

Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild Newsletter

April 2015

Spring is in the air. As the warmer weather approaches, I find that other things are pulling me away from my quilt room. I went to my first barbeque of the season on Sunday. Although it was nice to be with friends and family, a small part of me wanted to be home, quilting. I am trying to finish a quilt for the quilt show. I hope you too are working away at getting at least one completed for the show.

I was creeping on Facebook the other day and read a Facebook page titled "Things Quilter's Shouldn't do." by Angela Walters. It was posted on her blog "quilting is my therapy" I thought these were appropriate and worth passing on. <http://www.quiltingismytherapy.com/homepage-test/my-blog/>

Don't compare your worst with everyone else's best – it can be detrimental to your joy. Be proud of the fact that you are doing your best work right now. A quote she used "comparison is the thief of joy" is so true. Don't take the fun out of what you are doing.

Don't point out your mistakes. So often when someone compliments you the automatic response is to point out things that are wrong. I am guilty of this. We need to be proud of our work and say thank you for the compliment.

Don't forget that a finished quilt is better than a perfect quilt top. In her words "no one ever sat by the fire cuddled up under a quilt top. Pull out those unfinished quilt tops that you are afraid to quilt, and finish them!" Not a machine quilter - send them to your favorite machine quilter!

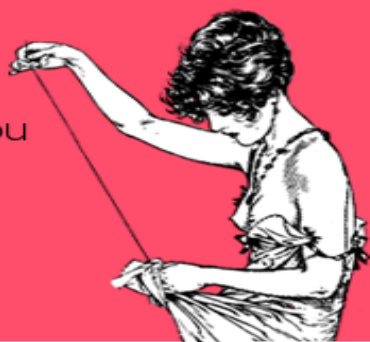
These are great words of wisdom. I am sure I am not the only guilty one.

I hope that you are enjoying this Guild season. There are only a few more meetings left under my reign. Thank you for allowing me to be your President. I have truly enjoyed myself!

Yours in Quilting,

Anne Cruickshank, President

If, on your dining table, you have replaced salt, pepper, and napkins with a pin cushion, scissors, and fabric, you might be a quilter.



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Charity:

We have received 17 more preemie quilts in March for a total of 62 so far. Preemie quilts will be featured at our quilt show in June so now's the time to dig through your stash and make up some blocks. Before you know it you'll have the 24" by 24" block done and ready. With a little bit of top quilting you are set to go! Let's see how many we can have ready for the show! Don't forget, we have batting available for preemies and other charity quilts. Instructions for the preemie quilts can be found on the website:

<http://www.arnpriordistrictquiltersguild.com>



Library:

April's chosen book is "Landscape Quilts" by Nancy Zieman and Natalie Sewell. This

book will challenge your courage to be creative and innovative. There is no safety net of patterns, templates or measurements. There are however, tips and techniques to guide you outside of your comfort zone, trust your instincts and have fun!



Treasurer:

General Account
\$4,694.52

Charity Account
\$1,478.13

Publicity News:

Check out the bulletin board at the Guild meetings for news and items for sale. There are lots of quilt shows advertised so be sure to check out the publicity board.

Membership: We had 57 members at the last meeting, two new members and three guests.

Programme:

This month we will have Beth Cameron as our guest speaker. Check out her site to learn more about her:

<http://domesticgoddesscanada.com>

The quilt show is fast approaching. Keep working on finishing up challenges and getting your projects ready. *Tinners*, *Double Dutch* and quilts made from *BOM* should all be well on their way to being ready. We are all looking forward to seeing the *Dixie Cup Baby Quilts*, and the results of the *Shoebox Challenge* which are due in at the May meeting. Remember the position of program will be open for a new chairperson for the 2015-

2016 guild year. This position can be held for 1 or 2 years maximum. If you have ideas that you would like to share with guild members this is the position for you. Responsibilities listed in our by-laws include organizing program activities at meetings which could include speakers; workshops; BOM; Tinners etc. Along with these activities we have had interesting speakers and a couple of workshops. All of these activities were designed around requests noted in questionnaires filled out by members and through discussions with guild members.



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Quilt Show Update – In case you missed it last month...

June is fast approaching, and we want all of you to know that the committee is working hard. All plans are progressing. Very shortly, we will be calling on all of you for not just entries for the show, but for help with any number of projects.

It has come to our attention that we need a separate quilt display for the lunchroom. Last time we were fortunate enough to have a wonderful display by the “Silver Thimbles”. For this year we would really like to show off some of our previous winners. We would also encourage anyone who has an item that has won any other award, in any other event to display their piece. It might be nice to show off some of your ribbons, etc.

