Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild Newsletter

MAY 2016

President's Message

May flowers, they are a hardy bunch! We have had some pretty cool weather this month and I marvel at how well my tulips and daffodils are doing. My very own tulip festival is in full swing. All this colour is a great inspiration for quilting, it makes me want to play with my fabric. Where do you get quilting inspiration from?

May is also a time of renewal for our various positions and executive - it's "election" time! Similar to last year, we will have a poster at the side of the room where you can indicate your choice of position for the next term. I encourage you to approach any of the executive if you have questions around any of the openings. If you travel, you may want to buddy up with someone and share the position. I want to thank the outgoing folks for all their work, our guild is richer thanks to everyone's efforts and dedication.

This is also our wake up call to get those UFOs finished for June ... Whether the President's Challenge, the balance of the I Spy squares, bed runners, border print blocks, improv pieces, etc...

I hope to have packaged blocks for the Canada 150 quilt at the May meeting ready to sign out. There are roughly 70 blocks that need to be made. These are all small blocks as they go in borders. We will need them back at the September meeting to complete the quilt this fall.

For those volunteering or simply attending Quilt Canada in June, enjoy the show. I hope to see you there.

Happy quilting,

Brigid





The Arnprior Guild will be making Christmas stockings again to assist the Arnprior Food Bank. This year they are expecting to make 250 parcels, so please find your Christmas fabrics and we'll provide a pattern in time for the summer.

Preemie quilts continue to arrive, and there will be summer deliveries to the babies.

- Chris Gordon



Library:

Greetings from the library! This will be your last opportunity to peruse and return any books, patterns, novels. Our next meeting in June will be food and party and food!! So, here is a perfect chance to obtain lots of summer reading. The quilting novels, many of them, will be on sale for \$1 each. Imagine, a lazy afternoon in the hammock, whiling away the hours with wonderful quilting stories. I know, hard to imagine with all this chilly weather, but summer will come. One more thing...The Arnprior library is always looking for quilts to hang. These quilts are much admired

by the many visitors to the library. They are hung in un touchable spots and have a attached note describing your quilt in all its beauty. They can be no bigger than 60 x 66 inches. I have sleeves I can attach. So, if you would like to have your quilt admired by many, please speak to me at the meeting or call me 613-622-5967 email 2cvtresbon@gmail.com. Thank you, happy reading!

- Margaret Fisher



Closing balance: \$7447.78 (April 26th)

Charity account: \$2976.56

Petty cash: \$42.10

- Jan Smith



Membership:

We had 58 members sign in and 11 guests. Way to go!

- Penny Carruthers

Program:

Retreat

Yes, we are doing 2 retreats next year! Monday to Thursday, November 7-10 and Thursday to Sunday, January 12-15, at Providence Point, Lanark. The cost will be \$222. Sign up will begin at the June meeting, with \$100 deposit to hold your place. Guild

members will have first come first chance. Do not sign up without the deposit. The

remainder will be paid at September meeting. Again we need 16 people to go.

Ruler/Mat Bag Workshop

Chris Gordon's workshop will run on Thursday, June 23. Supply list will be sent. We need your payment at the May meeting. Thanks to everyone who signed up. We have one space left at the time of writing this newsletter but will be offering it again this fall.

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. otherwise stated). Workshops: \$25 for members, \$30 for non-members.

Block of the Month

Thank you Rennie Hickie and Vickie MacNabb for volunteering for the block of the month. We appreciate it and look forward to your ideas.

Challenges

You are to bring in your President's, Shoebox and Bed Runner Challenges for the June meeting. It will be great to see what you have done this year. If anyone has done anything with their I Spy blocks, bring that in also.

- Gwen Pennings

Speakers of the Month

Judy Thomson and Lynda Smyth Trunk Show

Lynda and Judy are award winning quilters from the Kanata quilt quild, who have been friends for over 10 years. As they belong to many quilting groups, they see al ot of one another. They are traditional quilters with a combined quilting history of over 65 years. Their style is both similar and different with most of their quilts being hand quilted, hand appliquéd and hand pieced. Their trunk show will showcase their quilting evolution from their earlier quilts to their quilts of today.





