

Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild

NEWSLETTER

September 2019

President's Message

Well! Another summer has shot by in record time. It seems like just yesterday we were getting the outdoor furniture and the lawnmower out and already it's time to put them all away. The good news in all this is that quilting season is back as are our monthly Guild Meetings.



We've had our first executive committee meeting and I am excited and rejuvenated when I hear all the exciting events, trunk shows, classes, challenges, etc. that await us this Guild year.

I know that Paulette and I have more than enough projects to keep us out of trouble. When I am in a quilt shop or at a quilt show I often am heard to say that I am only about 1,500 projects behind right now, and then I point to a nearby quilt and say "oops, 1501".

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the next meeting. If I could ask one small thing, if people could remember to wear their name badges it would help those of us who are "name challenged".

Frank McCarron
President

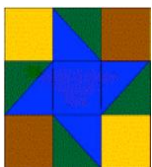
Membership

If you are a new member, welcome to our guild. There's a lot going on – we hope you enjoy it.



Annual membership fee of \$25 is due at the meeting on September 25th, and is payable by cash or cheque.

Congratulations to Gwen Pennings and Shirley Fedoruk who won free memberships by renewing at the June meeting!



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

Program Notes

From your Program team: Joyce Murray, Coordinator; Sue Hodgins, Anne Cruickshank, Jackie Lavictoire; Joanna Vlaming, Retreats

Welcome back fellow quilters. We have a fun and exciting quilting year planned for your entertainment and participation.

We hope you'll join us on September 25th to hear about this year's challenges, new coffee time demos, and much more.

To encourage everyone to wear a name tag at the meetings, we will enter everyone's name into a draw. If your name is drawn and you have your name tag on, you will win a small gift certificate. If you are not wearing your name tag, the prize goes back into the pot for the next month. Name tags can be handmade or the ones provided by the guild.

-- Sue Hodgins

September 25 Meeting

Our guest speaker is **Jen Swallow**, the owner and operator of [Happy Wife Quilting](http://HappyWifeQuilting.com), an online and retail store located in the front of her home just outside of Carleton Place.

Jen will share with us some of her quilts that she has made, a few UFOs, and lots of her favourite tools that she used in making her quilts. She hopes that you will leave the meeting having learnt a new technique or tip.

Block of the Month Prize Draw

To the winners of last year's Block-of-the-Month blocks, don't forget to bring your projects for show and tell, AND to be entered into the prize drawing! Items do not have to be completely finished - if it's just the completed quilt top that's great! Can't wait to see what the winners have done with all the wonderful blocks!

-- Amanda Vajda

Meeting Helpers

We are continuing with last year's successful introduction of quilt block groups where a group of guild members is responsible for set up and take down of the meeting, bringing the snacks, and assisting with the running of the meeting.

The Log Cabin group, led by Janet Brownlee is responsible for the September meeting.



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Retreats

Two retreats are planned for this year.

- November 4-7, 2019
- January 16-19, 2020



We are returning to [Providence Point](#) in Lanark ON. Its close proximity, facilities that meet our needs, good food, and great prices make this an ideal location.

The cost is \$281. A deposit of \$100 is required, and the full payment is due by the October meeting. See me at the meeting if you are interested in attending. Registration opened last spring and there are still a few spots remaining.

For more information, and other pricing/attendance options, see the [Retreats page on our web site](#).

-- Joanna Vlaming, Retreat coordinator



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Block of the Month

For the next little while, I would like to try to do the block of the month differently. Each month there will still be a block pattern to participate in, but instead of putting them all into a draw, we would each keep the block we made. It will be up to each person to make something with that block.

My hope is that we can use each block of the month to practice our quilting stitches and binding techniques while making something we can use or give -- Sandwich it, quilt it with a stitch you'd like to practice or try (sashiko anyone?) and bind it.

There are so many great projects on Pinterest, YouTube and the rest of the internet to explore. Be creative, make something that you can keep or give away. Christmas is coming and stocking stuffers and quick gifts are always in need for family and friends.

The options are many and varied, examples to consider:

- Mug Rugs <https://thecuriousquilter.wordpress.com/2010/11/30/make-a-basic-quilted-mug-rug-a-tutorial/amp/>
- Baby's Bib <http://ourcozynest.blogspot.com/2012/06/quilted-baby-bib-tutorial.html>
- Placemats or Pot Holders <https://www.instructables.com/id/Pot-Holders/>
- Pin Cushions <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nyvomCiN9Oo>
- a small bag, pillow cover, or perhaps a toy

There will not be a monthly colour scheme, so pick the colours you like. This is also a chance to try putting colours together that are out of your comfort zone.

