

Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild Newsletter

April 2014

Welcome spring! Finally the warmer weather is returning and we are thinking about taking a break from our quilting projects and moving outside to our gardens.

The bags made at **Chris Gordon's March workshop** did indeed go on display at our March meeting's show and tell. The bags are lovely!

And kudos to all of you for braving a late winter snowy Saturday to come out to the workshop.



The **mystery quilt** suspense ended at our March meeting when the final clues were revealed. Here's the Gordian Knot pattern by Mary Whitehead as pictured on her niece's blog along with the history behind this design.



According to Greek legend, King Gordius of Phrygia was concerned by his lack of an heir. He went to an Oracle for assistance and was told to fashion a knot with no visible beginning or end. He was to use this knot on the yoke attaching his steeds to his chariot. Whoever proved clever enough, the Oracle stated, to undo this knot would then become his heir and the future master of all Asia. Many tried and failed. One day a bright twenty-year-old, failing to untie the knot, cut the cord with his sword. This young man went down in history as Alexander the Great.

Check out Mary's niece's very interesting blog at <http://abracadabraquilting.com/blog/> and don't miss the Gordian Knot entry which includes more info and photos at <http://abracadabraquilting.com/mary-whiteheads-gordian-knots/>

Planning is underway for our spring 2015 quilt show. Please consider volunteering to help us prepare for this show and do start planning your entries to make this the biggest and best ADQG quilt show ever.

Thanks to all of you who have made blocks for the raffle quilt. Brenda and Rennie are looking for 4 members who know the Rosemary Makham style of machine applique to help complete the applied borders. Volunteers?

At our May meeting we'll be voting on changes that the the executive are proposing to our guild's by laws. The changes are on page 8 – would you please review them in advance of the May meeting.

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Details
April 23	Guild meeting	Guest speaker Dianne Fuller with her trunk show on paper pieced minatures
April 26	Workshop	Paper pieced Courthouse Steps miniature quilt with Dianne Fuller. Cost: \$25 for guild members; \$35 for non-members
May 28	Guild meeting	Guest speaker Joni Newman
June 18	Guild meeting	End of year pot luck – Due: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Double Dutch challenge• Teddy bear themed preemie Challenge• Mystery quilts• Tinnars

Wednesday Evening Guild meetings at 7 PM

Saturday workshops are held at the Arnprior and District Library from 10:00 AM - 4:00

Visit our web site www.arnpriordistrictquiltersguild.com

Email arnpriorquilters@gmail.com

Find back issues of the newsletters in the [Archives](#)

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.

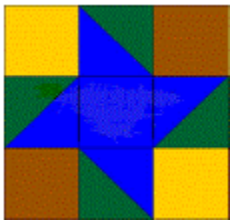
2013-2014 Executive

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

Treasurer's Report by Sue Hodgins

Account	Balance
General	\$4,222.02
Raffle/Charity	\$2,346.40



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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Charity Projects

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: **115** March donations: **15**

See page 5 for information about the block of the month preemie quilt challenge – due at the June meeting.



Library

Books and magazines can be signed out from our extensive guild library collection to read and enjoy. The prize for winning the “guess the number of pages in the new book” contest is being the first to sign out the new book.

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Programme

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

- **Block of the Month** – The April block of the month is Pinwheel Blitz. Members are asked to make 2 or more pinwheel blocks for the May meeting. The blocks will be divided into 2 piles. One pile will be added to the bingo blocks to make a 2 block quilt. The second pile will go into a draw. Check the [guild web site](#) for details. The May BOM will be Christmas in May. At this meeting members will fill out a piece of paper with either their favorite quilt block or favorite quilt pattern. We will go over these and choose a pattern for May. Hopefully there will be a quilt or wallhanging finished for the December show and Tell!
- **Block of the Month Premie Challenge** – Make a premie quilt with a Teddy Bear theme - pieced or applique – due at the June meeting. Check out the Fat Quarter Exchange table for lots of teddy bear brown fabrics.



- **Show and Tell** – 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. Our March total includes all of the premie quilts and we have now exceeded our guild's goal. Well done!

March: **14, 295 inches** Total: **32,738 inches**


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Tips and Interesting Info

- Gordian Knots (mystery quilt) and more <http://abracadabraquilting.com>
- Lots of block suggestions – great ideas for preemie quilts and Tinnies www.quilterscache.com
- Kallisti Quilts <http://www.kallistiquilts.com/>
- 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
- 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

Thank you to Kinaxis Corporation in Kanata for printing the guild newsletters.

