

## Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild Newsletter

APRIL 2016

### President's Message

*What a difference a month makes! I read my last message prior to starting on the new one and laughed at how I pushed the season a little with my last message! Hopefully all the bad stuff is behind us so that our snowbirds can make their way home in nicer conditions.*

*I am looking forward to our April meeting, we are having a great speaker as well as our yard sale. The question for me is do I purge some older pieces in the "what was I thinking" pile or do I add to the collection, maybe find something to match up with those same pieces.*

*A reminder that we are still looking for volunteers for next year's quilt show organizing committee.*

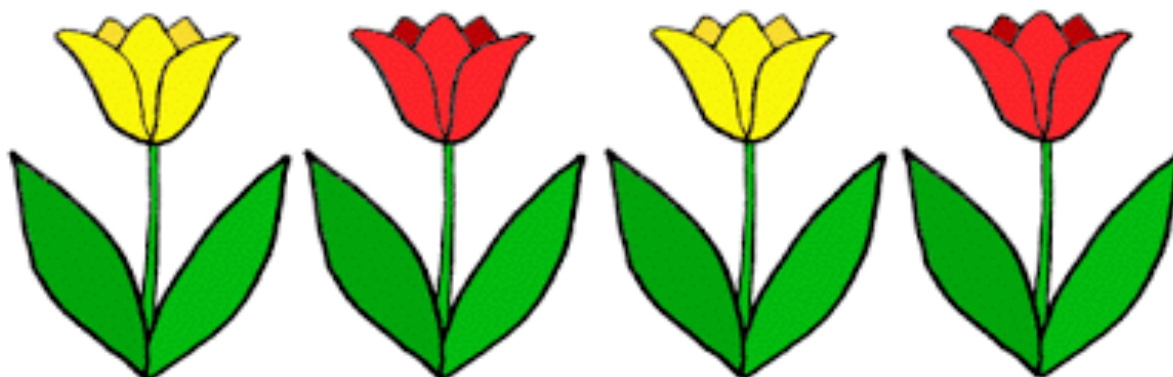
*Challenges, including the president's challenge, are due in June this year. The president's challenge is a small project (suggested size maximum 24 x 24). There is still lots of time to get started if you have not already. The challenge was to make something using a technique or tool that you have never tried... Those who took the improv workshop in April have a head start! They were certainly challenged out of their comfort zone. I hope at the end of the day that it was fun too.*

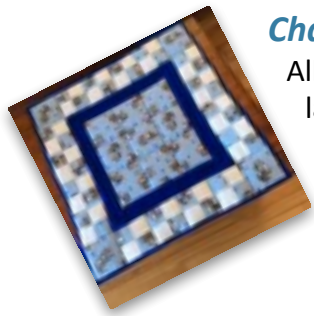
*I was reading a few other blogs over the past week talking about Improv Piecing. I did not realize how trendy we were when we planned that workshop. What a nice coincidence. It reinforces my pride in our guild. We really are a diverse group showcasing many styles and talents.*

*The bulbs are sprouting, but it's still too early to be in the garden, perfect time to get quilting!*

*Happy Quilting,*

*Brigid*





### Charity:

All the preemie quilts are now sporting labels. I applied 35 labels of the "iron-on" variety last week. There is a knack to peeling off the backing so that the glue stays with the label and not the paper.

I am unable to have a table or be at the April meeting as I am away with my granddaughter and her parents !!!

Have a great sale and meeting. See you in May.

- **Chris Gordon**

### Library:

Our guild library is stocked with so many exciting books on every aspect of quilting. Perhaps you are looking for that special book to help with a new project or a perfect bed time novel with another twist on a quilting adventure. I encourage you all to peruse our collection before the meeting starts or at coffee time. You can borrow several books at a time, just note down your name and book title. I ask that all books are returned for the May meeting. The June meeting is a potluck and the library is not available on that day. Also watch for our ever popular, **Guess The Number of Pages**. Some people are very good at guessing the answer or perhaps practice makes perfect.

- **Margaret Fisher**



### Treasurer:



Closing balance: **\$7705.74**

Charity account: **\$3290.99**

Petty cash: **\$42.10**

- **Jan Smith**

### Program:



**Yard Sale** - Pat ( 613 623-6310) tables are free but we must know ahead of time. Bring extra money to shop and come early to shop-6:30 pm!

**May Speakers** - Judy Thomson and Lynda Smith Trunk Show

**Block of the Month** - Thank you to Mary and Joanna for doing block of the month for the last 2 years. You have done a great job and challenged us all with wonderful sewing ideas for quilts. Now they would like a rest.

Join our team on the executive and keep the members happy sewing! We are looking for one or two people to volunteer to do this job for the next 2 years. With all the ideas on Pinterest and great magazines in the library, it will be hard to choose which ones to pick. See Gwen, Pat or Joyce to apply for this all important position!

**Border Print Quilts** - Show and Tell-Bring in your finished border print quilts from the workshops (even if they aren't quilted) for a group show and tell for the May meeting.

**Shoe Box and Bedrunners** - Hope you are working on your challenges for the June meeting or are you already finished??

**ISpy** - If you are behind in your blocks, please bring them in to Joyce and catch up. Remember to bring in your 9 blocks not 8, it makes the job so much easier when sorting!