Please show your finished projects the following month so that we can admire them and perhaps make them too.

As always, if you just want to make the block of the month block and donate it, the charity group is always happy to take it.

In December, let's gather any feedback and comments and decide how to proceed for the rest of the year.

-- Ada Gawlik



Charity

First of all welcome to a new quilting season! We hope everyone is rested and ready to help out with some fun charity projects we have planned.

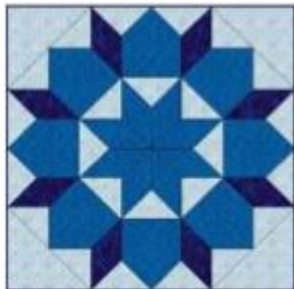
A big “Thank You” goes to everyone who cut, sewed, laughed, quilted, bound and got the job done last season. Without your help our guild wouldn't be able to give back to the community with these quilts! We would like to encourage more volunteers to help us out this season. It is a very pleasing time by participating in the Sew Days to give back to the community and having fun with friends.

Quilts for Homeless Youth & Palliative Care at Arnprior Hospital

With the help of a lot volunteer members, we have completed 4 quilts for donation. Twenty plus completed blocks have been handed in and we will continue to sew in the coming months with your help at our Sew Days. We will complete this Bethlehem Star pattern until December of this year. There are still some patterns and material for the Bethlehem Star block, so help yourself at the Charity table. It certainly has been a fun challenge for some of us to broaden our quilt piecing skills! These colorful rustic-type quilts have been created solely for distribution to homeless youth and Palliative Care patients. They are designed to be cheerful and cozy. In January 2020 we will introducing a creative new block The stash of fabric we possess has greatly reduced..... so we have purchased some new fabric as a background for this next block! If we get requests for raffle quilts we will ask for help to produce a different type of quilts designed for this requirement.



Sew Days



To complete more of the **Bethlehem Star quilts**, Nancy at [Sew Inspired](#) has graciously offered her facility, and we will be having **2 Sew Days** there:

- Thursday, Oct 17th, 2019 from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm, and
- Tuesday, Nov 12th, 2019 from 9:30 am – 3:00 pm.

The space at the store accommodates 6 people really comfortably, so please don't forget to sign up at the meeting at our charity table. Remember to bring your lunch. Goodies and baking are not unwelcome!!!

[Island View Retirement Residence](#) in Arnprior is another location where we are pleased to borrow space to sew, and they been contacted. We are just waiting to confirm a few dates for 2020 to go there and complete some **Fidget Quilts**.

Christmas Gift Bags

Material has been cut and ready to sew, and available at the Charity Table for you to pick up and complete. Please help yourself. If you want to use your own fabric.. great, the pattern can be found [here](#).

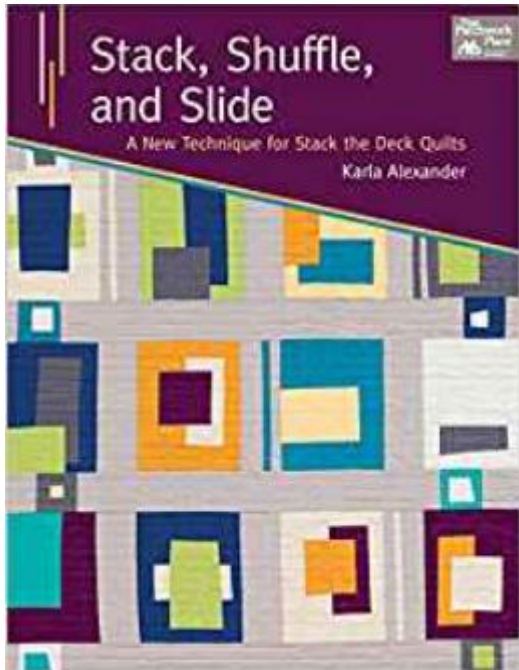
Preemie Quilt Batting

The batting has been cut for preemie quilts and is at the Charity table. If you don't see any, please ask.

-- Jane Wickware and Vickie MacNabb

Library News

Well, that was a short summer, wasn't it? I wonder if many of you were like me, sewing away indoors on those hot, hot days! I managed to get some piecing done before I was tempted out into the garden; who could resist a lemonade in the shade?



