



Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild

NEWSLETTER

March 2019

Program Notes

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

March 27 Meeting

Gary Devries is our guest speaker for March on "Quilt Inspired Wood Designs".

Gary has been working as a cabinet-maker for 45 years. He began his career in London Ontario where he did his apprenticeship. In 1979 he moved to the Valley and was joint owner of Gary and Ron's Cabinet-Making. Since 2000 he has been working from home in a small business known as Gary's Woo Designs. He has enjoyed working with wood since early in his teens. He has made many interesting things from tables, beds, and cupboards to urns for ashes, gigantic chairs and event props.

The Churn Dash quilt block group is responsible for set up/take down of meeting - coordinator Penny Caruthers.

Please return money from raffle quilt tickets sold.

Challenges are Due!

Reminder to bring in challenge, modern quilts, and UFO as well as star preemies entries.

[More information about the challenges.](#)

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

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.

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!

News from the Tea Room

Our 2019 Quilt Show is fast approaching and we are getting excited.

1. Pies – Did you forget to pick up your pie plates at the February guild meeting? Don't worry. The plates will be there at the March meeting. To date we have 35 wonderful pies donated, however, our goal is 80. Instructions are in each bag. Please be sure to sign the "Pie Making" volunteer form when you take your plates.
2. Gluten Free – we'll have several gluten options available for our customers.
3. Tea cups and saucers – Wonderful response. We have over 60 cups and saucers donated. Thank you everyone for helping.
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? Our collection is growing but there is always room for one more quilt.
5. Volunteers – our Tea Room runs with volunteers and we are happy to say our volunteer list is starting to take shape. The tasks list will be ready at the March guild meeting.
6. The Tea Room would be a great place for high school students to earn volunteer hours. We are hoping to recruit a few student volunteers. Let us know.

Please contact anyone on the Tea Room Committee if you have questions:

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Pam Ross pross2008@hotmail.com

Margaret, Penny, Maggie, Pam
Your Tea Room Committee

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 March meeting, and give them to Emma or me, Vickie MacNabb. Thanks ☺

We Need Your Quilts!

We pride ourselves in featuring a large number of quilts and other quilted items in our quilt show.

We encourage all of our members to register at least one quilt in the show, no matter your experience.

We group the quilts into categories; the larger bed quilts and lap quilts are placed around the arena. We will have preemies on display. There are sections for Christmas, table runners, wall hangings, and baby quilts and more. Wearables and bags are also welcome. Items for the 2018 and 2019 challenges and activities (President's challenges, Mystery Quilt, Modern Quilt etc.) will be grouped together. A hanging sleeve is not required.

The rules for entering a quilted item are:

- The item must be 3 layers – a top, bottom and middle layer of padding
- The quilt has not been in one of our previous shows
- You must have worked on piecing or quilting the quilt
- The quilt must be clean, free of pet hair/dander, and scent-free (including no smoke odor)
- You must be a paid member of the Arnprior & District Quilters' Guild for 2018-2019

Registration

You must register each item that you are providing for the show. This includes any items made for the 2018-2019 challenges.

Registration begins on Wednesday March 27 and must be completed by Monday, April 15 so the printed labels can be ready to attach to the items at the show. If you are unsure if the item will be completed in time for the show, please register it - if it's completed bring it along, and if not, no questions will be asked.

Registration involves completing and submitting an online form for each item.

You can find more information about registering your quilts, and you can access the registration form from the [Quilt Show Information for Guild Members page](#) on the guild web site. You can access this page any time from links on the main quilt show page (Activities menu and choose Quilt Show 2019) or from the link on the Home page.

Quilt Show Info on the Web Site

[Quilt Show page](#) – General information about the show. Access it from links on the Home page, or from the Activities menu click Quilt Show 2019.

[Information for Guild Members page](#) – All the information you'll need for your participation in the show. Access it from links on the *Quilt Show* page.

[Registration Form](#) – Access it from the *Information for Guild Members* page. It's tucked away so random people aren't trying to enter quilts!

-- Janet Brownlee, Communications

Vendors

Jane Etmskie has lined up an impressive list of vendors for our quilt show.

Algonquin Sewing Centre [Info](#)

Paisleys Quilt Shop [Info](#)

Textile Traditions of Almonte [Info](#)

Bytowne Threads [Info](#)

Quilting Quarters [Info](#)

The Pickle Dish [Info](#)

Grantham Books [Info](#)

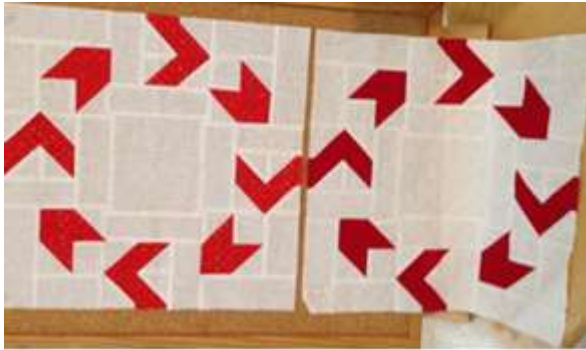
Royal Quilts [Info](#)

Heartwork Quilts and Fabrics [Info](#)

Sew Inspired [Info](#)


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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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Block of the Month



Your **Festive Flocks** blocks are due at the February meeting. Bring in your finished block(s) and your 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 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

Workshops

-- Chris Gordon

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

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

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 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 is twin size beds for homeless “couch surfing” youth in our community

The Arnprior & District Memorial Hospital 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](#)

Kits for the Bethlehem Star block were available at the February meeting. The photo illustrates the block while under construction.

