

Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild

NEWSLETTER

June 2019

June 19 Meeting

It's hard to believe that this is our last meeting of the 2018-2019 guild year! We're celebrating a great year with our annual end-of-year potluck dinner on Wednesday June 19. This meeting will also feature a special first time QQQ program, "Quilters' Quilting Quarters", where several members of our guild will be sharing their quilting spaces in a slide show presentation. Come and see how others organize their quilt rooms.

Please Bring

In addition to the usual items - show-and-tell articles, block-of-the-month blocks, Bethlehem Star charity blocks, and any library books you have borrowed – there are other important items to bring to this meeting.

- Members with last names starting with A-L - Please bring in your special dish to share with us. It can be an appetizer, a main course, or a dessert.
- Everyone - Bring a plate, cutlery, and your mug.
- 2019 Challenge participants: Please feel free to bring back your challenge entries to share at Show and Tell. We'd love to see your projects again and to hear your stories about them.

Meeting Helpers

The **Attic Window** quilt block group coordinated by Chris Gordon is responsible for set up/take down of the June meeting. Only those of you with surnames beginning with A-L need to bring food.

-- Mary DeVries

Block of the Month



Your **Ray of Sunshine** blocks are due at the June 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

Attention: Block of the Month Winners

For your summer project, you can put together the set of blocks you won in the monthly draws. Bring it in to the September meeting, and you will be entered to win a fabulous gift basket. It will be great to see completed projects made from these blocks. And as an added feature, the project can be entered into the upcoming quilt show!

Looking Ahead

Fill in your calendars for the meeting dates of the 2019-2020 Quilt Guild year.



September 25, 2019
October 23
November 27
December 11
January 22, 2020
February 26
March 25
April 22
May 27
June 17

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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Membership

Renew your membership for \$25 at the June meeting and get a chance to win one of two free memberships!

-- Penny Carruthers



LIBRARY NEWS

Summer is here and our gardens call, so is it difficult to find time to quilt? Not when we've had so many rainy days. A sewing room is a great place to spend those days, so keep on quilting through the summer!

It may seem an awfully long way off, but Christmas sewing can never start too early. Our book this month, "A Merry Christmas with Kim Schaefer" will give you lots of ideas and patterns for gifts to give or keep for yourself! It has great pictures and simple instructions so come and have a look at it and maybe borrow it for the summer?

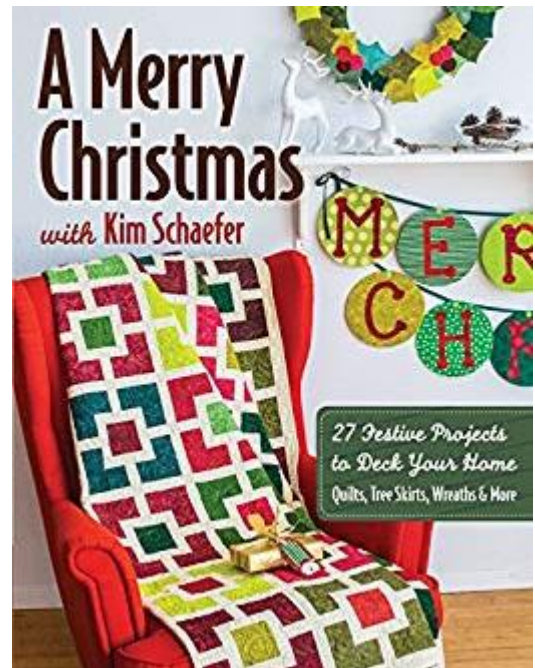
Our "Guess the pages" book this month is "Shashiko", a beautiful hard cover book about the decorative style of Japanese quilting.....made easy! Be sure to take a guess.

We still have some magazines to sell and a few books from another donor have been added so bring some coin!

As this is the last meeting, we ask that ALL books out on loan be returned! If you wish to keep a book over the summer, please talk to Lucy or me so we can record it. We'll be reviewing, sorting and organizing the books and magazines over the summer to prepare and organize for next year!

Happy Summer Quilting!

-- Nancy (and Lucy)



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Thank you!

Thank you to the executive volunteers who have done a fantastic job in running our guild. Most of the executive members are completing their 2 year terms – thank you for your time, commitment and dedication to our guild, and for the excellent results you have achieved.



President	Donna Sheaves
Secretary	Vickie MacNabb
Treasurer	Joyce Murray
Program	Mary DeVries, Chris Gordon, Patti Moore, Joanna Vlaming
Block of the Month	Amanda & Joanne Vajda
Membership	Penny Carruthers
Charity	Ada Gawlik, Jane Wickware, Chris Gordon
Library	Nancy Hayley, Lucy Voss
Kitchen	Marilyn Robert
Raffle Gift Baskets	Rennie Hickey
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Make A Difference



Our roster of volunteers in executive positions is filling up quite nicely for the next 2 year term. Thank you to those who have volunteered for these roles. And several volunteers for the non-executive roles have also come forward. Thank you!