We plan to have a book available for you to sign up your quilt or quilted item. Do you have quilted clothing, bags, etc? Once again entry forms will be available well in advance and we want everyone to sign up early. It would be wonderful if we could have all the labeling done ahead of time.

*We are very happy to announce that **Rennie Hickey** has agreed to be our Quilter of Distinction. She will be an excellent representative of our guild.*



Congratulations!

Last month's Winner of Gift Basket: Marlene Periard

BOM: Sue Hodgen

50/50 Draw: Susan Doran

Guess The Number of Pages: Mildred Hogan

Door Prizes: Ann Sybiraj, Gwen Pennings, Rachell Dupuis, Emma Russel

Meeting Events

Date	Event	Details
April 22	Meeting and guest speaker	Beth Cameron
May 27	Meeting and Election	Election of Executive for 2015-2016
June 6-7	ADQG Show	<i>Quilting in the Valley</i> Quilt Show Nick Smith Centre, Arnprior www.arnpriordistrictquiltersguild.com

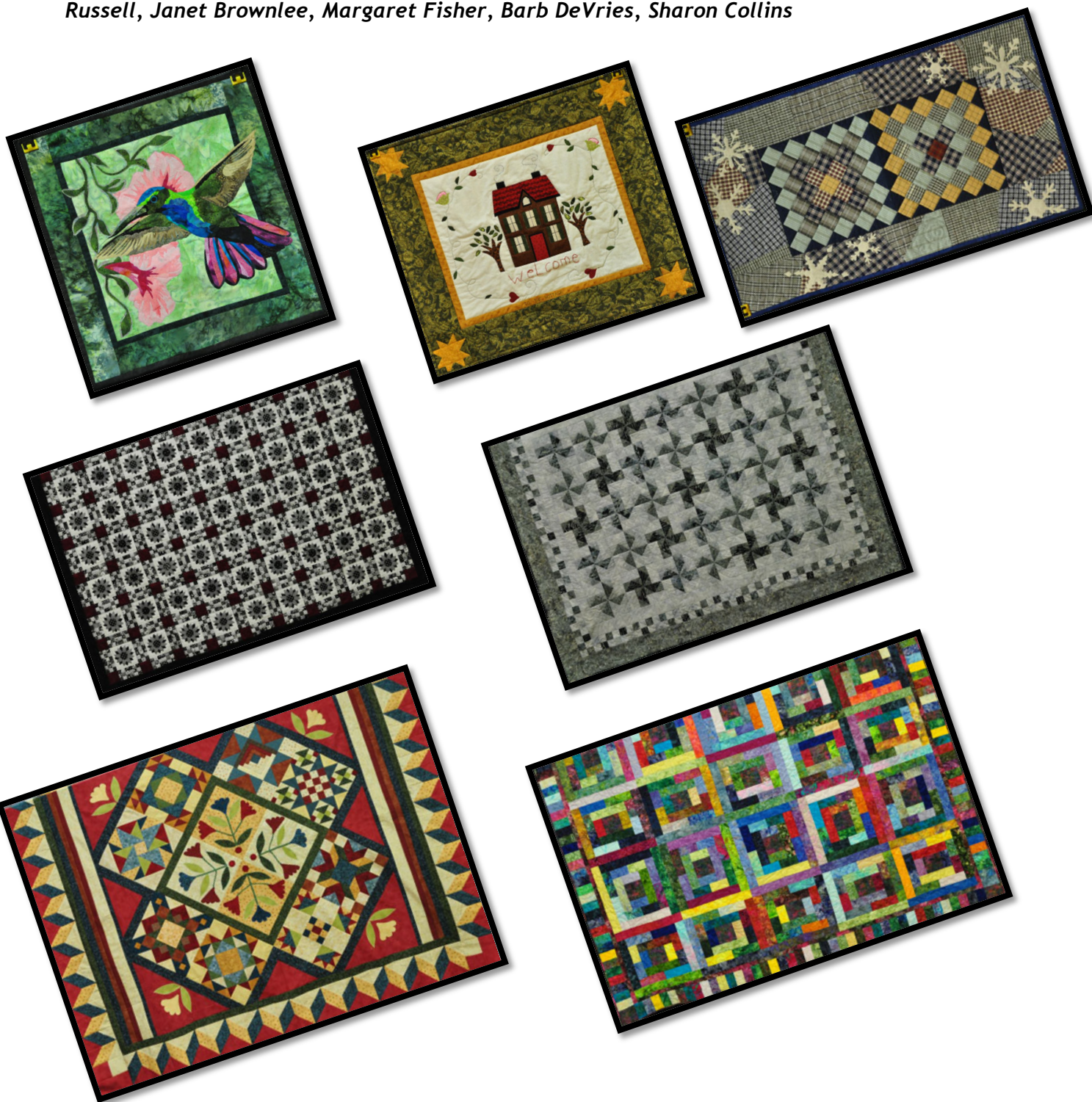
Workshops are available to all members who sign up and are held at the Arnprior & District Library (www.arnprior.library.on.ca) on the Saturday following the guild meeting (unless otherwise stated), from 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

