

Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild Newsletter

FEBRUARY 2016

GADGET NIGHT A SUCCESS AT JANUARY MEETING

Thank you to all the participants in January's GADGET Show and Tell

Brigid Whitnall, Mary Devries, Chris Gordon, Gwen Pennings, Ellie Leben, Eleanor Kenney, Janet Brownlee, Maureen Mooney, Pat Campbell, Aggie Pilon



President's Message

Happy belated Valentine's Day and early St Patrick's Day!

I was reading all the fabric sales this morning, it seems everyone is offering discounts for Valentine's Day. Next will be St Patrick's Day closely followed by Easter. Do you sew for the seasons? On my wish list is to have mini quilts for each month of the year ... one of these days. They make nice wall hangings or desk top miniatures. A few of our members have these and they are wonderful.

We will celebrate our love of giving by having a charity sew night in February. It is a good time to enjoy each other's company as we sew, chat and just spend time together. There will be sewing/piecing by machine as well as some hand stitching to be done.

Planning is starting already for the 2017 quilt show. Start thinking about how you would like to volunteer, we will need a planning committee very soon.

I have no memory for weather, I rarely remember if last winter was good or bad. I do hope that I have some memory of the wild weather we've had this week. It seems to be a winter of extremes. Super cold to loads of snow. I hope everyone was able to stay warm and safe this week and hopefully next week brings moderation to the weather!

Stay warm this winter, hopefully under a lovely quilt.

Happy sewing,

- **Brigid**

DID YOU KNOW

Suggested Quilt Measurements for Standard Bed Sizes

This information is a guide to planning a quilt for a particular bed. Factors to consider are the mattress size, the mattress thickness, the amount of drop you desire, whether or not to include a pillow tuck, desired distance from the floor, and "take-up" caused by the quilting itself. These dimensions include a 15" drop on the sides and bottom of the quilt. No extra length is included for a pillow tuck. These sizes are designed for use with a dust ruffle. Quilting, if moderate to heavy, may reduce the finished size of your quilt by 1" to 3" or more and should be considered when planning the finished size of your quilt.

Twin quilt sizes (mattress size):

68" x 89" (39" x 76" mattress. Smallest mattress)

Twin X-Long quilt sizes (mattress size):

68" x 94" (39" x 80" mattress. College dorms)

Full/Double quilt size (mattress size):

84" x 89" (54" x 74" mattress. Shorter than Queen)

Queen quilt size (mattress size):

90" x 94" (60" x 80" mattress. Wider and longer than Full/Double)

King quilt size (mattress size):

106" x 94" (78" x 80" mattress. Largest size)

Cal-King quilt size (mattress size):

100" x 98" (72" x 84" mattress. Narrower and longer than King)

Mattress Depths:

Standard: 7" to 9" Deep: 10" to 15" Extra Deep: 15" to 22"



Source: quiltmaker.com



Charity: I have now delivered 7 lap quilts to Seniors at Home in Arnprior. I have also delivered 8 to the Sunshine Coach offices in Renfrew.

The Arnprior location took a photo of one of the quilts with Dennis Harrington and I on my first visit. Apparently, this will be forwarded to Liz who compiles a newsletter for them. I was amazed at how many of the drivers and office personnel wanted to see the quilts. It sure made me feel like Santa. The second delivery was much quieter as there was only one person in the office. That occurred on Tuesday - the day of extra heavy snowfall. I also met Julie Carroll's husband, Ken, who is a driver there.

- **Chris Gordon**

Library: There are several new books in the library including a wonderful one by Kaffe Fassett, mostly small projects but very beautiful all the same. Anything made with his fabrics is always quite lovely. All the details of the books are on the website.

Thank you to all donations. The magazines are particularly popular, they sell for 25 cents and all monies go to new books. So, if you have a pile of fairly recent magazines you can bear to part with, please bring them in, they are gratefully received.



We have many books in the library and you are welcome to borrow them, there are also various patterns available. Every month at the meetings there is a **guess the pages** competition, watch out for this. I try to find a neat book every time, and certainly one that does not list the number of pages on the back cover!

