

Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2015

Welcome to a New Season for ADQG

As the new President of the ADQG I want to welcome you to the new executive. Everyone has been busy coming up with fresh new ideas, projects and challenges. It should be a great year, I am looking forward to working with all these ladies. I joined the Guild 4 years ago after moving to Dunrobin, which was a little over 5 years ago now. I love the community and neighbourhood we live in. My goal for this year is to finish off on many UFOs. The small quick projects are always a fun distraction, but there are some larger projects that need to get finished.

I hope everyone had a great summer. Lots of fun, sun and shop hops! I was talking about participating in the Row by Row challenge and I did it! It was a lot of fun gathering up the rows and finishing off to a quilt I am happy with. I will be sure to bring it along to our first show and tell!

I also look forward to seeing everyone in September and trading stories about our summer quilting adventures. We have some great speakers and activities lined up, so bring a friend, or come join us and make new friends! Either way, join us for some fun, camaraderie and sharing.

Brigid Whitnall, President



*ADQG Members
kick up their heels
at June's Pot Luck event!*

The New ADQG Executive for 2015-2016

President: Brigid Whitnall

Vice President: Chris Gordon

Secretary: Liz Gray

Treasurer: Jan Smith

Programme: Gwen Pennings, Joyce Murray, Pat Campbell

Membership: Penny Carruthers

Publicity: Judith Cave

Library: Margaret Fisher



Charity: Chris Gordon; known as the scrap quilting lady, she lives between Burnstown and Calabogie on the Madawaska river and started quilting in January 2009 after retiring and moving to this area from SW Ontario; and now controls 1/3 of the basement of their house with quilting and cutting areas and fabric storage. As her role in the Guild is centred on charity projects, so far 119 preemie quilts have been delivered with Brigid to the Ottawa Civic hospital in July. Other deliveries include 2 lap quilts to support the Arnprior animal shelter, and to a Rexall community event with the police and firefighters happening in October. A new potential charity project shared by Penny Carruthers, is for flannel pockets that can be used to carry drainage bulbs in hospitals. I made up samples and delivered 2 to the Arnprior hospital. I am waiting for feedback. We will be continuing with the preemie quilt production, and batts will be available at our monthly meetings. If any of our members have ideas for new or different projects please let me know.



Library: Margaret Fisher; lives in Arnprior and has been a member of ADQG since the very second meeting of the guild. Back then the meetings were held in the library, but we soon grew out of that space! She hopes to have some new books to tempt members and will continue last year's very popular, **Guess How Many Pages**, contest. So, look forward to seeing new and old members at our first meeting. Come and enjoy and peruse our great book collection.



Treasurer: Jan Smith; lives in Pakenham, on farm land that has been in the family for 35 years - always wanted to retire out this way. By day she is a Labour & Delivery nurse at the Civic and Almonte hospitals. "I joined the Guild 2 years ago in hopes that it would inspire me to make quilts with the material I have rather than going out & buying more. It hasn't worked yet, so I will probably be a life time member." Her book keeping back ground includes brownie & guides units then moved up to the big league and became the treasurer for the guiding district, looking after the districts books as well as auditing 25 guiding units books each year. "I hope being treasurer doesn't mean I can't buy raffle basket tickets, because I really need more quilting stuff!"

Membership: Penny Carruthers; nick named the "Scrap Bag Lady " at the local quilt shop, she has been part of the Guild since 2003. Living in Arnprior for 15 years, she has been quilting for over 30 years. Her report: to date, there are 25 paid members. That number is sure to change after our first meeting in September!

Program: Joyce Murray; one of three co-chairs, has lived in Arnprior since 1966 and only started quilting when the quilt shop opened by Barb Robinson. Following her mom & sisters around for many years she never thought she would get the bug, but presented with a box of blue fat quarters, told to pick out 12, she was hooked. "It is a great hobby and I love being involved with the Guild and especially the quilt show."

Gwen Penning; has been sewing and quilting off and on since she was 13. She and her grandmother patched and hand quilted 2 quilts together when she was in high school. Working as night school administrator for the OCDSB, she organized interest night courses and workshops for 29 years in West Carleton schools. She has been quilting with Sew What Club in Pakenham for 13 years making quilts for Victoria's Quilts. A member of the Kanata's as well, Gwen has been member of ADQG a few years. Her motto: Keep learning and trying something new!

