

# Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild

## NEWSLETTER

May 2018



### **Program Notes**

#### **May 23 Meeting**

**Learning Activity Night** - A chance to learn some new hand sewing techniques for embellishing your quilts!

We will have 4 stations, as we had in February, each with a different activity that we will try. You will have the chance to try the 2 stations that you didn't do last time.



### **What to Bring**

#### For the Learning Activities

- Basic sewing kit: scissors, thread, needles, pins, thimble
- If your surname begins with **A to L**, (3D Pinwheels, and Hexagons ) bring 4 squares of fabric, 2 of one colour and 2 of a contrasting colour, 3.5" square; and 10 circles of fabric, 5" diameter
- If your surname begins with **M to Z** (Wool Applique, and Hand Stitches for Crazy Patch Quilts) bring a small quilt sandwich with 4 seams. See the guild web site for a [detailed explanation](#).

Don't forget your **Mystery Quilt Tops!** They do not have to be backed or bound - we'd just love to see everyone's work of art!

Bring your loonies and quarters to purchase books and magazines for the **Library Book Sale!** There will be LOTS available!! And bring in any you no longer want and we'll add them to the table.

And as usual, bring your show-and-tell articles; block-of-the-month; decorative stitch exchange; any library books for returning; and your coffee mug. And try your luck with the 50-50 draw and the raffle basket!

## ***Volunteer Positions***

At the May meeting, we make sure that we have a full roster of executive and other volunteer positions for the coming year. Please consider taking on one of the following open positions.

### **Charity / Vice President Position** (by Gwen Pennings)

The VP takes over the meeting when the president is absent.

Charity has been lots of fun working with different fabrics, colours, design, projects but especially meeting all the different people that I didn't know before I started this position. Members were so willing to meet my challenges with their quilting skills. The smiles our quilting projects brought to faces as I delivered your projects brought joy to the job.

Programs already established are preemie quilts for Rich Little Civic Ottawa Hospital, placemats for Meals on Wheel for Arnprior and freezer meals in West Carleton, and some type of bag to hold gifts for Christmas for singles adult in Arnprior.

There is a start up stash, list of all the contact numbers and me to guide along the way if you need it! Remember you get to buy fabric and not spend your own money.

This position could be shared with a friend and your ideas would double!

### **Newsletter Editor** (by Betty Rehbein)

Puts together the submissions from Board members in a readable electronic format, and the ads that we have committed to. I just use Microsoft Word - no fancier software is required. I try to put in interesting pictures, keeping the size of the document manageable. It just takes a few hours a week before the meeting, and gets sent to Janet Brownlee (Communications) for last checks and distribution.

## ***Looking Ahead***

June 20, 2018

- End-of-year Potluck: (M-Z bring food)
- All [Challenges](#) are due.

## ***Notes on our Charities***

### ***Auction quilt for the Arnprior & District Memorial Hospital***

Your combined efforts have produced such a beautiful quilt for the hospital auction at the "Knight in the Maritimes" dinner. Thank you to our committee Brigid Whitnall, Donna Sheaves, Janet Brownlee, Lynn Johnston and Pat Bell for their fine effort in coming up with our design, the cutting, the guidance and the finishing. Pat quilted and bound it for us. You are all much appreciated for doing this. Well done. Christine Waite will be coming to our meeting to receive the quilt and to hear the story behind it.

### ***UFO's***

If you have any unfinished wheelchair lap quilts or larger lap quilts, I would like them all finished and back by the June meeting, as I will be finished my role then.

### ***Kits***

Brigid and I have cut some of the fabric up into kits as many members told me that they enjoyed sewing them. Come and see what is on the table. These do not have to be back in June (but that is okay if they are done).

*Gwen Pennings, Vice-President*



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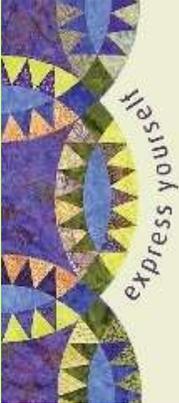


**Quilt Retreats**

The Fall Guild retreat will be held at Providence Point, Lanark from November 5-8, 2018 at a cost of \$261.00. If you wish to attend, a deposit of \$100.00 to hold your spot would be appreciated at the May or June meetings.

If you have any questions please call or email Joanna Vlaming at 613-646-2427 or [vlaming@nrtco.net](mailto:vlaming@nrtco.net).

*Joanna Vlaming*



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## ***Kudos!***

Congratulations to our guild member **Rennie Hickey** whose beautiful little quilt has been juried into the 2018 CQA/ACC (Canadian Quilters' Association) National Juried Show in the Miniature category.

Quilt Canada will be taking place May 31-June 2 in Vancouver.

## ***Membership***

We had 57 members and 8 guests sign in. Not bad for a rainy April night!

*Penny Carruthers, Membership*



"I will not buy any more fabric until I use my fabric stash at home," I said.

Then I laughed and laughed.