February Yard Sale and Demo Night a Great Success



Show and Tell

Participants in March's Show and Tell were: Eleanor Leben, Shirley Fedoruck, Mary DeVries, Susan Doran, Mildred Hogan, Mary Cohen, Pat Campbell, Chris Gordon, Joanne Vlaming, Emma Russell, Janet Brownlee, Margaret Fisher, Barb DeVries, Sharon Collins



Many more photos can be viewed on the website: www.arnpriordistrictquiltersguild.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.

2014-2015 Executive

President: Anne Cruickshank

Vice President: Brigid Whitnall

Secretary: Shirley Cavanagh

Treasurer: Sue Hodgins

Program: Brenda Davidson Payer

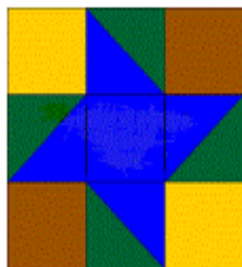
Membership: Johanne Vajda

Publicity: Cathy Rodger

Library: Barbara Hare & Marilyn Robert

Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild Quilt Show **“Quilting in the Valley”** **June 6 & 7, 2015**

Contact Anne Ogletree: theogletrees@sympatico.ca or check out the guild website:
www.arnpriordistrictquiltersguild.com



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.

Upcoming Events

- The Quilt show (Gathering of Quilts)** Friday May 1 - Saturday May 2, 2015, Guelph, Ontario
Admission \$10. *Contact:* Cyndy Maltby 519 767 1089,
clmaltby@hotmail.com royalcityquiltersguild.ca/
- "THINK out-side the Block" Quilt Show** Fri. May 1- Sunday May 3, 2015, Windsor, Ontario
Admission \$5 8787 McHugh St, Windsor, ON N8W 0A1
Contact: Ann Mueller 519-735-5474 annmueller19@cogeco.ca ,
windsorquiltersguild.com
- Feelings in Fabric 2015** Fri. May 1 – Sun. May 3, 2015, Peterborough, Ontario
Email: kqg2015@gmail.com www.kawarthaquiltmakersguild.ca
- Quilting in the Village 2015** Friday May 1 - Saturday May 2, 2015, London, Ontario
Admission \$5. Wesley Knox United Church 91 Askin Street, London ON.
Admission:\$5. *Contact:* Andrea Manias, Thames Valley Quilters Guild
519-439-2720 andrea.manias@sympatico.ca
www.thamesvalleyquiltersguild.com
- Quilts by the Bay** Fri. May 1 – Sat. May 2, 2015, Owen Sound, Ontario
Harry Lumley Bayshore Community Centre, 1900 3rd Ave, East, Owen Sound.
Admission:\$5. *Contact:* Bluewater Quilters' Guild, Sharon Hayes 519-371-6650
sharon.hayes@sympatico.ca,www.bluewaterquiltersguild.ca
- Quilted Odyssey 2015** Saturday May 2 - Sunday May 3, 2015, Brampton, Ontario
Jim Archdekin Recreation Centre, 292 Conestoga Drive, Brampton (Heartlake Area). Admission \$7. *Contact:* Brampton Quilters' Guild Inc., Bernice Primo, 905-459-8563.<mailto:Rudyprimo@Sympatico.ca>
- Quilt Show "Pieces Of Magic"** Thursday May 7 - Saturday May 9, 2015, Ingersoll, Ontario
Contact: Margaret Hawkins 519-688-9653, hawkins.marg@bell.net
www.oxfordquiltersguild.com
- OVQG Festival of Quilts 2015** Friday May 8 - Sunday May 10, 2015, Ottawa , Ontario
RA Centre Curling Rink, 2451 Riverside Dr., Ottawa, ON
General Admission \$10 | Weekend Special \$15 | 5-7PM Friday Special \$6 |
Children under 12 are FREE
Contact: Joanne Bachelor: quiltshow2015@ottawavalleyquiltersguild.org
<http://www.ottawavalleyquiltersguild.org/quiltshows/2015/index.html>

For more listings of upcoming quilt shows visit the Canadian Quilters Association website: <http://www.canadianquilter.com/event>