



Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild

NEWSLETTER

September 2017

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President's Report

Welcome to the Arnprior & District Quilt Guild 2017-2018 season.

Fall seems to have arrived quickly and I hope you find great inspiration for your quilts in the changing colours of our landscape. I am grateful for the opportunity you have given me to participate in the guild executive. I believe these next couple of years are going to be exciting. The executive met earlier this month and I can tell you each of them were implementing great ideas and I know you will be pleased. I will leave it to them to present their plans.

One of my personal goals and interest is to increase our membership. There are many quilters of all levels in our community and I would like to have them join our guild and share their experiences and works with us. The people in our guild are truly friendly and inclusive so I know they would love to be part of our community. I would also like to see more youths get involved in our guild. I will develop a strategy and a plan to see how this can be done. I hope to have something to share with you by December. If you have any ideas on how we could improve the way the guild operates, events we should consider hosting or how we might increase our membership, the executive team is available and you can contact me any time to chat and share your ideas.

As this year's president, I am issuing a challenge to the members of our guild to design a project using a page from a non quilting related magazine or book as the inspiration. The challenge is to make a quilted project that relates to something on that page - it could be colour related, based on a word or phrase on the page, based on a picture on the page, etc. When you submit your challenge project, I would like you to include the page from the magazine and a short write-up of how it related.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our first meeting of this season on Wednesday, September 27th. Please don't forget your beverage mug and your beautiful items for show and tell. The executive will provide the snacks.

Donna Sheaves
President



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Notes from the Vice-President

We will have lots of opportunity to quilt for charity this year. So ladies, get your sewing machines ready for action!

New

1. **Finishing Slab Block Quilts.** Congratulations to all who made slab blocks for the Big Quilt Bee. 2,614 quilts were given to Ronald McDonald Houses across Canada for kids. Excellent job ladies! We have been given some leftover slab blocks to give to other charities. Since some were put together and are nearly finished, I have decided that the ones which are very Canadian, we will donate to Quilts of Valour and a couple will go to Victoria's Quilts. We will provide the batting, backing and are just looking for quilters for these quilts. Please help us.
2. **Wheelchair lap quilts** with Velcro straps to attach to chair arms would be gratefully received by the Grove Nursing Home in Arnprior. At Christmas, some residents who have no family, would receive these and to be used daily for their comfort. Some of the slab blocks can be used for this project and batting will be provided. Sizes will have finalized by the meeting. Minimum lap quilts required is 15.
3. **Bibs** for Day Programs are also needed by the Grove Nursing Home in Arnprior.
4. **Placemats** to be distributed with the freezer meals given out in Fitzroy Harbour/Constance Bay by the Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre for Seniors. We will need 10 or 12 of these.

We will continue with

1. **Preemie Quilts** for the Rich Little Special Care Nursery at the Ottawa Civic Campus. These are 24" x 24" square, all cotton or flannel construction, and batting is provided by the guild.
2. **Placemats for Meals on Wheels-Arnprior.** We will require somewhere between 20-30 placemats. They will be delivered with the Christmas meal. Please make Christmas on one side of the placemat and the back an interesting pattern/fabric to be used the rest of the year.

Other

We have 3 quilts of varied sizes in our reserves. If you have suggestions, please talk to Gwen or email gwenp1010@gmail.com.

Gwen Pennings
Vice-President



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Program Notes

The program team has an exciting year planned for you! With an emphasis on learning, there will be interesting challenges, a mystery quilt project, and other new activities along with inspiring guest presenters, block of the month, workshops, sew days, retreats, and other familiar features.

September 27, 2017

Krista Zaleski

Krista learned to quilt as a child and made clothing for her children as young mom. Her introduction to quilting was through a group of women who met online. When one of the women was diagnosed with cancer one of the friends suggested the group make a quilt for her.

Krista found her pattern, bought her fabric, and made her block which turned out well and she has never looked back. She has made quilting her new career since 2015. She creates her own patterns which will be on sale at the September meeting and she blogs about her quilting at kristaquilts.blogspot.ca Krista will present a trunk show and pattern making.

Looking Ahead

October 25, 2017	Wendy Foster Birch - Trunk Show - Thread Usage
November 22, 2017	Sherri Hisey -Trunk Show -Settings and Borders
December 13, 2017	Holiday Potluck
January 24, 2018	Charity Night
February 28, 2018	Demo Night
March 28, 2018	<i>to be determined</i>
April 25, 2018	Jan Kittle - Using rulers when quilting
May 23, 2018	Elections /Challenges due
June 20, 2018	Potluck

Challenges

We would like each of our members to try at least one of our challenges this year. Then we will know that we have inspired you! You can do any or all challenges and we encourage you to. All challenges are to be brought back to the May meeting to be shared with the membership. This year's challenges include:

- Recycled Denim Challenge
- Carrier/Container/Bag/Tote Challenge
- President's Challenge

Monthly Activities

Block of the Month

Johanne Vajda and Amanda Vajda will be presenting a new block each month. Members bring in their finished blocks from the previous month and put their name in a container (one entry per block). The winning name drawn from the container takes home the blocks for that month. If a large number of blocks are made, two names may be drawn and the blocks split between two lucky people.

Decorative Stitch Exchange:

This is an exciting new activity which will be explained at the first meeting. Lots of scope for learning new skills!