Fabric ◆ Wool ◆ Patterns ◆ Notions ◆ Sewing Machines ◆ Classes

Authorized Pfaff Sewing Machine and Serger Dealer - Sales and Service

Fabulous selection of Sewing and Embroidery Machines on sale – we are the Pfaff experts!

Does your old sewing machine need a tune up? We can do that too!

Open Mon-Fri 10-5, Sat 9:30-4 106 John St. N, Amprior ON Phone (613) 623-0500 Fax (613) 623-0434 www.sewinspired.ca

Congratulations!

Last Month's Winners:

Block of the Month: Louise Vanden Burg, Marilyn Erskine

<u>Gift Basket:</u> **Anne Sybiraj**

50/50 Draw: Rita Williams

<u>Library book # of Pages:</u> Marilyn Erskine

Door Prizes:

Cathy Rodgers
Brigid Whitnall
Pat Campbell
Penny Carruthers
Paulette Mc Caron
Sarah Rodgers



April Speaker and Trunk Show

Leslie Whitby gave an informative talk and demonstration on the use of colour, its affects, and some do's and don'ts when choosing fabric and thread colours.



NEXT MEETING: June 15, 2016

Potluck – members with last name beginning with **A-K** will provide treats

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 - <u>Please DO NOT park in the church parking lot</u> 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 <u>allergy free</u>. Please <u>no</u> perfume or perfume products! Thank you.

ADQG Executive for 2015-2016

President: Brigid Whitnall

Vice President: Chris Gordon

<u>Secretary:</u> Liz Gray <u>Treasurer:</u> Jan Smith **Program:** Gwen Pennings, Joyce Murray,

Pat Campbell

<u>Membership:</u> Penny Carruthers Communications: Janet Brownlee

Library: Margaret Fisher



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.

ADQG May 2016 Newsletter

SHOW AND TELL

Thanks to all those who participated in April's Show and Tell:

Shirley Fedoruk, Elly Leben, Barb Devries, Brigid Whitnall, Joanne Vlaming, Beth Wolfe, Mary Devries, Anne Ogletree, Karen Macherel, Eleanor Kenny, Maureen Moody, Anne Cruickshank, Joan Hendricks .



Upcoming Events

Annual Quilt Show - Celebrating 20 Years of Quilting Kirkland Lake, Ontario

May 6 - June 5, 2016 1-3pm Museum of Northern History, Kirkland Lake, ON. Contact: Shirley Allen

Phone: 705-567-4672 Email: quiltersa@hotmail.com

My Corner of the World - Art Quilt Exhibition, Stratford, Ontario

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 *Phone:* 519-393-5311 *Email:* micaela@stratfordperthmuseum.ca *Website:* http://www.stratfordperthmuseum.ca/

D.O.T.S. Quilt Show Dunnville, Ontario

May 27 - May 28, 2016. Dunnville Memorial Arena 275 Ramsey Drive, Dunnville, ON Admission \$7.00 *Contact:* Carol Probert *Phone:* 905-701-8798 *Email:* dotsquiltshow@gmail.com *Website:* http://dunnvillequiltguild.com

St. Jacobs Quilt Shows St. Jacobs, Ontario

May 24 - May 28, 2016 Tuesday -Friday 10-7 Saturday 10-3:30 11 Albert St. St. Jacobs NOB 2NO *Contact:* Eleanor Petrie *Phone:* 519 291-4709 *Email:* mepet@sympatico.ca *Website:* www.stjacobs.com

Quilts In Bloom Hamilton, Ontario

June 3 - June 4, 2016 630 Trinity Road, Jerseyville, ON LOR 1R0 ADMISSION: \$8.00 Contact: Gail Berry-Graham Phone: 9053895111 Email: gailberrygraham@yahoo.ca

Mobelto: http://www.bamiltonguiltguild.ca

Website: http://www.hamiltonquiltguild.ca

"Quilt Gems" 2016 Quilt Show Renfrew, Ontario

June 11 10-5, Sunday June 12 11-4

Ma-te-way Activity Centre 1 Ma-te-way Park Drive, Renfrew, Ontario

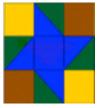
ADMISSION \$6.00 Contact: Barbara Jamieson Phone: 613-432-6005 Email: barbarajamieson38@yahoo.com

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.



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