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## ***Congratulations, April Winners!***

*Block of the Month:* Emma Russell

*50/50 Draw:* Marlene Periard

*Gift Basket:* Katrina Kahn

*Guess the Number of Pages:* Liz Gray

*Door Prizes:* Eleanor Kenny, Janet Brownlee,  
Sandra Piece, Jayne Etmanskie, Linda Klosowski

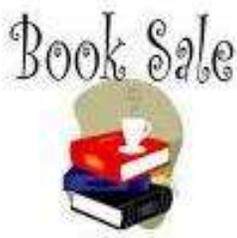
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## ***Library News***

Now that the warmer weather has arrived, my garden is calling for attention, but my heart is still in my sewing room! Challenges and projects are waiting to be completed, especially those that are due soon. Time always seems to fly by!

We have bought TWO new books for you this month and they are very timely. Both were purchased at last month's meeting: "Walk" by Jacquie Gering, teaches how to use the walking foot on our machines and "Stupendous Stitching" by Carol Ann Waugh will be especially interesting to those taking part in the Decorative Stitch Exchange; it's an excellent "how-to" book!

Don't forget our BOOK SALE!! Please bring your loonies and quarters to purchase books and magazines we'll have for sale. There will be LOTS!! Something for everyone! And bring in any you no longer want and we'll add them the table.

See you next week!

*Nancy*

## Other Book News

Our guild is the lucky recipient of a number of books and magazines from local resident Joanne Mitchell. The books and magazines belonged to her mother-in-law Isabel Johnston who lived in Ottawa and was a founding member of the Ottawa Valley Quilt Guild.

These books and magazines will be available to guild members at the May meeting.

### Isabel Johnston

*My mother-in-law Isabel Jean Johnston (née Still) was born in 1924 and raised on a farm in Ryerson Township near Burk's Falls, Ont. Her mother always quilted, and Isabel made her first quilt as a teenager, a Double Wedding Ring featured in Marilyn Walker's book Ontario's Heritage Quilts. She moved to Toronto in 1941 and joined the Air Force in 1942, where she met her husband Bill Johnston. Together they raised four children, lived in Toronto and Burbank, and settled in Ottawa in 1963. During that time, Isabel took many classes on custom tailoring and dressmaking, and quilting. In 1978 she started teaching quilting, and having taken a bargello workshop from her in the 1990s, I can attest that she was a calm, patient and thoroughly prepared teacher. She often said that she particularly loved teaching beginning quilters. In 1981, she founded the Ottawa Valley Quilters Guild with two other women and was an active member as long as her health allowed. She was involved in countless projects--sewing for charities and cancer patients, entering contests at agricultural fairs and plowing matches, organizing and participating in quilt shows and conferences. However, I think she was proudest of spearheading the design and construction of the Rideau Canal Quilt (pictured, top left) in 1982 to celebrate the canal's 150th anniversary. The quilt is on display at the Rideau Canal Visitor Centre in Smiths Falls. Isabel passed away in October 2015. Her sewing room reflected her thrifty nature and the fact that she was raised in Depression, as she liked to tell people (you get the picture). I am pleased to pass along her quilting books and some of her quilting magazines in hopes that other quilters will share her enthusiasm for quilting and lifelong learning.*



Rideau Canal Quilt 1982, Isabel Johnston in top left.

*submitted by Joanne Mitchell*



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## Communications

The guild recently received this rather interesting email message.

*Hello,*

*We're a Girl Scout Troop and we just wanted to shoot you a big thanks since you've been such a huge help to us! My Senior Scouts have been working towards earning their 'Textile Artist' badge. The girls are super eager to get started with their quilting projects when ready.*

*We came across your page, <http://arnpriordistrictquiltersguild.com/links.html> in our research. To take our thank you one step further, we thought it would be thoughtful to send along another helpful resource that we came across. It's <http://www.mycoupons.com/store/a-guide-for-quilting-fanatics-resources-and-more/> and it has great information and resources on it about quilting.*

*If you decided to add it to your resources, I'd love to show my girls that their suggestion was up and running to help others out! It would also help them feel that they contributed positively to the lives of others. We do our absolute best to follow the Girl Scout slogan of "Do a good turn daily." :) Please let us know what you think and thank you again!*

*Best Wishes,*

*Abigail Lynwood & Senior Scouts*

In response I did add [A Guide for Quilting Fanatics](#) link to our web site [Links page](#). It contains some interesting historical information on quilting including some specific to the US. I've been unsuccessful in reaching back to Abigail to determine where they are located.

*Janet Brownlee, Communications*

## Our Mystery Quilt Journeys ...

... are completed. Our tops will be shown at the May meeting!

-- Janet Brownlee & Betty Rehbein

## Upcoming Quilt Shows!

Location	Dates	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
Sutton ON	October 13-14	Georgina Pins & Needles
Scarborough ON	Sept. 22-23	Yorkshire Rose Quilters' Guild of Toronto
Ottawa ON	Sept. 29-30	Quilt Co

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

## Meeting Notes

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

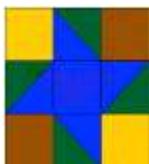
**When?** Meetings start at 7 PM and our doors open at 6:30. Meetings are generally on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month (with some exceptions.)

**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