

## Arnprior and District Quilters' Guild

**NEWSLETTER**  
November 2017

### ***President's Report***

The leaves are gone, the sun beds early, and the snow is not far away. I have selected my images for the Presidents challenge, "Sea Side", my happy place. I'm gathering my fabric and my pattern which I hope to show you soon. Here is the image I have selected from a magazine to inspire my quilt. I hope many of you will participate as well.



We are very excited about our guest speaker this month. Sherri Hisey will be at the meeting to speak about settings and borders as well as present a trunk show. You can read more in the programs section of this newsletter.

We are pleased to see so many new members. Janet Brownlee has graciously agreed to take on the role of Ambassador to help our new friends get acquainted with the guild offerings and our group. If you see Janet with a new member, please introduce yourself to make our new friends feel more at home and find out about their interest in quilting.

If we need to cancel a meeting due to bad weather, we will send out an email around noon to advise the members. Since many of you arrive with a friend, if you see an email about the cancellation, help out others that may not check their email often and let them know. If you personally feel the weather is not good for traveling, your safety must be the first priority, do not venture out to the meeting.

*Donna Sheaves, President*



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## ***Program Notes***



### **November 22 Meeting**

**Sherri Hisey**, Border Street Station Pattern Company  
Settings and Borders with Trunk Show

Are you ready to set those blocks into a design of your own? Sherri will share with you the importance of balance in a quilt's visual space, how to keep it simple when decoding the math and some basic rules of thumb of quilt designing. Getting it together in a unique and personal way is key to Sherri's distinctive teaching style-- there is always a way to process your creative thoughts and ideas into a finished project just let your imagination soar!



Sherri will also have some of her patterns and quilting items for sale so don't forget your money.

### **REMINDER!!**

Please bring in your bright fat quarters for the Raffle Quilt project. Thank you

### **Looking Ahead**

December 13, 2017	Guild Meeting - Holiday Potluck (A-L bring food); <b>See Note below</b>
January 24, 2018	Guild Meeting - Charity Night
February 28, 2018	Guild Meeting - Demo Night
March 28, 2018	Guild Meeting - <i>to be determined</i>
April 25, 2018	Guild Meeting - Jan Kittle - Using rulers when quilting
May 23, 2018	Guild Meeting - Elections /Challenges due
June 20, 2018	Guild Meeting - End-of-year Potluck: (M-Z bring food)

### **December 13 Meeting**

There will be a Regular Show and Tell as well as a Themed Show and Tell. We would like members to bring in their first or nearly first quilt and tell the story regarding it.

Please arrive early, so that we can start eating between 6:45 and 7 PM.

Members should bring the following:

- Cutlery, plate and cup
- Christmas quilts, wall hangings, table runners etc. to decorate the hall for the meeting
- Members with surnames A-L will bring food.

Final payment for January 11-14 retreat is due.

## **Workshops**

### **Sew Day**

Fifteen keen sewers met at Island View Suites for a Sew Day on Thursday November 16th. We worked at paper piecing wedge shaped blocks for the quilt we will be raffling in 2019. Mary DeVries and Rennie Hickey are the geni behind this project. Twelve wedges will be joined to make a circle of buildings in the "community" this quilt represents. I worked on a school, church and house with a double window. The quilt will be a real eye-catcher.

While working in the activity room our group of quilters were visited by many residents interested to see our work. We enjoyed pizza and salad from Mama Rosa's.

Thanks to Island View for inviting us to meet without charge. We appreciate the generosity shown to our Guild. [Pictures](#)

### **Big Bag Workshop**

There will be a Big Bag Workshop offered on March 6th, 2018, given by our own Johanne Vajda. Sign up will start at the November meeting.

### **Workshop Costs**

When we run workshops our customary fee is \$25 per workshop. Workshops are first offered to ADQG members. If there is still room we will open the workshops to members of other guilds at the same cost. This policy has been accepted at the Interguild meeting to which our Guild belongs.

*Chris Gordon, Workshop Co-ordinator*

### **Retreats**

The retreat on **November 6-9** was enjoyed by all. The food was great. We all worked on projects that we brought. We shared techniques with one another. Played a game of BINGO each night and enjoyed the camaraderie of fellow Quilters. I think I can truly say we all had a great time!



See [Fall Retreat 2017 on the blog](#) for more pictures.

I would appreciate it if anyone going to the January retreat (**January 11-14**) would please bring the final payment to the December 13, 2017 Christmas potluck meeting.

*Joanna Vlaming, Retreat Coordinator*



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## **Congratulations, October Winners!**

### *Block of the Month:*

Sue Hodgins,  
Ada Gawlik

### *50/50 Draw:*

Gwen Pennings

### *Gift Basket:*

Brenda McLeod

### *Door Prizes:*

Joyce Trafford, Gail Bouchea,  
Eleanor Leben, Patti Moore,  
Kathy Foster

### *Guess the Number of Pages:*

Debbie Cauvier

## **Challenges**

Don't forget to take part in our challenges this year!

- Recycled Denim Challenge
- Carrier/Container/Bag/Tote Challenge
- President's Challenge

Details can be found on the [web site](#) (or the October issue of the newsletter).

