

Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild Newsletter

December 2013



Despite a snowy day, many of our members made it to our November meeting and we were well rewarded with another amazing trunk show – this time by Joan Dorsay of Ottawa. Joan was a very delightful speaker with many interesting anecdotes about her quilt-making experiences and challenges, from the architectural inspirations of the Library of Parliament and other historic downtown Ottawa buildings for her quilt designs, to the time her husband spilled a cup of coffee on the white border of her almost-finished quilt. A very prolific hand-quilter, Joan was very interesting and inspirational.

Joan's Saturday workshop on back basting appliqué was attended by 8 people. Mary De Vries reports "The workshop was very informative and we were a very productive group. I really liked the technique that Joan uses. It keeps your work in its exact position and is self-correcting. The design is traced on the back of the background fabric and worked from the front. The only drawback is that it is more time consuming but the end result is very effective." The attached picture is one corner of Mary's piece.



And Joan appreciated the warm welcome of our guild and would be open to returning for a beginner workshop. Stay tuned!

You can see and purchase Joan's patterns at <http://www.quiltwoman.com/Joan-Dorsay-Joan-Dorsay-Quilt-Designs.aspx> and many photos of her quilts can also be seen online (by googling "Joan Dorsay").



Upcoming Events

Wednesday, December 11	Christmas Gathering	Holiday potluck Refer to page 4 for a list of what to bring. Due: The album block block-of-the-month, charity Christmas placemats and stockings
Wednesday, January 22	Guild meeting	Trunk show by guild member Rennie Hickey.

***** Please bring indoor footwear to our guild meetings. *****

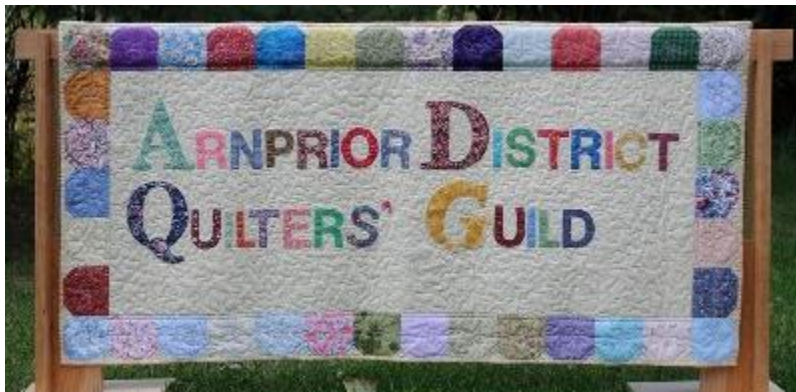
Inclement Weather

As winter is setting in, a reminder that a guild meeting may be canceled due to bad weather. In the event that a meeting is canceled, you'll be notified by email, and a note will be posted on the guild web site during the afternoon. If you would like to be notified of a meeting cancellation by telephone, please arrange this with Peigi Dumouchel at the registration table.

Thank you!

We are very grateful for some very generous contributions to our guild. Thank you to:

- **Barb Robinson** for donating of a large number of books to the guild library collection.
- **Ronan Kahn** (Katrina's son) for setting up the tables and chairs for our monthly meetings. The hours Ronan spends helping us are accredited towards his community service requirements for high school graduation.
- **Kevin** (Suzane de Joode's son) for making the beautiful wooden stand for our guild banner pictured below.



- **Kinaxis Corporation** in Kanata for printing the monthly guild newsletters

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The joy of each day is directly proportional to the hours spent in quilting.

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.

2013-2014 Executive

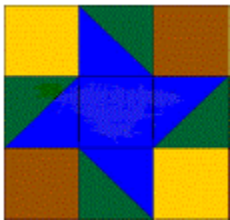
Thanks to our executive for volunteering their time for the valuable and necessary work of planning and delivering our monthly meetings and programmes. Your executive members are

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

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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 trees.



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Holiday Gathering Programme

Our special holiday guild meeting on Wednesday December 11 will feature the always delicious potluck, games, and show and tell.