Congratulations to Barb Darlow on your "retirement" from our local shop **Sew Inspired** and thank you for your continued support of our guild. Best wishes to you in your next endeavours and of course in your quilting projects.

And welcome to Nancy Terry who will be taking over from Barb!

Coming Events

April 25-26, 2014 **CreativFestival Spring 2014**

Friday and Saturday

Mississauga, ON

International Centre (Entrance 1) Address: 6900 Airport Road, Mississauga

Admission \$15 adult - reduced pricing for seniors, youth and groups - 2-day passes also available

Website: www.csnf.com/s14_index.html

May 2 -3

Stitches in Bloom

Friday 9 AM – 6 PM, Saturday 9-4

Chatham, ON

450 Park Ave. W. Chatham, ON

Admission \$6

Contact: 1-519-351-5754

Website: www.chathamkentquiltersguild.com

May 9 -11

Be Inspired by Common Thread Quilt Guild

Friday 10 AM – 7:30 PM, Saturday 10-5, Sunday 11-3:30

Ottawa, ON

RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Dr, Ottawa

Admission: General \$10, Weekend pass: \$15, Under 12 free (must be accompanied by an adult)

Website: <http://www.commonthread.on.ca/QuiltShow.htm>

June 7-8, 2014

Quilters Guild of Renfrew and Area Quilt Show

Saturday 10-5, Sunday 12-4

Renfrew, ON

Quilts, Tea Room, Merchants Mall, Raffles

Address: 1 Ma-te-way Park Dr, Renfrew, ON

Admission \$5

Contact: Barb Jamieson, 613-432-6005

Email: barbarajamieson38@yahoo.com

June 27-28, 2014

Haliburton Highlands Quilt Show

Haliburton, ON

Friday 2-6, Saturday 10-5

Address: Curling Club, Haliburton, ON

Admission \$6

Contact: Nancy Johnston, 705-457-7369

Email: hhqshow2014@gmail.com

Web site: www.hhqshow2014.ca

Quilt Canada 2014 St. Catharines (Niagara Region) ONTARIO June 11 - 14, 2014

Location: Brock University, St. Catharines, ON

Opening date for Online Registration and Delegate Packages – October 15, 2013 – [click here for more information](#)

National Juried Show Call for Entry – [click here for more information](#)

NJS Awards Presentation – Tuesday June 10, 2014

National Juried Show Opening – Wednesday Jun 11 at 10 AM

Merchant Mall open Wednesday June 11 – Saturday June 14 at 10 AM



Proposed Changes for THE ARNPRIOR & DISTRICT QUILTERS' GUILD CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Increase of yearly dues from \$20 to **\$25.00**

BY-LAW 4 – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- 1) The Board of Directors of the Guild shall consist of the following Officers:
 - a) President
 - b) Vice President
 - c) Secretary
 - d) Treasurer
 - e) ~~Past President~~

Plus the Chairs of the following standing committees:

- f) Program
- g) Library
- h) Membership
- i) Publicity

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8) A person standing for office must have been a member of the guild for a minimum of six months prior to the election and the Treasurer must have been a member of the ~~Board for a period of one year within the last five years~~ **Guild for the past year and have some previous bookkeeping experience.**

BY-LAW 5- DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

B. PRESIDENT

- 1) Shall prepare an agenda for and preside at meetings of the Guild
- 2) Shall prepare an agenda and preside at meetings of the Board
- 3) Shall call for and receive reports from committee chairs
- 4) Shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the Nominating Committee
- 5) **Seek advice from Past President, as needed.**

D. SECRETARY

- 1) Shall record the minutes of all business meetings of the Guild and all meetings of the Board of Directors and distribute or present them as determined by the Board
- 2) Shall maintain a file of all minutes, reports, correspondence and enquiries for future reference.
- 3) Shall ~~ensure both a printed and an electronic copy of all minutes are given to the incoming Past President at the end of the Guild's year for archival purposes~~ **direct activities of historian and archivist.**

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F. ~~PAST PRESIDENT~~

- 1) ~~Shall act in an advisory capacity to the Board~~
- 2) ~~Shall act as the Chair of the Nominating Committee~~
- 3) ~~Shall act as the Guild historian and archivist~~