

# Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild

## NEWSLETTER

April 2018



### Program Notes

#### April 25 Meeting



#### Jan Kittle - Using rulers when quilting

Jan is the proud owner of a small quilt shop in a beautiful old house in Carleton Place known as the "Pickle Dish". She is a seasoned quilter who has had a long arm business since 2002. Before opening her shop she was the director of a co-op nursery school. She will give us ideas and suggestions on how to use rulers when quilting on our domestic machines as well as on a long arm. And she'll provide a shopping opportunity as "shop of the month" so bring your \$\$\$

#### Please Bring

Your show-and-tell articles; block-of-the-month; decorative stitch exchange; any library books for returning; and your coffee mug. Try your luck with the 50-50 draw and the raffle basket!

### Looking Ahead

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| May 23, 2018  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Activity Night Part 2</li><li>• Elections</li><li>• Bring completed mystery quilt tops (top only needs to be done)</li></ul> |
| June 20, 2018 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• End-of-year Potluck: (M-Z bring food)</li><li>• All Challenges are due.</li></ul>  |

## **Raffle Quilt for 2019 Quilt Show**

The raffle quilt has been delivered to Shirley Cavanagh who will quilt it for us. We hope to have tickets made soon so that they can be handed out before the summer break..

Mary and Rennie

## **Mystery Quilt**

All the instructions for the Mystery Quilt are complete, and posted on the [website](#). There's still lots of time to finish the top, and bring it to the May meeting. The quilt does not have to be backed or bound - we'd just love to see everyone's work of art!



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## **Notes on our Charities**

Thank you so much for all the lap quilts, wheelchair quilts and preemie quilts brought in March. The winter months had everyone quilting up a storm! It is good to see Barb Sully's fabric coming back in finished projects.

Totals so far this year:

- 7 lap quilts,
- 24 wheelchair lap quilts,
- 72 preemies
- plus the placemats and drawstring bags for Christmas.

I will continue to bring in the remaining kits, backings purchased for preemies, batting so you can continue to sew on these projects.

Gwen Pennings, Vice-President



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**Congratulations, March Winners!**

*Block of the Month:* Joyce Murray  
*50/50 Draw:* Dawn Madsen  
*Gift Basket:* Cathy Rodger  
*Guess the Number of Pages:* Marlene Periard  
*Door Prizes:* Jan Smith, Sara Rodger, Eleanor Leben,  
 Lynn Johnston, Lucy Voss, Bridget Whitnall,  
 Emma Russell, Vickie MacNabb, Janet Brownlee

**Membership**

The March meeting had 60 members sign in, and 3 guests.

*Penny Carruthers, Membership*





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## **Communications**

The local Arnprior Chronicle-Guide newspaper has for many years generously included notices of our upcoming guild meetings on their *What's Happening* page. Starting this month we can no longer rely on inclusion of our notices on the new *Get Connected* page. Our meetings will be noted in the Events Calendar on their companion [InsideOttawaValley.com web site](http://InsideOttawaValley.com), and of course on our [guild web site](#).

Would you like to be the newsletter editor next year? Betty's term ends in June so that spot is open for anyone who is interested in helping keep our guild members informed of the latest news. Please see Donna or me if you are interested, or if you would like more information about the tasks involved.

Janet Brownlee, Communications

The advertisement for The Quilted Barn features a background of flowing, colorful fabric in shades of red, orange, yellow, and blue. On the left, there is a photograph of a wooden barn with a quilted square window. The text on the right reads: 'THE QUILTED BARN Longarm Quilting Services and Custom Quilts', 'MAC Stanton', '1305 Burnstown Road', 'Burnstown, ON K0J 1G0', '(613) 612-1003 cell or (613) 433-3311 Home', and 'thequiltedbarn@bell.net'.

## Library News



As I'm sitting here, listening to the wind and freezing rain hit my windows, I can't think of a better thing to do today than .....QUILT!! I'm sure you're at your machine, too!

Our library book addition this month is "[Rock Solid](#)", compiled by Karen M. Burns. We all love the Kona Cottons and this book shows 13 quilts patterns. Did you know Robert Kaufman Fabrics started with a dozen colours in the 1980's and now there are 303 available? Wow! Be sure to be first in line to borrow it!

Since we recently spent time learning how to make hexies, I know this month's "Guess the Number of Pages" book will be a hit! "[More Quick & Easy Hexie Quilts](#)", by Julia C. Wood has 10 projects with technique tips and information. Don't miss getting your guess in the box!

You borrowed more books than ever last month which is great to see. Thank you Joyce for your encouragement to us to use the library more.

Remember to bring any books/magazines you've finished with in and we'll include them in our "Book Sale" in May.

