

Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild Newsletter

September 2014

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the Arnprior & District Quilters' Guild!

I love summer; the heat, the smells, the flowers, lazy days by the pool, everything is so alive, bright and happy. But towards the end of August, I start hearing the fall fabrics calling me from my stash, and by the time September rolls around, I am itching to get back into my quilt room.

My goal as your president is to encourage members to actively engage with each other and to move outside of your comfort zone. I challenge each of you to meet someone new each meeting. Expand your circle of friends and invite someone new to share your love of quilting. When a show and tell intrigues you, start a conversation with the creator about it. If a new technique is demonstrated or offered through a workshop, ask questions and try it out. Guild membership gives us a unique opportunity to share our passion for quilting with others who feel the same. Remember you are surrounded by others who could no longer resist the call of batiks and fabric eye candy.

None of this would be possible without the support and participation of so many. I would like to thank all the dedicated and hardworking committee volunteers and executive who provide so many hours of planning and dedication to make our guild events enjoyable for all. Over the next few months, requests will be made for more volunteers. Please answer the call!

This is our guild! Whether you are renewing your membership, coming back after being gone from our guild for a while, or a new member finding your quilting itch, I want to welcome you and to let you know, I am so very glad you are here!

Let the fun begin! Happy Quilting!

Anne Cruickshank

President, Arnprior & District Quilters' Guild.

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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 foot print. And PLEASE keep your refreshments away from the show and tell display table.

Cost – \$25.00 membership per season, \$5.00 for visitor per meeting.

Visit our website for registration info: www.arnpriordistrictquiltersguild.com

Please bring your indoor footwear to our meeting.

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Details
Sept. 24	Guild Meeting	Guest speaker: Esther Bryan creator of “A Quilt of Belonging”
Oct. 22	Guild Meeting	Guest Speaker: M-R Charbonneau , Modern Quilting Movement
Oct. 22	Guild Mtg Shop of the Month	Modern Quilt Guild
Nov.19	Guild Meeting	Guest Speaker: Pat Cafferey , “Under the Surface”
Nov. 22	Workshop	Embroidery stitches to enhance your quilt. Go to www.arnpriordistrictquiltersguild.com for more details

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, from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

REPORTS

Programme

The program committee has been very busy over the summer preparing activities and speakers for the 2014-2015 guild year. Speakers this year come from a wide variety of quilting styles – traditional to modern. Our September speaker is *Esther Bryan*, creator of The Quilt of Belonging. Once again we will highlight a guild member as our January show and tell.

The **Double Dutch challenge** was a huge success last year and is back by popular demand. Sign up will take place at the September meeting and instructions will be made available.

Fat Quarter Exchange will again be available to members.

Tinners is being replaced with two new activities – **Shoe Box Challenge**, where you bring a shoebox of scraps and an orphan block to the October guild meeting. The boxes will be exchanged. When you receive your exchanged box you will create a quilting project from the orphan block and scraps. You may add scraps from your own stash and ONE new fabric to bring the project together. The project may be totally finished (quilted and bound) or just the quilt top completed. Challenge is due for display at the Quilt Show in June 2015.

Selvage Blitz – It is always a good idea to cut off selvages from your fabric before you begin your project. Selvage is usually a different weave and sometimes colour. It can warp after washing and drying which may cause problems when using in a project. There are also at times little hole marks that become unsightly when used in a project. I like to keep my selvage with fabric info on it as a fabric reference – colour, fabric line, date of line. In this activity members will cut off their fabric selvages and bring them to guild. A basket will be available for dropping off. At the end of the year the selvages will be weighed and members will guess the weight. A prize will be for the member guessing the closest correct weight. Both Shoe Box Challenge and Selvage Blitz will start up in October.

***Selvage** – an edge produced on woven fabric during manufacturing that prevents it from unraveling. Reasons to remove the selvage: it is woven tighter and prone to pucker; after washing it can shrink and draw up; there may be small holes in the selvage that can show up when sewing; the selvage is often a different colour or shade than the fabric; the selvage may look straight but is not.*

Workshop night in February was another huge success and will return for Feb 2015 meeting.

