



Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild

NEWSLETTER

September 2018

President's Message

Funny how we say "Summer is over" and not "Autumn is here". I do love summer but find it goes by so fast. I hope all our members enjoyed some relaxation, the weather, family, friends and even some traveling adventures. Although no doubt some of you have done lots of work on your projects over the summer, autumn is a great time to really getting back to work on mixing fabrics to produce real works of art.

Welcome back everyone. The dedicated group of volunteers have put together a great program this year which I know you will enjoy. Work is underway for our quilt show this spring and the CQA Quilt Canada 2019 show will be just down the way in Ottawa in June. I look forward to seeing all of you at our first meeting on September 26th for all the news, program and activity updates, challenges and so much more.

P.S. Don't forget to bring your summer projects for Show & Tell.

See you soon!

Donna Sheaves, President

Membership

Membership fees of \$25 are due at the meeting on September 26th.

At the June meeting 43 members renewed and 2 new members signed up. There was a draw for 2 free memberships and the winners were Dawn Madsen and Eleanor Kenny. Congratulations!

The June meeting was attended by 55 members and 4 Guests.

Penny Carruthers

Program Notes

The program team has an exciting year planned for you! Many of the things we are planning are geared to our 2019 Quilt Show. We have come up with interesting challenges and other new activities along with inspiring guest speakers, block of the month, workshops, sew days, retreats and other familiar features.

Our guest at the September 27 2018 meeting is Judi Miller.

"I have always been sewing, it just took me a long time to realize that embroidery was my artistic medium."

I am a textile artist specializing in free motion embroidery. Using a variety of threads, colour and weights, I create pieces with finely stitched details on painted fabric. I use my sewing machine as my choice of artist's tool, no different from a paint brush or pencil.

My inspiration springs from so many sources but most often explores the natural landscape. My embroidery technique lends itself to capturing light, colour and movement that help create a strong sense of memory and place. Working from photographs to start the creative process, with threads

to provide colour, texture and pattern on a fabric base. The choice of artist's tool is secondary to striving to evoke a feeling of memory or place.

I will share my journey from home sewer to textile artist.” - Judi Miller

Challenges

Challenges are projects with a particular theme where you can showcase your creativity and imagination. Issued at the beginning of the quilt year, challenges are open to all members.

We encourage each of our members to try at least one of our challenges this year. We hope to inspire all of you. All challenges are to be brought in for the March meeting and shared with the group. This year's challenges include:

- President's Challenge - "Shining Star Preemie Quilt"
- Quilt Show Committee Challenge - Modern Quit
- Silhouette Challenge
- UFO Challenge
- Quilt Canada Challenge - "Quilting Goes Viral"

More details of these challenges will be revealed at the September 26, 2018 meeting, and available on the guild web site shortly afterwards.

Patti Moore

Workshops

There are 5 workshops planned.

1. **Sewing with Precision** with Michelle Gagne. Tuesday Oct 30th at Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church

10 am to 4 pm . Sign up sheet available at Sept meeting. Leave email so instructions for fabric requirements can be emailed to you in time for fabric purchase or stash selection. Sample at Sept meeting.

2. **Big Bag Workshop** with Johanne Vajda. Saturday Nov 10th. (This is a repeat of a March 2018 workshop for those members who work and requested a Saturday option) Sign up sheet and sample at meeting.

3. **Easy Peasy Thread Painting by Numbers** with Brigid O'Flahery (our Oct featured quilter with trunk show). Saturday Dec 1st at Island View Suited. Pictures at Guild meeting

4. **Jelly Roll Place Mats or Table Runner** with Joanna Vlaming. March 2019. Exact date TBA. Sample at meeting.

5. **Greek Island Hillside Wall Hanging** with Chris Gordon. May 2019 Exact date TBA. Sample at meeting.

Each of these workshops will cost \$25.00 All held at Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church EXCEPT Dec 1st which will be at Island View Suites.

Please sign up at the Guild Meeting Sept 26th.
Chris Gordon

Retreats

The retreats are Monday to Thursday November 5-8, 2018, and Thursday to Sunday, January 17-20, 2019, at Providence Point in Lanark. The cost is \$261.

Final payments for the November retreat are due at the September meeting. You can still sign up for either retreat and a \$100.00 deposit will hold your place for the January retreat. We need 16 people to go and we have a maximum, so don't wait until it's too late.

Refer to the [Retreats page](#) on the web site for more information about our fun and productive retreats.

Joanna Vlaming

Block of the Month

Johanne and Amanda Vajda will be presenting new and interesting blocks each month. Members are to bring in their finished blocks from the previous month and put their name in the container (one entry per block). Names will be drawn from the container during the meeting and the winner will receive all the blocks for that month. If there are a large number of blocks made, two names may be drawn and the blocks will then be divided between the two winners.

Other Regular Features

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

If you are new to our guild or looking for more information, please refer to the [Activity pages](#) on the guild web site for more details about our program activities.

