

## Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild

### NEWSLETTER

May 2019

### ***Quilt Show – April 27-28, 2019***

Well, another quilt show come and gone. It is so much work but only every two years.

We had some new gals on our committee this year. Jane Etmanskie did a super job looking after vendors while the group of Margaret Fisher, Pam Ross, Maggie Kight and Penny Carruthers did a fantastic job of the tea room. Emma Russell and Vickie MacNabb looked after door prizes and our new raffle. Janet Brownlee and Brigid Whitnall looked after registration with Janet also helping with promotion. Sue Hodgins organized the volunteers, Anne Cruickshank did advertising, and Mary Devries and Joanna Vlaming, though missing the actual quilt show, organized the setup and sent helpers (how would we do it without Gary Devries?) for Friday. Geraldine Lynn once again was there at the disassemble to make sure quilts were returned to their proper home. Let me not forget Chris Gordon who helps with lots.

And Anne Cruickshank who is my go to person and right hand.

Katrina Kahn was an excellent choice as the Quilter of Distinction.

Our beautiful raffle quilt was won by Lianne Wojak of Renfrew. We are so fortunate to have the skilled quilters that can make such a work of art. After a very successful raffle we are set for two more years of charity work. Lianne loved the quilt and was thrilled to win.

I have tried to mention everyone on the committee but this is your quilt show and cannot be done without the participation of every member. Thanks to all the extra helpers, husbands, friends, even sons, brothers and grandkids. Now let's get started. Only two years to go.

-- Joyce Murray



And thank you to all of the volunteers who helped out at the show and in the tea room, and to the guild members who provided the 300+ beautiful quilts and other quilted items displayed at our show.



Congratulations to **Sharon Huffman** whose beautiful **Dance of the Dragonflies** quilt won the Viewer's Choice award and the CQA ribbon.





And congratulations to **Ann Hunter** for her stunning **Christmas Wedding Sampler** quilt which was awarded the guild ribbon.



## **Program Notes**

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

### **May 22 Meeting**

At this meeting we will host an Inter Guild Show and Tell. Several members of the Kanata Guild will visit our Guild bringing their quilts to share with us. In the fall we will return the visit by going to their guild and sharing our quilts.



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### ***Meeting Helpers***

The Nine Patch quilt block group coordinated by Joyce Murray is responsible for set up/take down of the May meeting.

## **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 invite you to call or email me if you want to discuss any of these, or if you would like me to put your name down for one of the positions.

Thanks,

Brigid Whitnall, Past President

613-889-5822

## ***Greek Island Hillside Wall Hanging Workshop***

There were 8 ladies in the last of this year's workshops on Saturday May 11.

12 had signed up but only 8 could make it to the class. Chris Gordon instructed and the ladies spent more than half the day cutting and gluing villages together. This workshop involved a lot of patience and creativity.

I think the majority enjoyed learning a new technique, based on the work of Karen Eckmeier.

-- Chris Gordon





## Block of the Month



Your **Bloom** blocks are due at the May 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 be divided between the two winners.

It's not too late to try this block! Instructions for making this block are available on the [Block of the Month page](#) on the guild web site.

-- Johanne and Amanda Vajda

## 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

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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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## Charity

We will be having **two sew days** to make blocks for our charity quilt commitments.

Dates: Saturday May 18 & Wednesday May 22

Location: [Island View Retirement Residence](#) 30 Jack Crescent in Arnprior

Time: 9:30 am to 2:30 pm.

Bring: A lunch, your sewing machine, and basic sewing kit

This guild year, the charity team would like to try something a little different. We would like to have one intermediate type block to assemble into whatever type of quilt tops we may have requirements for this year. All the charity quilts would reflect the block in whatever type of quilt we put together, varied by the choice of fabrics/colour combinations and layouts. We will be making the **Star of Bethlehem** block that some of you have already made from the kits we had available.

- preemie quilt - use this block assembled in the fabrics and colours you would normally use
- lap or full sized quilt - use this block
- placemats - use this block

We chose an intermediate level block to attract a variety of quilters, and should the quilter be at a more beginner level, this would be a great way to learn a new skill in the company of like-minded sewers who are happy to help them.



I think this would be a great way to think about design and how to lay the blocks out:

- sashing? Borders? On point? Colour combinations using whatever completed blocks?

The plan is to use up our guild stash pile. Of course, any additional fabric(s) you would like to add for your own block(s) or to donate the general pile, will be greatly appreciated.

This block offers great flexibility just by using different fabric/colour combinations. Make your imagination proud!

-- Ada Gawlik & Jane Wickware



## Schedule

Date	Activity	Details
<b>May 18</b> Saturday 9:30 AM – 2:30 PM	<b>Sew Day</b>	Location: Island View Retirement Residence 30 Jack Crescent in Arnprior Bring: A lunch, your sewing machine, and basic sewing kit
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<b>May 22</b> Wednesday 7 PM	<b>Guild meeting</b>	Elections Inter-guild 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 previous meetings](#) on the guild web site.



