



Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild

NEWSLETTER

November 2018

Program Notes

October Meeting – Guest Speaker Grace Noel



Our guest speaker at the November 28th meeting is local pattern designer Grace Noel.

Grace Noël is a surface pattern designer based in Almonte, Ontario. Her mind is overflowing with ideas! Grace is frequently inspired by nature and vintage apparel, and home décor products. You can peruse and purchase some of her designs in her [shop on Spoonflower](https://www.spoonflower.com/profiles/graceful) (<https://www.spoonflower.com/profiles/graceful>) and keep in touch with her creative endeavours on her [blog](https://creativelygraceful.blogspot.ca/) (<https://creativelygraceful.blogspot.ca/>).

Make Everything Beautiful!

Quilt Block Groups

Our new quilt block group model of organizing guild members to set up and orchestrate the various regular activities at a guild meeting was a resounding success at our October meeting. This is a great way for every member to contribute and feel more involved with the guild (and it is lightening the load on the guild executive.)

Thank you and kudos to the “Flying Geese” group, coordinated by Vickie MacNabb, for a job very well done!

Each member has now been assigned to a group – aptly named after quilt blocks – and each group is coordinated by a member of the guild executive. Group assignments will be posted again at the November meeting, and the schedule included in this newsletter and on the web site now includes the group assignment for each guild meeting.

The coordinator will contact the group members to request snack contributions and to assign tasks such as:

- set up chairs and tables
- assisting with show and tell
- holding up and folding quilts for guest speakers
- putting tables and extra chairs away at the end of the meeting. (Meeting attendees will still be asked to put their own chairs away at the end of the meeting)

Note that because our December meeting will feature a pot luck meal, no snacks are required from the quilt block group.

Raffle Quilt

The beautiful quilt "Many Threads Bind Us Together-Community", which will be raffled off at our 2019 quilt show, was on display for the summer at Sew Inspired.



The ticket sales are going well but we need everyone to make an effort to sell some tickets. If you have money and ticket stubs from sold tickets please bring them in and give them to Joanna or Rennie. Rennie and Joanna will be handing out tickets at the guild meetings.

Proceeds from this quilt go to our future charity projects.

Feel free to save a copy of this photo to your phone so you can show it to prospective ticket purchasers.

Our 2019 Quilt Show – April 27-28, 2019



Are you planning which projects you'll make or complete for display in our quilt show?

And have you decided which challenges you are participating in? They will be displayed as a group so do plan on putting those in the quilt show too.

A quilter of Distinction will be needed. Nominations PLEASE!

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!



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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 are:

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

See the [guild web site Challenges page](#) for details of these challenges.

Patti Moore



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Workshops

Sewing with Precision

Taught by Michelle Gagne, this workshop was held Tuesday, October 30th at the Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church.

This workshop featured how to sew with precision, featuring 4 different blocks, which could be made into a 24" square or a runner. Michelle Gagne had lots of techniques and tricks to share with the participants. I was really pleased to learn that my second try at this class involved an improved level of accuracy!!

-- Chris Gordon

Big bag

The Big Bag workshop was held on Saturday November 10th. Seven quilters arrived at Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church, where Johanne Vajda instructed us on how to construct a "Big Bag". This bag is excellent to bring small or large quilts to "Show and Tell" or a large amount of stuff to a workshop or retreat.

Pockets for either side of the bag were constructed prior to the workshop. Whether you use orphan blocks or make one specifically for the pocket it is interesting to see the workmanship and dedication in the finished product. By the time everyone left, the bags were virtually complete. A good time was had by all and they left feeling accomplished. Johanne provided handles and bottoms for those of us that required them.

The variety of fabrics, colours and textures was very wide. Interesting how a bag can look so different depending on the fabric chosen. They all turned out beautifully. Hopefully members will be able to inspect them at our next Show and Tell.

-- Johanne Vajda

Check out the [web site blog](#) for photos from these workshops.

Upcoming Workshops

There is still room in all of the upcoming workshops. Refer to the [Workshops page](#) on the guild web site for complete information.

Easy Peasy Thread Painting by Numbers with Brigid O'Flahery (our October meeting guest) Saturday Dec 1st at Island View Suites in Arnprior. The cost for this workshop is the usual \$25 workshop fee plus \$30 for the materials and supplies that Bridget will be providing, for a total cost of \$55. Participants need only bring their own sewing kits and machines, as everything else will be included in Bridget's supply kit.

Jelly Roll Place Mats or Table Runner with Joanna Vlaming.

Date: March 2019. Exact date TBA

Location: Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church in Arnprior

Cost: \$25 for guild members

Greek Island Hillside Wall Hanging with Chris Gordon.

Date: May 2019 Exact date TBA

Location: Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church in Arnprior

Cost: \$25 for guild members

-- Chris Gordon

Retreats

Our retreat held at Providence Point in Lanark on November 5-8 was once again enjoyed by all. The food was great—Jeannette goes out of her way to accommodate our needs. We all come away from the retreat having learned some new trick or something pertaining to quilting and we also get to know our fellow Quilters better.

We played a game called strip poker with 2 1/2" strips. The two persons at the end with strips are the winners of all the strips. Our winners were Joyce Murray and Marilyn Erskine. They each walked away with 40 plus strips—a great amount to make a quilt with.