- **Gwen Pennings**

**FOR THE APRIL MEETING:** Please bring some crayons in the primary colours – red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple. Crayons, markers, pencils – anything with colour will be ok.

## Speaker of the Month - *Leslie Whitby*

### “How I pick my colours”

I love bright colours and unusual patterns and putting them together. I will share with members some advice on how to pick the colours you like and want to use in a quilt.

Leslie started quilting about 15 years ago, joined her first guild the month she retired in 2009. This year, she is the President of the Kanata Quilt Guild (4th year), Past President of the Almonte Quilters Guild (President 2012-2014), Chair of the River Bend Long Arm Quilters (since 2012) and the CQA/ACC



Vice President. She was humbled to be asked to be an Artist in Residence for the Ottawa Valley Quilt Guild show this year as she had never thought of herself as an artist. Leslie's vision is to build a community of quilters and people interested in quilting, where we can each share our individual talents and interests, learn from each other, and support our community with charitable works. She is thrilled to be on the CQA/ACC Board as we soon celebrate Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday through quilting – a project that she currently leads for the board.



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## **Congratulations!**

### ***Last month's Winners:***

***Block of the Month: Eleanor Kenny***

***Gift Basket: Suzanne de Joode***

***50/50 Draw: Shirley Fedoruk***

***Library book: Liz Carroll***

***Door Prizes: Jackie Klodt, Nicole Box, Liz Carroll, Emma Russell, Brenda Greeley,  
Gwen Pennings, Mary Cohen- Pekarchuk,***



***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.***



## Show and Tell

Thanks to the following participants in March's Show and Tell: Joanna Vlaming, Brigid Whitnall, Chris Gordon, Beth Wolfe, Sue Shute, Eleanor Leben, Dawn Madsen, Margaret Fisher, Shirley Cavanagh, Mary Cohen-Pekarchuk, Anne Ogletree, Shirley Fedoruk, Rennie Hickey, Pat Woytowich



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

## Meeting Notes

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### **NEXT MEETING: May 25th, 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **ADQG Executive for 2015-2016**

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**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





**Linda Hobbs** (and cheering crowd) were a big hit at last month's Guild meeting. "I'm just a farmer and I like to quilt", is how she described her style and love all things country and primitive. Her talent with wool appliqué and array of quilt designs was evident in her trunk show.



**IMPROV WORKSHOP** was a lot of FUN!



## Upcoming Events

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### **Etobicoke Handspinners and Weavers Guild's 50th Anniversary, Etobicoke, ON, April 25 - May 15, 2016**

Neilson Park Creative Centre in Etobicoke, Contact: Yvonne Lane Email: [yvonne50MileCoat@gmail.com](mailto:yvonne50MileCoat@gmail.com)

Website: [www.etobicokehandweaversandspinnersguild.com](http://www.etobicokehandweaversandspinnersguild.com)

### **Sew full of Love Quilt Show, Ottawa, ON, Friday May 6 - Monday May 9, 2016**

2451 Riverside Dr., \$10 for the day or \$15 for the weekend

CONTACT INFO FOR COMMON THREAD QUILT GUILD: Contact: Kirstin Fearon 613-851-8021 Email:

[kirstinfearon@gmail.com](mailto:kirstinfearon@gmail.com) <http://www.commonthread.on.ca/QuiltShow.htm>

### **Annual Quilt Show - Celebrating 20 Years of Quilting, Kirkland Lake, ON, May 6 - June 5, 2016 1-3pm**

Museum of Northern History, Kirkland Lake, ON. Contact: Shirley Allen 705-567-4672 Email: [quiltersa@hotmail.com](mailto:quiltersa@hotmail.com)

### **Elliot Lake Quilts North, Elliot Lake, Ontario, Friday May 13, 12 Noon - 8 PM, Saturday May 14, 10 AM - 5 PM**

Gentle Shepherd Church, 3 Ottawa Avenue, Contact: Judy Menzies 705-461-3045 Email: [jmenzies@personainternet.com](mailto:jmenzies@personainternet.com)

### **Quilt Show 2016 - Stitches from the Heart Quilt Guild, Sault Ste Marie, ON, May 14 - 15, 2016 10 am to 4 pm**

Sault College 443 Northern Ave E, Sault Ste Marie, ON. Contact: Frances 705-942-9795 Email: [saultquilts@hotmail.com](mailto:saultquilts@hotmail.com)

### **My Corner of the World - Art Quilt Exhibition, Stratford, ON. May 21 - September 5, 2016. Daily 9:00 - 5:00**

Stratford Perth Museum 4275 Huron Road, Stratford, ON N6A 6S6

\$7 Adults/ \$6 Seniors & Students/ \$20 Family. Contact: Micaela Fitzsimmons 519-393-5311

Email: [micaela@stratfordperthmuseum.ca](mailto:micaela@stratfordperthmuseum.ca) Website: <http://www.stratfordperthmuseum.ca/>

**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.

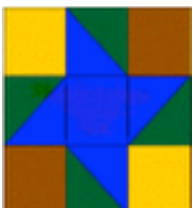
**Quilt of Belonging, Kingston, ON. Royal Kingston Curling Club, June 9-12, 2016.**

**Renfrew Quilt Show, Renfrew, ON. June 11-12, 2016**

**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](mailto: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*