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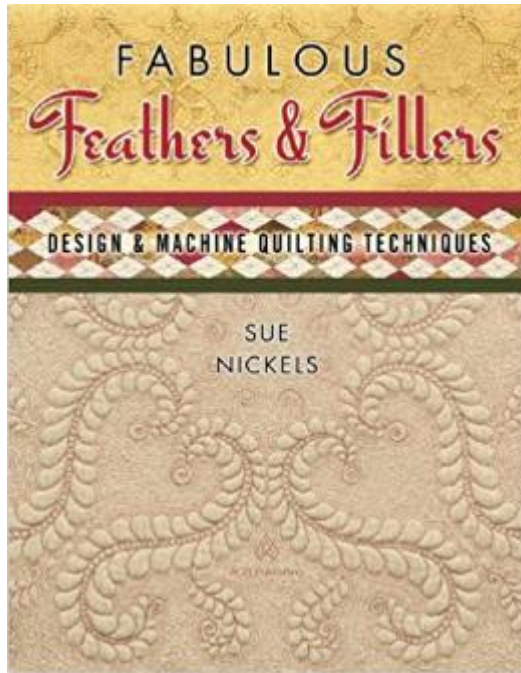
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## ***Library News***

After our great show, I'm sure you are all taking some time to rest up.....in your sewing room? I so enjoyed seeing all our wonderful quilts and quilted items; they were very inspiring!



Some of you have asked for books on quilting techniques. Our new book for this month, "Fabulous Feathers & Fillers" by Sue Nickels has tips, patterns and ideas and will help you as you sit down to quilt your quilt! Sue Nickels also has a website that you might like to visit; just search "sue nickels quilter".

We are not having a "guess the number of pages" book this month BUT do we have a deal for you!! A past member of our Guild, Joyce Dawson, is no longer able to quilt and she has generously donated her quilt magazine library to us. We will have them available at the meeting where you may take the ones you wish. We'll have a "donation box" and we'll put the proceeds toward new book purchases. The selection you'll have to choose from is amazing! Thank you, Joyce!

Our two year term as "Library" ends in June and we would like to pass it on to someone new. Join with a friend and make a team! Lucy and I will give you lots of information and we've bought some books for next year to get you started. Please think about taking over this very easy job!!

See you at the meeting!

Nancy (and Lucy)

## ***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.

## ***Paducah, Kentucky***

April 22 to 28 several members of our guild had the opportunity to go Quilt Week in Paducah. The trip satisfied our quilting desires, was a history lesson and built friendships, all of which are very gratifying to us. The drive down took two days with a sleepover in Cleveland, Ohio. As soon as we arrived in Paducah we went to the famous Hancock's of Paducah, a huge fabric/quilt shop. It was unbelievable— choices and more choices. Thankfully the weather was favourable, only one day with rain, since there were various buildings to visit. The quilts at the show and in the museum were amazing, they were so intricate and detailed. Just BEAUTIFUL!!! Truly inspiring. Canadian Lise Belanger was a feature quilt artist at the museum. She was very interesting to listen to. Friday morning we had a most enjoyable city tour with the "Quilt Man" as our tour guide. We learned a lot about Paducah and the area. We had a great time with those close to our heart.

P.S. If you plan to go to Quilt Week in Paducah take some time to walk around the city's downtown and learn about the history and try some moonshine.

-- Joanna Vlaming













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If you have attended a quilt show or other quilting event and you would like to share your experience with your fellow guild members please contact me at [arnpriorquilters@gmail.com](mailto:arnpriorquilters@gmail.com)

-- Janet Brownlee

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

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

Location	Dates	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
Almonte ON	June 22 – July 6	Out of the Box Fibre Artists

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.

### ***Quilt of Belonging 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Presentation***

*with Artist, Esther Bryan, Originator of the Quilt*

Date: Friday June 14

Time: 10:30 AM

Location: Cornwall Public Library, 45 Second St East, Cornwall ON

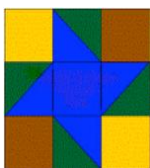
Admission: Free. Space is limited for this presentation. Reserve your seat early at 613-932-4796, ask for Information Services. This program is free and open to all.

The Quilt of Belonging is a 120 foot (36 metres) long collaborative textile art project. Its 263 blocks portray the rich cultural legacies of all the First Peoples in Canada and every nation of the world at the dawn of the new Millennium.

Over 3 million visitors have seen the Quilt while the Quilt of Belonging companion book is in its fifth printing and the \*48-minute documentary is receiving rave reviews. This artwork is also used in a variety of projects and education programs creating an impact nationally and around the world.

\*Search YouTube for, "Quilt of Belonging A Place for All Documentary" to view the documentary.  
[Poster](#)





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!**