We also had a demo on a small bag by Mary DeVries. Everyone who came went home with some of their projects completed. It is a great time to come and quilt to your hearts content with no interruptions. The food is prepared for you—you just have to go and eat it.



So if anyone is interested in the January 17-20th retreat, we still have room for more—sign up at the next guild meeting. Refer to the [Retreats page](#) on the web site for more information.

-- Joanna Vlaming, Retreat Coordinator

Block of the Month



Your **Pinwheel Extravaganza** blocks are due at the November meeting. Bring in your finished block(s) and your will name will go into a draw to take home all of the blocks. If there are a large number of blocks, two names may be drawn and the blocks will then be divided between the two winners.

Instructions for making this block are on the [Block of the Month page](#) on the guild web site.

-- Johanne and Amanda Vajda

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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



## Schedule

| Date                                            | Activity             | Details                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>November 28</b><br>Wednesday 7 PM            | <b>Guild meeting</b> | Guest is Grace Noel - Fabric Designer<br>Group: Rail Fence - Mary DeVries                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>December 1</b><br>Saturday 10 AM – 2         | <b>Workshop</b>      | “Easy Peasy Thread Painting by Numbers” with Brigid O’Flaherty<br><a href="#">More info</a>                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>December 12</b><br>Wednesday 7 PM            | <b>Guild meeting</b> | Holiday potluck - Members last names M-Z bring food; Everyone bring plate, cup, cutlery; Optional: Christmas quilts, wall hangings, table runners etc. to decorate the hall for the meeting<br>Group: Ohio Star – Patti Moore |
| <b>January 17-20, 2019</b><br>Thursday - Sunday | <b>Retreat</b>       | Arrive on January 17 <sup>th</sup> or 18 <sup>th</sup> and quilt from morning until night<br><a href="#">More info</a>                                                                                                        |
| <b>January 23</b><br>Wednesday 7 PM             | <b>Guild meeting</b> | Learning Activities<br>Group: Log Cabin – Janet Brownlee                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>February 27</b><br>Wednesday 7 PM            | <b>Guild meeting</b> | Learning Activities<br>Group: Bear Paw – Donna Sheaves                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>March</b><br><i>Date TBD</i>                 | <b>Workshop</b>      | “Jelly Roll Place Mats or Table Runner” with guild member Joanna Vlaming. <a href="#">More info</a>                                                                                                                           |
| <b>March 27</b><br>Wednesday 7 PM               | <b>Guild meeting</b> | Guest is Gary Devries - Quilting with Wood<br>Challenges due<br>Group: Churn Dash – Penny Carruthers                                                                                                                          |
| <b>April 24</b><br>Wednesday 7 PM               | <b>Guild meeting</b> | Guest is Roslyn Hanes - Artist/ Quilter<br>Group: Pin Wheel – Joanna Vlaming                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>April 27-28</b>                              | <b>Quilt Show</b>    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>May</b><br><i>Date TBD</i>                   | <b>Workshop</b>      | “Greek Island Hillside Wall Hanging” with guild member Chris Gordon. <a href="#">More info</a>                                                                                                                                |
| <b>May 22</b><br>Wednesday 7 PM                 | <b>Guild meeting</b> | Elections<br>Group: Nine Patch – Joyce Murray                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>June 19</b><br>Wednesday 7 PM                | <b>Guild meeting</b> | Potluck - Members last names A-L bring food<br>Group: Attic Window – Chris Gordon                                                                                                                                             |

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See the [Highlights of our October meeting](#) on the guild web site.

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## Library News

The snow has come early and that reminds us that Christmas is fast approaching! I'm sure lots of you have your sewing machines running at full speed making all those gifts you planned last summer!



To help you along, this month's new book is "12-Pack-Quilts" by Barbara Groves and Mary Jacobson. Whether you buy a fat quarter pack or make up your own grouping, this book is great for everyone: for those of us challenged to coordinate colours and those who need a few basic technique tips. There are 12 new quilt patterns, too. It will be on the Library table for you to borrow!

Our "Guess the Number of Pages" book for the month is "Fig Tree Quilts – Houses" and if you have an idea for a project that has a house included, this is the book for you! There are all kinds of houses from tall and skinny to short and wide and has 14 quilt patterns and even a purse pattern included! Remember not to go over the number of pages with your guess!

We hope to see you all at the meeting and remember: our Library is full of great books! Come over to the tables and take a look!

-- Nancy and Lucy

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## Charity

If you are interested, please make a placement and/or two gift bags for the November meeting. I do not know how many placemats are needed, but over 100 gift bags are required.

Refer to the [Charity page](#) on the web site for information about these projects, and instructions under these headings:

- Holiday Placemats for Arnprior Meals on Wheels
- Christmas Gift Bags for Local Food Bank

-- Anne Cruickshank

## 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.

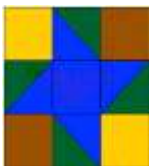
**Parking - Please DO NOT park in the church parking lot** that is adjacent to the hall. Our lease does not include the parking lot - it must be available for church-related activities. There is plenty of on street parking nearby.

**Refreshments** – Coffee and tea is prepared by our refreshment committee and snacks are provided by guild members. 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!**



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