I also spent a morning reviewing and resorting all the library books and saw that some are missing! Please have a look through your books to see if any belong to the Guild. We have a great selection and I hope you all will use the Library this year! And, I was surprised at how many patterns we have. So check them out, too!

Our new book this month, “**Stack, Shuffle, and Slide**” by [Karla Alexander](#), shows how to stack, cut and then shuffle a deck of fabric. Maybe this is a new-to-you technique you'd like to try. It will be on the table for you to look at and then borrow!

The “Guess the Pages” book includes designs for those who enjoy applique and hand stitching, although machines may be used as well. Come and have look and make a guess!

Hope to see you at our coming Guild meeting! Bring your “show and tell” for us all to see what you've been sewing!

-- Nancy (and Lucy who is still away enjoying Cape Breton!)

Quilters Curve

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Schedule

Date	Activity	Details
September 25, 2019 Wednesday 7 PM	Guild meeting	Guest is Jen Swallow owner of Happy Wife Quilting , an online and retail store located just outside of Carleton Place. Jen will share with us some of her quilts that she has made, a few UFOs, and lots of her favourite tools that she used to make the quilts. She hopes that you will leave the meeting having learnt a new technique or tip! Group: Log Cabin – Janet Brownlee
October 17 Thursday 9:30 AM	Sew Day	At Sew Inspired in Arnprior More info
October 23 Wednesday 7 PM	Guild meeting	A trunk show with guest Melanie MacDonald (of Lazy Lab Quilting) all about Paper Piecing
November 4-7 Monday - Thursday	Retreat	Arrive on November 4 th or 5 th and quilt from morning until night More info
November 12 Tuesday 9:30 AM	Sew Day	At Sew Inspired in Arnprior More info
November 27 Wednesday 7 PM	Guild meeting	Guest - Debby Soll on her Sashiko techniques
December 11 Wednesday 7 PM	Guild meeting	Holiday potluck - Members last names A-L bring food
January 16-19, 2020 Thursday - Sunday	Retreat	Arrive on January 17 th or 18 th and quilt from morning until night More info
January 22 Wednesday 7 PM	Guild meeting	TBD
February 26 Wednesday 7 PM	Guild meeting	TBD
March 25 Wednesday 7 PM	Guild meeting	Guest – Beth van Wyngaarden
April 22 Wednesday 7 PM	Guild meeting	Guest – Bill Stearman
May 27 Wednesday 7 PM	Guild meeting	Guest – Patti Carey, Northcott
June 17 Wednesday 7 PM	Guild meeting	Potluck - Members last names M-Z bring food

Guild Leadership

Our new executive team was filled out at our June meeting. They'll be leading the guild for the next 2 years and we thank them for volunteering their time, commitment, and talents to our guild.



President	Frank McCarron
Vice-President/Charity	Vickie MacNabb
Secretary	Paulette McCarron
Treasurer	Rennie Hickey
Program	Joyce Murray
Membership	Penny Carruthers
Library	Nancy Hayley, Lucy Voss
Communications	Janet Brownlee

Thank you to the volunteers who are filling other important roles.

Program	Sue Hodgins, Anne Cruickshank, Jackie Lavictoire
Retreats	Joanna Vlaming
Block of the Month	Ada Gawlik
Charity projects	Jane Wickware
Photographer	Emma Russell
Kitchen	?
Raffle Gift Baskets	?
Ticket sales (50/50, basket)	Barb Hare, Betty Rehbein, Marilyn Erskine

How's Brigid Doing?

We have an update on how our past, past president, **Brigid Whitnall** and her husband Ken are faring after tragically losing their Dunrobin home in last September's tornado. There's an [interesting article](#) (and photos) in the September 19th edition of the Ottawa Citizen featuring Brigid and Ken. Brigid was president of our guild from 2015-2017 and she shared her tornado experience in her story in the [October 2018 newsletter](#).

I can't wait to see photos of Brigid's quilting space in their new home and we hope to share that with you later this fall.

Arnprior Life Recreation and Culture Show

Thank you to our new secretary, Paulette McCarron for organizing a booth for our guild at the recent **Recreation and Culture show** in Arnprior. We enjoyed conversations with show visitors about their interest in learning or resuming quilting, and their treasured quilts made by beloved family members. Some were surprised to discover that learn-to-quilt classes are available locally. Guild member volunteers Karen Maheral, Janet Brownlee, and Paulette are pictured (left to right) in the booth. Thank you for raising the visibility of our guild, and for promoting quilting in our community.