Please bring to this meeting:

- Food - If your surname begins with the letters **A – J**, please bring food for the potluck – your choice of appetizer, main or dessert. (The K-Z's will get a chance to contribute to the June potluck!)
- Dishes – To cut down on the cleanup please bring your own plate, cutlery and mug
- Bingo block – We'll be playing quilting bingo so please take a few minutes to make your bingo block. The pattern is available on the guild [web site](#).
- Bingo markers – Buttons to use as your markers



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Programme

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

- **Show and Tell – 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. We continue to need the perimeter of your quilt (in inches) 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. In November we added another **2,146 inches** to bring our total to **9,187 inches**
- **Block of the Month** - 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 [instructions and a photo of](#) this block.
- **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
- **Twisted Tanners** - Sign up is now closed for this year and the participants are busy making blocks and exchanging the tins at our guild meetings.

Library - Our meetings also feature books and magazines which can be signed out from our extensive library collection to read and enjoy, and a “guess the number of pages “ in the new book contest with the prize being first to sign out the new book.

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Charity Projects

I would like to thank everyone who helped to make quilts, placemats, stockings and preemie quilts for those in need. Anne and I delivered 20 placemats to Arnprior Seniors Home support. Then I delivered 10 placemats to the Renfrew Seniors home support. They would gladly accept 10 more. At the Family and Childrens' Services I left 10 quilts. All recipients were very appreciative.

Thanks to all again.

Mary De Vries

Anne Cruickshank has delivered some of the beautiful Christmas stockings made and donated by guild members to the Christmas Blessing Store, for children in the McNab, Braeside and Arnprior area.



Preemie Quilts – Please consider setting aside a little time to make one or more of these little quilts which are donated to the Rich Little Special Care Unit at the Ottawa Hospital (Civic Campus) for distribution to premature newborns. Please refer to our guild web site for [instructions](#) for making these adorable 24 inch square quilts – they're a great way to use up your stash.

Total: **62** November donations: **17**



Mark Your Calendar

Wednesday Evening Guild meetings @ 7 PM

	Date	Programme
2013	December 11	Christmas Gathering
2014	January 22	Trunk show by our own Rennie Hickey
	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.

	Date	Topic	Cost
2014	January 25	Small landscape with Rennie Hickey	\$25 for guild members \$35 for non-members
	March 29	Quilted bag with Chris Gordon	TBD
	April 26	Miniature with Dianne Fuller	TBD

Tips and Interesting Info

This month we feature the web sites of our newsletter advertisers.

- **Inspired Getaways** - quilter's retreat in Waba www.inspiredgetaways.ca
- **Quirks & Quilts** by Joni Newman www.quirksandquilts.com
- **Sew Inspired** – our local quilt shop in Arnprior www.sewinspired.ca

Previously recommended sites of interest include:

- Thimbleblossoms - www.thimbleblossoms.com
- Thimbleblossoms owner Camille Roskelley's very interesting and entertaining blog <http://camilleroskelley.typepad.com>
- Three Sisters Fabric - threesistersfabric.com
- Bytowne Threads - bytownethreads.com
- Quilts of Valor - govf.org
- National Quilt Museum of the United States in Paducah, KY - www.quiltmuseum.orgquiltmuseum.org
- Mad About Patchwork (Stittsville, ON) - madaboutpatchwork.com
- Canadian Quilters' Association (and Quilt Canada) – www.canadianquilter.com
- Quilts of Valour Canada – www.quiltsofvalour.ca
- Victoria's Quilts Canada – 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

Coming Events

- April 5-6, 2014**
Pickering, ON
- Rhapsody of Quilts Show**
Saturday 10-5, Sunday 10-4
Pickering Complex Centre, Address: 1867 Valley Farm Road, Pickering
Admission \$6
Contact: Lisette Léveillé
Email: rvqqiltshow@gmail.com
Website: <http://www.rvqg.com/>
- April 12-13, 2014**
Orillia, ON
- Sunshine Quilt Show**
Saturday and Sunday
Pickering Complex Centre, Address: 1867 Valley Farm Road, Pickering
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