



# Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild

## NEWSLETTER

February 2019

### ***Program Notes***

*From your Program team: Mary DeVries, Coordinator; Chris Gordon, Workshops; Patti Moore, Challenges; Joanna Vlaming, Retreats*

### ***February 27 Meeting - Learning Activity Night – Fabric Origami***

*Due to the weather related cancellation of the January meeting we've deferred the Fabric Origami activity to the February meeting.*

For this meeting you will need to bring:

- basic sewing kit (scissors, pins, needles, thread)
- 6 1/2 inch square ruler
- marking pen
- thimble
- 2 or 3 prepared 8 1/2 inch circles

To prepare a circle:

1. Cut out 2 circles 8 1/2 inches in diameter of contrasting colours.
2. Matching contrasting colours (light to dark) and right sides together, sew pairs together by machine, maintaining even 1/4" seam allowance. Leave a 2" opening.
3. Fold both seams inward toward the center of the circle and press. Follow curved line to make a nice, rounded curve.
4. Turn right side out.
5. Blind stitch opening closed. Press to reinforce shape.

### ***Inclement Weather Meeting Cancellation***

If a guild meeting is cancelled due to inclement winter weather, guild 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.



## **Raffle Quilt**

Please bring in ticket stubs and money from sold tickets and give them to Rennie or Joanna.



The ticket sales are going well but we need everyone to make an effort to sell some tickets. 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.



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## 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.

We'll be voting on a quilter of Distinction.

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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### *News from the Tea Room*

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Plans have started for the Tea Room to be held at our 2019 Quilt Show in April 2019.

1. Pies – Time to shine with your pies. We'll have foil plates for pickup at the guild meeting in February. Instructions are in each bag. Please be sure to sign the "Pie Making" volunteer form when you take your plates.
2. Gluten Free – can someone make a gluten free pie or dessert? Please let us know.
3. Tea cups and saucers – We're looking for your tea cups. How many can you bring? Be sure your name is on the bottom of the cup and please do not bring your sentiment favourites. We'll be careful, but accidents can happen. Please let us know how many you can bring.
4. This year the theme in the Tea Room is "Gramma's Sewing Room". Do you have an old quilt we can put on display. Again, let us know.
5. Volunteers – our Tea Room runs with volunteers. We'll have a list of all the tasks at the March meeting. Greeters, servers, dish washers, etc.
6. The Tea Room would be a great place for high school students to earn volunteer hours. We're asking Guild members for names first before we call the high school.

Please let us know at the Guild Meeting in February or email:

Margaret Fisher [2cvtresbon@gmail.com](mailto:2cvtresbon@gmail.com)

Penny Carruthers [carrpen2@hotmail.com](mailto:carrpen2@hotmail.com)

*Margaret, Penny, Maggie, Pam*  
*Your Tea Room Committee*

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Just a reminder that Emma Russell and I volunteered to create the **raffle baskets** and the **door prizes** for our fast approaching quilt show in April. We are asking if you have any fat quarters, spare tools or gadgets, patterns that you have collected over the years and you don't think you will use. Please by all means, donate them to the show baskets and prizes, and that way you make room for new stash! It is a win, win!

*Please bring your donations to the next meeting, and give them to Emma or me, Vickie MacNabb. Thanks ☺*



## Block of the Month



Your **Snowflake** blocks are due at the February 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.  
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## Workshops

-- Chris Gordon

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

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

**Jelly Roll Place Mats or Table Runner** with Joanna Vlaming.

Date: Saturday March 23, 2019

Time: 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Location: Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church in Arnprior

Cost: \$25 for guild members

**Greek Island Hillside Wall Hanging** with Chris Gordon.

Date: Saturday May 11, 2019

Time: 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM

Location: Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church in Arnprior

Cost: \$25 for guild members

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## ***Retreats***

The January retreat was enjoyed by all even though the weather was cold. We all managed to accomplish a lot. We did have a five hour power outage on Saturday but we made the best of it. We all went to the dining room where there was power and heat. Some of us did hand work, played games, read a book or just socialized. We had supper in there as well. When the power went back on we all went back to our sewing.

On Saturday evening we played a game of “Left, Right and Center” with 2 1/2” strips and Anne Cruickshank and Claudette Traill won the jackpot. We enjoyed the company of four women from Ottawa at our meals as they were there as well doing mending, sewing etc that was piling up at home.

The dates for the retreats in 2019/2020 are November 4-7, 2019 and January 16-19, 2020. The cost is \$281.

Joanna Vlaming  
Retreat coordinator

## ***Charity***

This year we are committed to meeting several requests in the community.

One of them is to the Arnprior & District Memorial Hospital. They would like another quilt (twin size) for their palliative care room, and also some touch quilts of their own.

The hospital has several Alzheimer patients and they would love to have some “touch” quilts (also called activity quilts or twiddle quilts or fidget quilts) of their own. They currently borrow them from the nearby Grove retirement home. They would love to have approximately 20 touch quilts.

Since our Guild has a lot going on right now, we are going to delay this request until later in the year.

