

Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild Newsletter

MARCH 2016

Welcome Spring!

Now that the sun is around a little longer each day, we can enjoy the sights and sounds of spring in the air. I am taking my spring table runners and wall hangings out, the snowmen have been put away for another year. I love all the spring colours, especially in fabrics!

As a result of missing our last meeting, we'll have a few items to catch up on this meeting. Let's not forget to bring in our squares for the I spy projects and our blocks of the month. Everyone has had an extra month to finish off things for show and tell... I gave mine away, must finish something else now!

I am going to take advantage of my intro to plug my own workshop coming soon on Saturday April 9th. Come see some samples at the meeting of the type of work we will be doing (I have made a bed runner so that I could tick off two boxes!). I have also been reading about improv piecing in a few magazines and will bring some pictures along. It is a technique being adapted by modern quilters but really is for all styles as it depends on the fabric used. When you think of our ancestors using pieces of old clothing, that is where improv got its roots from. You can't get more traditional than that! If you are spring cleaning your stash, the "extras" would be perfect for this workshop. Anything bigger than 1", so that you can still see some fabric after sewing, although, you can work smaller if that is your preference.

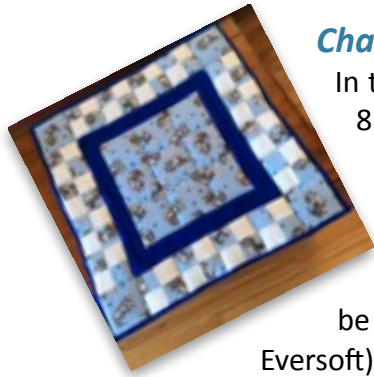
As well, at the March meeting, don't miss signing up for the Quilt Show planning committee. It's Canada's 150th birthday next year so we'll be having some special displays.

I better get hopping (pun intended), lots to do before the meeting!

Happy spring and happy quilting,

Brigid





Charity:

In total 7 lap quilts have been delivered to Seniors at Home in Arnprior and 8 to Sunshine Coach in Renfrew.

Had kits ready to go for the Charity night meeting that was cancelled in February.

Labels for the premie quilts have been received and will be available to be picked up when people pick up premie batting (that is donated by Eversoft).

- **Chris Gordon**



Library:

Be sure to check out the library at Guild and take part in the Guest The Number of Pages for your chance to win that book.

- **Margaret Fisher**



Treasurer:

General Account: \$7720.84

Charity Account: \$3538.70

Petty Cash: 42.10

- **Jan Smith**



Program:

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 woolen 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

Workshops

Machine Quilting Class is rescheduled for **March 24** at the library. It is the same time 11 to 4.

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.



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.

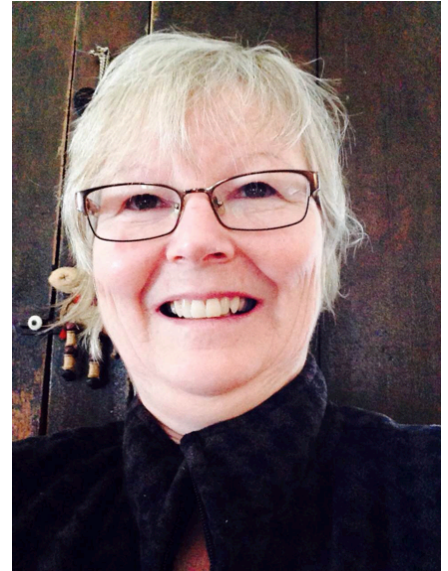
Speaker of the Month

Linda Hobbs

Hi & welcome to “the folk village” or in my part of the country we say “le village artisanal.”

My name is Linda and I have had a passion for quilting and wool appliqué for as long as I can remember.

I live in the country on a dairy and beef farm and love all things country and primitive. I admire the Gatineau Hills from my front porch. The view I have from here is what inspires my creativity. I share my life with my farmer husband, 2 grown sons, daughter-in-law, grand-daughter, and grand-son, lots of cows, chickens, a few bison and resident cats on our 5th generation farm.



Back in the early 90's I thought I would take the quilt world by storm and make the quilting aunts in my family proud. A “trip around the world” design I would attempt. How hard could that be? Four solids....black, cream, burgundy and forest green would be my palette. Get out the scissors and cereal box cardboard....just as I had seen my aunts do before me. I drew each square and cut them all out with scissors and laid them in a pleasing design on the floor. Armed with an old used sewing machine and knowing nothing about ¼” seams or patchwork feet I completed the top of my first quilt. My hand quilting was much to be desired... some might call it basting, lol, but was I proud. I was hooked and couldn't get enough fabric, designs and tools, patterns, books, you name it, I was hungry for knowledge.

I joined a small quilting group, then onto guilds. I was not one to do things “sort of” and before long I was creating my own designs. The “folk village” began to take shape back in 2002. I designed and sold patterns under the folk village name while working at a local quilt shop. I leaned toward the simple country style. Later I designed and taught landscape patterns under the name “Quality Quilts”.

I always seemed to get pulled back to the simple, or “country style” quilting shall we say. Wool appliqué had been a yearning of mine for some time. I love the feel of the wool, the simple stitches and easy style of the shapes. Dying my own wool and providing shops with my “coloured with care” bundles while teaching a wool club has been a realized passion.

My hope is that readers of “the folk village” blog will be inspired to be creative and try something new. “Folks” never know what they can do if they don't try.

I am humbled to have the opportunity to share my passion with all of you.

Cheers, from Me.

<https://thefolkvillage.wordpress.com>

WE HAVE AN IMMEDIATE OPENING FOR OUR PUBLICITY CHAIR

We will be voting on a new name for the role as well as clearer duties proposed below:

Publicity Chair - proposed renaming to Communications Chair

Duties include the following:

- *Act as liaison between the Guild and the Community*
- *Directs and co-ordinates the activities of the photographer, newsletter coordinator and website*
- *Responsible for external advertising and guild community board*
- *Knowledge of email and basic computer skills required*

Please see one of the executive if you are interested in volunteering for this position



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MeetingNotes

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, April 27th

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:

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.

Sunshine Quilt Show, Orillia, ON, Ontario

Saturday April 16, 2016

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. April 16 & 17, 2016

Trillium Manor, 12 Grace Ave., Orillia, ON

\$5.00 per person, men admitted free

Contact: Marilyn Lippert

Phone: 705 259-0854

Email: Marilyn.lippert@rogers.com

www.orilliaquiltersguild.com.

Quilted Expressions, Oakville, Ontario

Friday April 29 - Sunday May 1, 2016

Fri 10-4, Sat 10-4, Sun 11-4

2245 Speers Road, Oakville ON L6L 6X8

\$8.00

Contact: Joanne Forsythe

Phone: 905-339-3626

Email: jpforsythe@gmail.com

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

Piecemakers 2016 Quilt Show, St. Marys, Ontario

Thursday April 21 - Saturday April 23, 2016

Pyramid Centre, 317 James St., South, St. Marys, ON

\$7.00

Contact: Janice Hawkins

Phone: 519-284-0104

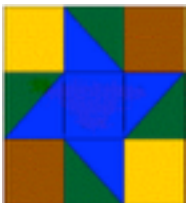
Email: len.hawkins@rogers.com

Website: www.huronperthquiltersguild.com

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.



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