



# Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild

**NEWSLETTER**  
January 2018

## ***President's Report***

As I sit here and think of what message to include in this month's newsletter, I found a wonderful piece from two fellow quilters in Waterloo, Ontario. They graciously gave me permission to publish their message to which I believe we can all relate. Happy January everyone!

Donna Sheaves

### ***"Celebrating Friendships"***

Friendships begin when there is a common thread between people. We are a diverse group and our guild offers a valuable and unique opportunity for initiating and fostering friendship.

What is really important? Take a step back and think about the relationships - both old and new - that continue to be nurtured by belonging to our guild. Through our repeated shared activities, we have many opportunities to exchange ideas and personal feelings with each other (IE guild meetings, workshops, mini-retreats, days at Mannheim, Smile Bee days, etc.)

As we continue to meet and spend time together working on projects and such, ideas develop and friendships grow. They become like fabric - you can never accumulate enough.

It has often been said that friends are like quilts. They are a source of comfort and they stand the test of time (while they age with you). Quilting with friends will keep you in stitches thus providing health benefits as well. Finally, we want you to know that in the crazy quilt of life, we are fortunate to have you in our block of friends.

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## ***Program Notes***

### **January 24 Meeting**

We have a busy evening ahead for our Charity Night. Besides the items listed on Page 5 for the Charity Night in January, please bring any finished or partially-finished wedge blocks you have for the 2019 Quilt Show Raffle Quilt. Also don't forget your block-of-the-month, decorative stitch exchange blocks, library books, show-and-tell quilts, payments for workshops you've registered for, and of course, your coffee mug.

### **Looking Ahead**

February 28, 2018	Activity Night - We will have 4 stations, each with a different activity. (Prairie Point Star Decoration, Hexagons, Hand Stitches for Embellishing Crazy Patch Quilts, Wool Applique) You will have the chance to try 2 stations in February and the other 2 at the May meeting.
March 28, 2018	Trunk show with Valerie Miller as our guest speaker.
April 25, 2018	Jan Kittle - Using rulers when quilting
May 23, 2018	Activity Night Part 2; and Elections.
June 20, 2018	End-of-year Potluck: (M-Z bring food), and Challenges are due.

*Mary DeVries, and your Program Team*

## **Workshops**

### **Paper Piecing**

Saturday February 10th's workshop on Paper Piecing, taught by Mary Devries, has only two openings left! Cost is \$25 for guild members. It will be held at Glad Tidings Pentecostal church on Baskin Drive from 9:30 am to 3:30pm. Materials and equipment required will be provided on payment for the class.

### **Big Bag Workshop**

Johanne Vajda's Big Bag Workshop will be held at Glad Tidings Pentecostal church on Baskin Drive from 9:30 am to 3:30pm on Tuesday March 6. Cost is \$25 for guild members, and there are only 2 spaces left. Materials and equipment required will be provided on payment for the class.



## Sew Days

There was a Sew Day held at Island View on Thursday January 18th. Further Sew will be forthcoming. Again, dates TBA.

*Chris Gordon, Workshop Co-ordinator*

## Mystery Quilt

Instructions for Part 1 and 2 of the Mystery Quilt are available from the [Mystery Quilt page](#). We were so inspired by the creative borders in Sherri Hisey's quilts at our November meeting, that we have added a border to the mystery quilt, and consequently an additional set of instructions. Part 3 will now be available at the January meeting, Part 4 at the February meeting and a new Part 5 at the April meeting.

## Retreats

On Thursday January 10, 2018, 18 ladies arrived at Providence Point to begin their time of quilting and fellowship. We arrived with the weather fairly mild and left with ice on our cars and cold. We did not let the cold affect our time quilting. The food was delicious and a good time was had by all.

I have dates for the next retreats. They are October 29 to November 1, 2018 (Monday to Thursday) and January 17 to 20, 2019 (Thursday to Sunday). There will be a price increase for the next retreats. I will have that information in the next newsletter.

Joanna Vlaming, Program - Retreats



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## **Arnprior Hospital Foundation**

For those of you who picked up kits for the auction quilt blocks, you can access the instructions from the [Auction Quilt page](#) on the web site. For future reference, you can reach the auction quilt information from the Charity page.

## **Notes on our Charities**

Happy New Year! May it be a year full of finished quilting projects!

Thank you! Thank you for all the wonderful quilting/sewing you did this past fall for charity. I was very honoured to deliver your projects to the various places. It took everyone's individual work to make such a big impact on our community. Here is a tally of what we have done so far:

- 15 bibs for the day program at The Grove
- 75 drawstring bags and 37 stockings for gifts to be filled by the Catholic ladies (stockings were left over from last year)
- 16 wheelchair lap quilts to The Grove - hopefully more to follow
- 3 quilts of Valor to be delivered
- 15 placemats to Meals on Wheels in Arnprior
- 10 placemats to freezer meals in West Carleton (we have some left for next year)
- 24 premie quilts

Congratulations on a job well done! I have ideas and fabric to keep you busy for the rest of the year.