-- Ada Gawlik & Jane Wickware

Schedule

Date	Activity	Details
March 23 Saturday	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 Group: Churn Dash – Penny Carruthers
April 24 Wednesday 7 PM	Guild meeting	Guest is Roslyn Hanes - Artist/ Quilter Group: Pin Wheel – Joanna Vlaming
April 27-28	Quilt Show	
May 11 Saturday	Workshop	"Greek Island Hillside Wall Hanging" with guild member Chris Gordon. More info
May 22 Wednesday 7 PM	Guild meeting	Elections Interguild trunk show Group: Nine Patch – Joyce Murray
June 19 Wednesday 7 PM	Guild meeting	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 February 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. The positions available are the following, and include non-executive volunteer positions. Some have been stroked out as they are spoken for.

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~~

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

613-889-5822

Library News

Sorry I was late last month – it doesn't pay to live closer! Special thanks to the kind members who not only put out the books but set up a paper for signing out books and to record the returns.

A member donated two novels "The Dressmaker of Khalid Khana" by Gayle Tzemach " and "The Union Quilters" by Jennifer Chiaverini. Thank you to the person who donated them, maybe you could drop by the Library on Wednesday to give me your name.

I read "The Dressmaker of Khalid Khana". A good read about a family of girls who survive the Taliban rule in the late 90's by turning their home into a dressmakers shop, hiring many local women and girls and risking their lives for the good of all.

"A Quick and Easy Block Tool" written by Connie Chunn is the new book of the month, 110 Quilt blocks in 5 sizes. Please drop by the Library and be the first to sign it out.

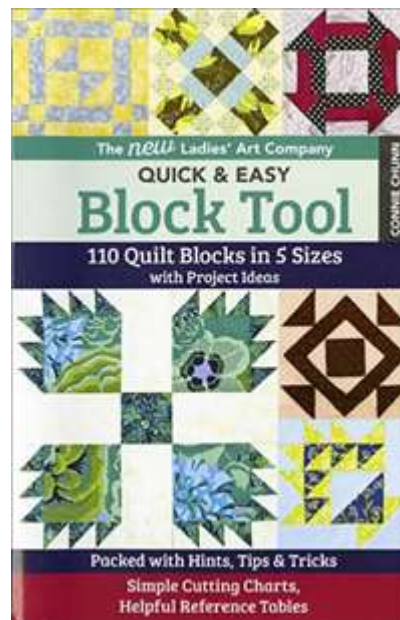
We also have the latest "Canadian Quilter" with many interesting articles.

Remember to take a minute to drop by the Library, borrow a few books and "guess the pages".

As you pack up all your show and tell items and challenges please remember to tuck in your library books.

Happy Quilting ! ☞ ☐ ☛

Lucy (and Nancy)



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Sherida Giddings Workshop

The Pembroke Log Cabin Quilters' Guild is hosting a workshop

- Sherida Giddings Workshop "Double Wedding Ring"
- April 17, 2019
- Cost \$77 includes pattern
- [Web site](#)

If interested please contact Wendy Foster Birch at fosterwen@yahoo.ca



Canadian Quilters' Association



Quilting Goes Viral -- Quilt Canada 2019

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

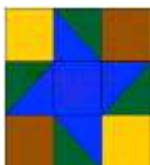
The CQA is looking for volunteers – you do not need to be a CQA member.

For informaton about the show, including workshops, keynote speakers, volunteer oppotrunities, 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
Napanee ON	April 13-14	Napanee Heritage Quilters' Guild
Cornwall ON	April 26-27	Cornwall Quilters' Guild
Arnprior ON	April 27-28	<i>OUR GUILD'S SHOW!!!</i>
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 with links to more information for each show – 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

Arnprior Life: Recreation and Culture Show

Come on out and visit the upcoming inaugural Recreation and Culture show in Arnprior where our guild will have a booth.

Date: Sunday March 31 10 AM to 4 PM

Location: Nick Smith Centre in Arnprior

Cost: FREE!!

[More information](#)

Double Duty

My quilter friend surprised me at Christmas with this gift!

She modified our [drawstring gift bag pattern](#) to create this 15 ½ in x 5 ½ “ bag.

And what's inside?

If you guessed a bottle of wine you are absolutely correct!

-- Janet Brownlee



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!