*Mary DeVries, and your Program Team*

## **Mystery Quilt**

The instructions for the first part of the mystery quilt are now available on the website on the [Mystery Quilt page](#).

### **Mystery Quilt FAQ's**

Q: How do I put the rows together?

A: You don't. Just sew the maple leaf blocks together into 2 rows of 6 maple leaves each.

Q: How do the 9 patches go together?

A: Like a checker board. Make 2 different piles of 9 patches, pile one with dark coloured centers, pile two with light coloured centers. Take a nine patch from pile one, then one from pile two, one from pile one etc. until there are 12 across. Make 2 rows of 12 nine patches.

Check the [Mystery Quilt page](#) on the web site for new questions that are raised.

## Membership



We now have 83 members! Last month there were 9 renewals, 3 new members, and 4 guests. If there are any questions, just email (carrpen2@hotmail.com).

The annual membership fee is \$25 and new members are very welcome!

*Penny Carruthers, Membership*

A business card for 'The PickleDish Quilt Shop and Studio'. The card features a colorful quilt pattern on the left side with the text 'express yourself' written vertically. The contact information includes Jan Kittle, phone number 613-212-8770, email Jan@ThePickleDish.ca, and the website www.thepickledish.ca. The address is 24 Lake Ave West, Carleton Place ON K7C 2V4. Below the card is a photograph of a two-story brick house with a white porch.

## Notes on our Charities

### Wheelchair Lap Quilts

This past month I visited The Grove with 4 finished lap wheelchair quilts. Tracey was very excited about the bright colours, warmth and love they were going to provide the residents. She loved that they had something Canadian in all four but of course that is not necessary. However, she quickly decided that they wouldn't be Christmas presents for individuals but become property of The Grove because they could be passed on to another resident to extend their use. We also decided to make the small quilt a little larger-**23 x27**. If you have already made yours, no problem. It will be happily accepted.

Tracey would like us to put the Velcro on the second strap, opposite to the first strap. Ex. If the fuzzy part is close to the quilt on strap 1, put the fuzzy part on the end away from the quilt on strap 2. This way, if a person is not in a wheelchair, it can be strapped around their waist like an apron. If they get up to walk, they won't trip over it. We will continue to make lap quilts throughout this year until we have enough for all the residents.

Another suggestion is to round the corners on the ends that will hang down on the wheelchair, so they don't get caught.

18 partial kits have gone out so far.

### **Bibs for the Grove**

Brigid Whitnall has kindly donated 15 bibs for us to pass on to The Grove. Tracey was also very excited about getting these bibs as they will be used when the day program goes out on their tours and they are more fashionable than the regular "institution" bib. Thank you, Brigid! I have delivered these and taken a picture.

### **Placemats and Drawstring Bags**

Please bring in your placemats and drawstring bags with you to the November meeting. We have 26 bags done after our retreat; thanks to the ladies.

### **Batting**

I ordered 20 m of batting so we should have lots to make our projects.

### **Preemies**

Jan delivered 5 last month.

I will have batting cut for more preemies, so see me.

### **Charity Night in January**

As part of our charity night, I would like to have you make partial kits for wheelchair lap quilts and preemie quilts. Therefore, if you have any UFO quilt blocks/fabric laying around that you would like to donate to these kits, I would be happy to accept them. I think members like to sew from an assembled kit. Please add these to the Charity table at the November or December meetings.

### **Request for a Quilt**

Bruce Hill has requested a quilt for the Arnprior Hospital foundation's annual "Knight in the Maritimes" dinner which takes place in May. It will be auctioned off with the proceeds going to support hospital equipment purchases. Since I (Gwen) will be away for part of the winter, I don't want to take charge of this important activity. I am hoping that someone will volunteer to be a leader, and a group will form to do this. It could be part of our charity night activity. The materials will be paid by the charity fund. Please see me if you are interested.

Gwen Pennings, Vice-President



## Library



Another autumn month has slipped by bringing cooler temperatures and a few flakes of snow, a reminder of what is to come!

At our November meeting you will be able to check out Pat Wye's book "Spotlight on Neutrals" the newest addition to our Library. Pat's love of Quilting is demonstrated by her use of neutrals, check "Carmel Latte". Makes one want to snuggle by the fire with a real latte while you are nestled in your favourite Quilt.

Please remember to drop by the library, check out a book or two, "guess the pages" for a chance to win the book of the month and check out the books and magazines that are for sale you may find a treasure!

Happy Quilting!

Your Library team, Lucy Voss and Nancy Hayley



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## ***Keeping in Touch***

### ***Kudos to our winning members!***

Brenda Payer received a Grand champion prize for Her "Country Cousins" applique quilt at the Carp fair this last September; and Mary De Vries won Grand champion for her star quilt at the Renfrew and Cobden Fairs. Hearty congratulations from all of us! [See the blog](#) for photos of these beautiful quilts.

### ***Meeting Cancellations due to Weather***

If a meeting is cancelled due to inclement winter weather, members will be notified on the day of the meeting by email, and a cancellation notice will appear on the web site Home page by 12:30 PM. If you are unable to access email or the internet you can phone a friend who does have access, or Janet Brownlee at 613-623-7948.



