



Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild

NEWSLETTER
June 2017

President's Message

This newsletter blurb is coming to you live from Quilt Canada. I have seen a few people from our guild as well as folks from the Ottawa area. This is my second day here and there is so much to talk about and be inspired by.

I would like to highlight the Youth Challenge. I was blown away by [the quilts](#). A group from Belleville worked with 10 youth aged 5 and up and created some fantastic pieces. They worked on PD days and went through machine safety, cutting and then piecing and appliqué. I have long wanted to get a group like this underway and feel inspired to do so in our area.

Then there's the [Trend Tex challenge](#) where I saw work by one of our members.

The Ottawa Modern Guild has a special exhibit as do Quilts of Valour, Fibre Art Network and Cantik Batiks.

Of course, what would a quilt show be without shopping! I may have done a bit of that!

Getting to guild business, I want to thank everyone who came forward for next year. I look forward to sitting in the audience for a while... I will try to keep up with my UFO's and have things for show and tell.

Enjoy the summer & happy quilting,

Brigid



Upcoming Meeting

Our last meeting of the season will be on **Wednesday June 21**. This is one of the two yearly potlucks we have, and for this one, members with last names beginning with M through Z are slated to bring food - either an appetizer, main course dish, or dessert. It's a true potluck - no additional pre-planning or sign up occurs and it always seems to work out with a delicious mixture of dishes.

Please bring your own plate and cutlery, and as always, a mug.



Quilt Canada Gallery

Here are a few more of the quilts that Brigid was inspired by at Quilt Canada. See the web site [Home page](#) for more photos

Rennie Hickey won for her landscape quilt!



Stitching A Canadian Memory



Best of Show: Fleur de Glace by Colette Dumont



2016-2017 Executive members and volunteers:

We extend a huge thank you to this year's executive, many of whom are completing their 2 year tenure on the executive, and to other volunteers.

President – Brigid Whitnall
Vice President – Chris Gordon
Secretary – Liz Gray
Treasurer – Jan Smith
Program – Gwen Pennings, Joyce Murray, Pat Campbell
Block of the month – Rennie Hickey, Vickie MacNabb
Kitchen – Barb DeVries, Marilyn Erskine
Communications – Janet Brownlee
Newsletter – Betty Rehbein
Photographer – Emma Russell
Membership – Penny Carruthers
Library – Margaret Fisher



Quilt show committee – Brigid Whitnall, Joyce Murray, Anne Cruickshank, Chris Gordon, Mary DeVries, Marilyn Erskine, Betty Rehbein, Rennie Hickey, Jan Smith, Liz Gray

2017-2018 Executive members and volunteers:

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to serve on our incoming executive beginning on July 1, and to the key volunteers.



President – Donna Sheaves
Vice President – Gwen Pennings
Secretary – Vickie MacNabb
Treasurer – Joyce Murray
Program – Mary DeVries, Chris Gordon, Patti Moore, Joanna Vlaming
Block of the Month – Amanda & Joanne Vajda
Kitchen – Marilyn Robert
Communications – Janet Brownlee
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Retreats for 2017

Gwen Pennings has organized two retreats for the coming guild year.

Dates: 1) Monday to Thursday, November 6-9, 2017
2) Thursday to Sunday, January 11-14, 2018

Cost is still the same at \$222.

Location is Providence Point, Lanark.

At the June meeting, you can make a commitment for your spot by depositing a \$100. Only guild members will be allowed to register at this time.

Membership

Last month we had 54 members, and 3 guests sign in!



Consider pre-paying your \$25 registration fee for the 2017-2018 guild season at the June meeting and you'll have a chance to win a free membership. Due to the success of our recent quilt show, 2 names of lucky winners will be drawn from the members who pre-pay (instead of the usual one). You can fill out a registration form at the June meeting, or bring a filled out form to the meeting. The registration form is available for printing from the web site at http://arnpriordistrictquiltersguild.com/uploads/8/3/7/4/83741968/membership_form_2017-2018.pdf

Notes on our Charities

Please bring your red and white preemies, and your regular preemies to the June potluck meeting. We will be delivering these for the summer.

If anyone has any new suggestions for charity projects please direct them to Gwen as our new Vice-President.

