might like to bring a small 4 patch square with you, seams pressed one way, then the other way for your take home sample.

Looking Ahead

December 14	Guild Meeting - Christmas Potluck; (Surnames A-L bring food).
January 12-15	Quilting Retreat at Providence Point
January 21	Workshop - Ruler/Mat Bag by Chris Gordon
January 25	Guild Meeting - Demos by members
February 4	Workshop - Slab blocks for the CQA Big Quilt Bee
February 22	Guild Meeting - Charity Projects
March 22	Guild Meeting - Barb Leffering Trunk Show; also Garage Sale.
April 26	Guild Meeting - Anne Coulas Trunk Show; also Challenges due.
April 29-30	Quilt Show!
May 24	Guild Meeting - Laura Piggot Trunk Show, also Elections
June 21	Guild Meeting - End-of-year Potluck: (M-Z bring food)

Workshops

Payment for Retreat and Ruler/Mat Workshop

Both the payment for the full [retreat](#) and the mat/ruler workshop is due at the December meeting. Please try to bring the exact amount if paying in cash.

Ruler/Mat Workshop (Jan.21)

We have enough interest to run the workshop and room if you are interested in joining. Guild members \$25, others \$30.

Slab blocks for the CQA Big Quilt Bee (Feb.4)

Are you wondering where to start in making the slab blocks for the CQA (Canadian Quilters' Association) Big Quilt Bee? Would you like some assistance? Or would you like to get together and sew up a storm with some friends. We will be hosting a workshop on Saturday, February 4th at Island View, 30 Jack Crescent in Arnprior. All skill levels welcome. The cost is a minimal \$5.00 and will include lunch. Bring your machine, some scraps and any Canada 150 fabric that you have from the guild. We will also bring more Canada 150 fabric to include in the blocks. This will set us up nicely for the February meeting and making some tops.

For a complete schedule and workshop descriptions, please visit our website at

<http://arnpriordistrictquiltersguild.com/schedule.html>

Gwen Pennings, Program Director



Notes on our Charities

Thanks to all our members for reaching our goal of 250 Christmas stockings. They were collected at our last meeting by the CWL (Catholic Women's League), and are being stuffed prior to distribution.

Our next commitment is to Meals on Wheels. We require 25 placemats for the Arnprior program. Christmas on one side, anything you like on the other side. At this point we are 7 short of this number. If you have made one, please bring it with you to our Pot Luck meeting. I have been making placemats with the leftovers from the Christmas stockings I cut out.

After Christmas I will be suggesting some new possibilities for our charity projects. I have to make contact and get details before I can share more.

Preemies continue to be a major program for us. Batting will be available at our meetings.

Requirements as far as size and content will be on our website.

Thanks once again for the efforts of our members making quilts for all our charity projects.

Chris Gordon, Vice-President



Membership

We currently have 80 members. 43 signed in last month, and were happy to welcome 2 guests.

Penny Carruthers, Membership



Treasurer

General Account	Opening Balance Nov.16, 2016	\$9,513.85
	Income Nov.16, 2016	\$1,375.00
	Expenses Nov.16, 2016	\$965.84
	Closing Balance Nov.30, 2016	\$9,923.01
Charity Account	Balance Nov.30, 2016	\$1,925.01
	Petty Cash:	\$42.10

Jan Smith, Treasurer





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Library



Greetings library lovers,

Unfortunately I will miss our Christmas party, oh, all that delicious food!

Any returned books, please put them into a book box under the stage. I plan to do a big sort in the new year.

I will pass on the "Guess the Number of Pages" to a member of the executive, along with the correct answer. So happy guessing everyone.

Merry Christmas to you all, may you enjoy a happy and healthy new year.

Margaret Fisher, Library



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Congratulations, November Winners!

50/50 Draw: Vickie MacNabb

Gift Basket: Sue Hodgins

Block of the Month: Joanna Vlaming and Vickie MacNabb

Guess the Number of Pages: Liz Gray

Door Prizes: Lynn Wyatt, Mary DeVries, Amanda Vajda, Joan Kelly (guest from CWL and former guild member/founding president), Jan Smith, Marilyn Robert, Claudette Trail, Cathy Rodger

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 posts with photos of the November meeting highlights, and Paul Leger's Patchwork Illusion workshop. You can see photos of the [Show and Tell](#) projects shown at the November meeting. And check the [Home page](#) for information about the blocks we'll be making in the Canadian Quilters' Association Big Quilt Bee for quilts for Ronald McDonald Houses across Canada in celebration of Canada's 150th birthday in 2017.

Our guild will be participating in the Canadian Quilters' Association Big Quilt Bee to make quilts for Ronald McDonald Houses across Canada in celebration of Canada's 150th birthday in 2017. Refer to the CQA web site for [more information](#), including [sample blocks](#) using the special Canada quilt fabric that we'll all be using, and [instructions for the blocks](#) using a "slab block pattern" compliments of Cheryl Arkison. There are links to all of this information on our web site Home page.

We welcome contributions! 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.arnpriadistrictquiltersguild.com

Meeting Notes

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

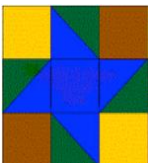
When? Meetings start at 7 PM and our doors open at 6:30. Meetings are generally on the 4th Wednesday of each month (with some exceptions.)

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