### ***Antique Quilt & Coverlet Exhibit***

This annual quilt show is now on at the Arnprior & District Museum.  
 November 12-26, Tuesdays – Sundays, 11 AM – 4 PM [More information](#)

Janet Brownlee, Communications  
 Web site: [www.arnpriordistrictquiltersguild.com](http://www.arnpriordistrictquiltersguild.com)

## ***My Mystery Quilt Journey***

It will be fun to read how different people tackle the challenges of a mystery quilt. Please consider sending in your story!

### **Part 1 by Janet Brownlee**

I was very excited when I heard that we have the opportunity to make a mystery quilt this year. I thoroughly enjoyed the last one, The Gordian Knot, a few years ago, and seeing mystery quilts at a quilt show in Cornwall last spring.

My excitement grew when I saw the first set of instructions since I tend to favour traditional blocks in fall colours in fall themed quilts. When I calculated the likely width of the quilt (based on the length of the rows), I decided it would make a lovely throw for our living room sofa during the fall. So I searched my stash for fabric that would go with our brown leather sofa and the rest of the furniture and wall colours. I didn't have enough fabric in the quantities needed so I fired off an email message to Mary to see if we have to stick with just 6 fabrics.

In the meantime I headed off to purchase the background fabric and additional coloured fabrics. I'm not very good at choosing complimentary colours which often leads me to buy from fabric collections. But that wasn't going to work this time. Fortunately I got excellent help in making my selections from a very patient, knowledgeable and experienced quilter sales assistant.

I had brought along an arm cover from a multi-coloured wingback chair that inspired our living



room paint colours and other furnishings. In the process I learned from her that it would be ideal to have 3 medium toned accent fabrics and 3 dark toned. We auditioned many fabrics, and I learned what to look for when matching colours to the shades in the wingback chair, colour depth, and about balancing colours and pattern sizes against each other. And I also quickly discovered that none of my stash fabrics coordinated properly with the wingback chair colours and the other new fabrics that we were looking at!

I came home with 6 new fall coloured fabrics that I really like and a coordinating background shade in a linen type fabric. And my stash fabrics went back into my stash!

When I got the answer back from Mary I decided that other people might have this same question, and that other people might have their own questions. So I started a Q & A (Question and Answer) section on the [Mystery Quilt page](#) on the guild web site. It's now up to 3 Q & A's.

Because I'm finishing up another quilt I haven't yet started my mystery quilt but I expect to start it very soon. I can't wait to see how the maple leaves and checkerboard blocks look in my lovely new fabrics. I definitely plan to have them completed by mid December.

### **Part 1 by Betty Rehbein**

My start on this mystery quilt has been very different from Janet's. My mission this year has been to use up all the wonderful scraps I have collected, and have not had the fortitude to throw out. So of course, the first task, which has been looming in my mind for months, was to sort the scraps roughly into colour groups, and I finally did it! The way I got it done was realizing perfection would not happen, and that it would be OK to have some fabric bits wander into groups that a colour purist would not allow.

The neutral background did daunt me however, so I treated myself to 3 metres of new fabric for this. Hopefully this will last for the quilt. I am now ready to begin cutting!

## **In Memorium – Nancy Zieman, Nancy’s Notions**



To Nancy's many fans,

*It is with a heavy heart that we share sad news with you. After a long battle with cancer, our dear friend and colleague Nancy passed away at home, surrounded by family, on November 14. A private funeral service is planned with family and close friends. We know that you join us in*

*mourning and in expressing our deepest sympathies to the Zieman family.*

*Nancy was beloved throughout our industry. She not only served as an icon, but as a leader who paved the way for many other women to become entrepreneurs and business leaders.*

*Nancy founded Nancy's Notions in 1979. St. Louis' Tacony Corporation purchased the company in 2003, and Nancy stayed on as the company's chief spokesperson, teacher, and creative voice.*

*Nancy also founded the Public Television show Sewing with Nancy in 1982 - now the longest-running sewing and quilting program on North American television. She authored multiple sewing how-to books and inspired countless sewing enthusiasts across the U.S. and the world.*

*In lieu of cards and flowers, her family suggests that donations be made in Nancy's name to Wisconsin Public Television (<https://wptschedule.org/Donate/>) or to Hillside Hospice in Beaver Dam, Wis. (<https://bdch.com/how-you-can-help>).*

*We also encourage you to share your memories of Nancy's life and how she inspired you via the Nancy's Notions Facebook page or on her blog at [nancyzieman.com/blog](http://nancyzieman.com/blog).*

*We extend our deepest sympathies to Nancy's family, as well as her many friends, colleagues, and fans.*

*Thank you, Nancy, for a life filled with inspiration, education, and grace. We will all miss you so much.*

Yours,  
Mike Schuster  
General Manager

## **Meeting Notes**

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

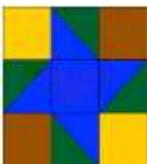
**When?** Meetings start at 7 PM and our doors open at 6:30. Meetings are generally on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month (with some exceptions.)

**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.



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.