See you at our April meeting!  
Nancy



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

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

**April 2018, by Janet Brownlee**

With the fourth and final set of instructions in hand I eagerly jumped in to the final steps to complete my mystery quilt top. As I've mentioned before, with the exception of the house and tree row, I had not assembled my other blocks into rows. This afforded me the opportunity to optimally place those blocks relative to the house and tree row. So I laid out my blocks on my "design floor", working upwards and then downwards from the house and tree row, ensuring that the six colours were balanced and evenly spaced. And it was wow!

Joining the rows was not without some pain. I was surprised to see that my house and tree row was wider than all of the other rows. It didn't take me long to discover that the sashing pieces were all 1" finished when they should have been cut 1" and then finished at 1/2 inch. I have no idea how that happened but it didn't take long to adjust them. And as I had suspected earlier, the grass piece above the fence had somehow stretched when I attached it. So out came my trusty and well used seam ripper yet again, and this time I first attached the grass piece to the house row, and then to the fence for a much better result.

I strip pieced the blocks for the pieced border, and I then had a lot of fun determining their placement. The tips in the instructions were very helpful. I chose to use 2 fabrics for the joining pieces, and one of the other fabrics for all 4 cornerstone blocks.

The blocks are stunning when joined together, and I'm very pleased with the effect of the pieced border. So my quilt top is done, and surprisingly, well in advance of the May meeting target. I've thoroughly enjoyed this project.

I'm very much looking forward to seeing all of your mystery quilts in May, and to sharing my finished top with you. We'll then have plenty of time to complete these quilts in time for our 2019 quilt show for what I think will be a very interesting display for visitors to our show.

I also want to thank Patti and Mary for all of their creative and hard work in designing and producing the excellent instructions for this project. Well done and very much appreciated. Thank you!

-- Janet Brownlee



part of the pieced border

## How to Fold a Quilt on the Bias

Did you know that over time, if you continue to fold your quilts on the straight of grain, fibers will break and eventually cause permanent damage? Folding a quilt on the bias helps preserve your beautiful quilt.

These steps were posted by the Red Thread Studio at <https://redthreadstudio.com/blogs/tutorials/101884038-how-to-fold-a-quilt-on-the-bias> in April of 2016.

**Step 1:** Lay your quilt on a bed, table or other flat surface.



**Step 2:** Fold the lower right corner up toward the center of the quilt making sure the fold is on the bias. It doesn't matter with which corner you start as long as the fold is on the bias.



**Step 3:** Fold the lower left corner up toward the center of the quilt making sure the fold is on the bias.



**Step 4:** Fold the top left corner down toward the center of the quilt making sure the fold is on the bias.



**Step 5:** Making sure the fold is on the bias, fold the top right corner down toward the center of the quilt. Your quilt should now look like an envelope. You can stop here if the quilt envelope or package is the desired size. Continue on to Step 6 to make the quilt bundle smaller.



**Step 6:** To make the bundle smaller to fit on a shelf or perhaps in a mailing box or package, fold the quilt envelope up on itself parallel to previous fold lines.



Now your quilt is ready to be stored or to be shipped, and any wrinkles can be removed with the light touch of an iron!

## Upcoming Quilt Shows!

Take advantage of upcoming spring weather (it has to come soon, right), and visit one of the upcoming quilt shows in our area.

Location	Dates	Guild
Hudson QC	May 5-6	Hudson Village Quilters
Ottawa ON	May 11-13	Common Thread Quilt Guild
Mount Forest ON	May 11-12	Four Corners Quilters' Guild
Malone NY	May 18-19	Adirondack Quilters Guild
Petawawa ON	May 26-27	Pembroke Log Cabin Quilter's Guild
Vancouver BC	May 31- June 1	Quilt Canada
Renfrew ON	June 2-3	Quilters Guild of Renfrew & Area
Kingston ON	June 8-10	Limestone Quilters' Guild & the Kingston Heirloom Quilters (A quilt appraiser will be at this show.)
Brighton ON	June 9-10	Trent Valley Quilters' Guild
Wellington ON	July 7-8	Prince Edward County Quilters' Guild
Smiths Falls ON	July 13-15	Lanark County Quilters Guild

You can also see this list on the Guild website. Under Resources, choose Upcoming Quilt Shows or go to <https://arnpriordistrictquiltersguild.com/upcoming-quilt-shows.html>

## Meeting Notes

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

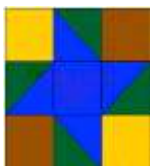
**When?** Meetings start at 7 PM and our doors open at 6:30. Meetings are generally on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month (with some exceptions.)

**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