From your Program team:

Mary DeVries, Coordinator; Chris Gordon – Workshops; Patti Moore – Challenges; Joanna Vlaming - Retreats

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Schedule

Date	Activity	Details
September 26 2018 Wednesday 7 PM	Guild meeting	Guest is Judi Miller who will share her journey from home sewer to textile artist. Judi's web site
October 24 Wednesday 7 PM	Guild meeting	Guest is Bridget O'Flaherty- Fiber Artist
October 30 Tuesday 10 AM – 4	Workshop	“Sewing with Precision” with Michelle Gagné More info
November 5-8 Monday - Thursday	Retreat	Arrive on November 5 th or 6 th and quilt from morning until night More info
November 10 Saturday 9:30-3:30	Workshop	“Big Bag Workshop” with guild member Johanne Vajda More info
November 28 Wednesday 7 PM	Guild meeting	Guest is Grace Noel - Fabric Designer
December 1 Saturday 10 AM – 2	Workshop	“Easy Peasy Thread Painting by Numbers” with Brigid O’Flaherty More info
December 12 Wednesday 7 PM	Guild meeting	Holiday potluck - Members last names M-Z bring food
January 17-20,2019 Thursday - Sunday	Retreat	Arrive on January 17 th or 18 th and quilt from morning until night More info
January 23 Wednesday 7 PM	Guild meeting	Learning Activities
February 27 Wednesday 7 PM	Guild meeting	Learning Activities
March <i>Date TBD</i>	Workshop	“Jelly Roll Place Mats or Table Runner” with guild member Joanna Vlaming More info
March 27 Wednesday 7 PM	Guild meeting	Guest is Gary Devries- Quilting with Wood Challenges due
April 24 Wednesday 7 PM	Guild meeting	Guest is Roslyn Hanes - Artist/ Quilter
April 27-28	Quilt Show	
May <i>Date TBD</i>	Workshop	“Greek Island Hillside Wall Hanging” with guild member Chris Gordon More info
May 22 Wednesday 7 PM	Guild meeting	Elections
June 19 Wednesday 7 PM	Guild meeting	Potluck - Members last names A-L bring food

2018-2019 Executive members and volunteers

Thank you to all the volunteers that help to keep the guild running! Here are our executive and other volunteer positions for the coming year.

President	Donna Sheaves
Vice President	<i>to be filled</i>
Secretary	Vickie MacNabb
Treasurer	Joyce Murray
Program	Mary DeVries, Chris Gordon, Patti Moore, Joanna Vlaming
Block of the Month	Amanda & Joanne Vajda
Kitchen	Marilyn Robert
Communications	Janet Brownlee
Newsletter	<i>to be filled</i>
Photographer	Emma Russell
Membership	Penny Carruthers
Library	Nancy Hayley and Lucy Voss



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Charities

Our charity projects are an important part of our guild activities. They give all members an opportunity to share our talents with others in our communities. Our charity activities are not yet fully planned for this year because a key role of the Vice-President is to oversee and co-ordinate the charity projects, and that role is currently unfilled. We will continue to make our preemie quilts for the Ottawa Hospital and Chris Gordon has volunteered to oversee that. Ada Gawlik has volunteered to help out with charity projects. If you are interested in running a particular charity project – either something we have done before, or something brand new – your choice – please contact Donna Sheaves.

Congratulations, June Winners!

Block of the Month: Joanna Vlaming

50/50 Draw: Brenda Greeley

Gift Basket: Claudette Trill

Guess the Number of Pages: Anne Cruikshank

Door Prizes: Suzanne deJoode, Janet Brownlee, Geraldine Lynn, Cathy Russell, Blanche Leclair



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Our 2019 Quilt Show – April 27-28, 2019

Plans are underway for the upcoming Quilt Show being held April 2019. It is wonderful to have so many enthusiastic committee members. Lots of people have stepped up to take on many different roles.

Jane Etmanski, has volunteered to look after inviting vendors to the show. Pam Ross and Maggie Kight, with the help of Margaret Fisher, Penny Carruthers and Betty Rehbein have taken on the challenges of the tea room. Please respond graciously if called to help them out. Janet Brownlee and Brigid Whitnall have offered to head the registration of the quilts. Let's keep them busy! Emma Russell and Vickie MacNabb are looking after door prizes. Chris Gordon, Mary Devries, Joanna Vlaming and many, many others, will be setting up the beautiful quilts. Anne Cruickshank is looking after advertising....with a lot of help from friends...anyone interested? Joyce Murray has too many items on her plate to mention. There are lots of jobs, so please don't hesitate to get involved.



It has been decided that we will invite the Quilts of Valor to have a booth at the show. A secondary quilt display in the Tea room was discussed. We are hoping Cathy Rodger will help us out with antique quilts. Of course we will be calling on our guild members to display their antique quilts.

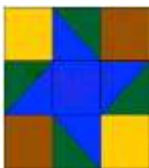
The Quilt show challenge will be "Modern Quilts" You decide what the means to you. The size, the project, it is all up to the Quilter.

A quilter of Distinction will be needed. Nominations PLEASE!

The Quilt Show Committee will be meeting again in October. If you are interested in joining, please contact Anne Cruickshank (Annemarie.Cruickshank@gmail.com) I will let you know the time/date and place.

The quilt show will not be a success without our Guild members' participation. All of us are at different levels in our quilting journey. Regardless if you are a beginner, intermediate or an expert, please participate. The show is for all Guild members!

Happy Quilting
Anne Cruickshank



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



Library News

September is here and you know what that means!! We get to share our sewing projects and chat with each other again at our Guild meetings! This summer we went through all our Library books and have selected quite a few to offer for sale, so bring some cash – there are all sorts of books full of ideas and information and techniques that will appeal to everyone. A Great Sale!



Our new book this month, “Quilting – Row by Row”, is a skills technique book teaching things like applique and piecing while creating a pretty row by row quilt. Some of the “rows” could even be used as borders if you are looking for something different to add interest to your quilt.

We’ll have our “Guess the Number of Pages” book, which, this month is about Amish style quilts. Lots of great ideas and patterns.

We can’t wait to see you and your summer projectssee you at the meeting!

- Nancy and Lucy



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Upcoming Quilt Shows

Location	Dates	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 the current list](#) on the guild website – always available under Resources, choose Upcoming Quilt Shows.

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.