But I am mentioning it now so that if any of our guild members are interested in participating in making them, you can start collecting fabrics and/or adornments now. Think about textures – corduroy, eyelets, terry cloths, velvets, flannel, denim, fleece, fun fur, etc. (even bits of upholstery and bathroom mats) . Use your sense of touch to discover the fabrics – textures, textures, and more textures. Think about if it can go through the wash frequently. Think about any adornments that can be attached securely and firmly without any sharp edges - bits of lace, buttons, large beads, ribbons, buckles, old keys, ric rac, chip bags (crinkle crinkle)

How about orphan blocks – did you try a 3-D technique (for example,; pinwheel) – this would work well. Mine any old clothes being discarded – use the zippers (this is a big want), use a pocket, buttons, ties, etc. [Examples](#)

-- Ada Gawlik & Jane Wickware



## Schedule

Date	Activity	Details
<b>February 27</b> Wednesday 7 PM	<b>Guild meeting</b>	Learning Activity – Fabric Origami Group: Bear Paw – Donna Sheaves
<b>March 23</b> Saturday	<b>Workshop</b>	“Jelly Roll Place Mats or Table Runner” with guild member Joanna Vlaming. <a href="#">More info</a>
<b>March 27</b> Wednesday 7 PM	<b>Guild meeting</b>	Guest is Gary Devries - Quilting with Wood Challenges due Group: Churn Dash – Penny Carruthers
<b>April 24</b> Wednesday 7 PM	<b>Guild meeting</b>	Guest is Roslyn Hanes - Artist/ Quilter Group: Pin Wheel – Joanna Vlaming
<b>April 27-28</b>	<b>Quilt Show</b>	
<b>May 11</b> Saturday	<b>Workshop</b>	“Greek Island Hillside Wall Hanging” with guild member Chris Gordon. <a href="#">More info</a>
<b>May 22</b> Wednesday 7 PM	<b>Guild meeting</b>	Elections Interguild trunk show Group: Nine Patch – Joyce Murray
<b>June 19</b> Wednesday 7 PM	<b>Guild meeting</b>	Potluck - Members last names A-L bring food Members sharing information about their quilting spaces Group: Attic Window – Chris Gordon

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

## Quilts of Valour



If you picked up a kit for a Quilt of Valour block at one of the summer shows, you can bring your completed block to a guild meeting and give it to Brigid Whitnall who is part of the local Quilts of Valour group that distributed the kits.

# Make A Difference



As we approach the May elections, as Past President, I wanted to take this opportunity to invite you to consider taking an active role in the guild.

All executive positions will be open this year, except for Charity and Communications, and a number of non-executive volunteer positions are also open.

The executive positions available are the following:

- President
- Vice-President
- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Membership
- Programs Director with assistance for workshops, block of the month, and retreats
- Library

And the other volunteer positions are:

- Kitchen
- Ticket sales – monthly 50/50 and basket
- Newsletter

If you would like more information about any of these roles, feel free to discuss them with existing members of the executive. All of the roles are for two year terms, with the exception of President, which becomes Past President after the first two years (but other than elections, you don't do anything as past president!!). The existing team has done an awesome job of keeping things running smoothly, there have been great speakers and fun activities. Financially, the guild is doing well and we can afford to have the calibre of speakers we enjoy.

I will not be at the guild meetings until May due to travel and retreats, I invite you to call or email me if you want to discuss any of these privately, or if you would like me to put your name down for one of the positions.

Thanks,

Brigid Whitnall, Past President

## Library News

Hello fellow quilters! Hope you are all surviving the winter and Quilting away! I'm just getting my sewing room in order and unpacking my Quilting treasures after our winter move to Arnprior!

A word of thanks to the Quilting groups that set up the hall and help put out the library books. It is a wonderful help.



**Just Charm Quilts** is the new book of the month with 11 charm friendly projects, great ideas for the Quilt show. Be the first to borrow it! Please remember to take time to "guess the pages" and to borrow a few books before the meeting or during the break.

We have a few new suggestions for new books which Nancy and I hope to purchase in the near future

Spring is coming, we were promised an old fashioned winter but we were also promised an early Spring! ♡♡♡

A little Quilting history:

"To make a Quilting frame, order from a lumber yard or sawmill four strips of hard pine 1 inch thick, 3 inches wide, and 6 1/2 feet long. These should not cost more than twenty five cents. Tack a piece of muslin along the edge of each strip. Buy four clamps for a dime at the hardware store, or have them made by a local blacksmith, and you have a cheap set of frames that will last a lifetime."  
-- Sidney Morse , Household discoveries, 1908."

How many of our grandmothers and great grandmothers would have done this!!

See you at the Library!

Lucy (and Nancy)





## Canadian Quilters' Association

**Save the date for QUILT CANADA 2019!**  
**June 12-15, 2019**  
**EY Centre, 4899 Uplands Drive Ottawa ON**



### ***Quilting Goes Viral -- Quilt Canada 2019***

What a treat that Quilt Canada is coming to Ottawa this year!!!

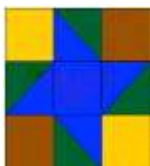
The CQA is looking for volunteers – you do not need to be a CQA member.

For informaton about the show, including workshops, keynote speakers, volunteer oppotunities, becoming a CQA member, and much more, check out the [CQA website](#).

### ***Upcoming Quilt Shows***

Location	Dates	Guild
Ottawa ON	April 5-6	Out of the Box Fibre Artists
Arnprior ON	April 27-28	<b><i>OUR GUILD!!!</i></b>
Beaconsfield QC	May 3-5	Beaconsfield Quilters Guild
Rochester NY	May 31 – June 2	Genesee Valley Quilt Club
Alliston ON	June 8-9	Quilting Corners Guild
Ottawa ON	June 12-15	CQA :: Quilt Canada

You can also [see the current list](#) on the guild website – always available under Resources, choose Upcoming Quilt Shows.



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

## ***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!**