Three key executive positions – President, Secretary and Treasurer - are not yet filled.

President	
Vice President	Vickie MacNabb
Secretary	
Treasurer	
Program	Joyce Murray, Anne Cruickshank, Joanna Vlaming (retreats)
Block of the Month	Ada Gawlik
Membership	Penny Carruthers
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As Past President, I take this opportunity to invite you to consider taking an active role in the guild.

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

Charity

Sew Days

Two Sew Days were held in May to work on the Bethlehem Star block quilts that will be donated to various local charities, including the Arnprior & District Memorial Hospital, and couch-surfing homeless youth in Arnprior.

Led by our charity project co-ordinators, Ada Gawlik and Jane Wickware, some dedicated guild members gathered in the lovely bright, recreation room at Island View Suites, a retirement residence in Arnprior, to sew away. They made excellent progress and assembled 3 quilt tops. They also welcomed visits by a number of the residents of Island View.

Photos of these quilt tops are on the [web site blog](#).

Preemie Quilts

During the summer many quilters do not spend as much time at the sewing machine. However if you have time for a small project or two please remember that making a Preemie can be a really good way to try out a new pattern or block or just use up some of the fabric left over from the large project you finished last fall.

Please remember to use all cotton on the parts on the exterior of the quilt - thread as well as fabric. Aim for 22 to 25 " square, and lightly quilted. You can even practice some free motion quilting on it!

Thanks for thinking of those babies!!

-- Chris Gordon





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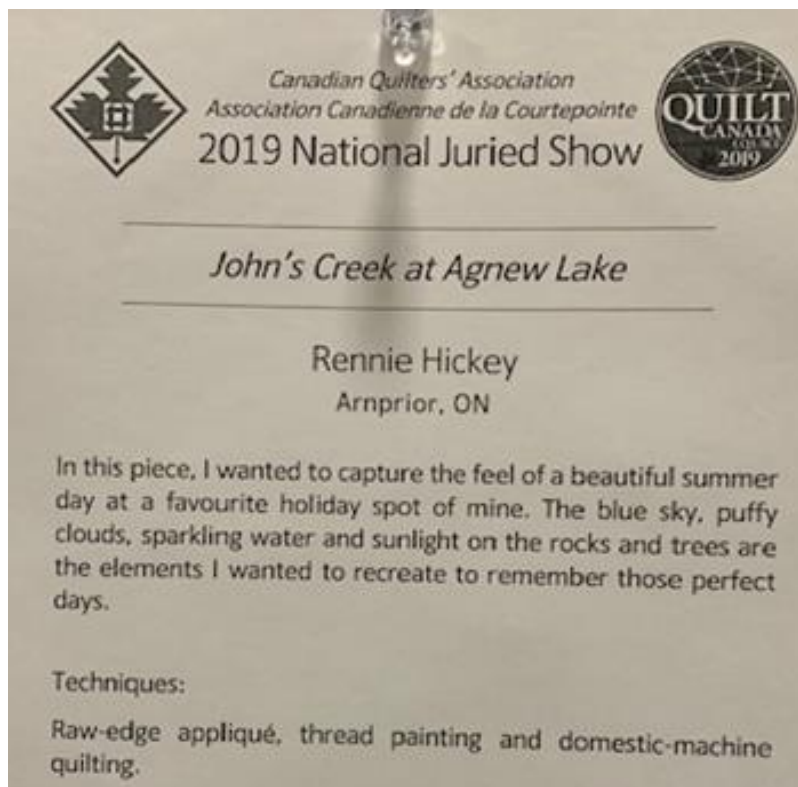
I had a terrific day on Wednesday at Quilt Canada at the EY Centre in Ottawa – my first Quilt Canada show and it was amazing!

You can see photos of all of the awesome award winning pieces on the [Quilt Canada web site](#).

I was delighted to see Rennie Hickey's name and work there on display. It's a major accomplishment to have your work accepted into this show. Rennie's piece was accepted into the show based on a photo taken by fellow guild member and photographer Sara Rodger.

Congratulations Rennie (and Sara)! We are so fortunate to experience Rennie's work on a regular basis here in our guild. I couldn't resist taking these photos at the show to share with you.

-- Janet Brownlee

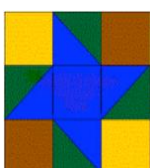


Upcoming Quilt Shows

Location	Dates	Guild
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.

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



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

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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!