### Note received from Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre:

*Gwen, I wanted to send an email to express my thanks on behalf of Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre and some lucky seniors in our community for the beautiful placemats made by your quilting group. The last week before Christmas I had the opportunity to deliver meals and soup and your beautiful placemats to many seniors in our community. The placemats added such a warm and personal touch, the seniors who received them were surprised and genuinely pleased someone had gone to so much work to make such a pretty gift for them. I am sure that as those folks sat down to eat their meals over the holidays they were able to look down at those placemats only to be reminded we are a caring community and their day would have been brighter for it.*

*Heidi Wieler*

*Service Coordinator-West Carleton*

*Western Ottawa Community Resource Centre*



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## **Charity Night in January**

We will divide into 3 groups

- Auction quilt for the Arnprior & District Memorial Hospital
- Arms for Hugging project
- Cutting kits for wheelchair lap quilts and preemie quilts.

Please bring back your completed block(s) for the auction quilt for the hospital so we can start to assemble it at our charity night.

We need the following:

- 6 sewing machines and extension cord
- One iron
- Go cutters and dies for a quilt (preemie or wheelchair)
- Rotary cutters, ruler 6 x 24, 6 x 12, and your boards

Also, please remember to bring your seam ripper, sewing scissors, turning tool (to push out edges), and trimming scissors.

Just so everyone doesn't bring their machines, Go Cutters and irons, please email if you would kindly bring yours. [gwenp1010@gmail.com](mailto:gwenp1010@gmail.com).

## **Quilting Needed**

I have one more quilt for Quilt of Valour. If someone would be willing to quilt it over the winter, please let me know. There are also 5 other quilts that need quilting - top, batting, and backing will be supplied. There is no deadline for the return of these quilts.

As I don't want to keep carrying them back and forth to the meetings, if you are able to help out, please let me know and I will bring them. You can call me at 613 832-1329 or email me at [gwenp1010@gamil.com](mailto:gwenp1010@gamil.com). Thank you in advance.

Gwen Pennings, Vice-President

## **Membership**

We had 53 members sign in to the December 2017 Christmas meeting.

*Penny Carruthers, Membership*



## ***Congratulations, December Winners!***

*Block of the Month: Patti Moore*

*50/50 Draw: Johanne Vajda*

*Gift Basket: Johanne Vajda*

*Guess the Number of Pages: Johanne Vajda*

*Door Prizes: Mary Cohan-Pekarchuk, Karen Maheral, Betty Rehbein, Marlene Periard, Brenda McLeod, Debbie Cauvier, Joyce Trafford, Pat Bell, Marilyn Erskine, Elizabeth Couture, Louise VandenBerg, Brenda Greeley*





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## Library



Happy New Year! "In 2018 may your right hand be stretched out in friendship and never in need."

Instead of a new book this month we have purchased the [150 Canadian Women CD](#) by [NEXT STEP QUILT DESIGNS](#). Hope you like it!

An interesting web site to check out is [dinkydoo.com](#) . I heard about it at the Quilting Retreat!

The retreat was wonderful! First time for me. I accomplished more in a weekend than I did in the past 6 months, or is that years! The best part was all the help, ideas and advice that I received, wonderful positive reinforcement! A big thank you to my fellow retreat mates. I recommend that you sign up soon for next year!

"A bed without a quilt is like a sky without stars." Quilt sayings.

Happy Quilting ! See you at the Library Table on January 24.  
Lucy



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## ***My Mystery Quilt Journey***

"A mystery quilt is stepping out into the unknown!"

### **Part 3 by Janet Brownlee**



I really like star blocks so I was delighted to hear at the December Christmas party meeting that we'd be making some for the mystery quilt. My excitement was short-lived when I next heard that we'd be paper piecing the tree blocks. I've never learned or done paper piecing and have not really been keen but I need and want to do it now. No way out! Fortunately Mary deVries is offering to teach paper piecing at the January Sew Day for the 2019 quilt show raffle quilt, and also at her February workshop. Perfect opportunity for me to learn so I signed right up for the sew day.

I tackled the star blocks as my first project in the new year after a fairly long break from quilting over the busy Christmas period. I enjoyed choosing the colour combinations for these blocks. Since I had plenty of fabric I strip pieced the little centre 9 patches. I liked that the hourglass squares were generously sized and consequently very easy to square up. While these blocks took quite a while I enjoyed piecing them and seeing my colour combinations come to life. Like the earlier blocks I did not join the star blocks together. I'll wait and lay out all of the blocks before I decide on their placement.




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## **Christmas Potluck**

Our potluck meetings, in December and in June, provide a great opportunity to sample everyone's culinary prowess, and to just relax and chat. The food has been quite wonderful.

As space permits, we thought we could share some of the recipes.

Of particular interest last December, was the Sauerkraut Salad, brought by Pat Campbell.

### **Sauerkraut Salad**

- 1 16oz. can sauerkraut .....drained and washed (well)
- 1 can bean sprouts (optional)
- 2/3 cup chopped celery
- 2/3 cup green and red peppers
- 1/3 cup chopped onion

#### **Sauce**

- ¾ cup sugar
- 1/3 cup oil
- 1/3 cup vinegar
- ¾ tsp. celery seed

Heat this mixture. Pour over vegetables. Let stand at least a day.  
 Store in the frig. Keeps well...for several weeks.