Getting Guild Information

Communication with our guild members is primarily via these monthly newsletters, on the guild web site, and by email. Web site: <https://www.arnpriordistrictquiltersguild.com>

The photos from our April 2019 quilt show are now posted on the web site. There are photos of every quilt and other items in the show and much more. A huge thank you to our photographer Emma Russell for taking over 200 photos, and to Pam Ross, the tea room co-coordinator, for some photos of the tea room and vintage quilt and sewing machine display. You can access all of the photos from the [Quilt Show 2019](#) page.

We appreciate your feedback on all aspects of our guild, and you can contact us from the web site [Contact page](#) or by sending an email message to arnpriorquilters@gmail.com

-- Janet Brownlee, Communications & Newsletter Editor

Carp Fair Raffle Quilt

A lucky winner will take home this beautiful King size "Down by the River" quilt from the Carp Fair on Sunday September 29. The individual 18 ½ inch unfinished blocks were pieced by local quilters and entered in the "Quilt Block Challenge" category in the Homecraft division at last year's fair. Open to anyone, entrants were required to include some of each of the 5 fabrics provided, and were permitted to add fabrics of compatible colours. Current and past members of our guild, Joyce Trafford, Cathy Russell, Nancy Hayley, Brenda Davidson-Payer, and Lana Dean, each contributed a block.

Prize winners were: 1st Brenda Davidson-Payer, 2nd Gail Argue, 3rd Lana Dean.



The fabrics and the theme were chosen by the fair vice-president. The blocks were assembled by Gail Argue, and guild member Sue Shute (owner of The Quilting Quarters in Almonte) quilted it. Lana added the binding. The quilt has been on display at Sew Inspired in Arnprior for the last couple of weeks but will soon be headed to Carp where you can see it at the fair from September 26-29. Tickets are \$5 each and are sale at M&R Feeds in Arnprior until Monday, at the fair office, and at the fair in the "General Store" by the Cattle Show Barn (beside the arena). For more information about the fair, see the [Carp Fair web site](#).

The Quilt Block Challenge is being offered again at this year's fair with the theme "Beautiful Barns", so those blocks will be on display at the fair, along with the quilts entered in the [other quilting categories](#). Lana reports that some kits will still be available after the fair, and you can contact her at 613-880-0005 if you are interested in contributing a barn block.

News from Sue Shute

Subscribers to [The Quilting Quarters Facebook page](#) were surprised (and saddened) by this recent post by shop owner and fellow guild member Sue Shute.



The Quilting Quarters

September 10 at 4:00 PM · 🌐

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Hello my friends and clients, it is with great excitement but also sadness that I'm letting you know that I'm going to be taking a break from my quilt shop. With the health ups and downs my parents have been experiencing, it has been a very profound message to me to take it easy, stop and not only smell the roses but walk amongst them. I need to take some time to explore my world, do some travelling and finally have the opportunity to volunteer within my community. I can't wait to plan this new chapter in my life. This doesn't mean you won't see me anymore because I'm thinking that I'll be back in a couple of years (that's today's plan)!

I thank you all so very much for the support you've been giving me over the past 20 years; from home quilter to custom quilter and then all the way to being a Quilt Store owner. I'm so proud of my accomplishments and want to thank each and every one of you who has been with me during this incredible journey. Thank You.

All planned events are still underway such as my Retreat this November and I will have a few classes available between now and the end of December. More to come on this!

I'm very excited to be planning my final Customer Appreciation Event in October where I'll have some fantastic sales (everything must go including all the fabulous samples) and I'm sure I'll be able to convince my sister to make us some yummy treats to thank you all for your support.

Now that I've shared my exciting news....Let The Sales Begin!!!

Sue

We are grateful for the support Sue has shown our guild for several years – many of us have happily left a guild meeting with a beautiful door prize attached to a Quilting Quarters business card!

We wish Sue all the best as she takes this well earned break and we'll be following her next quilting adventures with great interest.

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Upcoming Quilt Shows

Location	Dates	Guild
Mountain ON	October 5-6	Red Barn Quilts
Mono ON	November 1-2	The Dufferin Piecemakers Quilting Guild
Arnprior ON	November 5-24	Arnprior & District Museum
Edmonton AB	June 18-20, 2020	Canadian Quilters' Association (CQA) - Quilt Canada

You can also [see the current list](#) of local shows and shows that we have been asked to promote on the guild website where there links to more information for each show. To find this list, click/tap Resources, and choose Upcoming Quilt Shows.

And many more shows and events are listed in the [CQA Events Calendar](#).

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!