

Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild Newsletter

OCTOBER 2015

President's Message - Challenge has been issued

It was great to see everyone at our September meeting. I hope you are all as excited as I am for another great year.

*To recap the **President's Challenge 2015/2016** - the challenge for this year is to create a small quilt, no bigger than 24" square challenging yourself to try something new. The note on the label should detail what new thing you tried, whether a technique, ruler, or template. You may want to try a modern version of a traditional block.*

The program team and I just returned from an Inter guild meeting where 17 local guilds were in attendance. We have these meetings twice a year and it is a great way of sharing knowledge and experience. We decided to move ahead with the Canada 150 project and I am on that committee! At the October meeting, I will share what some of the other guilds are doing. I will be asking the guild members for ideas and themes for our own contribution. We can vote in November on what we would like to do based on the ideas that come in.

On a final note, our Charity and Program folks are hard at work planning and coordinating various activities and requests that have come in to the guild. We will be looking to the members for participation in these various activities and some of the timelines are short (i.e. Placemats and Christmas stockings). I want to thank everyone ahead of time! We manage to come together and support these causes and it is one of the things that makes me really proud to belong to this guild.

Happy Fall,

Brigid Whitnall, President

The New ADQG Executive for 2015-2016

President: Brigid Whitnall

Vice President: Chris Gordon

Secretary: Liz Gray

Treasurer: Jan Smith

Program: Gwen Pennings, Joyce Murray, Pat Campbell

Membership: Penny Carruthers

Publicity: Judith Cave

Library: Margaret Fisher



Charity: These are the charity projects that are in the works...

We will be providing cut out fabric for **Christmas stockings** at the October meeting. The stockings will be given to the Arnprior Food bank, which provide 200 boxes of Christmas fare for families . If you wish, you can make up stockings with your own fabric. The stockings will be filled with personal grooming supplies- toothbrush, paste, shampoo and soaps etc. The CWL (Catholic Women's League) will supply the contents. However if you wish to provide contents they will not be refused.

Another of our Christmas projects are **placemats** for Meals on Wheels. Similar to last year, the reversible placemats should have Christmas fabric on one side and non-Christmas on the other. The size of the placemats is not specific, but average size is 14" x 18".

After September's meeting The Railroad Crossing charity quilt was presented to a guild member's husband (who preferred not to be identified) who is suffering from cancer, for which they are very grateful for our efforts and generosity.

Last month's meetings we collected **27 preemie quilts**. Please go to the website:
<http://www.arnpriordistrictquiltersguild.com> for Charity Preemie quilt instructions.



Library: Welcome new and old members, the guild library is very well stocked with a great variety of quilting books and patterns. These can be borrowed on a monthly basis. If you have a request for a special book, please let me know. If any member has recent magazines they would like to donate, these are gratefully received, we sell them at 25cents each and any money raised will go towards new books. Don't forget to participate in the "**guess the number of pages**" competition. The person who guesses correctly will win the book. So happy browsing!



Treasurer:

Closing balance Oct. 14, 2015: **\$7793.48**

Charity account is the same as last month: **\$ 3,647.53**

Membership: There were 58 signed in members and 1 guest for September meeting. We have 63 returning and 2 new members this year.

Program:



This Month's Guest Speaker: Mary Pal is a Canadian fibre artist best known for her cheesecloth portraits. Her work has been exhibited internationally, purchased for private and museum collections throughout North America as well as published in several books and magazines and on television. A teacher for over 35 years, she enjoys sharing her passion for textile art with students all over the world. She is an enthusiastic promoter of the fibre art movement.

November's speaker is **Alma Eccles**-**Bust Your Stash**

Challenges

It is not too late to sign up for any of the following challenges if you weren't here last month or if you forgot to do so. We were very happy with the number of the people who did. Also thank you to all who took time to fill out a survey.

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 they can be different. Someone will sort them out during the meeting, and you will go home with a group of 9 different fabric (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 a list of 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 - Good-vegetables & fruit

May - Birds

June - Sports

Border Print Workshop

This quilt is so much fun and you will enjoy the surprising results because no one can guess how their quilt will look in the end. The entire inside quilt is created from one border print or striped motif! You will cut and sew most of the blocks in this workshop. It is a simple pattern so everyone can do it. Maximum is 15 people. See the samples on display at the Guild meeting. Date is **Saturday, Oct. 31, at the Library, 9:30-3 pm.**

You can still join if you can go shopping at this late date. The cost is **\$25.**

Machine Quilting workshop - Wednesday, Feb. 24, 11 am - 4 pm. Teacher: Pat Campbell. The cost: **\$25**

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.