Last month I asked if anyone would like to display a quilt in the public library. These quilts are quite safe, one in a stair well and one behind glass. The size limit is 60 x 66 inches. This is great visibility for the guild especially since we often use a room at the library for workshops. The quilts need a sleeve, no worries, I can pin one on. So, if anyone has something they would like to display please talk to me at the meeting. I am thinking I could change them monthly. - **Margaret Fisher**



Treasurer:

Closing balance: **\$7 382.86**
 Charity account: **\$3 628.03**
 Petty cash: **\$42.10**

- **Jan Smith**

Membership: At the JANUARY meeting we had 54 members in attendance, 2 new members and 5 visitors.

- **Penny Carruthers**



Program: Activity Night - February 24, 2016 - This is an activity night where everyone is going to be busy working on projects for charity. You should bring a hand sewing kit with neutral thread, thimble and scissors. Those ladies who said that they could bring sewing machines are reminded to do so as well as those who said they were bringing a finger presser for seams. Let's see what one night of everyone pitching in can produce!

Yard Sale for April - Spring cleaning and need to pass along some of your purchases from the past? Our April 27th meeting is purge night for you! Let someone else enjoy what you no longer need or want! Arrive shortly after 6pm, set up a table for yourself and the buyers will begin to arrive by 6:30p.m. We will be having a speaker during the regular meeting so shopping will take place before the meeting and at break. Tables are free this year. To reserve a table contact Pat Campbell at 613-623-6310 or bpcampbell100@gmail.com

Speakers for the Year

March - Linda Hobbs - presenter and an opportunity to shop for kits, patterns and wooden created by "the folk village".

April - Leslie Whitby

May - Judy Thomsom & Lynda Smith

I Spy Reminder - Just a reminder, to keep bringing in your blocks every month. If you are going away this winter, please give them to a friend to bring along so we can keep all the nightly packages complete.

If you didn't bring your squares last month, bring both months so Joyce can fill the baggies missing the squares. March: FISH, April: FOOD - VEGETABLES & FRUIT, May: BIRDS, June: SPORTS.

Challenges: Hope that you are working on your *President's Challenge* of doing some new technique you haven't tried before. It should be 24" x 24".

How are the quilted **bed runners** coming along for May?

Shoebox: Hope that you didn't wrap up this box and give it away at Christmas!

- *Gwen Pennings*

COMING IN APRIL... Improv Piecing

Do you have a lot of scraps in all shapes and sizes? Don't know what to do with them? Did you resolve to reduce your scrap bin in 2016? Come play with colours and piece blocks using a different technique. We'll make blocks based on both log cabin and rail fence type looks. We'll have fun experimenting and hopefully you'll overcome your fear of the unknown. Improv is all about putting things together that look like they might fit. Drop by the program table to look at some samples. Brigid Whitnall, April 9, 2016, 9:30 - 3:00, \$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 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (unless otherwise stated). **Workshops**: \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members.*



HUGE SHOUT OUT to Guild member *Beth Wolfe* for

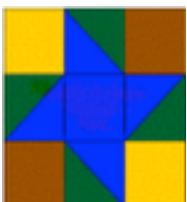
securing a location at Island View at the last minute for the **Border Print workshop** on February 13th when the library was suddenly unavailable due to a water main break at the museum. And thank you to the staff at Island View for the extra effort of providing tables, coffee/ tea and snacks. Everyone enjoyed the workshop!



GADGET NIGHT and DEMO by local vendors was enjoyed by guild members at January Meeting



More photos are on our website: <http://www.arnpriadistrictquiltersguild.com>



*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 trees.*



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Congratulations!

Last month's Winners:

Block of the Month: Barb Devries

Gift Basket: Cathy Rogers

50/50 Draw: Ann Sybiraj

***Door Prizes: Joanna Vleming, Brenda Greeley, Sue Hodgins, Anne Olgletree,
Susan Doran, Patsy MacGarvey, Sue Shute, Liz Carroll***



DO YOU HAVE A CREATIVE FLAIR? Do you like to organize ideas and write about quilting? The NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR position is opening up this spring. This position is a fun and creative way to share guild info with members. If you think this is something you'd like to do please see one of the executive. Elections are this May.



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Meeting Notes

NEXT MEETING: March 23, 2016

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.

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

Upcoming Events

The Canadian Quilters Association (CQA) will be holding their next show in Toronto. It will be held on June 15-18, 2016 at the International Centre in Toronto, at Airport Road and Derry Road.

To find out more about this fascinating show go to: <http://www.canadianquilter.com>. Read about the challenges you can participate in and the various classes they offer during the shows.

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

Don't forget to check the bulletin board at the guild meeting for upcoming events and announcements.