Victoria's Quilts

The mission of Victoria's Quilts Canada (VQC) is to provide handmade quilts to people living with cancer in Canada. The quilts are a gift, and no cost is ever passed on to the quilt recipient or to the person who requests the quilt.

I propose that with our guild's strong focus on charity, we make a financial donation to the Pakenham Branch of Victoria's Quilts in the amount of \$300.00. This would come from the charity account from our quilt show profits. To see what wonderful work this organization does, please see <http://www.victoriasquiltsCanada.com>

There will be a vote on this at the June meeting, so please give it some thought.

Chris Gordon, Charity Co-ordinator and VP

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The **Tim Horton's t-shirt quilt** that was constructed by Marilyn Erskine and Brigid Whitnall and shown at the May meeting raised an amazing \$500 in the silent auction for the Send a Kid to Camp programme. This stunning and fun 60" x 70" quilt was commissioned by the 2 local Tim Hortons outlets who also provided the t-shirts.





Congratulations, May Winners!

50/50 Draw: Jane Etmanskie

Gift Basket: Chris Gordon

Block of the Month: Frank and Paulette McCarron(2 draws)

Guess the Number of Pages: Mary DeVries

Door Prizes: Janet Brownlee, Sue Hodgins, Mary DeVries, Patti Moore, Liz Gray, Margaret Fisher, Julie Carroll, Vickie MacNabb, Emma Russell

Canada's Big Quilt Bee has surpassed its goal! We would like to thank everyone who participated, especially Claudette Trail who quilted and bound so many of our tops.



Upcoming Quilt Shows

Date	Location	Sponsor
June 23-24	Markdale, ON	<i>Sew Much to Celebrate, Eh!</i> Queen's Bush Quilters
Sept 16	Kanata, ON	Kanata Quilt Guild (see poster below)
Sept 16-17	Bobcaygeon, ON	<i>2017 Harvest of Quilts</i> Settlers' Village Quilters
October 13-14	Norval, ON	Halton Hills Quilters Guild

For more information about these quilt shows, check out the Events board at the guild meeting, or our [guild web site](#). The Canadian Quilters' Association web site includes an extensive [Events page](#).



Quilt of Belonging

To help celebrate Canada's 150th, and Ottawa's theme "Ottawa Welcomes the World", we are so excited to announce that **Quilt of Belonging** will be in OTTAWA next month! Celebrate Canada Day (week) with a visit to see the Quilt in Ottawa City Hall, 110 Laurier Avenue West, open to the public at **no charge**, from **June 23rd until July 5th**. Our volunteers will be on hand to tell the stories of the blocks and their makers between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m., although the venue itself is open twenty hours a day.

A richly hued portrait of the human family, Quilt of Belonging is a 120 foot (36 metres) long collaborative textile art project. Its 263 blocks portray the rich cultural legacies of all the First Peoples in Canada and every nation of the world at the dawn of the new Millennium. Over 1.4 million visitors have seen the Quilt. The Quilt of Belonging companion book is in its fourth printing and the 48-minute documentary is receiving rave reviews. This artwork is also used in a variety of projects and education programs, creating an impact nationally and around the world. Quilt of Belonging is our collective gift to Canada — a tribute to all its peoples who together have woven the nation's fabric, a vision of the way our country and the world can live in peace. See <https://www.quiltofbelonging.ca>



More Information

To keep you informed between guild meetings, the guild [web site](#) is being updated regularly with information and photos from our guild activities. See the [blog](#) for information about the May meeting (and other previous guild meetings) including pictures from the guest presentations. The May meeting blog entry includes a number of the references that Laura Piggott provided for modern quilting and links to their web sites. The [show and tell page](#) features pictures of your quilts.

Do you have a quilting related story or contribution you would like to share with other guild members in the newsletter or on the web site? Please let us know about information or web sites that you find of particular interest. You can reach us at our guild email address arnpriorquilters@gmail.com, or using the form on the web site [Contact page](#).

Janet Brownlee, Communications
Web site: www.arnpriordistrictquiltersguild.com

Meeting Notes

Where? Our guild meetings are held at the Christian Education Centre at 257 John Street in Arnprior.

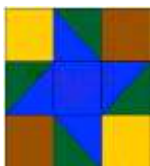
When? Meetings start at 7 PM and our doors open at 6:30. Meetings are generally on the 4th Wednesday of each month (with some exceptions.)

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.



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.