## In Memorium



### Remembering Edna Snyder

Sadly our guild has lost a longtime quilter and guild member, Edna Snyder, who passed away in December at the age of 90. [Obituary](#)

Edna and her daughter Marilyn Erskine have been members of our guild since the guild's founding, with her daughter Joyce Murray (our guild treasurer) joining later. Her daughter Jackie has been quilting for many years, and her youngest daughter Lori has just started quilting.

Edna was recognized as our [Quilter of Distinction](#) at our 2017 quilt show, and she participated in our [recent Sew Day](#) in November along with her daughters Joyce and Marilyn.

Joyce and Marilyn have kindly shared some memories of their mom and her passion for quilting. Please visit the web site to see some of Edna's quilts.

*I remember when Mum started quilting. We didn't call it quilting then, but just sewing, as she made blankets from old wool coats to keep us warm, Wish I had some of those now. She was always a sewer and would enter shirts, PJs, and dresses in the local (Carberry) fair, and usually win the prizes. My brothers always had matching shirts and PJs, which would be passed on to younger siblings. They never seemed to wear out.*

*It was much later when times became easier and time more available that she started quilting. She was very proud of her hand quilting and for many years it wasn't a quilt if it wasn't hand quilted. No wonder it took me so long to take up quilting myself. I knew I would never hand quilt.*

*My daughter Kelly is also a quilter with amazing talent for colour choice and fine work. Mother was proud to have a granddaughter involved in the 'cult'.*

-- Joyce Murray

*For as long as I can remember Mom was a sewer and a quilter, starting out more from necessity than anything else. Cutting out squares from old wool suits, sewing them together, backing this with flannel was the beginning of her love to sew.*

*She grew up during the war years where everything had a use. Clothes were repurposed into our new clothes. I remember a blue pinafore dress made for me which won first prize at the local fair. This was a big deal in the 50's.*

*Mom's Singer Featherweight was always running. Clothes for seven children, home accessories and Christmas gifts. One gift for Christmas that I still have is a reversible red corduroy/black felt skating outfit. (Wish I could still fit that.)*

*So more formal quilting was a natural progression to her love of sewing. After our father died in 1983, she moved back to Arnprior, joined Emmanuel Anglican Church to sing and the Arnprior Quilt Guild to sew. The quilts began to come, fast and furious. In the following years she made no less than sixty full size quilts, many wall hangings and dozens of baby quilts. Her favourites were the most colourful. Every child (7), grandchild (20), and great-grandchild (16), received a piece of her work. Many more quilts for "Quilts of Valour", women's shelter, and little preemie quilts for the babies in the neo-natal unit at the Civic Campus of the Ottawa Hospital were sewn.*

*Always busy, criticizing herself if she didn't have a project on the go. Like all quilters her home was full of material, unfinished patterns and accessories. She used that Singer Featherweight as her main machine until she died. The more modern Husqvarna never did work properly!*

*Mom's quilts were featured in a quilt show at the Arnprior & District Museum in 2009. Quilts from her children and grandchildren were brought in and displayed for the week. She was extremely proud of her work being displayed as she never thought her work was as good as many other quilters.*

*The greatest gift our mother gave me was this love of sewing. At ten years of age I received my first sewing machine. She taught me how to copy a pattern and we would sew together at the large kitchen table, she with her Singer and I with my manual machine. By twelve I was allowed to use her Singer.*

*So with Mom's passing, there's many unfinished projects for us to finish for her. All that material was split up between four daughters and charities. Have we got our work cut out for us!*

*Mom was a true Worker Bee, quietly doing what needed to be done, never expecting anything in return. She loved going out, anywhere, but certainly mostly to material shops.*

*Mom surprised a daughter of mine with her own Singer Featherweight and was quite anxious to know how she liked it. Now there's another sewer/future quilter in our midst and so the tradition continues.*

-- Marilyn Erskine

## **Keeping in Touch**

I recently enjoyed [this article](#) about new year's quilting resolutions, free motion challenges, fixing bleeding colours, and an Ohio Star quilt with a Canadian connection, and I thought you might enjoy it too.

Do check out our [blog](#) for news and recent activities, and pictures from guild meetings.

More information about [Quilt Canada 2018](#) in Vancouver has been made available. Here are a couple of links: [Ticket information](#) [More information](#)

If a guild meeting is cancelled due to inclement winter weather, members will be notified on the day of the meeting by email, and a cancellation notice will appear on the web site Home page by 12:30 PM. If you are unable to access email or the internet you can phone a friend who does have access, or Janet Brownlee at 613-623-7948.

Janet Brownlee, Communications

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## **Meeting Notes**

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

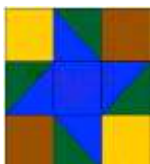
**When?** Meetings start at 7 PM and our doors open at 6:30. Meetings are generally on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month (with some exceptions.)

**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 tree