Pat Campbell; has lived full time in Fitzroy Harbour since 1978. Teaching sewing (garment and serger) has been her passion and she has also done weddings and alterations. She started quilting in the early 90's and working in various fabric shops has fed that habit. As leader of the Sew What Club in Pakenham, quilting has enabled her to enjoy volunteer work.

This month...

Guest Speaker Cathy Price has been quilting for 12 years, a Perth guild member for 10 years. She has 2 different patterns that she has created for Blocks of the Month for Guilds. She loves trying different methods from tradition to artsy. Cathy and her sister like to work on the same project but in their own preferences of colours and fabrics to see the results. This trunk show will be full of variety!

Challenges

We would like each one of our members to try one of our challenges this year. Then we will know that we have inspired you! Of course, you are very welcome to try several!

Bed Runner: Many of our kids and grandchildren are not "into quilts". When I have travelled, I have noticed that condos and hotels are using bed runners instead of bedspreads, for obvious reasons. This is a modern way to use your quilting. You can make a bed runner for the fall and a different one for the spring etc. We thought that it might be an idea to use as a gift for Xmas, weddings, graduation or for the spare room etc It will be less work than a whole quilt, less fabric, less money and you will finish it! Let's bring these in for the May meeting.

Shoebox: Put a foreign block in a shoebox, along with your scraps and any fabric that you would like to add. They will be traded, finished in a pattern decided by the receiver of the box and returned to the owner at the June meeting. The quilter can add fabric of their own but should try to use most of what is in the shoebox. You won't

believe what creative minds this guild has! Why not give it a try!

I Spy! I spy several members who will do this challenge! Sign up for the challenge at break time and we'll let you know how many 6" blocks you bring in each month. Since I didn't understand how it worked, maybe someone else won't either. If we have 9 members in a group, then you bring in 9 pieces of the same fabric or can be different. Someone will sort them out during the meeting, and you will go home with a group of 9 different fabrics (including your own) that night. Each month you repeat the same process, bringing a different fabric. We have a theme for the month, so the variety keeps varying. We are giving you all the months in case you want to shop all in one visit: **October**-Animals-far, **November**-animals-wild, **December**-toys, **January**-construction machines, **February**-Transportation-cars, trucks, airplanes, buses etc., **March**-fish, **April**-food-vegetables & fruit, **May**-birds, **June**-sports.

Border Print Workshop

This is so much fun because no one can guess how their quilt will look in the end. The entire inside quilt is created from one border print! You will cut and sew most of the blocks in this workshop. It is a simple pattern so everyone can do it. **Don't buy fabric until you have confirmation that the class is a go!** We need 10-12 members to run the workshop. Maximum is 15. See the samples on display. Hopefully, the date and place can be confirmed at the September meeting.

QUILT GUILD SURVEY

The Program Committee will be passing out a survey at the first meeting in September. Please take a couple of minutes to fill it out. Let the program people know what you would like to see and hear at the guild. This info is important to us when we are planning for speakers and demo nights. Some events you'll be asked to show your interest will include: Mystery Quilt, Quilt Challenge, Workshops, Sew Days, Art Quilts, Traditional Quilts, Appliqué, Paper Piecing, Quilt As You Go, Retreat, Block of Month, Fabric exchange, Gadget Night, Sew Nights; as well as: Would you be willing to have your name and/or email/phone number on a list? Would you be interested in doing a demo or teaching a workshop, etc.?

Retreats

We are offering you ladies two retreats this year. **Province Point** in Lanark is the location because it is close and the facilities meet our needs and their prices are great. We chose the two months of the year that we find we need to have something exciting to cheer us up! It will be Monday-Thursday (**November 16-19**) during the week for those of us who could get away and then Thursday to Sunday (**January 21-24**) for those who work, wanting a winter break but couldn't go south or want to go twice! We need a minimum of **16** and maximum of **22**. First people with their cheques to us are the ones in. 2-3 people /room depending on the number going. Most rooms have their own full bathroom. Everyone would have their own 5-6 foot table. No need to put anything away till the end of the retreat. Food served there is good quality. Feel free to bring a bottle of wine or snacks for the evenings. Tea and coffee available all day. All taxes included:

November: **\$217 Monday evening, 3 meals on Tuesday, 3 on Wednesday and 2 or bunch on Thursday**
 \$197 Tuesday dinner to Thursday lunch or brunch
 \$187 Tuesday after dinner to brunch on Thursday
January: **\$217 Thursday evening, 3 meals on Friday, 3 on Sat., and 2 or brunch on Sunday**
 \$197 Friday dinner to Sunday lunch or brunch
 \$187 Friday after dinner to brunch on Sunday

Publicity: Judith Cave is doing publicity this year. Be sure to say hello and check out the bulletin board at the Guild meeting for ads and items for sale.