Yard Sale/Demo/Activity night will be in March.

Now is the time to begin thinking about joining the executive team for the 2015-2016 guild year. Elections and guild show registration will be at our May 2015 meeting.

We hope that this guild year will have a bit of something for everyone to participate in.

Happy Quilting! No pressure!

PROQUILTINATION:

The art of putting off till tomorrow anything and everything except quilting!

Charity

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. Batting has been donated and can be picked up at the guild meeting.



Last season 180 preemie quilts were received!

Library News



Don't forget to check out the library at the guild meeting. There is always something new and exciting! We have two copies of Ester Bryan's "Quilt of Belonging".

Treasurer's Report

Account	Balance
General	\$4254.39
Raffle/Charity	\$895.78

September Speaker - Esther Bryan (nee Gadzik)

Creator of *A Quilt of Belonging*, a project that began in 1998, after a life-changing journey in 1994, to accompany her father back to his homeland, Slovakia, is “an invitation for all cultures to celebrate their common humanity and find their unique place in the Canadian mosaic”. (www.invitationproject.ca/esther.htm). An acclaimed artist, pianist, wife, grandmother and volunteer, Esther is best known for her painting, drawing, and fibre arts. She is a fellow of the Ottawa Watercolour Society and member of Christians in the Visual Arts International.



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Newsletter Changes

*The ADQG newsletter is going electronic! In attempts to be environmentally conscious, and with the cost of printing and paper increasing, starting in October we will be making printed copies of the newsletter 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.arpriordistrictquiltersguild.com.*

A sign-up sheet will be available at the September meeting for anyone wanting a printed copy of future issues.



Double Dutch Challenge 2013-2014

Susan Watt and Rennie Hickey



Joyce Murray and Donna Wynn



Marilyn Erskine and Penny Wall

Visit our web site www.arnpriordistrictquiltersguild.com
to see more photos

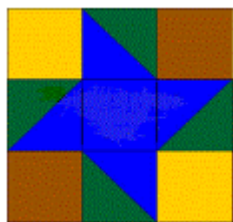


Project from 2013-2014 season

2014-2015 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	Brigid Whitnall
Secretary	Shirley Cavanagh
Treasurer	Sue Hodgins
Program	Brenda Davidson Payer
Membership	Johanne Vadja
Publicity	Cathy Rodger
Library	Barbara Hare & Marilyn Roberts



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.

What's Happening

September 27-28, 2014 Leamington, ON

A Quilters Legacy - Erie Shores Quilters Guild
614 Mersea Road, Leamington, Ont. N8H 3V8

Admission: \$5

Contact: Yvette Sullivan 519 734-1786

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September 12 - November 9, 2014 Dufferin, ON

Stitches Across Time 2014

936029 Airport Road, Corner of Highway 89 &
Airport Road, Rosemont, ON L0N 1R0

Contact: events@dufferinmuseum.com

Phone: 877-941-7787 x22

Email: events@dufferinmuseum.com

Website:

http://www.stitchesacrosstime.com/index_files/Page677.htm

October 1-31, 2014

401 Quilt Run - from Prescott to Newcastle, ON
www.401quiltrun.com

October 3 - October 4, 2014 Hamilton, Ontario

Fall Into Quilts - Hamilton Quilters Guild
Ancaster Fairgrounds, 630 Trinity Rd, Hamilton, ON
L0R 1R0

Admission: \$7.00

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October 18, 2014 Espanola, ON

Celebrating Quilting

Admission: \$7.00

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October 24 - 25, 2014 Brantford, ON

The Fabric of our Lives Quilt Show -

Brant Heritage Quilters Guild

Best Western Plus, 19 Holiday Drive, Brantford, ON

Admission: \$7.00, Children under 13 Free

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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