Other Regular Features

- Show and Tell
- Guess the Number of Pages
- Gift Basket raffle
- 50/50 Draw
- Door Prizes
- Refreshments



Retreats

We've decided to offer you ladies two retreats again this year. Providence Point in Lanark is the location because it is close and the facilities meet our needs and their prices are great. We chose the two months of the year that we find we need to something exciting to cheer us up! We decided to have Monday-Thursday (November 6-9) during the week for those of us who could get away and then Thursday-Sunday (January 11-14) for those who work and wanted a winter break but couldn't go south or wanted to go twice. We need a minimum of 16 and maximum of 20. First people with their cheques to us are the ones in. All taxes included:

November 6-9

\$222 Monday evening, 3 meals on Tuesday, 3 on Wednesday and 2 on Thursday
\$202 Tuesday dinner to Thursday lunch
\$192 Tuesday after dinner to lunch on Thursday

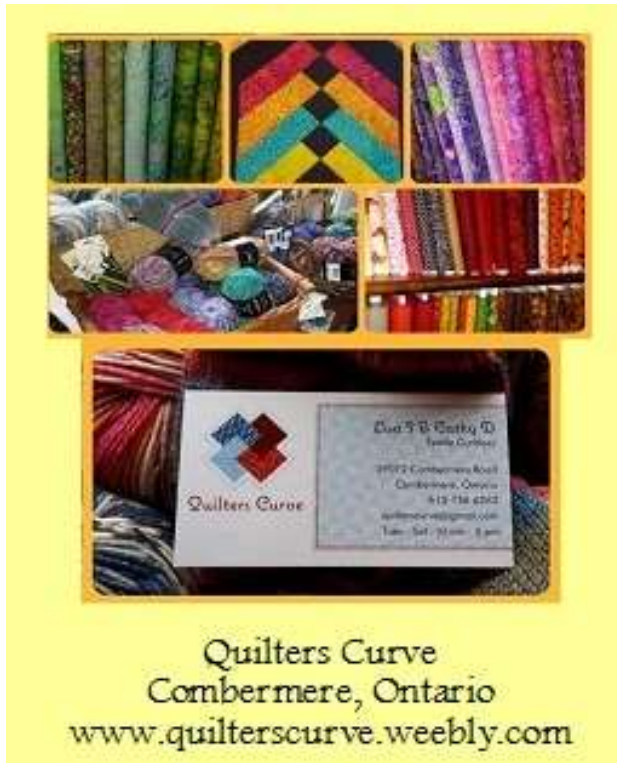
January 11-14

\$222 Thursday evening, 3 meals on Friday, 3 on Saturday and 2 on Sunday
\$202 Friday dinner to Sunday lunch
\$192 Friday after dinner to lunch on Sunday

2-3 people per room depending on the number going. Most rooms have their own full bathrooms. Everyone would have their own 5-6 foot table. No need to put anything away until the end of the retreat. Food served there is good quality. We need to know ahead of time if there are ladies with allergies. Feel free to bring a bottle of wine or snacks for the evenings. Tea and coffee available all day.

From your Program Team,

Mary DeVries,
Chris Gordon, Workshops
Patti Moore, Challenges
Joanna Vlaming, Retreats



Library

Welcome back to another great year of quilting and reading!

Our Guild Library offers a large selection of books and magazines full of great quilt ideas and technique information. You can borrow these for a month; just sign the lending binder and return and sign your item back in the next month. Each month we will also have a tote of books and magazines for sale. Money raised goes toward purchasing new books and magazines. Books sell for \$1 and magazines for \$.25. Donations of recent magazines are welcome and will be offered for sale at each meeting. Every month we have our popular “guess the number of pages in the book” contest and the quilter who has the closest guess wins the book! Our library stock was sorted and re-organized by Margaret Fisher before she “retired” as Library care person. As you browse through our wondrously varied selection, please help us keep them orderly. You are sure to find something to tempt you into a new project! Can’t wait for Show and Tell in September to see what you’ve all been up to!

Your new Library Team:
 Lucy Voss and Nancy Hayley

Membership

We had 55 members and 1 guest sign in at the June meeting!
 42 members paid for their 2017-18 Guild Membership. We had a draw from this list, and this year two members received free memberships.
 Registration will continue at the September meeting.
 The annual membership fee is \$25 and new members are very welcome!

Penny Carruthers,
 Membership

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Keeping in Touch

To keep you informed between guild meetings and the monthly newsletters, the guild [web site](#) is being regularly updated with information and photos from our guild activities. See the [blog](#) for information about previous guild meetings including pictures from the guest presentations, and other guild activities. The [show and tell](#) page features pictures of your amazing quilts, and you can also find pictures of the quilts in [last year's quilt show](#), the current and past [block-of-the-month](#), and much more on the [Resources](#) page.

Do check out our information board during guild meetings.

I'm sure the upcoming annual Fabric Flea Market will be of interest to some of you. It's Saturday October 14 at the Glebe Community Centre in Ottawa. See [Upcoming Quilt Shows](#) for more information on this and other quilting events.

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.

Web site: www.arnpriordistrictquiltersguild.com

I'm delighted that Betty Rehbein is continuing to put together these excellent informative newsletters, and that Emma Russell continues as guild photographer to ensure that we have great photos of the quilts you see here at the guild.

Janet Brownlee, Communications

Congratulations, June Winners!

Winners of Free Membership for 2017-2018: Barb Devries, Marilyn Erskine

Block of the Month: Claudette Traill, Marilyn Erskine

50/50 Draw: Pat Campbell

Gift Basket: Sara Rodger

Door Prizes: Jacquie Lavictoire, Ann Sybiraj, Maureen Mooney,

Barb Hare, Jane Etmanskie, Louise Vandenberg,

Rennie Hickey, Emma Russell, Penny Carruthers

Winner of Guess the Name of the Blocks: Paulette McCarron

Meeting Notes

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

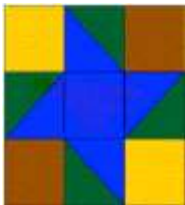
When? Meetings start at 7 PM and our doors open at 6:30. Meetings are generally on the 4th Wednesday of each month (with some exceptions.)

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 trees.