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Show and Tell

Participants in June's **Show and Tell** were: Pat Woytowich, Mary deVries, Joanna Vlaming, Janet Brownlee, Brigid Whitnall



Meeting Events

Date	Event	Details
September 23	1st Meeting & Guest Speaker	First meeting of 2015 season. Guest Speaker and Trunk Show: Cathy Price from the Perth Guild.
October 28	Guest speaker	Known as the "Accidental Artist" Mary Pal is a fibre artist and the speaker of the month.

Workshops are available to all members who sign up and are held at the Arnprior & District Library (www.arnprior.library.on.ca) on the Saturday following the guild meeting (unless otherwise stated), from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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. Meetings are generally on the 4th Wednesday of each month (with some exceptions.)

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, who also coordinate the snack roster. 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! Thank you.

Congratulations!

*Last June's Winner of
Gift Basket: **Sarah Rodger***

*BOM: **Liz Gray***

*50/50 Draw: **Liz Gray***

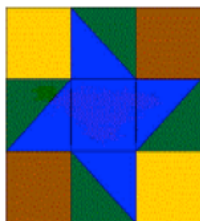
*Guess The Number of Pages: **Lucy Voss***

*Double Dutch prize: **Jane Etmanski***

*Shoe Box prize: **Chris Gordon***

*Door Prizes: **Susan Watt, Liz Gray, Margaret Fisher, Johanne Vajda***

*Free Membership for next year: won by **Gwen Pennings***



We welcome contributions!

Do you have a quilting related story or contribution you would like to share? Please let us know about information or web sites that you find of particular interest that you'd like to share via this newsletter with our guild members. You can reach us at our guild email address 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.

Upcoming Events

Quiltco Show and Sale 2015, Ottawa, Ontario

September 26 - September 27, 2015

Glebe Community Centre, 175 Third Avenue at Lyon, Ottawa

Admission \$6. *Contact:* Patty Deline 613 260 1077 *Email:* pdeline@rogers.com, www.quiltco.ca

Hanging by a Thread, Oakville, Ontario

September 12 - October 4, 2015

Queen Elizabeth Park Community and Cultural Centre - 2303 Bridge St.

Contact: Janet Rhind 905-825-3265, *Email:* mcatalfamo@cogeco.ca

Quilts on the Rocks 2015, Sudbury, Ontario

October 3 - October 4, 2015

Sudbury and District Quilting and Stitchery Guild

Parkside Centre, 140 Durham Street, Sudbury, Ontario

Contact: Susan Young, Quilts on the Rocks, Co-Convenor 705 560 2544, *Email:* susanyoung@eastlink.ca

Website: www.sdqsg.com

Everything Quilts 2015, City of Kawartha Lakes, Ontario

Saturday October 3, 2015 10 am to 6 pm

Lindsay Fairgrounds, Commonwell Building

ADMISSION \$2.00

Contact: Sheryl Wallis 705-878-5081, *Email:* campaignleader@ckl.unitedway.ca

Website: www.everthingquilts.ca

Waterloo County Quilters' Exhibit, Waterloo, Ontario

October 16 - October 17, 2015

Manulife Financial Sportsplex, 2001 University Ave E. Waterloo

\$7.00 admission. *Contact:* Marg Notar or Bonnie Murdoch 519-576-9979 or 519-725-9455

Email: gamh78@sentex.ca or bandbmurdoch@rogers.com

Website: www.wcquiltersguild.on.ca

Georgina Pins & Needles Quilt Show, Sutton, Ontario

October 17 - October 18, 2015

3 Fairpark Lane, Sutton Ontario L0E1R0

ADMISSION \$5.00. *Contact:* Vivienne Samis 905-722-5360

Email: sambo_co@hotmail.com

Strolling Down Quilters Lane, Teeswater, Ontario

DATE & TIME

October 23 - October 24, 2015

Guest Artist Joni Newman will do Make'N Take Demos and Trunk Show both days starting at 11:00am. Rosalie Tennison, Certified Quilt Appraiser will appraise your quilt for your own interest or insurance for \$60.00 per quilt.

\$6.00 admission. *Contact:* Michelle Phillippi *Email:* 5starquiltguild@gmail.com

For more listings of upcoming quilt shows visit the Canadian Quilters Association website:

<http://www.canadianquilter.com/event>