Retreats

We've decided to offer two retreats this year. *Providence 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! We decided to have **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 can'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. All taxes included:

\$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

\$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

2-3 people /room depending on the number going. Most rooms have their own full bathrooms. 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.

Providence Point is a year round retreat centre in Lanark. We have a tentative booking there for Mon.-Thurs., Nov. 16- 19 and Thurs., -Sun. Jan. 21-24. We need to get 16 people to hold our date, otherwise it could be booked to another group or will be cancelled. Therefore if you are interested, we need to have your cheque(s) now. We will accept 2 cheques - a deposit of \$100 now and then the balance in another cheque postdated to January 4th. Numbers will be confirmed before Christmas. January books up fast as everyone is looking for a staycation in the winter.



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The Arnprior and District Museum

8th Annual Antique Quilt Show

Saturday, Nov. 7 to Sunday, Nov. 22

Tuesday to Sunday 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

November 11 – Remembrance Day

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Over 100 antique and vintage quilts on exhibit. This Year Only FOR SALE: A selection of fabrics, notions, patterns, sewing machines, handbags, vintage clothes, scarves and much more donated by the Stein family, the proceeds of which will go to the conservation of the Alison Stein Collection of textiles. Donations of textiles and funds to help conserve this amazingly diverse collection, some of which will be on exhibit, are welcomed. Also for sale- quilts from Antiques, Treasures and Treats.

Last Month's Speaker:

Cathy Price. It was a great Trunk Show by Cathy and the help of her sisters



Congratulations!

Last SEPTEMBER'S Winners:

*Guess the Number of Pages: Library Book - **Mary Devries***

*Gift Basket: **Julie Carroll***

*50/50 Draw: **Dawn Madsen***

*Door Prizes: **Cathy Rodgers, Jean Davis, Geraldine Lynn, Gwen Pennings, Maureen Mooney***



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Do You Use FRIXION Pens? What you should know. *If you're not familiar with Frixion pens, they are a line of pens and highlighters made by Pilot that are erasable. After quilting, you simply steam the ink lines away. Pilot did not design the pens for fabric and did not test them on fabric while developing the concept. But quilters/textile artists had problems with the pens. Sometimes they left a mark after steaming the initial mark away. If the quilt got cold, the marks reappeared. To find out more check out one bloggers opinion:*

<http://quiltskipper.com/2015/08/13/frixion-pens-all-you-need-to-know/>

Show and Tell

Participants in September's **Show and Tell** were: Brigid Whitnall, Chris Gordon, Elly Leben, Mary Cohan-Pekarchuk, Johanne Vijda, Anne Ogletree, Joan Hendrick, Janet Brownlee. More photos are on our website: <http://www.arnpriordistrictquiltersguild.com>



Meeting Notes

NEXT MEETING: November 25th, 2015

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.

Upcoming Events

Strolling Down Quilters Lane, Teeswater, Ontario

October 23, 2015 (10am-5pm)— October 24, 2015 (10am-4pm)

8 Clarinda St, Teeswater, ON \$6.00 admission. *Contact:* Michelle Phillippi *Email:* 5starquiltguild@gmail.com

Stitched Together: The Art and Warmth of Quilts, Brampton, Ontario

November 1, 2015 - February 16, 2016 10:00am-4:30pm

9 Wellington St. E Admission: Adults \$5 Students & Seniors \$4 & Families-2 adults & 5 kids-\$12

Phone: 905-791-4055 *Email:* infopama@peelregion.ca

Quilt Show - Celebrating 10 Twisted Years, Ajax , Ontario

November 6 -7, 2015 (10am-6pm) (10am-5pm)

HMS Ajax Room - Ajax Community Centre, 75 Centennial Road, Ajax

Contact: Fran Sancroft, 905-550-8823 *Email:* fransancroft@gmail.com *Website:* twistedstitchersquiltguild.com

Our Cultural Fabric: The Origins of Bruce County's Quilts, Southampton, Ontario

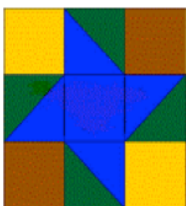
Friday, November 6, 2015 - Saturday January 30, 2016 10am-5pm

Bruce County Museum & Cultural Centre, 33 Victoria Street North

Contact: Shannon Paiva (519)797-2080 *Email:* spaiva@brucecounty.on.ca

Website: <http://www.brucemuseum.ca/>

For more listings of upcoming quilt shows visit the Canadian Quilters Association website: <http://www.canadianquilter.com/event>



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.